



British Isles Family History Society-U.S.A.

Newsletter

Jan/Feb-2003

Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Sunday, 26 Jan 2003, 1:00-3:00 PM

Goal-Setting for Genealogists: How to Stay Focused

Nancy Ellen Carlberg

Next Month – Sunday, 23 Feb 2003, 1:00-3:00 PM

Records of the Poor

Kay Ronald Devonshire,

Together with her husband John,

Have 38 years research experience in England, Scotland, & Ireland.

She is former Program Chair of BIFHS-USA

and has been leader of our Scottish Studies Group for three years.

Los Angeles FHC Library Tour starts at 12:00

Notice:

All classes and monthly meetings are free. There is plenty of free parking. Everyone is welcome. You are welcome to do your own research at any time. Unless otherwise stated, all events are held at:

Los Angeles Family History Center (310) 474-9990
10741 Santa Monica Blvd
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Please contact a board member if you have any other questions.

Visit BIFHS-USA Website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa>

Editor's Note:

It is worth mentioning the passing of Percy William Filby noted author of various Immigrations Lists. P. William Filby died November 2nd, 2002 at the age of ninety. Much has been written by and about P. William Filby, and a simple Google.com search for "William Filby", returns many pages of URLs having information about this famous author, including some of the following:

<http://www.ancestry.com/library/view/news/articles/6591.asp>

<http://www.dearmyrtle.com/02/1108.htm>

<http://www.filby.org.uk/News%20Page%20No5.htm>

Although I have never found a single lead for any of my ancestors, my ancestors immigrated too recently to benefit by using Filby's, I do know of many success stories. Filby's is definitely a resource that every serious researcher uses, and it is hoped that someone will carry on his life's work.

On a lighter note, the BIFHS Christmas party was attended by at least fifty of our members. A time to relax and enjoy the company of friends, games, music, and great food. This was my first BIFHS Christmas party, and it did not surprise me to see some of us taking advantage of one more 'free' hour of research, books, computers, and films. Remember when you least expect it, is when the most startling insights and finds are made. One of my finds was that some search engines are sexist, for example searching Australian BDM indices for a man's marriage record returned the marriage year and both spouse's names. A search for the wife's marriage record returned 'no records found'. Even familysearch.org has quirks, never assume any search engine is 100% accurate.

I did have a good Christmas, IGSI though slow in sending back acknowledgement of a membership renewal, did provide rather speedy service when I ordered a few items. The indices for the County Clare Estate Record Manuscript holdings at NAI & NLI arrived first, a little soggy from the rain on the porch, but dry enough inside the rather large envelope. The four OS maps arrived a few days later, and as I do have the 'luck of the Irish', my townlands were exactly where I thought, at the inside-center corner junction of each of those four maps. And of the nearly hundred pages of estate records indices, only a single reference was found for any of my townlands. The only caveat is that a trip to Ireland is required to see if any of my ancestors will turn up in that one manuscript. Some of us are just lucky.

Even so, I do feel a bit spoiled, some people work so hard for so many years to get a small lead on one family line. Irish research can be painful, getting across the pond almost impossible. Before I even started, I had some clear advantages, a cousin had written a single page note, showing my grandparents and great grandparents in a simple pedigree chart, listing the townland names in County Clare where they were born. The hardest part was reconciling the Irish townland names, with the English ones used in the 1901 and 1911 censuses, (Laccaroe & Lecarrow Lower, Cloutha & Cloontyconnaught in this case). Don't ask how I managed that, I did know the Parish name as well and I just assumed the townland index should show similar names starting with 'L' and 'C'.

And now I am headed to Salt Lake City, with two very well respected British Isles Family History researchers, Nancy Bier and Nancy Carlberg. Yes, I do feel a little spoiled and a little blest. It is Christmas season maybe that's it. I do expect to learn a few things, and get a few leads. Maybe that adopted grandfather's true identity will emerge. Was he Czechoslovakian like his adoptive parents?

And in any case, I do have a backup plan. My last 'real' vacation was a trip to Ireland two and a half years ago. I just can't ignore that 'tourist' thing. A camera is too light to leave at home, some photos demand to be taken.

Utah has many ski resorts as well. Someone told me that's where 'the beautiful people' hang out. And I thought they were all at the Family History Center.

Jim McNamara

Any and all comments, information, URLs, event notices, are welcome.
Please send to: JPMTCC@aol.com

President's Message:

Welcome to 2003, it doesn't seem possible- weren't we just celebrating the millennium last year? I was going to get my genealogy paper work all caught that year. Do genealogists ever get caught up?

