

## Antrim, Ireland

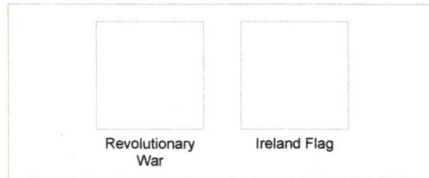
Antrim, County Antrim From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia. **Antrim** (from Irish : *Aontroim* , meaning "lone ridge", is a town in County Antrim in the northeast of Northern Ireland, on the banks of the Six Mile Water, half a mile north-east of Lough Neagh. It had a population of 20,001 people in the 2001 Census. The town is the administrative centre of Antrim Borough Council. It is 22 miles (35 km) northwest of Belfast by rail , and was, until recently, also served by the railway line from Lisburn . *History* A battle was fought near Antrim between the English and Irish in the reign of Edward III; and in 1642 a naval engagement took place on Lough Neagh, for Viscount Massereene and Ferrard (who founded Antrim Castle in 1662) had a right to maintain a fighting fleet on the lough. The Society of United Irishmen launched a rebellion in 1798, which began in Leinster and quickly spread to Ulster . The United Irishmen had been founded in 1791 by liberal Protestants in Belfast . Its goal was to unite Catholics and Protestants and make Ireland an independent republic. Although its membership was mainly Catholic, many of its leaders and members in northeast Ulster were Protestant Presbyterians. On 7 June 1798, about 4000 United Irishmen led by Henry Joy McCracken attacked the town. The rebels were on the verge of taking the town until British reinforcements arrived. Thanks to a rebel band led by James Hope, most of the United Irishmen were able to withdraw safely. This is known as the **Battle of Antrim**.

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








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