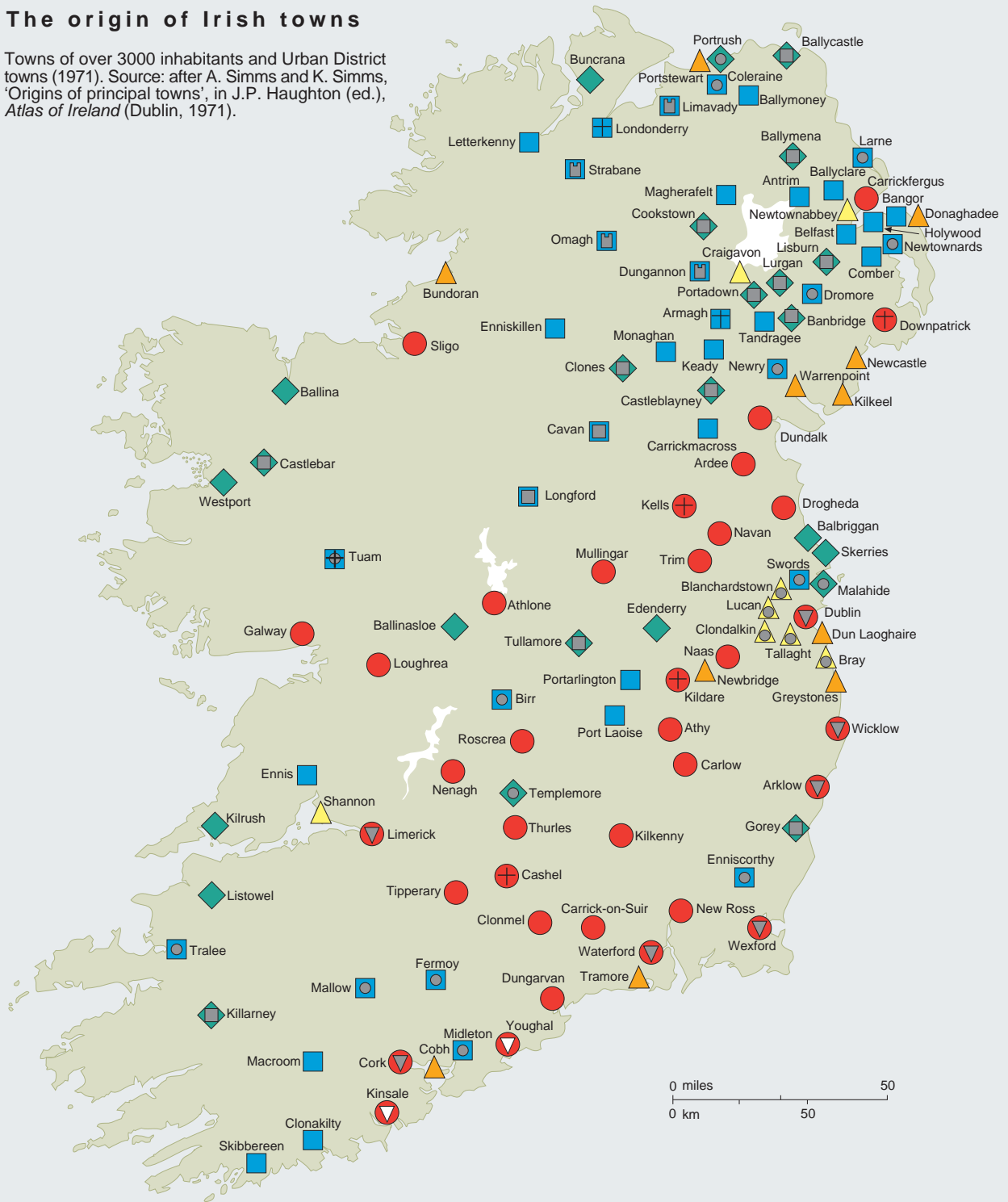


The origin of Irish towns

Towns of over 3000 inhabitants and Urban District towns (1971). Source: after A. Simms and K. Simms, 'Origins of principal towns', in J.P. Haughton (ed.), *Atlas of Ireland* (Dublin, 1971).



12th–15th cent. ● Anglo-Norman towns

16th–17th cent. ■ Towns of the Tudor-Stuart plantation period

18th cent. ◆ Estate towns

19th cent. ▲ New towns (seaside resorts, garrison towns and railway junction towns)

20th cent. ▲ New towns and satellite towns

12th–15th cent. ● Anglo-Norman boroughs with doubtful settlement continuity and manorial centres

Proto towns (9th–15th cent.)

† Gaelic ecclesiastical sites

▽ Viking sea ports

▽ Presumed Viking sea ports

15th cent.

■ Gaelic market towns

■ Gaelic castles