

HISTORICAL		FICTIONAL
David Malcomson born	1772	
Daniel O'Connell born	1775	
David Malcomson marries Mary Ffenel	1796	
Joseph born to David/Mary Malcomson	1798	
Acts of Union: Ireland under British rule	1801	
William born to David/Mary Malcomson	1813	
David M founds cotton mill in Portlaw	1825	
Joseph M. marries Charlotte Pim	1828	
Achievement of Daniel O'Connell: most Penal Laws repealed; 97% of land owned by English and Anglo-Irish families. Most Irish Catholics still tenant farmers.	1829	
Portlaw cotton mill employs 1000; industrial village created to house workers; social services included health care and 5 schools by 1830s	1835	
David M turns mill over to 7 sons; the eldest, Joseph, becomes head of Malcomson Brothers; diversifies into shipbuilding, metalworking, trading.	1837	
	1838	Fourth son Peter born to Joseph/Charlotte
	1840	Jemima born to Joseph/Charlotte
	1842	Nathanael born to Robert Malcomson (Joseph's brother)
	1842	Cathleen O'Connell born to Charles/Catherine O'Connell (granddaughter of Daniel O'Connell)
Death of David Malcomson, age 72	1844	
Great Hunger begins, 7-year potato famine badly handled by Great Britain. Malcomson Brothers flourishes and Portlaw grows even through the famine.	1845	
Death of "The Liberator," Daniel O'Connell	1847	
Joseph builds mansion out of small 1740s "Mayfield House" near cotton mill Brothers build mansions circling Portlaw	1849	Silas born to Robert Malcomson
Three-year Crimean War begins; Czar Nicholas undeterred by Quaker appeal	1853	
Joseph transports British/Irish soldiers	1854	
Joseph M excommunicated by Quakers; some brothers remain, some leave. Wife Charlotte loyal to Society of Friends.	1855	Son Peter also leaves the Society of Friends

Malcomson Brothers has largest fleet of ocean-going vessels and most prosperous businesses in Ireland.		
Death of Joseph Malcomson, age 60. Charlotte withdraws her shares from Malcomson Brothers. William M as head mismanages. Financial woes begin.	1858	Peter M inherits Mayfield House; Charlotte and Jemima stay until he marries, then move to Dublin
American Civil War begins	1861	Peter marries Cathleen O'Connell; chooses career as ship captain
	1861	Birth of Francis (Frank) Donnelly
Emancipation Proclamation	1862	Daniel born to Peter/Cathleen
	1864	Birth of Maureen Eilis McCarthy
13th U.S. Constitutional Amendment outlaws slavery. Lincoln assassinated. Pres. Andrew Johnson refuses protection to former slaves and native Americans.	1865	
Ku Klux Klan established	1866	Margaret born to Peter/Cathleen
President Andrew Johnson impeached	1868	
Irish Church Act: Catholics no longer required to pay tithes to Protestant Church	1869	Thomas born to Peter/Cathleen
	1870	Nathanael M marries Sarah O'Hanlon
President Grant first prosecutes the Ku Klux Klan	1871	
Cotton mill has large unpayable debts	1874	Silas M marries Priscilla O'Brien
Bankruptcy of Malcomson Brothers under William's mismanagement; mansions and businesses sold off; Portlaw population shrinks. By then only brother Robert and Joseph's sons George Pim and Fred still partners.	1877	Peter and Cathleen start a girls' school at Mayfield in attempt to keep the house
President Hayes Reconstruction Compromise left Southern states to govern themselves; Black Codes/Jim Crow Laws flourished until 1968	1877	
	1878	Abigail born to Silas/Priscilla
	1879	Charles Henry (Charlie) born to Peter/Cathleen
	1880	Martha born to Silas/Priscilla
President Arthur: Chinese Exclusion Act	1882	Daniel M marries Meghan Byrne
	1882	Frank Donnelly marries Maureen McCarthy
	1883	Martin born to Daniel/Meghan
	1883	Callandra Mae (Cally) born to Frank/Maureen
	1885	Theodore Francis (Teddy) born to Frank/Maureen

