

# Irish Genealogy

Deep Dive into Emerald Isle



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# EARLY IRELAND, 1169 - 1800

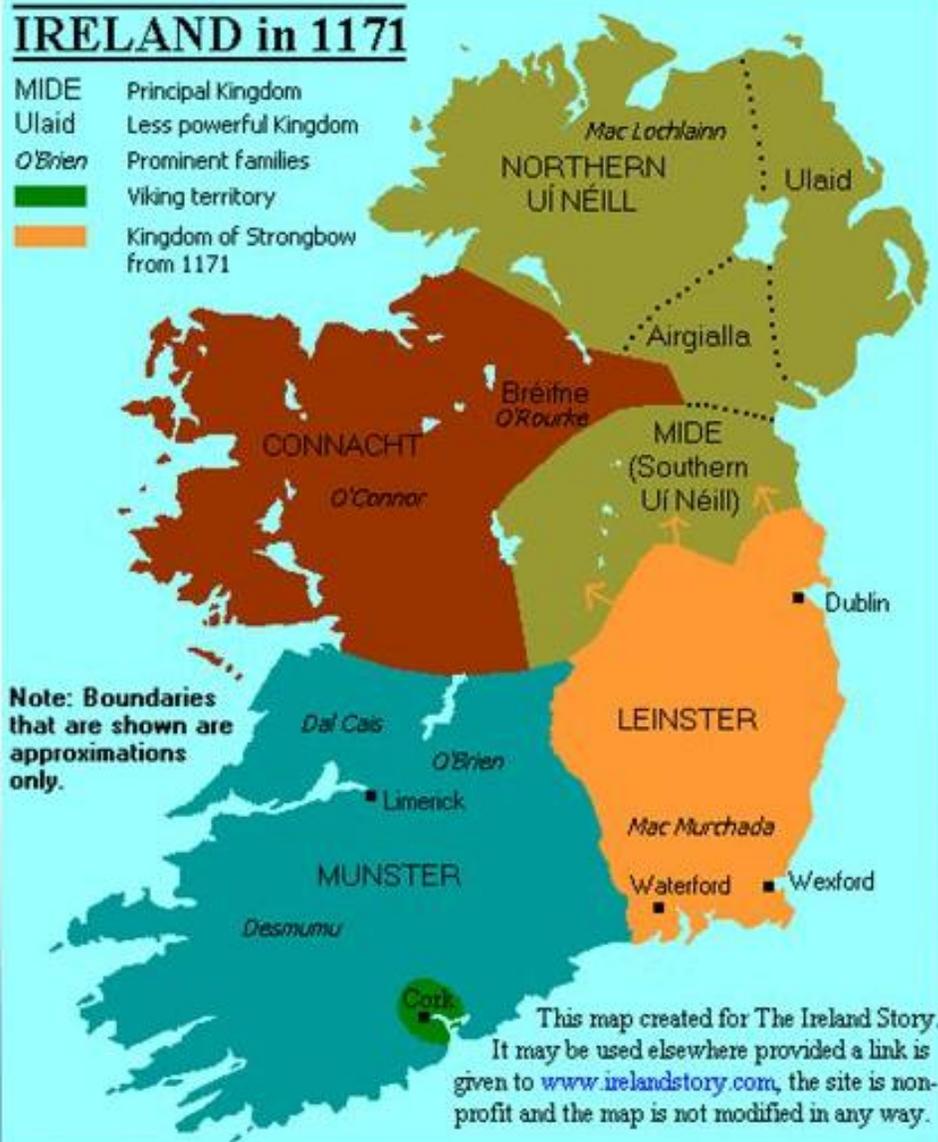


400-500 A.D.



