



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Sunday, May 25, 2003, 1:00-3:00 PM

USING YOUR COMPUTER FOR GENEALOGY

By: Jim McNamara

Workshop to follow, Q & A for any computer problems or questions. More detailed answers, if you email your questions ahead of time to: JPMTCC@aol.com

Next Month – Sunday, Jun 22, 2003, 1:00-3:00 PM

ILLUSTRATING A FAMILY HISTORY

Ilene will talk about using scanned images and clipart images for illustrating family histories & title pages. She will bring samples of her CDs to sell.

By: Ilene Miller

The Study Group will be the first "Family History Table" presentation by Glen Earl Knoblock.

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:

Did I ever mention what a lucky man I am? I think I have. Back less than a few weeks from the Nancy-Nancy Salt Lake City trip, I just so happen to win an April trip back to SLC, with another society. I really wasn't trying to win, just wanted to help out by buying some of the last remaining tickets. And such bad timing, my company was to move to a new building in that time frame. And still, somehow, the company's move finished the day before Southwest left LAX. I am lucky. The other aspect of bad timing was missing both of BIFHS-USA's special seminars. Regrettable, but unavoidable.

And as I mostly did Pennsylvania research last trip, I had to stay in the basement (level 2) for at least a few days, and do some of that tough British Isles research. I had a few things planned out, some film numbers and ideas written down. The land revisions (Irish cancellation records), the parish marriage register, ancient pedigrees, references, and whatever else popped up. I got the first film, and the idea of making a hundred paper copies at twenty-three cents each just didn't sit too well so I signed up for the film to CD-ROM transfer machine. You can burn about 50-60 frames (TIFF or JPEG images) in a half-hour. And that was the right number for my first townland. A second session for my second townland was arranged. The oldest cancellation record showed my great-great-grandfather Daniel's name crossed out with Margaret written above. Is this my great-great-grandmother? Maybe those parish records will help out. [**Note:** *The CD-RW disks are only \$1.50 each.*]

The Place Names Meanings' book showed Feakle (of Feakle Parish) to mean tooth. It seems the parish has some nameless saint's tooth there. The Dan'l Mac I would be looking for, should have been born before 1841, and should have been married before February of 1864, as his oldest grandson Dan'l was born in November of 1884. A little research showed that Feakle Church construction was completed in 1827, and records were in existence that far back until that fire... And, lest we forget, there are two kinds of luck. The luck of the Irish is that rare kind that works both ways, but mostly the worst kind. The 1827 to 1859 Feakle Parish records burned, and many, many Mac marriages were recorded from 1860 to 1881, but no Dan'ls. And still I copied each page to transcribe. I did find some Dan'l Macs and some Margaret Macs serving as witnesses.

One last source to check for my Irish in Ireland, Father Ignatius Murphy's, *The Diocese of Killaloe* (History), in three volumes gives one last clue. I make a notation in my notebook, Clare Farmer's Club merged with Land League, and wonder whether my Clare Cleary and Mac farmers would have been part of this organization, or would this have been reserved for the very elite farmers? A clue for future searches, and back to US gen. work.

I find my grandfather Dan'l Martin Mac in the naturalization index, and tentatively ask the reference librarian, whether or not there is any chance the actual naturalization record is here? New York, no problem, and out whips the book of naturalization film numbers at SLC. But sorry that is a 'Vault Film'. I check anyway, and these films have all been moved from the vault to floor 2 of SLC FHL. As the index has a certificate number, and these are chronologically issued, it is a few minutes before I am viewing grandpa's NA record. His address is right, this is him, white color, fair complexion, brown hair, blue eyes, 5' 11" and 180 pounds at age 35. He lists his first two children, and I recognize my father's birth date, and some how, grandpa has his year of birth in 1918 instead of 1919. It also shows him leaving Queenstown, Ireland on the vessel Baltic, arriving at port of New York on May 5, 1906.

Time to do passenger records, and in no time I do find my Dan'l in the index but date of arrival is May 5, 1907, and then spend a few hours searching the film for the actual record. I print the record, it is faint, but readable. I learn about grandpa's cousin, Mary Woods of South Lyons, Oakland County, Michigan. Hmm..., will have to look at those census films and find any Woods in 1901 and 1911 in or near Feakle Parish. Another notation for that future research. There is so much more, but I see the bottom of the page, and regrettably, must leave some things for another day.

