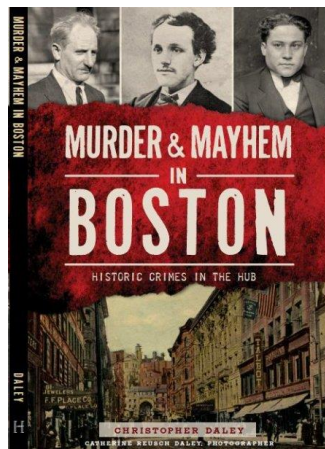


## Westwood Historical Society to Host Program on the "History of the Irish in Boston"

On Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Christopher Daley will talk about the waves of Irish immigrants who came to Boston – and how they influenced and impacted our history:



- **Mid-17<sup>th</sup> Century:** Many Irish were brought over unwillingly as indentured servants
- **In the 1820s:** Irish Catholic immigrants began arriving in Boston
- **After the Great Potato Famine:** A massive wave of Irish immigrants came to Boston: settling in specific neighborhoods, finding work in the city and banding together in their community
- **From the 1880s to the 1950s:** This era saw the Irish rise within the sphere of Boston politics (e.g., Patrick Collins, Patrick J. Kennedy, John "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald and, of course, James Michael Curley)



Christopher Daley is currently a history teacher in the Silver Lake Regional School System in Kingston Massachusetts. He holds a B.A. and an M.A. from Bridgewater State University in Political Science and History. Mr. Daley is the author of several articles on varied historical topics for local publications and has written his first book entitled "Murder and Mayhem in Boston: Historic Crimes in the Hub."

Mr. Daley has also appeared on Travel Channel's "Time Traveling with Brian Unger" and the Learning Channel's "Kindred Spirits."

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This program will be held at the Fisher School, 830 High Street, Westwood, is open to the public, handicap accessible and free of charge. Parking is available in front of the Thurston Middle School. Refreshments will be served.

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