



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Sunday, 23 May 2004, 1:00-3:00 PM

Finding Your English Roots - Eve Savage

Study Group 3:30-5:00 PM

Computer Research - Nancy Carlberg

Demonstration of the computer programs mentioned at the April meeting using family group sheets provided by the members
(Don't forget to bring a family group sheet with you.)

Next Month – Sunday, 27 June 2004, 1:00-3:00 PM

The Wild Geese in Support of the Crown - Lew Carlson

Study Group 3:30-5:00 PM

Answers to your genealogical questions – Panel Discussion

Please submit your questions in advance to Nancy Carlberg at: n_carlberg@hotmail.com
(Please include BIFHS-USA in subject line of message, thanks)

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: Sometimes, I am blessed with glimpses and vistas into other cultures. Last month I attended a Buddhist funeral service for my co-worker's mother-in-law. It is interesting to note, us people share common experiences. Each of us will lose people we love during our lives. Why should this experience be any different for anyone? Why should we expect any less? As the only non-Asian in attendance, I was a bit apprehensive about sticking around. But, what was different here? I was greeted by the family at the door, "Please come in and sign our guest book.". "Are you?..." I quickly volunteered I was a friend of Minh and June. I was given a large memorial card for So Thi Nguyen (1922-2004). The card was very detailed, her life story was on page 2. A quick summary: She was born in a small village (Binh Luc) in South Vietnam, her father was one of the top local politicians. When she was 22, her first husband and father were murdered during the anti-government movement. She was abducted, and eventually released to care for her two children. She met her future husband, and had 10 more children with him. After the fall of Saigon in 1975 her children came to Orange County, CA and she followed in 1989. Page 3 is a summary of all her children's families, spouses, and her grandchildren. Page 4 is a list of people the family acknowledges and thanks for their prayers and support. *[If this was your family, it would be an excellent starting point for family history research.]*

More and more people arrive. At So Thi's dying request, all of her children have worn plain black clothes, and the traditional white mourning band (around their heads). There are so many flowers there. The family and friends stop at a small altar. It has So Thi's picture prominently displayed. Each person lights an incense stick, and bows with it held to their forehead, and place it before her picture. They walk reverently before the open casket and say a short prayer before sitting down.

The eldest brother gives a moving eulogy, mostly in Vietnamese, but with some token English. I am grateful for that. He sings and is moved to tears, and introduces the next brother, the next daughter and daughter-in-law. So many eulogies, so many stories. It is no wonder it is being video taped; the daughters are in the back preparing food and would miss the words otherwise. Eventually, a daughter comes to the podium, her very small and playful daughter (Koriane) in tow giggling. She announces that this was her mother's favorite grandchild, and she will sing her grandmother's favorite songs as she always did each night they were together. Even though the child is only four or five, she is singing in Vietnamese, in near perfect pitch, and she doesn't miss a word...it is all on tape. What a wonderful gift this will be for all those grandchildren, great and great-great-grandchildren yet to come who will someday see this video.

The woman's elderly husband is helped to the podium wearing his white mourning band around his arm. One son explains in English who he is, and that they have made him promise and now he must repeat his promise, that he will continue to take care of himself to the best of his ability. He will offer his life to his wife's memory and continue to live for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren yet to come as family patriarch. He is sincere, he is happy, he says his life was a good one because of his wife. It is a very short statement, but very direct and powerful. He slowly is led back to his chair.

A Buddhist monk finally arrives and after a few words begins the ceremonies. He leads the family in prayers. The prayers are very long, more than an hour, with the mourners kneeling for long periods on the bare floor. Eventually, the prayers are finished. Then the congregation and the family parade past the open casket for one final good-bye, and exit the temple. After a few last private moments for the family, the casket is closed and a large procession led by So Thi's family, exits the temple. At the end of the procession, white-gloved pallbearers, all sons and son-in-laws, pull the casket to the gravesite.

It has been a long day for me. I say goodbye as it is now about 4 PM and I have skipped breakfast and lunch. Monday I learned it was another hour of ceremonies before the casket is lowered into the ground. My first Buddhist funeral, one with no expense spared, one that will live long and well in the memories of many.

