



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Sunday, 25 July 2004, 1:00-3:00 PM

The Luck of the Irish – Good and Bad
By Mary McKinnon

Irish Study Group 3:30-5:00 PM

Led by Nancy Bier

Discussion of Irish research materials available in the US
Unusual resources that can be utilized without leaving the country

Next Month – Sunday, 22 August 2004, 1:00-5:00 PM

British Isles Seminar – Use of Computers
By the British Isles Family History Society

Followed by light refreshments

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:

I have been waiting for the third... it is just that old wives tale, "famous people always die in threes". Of course this can never be false, people cannot live forever, and if you wait long enough, a second, and then a third will always follow. It is unfortunate, but a fact of life; and now, Ronnie, Ray, and Marlon are gone. Even though they lived full, exciting lives, one cannot feel anything but sympathy for the families remaining.

We always make our memorials about the departed, and that is necessary. But it is a shame, very little will be said for the remaining families. When we think of Ronnie Reagan, we will always remember a few things, Bedtime for Bonzo, the 'Big Brotherish' appearance of Ronald Reagan at the 1984 convention, Reaganomics, the 'evil empire' statement, tearing down the Berlin wall, the end of the cold war. A sometimes embarrassed nation, would learn a few more details about RR, like his ignorance of AIDS, his short attention span during speeches, his alleged participation in providing names to the FBI during the MacCarthy era, etc., etc. The one remaining truth about Ronald Reagan was his character, no matter what, he was a true gentleman, he truly loved his wife and family.

Here is a quote by RR about his own perceived legacy:

"Whatever else history may say about me when I'm gone, I hope it will record that I appealed to your best hopes, not your worst fears; to your confidence rather than your doubts. ..."

As so many people have written extensively about these famous Americans, the following sites are very good presentations of their lives, accomplishments, etc. I provide these URLs in complete acknowledgement that I would be hard pressed to cover these three lives in any significant fashion here:

Ronald Reagan

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/presidents/rr40.html> [From the White House]

<http://www.ronaldreaganmemorial.com/> [From Ronald Reagan Library]

http://www.ronaldreaganmemorial.com/a_tribute.asp [many, many tributes here]

<http://www.presidentreagan.info/> [RR information page]

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ronald_Reagan [Wikipedia – a free encyclopedia, a less than flattering presentation]

<http://www.time.com/time/time100/leaders/profile/reagan.html> [Time magazine tribute]

Ray Charles

<http://www.raycharles.com/toc.htm> [Ray Charles' personal web pages]

http://afgen.com/ray_charles.html [biography]

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/SHOWBIZ/Music/06/10/obit.ray.charles.ap/> [CNN tribute]

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/entertainment/music/3796085.stm> [BBC News]

Marlon Brando

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000008/> [Marlon Brando film credits, etc.]

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/SHOWBIZ/Movies/07/02/obit.brandoo/> [tribute from CNN]

<http://www.time.com/time/time100/artists/profile/brando.html> [from Time magazine]

<http://www.eonline.com/Facts/People/Bio/0,128,54,00.html> [E! On-line fact sheet]

<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/5359396/site/newsweek/> [MS NBC News – Newsweek Entertainment tribute]

Rest In Peace:

Ronald Reagan - 06 FEB 1911 to 05 JUN 2004

Ray Charles - 23 SEP 1930 to 10 JUN 2004

Marlon Brando - 03 APR 1924 to 01 JUL 2004

Jim McNamara

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

President's Message:

Hope you are all having success with your research. If not, come to the meetings or the library and ask for help. We enjoy it more when everyone has some success.

We heard a really good talk on the Wild Geese at the last meeting and we are looking forward to more great talks. Don't miss the flyer on the special British program at the library from the 19th to the 22nd of August. We are co-sponsoring this with the library and part of it is our regular meeting time.

If you would like to help, two of our members are going to Kenya on a humanitarian trip in August and can take small toys and T-shirts (any size). You can bring them to the July meeting.

If you have any books, pamphlets or maps you no longer want that pertain to the British Isles or Colonial US, Canada, South Africa, etc., we would love to have them donated to the library. If they are duplicates or the library can't use them, we would like to be able to sell them for the Society. This has been very successful for several local societies, particularly at Jamboree (which is next April). But we can accept donations anytime.

