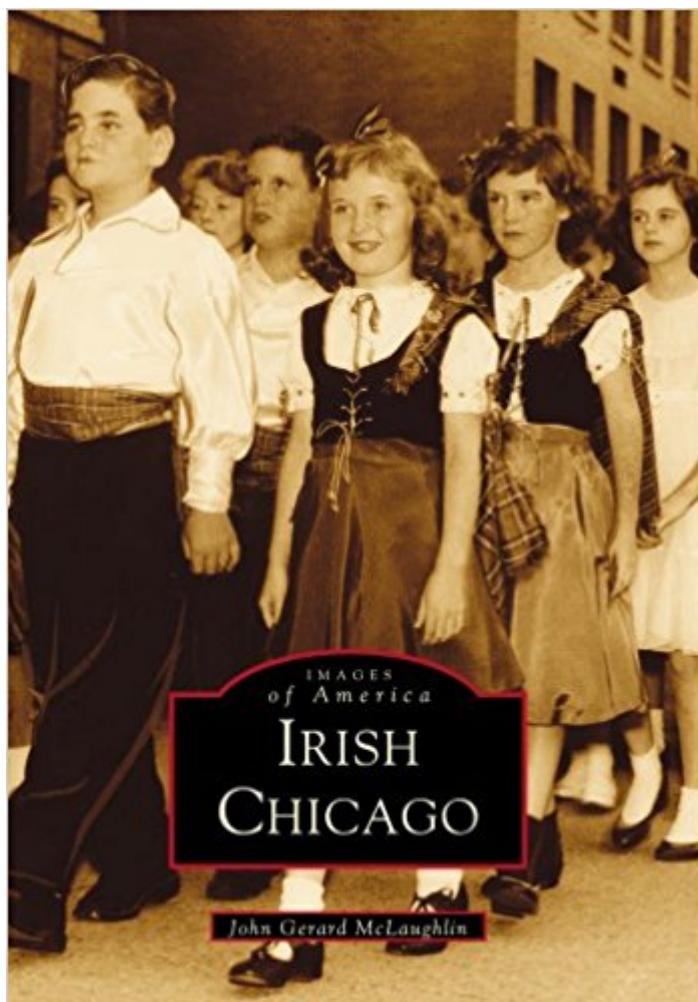


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# Irish Chicago (Images Of America: Illinois)



## **Synopsis**

The history of the Irish in Chicago goes back to the days when the city was little more than an outpost on the prairie shores of Lake Michigan. Drawn by opportunities in the growing frontier town, Irish men and women who were fleeing economic hardship and famine in Ireland were quick to make their mark on Chicago's political, religious, and economic life. The unique position of the Irish among immigrant groups-English speaking and more culturally attuned to Anglo-American institutions, yet Catholic-allowed them to flourish in occupations and social positions for which they have become known. Most notably, the Irish in Chicago have produced eight mayors and many bishops. But Irish Chicago is also the story of those who built and enlivened the city: the policemen, firemen, priests, nuns and brothers, tavern owners, educators, transit workers, musicians, and ward politicians made good, and the north, south, and west side neighborhoods and parishes they inhabited.

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In Irish Chicago, author John Gerard McLaughlin has created a celebratory family album of Chicago's proud Irish population. McLaughlin is a freelance writer and Chicago native with roots in turn-of-the-century Bridgeport and Canaryville.

heavy on exceptional period pictures; somewhat light on prose.

I spent the summers of 1968 and 1969 in Chicago working in community organization on the

Southwest side. Richard J. daley was mayor of Chicago in those days. This book brought back a lot of memories of those summers.

Great

This is by far the most marvelous book I've collected in my thirty years of family history research. Many thanks to McLaughlin for the photographic records of a wonderful past era.

The book is perfect for what I was looking for, and the book dealer sent it so quickly too; I am very pleased with my whole experience with this book dealer, and will use them again. Thanks.

Irish in Chicago is a book that Irish everywhere will enjoy. Book has about 200 pictures that reproduced well. You will see many of the organizations your ancestors belonged to represented such as Ancient Order of Hiberians (AOH), Knights of Columbus, Catholic uniforms, celebrations etc. Chapter Titles 1. The Early Years 2. Family Life 3. Irish Catholicism 4. Music & Dance 5. The Mayors 6. Occupations & Professions 7. Arts & Culture 8. To Serve & Protect 9. Parish, Neighborhood, and Community 10. Saint Patrick's Day Suggested Reading

Norman Rockwell feeling here, of less complicated and trusting times. Chicago became a sort of Warsaw and Dublin for the Polish and the Irish. As the Irish marrying the Poles, and the Polish marrying the Irish is a common and well known fact. I wonder if Chicago, again being known as "little Warsaw," and "little Dublin," is where, and seems very logical, that all those thousands upon thousands of Polish - Irish Catholic weddings started. The fact is, (Irish/Polish Trivia) the Poles and Irish marry each other, more than any other cultures (outside of their own countries, of course).

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