



## **I**rish-American Heritage Month Internet Resources

The Library of Congress provides *Immigrant Arrivals: A Guide to Published Sources* at [http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib\\_guid/immigrant/intro.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/bib_guid/immigrant/intro.html).

The Library of Congress also offers an online children's program entitled, *Celtic Roots*, at <http://www.loc.gov/loc/kidslc/celtic-roots.html>.

The Internet Modern History Source Book at Fordham University has links to other immigration sites at <http://www.fordham.edu/halsall/mod/modsbook.html>.

Severe conditions in Ireland caused by the great Famine of 1845 resulted in millions of Irish seeking asylum in the U.S. The British government's Penal Laws against the Roman Catholics in Ireland prevented Catholics from exercising many basic rights their Protestant neighbors enjoyed. A project at the Law Library at the University of Minnesota has the Penal Laws available at <http://www.law.umn.edu/irishlaw/>.

Steve Taylor at Vassar University has also compiled articles about the Famine at <http://adminstaff.vassar.edu/sttaylor/FAMINE/>.

The Digital History Web Project at the University of Houston focuses on immigration history in *Ethnic America* at [http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/ethnic\\_am.cfm](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/ethnic_am.cfm). At [http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/irish\\_am\\_solidarity.cfm](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/irish_am_solidarity.cfm), you can read an essay entitled, *Irish American Solidarity*, which is about the political activity of Irish Catholics in America. The second essay, *The Irish Potato Famine*, outlines the causes for the Famine and the tremendous loss of millions through death or emigration. See [http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/irish\\_potato\\_famine.cfm](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/historyonline/irish_potato_famine.cfm).

The Nebraska Department of Education offers a teaching guide, *The Great Irish Famine*, which was "approved by the New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education...for inclusion in the Holocaust and Genocide Curriculum." The guide is available at [http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ss/irish/irish\\_pf.html](http://www.nde.state.ne.us/ss/irish/irish_pf.html).

The Connecticut Department of Education teaching guide, *The Irish: The Great Hunger and Irish Immigration to America*, has sections that outline Irish history from prehistoric times to the Famine at <http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=320932>.

The Boston Public Library Collections feature documents about an Irish Free State in their Modern Irish History Collection. This collection includes Fenian and post-Fenian organizations. Find them at <http://www.bpl.org/research/rb/collections.htm>.

There are American newspapers, including the *Boston Irish Reporter*, at <http://www.bostonirish.com/> and New York City's *Irish Echo* at <http://www.irishecho.com/>.

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Catholic University provides some of the Fenian Brotherhood Collection on the WRCL Special Collections web page at

<http://www.aladin.wrlc.org/gsd/collect/fenian/fenian.shtml>.

Boston College has many Irish-related artifacts housed in the John J. Burns Library in its Irish Music Center at <http://www.bc.edu/libraries/collections/burns/irishmusic.html>.

The University of Louisville has microfilm of *The Kentucky Irish American* newspaper that ran from 1898-1968 at <http://special.library.louisville.edu/display-collection.asp?ID=601>.

*Tangled Roots*, at the Gilder Lehrman Center at Yale University, details the Irish and African-American inter-connected experiences at <http://www.yale.edu/glc/tangledroots/>.

The *Irish-American West* at Stanford is at <http://shl.stanford.edu/research/iaw.html>.

The Centre for Migration Studies (CMS) was developed from the previous Centre for Emigration Studies at the Ulster American Folk Park, Omagh. Their Irish Emigration Database Project is available at <http://www.qub.ac.uk/cms/index.html>.

**RESOURCE:** <http://www.american.edu/bgriff/dighistprojects/Hogan/irish.htm>

**NOTE:** The American Irish Historical Society in New York City has been undergoing renovations for two years. It is due to reopen on March 16, 2008. The society publishes, *The Recorder*, highlighting Irish-American history and culture.