

Online Irish History Course

Contae Fir Manach /County Fermanagh

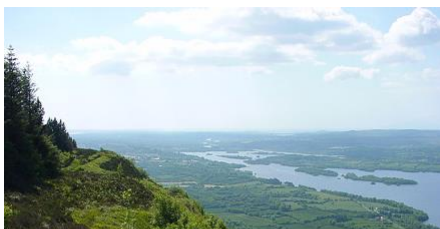
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Famous people from Cavan include: Hugh O'Brien, Bobby Kerr, James Gamble, Robert Armstrong, Ms Cassidy, John Joe McCusker, Terence MacManus, Neil Hannon, Arlene Foster, Francis Little, Sean Quinn, Edward Cooney, Gordon Wilson, and Adrian Dunbar.



The "Lakeland County". The "Country of the Lakes"



Lower Lough Erne

County Fermanagh (*Fir Manach* or *Fear Manach*, meaning "men of Manach") is one of four counties of Northern Ireland to have a Catholic majority. It is by far the least populous of the six counties.

The Menapii are the only known Celtic tribe specifically named on Ptolemy's 150 AD map of Ireland. They later settled around Lough Erne, becoming known as the Fir Manach, and giving their name to Fermanagh.

The [Annals of Ulster](#) which cover medieval Ireland between AD 431 to AD 1540 were written at Belle Isle on [Lough Erne](#) near [Lisbellaw](#).

Fermanagh was a stronghold of the Maguire clan and Donn Carrach Maguire (died 1302) was the first of the chiefs of the Maguire dynasty. However, on the confiscation of lands relating to Hugh Maguire, Fermanagh was divided in a similar manner to the other five escheated counties among Scottish and English undertakers and native Irish. The chief families to benefit under the new settlement were the families of Cole, Blennerhasset, Butler, Hume, and Dunbar.



Monea Castle is situated where a Maguire castle was based prior to the Ulster Plantation

An attack on Rosslea police station on November 1955 resulted in the death of Saor Uladh member Connie Green. On New Year's Day 1957, two IRA men Seán South and Fergal O'Hanlon were killed in an attack on a police barracks.

The county's strong Republican base elected imprisoned IRA member Bobby Sands as its MP at the height of his hunger strike in 1981.

Enniskillen, saw at least one violent death a year across the 1980s. The IRA detonated a bomb on Remembrance Day in November 1987 that killed 11 civilians.

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