



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Saturday, 22 May 2005, 1:00 PM to - 3:00 PM

The film "42 Up", the final film in the "Up" series, will be shown. This film examines the lives of 14 English children in 1964 and every seven years thereafter, culminating in this last film when the children are now 42 years old.

Computer Workgroup, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM
Jim McNamara will discuss using Microsoft Excel®
to sort, make forms, research logs, etc.

Next Month – Sunday, 26 Jun 2005, 1:00-3:00 PM

Speaker Janice Cloud – The Colonial Era
Understanding history is an important part of effective genealogical research.

WELSH STUDY GROUP *led by Annie Lloyd*
Topic: Welsh Settlements in America.

Note: *see page 4 for details of May and June Programs*

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>

Frankly, despite my horror of the press, I'd love to rise from the grave every ten years or so and go buy a few newspapers.

- Luis Buñuel (1900-1983), Spanish filmmaker. *My Last Sigh*, ch. 21 (1983).¹

Editor's Note:

Nancy Carlberg told me about the site for the British Library at Colinadale, so I found their site and starting looking for Irish newspapers on microfilm. Some of the pieces I have posted into past BIFHS-USA newsletters have included transcriptions of Irish newsprint, mostly from Cathy Joynt Labath. I have really admired this person's work in that she is not retired, and in her spare time posts these gems on several Rootsweb Internet Lists, as well as the Ireland Old News list and site. It has become too enticing for me to ignore. Even though I was unable to get a film of any paper that was published very close to where my ancestors lived, I decided this should be done, other people may gain some benefit, some clue to their Irish research. Therefore, I purchased a microfilm of 'The Tuam Herald', from Tuam, County Galway. I have made several transcriptions already, and some things really stand out. Some papers have a society page, who got married, and when, who are the parents of the spouses, where these people are from, when the marriage was. Every time anyone died, there was always 'regret' expressed on behalf of the community.

I have seen a few stories saying a baby was baptized, sometimes I see the birth announcement. I have also seen many death announcements: how a person died, where he was, when he was born, what this person was known for. Four short articles are included here, just to give you a taste, all from the April 03, 1909 edition of 'The Tuam Herald', Tuam, Co. Galway:

1. *Two youths, Thomas Kelly, 17, and Laurence Curley, 16, in a spirit of play, started to throw potatoes at each other in a Galway potato field. The first named chanced to hit Curley on the back of the head, from the effects of which he died. Kelly, who was brought up at the Galway Assizes charged with his companion's death, was released by Judge Johnson after five minutes' detention.*
2. *A marriage has been arranged between Captain Aglionby, 3^d Battalion Connaught Rangers, and Colonial Civil Service, and Joyce Williams Wynn, daughter of the late Joseph Godman, of Park Hatch, and Mrs. Godman, 55 Lowndes Square, London.*
3. *The death is much regretted in Co Mayo of Dr T Griffin, M.A., M.D., Louisburgh, who has passed away at the age of 62 years. He was much esteemed, both in his professional capacity and as a magistrate, and as a medical practitioner his ability was appreciated beyond his own districts. There is much sympathy with Mrs. Griffin and family in their bereavement.*
4. *One evening last week a man named Martin O'Connor, a carpenter by occupation, and a native of Spiodal, was discovered lying on the roadside at Errismore, a short distance from Clifden, in an unconscious state. Having been removed to a neighbouring house, it was there found by medical inspection that he had been suffering from a fracture of the skull. Medical aid was unavailing, as the man did not recover consciousness, and died the following morning. The deceased was well known in Galway, where he had a large connection. He belonged to a most respectable family.*

These are the typical things you will find in the old newspapers, any story that lets people know about marriages of well known folks, deaths, unusual or not, of anyone in the community, social events, disasters, epidemics, statistics, military backgrounds of the more renowned people in the community, etc.

Just a reminder, don't forget about the newspapers, you may just find that one clue you need to advance your research. You can see many articles that have been transcribed at: www.IrelandOldNews.com. Just click on the county and year of interest. You may see some holes in the directory, feel free to adopt any paper, any year.

Best regards to all,

Jim McNamara

Any and all comments welcome – JPMTCC@aol.com

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President's Message:

Hi everyone,

This will be a busy summer. Remember we have a big seminar coming up with Linda Jonas coming back from Virginia to talk to us. This is always a special experience.

