Abstract
The Famine changed the demography and landscape of Ireland dramatically and rapidly but it also had a lasting impact on what is now referred to as the Irish Diaspora. Was the Famine the end of Ireland and its close-knit community? This paper will explore aspects of what was remembered and the current retrospective memory of the Famine and its impact on Australia of the mid-nineteenth century. What is the legacy of the Irish Famine in the modern world?

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