



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

# Newsletter

Mar/Apr-2005

Editor: Jim McNamara

## **GENERAL MEETINGS:**

**This Month** – Saturday, 19 March 2005, 10:00 AM to ~ 6:00 PM

**Research day** with assistance from Nancy Carlberg and others.

*Note unusual date, time, and location:*

Los Angeles Public Library [See: <http://lapl.org/> ]  
630 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

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**Next Month** – Sunday, 24 April 2005, 1:00-3:00 PM

**National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United Kingdom**

by Annie Lloyd

**ENGLISH STUDY GROUP** - *led by* Janet Thomas, 3:30-5:00 PM

*Topic:* Beginning English and Welsh Research - Sources, Part 1 of 4, Census

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**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>

Ireland must be Heaven,  
For an Angel comes from there,  
I never knew a living soul,  
Was half so sweet or fair,  
For her eyes are like the starlight,  
And the white clouds match her hair,  
Sure, Ireland must be Heaven,  
'Cos my Mother comes from there !

**Editor's Note:**

I hope you do not think any less of me... but for an entire week at the Salt Lake City Family History Library, the British Isles Floor (B2) recorded not a single step of mine. For the most part, I stayed on the US Films Floor (2) and US/CAN Books Floor (3), keeping my research solidly focused on my Pennsylvania lines. At one point, Nancy C. revealed her strategy of changing lines to research after any 3 hour stretch of 'no-finds'. That was mid-week, and eventually, my evil brick wall spell was shattered to pieces.

My main goal on this trip was to firmly establish my great-grandfather's link to his father. Although I was unable to get any marriage record of my second great-grandparents, I was able to establish this link, and also discovered his second marriage and 11 more children. The second wife's mother was born in Ireland.

My elusive Margaret Galbreath, as Nancy C. predicted, was indeed from a previous marriage of her mother, and her guardianship record was found in Pennsylvania Indiana County Orphan's Court Index and record. The guardianship record showed the townland of residence of the Galbreath family, and established that the widow Jane married Thompson Hanna. The record also showed the guardianship of Margaret was granted to Thompson. A lot of information in that tiny paragraph, our ancestors did not waste words.

Although I could easily have done much of this research in Los Angeles, the great thing about leaving on a research vacation is the opportunity to research with absolutely no distractions, no chores, no work, no phone availability. Getting even a single Saturday reserved for the library at the end of a typical week, is nearly impossible for me. The only distraction I did have in Salt Lake City was to twice daily respond to company emails, a small price to pay.

We did have a very good group, small enough (13) that we all talked to each one on a fairly regular basis, dined together often, and shared our problems and accomplishments. For my part I established seven additional family groups and met most of the research goals I set. I am anxious to see what will happen during upcoming May research trip when I plan to work on my very early Pennsylvania lines. Three great researchers will give personal research assistance in some of our greatest libraries. This research trip is limited to the first 20 people who sign up, so don't be left out. I hope I can get some time off work, and that the May trip will be as successful for everyone that the February SLC trip was. My next focus will be to get my very early lines back to Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Thanks again to Nancy Carlberg for the great assistance in Salt Lake City, who helped destroy those brick walls. Happy hunting!

Best regards to all,

Jim McNamara

Any and all comments are always welcome. [JPMTCC@aol.com](mailto:JPMTCC@aol.com)

**Annie Lloyd**, leader of the Welsh Study Group of the BIFHS-USA wishes to send greetings to all our Welsh members on the celebration of St. David's Day. St. David or Dewi Sant (as the Welsh call him) was the patron saint of Wales. He died 589AD. His last words were "do the little things that you have seen me do and heard about..."

## President's Message:

Hello everyone, we had a great meeting this last month with a really great turnout. Now everyone has to try and get organized a little bit more this year, right? Now I have one more thing to do this year.

We really enjoyed the trip to Salt Lake City. Everyone seemed to be finding their ancestors. Not everyone was working in the same area - but it worked. We will be planning a trip in July (22 to 29). I can start taking reservations now. We have room for 10 in one-bedded rooms (if you are willing to share the bed!) and 9 sharing rooms with two beds. We will be staying at the City Creek Motel, 2 blocks from the library. \$185 if sharing a room for the week, and \$350 if a single in a room. Let me know if you are interested.

We are looking forward to the trip to Virginia and Washington D.C. with the conference in McLean, VA. We are co-sponsoring this. See the enclosed flyer for the trip.