Best regards to all,

Jim McNamara

Any and all comments are always welcome. JPMTCC@aol.com

President's Message:

Many thanks to those who worked at Jamboree this year. Dorothy Losee was there the whole time, helping spur on a willing crew. Next year's dates are already set (15-16 April 2005 at the Burbank Hilton) so mark your calendar. Twice as much space for vendors next year. And thank you to Terry Brown who has been calling in the credit card orders and processing the checks (including all of the renewals we received after we sent out reminders). Thank you to Clyda Murray who went with me to the Utah Genealogical Association Convention in Salt Lake to sell books also (the week before the Jamboree). I'm not sure either one of us has recovered from both events yet. The next event coming up for sales will be the FGS Convention in Austin, Texas from 8-11 Sep 2004. Are any of you going? Would you like to help out in the booth? I'll be driving there if anyone needs a ride.

Remember to get your U.S. research done as fast as possible. There are movements afoot to destroy records in many states - Texas has recalled the vital records films containing any birth and death dates after 1930 - but that includes all of the marriage records back to the original dates too as they are on the same films. So Texas researchers are going to be out of luck (my prayers are with you). We don't know which state will be next. Good luck on your other research.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ellen Carlberg

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***Special thanks to our Jamboree crew:** Dorothy Losee, Annabelle Farago, Wilber Wright, Pat Sorteberg, Clyda Murray, Glen Knoblock, Barbara Darling, Jill Kirby, Mary McKinnon, Lydia Jeffrey, Sharon Ford, Janet Thomas, Fran Bumann, Beverly Truesdale, & Elaine Kaiser*

EVENTS SCHEDULE

North San Diego County Genealogical Society [NSDCGS]

& NSDCGS Computer Oriented Genealogical Group [COGG - see page 11 for program details]

- NSDCGS Business and Sharing Meeting Tues - May 11 - 10 AM
- COGG - Tues - May 11 - 1 PM - Family Web Sites, Tom Underhill - Carlsbad City Council Chamber - Free - Marilyn Hoffman - mfhoff@msn.com
- NSDCGS - Sat - May 15 - 9 AM to 4 PM - Duplicate Genealogy Book Sale - Carlsbad Cole Library, 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad - Free - Marilyn Hoffman - mfhoff@msn.com
- NSDCGS - Tues - May 25 - 10 AM - Gen & the CA Gold Rush - Phyllis Young - Carlsbad City Council Chamber - Free ? - Marilyn Hoffman - mfhoff@msn.com
- NSDCGS Business and Sharing Meeting Tues - June 8 - 10 AM
- COGG - Tues - June 8 - 1 PM - Accessing Old Photographs on the Internet - Nancy Hendrickson - Free - Marilyn Hoffman - mfhoff@msn.com
- NSDCGS - Tues - June 22 - 10 AM - Geopolitical Changes - Larry Nederlof - Carlsbad City Council Chamber - Free - Marilyn Hoffman - mfhoff@msn.com
- NSDCGS Business and Sharing Meeting Tues - July 13 - 10 AM
- COGG - Tues - July 13 - 1 PM - When to Upgrade Your Computer - Panel Discussion - Carlsbad City Council Chamber - Free - Marilyn Hoffman - mfhoff@msn.com

BIGRA

- BIGRA - Wed - May 12 - 10 AM - English Census Records - June Hanson - SD FHC, 4195 Camino del Rio South - Free - Marilyn Hoffman - mfhoff@msn.com
- BIGRA - Wed - May 19 - 11:30 AM - Annual British Tea, Fund Raiser for SD FHC - \$7.50 - St Dunstons Episcopal Church, 6556 Park Ridge Blvd, San Diego - Sandy Miller 619 465-0266 or June Hanson 619 583-8352
- BIGRA - Wed - May 26 - 10 AM - Householders' Index - Mary Russell - SD FHC - Free - Marilyn Hoffman mfhoff@msn.com
- BIGRA - Sat - Jun 26 - 9 AM to noon - Finding Your Ancestors in England - Beth McCarty - Joyce Beers Comm. Center - Marilyn Hoffman - mfhoff@msn.com

Editor's Note: Thanks to my good friend Jane for permission to print this great descriptive article on using GRO-Dublin in person. Jane is the moderator of the following Irish Genealogy Internet Lists:

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Jane is also founder, creator, and webmaster of the 'From-Ireland' web site. It is a very good site, having many source references and actual records for Irish researchers: <http://www.from-ireland.net/>

A Visit to the GRO-Dublin (General Registrar's Office)

By: Dr. Jane Lyons

The GRO - a place where so many end up trying to trace some information on their ancestors when they come to Ireland.