Our journals are caught up now thanks to Gail Said Johnson. If you have something for the new one, just let her know.

Nancy Bier and I are leaving for Virginia to represent the Society at the McLean Seminar. Then I'm heading to England, Wales, France, and Switzerland in June, followed by our last guided tour to Salt Lake City in July. We may have someone else guide it next year, but I won't be there.

Hope to see a lot of you at Jamboree in Burbank this year (13-14 May).

Don't forget refreshments for the May meeting! See you there.

Nancy Carlberg n_carlberg@hotmail.com

Thanks to BIFHS-USA Journal Editor Gail Said Johnson for the following:

From the *Librarians' Index to the Internet (LII)*
NEW THIS WEEK - <http://lii.org/ntw/>
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NEW THIS WEEK for February 17, 2005

Palaeography: Reading Old Handwriting, 1500-1800: A Practical Online Tutorial
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/palaeography/>

"Palaeography is the study of old handwriting. This web tutorial will help you learn to read the handwriting found in documents written in English between 1500 and 1800." Practice documents include wills, petitions, estate inventories, and fun material such as "Recipe for mince pies. Early 17th century." From the National Archives, (Surrey, United Kingdom), in partnership with University College London.

NEW THIS WEEK for March 24, 2005

Local History: Liverpool
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/liverpool/localhistory/>

Learn about the history and character of Liverpool, England, including its famous streets, docks, landmarks, famous people (such as the Beatles), the local Liverpoolian dialect (Scouse), and related topics. Includes a quiz, audio and video clips, photos, and more. From the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Liverpool Voices: Ask the Experts
http://www.bbc.co.uk/liverpool/content/articles/2005/01/14/voices_linguist_feature.shtml

This interview with a University of Liverpool dialectology and sociolinguistics expert discusses the origins and history of Merseyside speech and the "Scouse" accent of Liverpool. Includes several audio clips and the results of a survey about accents and voices. From the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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 for additional info.
- 13-14 SCGS & Family Research Library present the 36th 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
Website: www.scgsgenealogy.com
- 21 New Lanark 2005 Family History Fair
See www.genuki.org.uk for additional info.
- 22 **BIFHS-USA, Program - Film**
The film "42 Up", the final film in the "Up" series, will be shown. This film examines the lives of 14 English children in 1964 and every seven years thereafter, culminating in this last film when the children are now 42 years old. The children are from diverse classes, and in part, this is a study of the class system in England and how close the subjects are to realizing their ambitions. Of the Up Series, filmed by renowned director Michael Apted, film critic Roger Ebert says, "On my list of the ten greatest films of all time". Don't miss it; you will be talking about this film for days after. **Computer Workgroup**
Jim McNamara will discuss using Microsoft Excel® to sort, make forms, research logs, etc.
- 27-29 USS Highland Games at Los Angeles Fairplex

Jun-2005

- 26 Speaker Janice Cloud – The Colonial Era
Understanding history is an important part of effective genealogical research. Of course, the present United States were colonies of Great Britain until our independence was declared in 1776. Jan will discuss the colonial era in America and the impact of Great Britain on the lives of the colonists and on your colonial American genealogical research. **Janice Cloud** - Host of a TV show "Ancestor Search," Jan has also lectured in New Zealand and the North and South Islands as well as throughout California. She is a genealogy instructor at Santa Barbara City College, including a twelve-week course on English Research. With a mother from Nova Scotia and a father from Texas, Jan maintains she was therefore forced to develop specializations in U.S., Canadian and English research. Jan now lives in Santa Barbara and in her "spare time" she conducts a one-world study of the Bosomworth Family of Yorkshire and produced a newsletter in conjunction with the study. She is also the Historian for the Cloud Family Association and edits their quarterly, "Cloud Family Journal." In

addition, she is a Coordinator of the English Study Group for the BIFHS-U.S.A. and conducts research for clients.
WELSH STUDY GROUP led by Annie Lloyd
Topic: Welsh Settlements in America.
If you know where your immigrant Welsh ancestor settled in America, you should be able to know where he came from in Wales. There will be clues where he lived *here* that can get you back *there*. **Annie Lloyd** is the leader of the Welsh Study Group and Welsh Consultant at the LAFHC. She has lectured both in the USA and internationally. Author of several books on Welsh genealogy, she writes the "Climbing the Family Tree" column for the Welsh-American newspaper, NINNAU.

