

# Ireland Timeline



Neolithic stone carvings at Newgrange.



Oliver Cromwell

- 6000 BC** Evidence of People
- 4000 BC** Evidence of Agriculture
- 3200 BC** Newgrange Built
- 300 AD** Niall of the Nine Hostages is "High King"
- c.432 AD** Patricus, known today as St. Patrick, returns to Ireland
- 795 AD** First Viking Raid on record in Ireland
- c.800 AD** Book of Kells created
- 841 AD** Dublin founded by Vikings
- 1014 AD** Battle of Clontarf
- 1169 AD** Norman Invasion
- 1171 AD** Henry II lands and declares lordship of Ireland
- 1216 AD** Magna Carta Hibernae
- 1264 AD** First Irish parliament meets
- 1348 AD** The Black Death is first recorded in Ireland
- 1366 AD** Statutes of Kilkenny
- 1494 AD** Poynings' Law passed
- 1541 AD** Henry VIII declares Ireland to be a kingdom and claims the title of King
- 1550's AD** First Irish plantations established in present-day Laois and Offaly
- 1584 AD** Beginning of the Munster Plantation
- 1593 AD** Tyrone's Rebellion starts — ends in 1603 with Treaty of Mellifont
- 1607 AD** Flight of the Earls to Catholic Europe
- 1609 AD** Plantation of Ulster
- 1641 AD** Irish Rebellion of 1641
- 1642 AD** Confederation of Kilkenny
- 1649 AD** Beginning of the violent reconquest under Oliver Cromwell in response to the Irish Rebellion and English Civil War, followed by land confiscation and relocation of people
- 1689 AD** Williamite War begins — ends in 1691 with Treaty of Limerick
- 1690 AD** Battle of the Boyne
- 1695 AD** First Penal Laws enacted in Ireland from English model
- 1704 AD** The Gavelkind Act
- 1740 AD** Irish Famine, believed to be caused by climate shock, kills a large proportion of the population.
- 1798 AD** The 1798 Rebellion
- 1800 AD** The Act of Union abolishes Irish Parliament

- 1803 AD** Execution of United Irishman Robert Emmet
- 1829 AD** Catholic Emancipation Act — brought about by Daniel O'Connell's Catholic Association movement
- 1845 AD** An Gorta Mór, or Great Hunger, the famine that occurred when the potato crop failed due to fungus kills 1 million people and sends 2 millions abroad
- 1867 AD** Fenian Rising of the Irish Republican Brotherhood
- 1870 AD** Home Rule Association founded by Sir Isaac Butt
- 1879 AD** Irish National Land League founded — Charles Stewart Parnell made president
- 1893 AD** Gaelic League founded
- 1912 AD** 3rd Home Rule bill passes, but WWI prevents implementation
- 1914 AD** WWI Starts



A stamp showing a soldier in front of the General Post Office during the Easter Rising

- 1916 AD** 1916 Easter Rising Rebellion
- 1919 AD** Dáil Éireann formed by the elected officials of 1918. War of Independence begins.
- 1921 AD** Anglo-Irish Treaty ends the war. Ireland is divided into the 26 counties of Ireland and the 6 counties of Northern Ireland
- 1922 AD** The Irish Free State is created and its Constitution is adopted
- 1922 AD** The Irish Civil War commences, ending in 1923
- 1937 AD** Adoption of the new Constitution of Ireland
- 1939 AD** Start of WWII