## IRELAND in 1171

- MIDE Principal Kingdom
- Ulaid Less powerful Kingdom
- O'Brien Prominent families
- Viking territory
- Kingdom of Strongbow from 1171

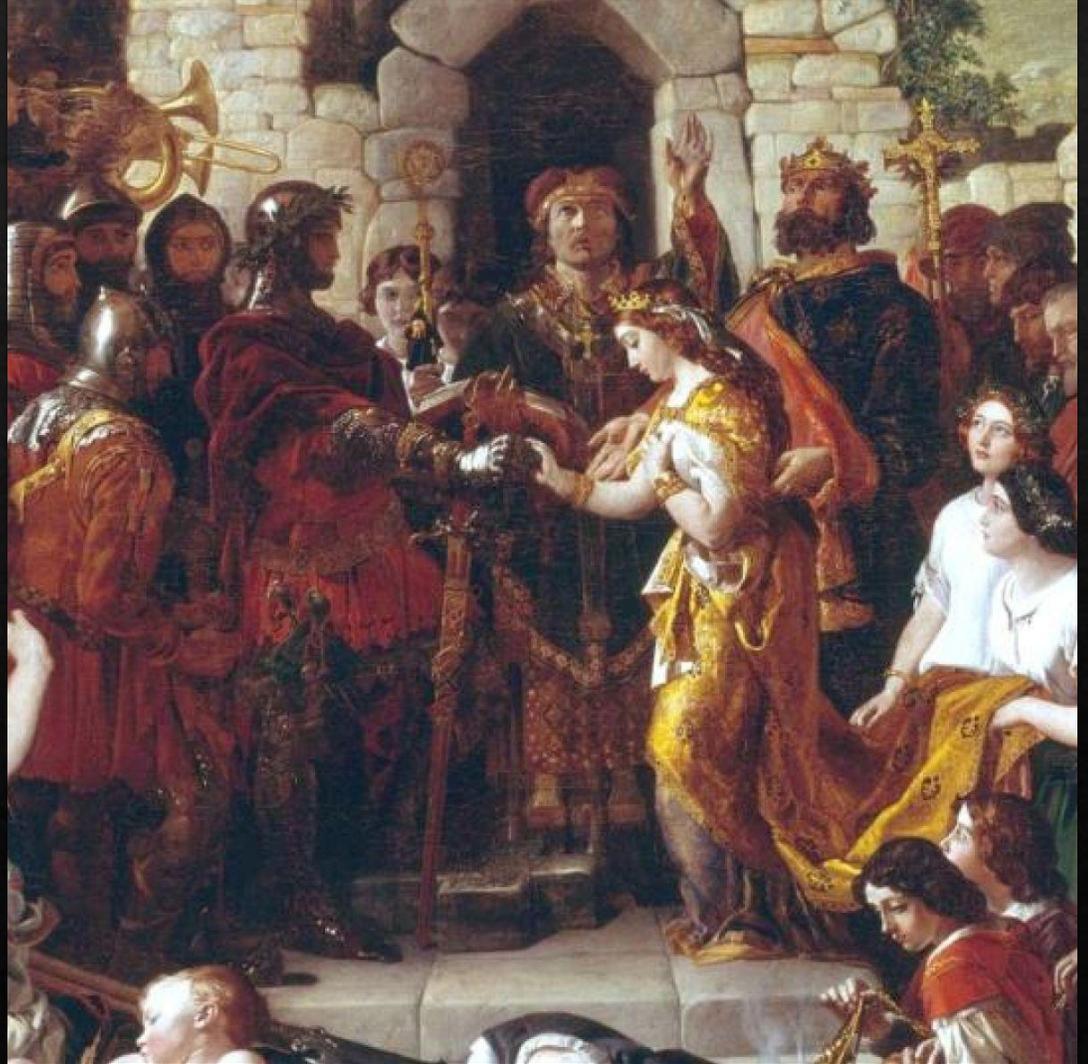


## IRELAND c 1250

- Ruled by Irish Kings/Lords
- Ruled by Norman Lords
- Prominent towns

Notes: Boundaries of Irish territory are approximate. Liberties have more autonomy than counties.





