

THE GATHERING

COLLECTED ORAL HISTORIES OF THE IRISH IN MONTANA



The Importance of Being Earnest Irish!

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What: A selection of stories, songs and poems from work submitted will be published in a traditional book and electronic format.

Tell us your story:

1: General

A little introduction explaining who you are; who are your people; where they came from and where they settled. In brief, a personal and family history and genealogy going back to Ireland.

2: Specific

An account of an event, tradition or experience uniquely Irish that continues to remind you of your heritage. This may include anecdotes relating to St. Patrick's Day, Irish family visits or celebration; trips to Ireland, family traditions, beliefs, superstitions and religious practices. Are there any stories, songs, poems, or sayings that continue to make you laugh, cry, reflect on Ireland and the Irish?

Guidelines

1. Submissions are invited from all age groups
2. There is no limit to the number of submissions an individual may make
3. Submissions should be saved as a Word Document and are to be no longer than 5,000 words
4. Photographs of 300 dpi or greater are welcome
5. The closing date for submission is **December 31, 2014**
6. Submissions may be sent electronically to submissions@mtirishgathering.org or by mail to Irish Studies, LA 125, The University of Montana, 32 Campus Drive, MT 59812.

Each submission enters your name in a drawing to win numerous prizes;
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-fostering a lasting heritage by honoring our past as we build our future