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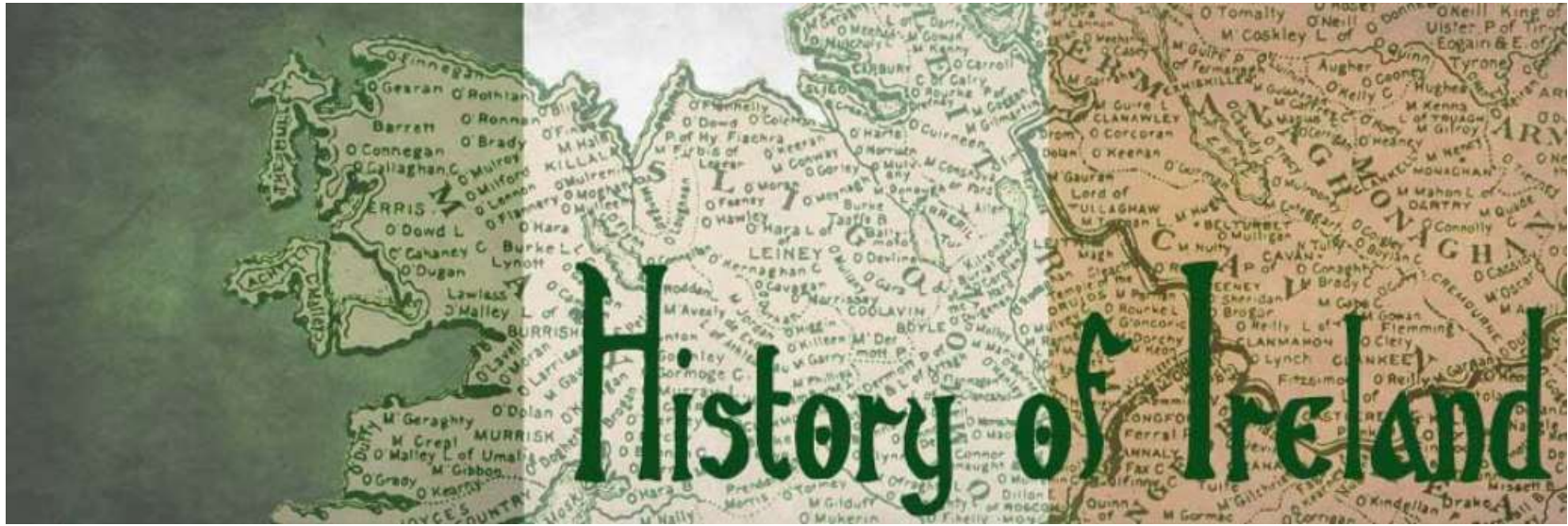
Ireland

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The Republic of Ireland today

- Coastline : km?
- Capital :
- A Republic since
- Population million
- (Northern Ireland million, entire island
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-% of the Irish are Catholics

- Coastline : 1,000 km
- Capital : Dublin
- A Republic since 1949
- Population 4.5 million
- (Northern Ireland 1.8 million, entire island 6,2 million)
- 87% of the Irish are Catholics



A short history of Ireland

- Ireland was one of England's first colonies. The Cromwellian settlement in the 17th century left permanent scars.

Settlement of English and Scottish protestants in the North left deep social divisions, which have not disappeared even today.





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Will NI's peace walls come down by 2023 to meet 10-year target?