Thank you to everyone bringing refreshments to the meeting. They are great.

On March 19th, we'll meet in the genealogy room at the Los Angeles Public Library unless you get there early, when you can come in the food court at the end of the library where you'll probably find me eating. You might want to arrange car pools, just to have someone to talk to on the way in.

Nancy Ellen Carlberg [n\\_carlberg@hotmail.com](mailto:n_carlberg@hotmail.com)

**Rootsweb IRL-CLARE Internet List** has given an award of excellence to the County Clare Library. This can be seen at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlcla/award.htm>

There are also more than 100 individual tributes written by the Clare list members of which include surnames, townlands, place names being researched by each person. This tribute is in itself a genealogical resource and can be seen at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlcla/clarelibrarytribute.htm>

**Many genealogical resources are on line at the Clare County Library, see:** <http://www.clarelibrary.ie/>

### Records:

- 1901 Census of Clare County (Complete)
- 1855 Indices of Surnames and Parishes, Griffith's Valuation of Clare
- 1820s Tithes Index for Clare County
- 1888-1916 Memorials of the Dead
- 1636-1703 Books of Survey and Distribution
- 1659 Census of Clare
- 1876 Land Owners in Clare
- 1824 Hedge School Teachers in Clare
- 1935-1985 Biographical Notices in Clare Champion Newspaper (Index)
- 1570-1700 Notes on Clare County Sheriffs
- 1914-1918 North Clare County Soldiers who died in WWI
- 1849 Evictions in Kilrush Union
- 1864-1870 Deaths in Liscannor area
- 1849 Survivors and the drowned from the Shipwreck of the 'St. John'
- 1900s Houses and their Occupiers in Ennistymon
- 1876-1970 Kilbaha N.S. Roll Books
- 1863-1975 Lack School Kilchreest: Pupils, Teachers, and Managers
- 1857-1885; 1926-1929 CBS Ennistymon School Registry
- 1890s List of tenants on Colonel O'Callaghan's estate, Bodyke
- Clare Tithe Applotment Books – Transcription Project

### Directories:

- 1893 Guy's Directory, Clare
- 1880-1881 Bassett's Directory, Clare
- 1875-1876 Bassett's Directory, Clare
- 1842, 1863 Hogan's Directory, Kilkee
- 1846 Slater's Directory, Clare
- 1824 Pigot's Directory, Clare
- 1788 Lucas's Directory, Clare

### Indices:

- Townland Index
- Parish Index
- Church Records
- Old Territorial Divisions and Land Measures

### Histories of Clare Families:

- Origins of Heraldry
- Principal Original Families of Clare
- Learned Families of Thomond
- The Territories of Ancient Families in Limerick and Clare

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

**Mar-2005**

- 12-13 Irish Fair and Music Festival at the Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, on Fairplex, Pomona, CA 10 AM to 6 PM
- 19 **BIFHS-USA: Research Day** with assistance from Nancy Carlberg and others. 10 AM ~ 6 PM  
*NOTE, unusual date/time and location:*  
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[630 W. 5th St.](http://www.losangelespubliclibrary.org)  
Los Angeles, CA 90071

**Apr-2005**

- 17 South Wales Family History Fair at Llantrisant Leisure Centre, Southgate Park, Llantrisant, Rhondda.  
See [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk) for additional info.
- 24 **BIFHS-USA Meeting:** National Inventory of Documentary Sources in the United Kingdom - by Annie Lloyd

How would you like to be able to look into the collections of the Essex Record Office, the Birmingham Reference Library, the National Library of Wales, the National Library of Scotland, Guildhall Library, Trinity College and more... without ever leaving the Los Angeles Family History Center. Just think of how much money you've save on plane fare.

Annie Lloyd is Welsh and Colonial American consultant at the Los Angeles Family History Center and is the Leader of the Welsh Study Group of the BIFHS-USA. An author and genealogist, she has lectured both within the USA and internationally

**ENGLISH STUDY GROUP** led by Janet Thomas. *Topic:* Beginning English and Welsh Research - Sources, Part 1: Census. This is Part 1 of a four-part series in basic English/Welsh research. The series will be given over a two-year period by Janet Thomas. Part 2 will be *Civil Registration*. Part 3 will be *Church Records* and Part 4 will be *Probate*.