Things are looking up for the Society. We have our 501(c) (3) status now. A special thank you to Dorothy Losee, Sharon Ford, and Janet Thomas for finally getting it through.

In April, Dr. Brian Trainor and Fintan Mullen will be here for our April program on Irish research direct from Ireland itself. There will be more information on this later, but all you Irish researchers, put it on your calendar for 27 April.

Remember Jamboree is early this year - 28 Feb and 1 Mar. We need workers (it's really fun), so sign up at the meeting or call and let us know when you can help sell books.

And speaking of books - Congratulations, Beth Uyehara, one of our own members, whose new book *The Zen of Genealogy*, is featured on the cover of Heritage Books' new catalog. Way to go, Beth! It's on the humorous side of genealogy, something we all need to see.

I'm going to Salt Lake with the group, but will be back in time to be your speaker 26 January - on "Goal Setting for Genealogists - How to Stay Focused". Make this the year we all get caught up with ourselves.

Nancy Ellen Carlberg, President, BIFHS-USA, n_carlberg@hotmail.com

A Few Messages from Dorothy Losee

Hello to all, and a very Happy New Year. I wanted to let you know that the election of officers is now official. Officers for 2003 are:

President:	Nancy Ellen Carlberg	V.P. Programs:	Glen Earl Knoblock
Treasurer:	Christine Urban	V.P. Membership:	Dorian Hannaway
Recording Secretary:	Bruce Hamilton		
Corresponding Secretary:	Dorothy Losee		
Board Members:	Pat Sorteberg, Lydia Jeffrey, Jill Kirby		
Newsletter Editor:	Jim McNamara		
Journal Editor:	Terri Niccum	Member, Ex-Officio (past president):	Sharon Ford

We still need some people who would volunteer to serve as Board Members. Contact any of the officers to let us know you would be willing to serve. It is important that we have input from many different people.

**Be sure to check our website (and below) to see all of the books that the Society has donated to the LAFHC. I'm sure you will find many of these donations helpful in your research! <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/bookdonation2002.html>

Advance notice: Our next meeting will be on Sunday, 26 January at the Los Angeles Family History Center. Be sure to save the date. You will also be receiving the next Journal soon. It is ready to go, but we didn't want to send it out with all of the Christmas rush.

Non-Profit Charitable Organization Status Notification

After many trials and tribulations, BIFHS-USA finally received notification Monday the 9th of December, that our Society has been granted our tax-exempt status under Section 501 (c) (3). Some of us have worked very hard to make this come about, and needless to say we are delighted.