See you at the meetings.

Nancy Ellen Carlberg

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BOOKS – By Nancy Bier

I have several new books in my library as a result of my latest trips. This one will be in the Los Angeles Family History Center library very soon. ***Transcriptions of the Carmarthenshire Antiquarian Society: Index 1905 – 1977***. This is a wonderful help to those of us who live in the United States and are searching for ancestors in the Carmarthen areas. The book is indexed by surname, place name, and subject. Just browsing through the index can lead one to marvelous stories and articles written and published by the Society. Diseases and ducking stools can both be found indexed in this volume, as is a murder in Lampeter (Cardigan) and Llandeilo Fawr. It can be purchased from the Society or from the Carmarthenshire Record Office, Carmarthen. Reduced cost was approx. \$20.00 hardbound.

Once you have found an entry of interest you will need to find the actual article. Salt Lake City would be a good place to start and you might wish to consult PERSI to see if they hold the same articles. If all else fails, you may write to the society itself and ask for a copy of the pertinent material. Good hunting!

For those researching the early days of Irish records I would like to recommend the book ***British Sources for Irish History 1485-1641***. This is a guide to manuscripts in local, regional, and specialised repositories in Britain. Written by Brian C. Donovan and David Edwards it is a great reference volume. Much of the information is likely in or soon to be included in the on-line catalogs of the repositories. However, one must know which places to look into to find the materials. The book is a great help.

There is an index of persons and an index of places such as Agards through the Lees, and the Smiths to Cork and Limerick; one can find references to early records of these names and places. Collections housed in Isle of Man, Scotland, and Wales are catalogued for Irish material content. The section on English repositories is quite large, as one would expect. This book can be purchased from the Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast, Northern Ireland at a cost of approx. \$30.00 plus shipping for a paperback copy.

Meet the Board – Terry Brown

I joined BIFHS in 1998, but was basically a "remote" member for several years, despite living near the FHC. I read the newsletters and journals, and attended meetings once or twice a year. All that changed early in 2003 when I happened to be at a meeting where Nancy Carlberg was pleading for someone to assume the treasurer's position. Having a background in computers and being a stickler for accuracy with my own checkbook, I figured "Heck, how hard could this be?". Ha ha ha...

I grew up in Columbus, Ohio, and received a B.S. in computer science from Ohio State. TRW (now absorbed by Northrop Grumman) sent a recruiter to OSU and brought me to L.A. I spent 12 years there writing defense-related software, and they sent me to UCLA for an M.S. in computer science. I worked a year at Sun Microsystems doing technical sales support, and the last 12 years at ITG, an institutional stock brokerage. At ITG I've been a developer, a project manager, and now a "system architect", which means I get to poke my nose into lots of things.

My interest in genealogy started as a boy, when I used to help my mother organize her genealogy papers. Her mother's family in particular had a strong influence there – in fact in July I'll be attending the 107th annual Chambers/Coppage family reunion in Ohio. I recently came into possession of the reunion minutes (this is an organized family!) which date back to the first gathering in 1898. This branch has long generations – my grandmother was almost 70 when I was born, and her grandfather Cyrus Chambers would have been 92 when she was born, had he not died 9 months earlier. My father's family was less into record keeping; in fact, I know the least about my Brown line. Having a great-grandfather named William Brown doesn't help, either.

I left genealogy behind during high school and college, and returned in my 20's. I used my Atari 800 computer with its 300-baud modem to sift, ever so slowly, through the meager genealogy files on CompuServe and various BBSes. A far cry from today's Internet with its vast number of web sites (even though much of the good data is not online yet).

Most of my lines have been in the U.S. since the 17th and 18th centuries, so my research has been largely U.S.-based (another reason for being a "remote" member for a while). The only recent U.K. arrivals were my father's grandparents, Montague and Sarah (Wootton) Bailey, who came from the Penge district of London in 1906 with their children. My grandmother always told the story of how she had her 5th birthday on the ship coming over, but the Ellis Island web site says the ship docked a week before her birthday. Having a son that age, I can believe that my great-grandparents opted for an early celebration, to make the crossing more enjoyable.