**May-2005**

- 13 Merseyside & Cheshire Family History Fair at Hulme Hall, Bolton Road, Port Sunlight Village, Bebington, Wirrel, Merseyside, England  
See [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk) for additional info.
- 13-14 SCGS & Family Research Library present the 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Genealogical Jamboree and Resource Expo at Burbank Airport Hilton and Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA  
Info: 818 843-7247 email: [sgs@earthlink.net](mailto:sgs@earthlink.net)  
Website: [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com)  
**May 20<sup>th</sup> through June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005 Scotch-Irish & German Adventure Tour:**  
A chance to experience your Scotch Irish &

German colonial ancestor's travels and life is open to you this spring. The one-day conference specializing in these two ethnic groups will be held May 21 at the McLean, Virginia Family History Center and is included in the tour.

Linda Jonas and I believe everything you will need for successful research will be available to you on this trip. The fabulous collection of films and books will be specially available for your use at the McLean Family History Center and you can't miss this opportunity. The DAR Library and National Archives plus Library of Congress records can be researched.

In addition there will be days of research in the Virginia State Archives and State Library plus in the Pennsylvania State Archives and State Library.

Travel with us on "The Great Wagon Road" as we wend our way through Virginia and Pennsylvania. See the early Churches, historic places, walk on the ground your ancestor trod upon, and experience the emotions they must have had when they first saw the Potomac and Shenandoah Rivers, and the Cumberland Gap.

We hope you will take pictures of the rivers, 1770s homes still standing, a coach stop and other places along the way. Linda and Nancy Bier have driven this route many times and have researched in all the places along the way. Come, join them and delight in all that you find.

This is presented for you by THE MCLEAN FAMILY HISTORY CENTER IN VIRGINIA, THE BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY - USA, AND TIME TRAVEL TOURS: GINGER AARONS.

Nancy Bier, Co-Founder and Past President of BIFHS-USA, and Nancy Carlberg, President of BIFHS-USA and Linda Jonas, Director of McLean FHC, and Past President of BIFHS-USA will be lecturers and guides for this experience.

For details or application please call or email Nancy Bier at 310-375-6149 or email at [nbierirish@aol.com](mailto:nbierirish@aol.com) OR Time Travel Tours at 1-877-787-7807 (toll free)

**Or download form on our site:**

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

- 21 New Lanark 2005 Family History Fair  
See [www.genuki.org.uk](http://www.genuki.org.uk) for additional info.

- 27-29 USS Highland Games at Los Angeles Fairplex

**Sep-2005**

- 7-10 FGS Convention at the Salt Lake Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah

If you are attending please let Nancy Carlberg know if you are able to help staff BIFHS-USA's booth. Thanks

**The BIFHS-USA Colonial German  
and Scotch-Irish Seminar  
May 21, 2005 in McLean, Virginia**  
by Linda Jonas

I have never been quite so filled with anticipation for any seminar in my life. (Those of you who know me realize that that's saying a lot!) I would really like to be at the BIFHS-USA general meeting to tell you about this in person, but I guess that a written message will have to do.

**Why McLean?**

You probably want to know why the seminar is being held in McLean and not somewhere in Los Angeles. The most obvious reason, of course, is that I live here. But it's also the best possible venue. McLean, Virginia borders Maryland and is two to four miles from Washington, D.C. It is an easy roundtrip to Harrisburg or Philadelphia, or to Richmond, Virginia. It's also the perfect starting and ending point for a trip to trace the migrations of your Scotch-Irish and Colonial German ancestors.

**What have I learned about Colonial Research  
since moving to McLean?**

I have attended dozens of conferences including the week-long National Institute for Genealogical Research, the week-long Virginia Institute for Genealogical Research (twice), and the NGS Conference in Pittsburgh. I attend regional conferences of the Virginia Genealogical Society. I have also been 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Fairfax Genealogical Society and am now Newsletter Editor for the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. I am in regular contact with the most knowledgeable Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania researchers and have heard more of their programs than I can count.

I have researched many, many times in the National Archives, the DAR Library, the Library of Congress, the Library of Virginia, the Pennsylvania State Archives, the Maryland State Archives, the Virginia Room of the Fairfax County Public Library, and more. As Director of the McLean Family History Center, I have led staff training field trips to many of these repositories. In addition, Nancy Bier comes here at least annually and stays for several weeks at a time. We've traveled and researched all over Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, and we've taken trips to Tennessee and North Carolina.

