

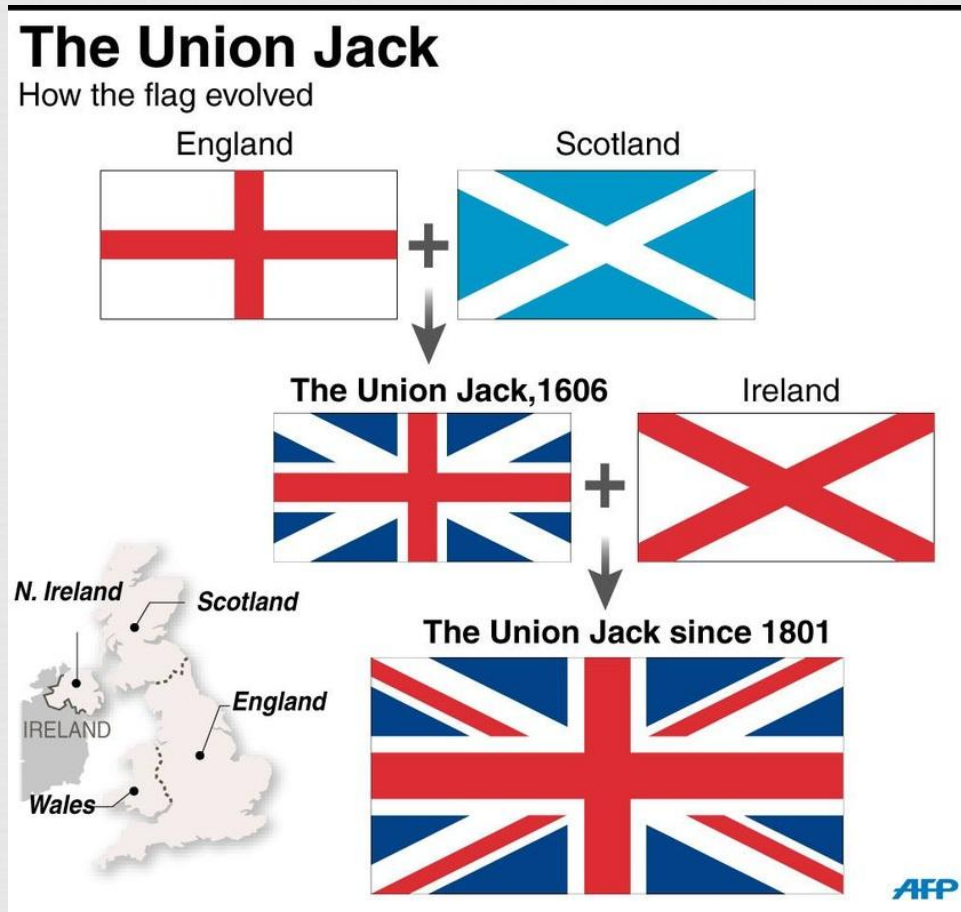
THE UNION JACK



THIS IS THE POPULAR NAME
GIVEN IT THE FLAG
OF THE GREAT BRITAIN.



ACTUALLY IT IS CALLED THE UNION FLAG AND IT IS A MIXTURE OF SEVERAL FLAGS.



IT ALL BEGAN IN 1606 WHEN
SCOTLAND WAS JOINED TO ENGLAND
AND WALES.



the U.K.

The upcoming referendum may mean a new flag for the United Kingdom, which currently includes elements of the Scottish flag.

The United Kingdom



Union Jack

Created as a representation of the patron saints of England, Ireland and Scotland.

Scotland



St. Andrew's Cross

As of 2006, Scottish government buildings fly this flag every day, and the Union Jack only on certain days.

England



St. George's Cross

Flown on government buildings on St. George's Day, but not flown superior to the Union Jack.

Northern Ireland



St. Patrick's Cross

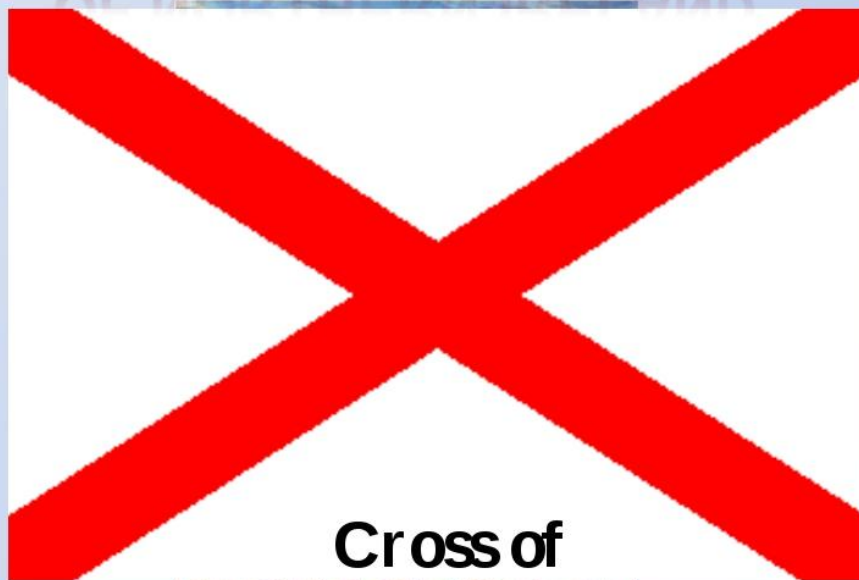
Recognized as the national flag of Ireland during the 17th century, but is not commonly displayed in Ireland.

