

Irish of Cobble Hill Walking Tour

The Tour On Sunday, May 6, the Forum will sponsor “The Irish of Cobble Hill,” a two-hour walking tour in Brooklyn, led by Terri Cook.

Irish immigrants trickled into Brooklyn in the 1700s but would pour into the area in the 1840s. Cobble Hill quickly grew into a residential suburb after ferry service from Manhattan was began in 1836. Visit St. Paul’s RC Church, founded that same year. Hear the story of Cornelius Heaney, an immigrant from Co. Offaly, who founded the Brooklyn Benevolent Society and donated land for the new church.

Cobble Hill’s two model tenements from the 1870s, as well as the Working Men’s Cottages, were built by Alfred T. White, who was moved by the deplorable housing that the Irish shared with other immigrant groups. See the landmark buildings that became known as a model for affordable housing as well as the impetus for inaugurating the housing reform movement.

The neighborhood also has a pocket park and a multitude of early churches, some cleverly converted into housing. See why Brooklyn was called the Borough of Churches and how many sacred havens preserved Irish history through its benevolent societies.

The Guide Terri Cook has guided Forum members on Irish-themed walks through the Lower East Side and Greenwich Village. She is the author of *Sacred Havens: A Guide to Manhattan’s Spiritual Places* and *Sacred Havens of Brooklyn: Spiritual Places and Peaceful Grounds*.

When Sunday, May 6, 1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Cost and Reservations The cost is \$20 per person; guests are welcome, but we ask that members bring no more than two guests. *Reservations are on a first-paid, first-served basis.* Please send a check, along with name and contact information (print email address clearly), to Cobble Hill Walking Tour, Irish Family History Forum, Box 67, Plainview, NY 11803. You may also pay our treasurer by check at one of our Saturday meetings.

Where Meet Forum rep at 1:15 p.m. at St. Paul’s Church at 190 Court St. (and Congress).

How to Get There

- **If you are driving:** You can park at Edison ParkFast, 92 Livingston St.; Icon Parking, 111 Livingston St.; and other local garages.
- **From Penn Station:** Take the downtown A train to Jay St. Metro Tech. Cross over the platform to the F line and go one stop to Bergen St. (exit at the corner of Smith St.). Walk up Bergen St. to Court St. St. Paul’s. The church is within view.
- **From LIRR Flatbush Ave. station:** Get off at the Flatbush Ave. stop (which is the Atlantic Ave./Barclay Ave. subway system). Take the uptown Bronx train (4 or 5) to Borough Hall Station. Walk 8 minutes south on Court St. to 190 Court St.
- **From Manhattan:** Take the F train to Bergen St. (exit at corner of Smith). Walk up Bergen St. to Court St. St. Paul’s Church is within view.

Questions? Any questions, please email programs@ifhf.org.