**Editor's note: download form on our site**  
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/>

For four years I was the Special Interest Group Coordinator for the Fairfax Genealogical Society. Two Family History Center staff members became leaders of the Pennsylvania Special Interest Group and of the Computer Special Interest Group, and I was the leader of the British and Scots-Irish Special Interest group. The meetings were held in a classroom next to the McLean Family History Center. For the Pennsylvania SIG we went to Harrisburg, researched, picked up materials, converted PA call numbers to FHL call numbers, ordered materials, and duplicated the research in McLean. For the Computer SIG we researched Web sites and assembled a terrific collection of CDs and digital equipment.

When you combine what I've learned with the amazing knowledge of Nancy Bier and Nancy Carlberg (who know so much they never need to learn another thing), you can see why I'm excited. We've put together a program that will blow you away.

**What's at the McLean Family History Center  
[MFHC]?**

First, let me say that the Family History Center is very small. If you've seen the Los Angeles Family History Center, you will walk into the MFHC and think, "You've got to be kidding." However, it does not need many of the collections housed in L.A. For example, we do not have any U.S. census or military records [they're only a few miles away at the National Archives]. I have also known for a long time that the English and Welsh censuses were going on Ancestry.com, so we don't have any of them.

What we do have is a good collection for Colonial America and Colonial Canada. We also have very good Scottish and Irish Collections as well as many resources to assist in finding the hometowns of German immigrants.

When I came to McLean, my English book had just gone to the proofreaders. I began assembling basic English resources. Over the next two years, I wrote my Scottish book in the Family History Center. During that time, the MFHC acquired an extensive Scottish collection. I also began acquiring Irish materials and state-wide materials for the Eastern U.S. At the Family History Fair in 2003 Brian Trainor, Fintan Mullen, and I conducted a day-long Irish track. About 200 people attended. In preparation for that day, I again focused on the Irish Collection. Brian and Fintan were stunned to see how much Irish material was housed in that small Center.

After acquiring the major indexes for Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky, I am now down to the county level. To prepare for the BIFHS-USA Colonial German and Scotch-Irish Seminar, I am acquiring Colonial records for every county along the Scotch-Irish and German migration path of Pennsylvania and Virginia. I have also had Craig Scott, owner of Heritage Books and Willow Bend Books, into the Family History Center to see what I'm missing. Nancy Bier and Nancy Carlberg are sending me lists of materials they'd like for me to have.

### American History and Culture

My family and I have taken several trips through Pennsylvania Dutch country. I have dragged my daughters to the Frontier Culture Museum. We've been to the traditional historical sites including Mount Vernon, Monticello, and Colonial Williamsburg. We've taken visitors on tours of Washington, D.C. We go frequently to the Smithsonian and to historical and cultural events in the area. But best of all is the opportunity to watch, listen to, and participate in traditional crafts and music. I have a great collection of music from the Smithsonian Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage. My children learn to sing and perform this music in school.

### A Terrific Opportunity

I'm planning to share what I've learned with you. The British Isles Family History Society – U.S.A. and the McLean Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are co-sponsoring the Colonial German and Scotch-Irish Seminar. I have been gearing up for years. Am I ready? Am I excited? Come see. If you have Colonial German and/or Scotch-Irish and even English ancestors who traveled along the Great Wagon Road, this seminar is the opportunity of a lifetime

### Thanks to Martin McGoldrick for the following notice:

The Lurgan Ancestry website is now online. It is a free site containing more than 500 pages of records of Lurgan, Ireland from 1755 right through to 1959 that can be easily checked with the site search engine. The site also has information on the churches of the area and a timeline of events occurring over the centuries. This site can be accessed at: [www.lurganancestry.net](http://www.lurganancestry.net)

### Good News to report!

With the arrival of new Director [Richard McBride] at the Los Angeles Family History Center, extended hours started Tuesday 1 February!

The hours on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday are now from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday hours will be 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

This change will help many that do not want to travel during heavy traffic hours.

The North San Diego County Genealogy Society will be holding its Spring Seminar in Carlsbad Sr. Center on 16 April. Lloyd Bockstruck will be the speaker and the topics include *Identifying the Maiden Names of Females*, *Lesser Used Genealogical Records*, *Biographical Sources: Town / County / Regional / Occupational Records*, *Colonial Land Records*, and *Colonial Military Records*. For info: [fspong@san.r.com](mailto:fspong@san.r.com)

- Dorothy Losee

### Templates

At the panel discussion at our February meeting on organizing your genealogy data, several people showed spreadsheets they use to collect and organize information. This made me think of a website that has a number of useful spreadsheet templates available for free download. The website, created by Gary Minder, is [www.censustools.com/](http://www.censustools.com/) but it has more than just census templates.