Jul-2005

- 24 **BIFHS-USA meeting - Open Research Day**
Prepare for the August Annual BIFHS –U.S.A Seminar with a day of research in the LA Family History Center.

Aug-2005

- 13 **BIFHS–U.S.A.** Annual Seminar, 8:30am – 4:30pm
At: Veterans Memorial Complex
4117 Overland Ave
Culver City, CA

Featured Speaker – Linda Jonas

Lunch will be served. We will sell our British genealogy books. There will be an admission charge. Program details will follow.

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

Oct-2005

- 6-23 Research trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland
Nancy Bier will lead the annual trip into Ireland in the fall. There will be four days of research time in Dublin and four days in Belfast. Those who wish to sightsee on those days will be accommodated. The other days will be spent in the areas early reservations indicate are needed. Reservations are now being accepted. So far we know we additionally will try to be in Cork and Mayo. Every effort will be made to individualize for research needs or interests.

Information and reservations through:

Ginger Aarons, CTC Time Travel
P.O. Box 23908
Portland, OR 97281-3908
Phone: 503-590-7127 Fax: 877-787-7807 (toll free) Cell: 503-421-0029
www.time Traveltours.com

Thanks to Dorothy Losee for the following:

SOME STATE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY WEB PAGES:

- Arizona State Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~asgs/>
- California State Genealogical Society:
<http://www.calgensoc.org/>
- Indiana Genealogical Society:
<http://www.indgensoc.org>
- Iowa Genealogical Society:
<http://www.iowagenealogy.org/>
- Kansas Genealogical Society:
<http://www.dodgecity.net/kgs/>
- Kentucky Genealogical Society:
<http://www.kygs.org/>
- Michigan Genealogical Council:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mimgc/>
- Nevada State Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~nvsgs/>
- Oregon Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~orlncogs/ogsinfo.htm>
- The Tennessee Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~tngs/index.html>
- Utah Genealogical Association:
<http://www.infouga.org>
- Washington State Genealogical Society:
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~wasgs/>

Editor's Note:

This information came from a newsletter of FGS (Fed. of Gen. Societies) to which BIFHS-USA belongs. Dorothy gets the newsletter because as the delegate from BIFHS-USA

Thanks to Jane Lyons for the following:

Belfast 1901 Census - Heads of Household

The names of approximately 4,000 Heads of Household who lived on a number of streets with names beginning A, B, or C have been loaded to the From Ireland web site. You will find the link under the Name Lists/Databases heading on my Antrim page at:

<http://www.from-ireland.net/contents/antrimcont.htm>

There are also 573 references to marriage records; 462 Death records, and 566 birth records refs from the Irish Civil Registers for the Belfast Civil Registration District. The Larne, Lisburn, and Lurgan district refs will be updated in the next week.

BOOKSHELF: Ireland

By Nancy Bier

The Irish Tangle for English Readers,
By Shane Leslie published MacDonal & Co. Ltd.,
London, 1952.

This is an old, out of print book that I have found to be interesting, informative, and entertaining in style. It is an "easy read" and the information is often given in what we might call SOUND BITES.

For instance, there were one hundred Irish recipients of the Victoria Cross, fifty before the Boer War. Irishmen won the cross in the Crimea, Indian Mutiny, and Germany.

There is a mention I find intriguing of a Cromwellian who in his will left supplies of whiskey and dirks to the Irish in hopes they would kill each other at his wake.

Cromwell is hated in Ireland for the massacres at Drogheda and Wexford and general depredations against the Irish. According to the author he was also a great Englishman and the English have reason to be proud of him (although he did even more damage and killing in England than in Ireland).

There are 253 pages comprising 39 chapters. Some of the chapters are only a page or two in length but the titles are indicative of the material found such as: A Note on the Irish Flag, A Note on Irish Historians, A Note on Irish Chastity, The Ulster Heritage, in addition to the chapters usually found in an Irish History.

According to the end flaps "the author picks out and polishes certain facets of the Irish prism." In the same vein, the book comes out of "conversations the author held with American sentries posted between his walls and the walls of Caledon Demesne" and a later lecture to American officers stationed at Caledon House located between County Monaghan and northern Ireland.

I know the author's views will be found to be controversial by many. It was written more than 50 years ago and hindsight often proves to be better than not but if you can find a copy of this book, enjoy. I did!

