



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Sunday, Nov 27, 2005, 1:00 PM to – about 5 PM

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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>

Editor's Note:

This time of year is a great for me. Some things are always the same. There are evenings I sit and think about the past year, and other evenings I think about the coming year. I think about the coming holidays, and take an inventory of what presents I have stowed away for my family, and this year is an interesting collection. I think back on where I was in October, when I found some of these jewels. It was the Farmer's Market Co-op in Olympia, Washington where I visited my new found Mac cousins last month. There are five sisters, their story I did not know. I knew my dad always said Nancy (their mother – his baby sister) was his favorite sister, and she was the only one he talked to on the phone from the Mac side of family.

An Internet Genealogy list helps me find my Mac cousins a few years back. I am reluctant to contact them, and finally did so this year. I worried about how I will seem to them, but it was of no concern to Franney. Franney is a lawyer now, and most graciously invites me to join their yearly get together in her home near Olympia. I quickly accept and plan on what to bring. I make a CD-ROM of all my Mac and Cleary research, and also included family pictures, letters, maps, and much more.

When I arrive, I am greeted at the airport by Kathleen. Linda and her husband Dan are waiting outside curbside. I collect my bags and follow Kathleen to car. Dan, Linda, and Kathleen have traveled down from Victoria, BC this morning, and arrived just in time to collect me at the airport. We chat the whole trip to Olympia, I am immediately nicknamed 'CJ' (cousin Jim) by Dan.

Such a sad tale, Aunt Nancy took care of her mother-in-law and her father after their spouses died, and they were in declining health. Nancy was caretaker of her mother-in-law and father through their final years of declining health. She also took care of her five daughters, mostly by herself, no rest, a hard life. The grandparents died, Nancy and her husband both died young, and left the children with nothing but debt.

Nancy was a strict mother, there was no bad language allowed in her house; Nancy was a good Catholic mum after all. I can see how this has affected the three cousins I met. It has affected their personalities and has made them strong and independent, each of them.

Previously I had met the oldest sister in 1972. Anne drove across Canada from New York, and down the Washington, Oregon, and California coast. Anne's car died around Cal State Los Angeles University. That is where I picked her up in our old '57 Chevy. She was traveling with a guitar, her lap dog, and was dressed in a poncho and hat, reminiscent of singer-songwriter Joni Mitchell of the era; I hope I am remembering this correctly. She was such a sweet and gentle soul. The day I left I spoke to her on the phone, she is now the elected leader of the local teacher's union in Canada. Her voice sounds exactly like I remember her from 1972.

At the house I am presented with a couple of large prints, one framed, of Grandpa and Grandma Mac, with their daughter and new son-in-law on her wedding day. I give the CD-ROM to each of my cousins, and a few extra for the absent ones. Our last night in town, I show them what is on the CD. It is an interesting moment. We learn so much from each other. I have reconstructed the story of our grandparents trip to America, their lives in Ireland, census, passenger, marriage, and naturalization records tell their past story. Franney and Linda tell me what they remember. I learn where my grandparents are buried, and we see their sister's (Trisha's) daughter's wedding photos in New York from September. We talk about dual citizenship, and I promise to send them the information needed to obtain this.

I am travelling back on Alaska airlines. We hug good bye at the airport and promise to stay in touch. I hope I can arrange for my Mac cousins to meet my siblings, such busy lives we all have.

Best regards to all,

Jim McNamara -Any and all comments welcome – JPMTCC@yahoo.com (please note new email address)

President's Message:

This is my good-bye as President. I welcome our new President Ivan who will take over this spot in January. We are also saying good-bye to several of our board members, Janet Thomas will be leaving the board as Vice-President of Programs and Annie Lloyd will be coming in. Two of our members are leaving and going a distance away, but they are both life members so they'll still be hearing from us. Dorothy Losee has moved to Northern California and Nancy Bier is moving soon to Dallas, Texas. We wish them both well. We will miss them.

Thank you to all of the board members who have served during the last four years. I'll still be hanging around as Advisor and as English Interest Group person.

Our November meeting should be loads of fun. It is our Show and Tell, so bring your exciting and new or just interesting finds in for us to see.

Remember our holiday party is coming up on 10 December. We moved it to a Saturday to help make it easier to come to the library. I will be there all day so if you have any research questions, I'll be glad to help. Of course, I'll be hiding in the office, so just ask for me.