# Statutes of Kilkenny, 1367

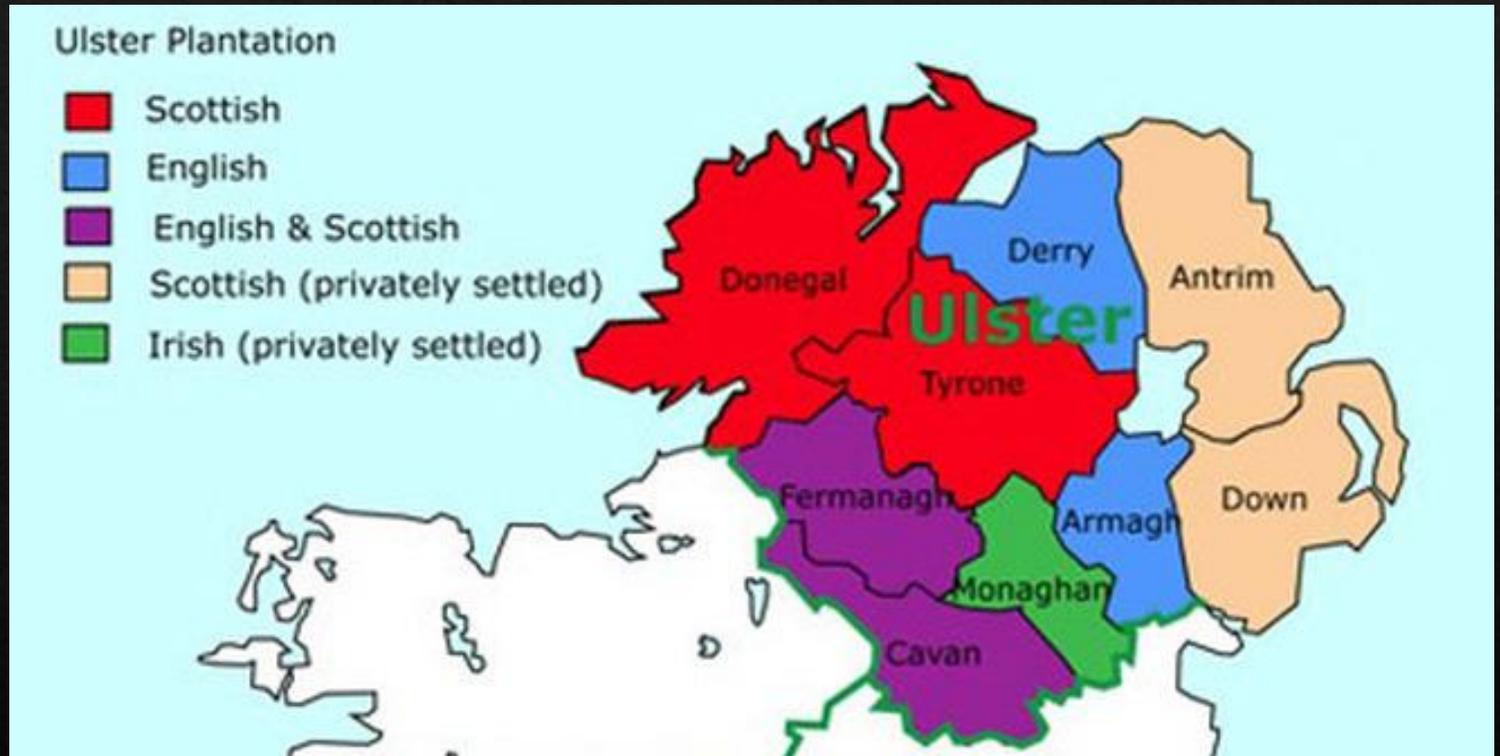
- ◇ Marry an Irish person
- ◇ Adopt an Irish child
- ◇ Use an Irish name
- ◇ Wear Irish clothes
- ◇ Speak the Irish language
- ◇ Play Irish music
- ◇ Listen to Irish story-tellers
- ◇ Play Irish games
- ◇ Let an Irish person join an English religious house
- ◇ Appoint any Irish clergyman to any church in the English settlement
- ◇ Ride a horse in Irish style, that is, without a saddle.