Speaking of children, my wife April and I have two boys, one nearly 5 and one 18 months. They keep me very busy, when I'm not at work. I manage to squeeze in time for BIFHS and the occasional bit of genealogy research. I would encourage all of you to squeeze in some time for BIFHS too, whether it's volunteering for a committee, writing an article for the journal or newsletter, staffing the front desk, etc. If everyone lends a hand, we can accomplish a great deal.

Nineteenth Century Latin Terms used in Correspondence and Journalism

I have often come across these terms when reading old newspaper articles. Thanks to my many Internet buddies for providing some definitions for these terms:

- Instant, inst.: in the current month
- Ultimo, ult.: in the previous month
- Proximo, prox.: in the coming month

Thanks to BIFHS-USA webmaster Bruce Hamilton for the following:

<http://www.rampantscotland.com/letter.htm>

It is a weekly news summary from Scotland, also including a "this week in history" section.

Thanks to Jane Lyons for these URLs:

Irish County maps c.1885

<http://www.londonancestor.com/maps/maps-ireland.htm>

Those of you with British ancestry might like to take a look at the home page and other maps that they have on this site.

The home page is at:

<http://www.londonancestor.com/>

Thanks to Jean Rice for permission to publish her articles on Oliver Cromwell

SNIPPET: Oliver CROMWELL's ruthless attack on the medieval walled town of Drogheda in September 1649 was swift and efficient; no one escaped. The Protestant Ascendancy and the systematic transplantation of the Irish landowners out of all the arable land in Ireland began harshly. With self-righteousness, CROMWELL wrote one week later to the Honorable William LENTHALL, Speaker of the Parliament of England, stating "that which caused your men to storm so courageously, it was the Spirit of God."

CROMWELL (1600-58), Ireland's first and only commoner lord lieutenant, campaigned in Ireland between 15 Aug 1649 and 26 May 1650. Backed by a 20,000 strong army, a huge artillery train, and a large navy, he projected himself as a providential liberator from Irish barbarism, royalist misrule and Catholic hypocrisy. His best remembered actions were the sieges of Drogheda (11 Sept. 1649) and Wexford exactly one month later.

CROMWELL's triumphant return from Ireland, coupled with the revolutionary situation in England, gave him the opportunity for political power that some previous lord lieutenants had merely contemplated and he ruled England as lord protector from 1653 until his death. He continued to exercise influence in Ireland through his sons-in-law Henry IRETON and Charles FLEETWOOD, and later through his younger son Henry CROMWELL.

Although Oliver CROMWELL's direct connection with Ireland lasted only nine months, his dominance in England has meant that his name is associated with the events of the whole period 1649-58, which witnessed the ruthless suppression of Catholic and

royalist resistance, the execution, transportation, or imprisonment of substantial numbers of Catholic clergy, and the wholesale confiscation of Catholic lands.

Further reading: R. C. Richardson (ed.), "Images of Cromwell," (1993).

The following is Oliver CROMWELL's letter to Hon. Wm. LENTHALL, Speaker of Parliament of England, regarding the attack at Drogheda, Co. Louth:

Dublin, 17th September 1649:

SIR,

Upon Tuesday the 10th of this instant, about five o'clock in the evening, we began the Storm: and after some hot dispute we entered, about seven or eight hundred men; the Enemy disputing it very stiffly with us. And indeed, through the advantages of the place, and the courage God was pleased to give the defenders, our men were forced to retreat quite out of the breach, not without some considerable loss; Colonel CASTLE being shot in the head, whereof he presently died; and divers officers and soldiers doing their duty killed and wounded. There was a Titalia to flanker the south Wall of the Town, between Duleek Gate and the corner Tower before mention; -- which our men entered, wherein they found some forty or fifty of the Enemy, which they put to the sword. And this 'Titalia' they held: but it being without the Wall, and the sally-port through the Wall into that Titalia being choked up with some of the Enemy which were killed in it, it proved of no use for an entrance ! into the Town that way.