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The Troubles



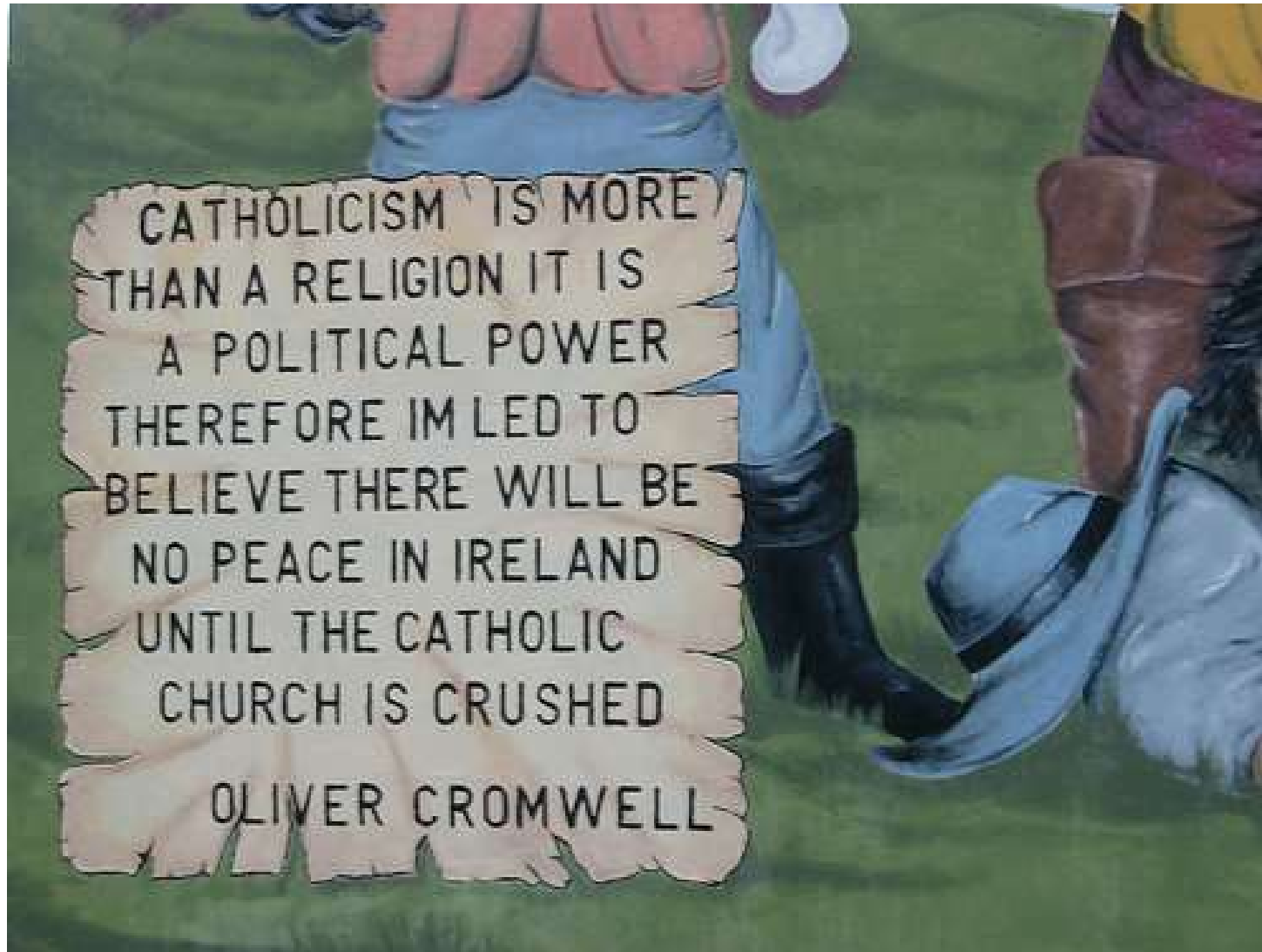
This month marks the half-way point in a 10-year plan to bring down all of Northern Ireland's peace walls, but only a few have been removed so far.