# Church of Ireland, 1536



# Plantations

- ◇ Early plantations (1556–1576)
- ◇ Munster Plantation (1586 onwards) as a result of the Desmond Rebellions
- ◇ Ulster Plantation (1606 onwards) as a result of the Nine Years War Later
- ◇ Wexford (1610) – lands confiscated from the MacMurrough- Kavanagh clan
- ◇ Wicklow (1630s) Cromwellian land confiscation

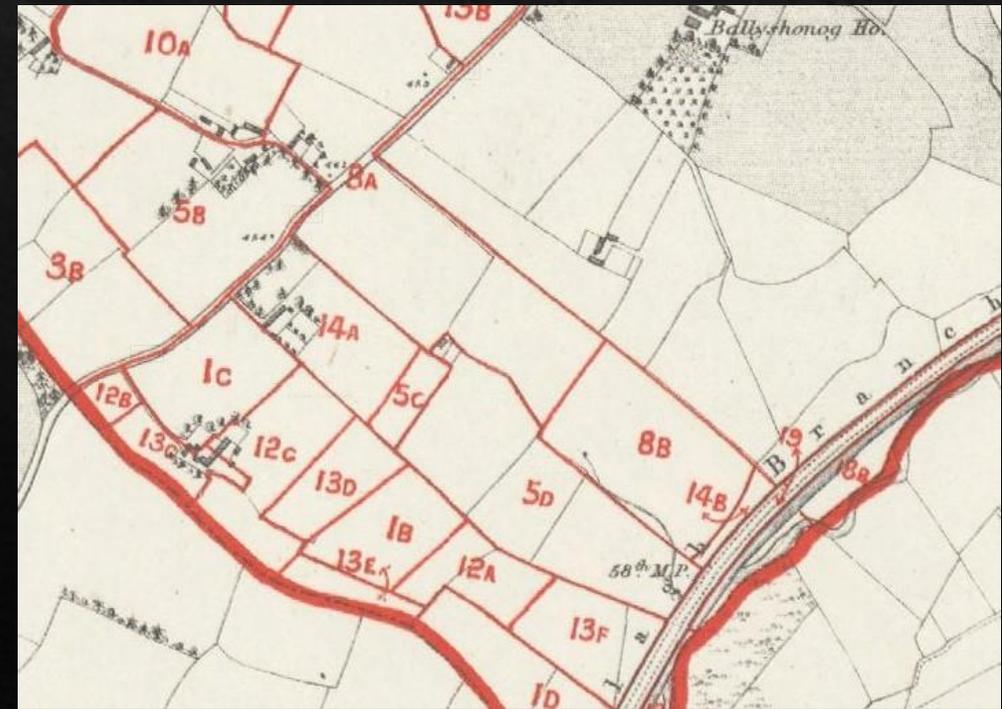


# Conflict with a Paper Trail

◆ Roman Catholic Relief Act, 1829

◆ The Tithe War 1831-1838

1665 Burialls		1665 Burialls	
Octo 24	a N.C. of Henry Triggs - P	14	Joseph Gynn s. of Richard - P
25	Sarah Feild a nurse Childe P	14	a N.C. of Nicholas Powell P
25	Elizabeth Hollanda N. Childe P	19	John Clarke S. of Richard
26	Hellen Wood widdome - P	19	a C. of Willm Williams s. pesth. P
28	Mary Ellis wife of M <sup>r</sup> Humphry -	21	a N.C. of Widd Johnsons pesth. P
29	Mary North apprentice <sup>th</sup> Powell P	21	a Stillborne C. of John Githams
30	Edward Bills at Nich Powells P	25	Thomas Skilton S. of Edward
31	Francis Fillpott S. of Charles	27	John Lestridge S. of Edward
Novem 1	a C. of Robert Clarks pest house P	Decem 2	a N.C. of Widdome Parnells pest P
3	Ann Casraft wife of John - P	4	Margerie Gothricke
4	Eliza Gardner D. of Widd. P	6	a C. of Widdon Williamsons pest P
4	Fane S <sup>r</sup> Ellins a N Childe P	8	Eliza Newton wife of Thomas