We voted last month to donate money toward the new bookshelves. I'm helping get the books cataloged and on the shelf.

If you plan to go to your local family history center to use the Internet, be forewarned that Salt Lake City has ruined the computer use of the Internet. You must have a site cleared before you can use it, and this can take several weeks. So many of the sites you usually use will not be available at some of the Family History Centers. Some may never be. If you use Hotmail, be careful of trying to use your e-mail, as you can not sign out currently because msn.com is a blocked site.

See you at the meeting. I already know what I want to bring.

Nancy Ellen Carlberg

n_carlberg@hotmail.com

YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR YOUR SOCIETY.

British Isles Family History Society –USA is in need of three volunteers for the following board positions:

- 1) Treasurer – Disperse funds, balance accounts, report expenses and income to the board.
- 2) Recording Secretary – Record the board meeting minutes and distribute to board via email.
- 3) Corresponding Secretary – Pick up mail, report items to board, return correspondence of BIFHS-USA business.

Positions start in January 2006. Please report to the November board meeting (@ 11:30 AM) or to any current board member, or to your president.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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Sunday Jan 22, 1-3 PM

BIFHS-USA - General meeting.

Our program will be an expert panel to address members' questions. The panel will consist of Nancy Bier, Nancy Carlberg, Annie Lloyd, Kay Devonshire, and Jill Kirby. Please think of any research problems that you may have and email them to Janet Thomas at: janetthomas@sbcglobal.net prior to the meeting. We will take questions at the meeting, written on cards, but if you submit them ahead, the panel will be able to give them more consideration. We have had a similar panel in the past and it was really fun and informative. Be prepared to participate. Who knows? You may even be able to break down a brick wall.

Saturday Feb 25, 8AM – 4 PM

Whittier Area Genealogical Society

23rd Annual Seminar w/ Lloyd Bockstruck

B?IFHS-USA & Carlberg Press will have a sales table here

Sunday Feb 26, 1-3 PM

BIFHS-USA - General meeting.

Program TBA

March 5 – 12, Nancy Carlberg will be in SLC with the California African American Seminar, and will help any BIFHS-USA member who happens to be in the library when she is during this period.

Sunday Mar 26, 1-3 PM

BIFHS-USA - General meeting.

Program TBA

Sunday Apr 23, 1-3 PM

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September 25-30, 2006

Join us in a fantastic celebration in Northern Ireland!

It is the 50th anniversary of the Ulster Historical Foundation and there will be a five day celebration at the end of September.

Join myself and others as we gather for the lectures, discussions, fun and celebration. Our trip will include the all the festivities and you will have the opportunity of meeting incredibly friendly people from around the world. All will be interested in Northern Irish Genealogical Research and Irish History.

Details are still in the works and for further information contact Nancy Bier at email nbierirish@aol.com or 310-375-6149 or Ginger Aarons at Time Travel at www.timetraveltours.com after December 10, 2005 Dates? Ulster Historical Foundation September 25-30. Our Research trip? September 25 through Oct. 15 (dates are approximate at this time) will include the celebration, time for research in PRONI, and a week in Ireland for research in Dublin and sightseeing. We will also endeavor to provide individual research needs as we have done in the past.

You might want to ask those who have been on previous trips if they found them to be productive and fun..

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:

Please contact any board member to let us know what you think our society should be doing for our members, in terms of programs, services, etc. Please consider participating in the society in some way or another.

BIFHS-USA say good bye:

to Dorothy Losee and Nancy Lee Bier. Both of you will be missed. Dot has already moved and has given out her contact information via the BIFHS-USA email news list. Nancy is just back from Ireland and may be talked into a future program this year. Nancy will be moving to the Dallas area,

BOOKSHELF - Recommended new books.

By Nancy Bier

"Index of People and Places" by Patrick McWilliams. Pub. by Institute of Irish Studies, The Queen's University of Belfast, 2002. 25 pound sterling from Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast.

This volume is the long awaited issue of the index to the Ordnance Survey Memoirs of Ireland. It includes all the parishes, townlands and persons mentioned in the memoirs as published by the Ulster Historical Foundation. These are Northern Ireland names and places. I find it a very useful, complete index of those volumes and it certainly makes finding something in one of the volumes much easier.