The address:

Joyce House, 8-11 Lombard Street, Dublin 2.

It's actually a few minutes walk from Trinity College...and everyone can find Trinity College - it's round the corner and down the road from the back entrance to that. Close to the National Art Gallery - and that's close to the National Library. All are pretty much in the city centre. No need for taxis, or buses or anything like that - a bit of shanks mare and you're on the ball :-)

OK, so, you walk down the road and you get to the door and it's about 9.30 AM, (almost opening time), - or it could be 15 minutes before opening time. If you're not like me...and there is a queue going back down the street half a mile or maybe just half a block or a whole block, I do exaggerate a wee bit at times.

Anyway, you - the family history researcher - you don't have to join that queue...you go to the other side of the door - where, there may be a little queue - maybe two or three people in front of you who already know the ropes.

So, the door opens - the security man/clerk comes out and instructs those in the research queue to go in the door first. You don't need a ticket like all those other poor sods in that mile long queue. You don't

even need to ask for instructions, (you'll have mine in your back pocket, if not your hand. :-)) You go in through the door and right in front of you is another double door...through that, take a left, up the stairs, to the first floor, take a right and then through another set of double doors. Straight in front of you is the research room. In through that door (single one this time) you go and then look to your left. Down there is the magic counter - on the shelves behind that counter are all those BMD indices. On that counter are two types of forms. One to be filled in to request a set of index books and then the other kind is for when you find a reference that you want to get a photocopy of.

So, take the index request form and fill it out. You tick off the Birth, Marriage or Death index box - depending on which set of indices you want to look at. Now, don't stick to the absolute certainty that you are going to find that reference in the first book that you look at - the year you were told the event was registered or happened - make sure to check the five years that you are allowed. Say you were told that so and so was born in such and such a place in 1890. Fill out your form for the two years before and two years after. 1888-1892. Take the year you were told that the event happened. Check that year - by the 1890's the books are divided into four quarters, each quarter is indexed alphabetically - so, you look at one quarter and don't find the reference - or even if you do - then look to the second quarter and the third and the fourth. Don't forget to check the back of the book in case it was, or there is a late registration for that name and surname.

Who knows, you might find that three people of that same name were registered in the year you are interested in. If you know what part of Ireland they were born in, then that should make it easy enough. But if you don't - then you really need to purchase a photocopy for every reference you find and from there it's a case of what you do know and being able to eliminate some of those records on the basis of the rest of the information not fitting in.

But do you know what? Even if you find three people of that name registered in the very year you are interested in, it's still best to check the two indices that you have for the two years before and the two years afterwards. Just write down the references for yourself, and keep them to one side.

In between, once you have your first set of references from the year you are interested in - well, then, up to that counter you go and then take a handful of those photocopy request forms. On to them, you fill in the information required...tick of the box - whether it's birth, marriage or death that you want - fill in the persons name, the registration district, the volume, the page number, the quarter - all of that is listed in a straight line on the index book. Fill in what you can see in front of you, write down your name, and then go up to the desk. You may or may not have to join a queue again...hand that form along with another Euro 1.90 to the clerk behind the desk - wait for your change and receipt if you haven't handed him the exact money and then sit back down again and wait.

The waiting time, that's when you go through those other books you have, keeps you occupied and keeps you from biting your nails. When you hear your name being called - usually takes ten minutes to half an hour - you run back up to the person with those little slips of precious paper and say thanks - and you look at them.

Now - this part is VERY important. Quite often the writing on those slips of paper is very difficult to read. If you can't read something...you absolutely make sure to go back up to the desk and join as long a queue as it takes and ask the clerk - 'Please can you help me with this?'

The people behind that desk/counter - They are the nicest people in the world and they will help when they can. It's amazing some of the things they can read - it's 'cos they're faced with these bits of paper every day of the week - experience is a great thing.

