

Part II

Researching the 1916-1923 period

For these case studies, you will use, in addition to *Letters 1916-1923*, other digital resources such as the 1911 Irish census records. For this part of the treasure hunt, you will need to figure out where to find the information you need.

Case study – Dr Kathleen Lynn

Students will need [Lynn's witness statement](#), her dictionary of Irish Biography entry, the 1911 Census and the Letters 1916-1923 website.

Dr Kathleen Lynn was a medical practitioner, a suffragist, a nationalist, and a revolutionary. During the Easter Rising 1916, Lynn was Chief Medical Officer of the Irish Citizen Army and was a part of the City Hall garrison, of which she took command after the death of Seán Connolly on the first day of the Rising. After independence, Lynn played a major role in improving public health, and played a significant role in the eradication of tuberculosis in Ireland.

- 1 What medical procedure was Kathleen Lynn carrying out at Nancy O'Rahilly's house in November 1916?

- 2 In addition to seagulls and pigeons, which animal does Kathleen write was present in Mountjoy Prison according to Kathleen Lynn?

- 3 In a letter written on 8 June 1916, Madge Calnan misspells Kathleen Lynn's name.
- a. What is the misspelling?
 - b. What word is used to denote the misspelling?

- 4 Why was it that Dr Lynn refused a position in Dublin's Adelaide Hospital?

- 5 According to her witness statement, what present did Lynn receive on Holy Thursday from Connolly and the Citizen Army?

- 6 Dr Kathleen Lynn was 37 years old on the night of the Census in 1911. She was living in Rathmines in Dublin and two other people were present at her home on that night. What were their names and relation to Lynn?

Challenge Questions: Dr Kathleen Lynn

7 On 6 June 1916, Dr Lynn wrote to Miss Carney with instructions. She was to send a card to a number of women including Hanna Sheehy Skeffington.

a. What was Skeffington's address at that time and why is she important?

b. What was to be included in the card?

c. Given the timing of the letter, why do you think she was being deported?

d. Does the Letters 1916-1923-1923 project know who Miss Carey is?

e. Why do you think Kathleen Lynn advises her to write this letter?