	1885	Molly born to Daniel/Meghan
	1888	<i>Horse Thief story opens; Cally's accident and treasure</i>
	1889	Death of Maureen and infant daughter
	1889	<i>Charlie (10) sails with Peter; storm; meets Ignacy Paderewski in New York City</i>
	1889	Margaret M marries Percy Grattan; <i>Uncle William tries to rob Peter</i>
	1890	<i>Charlie and Cathleen visit Vienna</i>
		<i>Donnelly family visits cousin Micky at Youghal beach; Teddy (5) breaks his leg; Louise teaches Cally (6) to read</i>
	1890	Dugan McCarthy marries Aisling Sweeney
	1890	Sarah (Sally) G born to Margaret/Percy
	1891	Micky D (Frank's cousin) marries Louise
	1891	<i>Drowning of Frank D as they emigrate to New York on Lion III; Cally and Teddy kidnapped by Roisin and Malachy Quinn; Cally (7) forces Teddy (6) to stay in America with her; join Paddy's gang then become hoggees on Cap's Erie Canal barge; winter with Susan B. and her sister "Aunt Mary" Anthony</i>
	1891	<i>Charlie and his parents visit Dugan and Aisling to tell them about Frank's death and Cally and Teddy's disappearance</i> Caoimhe McCarthy born to Dugan/Aisling
	1891	<i>Charlie breaks his wrist; depressed</i> Thomas M marries Cora Sumner
Death of Uncle William Malcomson	1892	<i>Charlie visits Cally's family for his birthday</i>
	1893	Catherine (Cate) G born to Margaret/Percy
	1893	Cathal McCarthy born to Dugan/Aisling
Chicago World's Fair	1893	<i>Charlie meets Scott Joplin; decides to attend Foxwell School and be "ordinary"</i> Shane and Shauna M born to Thomas/Cora who have emigrated to Kansas City
	1894	<i>Charlie studies in Dublin to have good piano instruction; Mr. Barrow's suicide</i>
	1895	<i>Charlie tours Ireland with Paderewski; bleeds anguish into his music</i>
Pres. McKinley elected amid severe economic depression in the U.S.	1896	<i>Teddy runs away to join the Oneida</i>
	1897	Josephine (Josie) M born to Thomas/Cora
	1897	<i>Cap dies</i>
Ten-week Spanish-American War	1898	<i>Cally runs away from Jeb, hoping to find Teddy with the Oneida in Oklahoma;</i>

1772-1844 David Malcomson

1775-1847 Daniel O'Connell (Dónall Ó Conaill)

1801 Acts of Union placed Ireland under Great Britain's rule

(1802-1877) Joseph Malcomson

1829 Penal Laws largely repealed, but 97% of land owned by English and Anglo-Irish families.
Most Irish Catholics were tenant farmers.

(1832-1905) (Peter Malcomson)

(1842-1919) (Kathleen O'Connell Malcomson)

1844 David Malcomson died

1845-1852 Potato famine (Great Hunger; *An Gorta Mor*):
Ruined ½ the potato crop 1845; ¾ each of the next 7 years
~1 million starved; ~1 million emigrated
Badly handled by Great Britain

1853-1856 Crimean War

Delegation of Irish Quakers to Czar Nicholas I unable to deter him from war
“Notoriously incompetent international butchery”
Ottoman Empire & Allies: ¼ million casualties; Russian Empire ½ million
Florence Nightingale pioneered modern nursing
Defeat catalyzed reform of Russian institutions

1861-April 9, 1865 American Civil War

(1862) (Daniel Malcomson)

1862 Sept Emancipation Proclamation

1865 Jan Constitutional amendment passed outlawing slavery; became 13 amendment in Dec.

1865 April 14 Lincoln assassinated

(1865) (Margaret Malcomson)

1865-1869 Andrew Johnson 17th President, impeached; acquitted in the senate by one vote

Only sitting senator loyal to Union when his state (TN) seceded
no protection to former slaves; considered worst president by some

Alaska Purchase

Reelected to senate 1875; died shortly after

(1867) (Thomas Malcomson)

1869-1877 Ulysses S. Grant 18th President

Led effort to remove vestiges of Confederate nationalism, racism, & slavery

Created Department of Justice

Prosecuted Ku Klux Klan

Appointed minorities to prominent federal offices

1873 Panic: severe economic depression

Plagued by scandals & corruption, even his cabinet

1877-1881 Rutherford B. Hayes 19th President, staunch abolitionist

Attempted to reconcile divisions left from Civil War and Reconstruction

1877 Compromise officially ended Reconstruction & left Southern states to govern themselves

Restored faith in the presidency

(1880) (Charles Henry Malcomson)

1881 James Garfield 20th President; assassinated after 6 months in office

1881-1885 Chester Arthur 21st President

Chinese Exclusion Act barred Chinese immigration until 1943

(1885) (Callandra Mae Donnalson)