

Letters 1916-1923

Ordinary Lives – Extraordinary Times



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 - Marie Martin

Students will need [Marie Martin's dictionary of Irish Biography entry](#), [the 1911 census](#), [the Letters of 1916](#) and the [Diary of Mary Martin](#)

Marie Martin was a Volunteer Aid Detachment Nurse serving in the First World War. Hailing from South Dublin, Marie served on the various fronts of the Great War, treating the horrific wounds caused by modern warfare.

1. How many letters are there in the *Letters of 1916* collection that concern Marie Martin?
35 (letters)
2. Where does the Martin family live in 1911?
6.1 in Carrickbrennan Road (census)
3. What does Mary Martin describe in her entry of the 24 of April?
The Sinn Fein Rising (Mary Martin Diary)
4. What happened to Marie's father in 1907?
Died of gunshot (Multiple sources)
5. What age was Charlie when he went missing in December 1915?
20 (Mary Martin Diary)
6. When does Marie write back to her mother regarding Charlie's fate?
20 July (Letters)



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7. Who was George (Geo) R. Boase and why was he writing to Marie?
wounded soldier, wants to meet her (letters)
8. What year was the Medical Missionaries of Mary founded?
1937 (DIB)



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