Although our men that stormed the breaches were forced to recoil, as is before expressed; yet, being encouraged to recover their loss, they made a second attempt: wherein God was pleased so to animate them that they got ground of the Enemy, and by the Goodness of God, forced him to quit his entrenchments. And after a very hot dispute, the Enemy having both horse and foot, and we only foot, within the Wall -- they gave ground, and our men became masters both of their retrenchments and 'of' the Church; which indeed, although they made our entrance the more difficult, yet they provided of excellent use to us; so that the Enemy could not 'now' annoy us with their horse, but thereby we had

advantage to make good the ground, that so we might let in our own horse; which accordingly was done, though with much difficulty.

Divers of the Enemy retreated into the Mill-Mount: a place very strong and of difficult access; being exceedingly high, having a good graft, and strongly palisadoed. The Governor, Sir Arthur ASHTON, and divers considerable Officers being there, our men getting up to them, were ordered by me to put them all to the sword. And indeed, being in the heat of action, I forbade them to spare any that were in arms in the Town: and, I think, that night they put to the sword about 2,000 men: -- divers of the officers and soldiers being fled over the Bridge into the other part of the Town, where about 100 of them possessed St. Peter's Church-steeple, some the west Gate, and others a strong Round Tower next the Gate called St. Sunday's. These being summoned to yield to mercy, refused. Whereupon I ordered the steeple of St. Peter's Church to be fired, when one of them was heard to say in the midst of the flames: "God damn me, God confound me; I burn, I burn."

The next day, the other two Towers were summoned; in one of which was about six or seven score; but they refused to yield themselves: and we knowing that hunger must compel them, set only good guards to secure them from running away until their stomachs were come down. From one of the said Towers, notwithstanding their condition, they killed and wounded some of our men. When they submitted, their officers were knocked on the head; and every tenth man of the soldiers killed; and the rest shipped for the Barbadoes. The soldiers in the other Tower were all spared, as to their lives only; and shipped likewise for the Barbadoes...

I sent a party of horse and dragoons to a House within five miles of Trim, there being then in Trim some Scots Companies, which the Lord of ARDES brought to assist the Lord of ORMOND. But upon the news of Tredha, they ran away; leaving their great guns behind them, which also we have possessed.

And now give me leave to say how it comes to pass that this work is wrought. It was set upon some of our hearts. That a great thing should be done, not by power or might, but by the Spirit of God. And is it not so, clearly?....

It is remarkable that these people, at the first, set up

the Mass in some places of the Town that had been monasteries, but afterwards grew so insolent that, the last Lord's day before the storm, the Protestants were thrust out of the great Church called St. Peter's, and they had public Mass there: and in this very place near 1,000 of them were put to the sword, fleeing thither for safety. I believe all their friars were knocked on the head promiscuously but two; the one of which was Father Peter TAAFF, brother to the Lord TAAFF, whom the soldiers took, the next day, and made an end of. The other was taken in the Round Tower, under the repute of a Lieutenant, and when he understood that the officer in that Tower had no quarter, he confessed he was a Friar; but that did not save him...

I most humbly pray the Parliament may be pleased 'that' this Army may be maintained; and that a consideration may be had of them, and of the carrying on affairs here, 'such' as may give a speedy issue to this work. To which there seems to be a marvellous fair opportunity offered by God. And although it may seem very chargeable to the State of England to maintain so great a force; yet surely to stretch a little for the present, in following God's providence, in hope the charge will not be long -- I trust it will not be thought by any (that have not irreconcilable or malicious principles) unfit for me to move, For a constant supply; which, in human probability as to outward things, is most likely to hasten and perfect this work. And indeed if God please to finish it here as He hath done in England, the War is like to pay itself.

We keep the field much; our tents sheltering us from the wet and cold. But yet the Country-sickness overtakes many; and therefore we desire recruits, and some fresh regiments of foot, may be sent us... Craving pardon for this great trouble, I rest.

Your most obedient servant,

OLIVER CROMWELL

NOTICE:

Please look for an announcement in the next newsletter about the availability of BIFHS main program recordings. Two have been completed and are in final review and approval stages.

-Editor

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jul-2004

- 21 Wednesday class at LA FHC, **Wringing the Facts From Your Documents**, 1 to 4 PM. Bring your own documents or you will be provided with some for the hands-on exercises. Learn how to analyze and plan future research.
- 25 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**, The Luck of the Irish – Good and Bad by Mary McKinnon, Irish Study Group, led by Nancy Bier: Discussion of Irish research materials available in the U.S. Unusual resources that can be utilized without leaving the country.
- 27 **Cemetery Research** – Nancy Carlberg, at Carlsbad Library, NSDCGS (see Mar 20th)

Aug-2003

- 19-22 **See enclosed flyer**
- 22 **BIFHS-USA General Meeting**, British Isles Seminar – Use of Computer by British Isles Family History Society. Light refreshments will follow program.

