

# THE FORGOTTEN PEOPLE OF ULSTER

Stories of Orangeism South of the Border



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In 2011 and 2012, members of Orange Lodges and Bands in the border counties of the Republic of Ireland took part in a ground-breaking story gathering project. The aim was to place into the historical record, for the first time, the voices of some of the 'forgotten people of Ulster', specifically those connected to the Orange Order.

If stories are not told, there is a gap in history, creating an imbalance. The particular hole existing in Irish history, through the lack of stories from the border-dwelling members of the Protestant and Orange community, has been a significant one. Now, at last, these stories are courageously being placed into the public domain by individuals whose lives and experiences span generations from Partition to Peace.