You are allowed to order 7 photocopies on any one day - after that, you can put in as many requests as you want to be posted out to you. Of course, that's not working all that well these days with our postal 'dispute' - but then give it a week or so and things may be back to normal.

There are two kinds of searches you can pay for. You can pay to have access to all indices for one day or you can pay on a five-year basis. I really think that the all day access is only worth paying for when you get in there early in the morning. After that I guess it's 50:50 as to whether you will get through whatever number of sets of five years that would make up the cost of a full days search. To search

through five years of indices will cost you Euro 1.90 and I don't know what a full day's search is in Euro. I haven't done one in a long time.

I'll honestly say this - the people behind the desk - the men, women...well, they are really very nice - there's not one that I'd ever describe as being cranky these days. Sometimes, the office is very busy and they can really only give you a minutes help - other days, it's not so busy and then they can give you much more time if you need it. At all times they are courteous and nice to those on the research side of the counter.

I think, maybe one of my nicest experiences in the GRO was recently. There was a couple in front of me, they had English accents, it was just before St. Patrick's Day. There was no clerk about so, while we waited for someone to appear, I realised that they didn't really know what they were doing so I gave them this bit of spiel...do this that and the other. The lady explained to me that she had been adopted, and was looking for her mothers birth registration and that was that. I did tell her that the name could be a bit different than what she had. The first name - but her mother had a second name too and I said to keep an eye out for that second letter even if the first was different

Later, I saw them standing there. She had this bit of paper in her hand and she was crying. He had his arm around her and I caught his eye, so I went up and talked to them for a minute - then they left. Anyway, about half an hour later they came back and sat beside me and she wanted to tell me a bit of a story. Her story...it was an amazing story...it's not the fact that I gave them a bit of advice or her story that made it one of my nicest experiences...it was the way he looked at her as she talked.

All I could think of was wow...look at how much he adores her - it's just written all over his face...isn't that magic, isn't it wonderful.

So - sometimes a visit to the GRO turns out to be much more than you'd expect.

We'll go to the National Library, and a few more places over the next while...

Jane :-)

BOOKSHELF

By: Nancy Bier

For general family research in the British Isles, I keep the following on a bookshelf near the computer:

A GENEALOGIST'S GUIDE TO DISCOVERING YOUR ENGLISH ANCESTORS, By: Paul Milner & Linda Jonas. Pub. By: Betterway Books.

I regard this as the best book for beginners living in America who want to be able to do much of their research at or near their home. The book is a case history of research into an English family and how it was traced using records filmed by the LDS church. Those records are available through Salt Lake and in Family History Centers systems nationwide.

TRACING YOUR ENGLISH ANCESTORS, By: Colin D. Rogers. Pub. By: Manchester Press, England. 1989

This book analyzes problems in research from 1538 to the present. Then you would find the source on film in the LDS system if possible. If it has not been filmed you will either get to go to England or will be better able to hire someone in England to do that piece of research for you.

THE FAMILY HISTORIAN'S ENQUIRE WITHIN, By: Pauline Saul. 5th edition, Pub. By: the Federation of Family History Societies. This book is available through them. This book goes everywhere with me. It is written like a dictionary in that it gives you a word, source, term, or record and then tells you what it is and where you can find it.

FOR REFERENCE:

ANCESTRAL TRAILS, By: Mark D. Herber. Pub. By: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1998. Published through the Society of Genealogists, this book is best used as a reference book although it is a guide through research. Almost every subject useful in genealogical research is covered and it will be of definite help to the advanced researcher. Basic records are well covered and topics such as local and social history, property records, shipping and seamen, and insurance records are also covered. The book is costly but worth it for those who really want to find English ancestors.

GENEALOGICAL RESOURCES IN ENGLISH REPOSITORIES, By: Joy Wade Moulton. Pub. By: Hampton House, Columbus, Ohio. 1988.

Once you have determined you need a particular record you must find where it is located. This volume will give you that information.

The Following Contributions By: Annie Lloyd

TRACING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY IN HERTFORDSHIRE, edited by Margaret Ward. This is an introduction to what family historians will need to know in order to trace their ancestry in Hertfordshire. 168 p., \$29.95, Pub. By: University of Hertfordshire Press.