THE SCOTTISH FLAG, ST. ANDREW'S CROSS, BLUE WITH A WHITE CROSS FROM CORNER TO CORNER, WAS JOINED TO THE ENGLISH FLAG, ST. GEORGE'S CROSS, WITH A RED CROSS.

THE FLAG OF ST. GEORGE CAN STILL BE
SEEN ON CHURCHES IN ENGLAND.



**THE PATRON SAINT
OF NORTHERN IRELAND**



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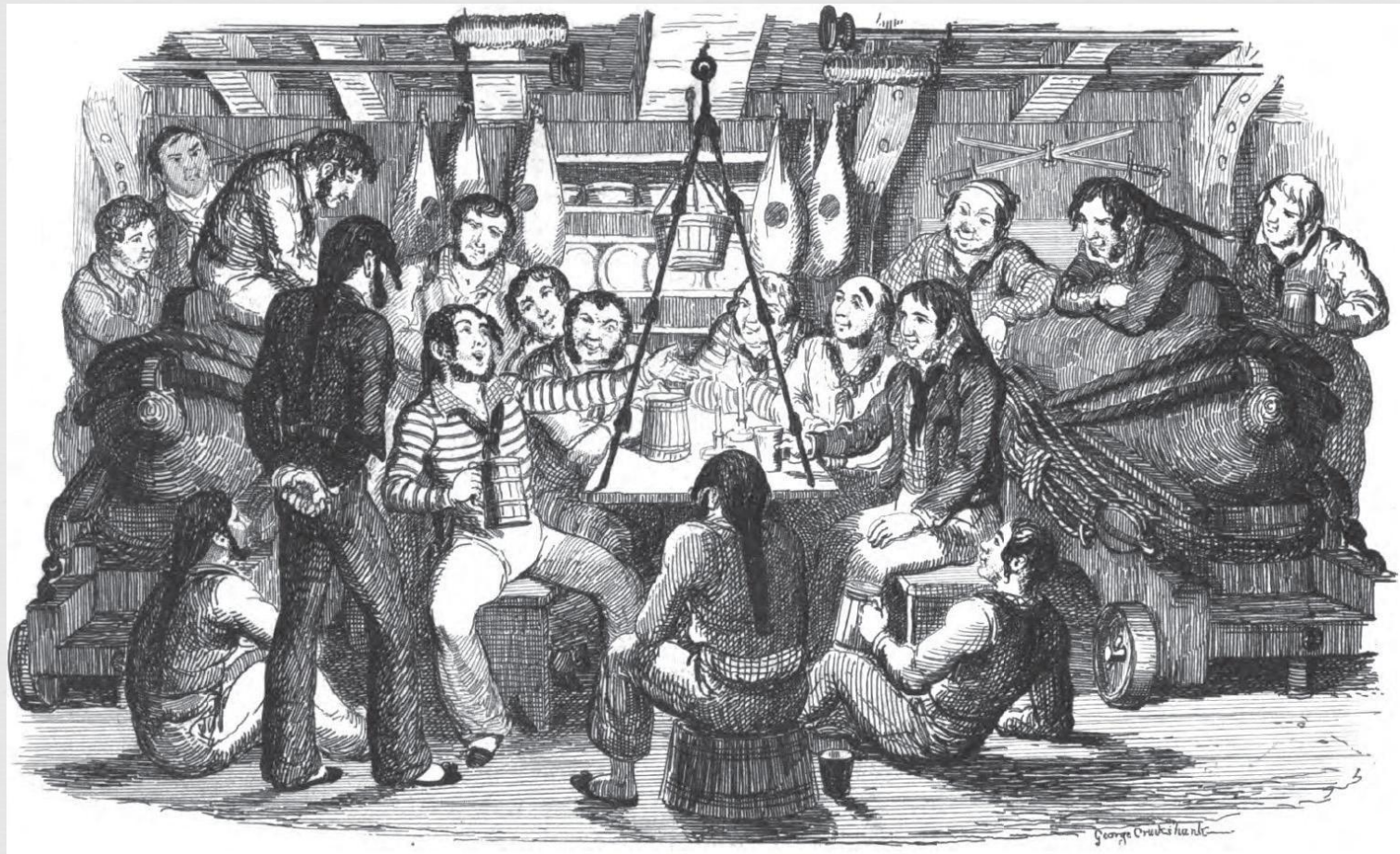


LATER, IN 1801, WHEN IRELAND WAS JOINED TO THE UNION, AS IT CALLED, THE IRISH FLAG OF ST. PATRICK'S CROSS WAS ADDED, WHITE WITH A RED CROSS FROM CORNER TO CORNER.



IN THIS WAY THE
ENGLISH PEOPLE
GOT THE UNION
FLAG WHICH IS
RED, WHITE AND B
LUE.

A «JACK», BY THE WAY, IS AN OLD WORD FOR THE SAILOR.



THE UNION JACK IS ALSO ON THE FLAGS
OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

