**A native Irish landowner who lost land in a named plantation during the 16th or 17th centuries**

* My name is Sean and I have lost land since the English and Scottish settlers have settled here. They came to Ireland in 1618 during the Ulster plantation. This was organised by King James 1 after the Nine Years War and after O’Neill and his fellow Irish lords left Ireland. They left because they found it impossible to live under English rule and their departure is known as the Flight of the Earls.
* King James wants to get rid of disloyal Catholic Irish and replace them with more loyal English and Scottish Protestants so that he has more control over my country. He hopes that the settlers will help to spread English law, villages, religion, ways of trading, and the English language.
* There are many types of settler here. There are undertakers, servitors, and loyal Irish. I have also heard that many London businessmen have settled in Derry, now called Londonderry and have set up businesses there.
* I work for a Servitor who is allowed to employ native Irish workers. He was granted 1000 acres and pays a rent of £8. I hear that Undertakers are able to rent up to 2,000 acres, but they are not supposed to rent land to, or employ, native Irish people. One of my cousins tells me that some Undertakers are breaking this rule because the Irish will pay more rent and will work for less.
* Everything is changing around me. These settlers are building villages nearby. The local Undertaker has built a stone house in his village and it is surrounded by a bawn. He has done this to protect himself from the native Irish who have started to attack the settlers because they are angry about losing their land.
* The Undertaker has to build a Protestant church and a school in his village. The village has wide straight streets with English style houses and a square (diamond) in the centre for holding markets. The new village also has a courthouse and a gaol and there is a constable employed to look after law and order. The settlers follow common law, not Brehon law, and everyone in the village is either Anglican or Presbyterian.
* The English have introduced new ways of farming. They seem to grow more crops and have fewer cattle and they sell their produce at the market each week.
* Trouble seems to be brewing between the settlers and the native Irish at the moment because of the religious divide (Catholics v Protestants). We resent the Anglicans and Presbyterians and do not want their religion to take over. I am going to take part in the next attack on the local plantation town because I am angry that I have lost so much.