TWISTED SISTERS, WOMEN, CRIME AND DEVIANCE IN SCOTLAND SINCE 1400, edited by Yvonne Galloway Brown and Rona Ferguson. 212 p., \$23.95, Pub. By: Tuckwell Press, Ltd.

GWENT IN PREHISTORY AND EARLY HISTORY, Volume 1, edited by Miranda Green and Ray Howell. Covers a period in early Wales from the Paleolithic period to the Norman Conquest. This book tells about the beginnings of organized farming and the importance of Norman influences. 304 p., \$65.95, Pub. By: University of Wales Press.

All of the above books can be ordered from:
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CONDOLENCES:

BIFHS-USA is saddened to learn of the death of **Charles McDonald**. Thanks to Nancy Bier for the following:

Charles McDonald, Chuck, a founding member of our BIFHS and the first member of the Irish Study Group passed away on March 27th, 2004 at his home. Services were private for the family.

Chuck suffered for many years from cancer but, being Irish, always had hope. He was the tall, good-looking Irishman who attended our Irish meetings until his last one in November. Margie, his wife is an "Irish lass", and both have pursued their Irish heritage with great interest. I know that they both enjoyed their many trips to Ireland over the past years. Chuck never missed an Irish meeting if he could help it and was a great supporter of Irish research. He will be missed.

Thanks to BIFHS Treasurer Terri Brown for the following:

British Archives Call for Expansion of Services

Note: The following article is from *Eastman's Online Genealogy Newsletter* and is copyright 2004 by Richard W. Eastman. It is re-published here with the permission of the author. Information about the newsletter is available at: <http://www.eogn.com>

In contrast to the previous article, a report from the influential British government Archives Task Force published this week calls for new measures to expand access to archives through an online Archives Gateway.

The report, *Listening to the Past, Speaking to the Future*, comes at a time when genealogy use of the UK's archives is at an all-time high. It points to ways in which access to these resources can be developed.

According to this report, individuals make more than 1.5 million visits per year to archives, and 75% of those visitors are undertaking private or personal research. Seventy-two percent of users see archives as a way of strengthening family or community identity, and there were 85 million information requests handled by the National Archives websites in 2002/2003. In the last 10 years,

demand for archives has grown by over 50%.

In contrast to recently-reported actions from other archives and libraries, the *Listening to the Past, Speaking to the Future* report strongly encourages the expansion of services to individuals, especially to genealogists. The report calls for new measures to broaden access to archives for people from all walks of life. Its key recommendation is for an easily-accessible online Archives Gateway which would revolutionize access to and participation in archives. The Archives Gateway would lead people of all ages and knowledge to archival content of interest and support them in creating their own documentary records.

Copies of the report are available at:
<http://www.mla.gov.uk/action/archives/00archives.asp>

Thanks to Nancy Bier for the following:

A new periodical is one of the best I have seen for British research. Take a look at *YOUR FAMILY HISTORY* published in England. It comes in the English manner of so many periodicals with a CD attached to each issue. This is included in the U.S. price of \$10.95 per issue.

The CD on the December 2003 issue, for example, is the *Genealogical Research Directory 2000-2002*. The CD includes a program of *QUICK LATIN* to help you with Latin phrases found in genealogical documents, a trial of *PHOTOSHOP ELEMENTS* for both PC and MAC as well as over 40 short demos of genealogy applications for PC & Mac.

Articles in this issue are on finding your military ancestor, the Poor Law in England, The Life of a Postal worker and a wonderful article on medieval research.

I find this publication to be well worth the price. Borders is where I buy mine but I am sure other stores will carry it.

ENGLAND

As a point of interest did you know that according to royal protocol no man is allowed to propose to a Queen? Therefore Victoria had to propose to Albert.

QUESTIONS

- *How can I tell which coat of arms belongs to my family?*

There is no such thing as a coat of arms for a surname. Coats of arms belong to individuals and it must have been granted to them or they must be descended in the legitimate male line from a person to whom arms were granted or confirmed in the past.

If you trace an individual in your line you may then, if your descent is legitimate and can be proven, ask the College of Arms in London for verification of a coat of arms. There is normally a charge for such service.

