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THE IRISH MILE: DIGITAL MAPPING AND LANDSCAPES OF MEMORY

DIGITAL MAPPING AND MEMORY STUDIES – CARTOGRAPHIE NUMÉRIQUE ET ÉTUDES DE MÉMOIRE

**THIS PRESENTATION WILL EXAMINE HOW DIGITAL
MAPPING CAN BE USED TO DOCUMENT AND
INTERPRET THE TRANSNATIONAL DIMENSIONS
OF IRISH MIGRATION ACROSS QUÉBEC THROUGH
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANADIAN IRISH
MIGRATION PRESERVATION NETWORK'S (CIMPAN)
IRISH MILE DIGITAL INTERACTIVE MAP.**

INTRODUCTION AND PROJECT OVERVIEW

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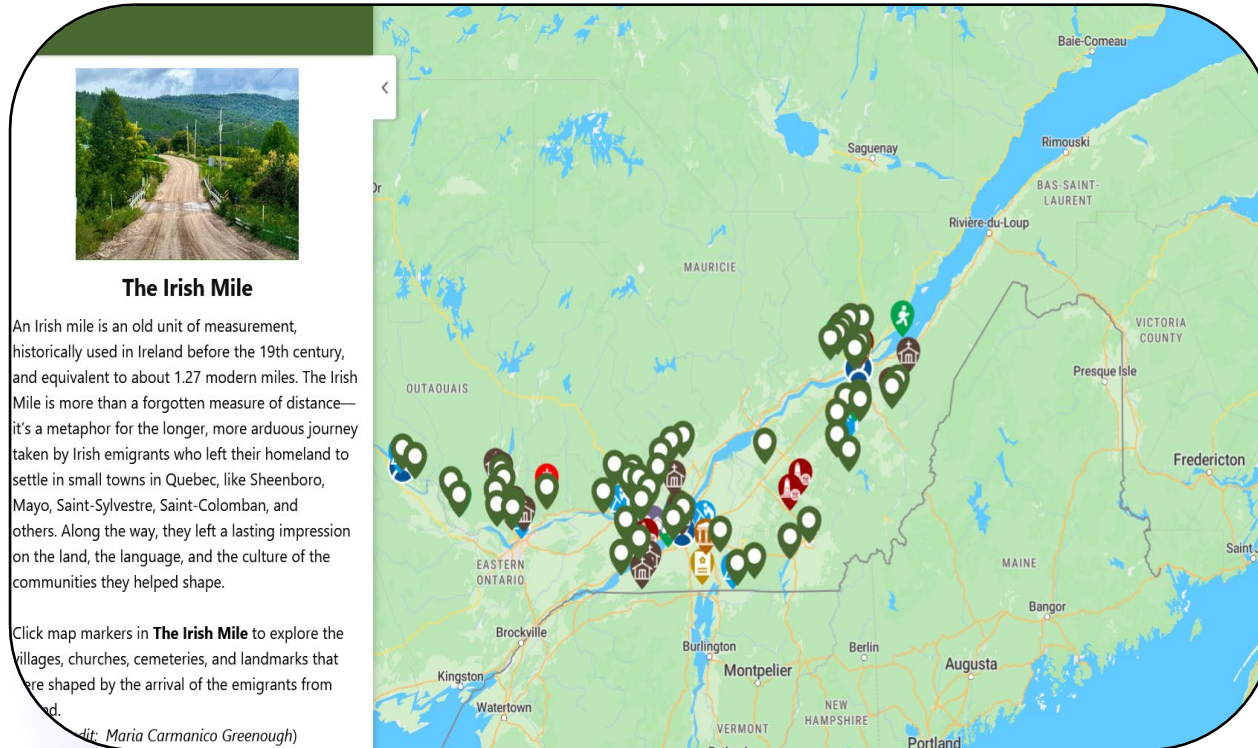
- Preserving and Showcasing Irish Heritage in Québec Project - Préserver et mettre en valeur le patrimoine irlandais au Québec
 - Bilingual, interactive map of Irish sites
 - Digital news board and archival repository for Irish organizations
 - Democratize the historical research process for all members of the research community