Sept– 2004

- 6-10 The 26th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences will be held in Brugge-Bruges Belgium, 6th-10th September. There will be a strong British contingent and several lectures in English. View the prospectus on the web at: www.landschap.vlaanderen.be/aml/en/heraldiek/congres_heraldiek_eng.html
Book at once (July closing date) Andre Vandewalle, c/o Stadsarchief Brugge, Burg 11A, B-8000 Brugge.
Fax: 0032 5044 8261
email: andre.vandewalle@brugge.be
- 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
- 29 Irish Research Trip for two weeks in Ireland and a one-week optional trip in Northern Ireland. Contact Nancy Bier.

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- 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, (starts Sept 29th, contact Nancy Bier). 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
- August - Dun Laoghaire Horse Show
- September - Oyster Festival

IRELAND

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

Also check: www.sog.org.uk for a full programme of lectures, courses, and visits.

Notice of temporary closure: The Devon

Record Office, Exeter, will close most operations from Monday July 5th, 2004 for approximately 5 months. The record office is moving to a new building (The Great Moor House), Bittern Road, Sowton, Exeter.
See: <http://www4.eveon.gov.uk/dro/homepage.html> for further details

1901 SCOTLAND FILM SPONSORSHIP NEEDED

FHL will not be acquiring any 1901 Scotland census films. Please ask at the Sales Desk for details on how to sponsor a film or films or how to complete another set of Scottish records.

THANKS - Editor

Webpage Reviews from UK-Family History News

<http://www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/nof/emigrants/>

More on migration and migrants, this is an excellent site about migration from Liverpool. It is based around an exhibition in Liverpool and takes the format of a fictitious diary about leaving Liverpool for Australia in 1858. A fascinating and well researched website this one will give you a great insight into the nineteenth century world, emigration, and why people left for the new world. Fascinating, and easy to follow with some great pictures.

<http://www.gorleston-heritage.co.uk/>

Website of a local history group relating to Gorleston in Norfolk. This is a basic site with information about people and places in Gorleston. Sadly there is little in the way of actual records, but for those interested in the history of the area you will find it much more interesting. There are details about noteworthy buildings and famous and infamous people of Gorleston's past. The website is pretty basic, and I was not fond of some of the large fonts and slightly difficult navigation. However there is some interesting information on the site and it is worth a visit if you have research in this area.

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wlsccaer/>

This is a really nice website devoted to the trades and professions of Caernarvon. The website has a lot of detail in it and has been thoroughly cross referenced so you can find out information very easily indeed. The information is actually taken from over 50 different directories spanning the period 1791 to 1952, although it appears that maybe not all sections of every directory are listed there is certainly a reasonably comprehensive coverage. There are also transcriptions of a couple of census on the site as well. The site is well designed and once you get past the initial homepage (which takes a couple of seconds to work out) very easy to navigate. A super resource which hopefully over time will grow.

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

The website of the Irish Palatines Organisation this is a much better website than your usual family history association or society. The website, though basic in look, contains a lot of information about the Palatines in Ireland, and where they settled. There is a lot of family information, but more of it is related to the local history of the areas that were settled. There is a bit of information on line, relating to

school registers, but realistically the most important information is local history. It is easy enough to navigate this site, and while this is not the best designed site I have seen, it is not the worst either!

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Royal Lineages at:

<http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/common/sitepages/roing.asp>

Contains free articles on genealogies of the British royal family. The period from 1603 and King James I of England/James VI of Scotland up to William IV in 1837 is now available to view. More will be added during May and June of 2004. The extensive records are presented in the same format as the 7,000 family records in the Burke's Peerage & Gentry database with indented and colour coded generations for ease of access.

