

# THE IRISH TIMES 1859–2007

## THE WEEKLY IRISH TIMES 1876–1958



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- 1914 WORLD WAR I
- 1917 THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION BEGINS
- 1929 THE WALL STREET CRASH
- 1945 ATOMIC BOMB IS DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA
- 1947 INDIA GAINS INDEPENDENCE FROM BRITAIN
- 1955 COMMERCIAL TELEVISION BEGINS
- 1963 JFK ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS
- 1990 NELSON MANDELA RELEASED FROM PRISON

*The Irish Times* and *The Weekly Irish Times* are the first Irish titles to join ProQuest's acclaimed *Historical Newspapers* programme. More than 147 years of continuous coverage from the only independent newspaper in Ireland will now be searchable for the first time.

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**Benefits of access to the digital archives of *The Irish Times* and *The Weekly Irish Times* on ProQuest include:**

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| Title                         | Start date  | End date                                      | Schedule         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|---|------------------|
| <i>The Irish Times</i>        | 29 Mar 1859 | 2007, with one year of content added annually | Daily, excl. Sun |
| <i>The Weekly Irish Times</i> | 1 Jan 1876  | 29 Nov 1958                                   | Weekly           |
| <i>Times Pictorial</i>        | 6 Dec 1941  | 11 Jun 1955                                   | Weekly           |
| <i>Pictorial</i>              | 18 Jun 1955 | 3 Aug 1957                                    | Weekly           |
| <i>Irish Pictorial</i>        | 10 Aug 1957 | 29 Mar 1958                                   | Weekly           |

# Vital primary sou

The ability to cross-search the archives of two major Irish newspapers with ProQuest's existing US and British historical newspapers, provides researchers with additional distinct perspectives on key international events, such as the repercussions of the Irish Potato Famine, the 1916 Easter Uprising and formation of the Republic of Ireland, World Wars I and II, and the war in Iraq. Researchers will be able to compare news, political cartoons, and editorials about the same events in Irish, US and British newspapers.



## An indispensable research solution

As part of ProQuest's definitive digital archive of leading newspapers, *The Irish Times* and *The Weekly Irish Times* have been digitised from cover to cover, with full-page and article images in easily downloadable PDF format. This makes it possible for users to track, evaluate and compare event coverage for in-depth research.



**1889**  
O'Shea divorce

**1916**  
Sinn Fein uprising

**1922**  
Creation of Irish Free State

**1932**  
Fianna Fáil party wins general election

**1941**  
Bombing of Dublin

**1947**  
Fred Daly becomes first Irish golfer to win British Open

**1948**  
Republic Bill signed

**1949**  
Formal declaration of Republic of Ireland

**1899**  
Second Boer War begins in South Africa

**1914**  
World War I

**1929**  
The Wall Street crash

**1945**  
Atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima

**1947**  
India gains independence from Britain

**1955**  
Comme television begins

# ProQuest newspaper material



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## Library collection development

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- Interdisciplinary collection development opportunities
- Space and storage saving
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- Theology
- Women’s Studies



## In the headlines

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|---|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>1963</b><br>Kennedy visits Dublin      | <b>1963</b><br>Riots at Beatles Dublin concert | <b>1970</b><br>Dana wins the Eurovision song contest | <b>1973</b><br>Ireland enters the EEC              | <b>1981</b><br>Bobby Sands hunger strike | <b>1985</b><br>Barry McGuigan world featherweight champion | <b>1998</b><br>Stormont Talks | <b>2002</b><br>Roy Keane expelled from World Cup team |
| <b>1963</b><br>JFK assassinated in Dallas | <b>1970</b><br>Beatles break up                | <b>1980</b><br>US boycott Moscow Olympics            | <b>1990</b><br>Nelson Mandela released from prison |  |  |                               |   |

# Fascinating insights, fast access

**Benefits of access to *The Irish Times* and *The Weekly Irish Times* on ProQuest include:**

- Cross-search with other leading titles including *The New York Times* from the US and *The Guardian* and *The Observer* from the UK
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- 300-dpi binary image
- Numerous article zones – smaller file size
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## Componentisation

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# Start here for a world of discovery

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The *Irish Times* and *The Weekly Irish Times* are delivered on the ProQuest Historical Newspapers platform and are cross-searchable with the *American Periodicals Series Online*, *ProQuest Civil War Era*, and the following historical newspapers:

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- *Los Angeles Sentinel* (1934–2005)
- *Los Angeles Times* (1881–1986)
- *New York Amsterdam News* (1922–1993)
- *New York Tribune* (1841–1922)
- *Pittsburgh Courier* (1911–2002)
- *San Francisco Chronicle* (1865–1922)
- *The Atlanta Constitution* (1868–1939)
- *The Boston Globe* (1872–1925)
- *The Christian Science Monitor* (1908–1995)
- *The Guardian* (1821–2003) and *The Observer* (1791–2003)
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