Dorothy Losee

Books Donated to Los Angeles Family History Center by BIFHS-USA in 2002

Author	Title	Author	Title
Anderson, S. Chris	Tracing Your Germanic Ancestors	Milward, Rosemary	Glossary of Household, Farming & Trade Terms from Probate Inventories
Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo	Discovering Your Immigrant Ancestors	O'Neill, Robert K.	Ulster Libraries Archives Museums & Ancestral Heritage Centres
Chapman, Colin R.	Tracing Your British Ancestors	Pols, Robert	Dating Old Photographs
Chapman, Colin R.	Using Newspapers and Periodicals	Pols, Robert	Photography for Family Historians
Childs, Joy	History of Derbyshire	PRO	PRO Guide to Census Returns
Coldham, Peter Wilson	Emigrants in Chains	PRO	PRO Guide to Birth Marriage & Death Records
Collingford, Cecil	History of Dorset	PRO	PRO Guide to Using Wills
Collins, Audrey	Using the Family Records Center	Radford, Dwight	Discovering Your Irish Ancestors
Collins, Audrey	Using Wills after 1858 and First Avenue House	Raymond, Stuart A.	British Genealogical Books in Print
Connolly, SJ	Oxford Companion to Irish History	Raymond, Stuart A.	Genealogical Bibliography: Cheshire Vol. 2 - Family Histories
Cory, Kathleen B.	Tracing Your Scottish Ancestry	Raymond, Stuart A.	Genealogical Bibliography: Dorset
Cox, Jane	New to Kew?	Raymond, Stuart A.	Genealogical Bibliography: Hampshire
Davies, Rosemary	Family History Research in Glamorgan	Raymond, Stuart A.	Genealogical Bibliography: Norfolk
Davis, Bill	Irish Family History Research	Raymond, Stuart A.	British Family History on CD
Davis, Bill	Irish Ancestry a Beginner's Guide	Raymond, Stuart A.	Genealogical Bibliography: Yorkshire Occupations V5
Duffy, Godfrey	Tracing Your Donegal Ancestors	Raymond, Stuart A.	British Genealogical Microfiche
Dunaway, Wayland	The Scotch Irish of Colonial PA	Raymond, Stuart A.	Using Libraries - Workshops for Family History (see F88)
Gandy, Michael	Catholic Family History: A Bibliography for Wales	Raymond, Stuart A.	English Genealogy A Bibliography
Gelling, Margaret	Signposts of the Past	Rowlands, John & Shiela	Welsh Family History - a Guide to Research
Gibbens, Lillian	History of Herefordshire	Rowlands, John & Shiela	Second Stages in Researching Welsh Ancestry
Gibbens, Lillian	Using Death & Burial Records	Scottish Assoc. of FHS	Parish Registers in the Kirk Session
Gibson, J	An Introduction to Church Registers	Society of Genealogists	Records of the Church of Scotland
Gibson, J. and Dell, A.	Electoral Registers Since 1832 & Burgess Rolls	Society of Genealogists	Parish Registers, Nonconformist Registers, Marriage Licences in Bedfordshire, Northamptonshire County
Gibson, Medlycott, and Mills	Tudor & Stuart Muster Rolls	Society of Genealogists	Parish Registers, Nonconformist Registers, Marriage Licences in Suffolk
Hawgood, David	Land & Window Tax Assessments	Society of Genealogists	County Sources at SOG Buckinghamshire
Hawgood, David	One Place Genealogy	Society of Genealogists	County Sources at SOG Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire
Howells, Cyndi	Using Computers for Genealogy	Society of Genealogists	County Sources at SOG Cumberland, Durham, Northumberland, and Westmoreland
Hunter, Judith	Netting Your Ancestors	Society of Genealogists	County Sources at SOG Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire
Irish FHS	History of Berkshire	Society of Genealogists	County Sources at SOG Essex
Irish FHS	Directory of Parish Registers	Society of Genealogists	County Sources at SOG Lincolnshire
Irish FHS	Indexed in Ireland	Society of Genealogists	County Sources at SOG Sussex
Istance, J. & Cann, E. E.	A Table of Church of Ireland Parochial Records & Copies	Society of Genealogists	County Sources at SOG Wiltshire
Jarvis, S. M.	Researching Family History in Wales	Society of Genealogists	Keeping Your Family Records
Kaye, David	First Names, Discovering	Society of Genealogists	City of London Past
Kennedy, Billy	History of Nottinghamshire	Society of Genealogists	Weights and Measures for the Scottish Family Historian
Kennedy, Billy	Scots-Irish in the Shenandoah Valley	Society of Genealogists	An Index of English Country Houses
Kennedy, Billy	Scots-Irish in the Hills of Tennessee	Society of Genealogists	A Guide to Genealogical Sources in the Borthwick Institute
Langstorn, Brett	The Making of America - How the Scotch Irish Shaped a Nation	Society of Genealogists	Registration Districts
Litton, Pauline M.	A Guide to the Civil Reg Districts of England & Wales	Society of Genealogists	An Introduction to Civil Registration
Logan, Roger	Using Baptism Records	Society of Genealogists	Using Record Offices
Lumas, Susan B.	Friendly Society Records	Tames, Richard	
Lumas, Sue	Basic Facts About Archives	Torrance, D. Richard	
Martins, Susanne	Census Returns of England & Wales	Webb, Cliff	
Maxwell, Ian	History of Norfolk	Webb, Cliff	
McLaughlin, Eve	Researching Armagh Ancestors	Wiggins, Ray	
McLaughlin, Eve	Census 1841-91	Wood, Tom	
McLaughlin, Eve	Family History from Newspapers	Wood, Tom	
McLaughlin, Eve	Parish Registers		
McLaughlin, Eve	Surnames and their Origins		
McLaughlin, Eve	Quarter Sessions		
McCarthy, Tony & Cadogan, Tim	Tracing Your Cork Ancestors		

Reminders:

A few renewals have been received at the old rate. Remember, dues are now \$25 for Individuals and \$30 for Family, \$250 for individual life memberships.

E-mail addresses: If you haven't received a reminder of our monthly meetings, then we do not have your e-mail address. Please let us know when you change your email & snail mail addresses so we can keep in touch.

Check your expiration date on your Newsletter or Journal. If it has or is about to expire, please send in your renewal.

We do not send a bill when dues are due.

FGS Jamboree, Pasadena, CA

Note: Help needed Friday and Saturday to setup and run booth. If available, signup at meetings or call Nancy Carlberg. See schedule for dates and hours.