The barriers were erected to separate mainly unionist and mainly nationalist areas,

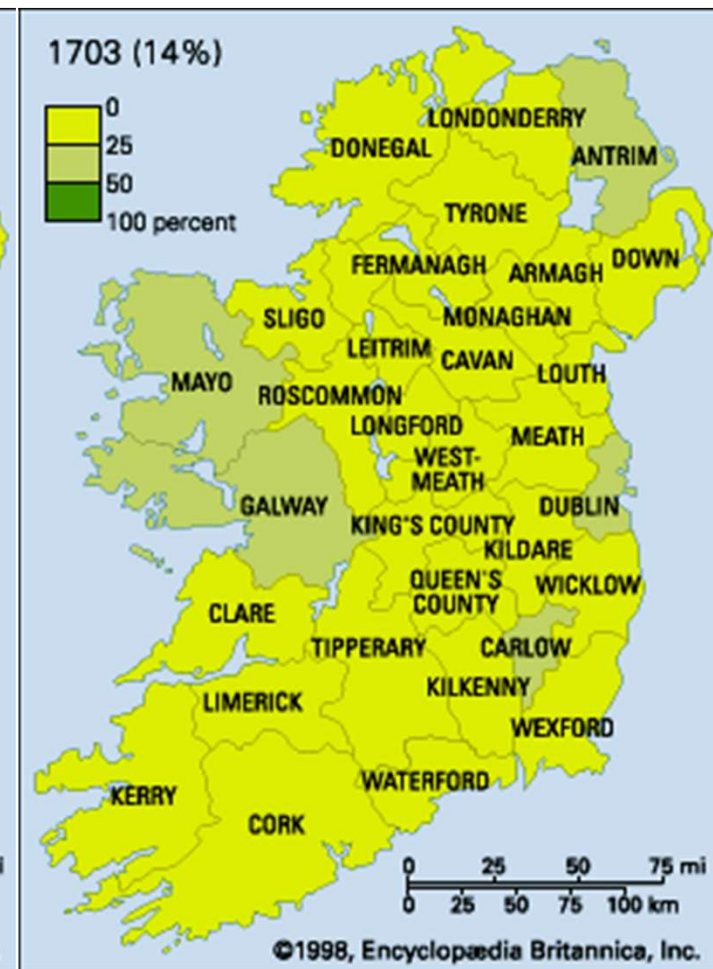