Jim McNamara

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

President's Message:

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Hi and welcome to Spring. Those who attended our two special presentations know how good and knowledgeable our speakers were, Dr. Brian Trainor and Fintan Mullen from Ireland and Dr. Colin Chapman. Thank you to Nancy Bier for arranging these for us. A special thank you to Dorothy Losee, who we were happy to see up on her feet after several months illness, who checked everyone in at the door. Thank you to all who helped, especially Jason Coleman who was able to get our microphone to work.

Remember several of us will be heading to Salt Lake City in July. If you would like to join us, let Nancy Bier know at nbierirish@aol.com. And remember we love to help you with your research - from any area.

If you would like to be considered for a position on the board, you should also contact Nancy Bier who is heading up our nominating committee for next year. I'm going to be switching to being Seminar chair rather than President next year. We already have our main speaker lined-up. If you would like to be co-chair, just let me know.

Make this the year to get your genealogy material together so that you can get copies to the relatives. This is even more important than gathering the material in the first place - so it doesn't get lost forever. Come to our meeting so we can help you and maybe inspire you.

Your President,

Nancy Ellen Carlberg, President, BIFHS-USA, n_carlberg@hotmail.com, (714) 772-2849

A Letter to the Membership - from Glen Earl Knoblock

In our last newsletter a recommendation was made to provide a FAMILY HISTORY TABLE presentation.

This table would display different applications by members as to how their family histories were formulated into diagrams, books and pictures.

The Board of Directors has approved this recommendation and we will start this activity at the June meeting.

If you wish to participate in any future presentations, please contact me by E-mail gleneark@worldnet.att.net so that we may schedule your presentation.

Glen E. Knoblock, Vice President of Programs, BIFHS-USA

In Memoriam

BIFHS-USA sends our condolences out to long-time member Barbara Stenberg, whose husband passed away on Nov. 24th, 2002. Barbara is head of the organization *Society of Middletown First Settlers Descendants, 1650-1700*. If anyone has ancestors from Middletown, CT, please see their web site at: <http://www.rootsworld.com/~ctsmfsd/Index.html>

ANZAC DAY

(Kate Hudson)

April 25th is the day that all Australians pause to remember the brave men and women who served in the Armed Forces in all fields of battle, not only to protect our country but many others as well. We remember and honour those who died and those who survived.

The Term ANZAC originally stood for Australian and New Zealand Armed Corps – the group of brave men who took part in the Gallipoli Campaign 1915 – a campaign which will go down in history as one of the greatest blunders of all time. It was badly conceived – badly orchestrated by the British High command. The Anzacs were sent to the WRONG beach, one which was heavily fortified by the Turks.

The following is an inscription on a Turkish war memorial at Gallipoli written by Mehmet Akif Ersoy, Turkish poet in the Anzac's honour:

"Stop, passer-by! The earth you have just unknowingly trodden is the spot where an era ended and where the heart of a nation beats".

For those who may want to know more these two sites tell the story fairly well.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/special_report/1998/10/98/world_war_i/203383.stm

http://www.firstworldwar.com/battles/overview_gf.htm

Lest we Forget...

Kate Hudson in Australia, whose great uncle William Daniel Minogue, the youngest son of Irish born parents from Clare, lies buried at Gallipoli. He was only 19.

Editor's note: Thanks to author Kate Hudson who most graciously assented to let this article be reprinted in BIFHS-USA newsletter.

BIFHS-USA Welcomes New Members:

November

- Marietta Watson North Hollywood, CA
- Carol Oliver "Jack" Davenport Middleburg, FL

January

- Marvin Lyddon Chaska, MN
- Brian & Constance Youens Murrieta, CA

February

- Eleanor Nowell Coarsegold, CA
- Pamela Tate Menlo Park, CA
- Barbara Wilks Whittier, CA

March & April

- Gene LePere Los Angeles, CA
- Teryl Ann Nichols Santa Monica, CA
- Sharon Boyd Clark Santa Ana, CA

The Proceedings of the Old Bailey London, 1674 to 1834

A fully searchable online edition of the largest body of texts detailing the lives of non-elite people ever published, containing accounts of over 100,000 criminal trials held at London's central criminal court. Now available: 22,000 trials, from December 1714 to December 1759.

<http://www.oldbaileyonline.org/>

Thanks to Bruce Hamilton, BIFHS Webmaster for the Old Bailey URL

Remember to bring Nancy lots of sugar cookies!