New Book Written by BIFHS-USA member

Beth Maltbie Uyehara has been writing a collection of columns for "Missing Links". This collection of columns has been published by Heritage Books. The book is called "The Zen of Genealogy" and is full of funny illustrations. It can be ordered online at www.heritagebooks.com or by phone at 800-390-7709. Cost is \$13.95 plus \$5.00 shipping.

Notice about the LAFHC Website

Thanks to Webmaster Bruce Hamilton for the notice that the LAFHC website is back online at: <http://www.lafhc.org/>

Surname List

Thanks to Bruce Hamilton and Sue Wilson, the surname list on BIFHS-USA website has been updated. See: <http://www.rootsworld.com/~bifhsusa/surnamelist.html>

REMEMBER TO BRING GOODIES !!!
(Especially sugar cookies..., N. Carlberg)

Invitation to Visit Irish Culture & Customs

Nollaig Shona Dhuit! Christmas has come to Irish Culture and Customs and in the spirit of the season, we hope you will visit our website during the holidays. You'll find many Christmas-related articles, from "Waiting for St. Nicholas" to "An Irish Christmas, Now and Then."

Also on offer, traditional holiday recipes, stories for children, blessings, and many other seasonal treats too numerous to mention. So, please stop by - the welcome mat is always out at:

<http://www.irishcultureandcustoms.com>

We also publish a free Saturday Newsletter, which we send to nearly 600 subscribers all over the world. If you enjoy an Irish joke, a bit o' the wit, a quip or quote and more, this might make your weekend a bit more entertaining.

You can subscribe by sending an email to: bhaggerty@irishcultureandcustoms.com

Or you can sign up on the site at: <http://www.irishcultureandcustoms.com/Newsletter.html>

We look forward to hearing from you.

All the best,

Bridget & Russ

If you're already a subscriber, *go raibh maith agat* - thank you! And please excuse us for sending a duplicate invitation.

Thanks to Sally Pavia for providing the following:

British Military Terms and Soldiers slang:
www.geocities.com/faskew/Colonial/Glossary/British.htm

FHLC Film Numbers Index

Townlands Index

<http://www.sierratel.com/colinf/genuki/CAV/Deeds/Townlands.html>

Grantors Index

<http://www.sierratel.com/colinf/genuki/CAV/Deeds/Grantors.html>

Transcripts

<http://www.sierratel.com/colinf/genuki/CAV/Deeds/Transcripts.html>

CD-ROM Publication Notice

(Submitted by Annie Lloyd)

We're happy to announce that "Old Neversink" – a CD-ROM e-book of the history of Neversink, Sullivan County, New York – is now available.

There's lots more information about it – including samples and indexes -- at

<http://www.betweenthelakes.com/neversink.htm>.

About this CD-ROM:

- It includes maps, old postcards, newspaper clippings, other ephemera, and some 210 photographs of the lost village of Neversink Flats, the surrounding township and its people.
- It includes excerpts about Neversink from the two premier 19th century historical works about Sullivan County: Quinlan's *History* and Childs' *Gazetteer* – both with new indexes of the material.
- It includes the previously unpublished 1910 diary of Eugene Cross, a resident of Neversink Flats – also with a complete index, as well as recollections by his daughter, Helen C. Brown, of life in Neversink in 1910.
- Finally, it includes 152 pages of genealogy of several Neversink families, much of it never before published – all carefully indexed, of course.

If you are curious about whether a name you're interested in can be found on this CD-ROM, many samples from it can be viewed on our website – along with ALL of the indexes. Thus, you can confirm that the person you're seeking is mentioned before you buy.

The purchase price is \$15.00, including shipping. Orders shipped to Connecticut should include 6% sales tax. There are three convenient ways to order:

Order on line at:

http://www.betweenthelakes.com/neversink_order.htm

Pay with a credit card or PayPal

Order via US Mail – there's a convenient order form you can print at:

http://www.betweenthelakes.com/neversink_print_order_form.htm

Simply send a check for \$15.00 (sorry, no credit card payments via US Mail and no CODs) to:

Between the Lakes Group
372 Between the Lakes Road
Bx 13, Taconic, CT 06079-0013.

We hope to hear from you soon. Please feel free to pass this e-mail along to friends or associates who might have an interest in Neversink, or Sullivan County, or country life about 1900.