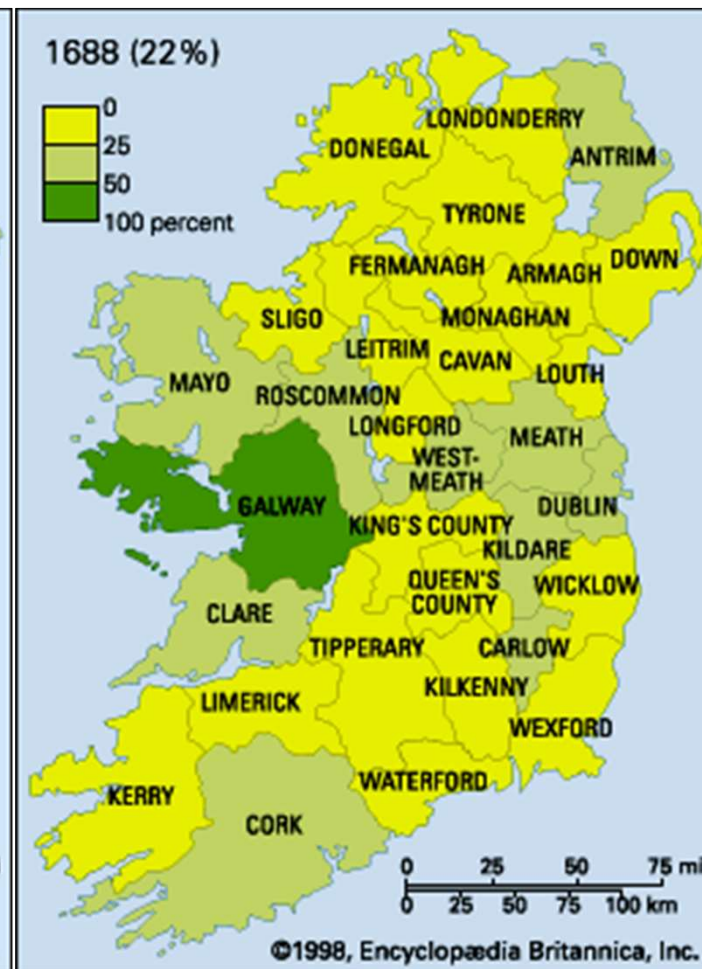
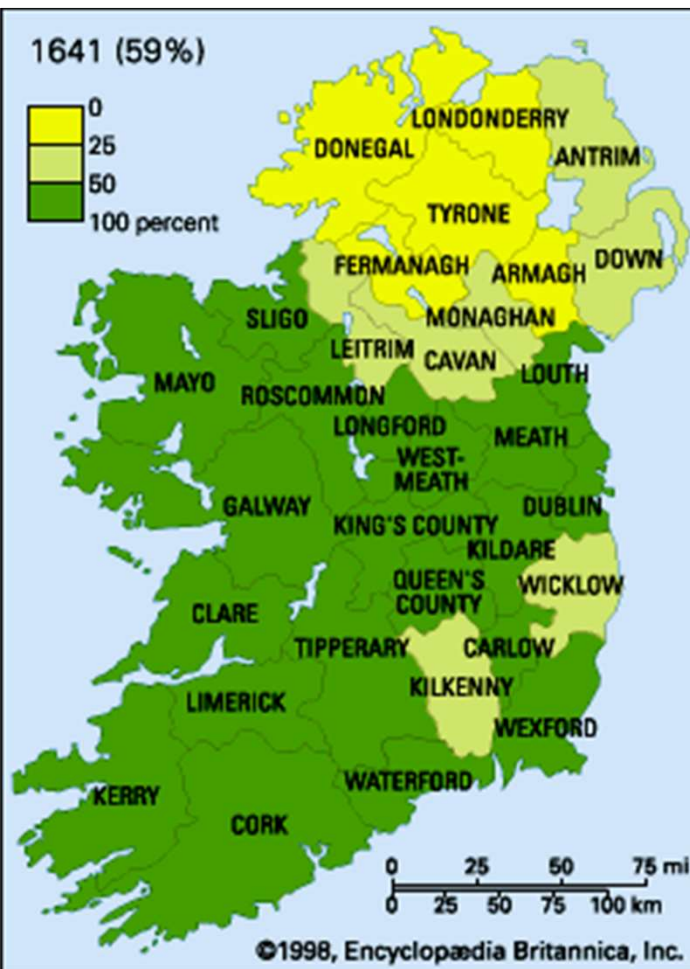
Cromwell and Ireland