Annie Lloyd's Page

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the following:

- Scottish databases - <http://scotsfind.org/>
This website contains Scottish genealogical records. Free access to all databases in PDF format. ScotsFind databases include South Leith Records compiled from the parish registers for 1588-1700.

Commissariat Record of Edinburgh Register of Testaments 1514-1600, 1897 (from all of Scotland); Edinburgh Marriage Register, 1595-1800; Consitorial Processes and Decrees, 1658-1800 (court cases relating to marriage, legitimacy, divorce, etc.), and a great deal more.

In this example Scottish Marriages at:
http://scotsfind.org/marriages_access/marriages.pdf

Using the PDF search option, you can also check by the regiment's number, or just the word 'soldier'. Many deceased officers, fathers of the daughter or bride listed, with no regiment number or name given.

Website on British clothes (Medieval, etc.):
www.reconstructinghistory.com/celtic/patter

LIVERPOOL LIBRARY TO BECOME HUGE VIRTUAL ARCHIVES BY 2007

A plan unveiled this month by Liverpool's Central Library may be England's answer to the United States' Family History Library. The Central Library will spend 40 million pounds (about \$64 million) to digitize millions of archive files and to create a 21st-century heritage center. Digital archives will include Liverpool's charter, birth certificates, school registers, emigration information and much more. It will cost about 10 million pounds (\$16 million) to make the files available on the Internet.

The new heritage center will allow people all over the world to access their family histories online. Both projects should be complete by

2007, Liverpool's 700th anniversary. Visit: <http://www.europemedia.net> for further details on this story. For more information on the Liverpool Central Library, go to: <http://www.liverpool.gov.uk> Click on 'A to Z Council Services', then 'Libraries'. Under 'How to Find Us', click on 'Central Library'.

- Where to Write for Vital Records:
<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/howto/w2w/w2welcom.htm>

- Death Certificates, Registration and Resources
<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/specialoffers.asp?EMandc032703>
<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/specialoffers.asp?EMandr032703>
<http://www.familytreemagazine.com/specialoffers.asp?EMadre032703>

- RootsWeb Guide to Tracing Family Trees
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson4.htm>

- Death Index Resources
<http://www.genealogytoday.com/topics/deaths.htm>

- 'Your Ancestors at War', track your military ancestors through the Revolutionary War, the Civil War and World War I at these comprehensive databases:
<http://familytreemagazine.com/articles/apr03/50bestmilitary.html>

- Emigrants from England, 1773-1776
Search this index with more than 6,000 names for ancestors that immigrated from England to the United States:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ote/ships/english1773-76a.htm>

- Canadian Family History, links to many relevant sites for Canadian genealogical research:
<http://culturecanada.gc.ca/chdt/interface/interface2.nsf/eng/docBasic/8.3.html>

- Free Search of British Columbia death archives for a certificate(s) of death:
<http://search.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/sn-5ABEA78/gbsearch/Deaths>

- The Manitoba Vital Statistics Department has created a database that's free to search. Visit <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/cca/vital/index.html> to find records for births that took place before 1903, marriages that occurred before 1923 and deaths that go back more than 70 years. You can order certificates or certified copies for \$25 online, by fax (204) 948-3128, or by mail (254 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, MB, R3C 0B6).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May – 2003

- 17 'Journals of Another Generation', discovering and preserving your family history through documents, quilts, and photographs. Contact Donna Cuillard (805) 526-1983
- 20-31 Ten Days of Gardens and Genealogy in Ireland Contact Nancy Bier at nbierirish@aol.com or at www.timetraveltours.com
- 25 **BIFHS-USA general meeting**, 'Using your computer for genealogy' and 'Q & A Computer Workshop' by Jim McNamara, see page 1.
- 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

June – 2003

- 5-8 Third Annual North American Sheepdog Championship and Scottish Festival, sponsored by Drummand Ranch at Historic Fillmore, CA, see: www.herdingusa.com
- 14-15 The Irish Fair and Music Festival will be at Woodley Park, Encino. from 10 AM to 7 PM
- 22 **BIFHS-USA general meeting**, 'Illustrating your family history' by Ilene Miller, with Study Group by Glen Earl Knoblock, 'Family History Table', see page 1.
- 21-22 San Diego Scottish Highland Games & Gathering of the Clans, Brengle Terraec Park, 1200 Vale Terrace Drive, Vista, CA, Free concert, Friday, June 20th – 7 PM at the Moonlight Amphitheater See: www.sdhighlandgames.org
- 28 8th Yorkshire Family History Fair, York Racecourse (Knavesmire Exhibition Centre) 10AM to 4:30PM. The largest Family History event in the UK ! Contact Mr. A. Sampson, 1 Oxbang Close, Redcar, Cleveland TS10 4ND England. Tel: (01642) 486615