– Nancy Bier

- *How can I tell what my clan badge is?*

Only those of Scottish descent can be associated with a clan in any way. The clan system is a Scottish phenomenon, centered on old and historically prominent families. To count as a clan with a chief, the groups need to be recognized by the Chief Scottish Herald, the Lord Lyon King of Arms. He has the authority and responsibility over matters relating to clans.

- Nancy Bier

- *Are there Tithes in Wales and if so, are they different from Tithes in England?*

In the last newsletter, Nancy Bier mentioned tithes. According to the book "The Family Historian's Enquire Within" by Pauline Saul, it states, in part "The Tithe Commutation Act of 1836 allowed tithes to be commuted to a rent charge based on the price of corn. Tithes were abolished in 1936" in England. However, in Wales, it was a bit different.

The Welsh Church Act of 1914 was passed on September 18, 1914 by an Act of Parliament. However, because of the Great War, (World War I), the actual Act was postponed until 1919. That Act not only abolished the tithes in Wales but disestablished the Church of Wales. Because of that, some parishes in Wales and Monmouthshire stayed with the Established Church of England and some English parishes went with the Disestablished Church of Wales. For a list of the parishes and more details about this Church Act of 1914, see the following website:

<http://justus.anglican.org/resources/pc/wales/downing1914.html>

What does dis-establishment of the Church of Wales mean to the average Welsh genealogist? First off, they are the same religion – the Anglican Church of England and Wales. Their beliefs, rules and regulations are the same. But dis-establishment meant that the tithe system was abolished. There were also changes in the patronage system, the then three locations of the University of Wales, the National Library of Wales, the church courts, etc. There were changes, some good and some not so good. (In layman's language, an established church is a state church. We don't have this system in the USA. We have something called 'Separation of Church and State.')

Rowan Williams, Archbishop of the Disestablished Church of Wales, became Archbishop of Canterbury, the leader of the Establishment Church of England in 2002.

At about the same time that this was happening, the Calvinist Methodist Church of Wales which had broken away from the Church of Wales in 1811, merged with the Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. and became known as the Welsh Presbyterian Church.

– Annie Lloyd

CONNECTIONS

The Presbyterian Historical Society has just announced the availability of **CALVIN**, the society's on-line catalog. It contains **over 75,000 records** describing materials cataloged and housed in Philadelphia and the Montreal center since 1980 including the following:

Published histories of congregations and other books
Congregation, presbytery, and synod records.
Processed collections of archival records and personal papers. Microfilm and other audio – visual materials.
www.pcusa.history.org/dbtw-pd/WebOPACmenu.htm
If this site does not work for you try www.pcusa.org/ which should take you into their catalog.

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The VICTORIA CROSS is the highest military decoration for conspicuous bravery given by England. It was first instituted by Queen Victoria herself in 1856.

Thanks to Sid Maddocks, who has put Film #596991 on indefinite loan into the Los Angeles Family History Center. This film contains births and baptisms of a number of nonconformist chapels in Monmouthshire, including chapels in Abergavenny, Aberschan, Nantyglo, Bedwelty, Pontypool, Rhymney, Tredegar, Newport, and many more.

Dr. Thomas Barnardo opened his first home for poor boys in London in 1870, providing them with safety, food, and shelter. A number of these homes were eventually opened in major cities in England and were known as the Barnardo Homes. These homes were eventually found all over England, Scotland, and Northern Ireland and many were in existence until the 1970's. Many children were sent from these homes to Canada. You can find more information at: www.barnardos.org.uk

MANOR RECORDS IN ENGLAND

Certain counties can be searched on-line for English manors. You can also find court rolls by searching the Royal Commission for Historical Manuscripts now held at the National Archives at KEW. All Welsh counties can be searched on-line.

From: Family History Magazine – December 2003, "Lost in the Mists of Time?"

From the Los Angeles Public Library:

The Los Angeles Public Library has recently added Heritage Quest Online to the list of databases offered by the library. It is available to researchers at the Central Library and also at our 67 branches located within the city limits. In addition, it is available to library patrons at home if they have a library card. In order to do a search at home, you should begin at the library's home page, which is <http://www.lapl.org/> Once there, click on Databases. At this point you will be prompted to enter your library card number. When you have been verified, you can scroll down through the alphabetical list to Heritage Quest Online and click on it. Another database, which can be used at the Central Library, all branches, and at home, is the Biography and Genealogy Master Index (Gale). It is useful for searching for prominent persons who might be mentioned in who's who publications and biographical dictionaries.