BOOKSHELF: SCOTLAND

According to the periodical "Your Family History" issue 23, April 2005 there is a new book for Scottish researchers that sounds like a good addition to an individual library. I have not read the book but have it on my order list. *The Road to Maggiknockater* by Robert Smith, Birlinn. At www.birlinn.co.uk with ISBN 1841583219 may be available from Barnes & Noble, Borders, or on the Internet.

"...is a book that sets out to explore Aberdeen and the north east of Scotland through its place names". It contains 31 chapters covering local histories and places in northeast Scotland. Since researchers always need to know about the locations of their ancestors, this book should be of great use. Cost 9.99 pounds.

IRISH NOTES

Archive CD Books has arrived in Ireland. You can now begin to order books as they are published on CD. For instance the Thoms's Directory is only 21 pounds and some of the CDs are as low as 7 pounds which translates to about 10 euro. You can view the list and order at archivecdbooks.ie

NOTE: The Genealogical Society of Ireland has just installed Tony McCarthy as the new president. Tony lectured to us at one of our earlier seminars and is remembered as being one of the best lecturers we have had.

ENGLAND & WALES NOTES

Genealogically speaking there is a new "Real Prince of Wales" in the claimant Dewi Thomas who traces his heritage back to Rhodri Fawr (Rhodri the Great) in 670. His story was run on a recent TV series *Hel Achau* seen on Welsh TV station S4C.

If you are traveling through England in July you will want to take note of the FAMILY HISTORY FAIR on Saturday, July 9, 2005. It will be held at the Winter Gardens, Royal Parade, Weston-super-Mare and will take place in The Prince Consort Hall and the Ballroom.

For details you may email bob.steed@virgin.net

Notes on the Domesday Book from a very good article in "Your Family History" issue 23, April 2005.

"For years, it was thought among scholars that the main purpose of the Great Survey was to see how much tax could be garnered from William's new possessions. Each manor's taxable value is shown twice: once as it was valued in 1086 and also as it had been just before the Conquest ("TRE"). However, some historians have recently argued that tax wasn't the point. The purpose of the Great Survey, as they see it, was to record who held what. All the tenants and sub-tenants are named and their holding delineated, so William could quickly settle any disputes later".

There is a copy of the Domesday Book in our Family History Center library.

Congratulations to Jon Schweitzer, who is now the new Webmaster for the LAFHC Website. Jon has made many changes and improvements in the Website, including adding some online inventories or holdings. (See the middle column of the main page.) More inventories and holdings databases will be added in the future.

See the new LAFHC Website at: <http://www.lafhc.org/>

Paul Milner will be speaking 22 October 2005 at the Las Vegas Nevada Genealogical Society's seminar. For more information see: www.rootsweb.com/~nvccngs

THE BRITISH ARE HERE

Familyrelatives.org <http://www.familyrelatives.org>, a pay-per-view database site with more than 300 million English and Welsh births, marriages and deaths, is up and running a little behind schedule.

Webmasters originally planned to launch the site last December, but a letter sent to registered users said the testing phase went on longer than expected. (See the Dec. 2, 2004, Family Tree Magazine E-mail Update newsletter for our report.)

Registration is free, but it's required in order to search. Viewing most records costs 2 "units"--you can buy 60 units for \$10 and must use them within 30 days. Get your units before April 17 and you'll receive 25 to 33 percent more free, depending how many you buy.

FamilyRelatives.org has images of all the birth, marriage and death indexes for 1866 to 2002, with transcriptions for 1866 to 1920 and 1984 to 2002. You can search the transcribed indexes by surname, first name (the site calls it a called forename), spouse's name, year, quarter-year and locality.

Indexes for 1921 to 1983 are partially transcribed, so search results show a list of surname ranges--pick the range encompassing your ancestor's name and scan the page image.

ENGLAND'S FIRST EVERY-NAME CENSUS GOES ONLINE

The subscription-database site British Origins (<http://www.britishorigins.com>) announced last week it now has the 1841 census of England and Wales--the earliest enumeration to list everyone living at a residence, rather than just the head of household. British Origins' offering is the first version of the 1841 census available in a searchable online database. You can subscribe to the records collection--which also includes marriages, wills and court documents--for \$44 per year.

GENCIRCLES PUTS A PRICE TAG ON SMARTMATCHING

Pearl Street Software began selling subscriptions to its formerly free, user-contributed pedigree database GenCircles (<http://www.gencircles.com>) earlier this month.