Sincerely,

Geoff Brown
Between the Lakes Group, LLC

URLs

www.familytreeDNA.com - offering Y-chromosome tests for men with Welsh patronymics in their surnames.

www.ww2roll.gov.au/ - World War II Nominal Roll - site gives information from the service record of some 1,000,000 men and women who served in WWII from Australia.

www.welshmariners.org.uk - A new site about Welsh Mariners. Includes a database of 17,000 names.

UK BDMs

The cost of obtaining a standard birth, death or marriage certificate in the UK will increase from 6.50GBP to 7.00GBP on 1 April 2003.

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for providing the above CD-ROM, URLs, and UK BDM information.

Raymond's County Down Website

<http://www.raymondscountydownwebsite.com>

Free lookups to anyone researching ancestors in County Down for records below:

- Index to Griffiths Valuation of Ireland 1848 -1865
- The Tithe Applotment 1823 -1837
- The Flax Growers Records 1798
- Births and Christenings 1860 - 1875
- Griffiths Valuation of Tenements for the Parish of Kilkeel 1860
- Census for Kilkeel 1901
- Commercial Directory for Kilkeel 1860
- Plus a lot of other record

Another Kind of Christmas Poem

Author Unknown

'Twas the night before Christmas,
He lived all alone,
In a one bedroom house
Made of plaster and stone.

I had come down the chimney
With presents to give,
And to see just who
In this home did live.

I looked all about,
A strange sight I did see,
No tinsel, no presents,
Not even a tree.

No stocking by mantle,
Just boots filled with sand,
On the wall pictures hung
Of far distant lands.

With medals and badges,
Awards of all kinds,
A somber thought
Came through my mind.

For this house was different,
It was dark and dreary,
I found the home of a soldier,
Once I clearly could see.

The soldier lay sleeping,
Silent, alone,
Curled up on the floor
In this one bedroom home.

The face was so gentle,
The room in such disorder,
Not how I pictured
A United States Soldier.

Was this the hero
Of whom I'd just read?
Curled up on a poncho,
The floor for a bed?

I realized the families
That I saw this night,
Owed their lives to these Soldiers
Who were willing to fight.

Soon round the world,
The children would play,
And grown-ups would celebrate
A bright Christmas day.

They all enjoyed freedom
Each month of the year.
Because of Soldiers,
Like the one lying here.

I couldn't help wonder
How many lay alone,
On a cold Christmas Eve,
In a land far from home.

The very thought
Brought a tear to my eye.
I dropped to my knees
And started to cry.

The Soldier awakened
And I heard a rough voice,
"Santa don't cry,
This life is my choice;

I fight for Freedom,
I don't ask for more,
My life is for my God,
My country, my corps."

The Soldier rolled over
And drifted to sleep,
I couldn't control it,
I continued to weep.

I kept watch for hours,
So silent and still
And we both shivered
From the cold night's chill.

I didn't want to leave
On that cold, dark night,
This guardian of honor
So willing to fight.

Then the Soldier rolled over,
With a voice soft and pure.
Whispered, "Carry on Santa,
It's Christmas day, all is secure."

One look at my watch,
And I knew he was right.
"Merry Christmas my friend,
And to all a Good Night !"

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

January – 2003

16-23 Thursday – Thursday, **Research trip to Salt Lake City** with Nancy Bier and Nancy Carlberg. Cost of a shared room with double beds is \$395 per person, at Best Western Plaza Hotel directly across from library. A \$50.00 discount for Queen Mary Seminar attendees will be available. Much assistance from the Nancy-Nancy team will be guaranteed.

26 **BIFHS-USA, General meeting, Topic:** Goal Setting for Genealogists, **1:00 - 3:00 PM**

February – 2003

8 Genealogical Society Of Riverside Annual Seminar, (includes presentation by BIFHS-USA president Nancy Carlberg), Registration \$15, (\$20 at the door), Lunch \$6, Syllabus \$8, Info at: GSOR, PO Box 2557, Riverside, CA 92516-2557

8 West Valley Genealogical Society, Inc., will present its annual seminar, "Meandering Through Colonial North America with your Computer", at the First Presbyterian Church, 12225 North 1103rd Avenue, Sun City, Arizona. For reservation and details contact WVGs, PO Box 1448, Sun City, AZ 85372-1448

15-17 Highland Games at Queen Mary (President's Day Weekend)

23 **BIFHS-USA, General meeting. Topic: Records of the Poor** *Speaker: Kay Ronald Devonshire* has researched her family in England, Scotland, and Ireland with her husband John for thirty-eight years. She is former Program Chair of BIFHS-USA and has been leader of our Scottish Studies Group for three years.