**U.S. Federal Census:** 1790-1930, 1850-1860 Slave Schedules, 1850-1880 Mortality Schedules, 1883 List of Pensioners, the 1890 Surviving Veterans and Widows Schedule and Dawes Roll.

**U.S. State Census:** Iowa 1836-1925, Kansas 1865-1925, Massachusetts 1855-1865, Minnesota 1849-1895, New Jersey 1855-1915, New York 1825-1925, Rhode Island 1865-1935 and Wisconsin 1836-1905.

**International Census:** Canada 1851-1901, England 1841-1901, Ireland 1821-1911 and Scotland 1841-1891.

**Others:** Cemetery Data, Passenger Manifest Data, Research Log, Family Group Report.

The templates work with Excel 97 and later, as well as the free OpenOffice.org suite. He also provides them as PDF files. Again, they are free to download, though you can make a donation if you want to support his website.

- Terry Brown

### Is your contact information up to date?

Many of our long-time members did not have email when they first joined and gave us their contact information. Some members may have changed their email address since joining. If you are not receiving the meeting announcement emails, then it's likely that we don't have your correct email address.

Also, with all the area code splits over the last few years, we may have your correct local phone number, but the wrong area code. While this can be figured out, if we need to contact you about your membership it's helpful if all the details are correct.

If you would like to submit an update to your email, area code, or other contact information, please send it to [terry.brown@acm.org](mailto:terry.brown@acm.org) or via postal mail to the Society's address, listed on the back of the newsletter.

- Terry Brown

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### From George G. Morgan's column "Along Those Lines" in Ancestry Daily News (25 Feb 2005):

Last chance to travel to England with George on the "Lords & Ladies Tour" from April 30th to May 11th. Sponsored by the Iowa Genealogical Society, the tour includes research at London genealogical facilities including The National Archives, the Family Records Centre, the Society of Genealogists, the British Library, and others. There will be plenty of time for sightseeing as well! For more information, contact LuAnn Folkers at (515) 276-0287 Ext. 101 or at [igs@iowagenealogy.org](mailto:igs@iowagenealogy.org) Time is short so get YOUR reservation in today!

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### From: Dockland Ancestor Newsletter February 2005

#### DATABASE COMPLETIONS

The current state of all the baptisms registers transcribed is as follows:

- St Peter's, London Docks 1878-1933: 8000 entries. 100% complete

- St Mary Newington, Southwark 1902-1922: 5580 entries. 100% complete
- St John, Wapping, 1813-1847: 3300 entries. 100% complete
- St Paul, Shadwell, 1852-1881: 2400 entries. 100% complete
- St James, Ratcliff 1840-1913: 4800 entries. 100% (ex. 1884-1897, which are missing)
- St Anne's, Limehouse 1833-1854: 10732 entries. 100% complete
- St Peter's, Limehouse 1866-1903: 3345 entries 100% complete
- St Luke's, Millwall 1864-1887: 2407 entries 100% complete
- Christ Church, Isle of Dogs, 1876-1904: 5000 entries 100% complete
- All Saints, Poplar 1835-1857: 7945 entries. 100% complete
- St George in the East, 1815-1826: 8000 entries 85% complete
- St John, Cubbitt Town, 1887-1902: 3200 entries 50% complete

Total entries transcribed and on this website: 61,739

- From the Dockland Newsletter

- Contact: [will@will4adventure.com](mailto:will@will4adventure.com)

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### Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the following:

- This is a new website for England and Wales. I pulled up one of them from Wales and you can go right into the directory. [www.historicaldirectories.org/](http://www.historicaldirectories.org/)
- Dorset ancestors: <http://www.dorsetmigration.org.uk/>
- Seven Celtic nations: [http://www.celticnationsworld.com/links\\_view\\_of\\_famine.htm](http://www.celticnationsworld.com/links_view_of_famine.htm)
- North America Welsh Video Library, is based in Virginia. A great collection of Welsh Movies, Children Programmes, Documentaries and Concerts in English/Welsh and with Subtitles, from Richard Burton first ever movie to a documentary about the Welsh in the American Civil War. THE CYMDEITHAS MADOG FILM LIBRARY For a full list of the Library collection please contact:

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**BALLINA CHRONICLE [Transcription]**

Ballina, Mayo, Ireland  
Wednesday, February 6, 1850

**APPALLING CATASTROPHE AT CLARE STREET, AUXILIARY WORKHOUSE. TWENTY-SEVEN FEMALES KILLED.**

It is our painful duty to record the particulars of a fatal and melancholy casualty which took place last night at Clare-street, auxiliary workhouse, by which 27 human beings lost their lives and 28 were seriously injured. – Between eight and nine o'clock, shortly after the inmates, 500 females, had retired to rest, on the lofts of the store set apart for sleeping apartments, a false alarm of fire was given by one of the women, whether with an idle intention of causing annoyance, or by design, is unknown; but so electric was the panic created, that almost instantaneously the females on the first loft leaped from their beds, and in the darkness rushed in a body to the staircase, or ladder, leading from that portion of the building to the ground floor. The strenuous efforts of all to gain access to the ladder, upon which several had crowded together, necessarily caused a crush and confusion, until ultimately the paupers on the other lofts congregated in the narrow passage, when the ladder broke and numbers were precipitated to the ground from a height of more than ten feet. The scene that ensued is almost indescribable - the shrieks from below induced those above to press more eagerly towards the staircase and as they came to the verge of the passage, down they fell in crowds over each other! For some time all remonstrance was unavailing to dissuade the paupers from rushing headlong to ruin, and before the surprising nerve and exertion of the matron Mrs. Sleeman and assistant master, Mr. O'Shaughnessy, had effect, twenty-seven females were killed, or rather suffocated from falling on the top of each other! The occurrence having become widely known outside numbers of the citizens proceeded to the auxiliary establishment to render assistance. The Roman Catholic clergy congregated also, as there could not have been less than 20 present. The city police, with the mayor, were also in prompt attendance, and all united in relieving the sufferers, and extricating the dead bodies from beneath the half suffocated group that lay struggling on the ground. The scene was truly appalling, as the relatives and friends of those who were located in the workhouse, crowded before the house, and as each dead body, or

dying sufferer, was brought out for conveyance to Barrington's hospital, the progress of the carriers was violently stayed to catch a glimpse for recognition. At ten o'clock the number of dead bodies received into Barrington's hospital, was twenty-seven, and a more heart-rending spectacle never presented itself – there lay, side by side, the livid remains of these unfortunate creatures who a few hours before were in the prime of life! The majority were young and well-looking females- indeed, some had the smile of innocence on their youthful countenances, and seemed as if in a dream of joyful ecstasy. Dr. Gore was the first medical officer in attendance at Barrington's hospital, and aided by Dr. Cavanagh, resident apothecary, made every proper arrangement for reception and treatment of the wounded and accommodation of the dead. Drs. Geary, Brodie and Keane, were also at the hospital, and saw the patients who were brought taken care of. The number received into hospital seriously injured was twenty-eight and of these there are three not expected to recover. No blame is attached to the officers of the institution, as the melancholy occurrence originated with the paupers themselves. -- Limerick Chronicle.

Cathy Joynt Labath  
Ireland Old News  
<http://www.IrelandOldNews.com/>

**BALLINA CHRONICLE [Transcription]**

Ballina, Mayo, Ireland  
Wednesday, February 6, 1850

**THE ARMY**

The Marquis of Waterford has written to Sir Edward Blakeney, Commander of the Forces, requesting that the 85th Regt., now stationed in Waterford, may not be removed to England, as was intended, but be allowed to remain during the summer. The Board of Ordnance have sent a cargo of new cannon (18 and 20 pounders) from Woolwich to Duncannon fort, to replace George the 2d's cannon which protects the fort. The large field adjoining the barracks at Nenagh, containing nine and a half acres, late the property of Mr. T. Abbott, has been taken by the Ordnance for the erection of a barrack, to contain a full regiment. Lieut. Colonel the Hon. Lauderdale Maude, of the 79th Highlanders, arrived from Canada, at Breehin Castle on Tuesday, on a visit to his venerable father, Lord Panmure. The histories of Regiments which have not been published by Mr. Cannon of the Horse guards,