# The Great Famine, 1845 to 1849



# Four Courts Fire and Irish Liberation

Lost:

1821, 1831, 1841, 1851 Census  
Anglican Church of Ireland registers  
Wills, testamentary records  
All pre-1900 legal court documents



# Irish Timeline

- ◆ Pre-1845 church records were the official records of births, marriages, and deaths in Ireland
- ◆ 1845: non-Catholic marriages begin to be recorded by the government
- ◆ 1864: births, marriages, and deaths (regardless of religion) recorded in civil registration
- ◆ 1922: partition of Ireland; records begin to differ between Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland

# Hiberno-Normans

- ◆ Normans given titles to wipe out Irish, all ranges of heraldry.
- ◆ Surnames are likely to have collection of records
- ◆ Goes back 1600s
- ◆ CELT, Corpus of Electronic Texts
- ◆ <https://celt.ucc.ie//>

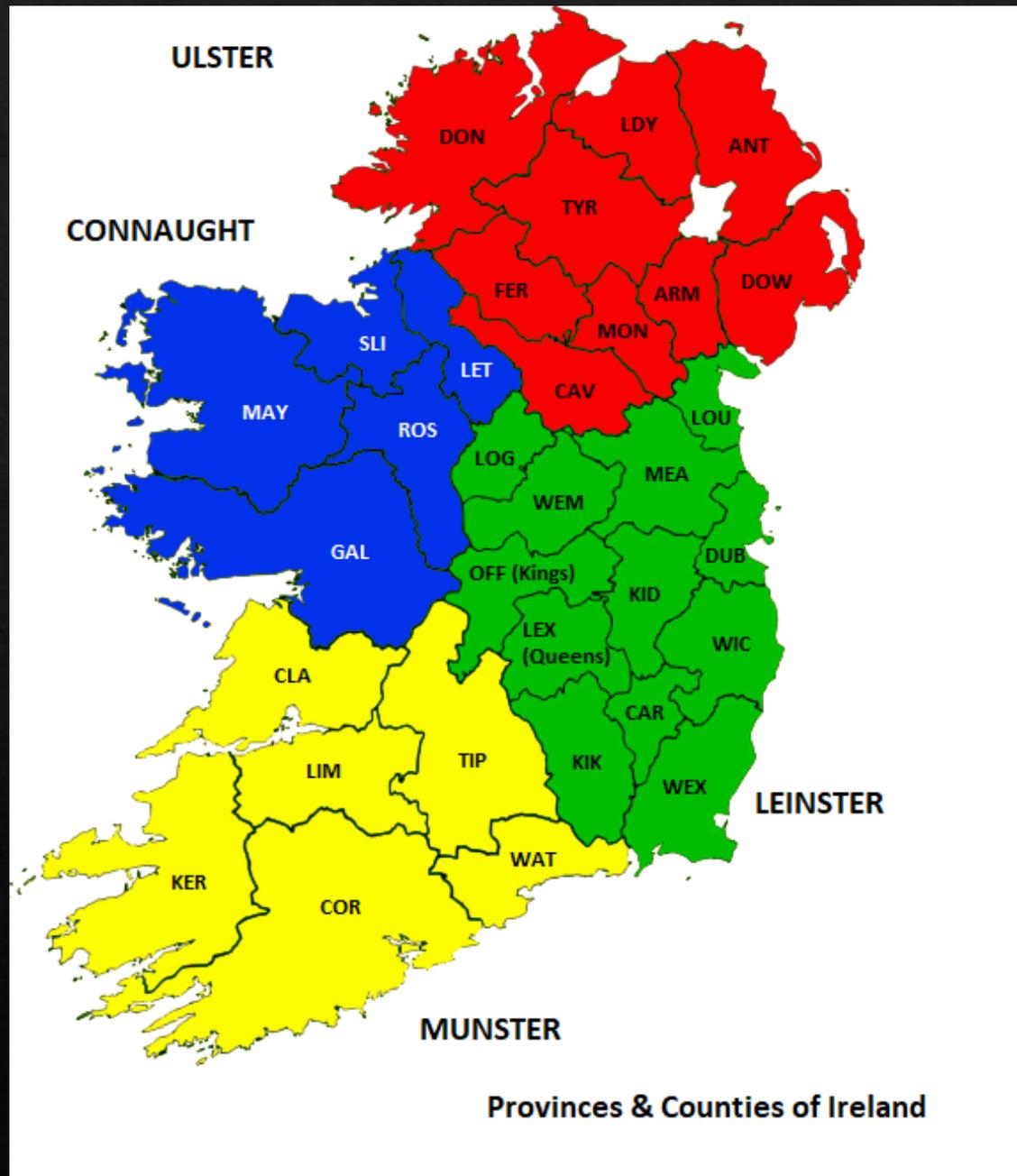


- ◆ Archdeacon,/Cody, Aylward, Barron, Barrett, Barrie, Barry, Bermingham, Blake, Bluit, Bonds, Bourke, Brannagh, Brett, Britt, Britton, Brown, Browne, Burke, Brew, Bryan, Butler, Campion, Cantillon, Cantwell, Carew, Chambers, Claire, Clare, Codd, Cody ,Cogan, Colfer, Condon, Comerford, Cooney, Courcey, Crosbie, Crozier ,Cullen ,Cummiskey, Cusack,
- ◆ Dalton, Darcy, D'Arcy, Day, Dillon, Fagan, Field, Fitzgerald, Fitzgibbon, Fitzhenry, Fitzsimmons, Fitzsimons, Fitzstephens, Fleming, Flemming, Francis, French, Furlong, Gibbons, Grace, Griffin, Griffith, Hackett, Hays, Hussey ,Jordan, Joyce, Keating, Lacey ,Lawless, Liston, Logan, Lucey, Lynch, Lyons, Marshall, Martin, McQuillan, Molyneux, Morris, Morrissey,