28 SCGS & Family Research Library Presents: 34th Annual Genealogical Jamboree
Information: 818-843-7247 scgs@earthlink.net
www.scgsgenealogy.com

Donation: 1 Day \$12.00, 2 Days \$20.00

Grand Door Prize: 6 nights at Salt Lake Plaza

Hotel. Exhibitors contact Jan Jennings at:

jantj@earthlink.net (Note no Sunday hours)

Friday, February 28, 2003 from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Setup will be on Friday from 8 am to noon.

Saturday, March 1, 2003 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m

Pasadena Convention Center

300 East Green Street @ Marengo

Pasadena, California 91101

March – 2003

8-9 The Los Angeles County Irish Fair & Music Festival at Fairplex, Pomona, CA 10 AM to 7PM.

22 Sonoma County Genealogical Society, CA Annual Spring Seminar at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park. Sharon DeBartolo

March – 2003 (cont'd.)

Carmack is scheduled to be the speaker. Website:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~cascgs/carmack.htm>

23 **BIFHS-USA, General meeting. Topic: What's New in Salt Lake.** *Speaker: Jill Kirby*, Board member and long-time member of BIFHS-USA. Born in Southampton, Hampshire, her search for her ancestors has taken her to Canada, South Africa, Mauritius, New Zealand and Australia.

April - 2003

27 **BIFHS-USA** will host the Seminar, 'Irish At Home And In Colonial America' by Fintan Mullin, Director of Ulster Historical Foundation & Dr. Brian Trainor, Genealogical Research Officer. Subjects will include Scots-Irish in America, The Irish Manuscript Commission, many volumes of Irish histories, plus several volumes on American colonial records and more. Details in coming days. This will be an all day session, there will be a fee, and it will replace the April regular meeting.

May – 2003

28-31 100th Anniversary Conference for the National Genealogical Society will be held in the new Convention Center, hosted by the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society. Contact: Barbara Braden Guffey, (412) 487-3907
guffeyb@sasd.k12.pa.us, www.wpgs.org

September - 2003

3-6 FGS 2003 Conference, **Orlando FL**
Hosted by the Florida State Genealogical Society, Inc. Renaissance Orlando Resort, Seaworld, Orlando, Florida, USA For more information visit www.fgs.org

Oct - 2003

12 **Temecula CA** - Temecula Valley Genealogical Society will be presenting Arlene H. Eakle, Ph.D., in a seminar to be held at Temecula Library, 41000 County Center Drive, Temecula from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Topics will be: Tracing a Pedigree Across Western New York, New Immigration Sources, United States Land and Tax Records, and American Church Records. Also, there will be a silent auction conducted throughout the day. Admission is \$25 or \$38 per couple, and \$35 or \$45 per couple at the door, space permitting. For reservations, send your check to Temecula Valley Genealogical Society, 27475 Ynez Road, Temecula, CA 92591. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m.

September - 2004

8-11 FGS 2004 Conference, **Austin TX**

URLs

Ireland:

- Irish music, midi files and lyrics: <http://www.fiftiesweb.com/stpats/irish.htm>
- Finn Valley, Donegal, a great website with lots of resources: <http://www.finnvalley.ie/home.html>
- Glenfin, Donegal: <http://www.glenfin.com>
- The blessing of the graves, lots of photos too: <http://www.finnvalley.ie/kilteevogue/graves/index.html>
- The History of Ireland in Song: http://www.linuxlots.com/%7Edunne/ireland/A_History_of_Ireland_in_Song.html
- Ireland Parish History Books Page has been updated with new books and more volunteers to do lookups in those books: <http://www.connorsgenealogy.com/books/parishes.html> by: Pat Connors, Sacramento, CA: <http://www.connorsgenealogy.com>
- Antrim County sources for genealogy: http://scripts.ireland.com/ancestor/browse/counties/ulster/index_an.htm
- Civil Parishes of County Antrim: http://www.uhf.org.uk/antrim_map.htm
- Estate Records of County Cork: <http://www.execpc.com/~mcarthey/Irish%20Ancestors/IA-Estate%20records.html>
- Burke's Peerage and Gentry by Nina Hugill: <http://www.burkes-peerage.net>
- Ulster Historical Foundation computerized parish records, providing search service for a fee, see: <http://www.mayo-ireland.ie/Geneal/AntmDown.htm> See <http://tiara.ie/results.htm> for customer comments

Scotland:

- The archives for the SCOTLAND-ROOTS-L@rootsweb.com list are located at: <http://archiver.rootsweb.com/th/index/scotland-roots>
- And searches are located at: <http://searches2.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/listsearch.pl?list=scotland-roots>

