The following images may be viewed at: https://oldmooresalmanac.com/the-history-of-the-irish-bardic-poets

An image by Anto Huxll of *The Bard before the Royal Family* may be viewed at this site: https://oldmooresalmanac.com/

Woodcut from John Derrick's 1851 *Images of Ireland* depicts the chief of the Mac *Sweynes* being entertained by a bard: https://oldmooresalmanac.com/

This site also contains a map of Ireland 1450 noting the native Irish, Anglo - Irish lords also those of the English King: https://oldmooresalmanac.com/

One may be interested in the information on this site: https://what-when-how.com/medieval-ireland/ ireland/bardic-schools-learned-families-medieval-ireland/

In *A Scholar's Life* a poem referred to the cushy life of the poets, it highlighted that they acquired the privileges of courtly life without its politics being imposed on them. An incident referred to Senchān Topéist, chief poet of Connacht later chief poet of Ireland on the occasion when he composed a poem that was credited with the death of mice who fell from his roof as he had believed they had taken his meal! [xvii]

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