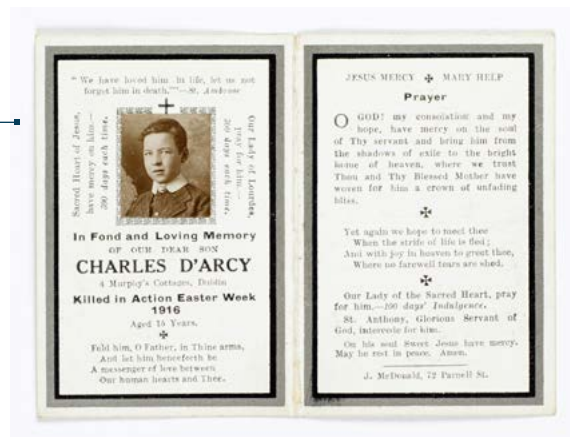


## MEMORIAL CARD

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### CURRICULUM LINKS

#### History

##### Working as an historian

Using evidence

Empathy

Synthesis and communication

#### Life, society, work and culture in the past

#### English

Receptiveness to language

Competence and confidence in using language

Developing cognitive abilities through language

## THINGS TO THINK AND TALK ABOUT

### Remembering loved ones

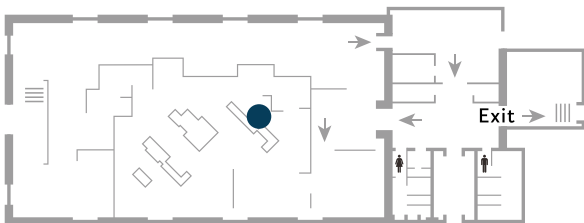
In 1916, a memorial card such as the one printed for Charles by his family was a popular way of remembering a loved one who had died.

- Have you seen similar cards being printed today? If so, does their design differ?
- What other ways are we using today to remember a loved one who died?

### Child or Grown-up?

Discuss how our definitions of child/ young person/ adult have changed. Charles D'Arcy was 13 years old when he left school and started to work, while John Kelly was only 10 years old when he fought in the Rising, wearing a holster and uniform.

- Brainstorm: Why might Charles have joined the Irish Citizen Army and fought in the Rising?



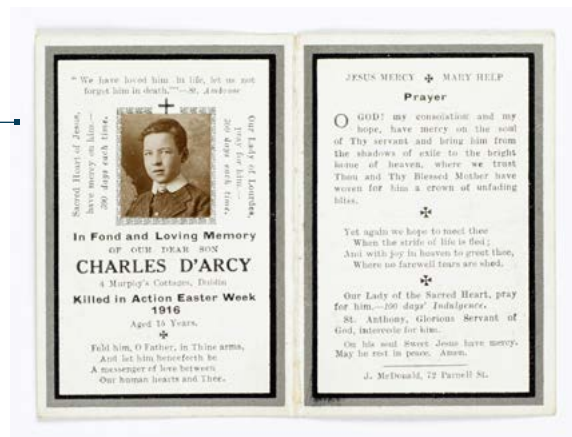
## YOU CAN VIEW THIS OBJECT IN THE PROCLAIMING A REPUBLIC EXHIBITION

COLLINS BARRACKS,  
BENBURB ST, DUBLIN 7

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### IN THE MUSEUM

- Ask your students to find objects in the Proclaiming a Republic exhibition, which are related to other young people who fought in the Easter Rising, for example John Kelly's holster and tunic. Would people of the same age use similar objects today?

### ACTIVITY - GENEALOGY

#### D'Arcy or Darcy?

Different spellings of Charles' surname have been recorded in the past.

- Research his name and different spellings in the 1911 census. How many people named D'Arcy lived in Dublin in 1911?

### READING COMPREHENSION

Let students read the transcribed text of Charles' school statement below.

- Charles went to Pro-Cathedral Schools in Dublin. How many years before the beginning of the Easter Rising did it open?
- Name three words, which the teacher used to describe Charles.
- Was the teacher pleased with Charles' behaviour?

*"The bearer, Charles D'Arcy, has attended at the above schools since their opening in 1912. During that time I have found him obedient and respectful to his teachers, regular and punctual in attendance, attentive to his lessons and well conducted in every respect. He is a member of the Boys' Sodality attached to the Pro-Cathedral, Marlboro St. and attends regularly to his religious duties. He is enrolled in the Seventh Std. and exempt from further attendance at school. I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to his good character and shall be always pleased to hear of his success in life".*

### RESOURCES

#### ONLINE

1911 Census:

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/search/>

#### VISIT

Memorial to the children who died during the 1916 Rising at the GPO:

<http://www.gpowitnesshistory.ie/visit/>