I am sure this index would be a welcome addition to the library of the Family History Center as the Ordnance Survey Memoirs are already in that collection of the Irish materials. If you would like to donate the volume I believe you could contact the new President of BIFHS, Ivan Johnson, through the website.

"Tracing Your Limerick Ancestors" by Margaret Franklin is a very welcome addition to the "How To" books now making their way to our shelves. We have seen volumes on Dublin, Armagh, Kerry, and other counties.

If you have ancestors who came from this part of Ireland, you will definitely find this volume most helpful.

Among the general information of research it lists such items as specific sources for searching Irish Estates in Limerick.

Methodist records, the Palatines, and Jewish records for the county are also mentioned. A very good list of articles and books written by those who came from Limerick is included as is a list of Pedigrees of Limerick families.

Cost is Euro 10.50 and I purchased mine from Heraldic Artists on Nassau St. in Dublin. They are also online with their products. It was published by Fly Leaf Press, Dublin.

While researching in all of Ireland is very similar in the records used and the techniques applied to research, anyone looking for ancestors from the northern counties, particularly Scotch-Irish Ancestors have some additional problems to face in their research. The Ulster Plantation must be considered.

Therefore, those researching ancestors from Northern Ireland will find the new publication of "Researching Down Ancestors" by Ian Maxwell to be just what they need to help them overcome stone walls.

It contains the regular information on general research in Northern Irish records and then goes on to include the following: The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church, The Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the Moravian Church (more on that one later).

Local government records available to searchers are discussed and Misc. collections include solicitors records, shipping records, volunteer records, and yeomanry records to name only a few.

The volume is invaluable for research in Co. Down which is so important to many of the descendants of Scotch-Irish in America.

Price is 11.99 sterling and it is available from the publisher, Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast.

While you are ordering this volume don't neglect to also order your copy of Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors by William Roulston.

For all Irish researchers:

An absolute "MUST" for all serious Irish searchers is a copy of "Byrne's Dictionary of Irish Local History" - an extensive range of key local history terminology. From earliest times to 1900. By Joseph Byrne it is published by Mercier Press, Cork, 2004. Again, I bought mine from Heraldic Artists, Nassau St., Dublin for around 15.00 Euro.

This is a badly needed and well thought out book for all local historians as well as genealogists. I found many things listed that I never knew.

For instance how many of you realize that a chief rent is a crown rent or a rent paid by a freeholder to the manorial lord, or the meaning of charter schools in Ireland (description is too long to print here, so you will have to get a copy of the book), or a good explanation of the practice of burials among the various churches (it may help you to find your ancestor's grave), and don't neglect the meaning of a potwalloper (it has something to do with voting rights in Ireland). The explanation of hungry months will be enlightening as will the explanation of foundling hospital in Ireland.

All the explanations and meanings of phrases and words will be of help to you in your research. No Irish researcher's library should be without this book no matter whether you are researching in Ireland or the Northern Ireland counties.

These are all my favorites for researchers. Ask for them for Christmas presents or "gift" someone you know.

On this past trip to Ireland I was fortunate to be able to go into Scotland, once again, for a weeks research.

One of my stops was into the Scottish Genealogical Society on Victoria Terrace in Edinburgh. Let me tell you, if you ever are in that city to research you will certainly want to make this a place to spend a day doing research. Suggested contribution is 5 pounds sterling for the day and it is well worth the money. However, if you have never been there please call for instructions on how to find the place. I wish I could have sent each of you a picture post card but will try to do my best with words.

Victoria Road is the stop most taxis and cars can find and you will be let out on that road if you do not know where to go. Then you will walk down a very steep flight of stairs to a little sidewalk that leads to the door.

However, if you are knowledgeable you will ask your driver to let you off on The Bow, at Victoria Terrace, just opposite the Library of Scotland. You will see a small sidewalk that looks like it is going around the very tall buildings (about 3 stories high). That is Victoria Terrace and as you proceed, take a look down at the street below and you will realize you really are on a "terrace" walkway halfway up the buildings. Past a couple of small stores, a nice

pub/restaurant (keep walking) through the outdoor diners if it is a nice day and around the curve to the door to the Society. It is a bit like walking on a very long balcony.

