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Abstract
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Academic journal article Twentieth Century Literature. The Ordnance Survey and Modern Irish Literature. By Pearson, Nets. Read preview. Academic journal article Twentieth Century Literature. The Ordnance Survey and Modern Irish Literature. By Pearson, Nets. If inadvertently, the survey also therefore fueled the imagination of cultural nationalism, insofar as the former's massive effort to record "the national at the local level" spurred interest in looking to oral histories, nomenclature, buildings, and ruins as sources not just of local but also of "Irish" authenticity and identity. Indeed, the abstraction of space required by capitalism and modernity is a feature of nationalism, at least in that it desires native artifacts that can be made to signify a cultural-geographic and historical totality.