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people. Those were owned by big shots and absentee landlords, Irish and English, in England across the Irish Sea. I will talk about the Great Famine. I will talk about the first failure of the potato crop in 1845 and the second one in 1846, and the necessity for the Irish to flee. Stay in Ireland or starve or risk a 3,000 mile journey across the stormy Atlantic and maybe have a chance to survive, and I will explain what the coffin ships are. I will talk about the difference between the coffin ships and the plague ships, the famine ships, to show why landlords are not liked. England enacted poor laws whereby certain rates that the landlords received would be paid to construct and maintain workhouses for the destitute. And as things rocked on and there were the potato crop failures, rents could not be extracted because the tenants didn't make any money. They still though, the landlords, had to pay these rates based on people occupying the land, so they had landlord clearance. They would run the people off the land and they would charter boats and pay the fare to send destitute Irish people to Canada, and they sent them to Canada rather than America because America had more stringent requirements in terms of how many people could be crammed on these famine ships. So since it was cheaper to send them over to Canada than to pay these rates under the poor laws, landlords just started collecting these people and sending them on away. Some of them left from ports in Ireland, others left from Liverpool. And do you know why Liverpool has particular interest to me as a port? Because it was a notorious slavers port. It was a port in England where they understood the money that could be realized from human cargo, and that slave trade had been shut down scarcely a dozen years before a new influx of human cargo came. And what happened by Irish politicians in the mid-1840's was to make an appeal to England and say, you ought to show at least as much concern, because England ruled Ireland, you ought to show at least as much concern for the Irish emigrants, with an "e", those who are leaving Ireland, in terms of what must be provided in the way of consideration on these ships as you show for the convicts who are herded onto ships and sent to Australia. Yeah, they had to provide more food, more space per convict, fewer convicts per tonnage of the registered tonnage of the ship than was the case with these people whose only crime, if there was a crime, was to be impoverished and to be Irish. So I am going to have time to talk about that, and I'm going to need a good