Australia & New Zealand:

- Genealogical Research in Australia: <http://www.shoalhaven.net.au/~cathyd/austmenu.html>
- Australian and New Zealand Passenger Lists: <http://www.users.on.net/proformat/auspass.html>
- Convicts transported from Ireland to Australia: <http://www.nationalarchives.ie/search01.html>
- From Barbara Hall's book on Irish Convicts who were transported to New South Wales on the ship "Sugar Cane" in 1793, searchable details incorporated in Web database: <http://www.pcug.org.au/~ppmay>, and searches by individuals or by ship at: <http://www.pcug.org.au/~ppmay/ships.htm> (by Peter Mayberry of Tuggeranong ACT)
- State Records, New South Wales: <http://www.records.nsw.gov.au/>

Canada:

- The National Archives of Canada: <http://www.archives.ca/>
- Canadian Immigration Index: <http://www.inGeneas.com/free/main.html>
- Irish convicts who were abandoned on the shore of Cape Breton Island in December of 1788 by Ron Martell Duncan: <http://onlinehelp.bc.ca/martellfa/extras/convicts.htm>
- "OUT OF IRELAND" was published as a series (45 articles, in all) from June 9 to July 25, 1997 in the TIMES GLOBE of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, and are on-line at: <http://personal.nbnet.nb.ca/rmcusack/OFI/index.html>

England:

- England Genealogical URLs, Searches for: Census, Cemetery, Passenger List, Military, Mormon Records: <http://www.genealogylinks.net/uk/england/>
- **Register and Numeric Index of the Regiments and Corps of the BRITISH ARMY:** <http://regiments.org/milhist/uk/lists/bargxrefn.htm>
- Diana Hanson's Mother Hubbard's Cupboard, England Gen201 (Genealogical Web Course): <http://www.rootsweb.com/~genclass/201/gen201.htm>
- Cemeteries of England: <http://www.interment.net/uk/eng/> (with links to other databases of cemeteries of other countries)

18th Century Scots-Irish Immigration: <http://www.zekes.com/~dspidell/famresearch/ulster.html>

Charlemagne's Descendants, includes George Washington: <http://www.kareldegrote.nl/charlemagne/frame-Charlemagne.htm>

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A Christmas Message from Mary McAleese

From Áras an Uachtaráin in the heart of Dublin, I send warmest Christmas and New Year greetings to every member of the Irish family and to all Ireland's friends, at home and right around the world.

Christmas is a time when we are reminded of the human capacity for goodness, kindness and gentleness. Bethlehem's message to the world two thousand years ago remains as simple, powerful and relevant today as it was then. Humanity flourishes where there is love. Chaos flourishes where it is absent.

This time last year the appalling events of September 11th had cast a bleak shadow over our world. From Bali to Belfast the year 2002 brought its own grim share of the misery that results from runaway hatred and mistrust. Former U.S. President and renowned peacemaker, Jimmy Carter put it well recently in Oslo where he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; he said "We will never learn how to live together in peace by killing each other's children". Let us hope and pray that each day of 2003 will be used to build peace and friendship between nations, peoples and faiths and that more and more people will commit to the vocation of peacemaker whether in the home, the street, the schoolyard, the workplace or in the world of regional and global politics.

We are blessed to have so many dedicated peacemakers on this island. Their work of reconciliation, even through the most difficult of times, has laid the foundations for a future of mutual respect and partnership in place of fear and conflict. Our story brings hope to many other parts of the world still waiting for peace, still waiting for peacemakers.

We are very proud that many members of our Irish family are to be found offering help and hope in distant lands where lives are blighted by war, poverty, natural disasters, corruption and neglect. They will spend Christmas far from home and far from comfort doing what they can to change lives for the better.

Here in Ireland there are many men, women and children within our immigrant communities who want to make good, new lives among us but who will also be feeling lonely and in need of a friend this

Christmas. It is a time of year when our volunteers come into their own, stretching themselves and their resources to bring a bit of comfort and joy to vulnerable families, to the elderly, the homeless, the sick, the unemployed and to all our overlooked and forgotten brothers and sisters. They are surely entitled to our gratitude and encouragement for their selfless dedication.

May each one of us both give and receive the great gift of unselfish love this Christmas and, despite the many ups and downs we face as individuals or as communities, may this be a time of deep, transcendent joy in every heart.

I wish God's blessing on our Irish family and friends and a peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year to you all.