are the 23d, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32d, 33d, 50th, 71st, 73d, 74th, 87th, 92d, and Scots Brigade. The Adjutancy of the 4th King's Own, is vacant by the appointment of Lieutenant Bond to the Paymastership. The depots of the 7th Fusiliers, from Youghal, and 95th from Derry are ordered to England. Ensign Morgan, 4th, succeeds to a Lieutenancy without purchase. The legacy of his aunt the Queen Dowager, to Prince Edward of Sax Weimer, Captain in the Grenadier Guards, amounts to £80,000. Major Michael, 66th, on arrival at Demerera, took command of two companies stationed there. The adjutancy of the 3d West is vacant by the promotion of Lieutenant Greham to a company. Ensign Hardy, 3d West, obtains his Lieutenancy without purchase. Lieut. Clendenning, h.p. 45th, is appointed to the vacant Paymastership of the 19th Regt. Color Serjeant O'Neill, 69th, at Malta, is reduced for loss of company money.

Cathy Joynt Labath  
Ireland Old News  
<http://www.IrelandOldNews.com/>

**Thanks to Jean Rice for the following:**

**SNIPPET: Gaeltacht is the collective name for areas where Irish is spoken.** In 1922 Irish was still the general medium of communication in parts of Cos. Waterford, Cork, Kerry, Galway, Mayo, and Donegal. Scattered pockets of Irish speakers in Cos. Louth, Kilkenny, and Clare were not considered true Gaeltacht. Native governments have given the Gaeltacht preferential treatment, including grants for Irish-speaking children, employment schemes, and since 1979 a development authority. In 1970 a radio station for the Gaeltacht was established with headquarters in Costello, Co. Galway. The decline in the numbers of Irish speakers continued, however, and by the 1980s the actual areas of Irish speech were considerably less than the official Gaeltacht. Indeed many now fear that the true Gaeltacht is on the verge of extinction. The Irish of the Gaeltacht has been studied in detail by FINCK (1899), QUIGGIN (1906), SOMMERFELT (1922), SJOESTEDT-JONVAL (1931), WAGNER (1958-69), and others. The Gaeltacht has produced many writers in Irish, for example, Tomas O'CRÍOMHTHAIN (1856-1937) from Kerry, Mairtin O CADHAIN (1907-70) from Galway, and Seosamh MAC GRIANNA (1901-

93) from Donegal. In the 1930s some Gaeltacht families were resettled in the province of Leinster. The Irish-speaking community in Rath Carn, Co. Meath, is still fairly vigorous in the 1990s.

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**THE FRIENDS OF THE UCSB LIBRARY  
2005 TRAVEL GRANTS**

The Friends of the UCSB Library are pleased to offer travel grants of up to \$750 each, to encourage use of the research collections at the University Libraries, University of California, Santa Barbara. The Libraries' strengths include collections relating to the history of the American West, ethnic groups of California, art exhibition and auction catalogs, early sound recordings, 19th and 20th century American and British literature, slavery and abolition, Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, American diplomatic history, book arts, California presses, small and fine presses, printing history, non-mainstream American religions, trade catalogs, remote-sensing images, foreign topographic map series and digital geospatial data, microform photo-archives, foreign historic photographs, performing arts, and UCSB history.

Grants are intended for researchers who reside beyond commuting distance to the university, to help defray expenses for traveling to and residing in Santa Barbara. The length of stay will depend on the applicant's research proposal, but grants generally are intended for visits of up to one week. The amount awarded is based primarily on distance traveled.

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A committee consisting of faculty, library staff, and Friends members will award the travel grants on the basis of relevance of the proposal to the holdings of the Libraries, the merits and significance of the project, and the qualifications of the applicant.

## BOOKSHELF

Applications must be received by March 31, 2005. Successful applicants will be notified soon after.

For further information about the application process or UCSB's collections, please contact David C. Tambo, Head of Special Collections, Tel. (805) 893-3420; email [tambo@library.ucsb.edu](mailto:tambo@library.ucsb.edu) Fax (805) 893-5749.

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**Editor's note:** Thanks to BIFHS member Joyce Dillard for the above information, hopefully, someone will be able to take advantage of this.

### ***The Great Wagon Road***, by Parke Rouse, Jr.

This is the best book I have ever read that describes both the Scotch-Irish and the Germans as they made their way from Philadelphia through to the southernmost parts of early Virginia.

It contains a description of the people and of their way of life. The Great Wagon Road, as it came to be called, was an early Indian path that actually extended in some form from New Hampshire to the Carolinas. Used by the natives for trading and warfare it was a natural way for our ancestors migration from north to south.