The four-year-old GenCircles database, which contains information on 90 million ancestors submitted by researchers like you, is known for SmartMatching--a search technology Pearl Street staff created. When you upload your family tree files to GenCircles, the site compares people in your file to the GenCircles database and shows you where your relatives match individuals in other people's files. SmartMatching weeds out irrelevant search results, letting you see where other users have information you're missing, and vice versa.

Pearl Street president Cliff Shaw has promised on the site that "True to our word, GenCircles will continue to be free and always will be." (See: <http://www.gencircles.com/info/ftl>) But he says almost no one complained when GenCircles proposed the subscription. "I'd say about 500 people wrote in positively, with about five complaining."

You still can search the site for free--results show matching names and the submitter's name. But the SmartMatches link now takes you to a message explaining that GenCircles' growth has led to increased costs and slower development that threaten to shut down the site.

An update to that announcement posted at least a week ago says "overwhelmingly positive" user feedback led GenCircles to implement the subscription. People who take advantage of the limited-time \$30 initial offer lock in that price for life. Shaw hasn't decided how long that will last or what the new price would be: "Maybe \$40," he says.

Subscribers can view matches' birth and death dates, burial information, parents, spouse and children; related message board postings and other notes. Users of Pearl Street Software's Family Tree Legends genealogy program, which includes automatic searching of GenCircles' database, will continue to receive free access.

The Irish Fair Foundation will hold the 30th Great American Irish Fair and Music Festival the 25th and 26th of June 2005 at the Irvine Meadows Fairground, Irvine, CA. The date and place of venue have changed.

ANOTHER SOUTH WALES GROUP

We are pleased to advise you that another section of that magnificent genealogical masterpiece, "Limbus Patrum - Morganiae et Glamorganiae" listing the "G036 - Descendants of Einon ap Collwyn" is now available from our webpage price US \$40.00.

Other groups already listed are:

- G001 - Lewis of Van.
- G002 - Descendants of the Princes of Glamorgan
- G003 - The Matthew Family of Llandaff.
- G004 - The Family of Herberts.
- G018 - Descendants of Maenarch.
- G033 - The Morgans of Tredegar House.

Next on the production line is:

"Miscellaneous Welsh Pedigrees"

All items include many Morgan Family Lines and are essential for serious genealogical researchers. Indeed, it is difficult to see how South Wales research can be done without this information. Produced on CD-ROM, payment can be made by Credit Card.

Why travel to that Library or Record Office when you can do your research at home.

Morgan Publications details are on:

<http://homepages.tesco.net/~morganpublications/morganpu.html>

HAVE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT YOU MAY BE MISSING

SHIP-SHAPE DATABASE

Mystic Seaport: <http://www.mysticseaport.org> has posted its collection of early American published ship registers--including the New York Marine Register, American Lloyd's Register of American and Foreign Shipping and The Record of American and Foreign Shipping—at:

<http://www.mysticseaport.org/library/initiative/ShipRegisterList.cfm>

Together, these annual books list registered ships, barks, brigs and schooners from 1857 through 1900.

The registers aren't passenger lists, but they may help you find out more about an immigrant ancestor's ship. You can choose a register to browse by year, or select Search Ship Registers to search on the name and type of vessel, or the name of the ship's master. The search is case-sensitive, so start names with capital letters, and type a capital letter if you choose the "begins with" option for the ship's name search. Click on a ship's name in the results list to see which register lists it. Then you can link to the register to learn the ship's home port, the date and place it was built, its dimensions and more.

Discover Your Irish Roots

Let our Irish Ethnic Toolkit help you get started tracing your ancestors back to the auld sod.

http://www.familytreemagazine.com/ethnic_cat.asp?ethnicity=Irish

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

ALL DAY SATURDAY – JUNE 4, 2005

**Land and Tax Records
England/Wales, Scotland, Ireland**

At the Los Angeles Family History Center Library
Presented by BIFHS-USA

**FREE
CLASSES/WORKSHOPS**

9:15 to 10:30 - English & Welsh Manor Records
How to find the one you need, what they contain

10:45 to 12:00 - English & Welsh Manor
Records Part II and Taxes

12:30 to 2:00 - Irish Estate Records Includes
Griffiths, Tithes, Taxes. How to find the estate
your ancestors lived upon. Where to find the
records and what they can give you.

