Ireland Before The Famine, 1798-1848

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Tuathaigh, Gearóid. Ireland before the Famine: 1798-1848. pp148-9. The population of Ireland 1821: 6,802,000 1831: 7,767,000 1841: 8,175,000 Dependence on the potato: Increased dependence from the early 18th century onwards. On the eve of the famine the potato was the sole food of about one-third of the Irish people and it was a key component in the diet of a far larger number. Asenath Nicholson Annals of the Famine in Ireland, in 1847, 1848 and 1849. The morning was unusually sunny but the horrors of that day were inferior to none ever witnessed. The road was rough, and we constantly were meeting pale, meagre-looking men, who were on their way from the mountains to break stones and pile them mountain high for the paltry compensation of a pound of meal a day.
However unique to Ireland, the 1848 uprising took place to the backdrop of one of the worst famines in modern history - the Great Hunger. While it has been overshadowed by the much larger 1798 rebellion and the 1916 Rising, the story of the Famine rebellion is a fascinating and forgotten history. In this podcast we take a journey through radical politics in Ireland tracing the origins of the famine revolt in the extreme violence of the 1798 rebellion to the pacifism of Daniel O'Connell's Repeal Movement. Along the way you will encounter some of 19th century Ireland's most controversial figures. Before the Famine 1798-1848 originally appeared as volume nine of the Gill History of Ireland. It remains the only survey volume dealing specifically with the first half of the nineteenth century. (retrieved from Amazon Thu, 12 Mar 2015 18:05:59 -0400).