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I was born in Mallaghfarry in Mayo, two miles from Killala, where my father was a clergyman. When I was nine my family moved to Ballymahon in Co. Longford.

The only tradition I ever heard about the 1798 Rising was when some people we visited at Ballymahon showed us some Waterford glass cups that had been saved from the Rising. The people had evidently fled from their home taking some precious possessions with them.

I did my medical studies at the Royal University and the College of Surgeons. I got my degrees from the Royal. After about 10 years in private practice and in hospitals I took a fellowship at the College of Surgeons.

It was quite in a casual way I first got in touch with the national movement. Helena Molony was ill and Mme. Markievicz came and asked me to go & see her. I did not know Mme. Markievicz although she was a distant cousin of mine through the Wynns, my mother's people. After Miss Molony got better she came and stayed with me in Belgrave Road where I have always lived since I left the hospital. We used to have long talks and she converted me to the National movement. She was a very clever and attractive girl with a tremendous power of making friends. That took place about 1912 or 1913.

I had become interested in the Women's Suffrage Movement before that through Mr. and Mrs. Haslam and quite sympathised with the militant side of it.

After the Citizen Army was founded in 1913 I attended Liberty Hall and gave lectures in First Aid and I also lectured to Cumann na mBan in 6 Harcourt St. after its establishment. It was there I met Miss French-Mullen who became my closest friend. She lived