2:15 to 3:30 - Scottish Land Records and Tax
Records, Locate the necessary records for your
ancestor.

3:30 to 5:00 - Irish Estate Records –
Encumbered Estates, What to do when census
and church records don't exist

By Nancy Bier, Vice Pres. Education, Annie Lloyd
Director of Welsh Studies. and Kav Devonshire

CLAN MORGAN

There has been a sudden revival in the possibility of forming a Scottish Clan MORGAN. There are plenty of MORGANs in Scotland and always have been. If you have a Scottish connection, please get in touch with The Morgan Society on this address, to see what sort of interest there is in this project.

David Morgan
Hon Secretary morgansociety@tesco.net

**Thanks to Cathy Joynt Labath
for the following transcription:**

**THE CONNAUGHT JOURNAL
Galway, Monday, August 23, 1824**

**EXECUTION OF COTTER FOR
THE MURDER OF MR. BRERETON**

A Gentleman who was present at the execution of this unfortunate man, on last Monday, has favoured us with an account of the arrangements on the occasion - the wretched convict, on this occasion, was, we are happy to say, very penitent.- The exhortation of the Rev. Mr. Mahony, one of the curates of Tralee, had succeeded in bringing him to a sense of his enormity, and of the awful change he was about to enter into; he evinced a good deal of firmness and acknowledged the justice of his sentence, and forgave his prosecutors.- He was escorted in a chaise to the place of execution by the horse and foot police, and two companies of infantry. This execution took place in a field near the Cross of Sinnagh, nine miles distant from Killarney, and very near the scene where the unfortunate Mr. Brerton was found murdered. In consequence of the novelty of an execution in that part of the country, as well as the extensive acquaintance which Cotter had in the place, immense crowds were attracted to the spot, but notwithstanding the arrangements were gone through without the slightest interruption. - The cavalcade arrived at the spot about two o'clock on Monday. Much time was consumed in erecting the gallows, during which interval he remained in the chaise deeply engaged in prayer. After a lapse of three quarters of an hour, the necessary preparations being complete, he descended from the chaise, and walked from thence to the foot of the gallows where he knelt, and having said a few prayers he was about to mount the scaffold when it was discovered that his arms were not properly tied, in humanity to the unfortunate man, the defect was remedied, and he pointed to the executioner in which way to adjust the cord. On reaching the drop, and kneeling, he asked leave to address the assemblage and spoke as follows:

"I beg leave to say a few words - I acknowledge the justice of my sentence; I forgive my prosecutors and my enemies and this man here (meaning the executioner). I call upon those assembled to abstain from nightly meetings; it was by attending at these

that I am brought to this fate, and if others follow my example they will come to a like end. I beg the prayers of those present and may the Lord have mercy upon me!"

Having stood up, the rope was finally adjusted, the drop fell, and in a few moments life had left him, without even a struggle, on his fall there was no exclamation of horror, and the immense multitude fell simultaneously upon their knees, and offered up their prayers to the throne of God, for mercy upon the misguided man.

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

Perhaps the best Irish site, out of Ireland, by John Hayes, has moved to:

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

Jane Lyons will begin a newsletter soon. The Irish Internet Genealogy Bus (I.I.G.B.) will be a free newsletter distributed in the form of an email. Please see the site below for subscription details:

<http://www.from-ireland.net/genealogybus.htm>

Fantasy Jack Palance's site of photographs from Dublin, includes 4800 pictures of various places in Dublin taken between 2001 and 2003.

<http://www.fantasyjackpalance.com/fjp/photos/index.html>

Here is a portal which has links to many public libraries in Ireland. Includes: Carlow Central, Cavan County, Clare County, Cork City & County, Donegal County, Dublin City, Galway County, Kerry County, Kildare County, Kilkenny County, Laois County, Leitrim County, Limerick City & County, Longford County, Louth County, Mayo County, Meath County, Monaghan County, Offaly County, Roscommon County, Sligo County, Tipperary Joint, Waterford City & County, Westmeath County, Wexford County, and Wicklow County Libraries.

<http://www.library.ie/public/index.shtml>

From:

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May/June – 2005 Newsletter

“First Class”

To:

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

BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY – USA

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

ALL MAIL MUST BE ADDRESSED TO: British Isles FHS-USA,

attention: person you wish to receive the correspondence.

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

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

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