CIMPAN/RCPMI

COMMITTED TO THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND PROMOTION OF IRISH HERITAGE
S'ENGAGE À PRÉSERVER, CONSERVER ET PROMOUVOIR LE PATRIMOINE IRLANDAIS

THE IRISH MILE – LE IRISH MILE



- An 'Irish mile' – 1.27 standard miles
- Bilingual interactive map
- Built from historical documents, photographs, and oral interviews
- Launched on January 27th, 2026 (01/27) using the MapMe digital mapping software
- Financially supported by the Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise (SRQEA)

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METHODOLOGY AND SITE CATEGORIZATION

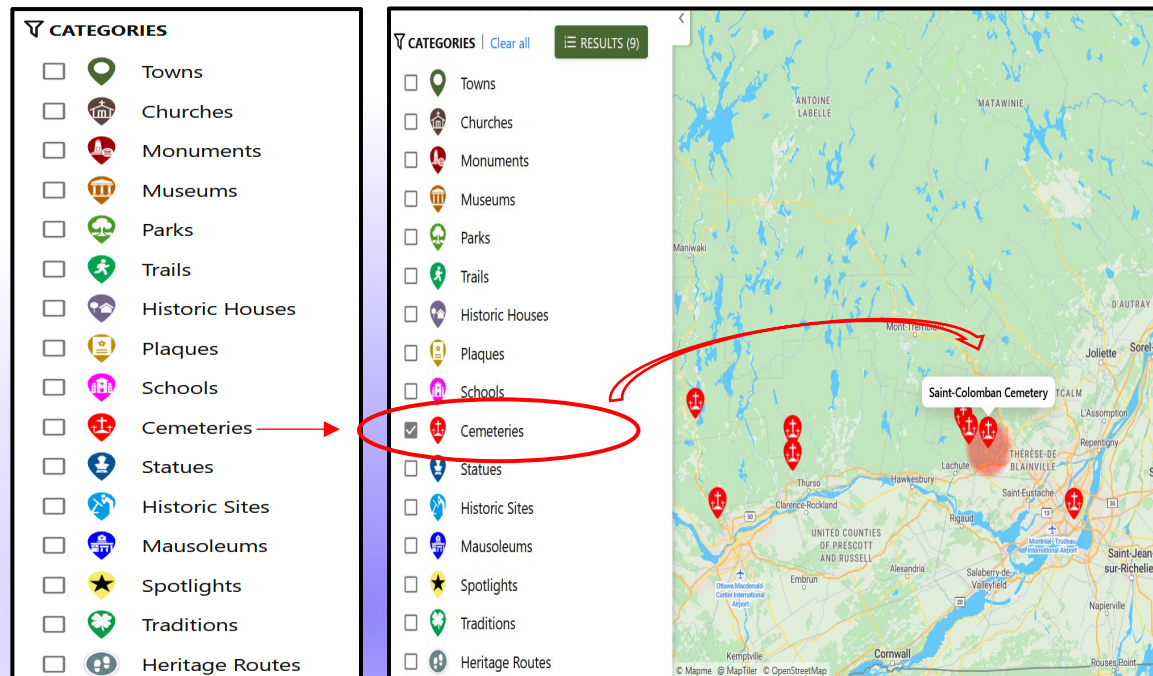
– MÉTHODOLOGIE ET CLASSIFICATION DES SITES

- Two-Strand Methodological Approach
 - Academic Research
 - Community/Public Submissions
- Seventeen (17) Categories: Towns, Churches, Monuments, Museums, Parks, Trails, Historic Houses, Plaques, Schools, Cemeteries, Statues, Historic Sites, Mausoleums, Spotlights, Traditions, Heritage Routes, Historic Figures