Mary McAleese
President of Ireland

Máire Mhic Ghiolla Íosa

PC Crash Cures

Say you're searching a high-cost, short-term subscription service on the Internet, and your PC freezes. You spent two and one-half hours getting this far, you are 15 layers deep in your search. You get a forever hourglass or you've lost your mouse cursor. What can you do? The following article gives a few options to combating this scenario.

During an on-line crash:

- Try a <CTRL-ALT-DEL>. You will see the file name of the frozen application. All open programs running will be seen and the problematic one will be labeled (Not Responding). I have also seen poorly written software not release memory and in this screen you may see this program open several times. Close the problematic program(s) by highlighting it (them) and clicking 'End Task' button.

Caution: Some programs must be allowed to run at all times. Below is a list of programs which should never be stopped: Windows system files (Systray, Explorer, Rnaap), anti-virus-firewall and any required utility (such as for mouse scrolling or unique video board or other hardware in use).

- Norton System Works has one application called 'CrashGuard'. In many cases of system crashes, it can restore your application. Note, CrashGuard is very effective at dealing with on-line crashes.

- I have also seen Java script errors cause some lock-ups and sometimes a forever hourglass. The forever hourglass is very annoying, but can usually be defeated by running the 'HELP-ABOUT' menu. ('HELP-ABOUT' shows software manufacturer & version control information, version level and date.) Note: Java script errors include improper termination of 'Pop-Up' ads. It is best to let 'Pop-Up' finish loading prior to closing 'Pop-Up' window.

To prevent problems the following is offered:

- Some of the most common causes of PC freezes are lack of resources. To check your system resources, right click 'MyComputer' icon and click on properties. Then click the Performance Tab. Mine says I have 255 MB of RAM and that 72% of my system resources are free. This is an acceptable level of 'available' resources. You can sometimes improve conditions by installing more memory on the motherboard. Some users insist on having a minimum of 512 MB of RAM on motherboard.

- I just did my <CTRL-ALT-DEL> and see I have 14 programs open and running. It would be best if you can keep this number less than 6 or 7. In some cases, your ISP may run some files you really don't need or want. If you can avoid some of these you will free up resources for your ISP software to run more reliably. (Do a minimum application install.)

- Be careful when loading new software, this is usually where most problems begin. The software installation program sometimes assumes that every time you use your PC, you will be using this application. With that simple assumption, this program is run at Start-up.

- Check after installation that your Start-Up menu has not been altered. You can remove unneeded items in your Start-up menu by right clicking that application in your Start-up menu and selecting delete. You will still be able to run your application from START-PROGRAMS menu or from a short cut icon.

- Another offender is Micro-Soft's 'File Find' which is automatically active at system start-up if MS-Office's

'Taskbar' is installed. This application uses too many resources to remain open while trying to be on-line. You are much better off making shortcuts to run your Office applications, and running 'File Find' only when you are looking for a file you can't find, while off-line.

- Other culprits are those cute little TSRs, (Terminate & Stay Resident) programs, like the ones that make those cute little creatures appear on your screen. So, best to check what's open prior to logging on, and terminate program(s) you do not need.

- Hard Drive problems can also cause some problems, usually very slow operation. You need to keep your hard drive about 20% free of data, and remove your temp files (*.CHK, *.TMP, ~*.*, etc.), SCANDISK-DEFRAG the drive regularly (suggest monthly or weekly). You can automatically schedule & run these tasks at night. Empty your trash bin first.

- Virus infestation is the least likely cause of system crashes of the intermittent type. Bad power and poor earth ground integrity can also cause system crashes, but this is not the typical cause of crashes.

BTW, for any of you paranoid types, I do understand that the typical IM (instant message applications such as AOL's IM and shareware ICT) do put your PC into a state that can open it to hackers to access your system. I have never heard of any instances of this occurring though. You would need to be in an 'IM' window in communication with someone, to put your PC in this vulnerable state. Although the fact is, each dial up connection gives you a unique access address, which is impossible to predict or even track. So usually, only high speed internet connections, (Cable, DSL, T1, ISDN, etc.), which have the same IP address always, are prone to this kind of invasion. For high-speed Internet connections the only solution is a hardware firewall.

Although this short note is based on Window95-98 systems, the same principals apply to Windows 2000, ME, NT, & XP systems.

Editor's Note: Remember to back up your data often. CD-R's are an excellent media for backups, low cost and easy to label. Keep all your work in separate folders, keep all of these folders under the 'My Documents' folder and it will be much easier to backup and restore your work. If you do not understand this article, do not attempt these steps, as a little knowledge can be a dangerous thing.

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