July – 2003

- 13-20 **BIFHS-USA Summer trip to Salt Lake City.** Contact Nancy Bier at nbierirish@aol.com. Please join us. Flyers at the meeting and next newsletter.
- 19 Sixth Annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival, at Thorpe Park in Flagstaff, AZ. Sponsored by: The Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society. Saturday July 19, 2003 from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- 27 **BIFHS-USA general meeting, TBA**

August – 2003

- 2-3 Third Annual Long Beach Celtic Music Festival by the Sea, Sat. 11 AM - 8 PM, Sun. 10 AM - 7 PM, at the Queen Mary Events Park.
- 8 President Nancy Carlberg's birthday !!!
- 24 **BIFHS-USA, general meeting, TBA**

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
- 8-29 Ireland Genealogy Research Trip, contact Nancy Bier at nbierirish@aol.com or at www.timetraveltours.com
- 28 **BIFHS-USA, general meeting, TBA**
BIFHS-USA WELSH STUDY GROUP led by Annie Lloyd, *Topic: TBA*
- 29 Ulster Historical Foundation Tour of Ireland

October –2003

- 4 Contact Nancy Bier at nbierirish@aol.com
- 18 All Clan Picnic, Craig Regional Park, 10AM - ? 3300 N. State College Blvd., Fullerton CA, contact Ralph Day (760) 535-2407, Park Fee is \$4.00
- 26 **BIFHS-USA, general meeting, TBA**

November – 2003

- 23 **BIFHS-USA, general meeting, TBA**

December – 2003

- 5 **BIFHS-USA, Holiday Party, 5:30PM**

Los Angeles Family History Center Requests Missing Issues

The Los Angeles Family History Center is filling in missing issues and needs your help.

The LA Family History Center is missing some issues of Family History News & Digest. If you can help fill in the blanks with donations, it would be appreciated: Vol. 1 #2; Vol. 5 # 3, 4; Vol. 9 # 1, 2, 4; Vol. 10 # 3, 4, Vol. 11 # 3, 4; Vol. 12 #2.

Other periodicals are needed, see Center for details.

Books, CDs, Fiche, Films, and other donations are always welcome !!!

URLs

Ireland:

- PRONI has 1910 Covenant images online in a searchable database. Database is searchable by name, address, and more.
<http://www.proni.gov.uk/ulstercovenantsearch/index.asp>
- On-line map site, with maps contributed by genealogists: <http://www.yourmapsonline.org.uk>
- Thaddeus Breen's website, lists various journals and articles. Breen's website for County Louth Archaeological and Historical Journal: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~tbreen/Journals/Louth.html>
- With an index of journals: <http://www.xs4all.nl/~tbreen/journals.html>
- Extensive lists of web sites, timeline of epidemics around the world, 19th century photography for genealogists. How to do tombstone rubbings, deciphering old handwriting, and Irish ship lists, famine ships, passenger arrivals, catalog of NARA microfilm publications at: <http://www.svpal.org/~colleeng/connacht/frame.html>
- Newspapers articles: <http://www.webone.com.au/~nickred/>
- Irish names, by Martin Sheerin with the help of fellow Irishman, Frank McCourt, Pulitzer prize-winning author of "Angela's Ashes," offer you 200 names for baby boys and girls: <http://www.BabyNamesOfIreland.com>

County Clare Library, Irish land divisions explained:

http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/history/territorial_divisions/units_land_measurement.htm

Jane Lyons' From Ireland Site;

- Place name index, based on place names as mentioned in Gravestone Transcriptions, all spellings as they were, and the graveyards that these place names were mentioned in: <http://www.from-ireland.net/graves/wex/placenames.htm>
 - Ten additional graveyard indices have been added with surnames and given names:
<http://www.from-ireland.net/contents/wexfordconts.htm>
- Birth, marriage, and death reference indices have been updated and are accessible from contents page.
- Military Indices at the National Archives of Ireland, the general title is 'Index of Official Papers'. A work in progress, and has not been checked against the original. As it stands, it simply gives the researcher an idea of a resource that is not mentioned or rarely mentioned in lists of Irish genealogical resources:
<http://www.from-ireland.net/history/allcounties/1832military.htm>

