



Ulster Historical Foundation

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Historical Timeline

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| 1552 – Office of Arms founded | 1704 – Sacramental Test Act |
| 1603 – Treaty of Mellifont brings to an end the Nine Years War | 1708 – Registry of Deeds established in Dublin |
| 1603 – James VI of Scotland becomes James I of England | 1737 – <i>Belfast News Letter</i> founded, it continues to be published in Belfast as a daily newspaper |
| 1603 – Death of Elizabeth brings to an end the Tudor period | 1740 – ‘Census of Protestant householders’ |
| 1607 – Flight of the Earls | 1745 – Jacobite rebellion |
| 1609–11 – Beginning of the Plantation of Ulster | 1750 – Beginnings of the Industrial Revolution |
| 1611–22 – Ulster Plantation records | 1766 – Religious census compiled |
| 1625 – Death of Sir Arthur Chichester who commissioned the finest 17th-century monument in Ireland | 1767 – Birth of Andrew Jackson |
| 1630–1– Ulster muster rolls | 1775 — Dissenters’ petitions |
| 1641 – Outbreak of rebellion | 1776 – American Declaration of Independence |
| 1642 – Beginning of English Civil War | 1778 – Irish Volunteers formed |
| 1649 – Charles I beheaded, monarchy abolished. Oliver Cromwell commands army sent to Ireland to crush opposition | 1780 – Protestant dissenters are allowed to hold public office |
| 1653 – Cromwell becomes Lord Protector | 1791–3 – Catholic Relief Acts |
| 1658 – Death of Oliver Cromwell | 1796 — Flaxgrowers’ bounty/premium list |
| 1659 – ‘census’ compiled | 1798 – Rebellion involving United Irishmen |
| 1660 – Monarchy restored, Charles II becomes King. | 1801 – Union of Great Britain and Ireland |
| 1660s – Hearth money rolls | 1803 – Failed ‘rebellion’ of Robert Emmet |
| 1688 – William of Orange invited to become king of England. | 1803/4 — ‘Agricultural’ censuses for Antrim and Down |
| 1690 – Defeat of James II by William III at the Battle of the Boyne | 1805 – Battle of Trafalgar |
| c. 1695 – Penal Laws introduced in Ireland | 1815 – Wellington victorious over Napoleon at Battle of Waterloo |
| | 1823 – Passing of the Tithe Composition Act |

- 1823 – Founding of Catholic Association to campaign for Catholic emancipation
- 1829 – Catholic Emancipation Act
- 1830s – First or ‘Townland’ Valuation undertaken
- 1832 – Reform Act
- 1837 – Queen Victoria comes to the throne
- 1838 – Poor Law Act in Ireland
- 1845 – Death of President Andrew Jackson
- 1846–8 – Great Famine
- 1847–64 — Griffith’s Primary Valuation of Tenements
- 1847 – Death of Daniel O’Connell
- 1854–56 – Crimean War
- 1867 – Public Record Office of Ireland established
- 1869 – Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland
- 1881 – Irish Land Act
- 1885–6 – First Home Rule crisis
- 1891 – Death of Charles Stewart Parnell
- 1898 – Local government act for Ireland
- 1899–1902 – Boer War
- 1901 – Queen Victoria dies
- 1901 – Earliest surviving census for the whole of Ireland.
- 1903 – Wyndham Land Act
- 1905 – Founding of Sinn Féin
- 1908 – Introduction of Old Age Pension in Britain and Ireland
- 1911 – Census of Ireland
- 1912 – Ulster Covenant
- 1913 – Founding of Ulster Volunteer Force
- 1914–18 – First World War
- 1916 – Easter Rising
- 1919–21 – Anglo-Irish War (Irish War of Independence)
- 1920 – Government of Ireland Act
- 1920s to present – War memorials erected in many towns in Ireland
- 1922 – Destruction of Public Record Office in the Four Courts building at the start of the Irish Civil War
- 1926 – First census of Irish Free State and Northern Ireland
- 1937 – New Irish constitution abolishes the Irish Free State and proclaims the creation of Éire
- 20th century – Break-up of British Empire
- 1939–45 – Second World War
- 1949 – Eire becomes the Republic of Ireland and leaves the British Commonwealth
- 1961 – City of Belfast Crematorium opened, the first of its kind in Northern Ireland
- 1968/9 – Start of Northern Ireland’s ‘Troubles’, others date the start to 1966
- 1985 – Anglo-Irish Agreement
- 1990 – Mary Robinson becomes the first woman president of Ireland
- 1994 – First IRA ceasefire
- 1994 – Loyalist ceasefire
- 1998 – Good Friday Agreement
- 2006 – St Andrews Agreement