

# Tales of the Elders of Ireland

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*Tales of the Elders of Ireland* (*Acallam na Senórach*) represents the largest literary text surviving from 12th-century Ireland, the most comprehensive early collection of Fenian stories and poetry. Three parallel worlds interact: the contemporary Christian world of Saint Patrick with his scribes, clerics, occasional angels, and souls rescued from Hell; the earlier pagan world of the ancient, giant Fenians and an array of Irish kings; and the timeless Otherworld, peopled by ever-young, shape-shifting fairies. The *Tales* dwell in detail on the inhabitants of the Irish Otherworld and provide an extensive account of their music and magic, their internecine wars and their malice toward, and infatuation with, humankind – themes that still feature in the story-telling of present-day Ireland.



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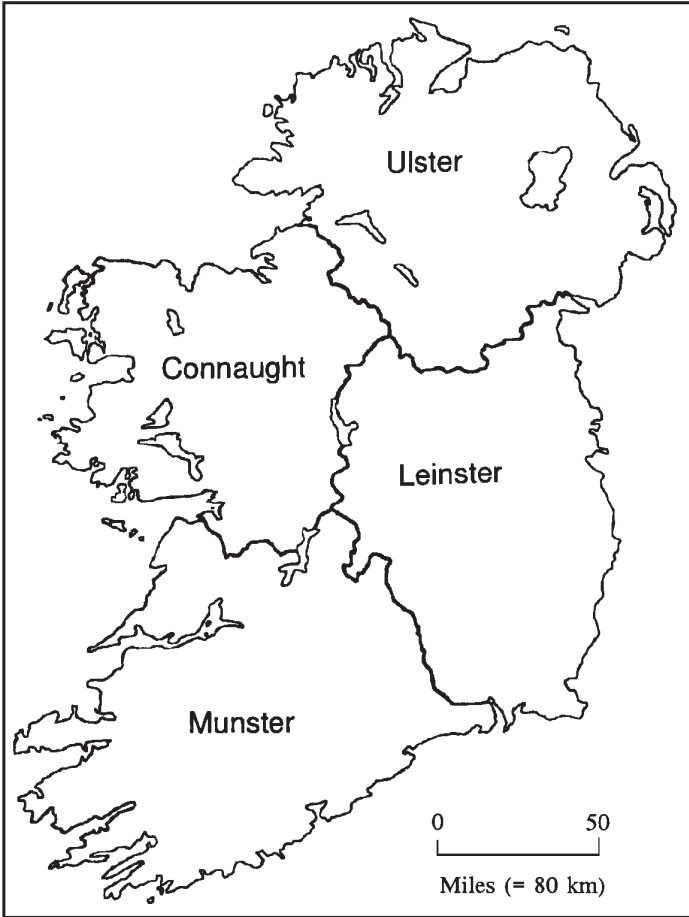
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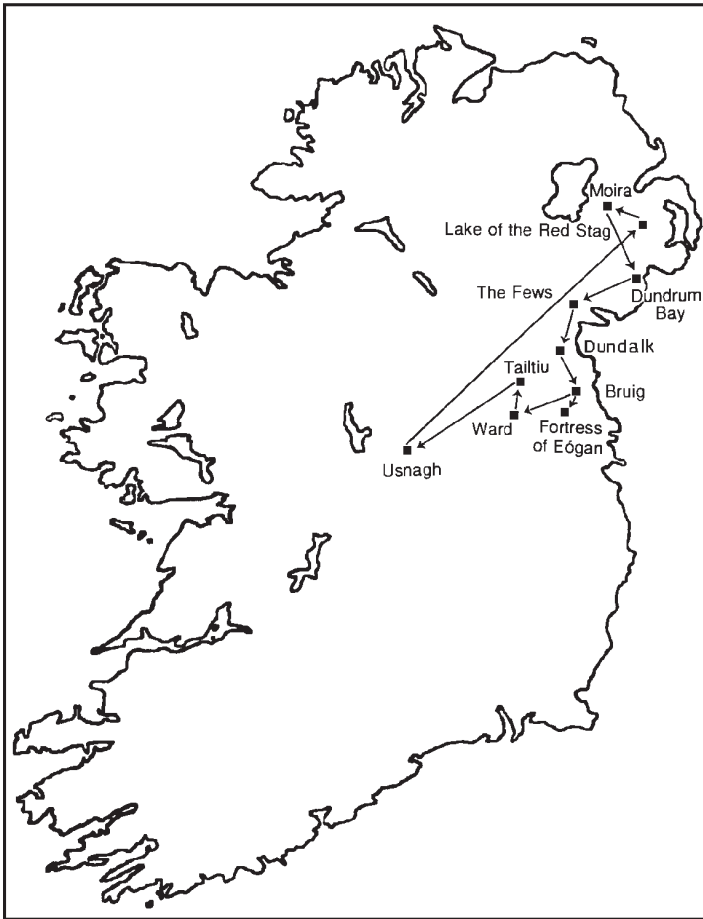
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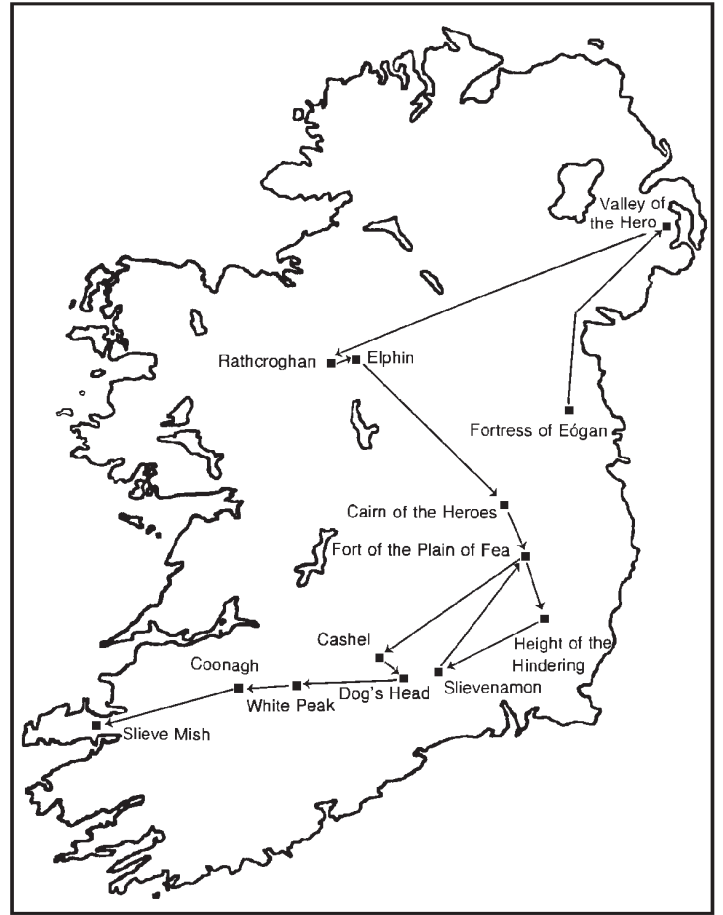
MAP 1. PROVINCIAL BOUNDARIES