By 1744 this was the principal road into the colonial backcountry and it played a significant role in the development of our nation. Such explorers as Wm. Wheeler, Daniel Boone, and John Sevier trod this path many times.

It is indeed the road our spring conference and trip will follow. Read the book, join us if you can.

- Nancy Bier

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## GET NEW ENGLAND KNOW-HOW

Get help finding New England ancestors at the New England Regional Genealogical Conference March 31 to April 3 in Portland, Maine.

The conference will feature seminars by professional genealogists and authors Tony Burroughs, Cyndi Howells (of Cyndi's List, <http://www.cyndislist.com>), Elizabeth Shown Mills and Craig Scott. These and other speakers will address topics in lecture tracks covering New England Research, Ethnic Genealogy, Federal Records, Libraries and Records, Writing and Publishing, Skills and Methodology, DNA Research and Computer Genealogy.

For more information and a registration form, visit <http://www.nergc.org>. You'll also find the conference E-zine, with information about special activities, sights to see in Portland and local genealogical resources.

**Thanks to Nancy Bier for the following:**

The National Genealogist General sent out a message that Google has set up a free genealogy search engine that may be helpful to all members. Feel free to forward to others.

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GENEALOGICAL GLEANINGS  
BY JUDGE ED BUTLER  
NSSAR GENEALOGIST GENERAL  
Feb. 27, 2004

Compatriots

A FREE Internet source is now at your disposal:

Google, the search engine, has gotten into the family search business. It is gangbusters! I tried it tonight and received 74 hits on my first inquiry. Go to [\\_www.genealogy-search-help.com\\_](http://www.genealogy-search-help.com) (<http://www.genealogy-search-help.com/>) Plug in the information about your ancestor; name of his or her spouse and parents; place of birth and death and hit "Search". You will then be offered six different methods of searching for information. I selected the default using the above information, but did not know the wife's surname.

In just seconds, the computer screen gave me 74 sources, each of which was accessible on the Internet. Following each lead was a brief abstract of the information contained in that source, with the key names highlighted in bold. Several were depicted in PDF/Adobe format, so if you have not already downloaded a free copy, my suggestion is that you download it first.

Presumably, the other five methods of inquiry will bring many additional hits.

Google is now scanning the pages of millions of books for online genealogical research. Under an agreement with the libraries of Harvard University (only 40,000 books), Stanford University ( 8 million books), Univ. Of Michigan (7 million volumes), New York City Public Library (over 20 million tomes) and the University of Oxford, all books which are no longer under copyright (those over 26 years old for which an additional 26 year period has not been granted) will be scanned in their entirety. Those under copyright will also be scanned, but only short excerpts will be available online. Obviously, the

scanning process will take a considerable amount of time, so watch for future announcements.

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**Thanks to Annie Lloyd who forwarded the following information:**

Unique Irish American Genealogy Collection Available! The Origins Network adds exclusive Irish/US passenger records at Irish Origins plus over 700,000 new 1871 census records at British Origins.

The Origins Network, specialists in British and Irish genealogy, are proud to announce the addition of key passenger lists from Irish ships bound for the United States, which are entirely exclusive to Irish Origins subscribers, plus a further 700,000 names in the 1871 England and Wales Census (Surrey records), both available via The Origins Network: [www.originsnetwork.com](http://www.originsnetwork.com)

"If people are trying to do as much as possible online, for England and Ireland in particular, their work is incomplete if they have not stopped by The Origins Network."

-- Sherry Irvine (past President of the Association of Genealogists)

The Irish Passenger Lists of 1890, compiled directly from original lists held at The National Archives in London, contain over 45,000 names of individuals travelling from several Irish ports to the east coast of the USA and include a wealth of valuable information for the genealogist such as the ship's name, date of departure, passengers' ages, marital status and occupation. Particularly valuable are frequent appearance of family groups emigrating to the USA. More information on the Passenger Lists and other Irish genealogy collections at Irish Origins: [www.irishorigins.com](http://www.irishorigins.com)

In addition, researchers looking for their ancestors in England now have another 700,000 census records to search in the London area. The London-Surrey 1871 census collection covers a major portion of London south of the River Thames, with full information about each household and full image collections. More information on the 1871 census and other English genealogy collections at British Origins: <http://www.britishorigins.com>

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