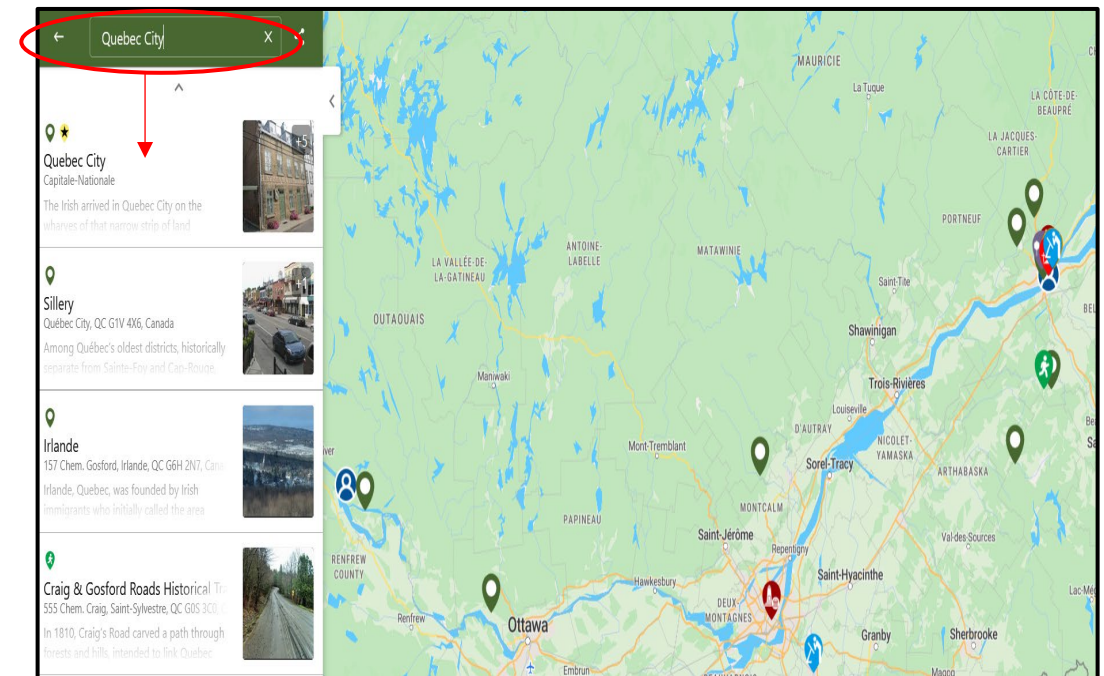


WEBSITE NAVIGATION - NAVIGATION DU SITE WEB

Method #1 - Category Tab Navigation



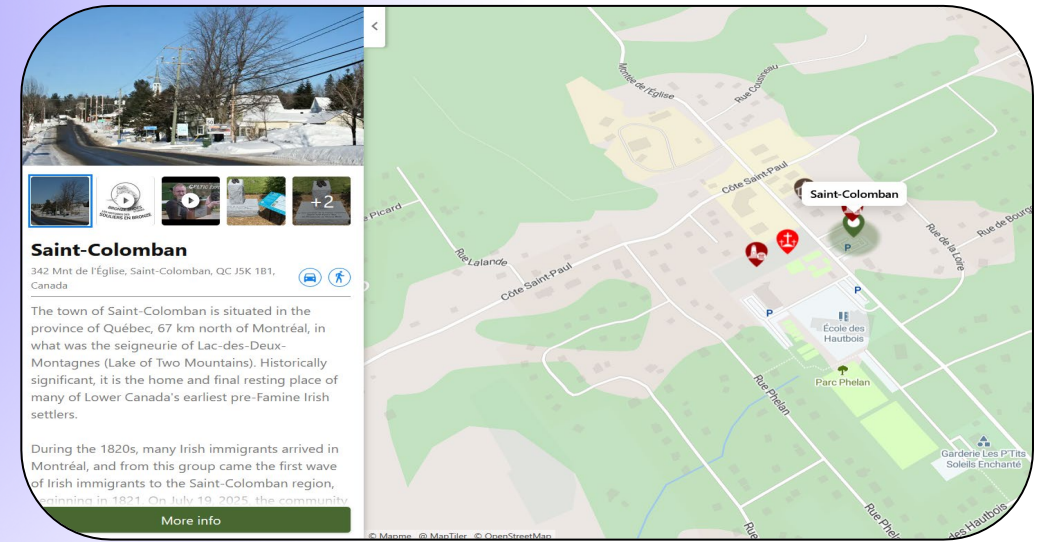
Method #2 - Search Bar Navigation



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SAINT-COLOMBAN

CASE STUDY – ÉTUDE DE CAS



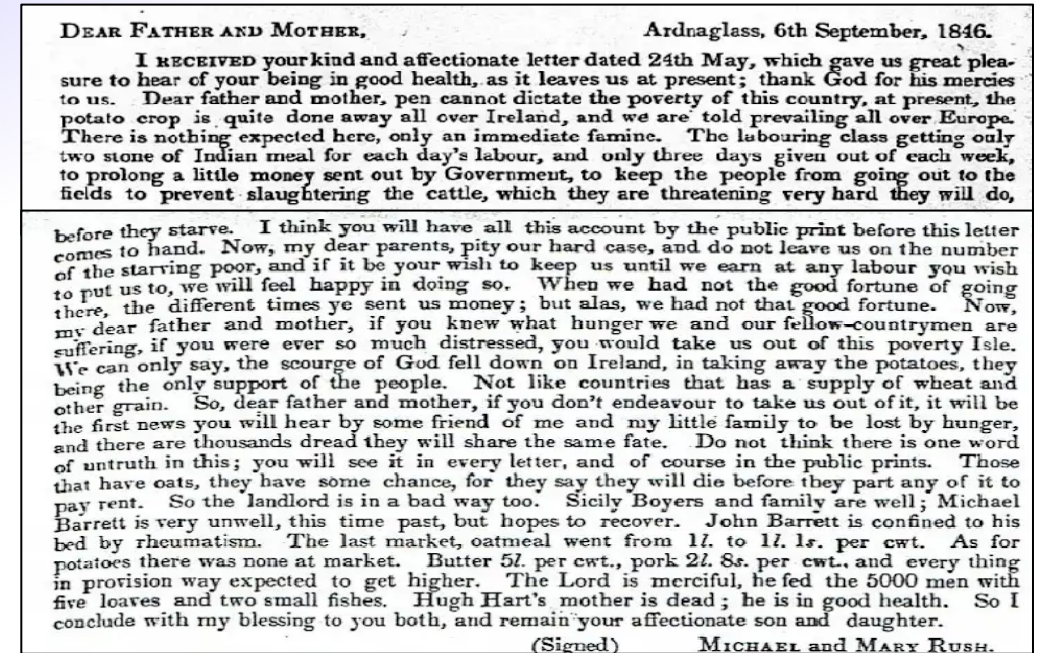
Saint-Colomban Entry on Irish Mile Digital Map



Saint-Colomban Bronze Shoes Unveiling, July 19, 2025



Saint-Colomban Cemetery and Historic Headstones



Letter by Mary Rush to Thomas Barrett, September 6, 1846

OUTCOMES AND COMMUNITY IMPACT – RÉSULTATS ET IMPACT SUR LA COMMUNAUTÉ

170 Sites Mapped (as of June 2026)



CIMPN Researchers and Volunteers at the Ottawa Saint Patrick's Parade, 2026



Bronze Shoes Unveiling and Saint-Colomban
Irish Heritage Day, July 19, 2025



Concordia School of Irish Studies Volunteers
at Headstone Cleaning Event, October 2025



Cemetery Mapping Efforts in Shrewsbury, 2024

FUTURE DIRECTIONS - PERSPECTIVES D'AVENIR



Researcher Samara O'Gorman alongside
Historian and SADB City Councillor Ryan
Young at the Simon Fraser House,
December 2025

- Expansion of The Irish Mile Project into neighbouring Canadian provinces and, eventually, across the country
- Prioritization of oral interviews and the preservation of Irish-Canadian storytelling
- Expansion of the CIMPN's digital library
- Collaboration with Irish government on future heritage projects such as Canada-Ireland 180
- Further mapping of Irish cemeteries across the province

CONCLUSION

In Summary...

The Irish Mile Digital Interactive Map is a tool which can assist in visualizing the unique transatlantic connections between Irish settlements in Quebec and the origin points of the immigrants who populated them. The documentation of these varied sites not only traces the geographic spread of Irish migrants across the province, but also analyzes ways in which diasporic communities have preserved memory, identity, and belonging through acts of commemoration and storytelling.

170 SITES... AND GROWING!

To Access the Irish Mile Digital Map
Pour accéder à la carte numérique de l'Irish Mile



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Pour plus d'informations sur le RCPMI



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