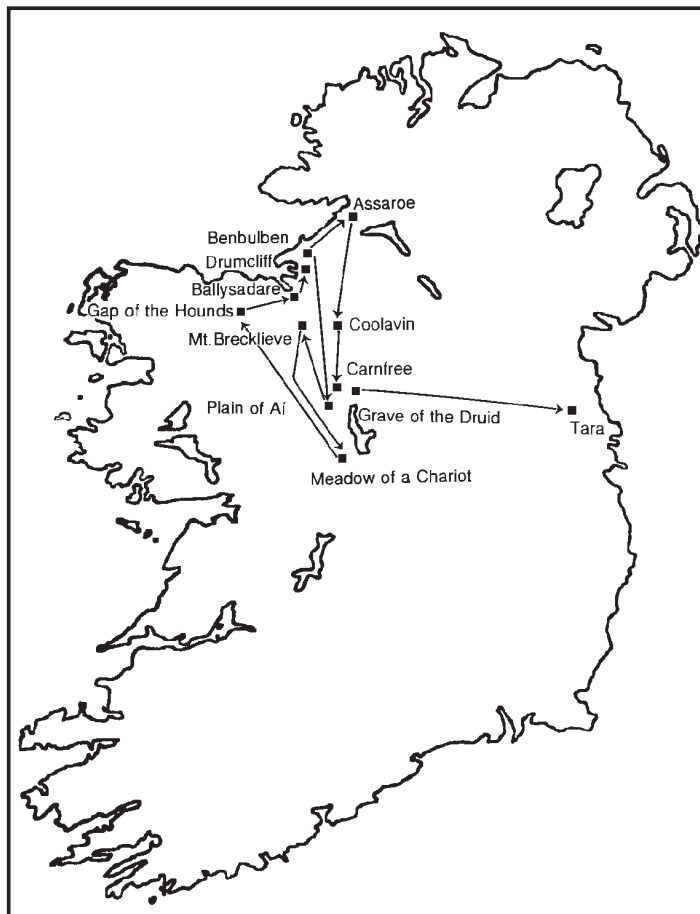
MAP 2. APPEARANCE OF THE FENIANS. CÁILTE JOINS PATRICK AND TRAVELS WITH HIM TO CARNFREE. CÁILTE TRAVELS TO ASSAROE



MAP 3. CÁILTE MEETS PATRICK AT USNAGH AND THEY TRAVEL TO MOIRA AND TO THE 'FORTRESS OF EÓGAN'



MAP 4. CÁILTE AND PATRICK TRAVEL NORTH TO THE 'VALLEY OF THE HERO' AND THEN WEST TO SLIEVE MISH



MAP 5. CÁILTE TRAVELS FROM BENBULBEN TO ASSAROE AND THEN MEETS PATRICK AT THE 'GRAVE OF THE DRUID'. CÁILTE AND OISÍN TRAVEL TO TARA