- ◆ Nagle, Nangle, Nugent, Plunkett, Power, Powers, Prendergast, Punch, Prior, Purcell, Redmond, Rice, Roach, Roberts, Roche, Rochford, Russell, Savage, Sinnott ,Stapleton ,Stephens ,Talbot ,Tyrrell, Wade, Wall, Walsh, Welsh, White, Wolfe ,Wyse,

# Jurisdictions

- ◇ County
- ◇ Barony
- ◇ District Electoral Division
- ◇ Poor Law Union
- ◇ Parish
- ◇ Townland

<https://www.townlands.ie/>



# Catholic Records

- ◇ Latin Terms VS Gaelic VS English
- ◇ 1820s east and south earlier, north and west later.
- ◇ Most Catholics were tied to land through generations
- ◇ +1900 go to the parish

Carolus, Carolus = Charles, Carl =Cathal

Gualterus = Walter =Ualtar

Jacobus = James or Jacob =Séamus

Agna = Agnes, Nancy =Nainsí

# Church of Ireland

- ◇ Synonymous with Civil Registries before 1864
- ◇ Vestry Minutes
- ◇ Bastardy Bonds
- ◇ Pew Schedules
- ◇ Parish Deeds
- ◇ [irishgen.ie](http://irishgen.ie)

# Maps/Gazeteers

- ◇ Ireland Topographical Dictionary, 1837 (Ancestry.com), by Samuel Lewis
- ◇ Irish Ancestors -<https://www.johngrenham.com/>
- ◇ Ordnance Survey Maps
- ◇ Valuation Maps - <http://www.askaboutireland.ie/griffith-valuation/>

# Census Substitutes

- ◇ Tithe Applotment Books
- ◇ Griffith's Valuation
- ◇ Ireland, Dog Licence Registrations, 1810-1926 (