This substantial section compliments a growing collection of free online data including:

- Royal Family
<http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/common/sitepages/roindex.asp>
- Articles on history-related topics
<http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/common/sitepages/page31.asp>
- Series of articles on Scots Americans
<http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/scotland/sitepages/saindex.asp>
- Scottish Clans and Clan map
<http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/scotland/sitepages/clindex.asp>
- Guide to tracing your ancestors
<http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/common/sitepages/geindex.asp>
- A-Z guide. Heraldry, titles, history, events and more
<http://www.burkes-peerage.net/sites/common/sitepages/reindex.asp>

<http://www.scotroots.com/occupations.htm>

Over the past few years I have found many websites detailing occupations. This is one of the nicer ones, drawn from census entries in Scotland. Each occupation has a brief one line explanation. It is all contained on one page so it is very easy to use as a reference if you have an unexplainable occupation. Obviously it is not all inclusive but it does contain a good list of occupations.

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the following:

PRICE OF ADMISSION

If you've been planning a trip to research your Motor City ancestors at the Detroit Public Library (DPL, <http://www.detroitpubliclibrary.org>), save some bucks by going before Aug. 1. The library just announced that patrons who live outside the Detroit area will have to pay \$100 per year for library services.

A new nonresident library card will be required to borrow materials and use DPL special collections, including the Burton Historical Collection. Begun in 1915 with businessman Clarence Monroe Burton's private library of 30,000 books, 40,000 pamphlets and 500,000 unpublished papers, the collection now encompasses the library's genealogical holdings, rare books, maps, historical letters, and the original manuscripts of authors such as Mark Twain and Laura Ingalls Wilder.

"The new policy mirrors similar fees charged by other Michigan public libraries and other urban libraries surveyed across the country," says library director Nancy Skowronski. "The Library is pleased to continue to provide access to nonresident customers, but our Detroit community is our first priority."

Michigan cut state funding to DPL last year, leaving local residents to pick up the slack through property taxes. Now DPL must compete for state grants with other libraries and cultural institutions. The cuts took place after an audit of DPL finances, which revealed the existence of endowments the library hadn't disclosed to the legislature in funding requests.

Starting in August, nonresident DPL cardholders will receive applications by mail for the new library card. It's unclear how libraries will enforce the policy and how it will affect interlibrary loan procedures.

BOOKS REVIEWS:

Achau rhai o deuluoedd hen Siroedd Caernarfon, Meirionnydd and Threfaldwyn

T. Ceiri Griffith has a new book out which contains 256 genealogical tables of families of the Lley Peninsula of Caernarfon thru Merionethshire to Montgomeryshire. Book includes an index of 40 pages of the names of homesteads. The names of all the people who have contributed the tables are

included as well. This book is a MUST for anyone with Caernarfon, Merioneth or Montgomery ancestry. Threfaldwyn is the Welsh name for Montgomery.

For more information, see T. Ceiri Griffith's website at www.griffithpearl.net/achau.html or contact him at Gaerddu Fawr, Chwillog, Pwllheli, Gwynedd LL55 6SY, Wales, UK.

Cost of the book is £40.50 GBP for anyone living in the USA or Canada. This price includes the cost of the book and shipping.

Tracing your Limerick Ancestors by Margaret Franklin. From Flyleaf Press Tel 353-1-283-1693 or www.flyleaf.ie Cost \$19. Soft Cover. 121 pages

The newest edition of The Family and Local History Handbook is out. For more info see: www.myancestorsfound.com

I just received the latest copy of CEREDIGION, the journal of the Ceredigion Historical Society published by Cambrian Printers. (Ceredigion is the new name for the old county of Cardigan) This journal deals only with Cardiganshire subjects. Most counties in Wales have historical societies who publish journals. You need to check with your county in Wales for more information.

Thanks to Nancy Carlberg for the following:

Colindale Library of Newspapers

<http://www.bl.uk/collections/newspapers.html>

A great site to get films of many UK based newspapers. Click on the 'Catalogues' tab, and then the 'Newspapers' menu. Do a search by 'Place' and you will see:

- 9,644 references for England
- 1,939 references for Ireland
- 1,889 references for Scotland
- 1,163 references for Wales
- 41 references for Isle of Man

You can buy films copies here or get paper copies if you have the proper references, (name of newspaper, date, time, event, or title)

From:

British Isles FHS –USA

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"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

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