

# Irish History Round Table



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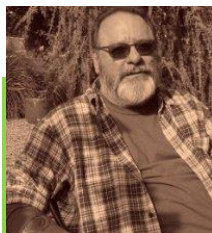
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## Irish Labor Struggles in the Nutmeg State



Our speaker for June is Steve Thornton of Hartford. Steve will speak about the Irish and their aspirations along with their sense of humanity and belief in the dignity of the working class. From the tragic 1875 Taftville Cotton Mill Strike to the workplace safety and child labor laws pioneered by the Knights of Labor, such leaders as Ignatius Sullivan of Hartford and another local Irishman, T.M. Crowley, the head of the CT Federation of Labor, established the American middle class way of life.

Steve writes and speaks about the hidden history of Connecticut working people. He is a retired union organizer of some 35 years and has been active in support work for a United Ireland. He maintains a website, The Shoeleather History Project, and is the author of *A Shoeleather History of the Wobblies: Stories of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) in Connecticut*. Join us on **June 17<sup>th</sup>** for a linking of Irish history with Connecticut!



Upcoming Activities in June

June 28 & 29 –New Haven Feis

July/August-No IHRT speakers—Summer Recess