Australia:

- Cemetery transcripts from the town of Collector, New South Wales. Many Irish with origins were named, one a policeman shot by a bush ranger. - http://gundaroo.alphalink.com.au/genealogy/cemeteries/coll_ac/coll_ac.txt

New Orleans, USA:

- Transcriptions of people admitted to Charity Hospital in the 1850s. As New Orleans was a major immigration port, many people from Ireland settled there, or just passed through en route to their final destinations in US. To date, 3400 names from January and February have been transcribed, many individuals from County Down, Ireland have been found.
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/la/orleans.htm>
- URLs for these January and February hospital records are:
<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/la/orleans/charityhos/chafeb51.txt>
<ftp://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/la/orleans/charityhos/chajan51.txt>

Even if you do not connect to any of these names, you might want to visit this site anyway, as hundreds of thousands of vital records, immigration records, complete city directories listed by name and then separately by address (for 1811, 1822, 1832, 1842, and 1851), American Civil War draft records, lists of victims of various yellow fever epidemics, cemetery records, and tens of thousands of obits are posted here. Thanks to Colleen Fitzpatrick, Co-Coordinator of Orleans Parish (New Orleans, Louisiana) Rootsweb Site for her hard work associated with this site. She can be contacted at CFitzp@aol.com.

Please contribute sites & info to: JPMTCC@aol.com

GenCircles – Global Tree Project

GenCircles is a fairly new website with many records (more than 45 million). I did find some of my HANNA(H)s there, with very little effort. Some of the innovative techniques being used, include symbols and icons that let the user know at a glance which records include sources, notes, additional individuals – both ancestors or descendants. I am copying large amounts of data directly from the site, with permission of site's owner-developer, Cliff Shaw, who is quite young (24 years old). Cliff claims that your data will always be free, and that records he has on site have been uploaded by the site's users. It is a way to protect your data, and an easy way to help researchers find you more easily. The following excerpts are from Gen Circles, at: <http://www.gencircles.com/>

Who are you?

Cliff: I am a 24-year-old genealogist who lives in Boulder, Colorado. I've been a computer nerd since I was 6, a genealogist since I was 15, and a web developer since I was 17. I started GenForum when I was a sophomore at the University of Colorado because I saw huge need for better online communications between genealogists. While in college, I worked tirelessly to make GenForum a success (even sometimes at the expense of school). While I didn't have any idea how I was going to keep paying to maintain the web site, I did know that I was onto something big. In just under a year, GenForum grew from nothing to a site that attracted tens of millions of page views per month. Today, GenForum has over 10 million messages posted on it and is the largest genealogy community on the Internet. Eventually GenForum grew to such a size that it no longer needed me and it was time for me to move onto to something else. This is when I conceived of GenCircles.

Why did you build GenCircles?

Cliff: Ever since I started researching my family history, I've seen ways that online genealogy could be done better. GenForum was my attempt at making it easier for genealogists to communicate. GenCircles is my attempt to make the search for ancestors faster and more efficient. I saw too much wasted effort in people tirelessly searching for the same ancestors over and over. This led me to invent SmartMatching. SmartMatching links ancestors in

your file with the same ancestor in other people's files. By allowing you to see all these connections up front, it saves you the Herculean task of searching for all the individuals in your database. The technology has an incredible level of accuracy. Don't confuse SmartMatching with any other technology that claims to "match" ancestors. They just aren't the same.

How does a single person invent SmartMatching and not some giant corporation with hundreds of employees?

Cliff: Determination! I invented SmartMatching over Christmas of 2000. Deep in the cold of winter, man has little to do but sit in his office. I pretty much locked myself in there until I had something that was better and more accurate than anything anyone had ever seen. The feedback I've gotten is amazing.

Why did you wait 18 months to tell us this?

Cliff: Because so many people knew who I was from my work on GenForum, I feared that people might be confused between GenCircles and GenForum. I wanted GenCircles to stand on its' own and be judged separately from my previous work. Another reason is because the genealogy industry can be fiercely competitive. My experience with GenForum taught me that if you make something great, it won't be long before others copy you. I was worried that if some of the big names in genealogy knew I was behind GenCircles (knowing what I did with GenForum), they might copy my ideas before GenCircles even had a chance to become a success.

