

Cromwell in Ireland

Key events:

January 1649: The Royalists agreed a treaty with the Irish Confederate.

March 1649: Parliament commissioned Oliver Cromwell to lead an army of invasion into Ireland.

5th September 1649: The siege of Drogheda begins.

11th September 1649: Drogheda falls to Cromwell.

1st October 1649: The siege of Wexford begins.

11th October 1649: Wexford falls to Cromwell.

Introduction

Settlement of Protestants in Ireland since Henry VIII had caused a great deal of anger in Ireland. Irish Catholics had their land taken from them and given to, mostly English, Protestants. This led to a divide in Ireland and then during the 1630s, when the crops yields were lower, the anger turned to action. In 1641 the Ulster Rebellion happened. This sparked a nationwide uprising in which thousands were killed.

In 1642, taking advantage of the outbreak of the English Civil War, the Irish landowners and church created a new government that ruled from Kilkenny. The Irish struggled against all English forces until 1648 when they signed an alliance with the Royalists. This brought the full wrath of the newly victorious Parliament and with it Oliver Cromwell.

Key terms:

Irish Confederate—The name of the leaders of Ireland from 1642-49.

Justifiable—An action that is reasonable or can be defended.

Justified— having, done for, or marked by a good or legitimate reason.

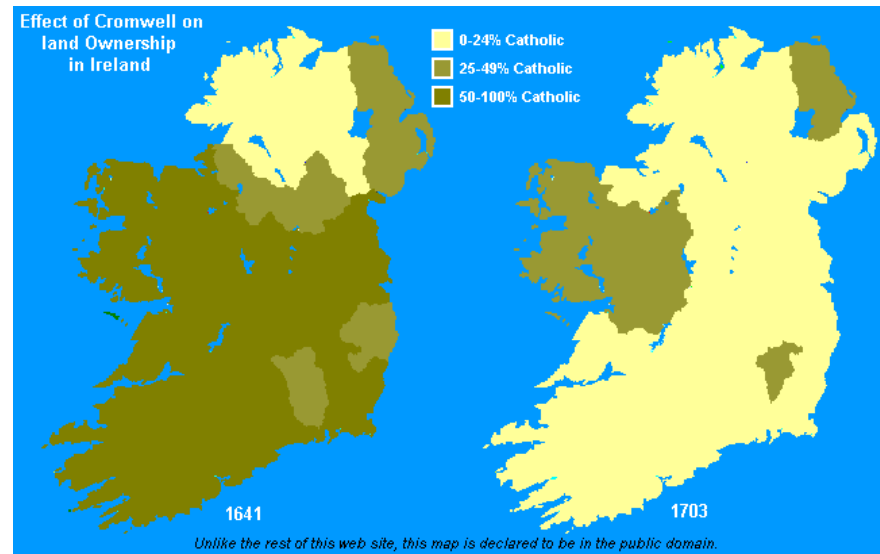
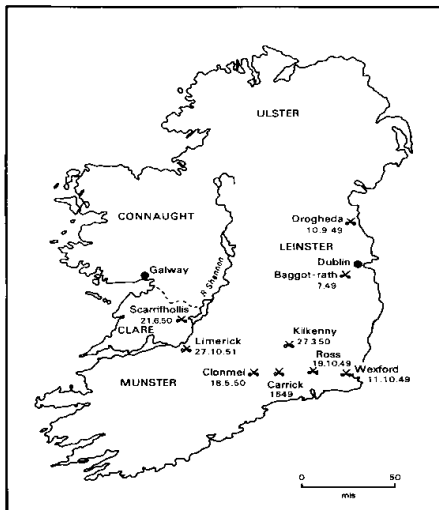
New Model Army—A professional army created by Parliament in 1643.

Parliamentarian—A person loyal to parliament.

Puritans—Christians from the 16th & 17th centuries, who believed in simple life devoted to God.

quarter—offering quarter in a battle means letting enemy soldiers surrender instead of killing them

Royalist—A person loyal to Charles I and the royal family.



1000 - 1483

Medieval England

Norman - Angevin - Plantagenet

1500 - 1750

Early Modern England

Renaissance - Tudor - Stuart

1750 - 1900 Modern Britain

Industrial Revolution
Hannovarian

1900 - 2000

20th Century Britain

Great War - WWII - Cold War