- In August 1649, Cromwell and 12 000 soldiers arrived at Ireland
- Over the next ten years, a third of the Irish population was either killed by the soldiers or died of starvation
- Catholic boys and girls were shipped to Barbados as unfree indentured servants
- Catholic land was given to Protestants,

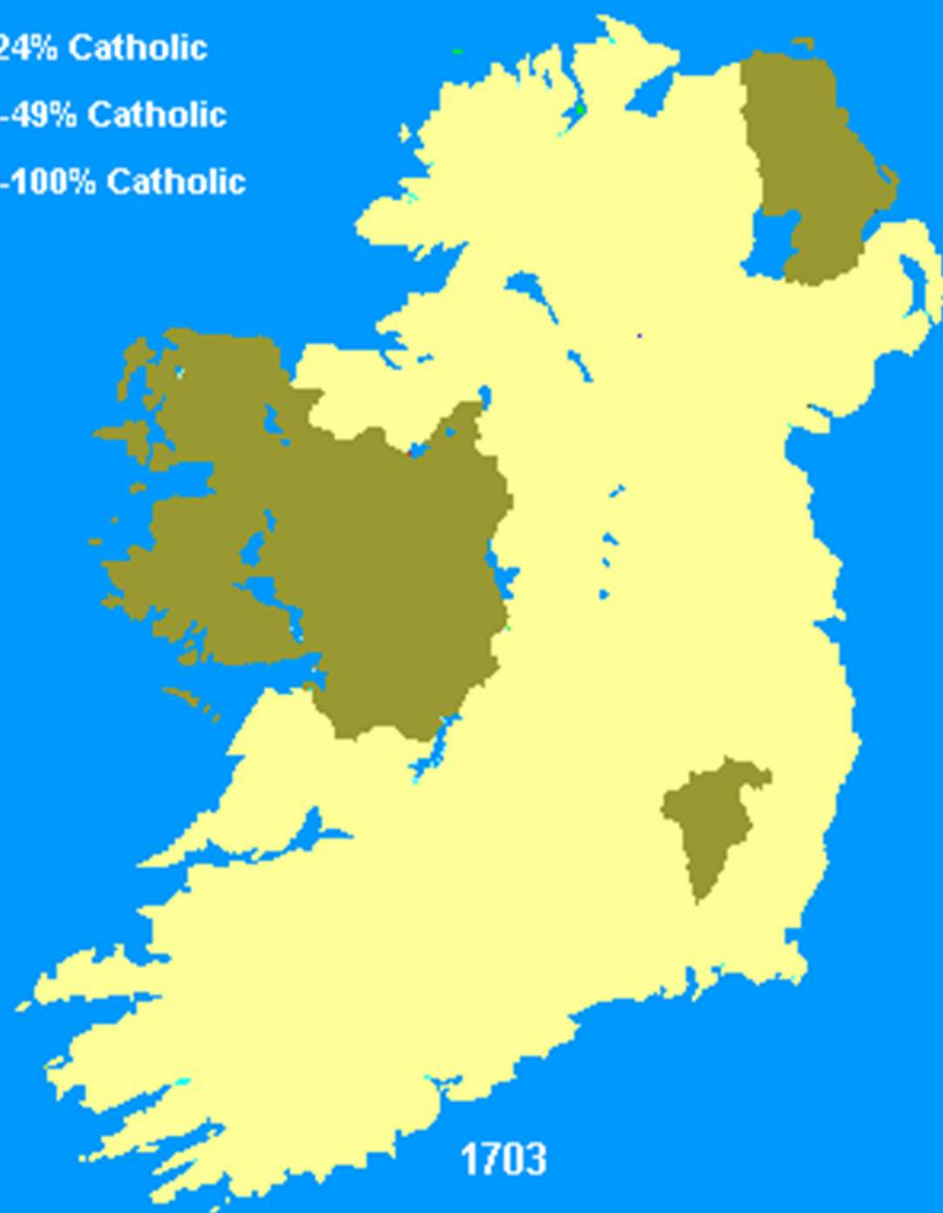
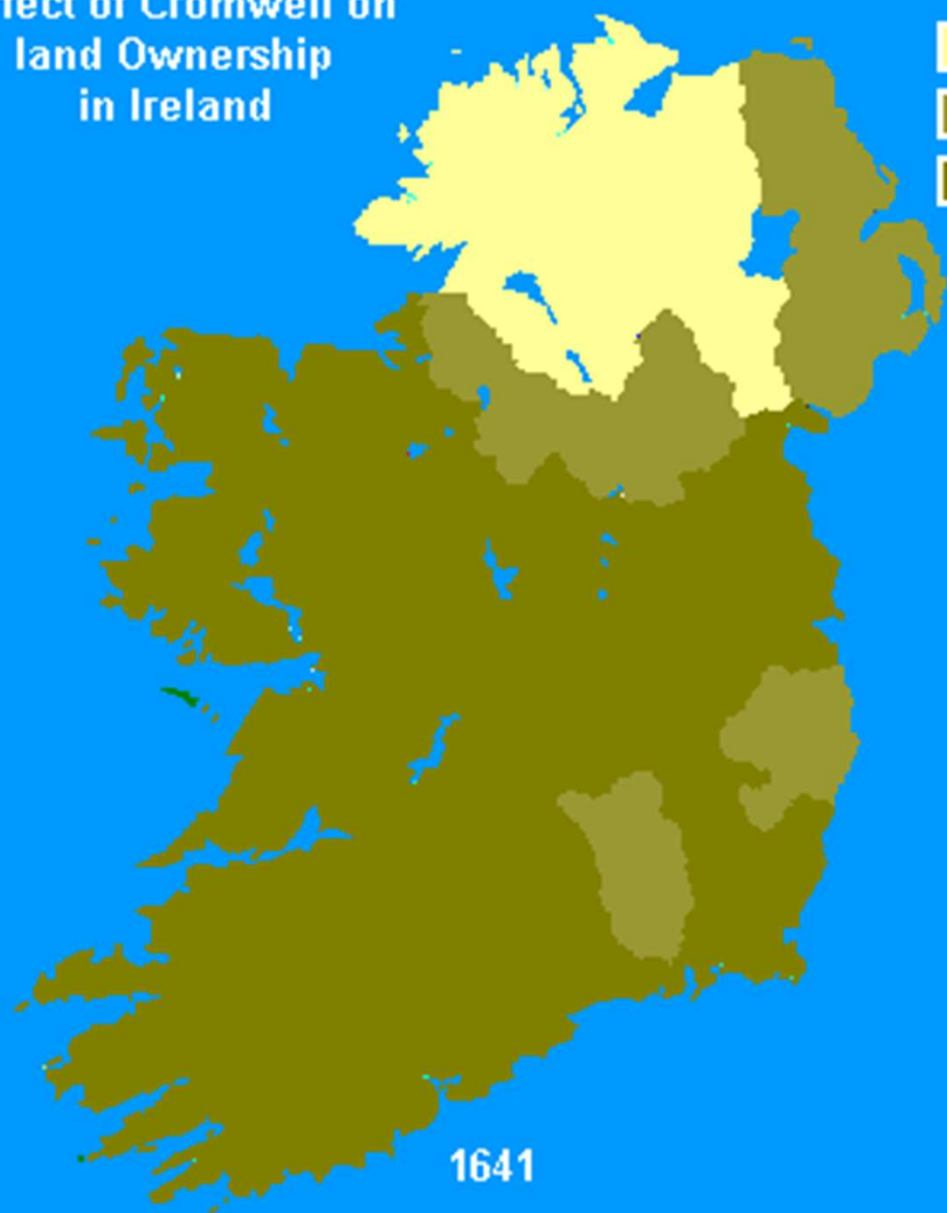
Cromwell's View on Catholics in Ireland