Who else is affiliated with GenCircles?

Cliff: GenCircles isn't affiliated with anyone. While we are open to working with other companies that equally treat their users with respect, we are not currently involved with any genealogy company whatsoever. GenCircles is also not for sale.

Who else works with you?

Cliff: Kevin Mills is our "customer service" guy and is in charge of all email correspondence. He's been a real help to me even though he's only able to work a few hours a week.

What can we expect from GenCircles in the future?

I have a very exciting project in the works that I think will be the answer to genealogists' prayers. Look for announcements about it on the web site in late Summer. Other than that, GenCircles will continue to improve and grow, all while staying free to use.

How can GenCircles afford to stay alive?

Cliff: I personally fund GenCircles and will continue to do so. No matter what, GenCircles will go on being a free genealogy site and won't go back on ANY of its promises (GenCircles won't sell data on CD's, etc. Read more in the [GenCircles Promise](#)). Even if I get down to my last penny, I will keep GenCircles running and running free like it is now. I will shut the site down before I would ever start charging for it.

In closing, I'd just like to say thank you to all those who believed in my projects over the years. Without your support, nothing I've done would have become a success. I am going to keep working hard to make online genealogy better and more innovative! Thanks for your support.

What did you come up with next?

Cliff: Our next feature is called Real-Time Internet Publishing. If you decide to backup your file using Real-Time Internet Backup, then you have the option to also have it published. Your file would be published on GenCircles. It would work the same as all the other files on GenCircles. Plus, it will keep your file up-to-date automatically for you. You don't need to update your file by re-exporting a GEDCOM file and waiting for it to upload. Instead, Real-Time Internet Publishing makes changes to your published copy as you make them within Family Tree Legends. The server will respect any privacy flags you have set on your file and not publish that data. Keep in mind that this feature is completely optional.

Editor's note: *This site may be the single most innovative genealogical site in recent times. GenCircles represents the future of genealogical publishing, data backup, intuitive use of databases. It was a pleasure to visit this site, and without making any kind of endorsement, this editor encourages you to visit the GenCircles site.*

A Belated St Patrick's Greeting from Ireland's President Mary McAleese

Every year the President shares St Patrick's Day wishes with the Irish around the world. This is her 2003 greeting.

Beannachtaí na Feile Pádraig oraibh go leir. Warmest greetings to Irish people around the world on St. Patrick's Day.

On this day of celebration we honour Ireland's great patron St. Patrick and remember with gratitude the legacy of a man who came among us as an unwelcome stranger. Today his name carries our island's culture and identity to virtually every corner of the earth and in his name people around the world, with and without Irish ancestry, will gather as we do, to commemorate his Feast Day.

Through our annual celebrations we confirm the importance of those unique links of friendship which Ireland is privileged to have, the care of which falls to each successive generation. St. Patrick's Day challenges us to focus on the qualities and values that make us proud to be Irish. Our celebrations around the world with such a huge shared effort exemplify our love of country, culture, heritage and hospitality. May they lift hearts, create happy memories and inspire us to renew Patrick's vision for Ireland as a generous, tolerant, inclusive and peaceful place.

I extend my very best wishes to Irish people everywhere for a most enjoyable celebration of this special day. Go neirí go geal libh.

MARY McALEESE

PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

Thanks to Terry McVeigh for the following information:

There are at least two long-running radio shows in Los Angeles with a British Isles basis.

- The Irish Hour - Sunday, 2:00-3:00 p.m., 1190 AM (Irish music and news) followed immediately by,
- Cynics Choice - Sunday, 3:00-4:00 p.m., 1190 AM (British comedy)

From:

British Isles FHS –USA

2531 Sawtelle Blvd., PMB #134
Los Angeles, CA 90064-3124

May/June – 2003 Newsletter
"First Class"

To:

Please look at mailing label for your membership expiration date. Renew promptly to save the Society money. Individual membership is \$25; family membership is \$30. Thanks, Editor

BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY – USA

2531 Sawtelle Blvd. PMB#134, Los Angeles, CA 90064-3124

ALL MAIL MUST BE ADDRESSED TO: British Isles FHS-USA,
attention: person you wish to receive the correspondence.

"The PMB#134" and Zip+4, must be used.

(We use the "#" instead of "Box No" in order to receive UPS Deliveries)

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