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General Joseph Holt: Rebel, Outlaw, Pioneer

The Restored Memoirs of the 1798 Irish Rebellion Leader and New South Wales Exile

ABOUT THE BOOK & HISTORICAL RESTORATION

For over 160 years, anyone attempting to read the memoirs of **General Joseph Holt**—the Protestant farmer who rose to command over 13,000 insurgents in the 1798 Wicklow Rebellion—had to navigate a version heavily altered by British Admiralty official Thomas Crofton Croker. Croker redacted influential names, distorted narratives, and added patronising footnotes designed to discredit the rebel general.

In this new, restored combined edition, Holt's four-times great-grandson, **Ian Bosler** strips away Croker's Victorian editorial commentary. Bringing Volume I (Ireland) and Volume II (Australia) together into a single, complete narrative, this volume allows modern readers to hear General Holt's direct, authentic 19th-century voice for the first time.

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ABOUT THE EDITOR & HISTORIAN

Ian Bosler is an author of international #1 bestselling business books, a serial entrepreneur, and the four-times great-grandson of General Joseph Holt. Hailing from Mudgee, Australia, Ian brings over 30 years of printing, publishing, and corporate marketing experience to his historical work, having founded the publishing & printing firm Intertype in 2004. In this restored edition, Ian combines his publishing expertise with family history to strip away 160 years of Victorian editorial bias, allowing General Holt's authentic 1798 memoir to be heard clearly for the first time. Ian resides in Melbourne, Australia.

Key Story Angle for Media Hosts: 'How a Protestant farmer became a United Irishmen General, survived mountain warfare and Botany Bay exile, and had his memoirs censored by British Admiralty clerks for 160 years—until his Australian descendant restored the original text.'

SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS FOR PODCAST HOSTS & JOURNALISTS

Q1: Who was General Joseph Holt, and how did a Protestant farmer end up leading 13,000 Catholic rebels in the 1798 Irish Rebellion?

A: Holt was a prosperous Protestant farmer and barony constable in County Wicklow. In May 1798, a local tyrant who owed Holt money, falsely accused him of disloyalty and burned his home to the ground under martial law. Driven into the mountains for self-preservation, Holt took the United Irishmen's oath and rose to become General through sheer tactical brilliance, strict discipline, and protecting civilians on both sides.

Q2: How did Thomas Crofton Croker censor Holt's memoirs when they were first published in London in 1838?

A: Croker was a clerk for the British Admiralty and Dublin Castle. He added condescending footnotes discrediting Holt, altered parts of the narrative, and redacted names of influential figures who had abused their power during the rebellion.

Q3: What inspired you as his 4x great-grandson to undertake this major restoration project?

A: Growing up in Australia, I knew of Holt's legendary status, but reading the 1838 edition revealed how much Victorian clutter obscured his real voice. My goal as editor, publisher and descendant was to remove Croker's commentary and present Holt's complete journey—from Wicklow to Botany Bay and return to Ireland—in his own words.

Q4: What happened to Holt after he surrendered and was exiled to Australia?

A: Arriving in Port Jackson in 1800 on the *Minerva*, Holt asserted his status as a political state exile. He became a highly successful agricultural superintendent at Brush Farm in Parramatta, survived false imprisonment following the 1804 Castle Hill rising, endured banishment to Norfolk Island, surveyed the Derwent River in Tasmania, received a full pardon from Governor Macquarie, and survived an 1813 Falkland Islands shipwreck on his way home to Ireland.

Q5: What unique reference tools have you included in this combined edition for historians and genealogists?

A: We compiled a 1798 Place-Name Index mapping 18th-century spellings to modern Irish towns, a 30-figure Biographical Index, custom campaign maps of Leinster and early New South Wales, and an introductory foreword detailing Croker's editorial sabotage.

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