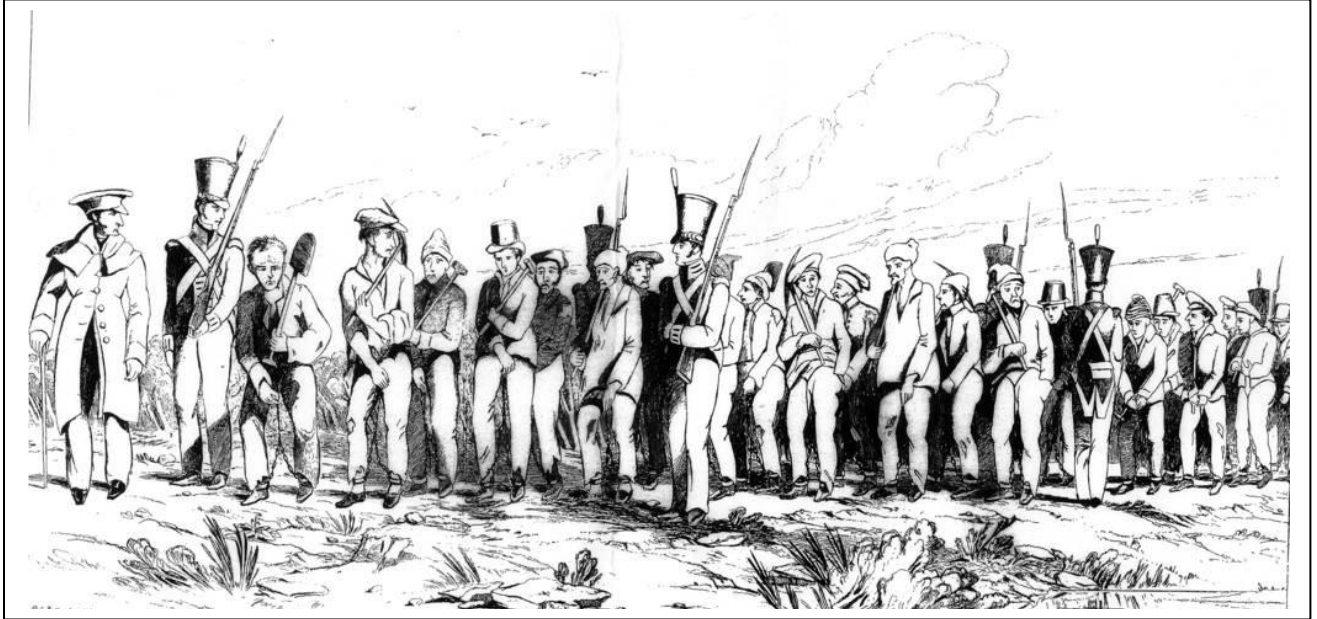


Tracing the Irish in Australia and New Zealand



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Some key dates

1788 – Earliest migration from Ireland

1804 – Castle Hill Rebellion (“Second Battle of Vinegar Hill”)

1821 – Foundation stone for St. Mary’s Cathedral in Sydney laid

1840 – Assisted migration to New Zealand commences

1851 – Gold rush commences (New South Wales and Victoria), population triples in 20 years

1859 – Australian Rules Football codified

1879 – First Congress of Trade Unions meet

1880 – Ned Kelly hanged

1900 – Federal Commonwealth of Australia is approved by UK parliament

1901 – Immigration Restriction Act (White Australia policy) enacted

The following links are to some of the key sources online

Migration records (convict and non-convict)

Resource
Post 1890: BT27 series @ TNA, Kew
Pre 1890 on Ancestry
Pre 1890 on Findmypast
New Zealand migration on FamilySearch
National Archives of Ireland database 1787-1868

General Records

Resource	Websites & URLs
Census mostly destroyed	Findmypast, Ancestry, FamilySearch, MyHeritage
Civil registration BMD	Ancestry, FamilySearch, Findmypast, MyHeritage
Military	Ancestry, Findmypast, MyHeritage
Gazettes	Findmypast, Ancestry
Newspapers	National Library of Australia: Trove

Irish Poor Relief Records

Resource	URL
Poverty Relief Loans 1821-1874	https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/ireland-poverty-relief-loans-1821-1874
Clare Board Of Guardians Minute Books	https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/clare-poor-law-unions-board-of-guardians-minute-books
Donegal Board of Guardians minute books & workhouse registers 1840-1920	https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/donegal-workhouses-registers-and-minute-books
Dublin Workhouse 1840-1919	https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/dublin-workhouses-admission-and-discharge-registers-1840-1919
Dublin Board Of Guardians Minute Books	https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/dublin-poor-law-unions-board-of-guardians-minute-books
Galway Board of Guardian minute books 1839-1922	https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/galway-poor-law-union-records
Limerick city Board of Guardian minute books and workhouse registers	https://www.limerick.ie/discover/explore/historical-resources/limerick-archives/archive-collections/limerick-union-board
Sligo Workhouse 1848-1859	https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-Records/sligo-workhouse-admission-and-discharge-registers-1848-1859
Tipperary Board of Guardian minute books and workhouse registers	http://tipperarystudies.ie/workhouse-registers/
Waterford Board of Guardians minute books 1840-1920	https://search.findmypast.co.uk/search-world-Records/waterford-poor-law-union-board-of-guardians-minute-books
Wicklow (Rathdrum & Shillelagh) workhouse registers 1842-1917	https://www.wicklow.ie/Living/Services/Arts-Heritage-Archives/Archives/Collections/Digitised-Collections
Wexford (Enniscorthy & Wexford) Board of Guardians minute books 1840-1922	http://wexfordcountyarchive.com/our-collections/digital-collections/poor-law-union-minute-books-wexford-union/
Liverpool Workhouse Registers 1841-1928	https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/liverpool-workhouse-registers