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Abbreviations

AOH	Ancient Order of Hibernians
BMH	Bureau of Military History
CLS	Celtic Literary Society
DATI	Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction
DRJ	Diary of Rosamond Jacob
<i>Fj</i>	<i>Freeman's Journal</i>
FSS	Francis Sheehy Skeffington
GPO	General Post Office
HSS	Hanna Sheehy Skeffington
<i>IC</i>	<i>Irish Citizen</i>
ICA	Irish Citizen Army
ICWSA	Irish Catholic Women's Suffrage Association
<i>II</i>	<i>Irish Independent</i>
ILT	Irish Literary Theatre
INAA	Irish National Aid Association
INAAVDF	Irish National Aid Association and Volunteer Dependants' Fund
INTS	Irish National Theatre Society
IPP	Irish Parliamentary Party
<i>IT</i>	<i>Irish Times</i>
ITGWU	Irish Transport and General Workers' Union
IVDF	Irish Volunteer Dependants' Fund
IWFL	Irish Women's Franchise League.
IWSLGA	Irish Women's Suffrage and Local Government Association
IWWU	Irish Women Workers' Union
KG	Kilmainham Gaol
LCPCT	Ladies' Committee for the Patriotic Children's Treat
LDC	Ladies' Dinner Committee
NLI	National Library of Ireland
NWC	Nationalist Women's Committee

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RCPI	Royal College of Physicians in Ireland
RJP	Rosamond Jacob Papers
SPI	Socialist Party of Ireland
SSP	Sheehy Skeffington Papers
TUC	Trades Union Congress
UCD	University College Dublin
UCDA	University College Dublin Archives
UIL	United Irish League
UILGB	United Irish League of Great Britain
UNSC	United National Societies Committee
UWUC	Ulster Women's Unionist Council
VAD	Voluntary Aid Detachment
WDAIC	Women Delegates to the All-Ireland Conference
WSPU	Women's Social and Political Union
YIB	Young Ireland Branch (of the UIL)