% Of Land Owned by Catholics in Ireland [in green]



Effect of Cromwell on land Ownership in Ireland



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William and Mary and Ireland - 1689-1702

- **Penal Laws were implemented against the Catholics by the Protestants to ensure that they had complete control of Ireland**
 - **No Catholic can buy land**
 - **No Catholic shall be allowed to vote**
 - **No Catholic can join the army**
 - **No Catholic may receive higher education**

Importance of the Potato

- Due to the limited amount of land per family, the potato was relied heavily upon.
- On one acre of land, you could produce $8\frac{3}{4}$ tons of potatoes a year.
- It would take almost four acres of land to produce the equivalent in wheat.
- The potato could grow on most types of land, even bogland.

The Famine

An Gorta Mór

1845 - 1849



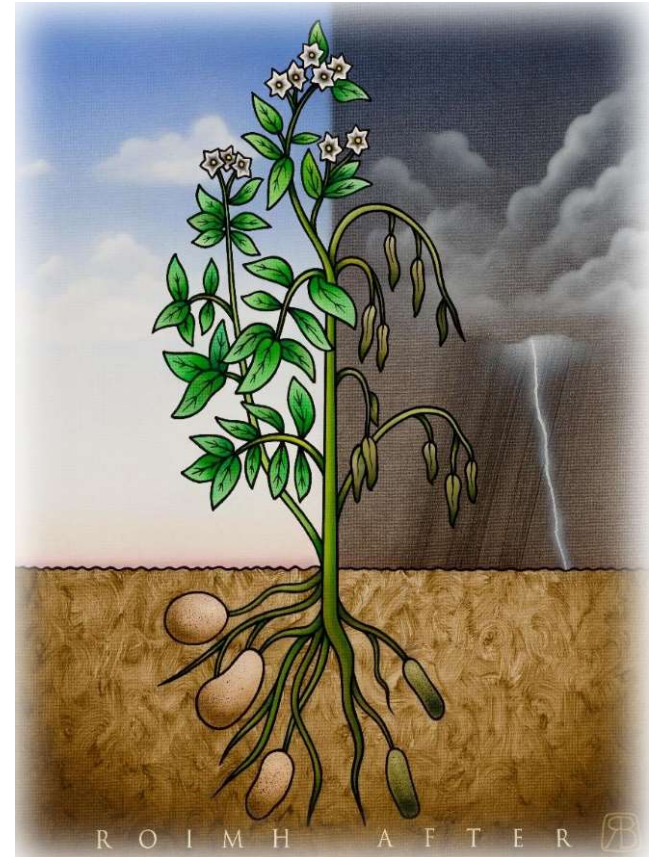
Famine

- Between 1845 and 1849.

It is sometimes referred to as the *Irish Potato Famine*.

Approximately one million people died and a million more emigrated from Ireland.

Before the famine, Ireland's population was estimated to be 8.1 million and afterwards, it was estimated to be 6 million.



Riomh - After

What caused the famine?

When the potato crop failed, the poorer people in Ireland were left with nothing to eat. Due to the *Corn Laws*, which imposed taxes on imported grains, most people in Ireland could not afford to buy other sources of food.



Ragpickers

Irish Food Exports

Records show that during the famine, Irish lands were exporting food. When a famine occurred in 1782, the ports were closed to export and the food was kept in Ireland. That did not happen during the Great Famine..

Almost 4,000 vessels carried food from Ireland to the ports of Bristol, Glasgow, Liverpool, and London during 1847. Irish exports of calves, livestock (except pigs), bacon, and ham actually increased during the Famine. .



Famine Mother & Children

But a lonely prison wall,
I heard a young girl calling
Michael they have taken you
away,
For you stole Trevelyan's corn
So the young might see the
morn,
Now a prison ship lies waiting in
the bay.

Refrain :
Low lie the Fields Of Athenry
Where once we watched the
small free birds fly
Our love was on the wing,
We had dreams and songs to
sing,
Its so lonely round the Fields of
Athenry.

Songwriters: Tom Kochan

By a lonely prison wall
I heard a young man calling
'Nothing matters Mary, when
you're free!'
Against the famine and the crown,
I rebelled, they cut me down
Now you must raise our child with
dignity. [refrain]

By a lonely harbour wall
She watched the last star falling,
As the prison ship sailed out
against the sky.
Sure she'll live in hope and pray
For her love in Botany Bay
Its so lonely round the Fields Of
Athenry.

Land Evictions

It is estimated that over half a million people were evicted from the land between 1847 and 1852. This meant that they had no means of producing their own food or raising their own animals and were forced to roam the countryside in search of food and work.



The Connemara Spinner

British Government Response

The initial government response to the potato crop failure was quick and generally successful.

A new Prime Minister, Lord John Russell, came into power in 1846. His government believed that they shouldn't interfere with the famine and that things would work themselves out.



Black '47

British Government Response

Russell's ministry introduced a new programme of public works that by the end of December 1846 employed half a million Irish people however most of these people were too hungry, weak and feeble to perform manual labour.

Charles Trevelyan, who was in charge of the administration of government relief, limited the Government's food aid programme because of a firm belief of letting things work themselves out. He thought that *"the judgement of God sent the calamity to teach the Irish a lesson"*.



Famine

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International Response

Large sums of money were donated by various charities around the world. Calcutta is credited with making the first donation of £14,000. The money was raised by Irish soldiers serving there and Irish people employed by the East India Company. Pope Pius IX and Russian Tsar Alexander II sent funds and Queen Victoria donated £2,000. U.S. President James K. Polk donated \$50 and Congressman Abraham Lincoln donated \$10.

Thousands of dollars were raised in the United States, including \$170 collected from a group of Native American Choctaws in 1847. This is a remarkable donation due to the fact that it had only been 16 years since the Native American Choctaws faced famine themselves!



Thank You to the Choctaw