Famous Irish Americans

While over 2 million Irish immigrants arrived during the Irish potato famine in the 1840s, the Irish had been coming to America for a long time before that. Irish Americans have contributed to the growth and success of the U.S. in many ways. Here are a few of the many outstanding Irish Americans.



U.S. President Andrew Jackson 1767-1845

Andrew Jackson's parents came to America from Ireland only two years before he was born. He served as a colonel in the War of 1812. He was

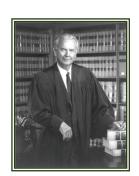
served for 8 years.

elected president in 1829 and

Supreme Court Justice William E. Brennan, Jr.

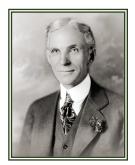
1906-1997

The son of Irish immigrants, Justice Brennan was born in Newark, New Jersey. He was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Eisenhower. He served from 1956 to 1990.



Henry Ford Businessman 1863-1947

Henry Ford's father was born in Ireland. Born in Michigan, Henry Ford was the founder of Ford Motors. He helped develop the assembly line in manufacturing.



"Unsinkable Molly Brown" Margaret Tobin Brown

1867-1932

Margaret Tobin Brown was born in Missouri. Both of her parents were Irish immigrants. She was a heroine during the sinking of the Titanic in 1912, saving many lives.

Who Was It?

Who was a colonel in the War of 1812?

Andrew Jackson

Who survived the Titanic?

Margaret Tobin Brown

Who helped in the development of the assembly line?

Henry Ford

Secret Code Word

Use the secret code to find a word about the Irish. Write the letter in the blank that matches the number from the code.

G	R	E	E	N
7	18	5	5	14

Secret code

1 = A	7 = G	12 – M	19 = S	24 – V
2 = B	8 = H	14 = N	20 = T	25 = Y
3 = C	9 = I	15 = O	21 = U	26 = Z
4 = D	10 = J	16 = P	22 = V	
5 = E	11 = K	17 = Q	23 =	
6 = F	12 = L	18 = R	W	