The library also offers access to Ancestry Plus, which is the library version of Ancestry.com. It is available as a database at the central library and all of our branches, but not for home use.

A new database, which the library is gradually getting, is the Los Angeles Times, Historical Archives (ProQuest). It is available at the Central Library and at all of our branches, but not for home use. It currently covers from 1881-1961, but there are gaps in here that have yet to be digitized. Eventually it will cover from 1881-1984. For many of these years there was no index to the Times. Now it is possible to easily search for obituaries and deaths notices and see the actual image of the article on the computer without needing to use microfilm. In many cases it is now possible to print a better copy of the article because our old microfilm were often badly scratched after years of heavy use.

Michael Kirley

Genealogy Librarian

Los Angeles Public Library

Thanks to Muriel Fitzsimmons for the Following URLs:

- If any of you have ancestors from Count Down, this is a wonderful web site to explore:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~rosdavies/>

For an example Ros has transcribed the baptismal records of the Ballynahinch parish. Many sources you will not find anywhere else are posted to her web site. Just click on "Articles and Lists Available".

- New York Times archives from 1851 to 1995. I have been using it to search for Tom's cousin that published the Art International magazine and had three wives. I had some good results.

<http://pqasb.pqarchiver.com/nytimes/advancedsearch.html>

- Here is a web page on the Irish ancient alphabet of Ogham. This was used on gravestones. VERY INTERESTING.

<http://members.aol.com/irishdremr/oghamintro.html>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

May – 2004

- Look for the guided tour for those studying the history and genealogy of the Scots-Irish in America. Travel through PA & VA up the Shenandoah and experience their lives as they struggle to settle the East Coast of our land. Tour led by Nancy Bier & Linda Jonas.
- 16 Sail on the QE2 with Nancy Bier and Ginger Aarons. Includes the Chelsea Flower Show, lectures on history on board the ship; then to Ireland for a week of fun, gardens filled with flowers, and history.
- 19-22 NGS Conference in Sacramento, BIFHS member, John Konvalinka is lecturing here, see URL: <http://www.eshow2000.com/ngs/>
- 23 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**

Jun-2004

- 7-21 **WALES Genealogy Tour** with Nancy Bier has two seats open due to a cancellation. There will be only 9 individuals on the tour so there will be plenty of help as we meet June 7 in London for two days research in the Welsh records held at SOG and then on to Cardiff, Pembroke, Aberystwyth, and Llangollen for several days stay at each. Additional individual research will be arranged as needed. We will have days in the National Library of Wales for research purposes and will offer sightseeing of the beauty of Wales for those that would prefer doing that. Cost is approx. \$3400.00
Contact **GINGER AARONS** at: www.timetraveltrours@aol.com
- 22 NSDCGS - Larry Nederlof, "Religious, Political, and Geographic changes in the Low Countries and its Effect on Migration: 1700-1900."
- 27 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**

Jul-2004

- 25 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**, Topics, TBD
- 27 Cemetery Research – Nancy Carlberg, at Carlsbad Library, NSDCGS (see Mar 20th)

Aug-2003

- 22 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**, Topics, TBD

Sept– 2004

- 8-11 The Federation of Genealogical Societies, Texas State Genealogical Society, and Austin Genealogical Society will be holding a major conference. The theme of the 2004 conference is, "Legends Live Forever: Researching the Past for Future Generations."

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

BIFHS-USA will have a booth here and volunteers are needed.

- 26 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**, Topics, TBD

Oct-2004

- 24 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**, Topics, TBD

Nov-2004

- 28 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**, Topics, TBD

Dec-2004

- 10 **BIFHS-USA, Holiday Party**

Travel News from Nancy Bier:

- IRELAND will be the focus of a fall three-week trip to Ireland for sightseeing and research. Venues will include research facilities in both Belfast and Dublin with other selections as needed by the researchers. For early information contact: Ginger Aarons at www.timetraveltrours.com
- For those who will be traveling in the next few months. These are not genealogy events but of interest to tourists.

DUBLIN

- July - The Dun Laoghaire Flower Show
- July - 4th of July Festival
- August - Dun Laoghaire Horse Show
- September - Oyster Festival

IRELAND

- June - Killarney Summer Festival in Killarney, Co. Kerry
- July - Galway Arts Festival in Galway City
- August - Rose of Tralee in Tralee, Co. Kerry
- August - Birr Vintage Week in Birr Co. Offaly

ENGLAND - GENEALOGICAL EVENTS

(At the Society of Genealogists)

- May 12 Assisted Emigration 19th Century – lecture by Simon Fowler
- May 20th Visit to Lambeth Palace Library
- June 13 Open Day at the Society for non-members to tour the library
- **Also check:** www.sog.org.uk for a full programme of lectures, courses, and visits.

New Carlsbad City Library Catalog Goes Live!

The new Library Catalog was successfully brought up in house on 12 February 2004 and is now available remotely from a link at: <http://www.carlsbadlibrary.org/>

Patrons may now search the catalog, view their accounts, place holds on items.

R.A.O.G.K.

Helen Cancellier writes: "The NY Times, 25 March, in Circuits lists an interesting sounding web site. Random Acts of Genealogical Kindness: <http://www.raogk.org/>

The site matches volunteer genealogical buffs in various locals. Currently they have 4,400 volunteers in 39 countries who will try to find missing information. The service is free but transportation and film processing etc. must be covered. The most common requests are for pictures of grave markers, obituaries from local newspapers and copies of birth records. This might be something to check out."

New England Ancestors

Newenglandancestors.org is once again available at the Carlsbad City Library. The Carlsbad City Library now has a site license (in-house use only) to: <http://www.newenglandancestors.org/>

This members-only site includes an every name index to the NEHGS Register linked to digital images of the magazine itself, an index to the Massachusetts Vital Records Prior to 1850, and many more databases. NEHGS is bringing up one new database everyday! These databases are extremely valuable for New England families but there are references to New York and Pennsylvania families. If you haven't tried these databases, visit the Genealogy Division and begin searching.

Computer-Oriented Genealogy Group [COGG] Schedule: [North San Diego County Genealogical Association]

COGG Meetings in 2004: All meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month starting at 1 p.m. in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers.

COGG Schedule Cont'd. (NSDCGS)

APRIL 13 - James ALGUIRE: WHY YOU SHOULD OWN A MACINTOSH COMPUTER.

James is a certified Apple Trainer and a local McIntosh journalist. Here is a chance to learn about the "MAC" from an expert, and to find out why Mac owners are so enthusiastic about their computers!

MAY 11 - Tom UNDERHILL: FAMILY WEB

SITES Tom is the author of five books: *Family History Publishing Basics*, *Scanning and Photo Retouching Basics*, *Make Your Photos Zing!* *Dead Men Tell No Tales*, and *Save An Hour A Day On Your Computer*.

JUNE 8 - Nancy HENDRICKSON: Accessing Old Photographs on the Internet

Nancy Hendrickson has been climbing her family tree for more than 40 years. She is an expert at Internet genealogy, and a pioneer in online research. Hendrickson is the author of *Finding Your Roots Online*, as well as a contributing editor to *Family Tree Magazine*, and the editor of *Internet-Genealogy*, a free e-mail newsletter. Old photographs are fun, interesting, and, well... historical. Come find out what you've been missing!

JULY 13 - IS IT TIME TO UPGRADE YOUR SOFTWARE AND/OR HARDWARE?

A panel discussion featuring Carol Baird, Chuck Dodge, Dorothy Miller, Graham Henstock, Floyd Smith, and Jerry Young. These COGG members hold a wide range of ideas about upgrades, and these include upgrading for both the PC and McIntosh users.

New Site Information

Thanks to Robert Hayes, founder of a site to share his work converting microfiche to PDFs. A very ambitious work still under construction at: <http://members.cox.net/hayes1966/index.htm>

In Robert's own words:

"I am currently converting from microfiche to PDFs the following:

- Pigots Directory 1824 for Leinster
- Slaters Directory 1846 for Leinster
Cork City Directory 1805
- Tithe Defaulters 1831
- Pettigrew & Oulton's Dublin Directory 1842. These should be online by March/April".
- Plus, links to many other research areas.

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