Anyway, they have records that are most useful including a file cabinet with unpublished Mss and pedigrees submitted by researchers. Lucky you, if your name appears therein. They have copies, and sell, most of the MI books published for the eastern part of Scotland and you are welcome to look through them for your particular ancestors. The OPR's (Old Parochial Records of Scotland) are available as is the I.G.I. on fiche and film. Books, directories, surname books etc. are available in the upper search room and everyone on staff is most helpful.

They are also on line and will try to answer questions for you if possible.

The National Archives of Scotland are located in the same building they have occupied for years on top of a small hill and it has a fair number of steps leading up to the building. They have recently installed an unusual outside lift as a means to help handicapped persons get into the facility. You need to call ahead and explain you will need help entering the building and a staff person will arrange to meet you at a private, staff only, side entrance which is almost in front of Register House. There are only a few steps at that location and a new lift is there for just the few stairs. Once inside, an attendant will escort you behind the scenes to other lifts to take you up to the research and reading rooms. It is a good system, and quite usable. I made good use of it, as I had to pick up a cane to use while on this trip. The Archives are free to everyone to use.

Register House still has the stairs but does have railings to help one up and down. Reservations are encouraged and definitely needed during the busy summer months and the charge is 17 pounds sterling for a full day of research. Half days can be arranged in advance.

Lewis Topographical Dictionary of Ireland:
<http://www.libraryireland.com/topog/index.php>

ProQuest is Getting Out of the Microfilm Business

Thanks to Terry Brown for the following articles:

On Oct 27th, as part of their quarterly earnings announcement, ProQuest said:

ProQuest plans to divest the company's periodical microfilm business and related manufacturing assets, as well as the course pack business. Negotiations with a potential buyer are near completion, and a transaction is anticipated to be executed soon.

Dick Eastman's story on this topic says, in part:

"This is another nail in the coffin of microfilm. The manufacturers are leaving the business, the microfilm producers such as ProQuest are leaving and it is now becoming difficult to find a company even sells blank microfilm or that will develop such films.

As announced last year, the Mormon Church is changing from microfilms to all digital records, in part because they can no longer purchase microfilm cameras or maintain their aging units already in the field. The cameras are mechanically complex and no one makes the parts any more. When the cameras fail, the Church has to manufacture its own parts.

To be sure, millions of rolls of microfilm already exist and they will not disappear overnight. We will continue to see microfilm readers in libraries for many more years. However, the move is already underway to convert microfilms to digital images. You can read an article about the Mormon Church's efforts in that direction at: <http://tinyurl.com/8dtz2>

From Eastman's Genealogy Newsletter:

Genealogists planning to visit the many different archives in London will be interested in a new map that shows the ways to walk between nine key archive centres in the London Boroughs of Camden and Islington. The Camden and Islington Family History Map has been produced

by a partnership of the archive centres, and it is an invaluable tool for anyone uncovering the lives of their ancestors. The map is part of the national Archive Awareness Campaign.

Locations highlighted on the map include:

- Old telephone directories available at BT Archives
- Old street maps at London Metropolitan Archives
- Islington Local History Centre
- The Family Records Centre
- Post Office Pension records at Royal Mail Archive
- Highgate Cemetery Registers at Camden Local Studies and Archives Centre
- The Society of Genealogists with its unique library
- The British Library for India Office records

The Family History Map also caters to the traveling genealogist for whom a single day in the area is not enough. It seems the London School of Economics can provide a great value in accommodations during the university holiday period, when student housing is vacant. This school is conveniently situated next to the Family Records Centre, and the map gives all the details.

The Camden and Islington Family History Map is completely free and is available at all the partner institutions. In addition, it will be at archives around the UK. You can also download it as a PDF file from the London page of the Archive Awareness website:

<http://www.archiveawareness.com/highlights/london>

Yes, I'd say it's a bit "behind schedule," from Dick Eastman's column:

The annual report from the Comptroller and Auditor General of Ireland has highlighted a number of areas of financial mismanagement in the government, resulting in a waste of taxpayer's money. Among the issues raised were:

A genealogy project that was supposed to result in most church records of births, marriages and deaths being entered on a computer data base by next year is running behind schedule. The C&AG reports that it will be a further 20 to 25 years before it is complete.

Editor's Note: The following is a suggestion from current Programs Chair, Janet Thomas. Please consider writing up a short summary of your family's 'black sheep' for a future Newsletter.

My Black Sheep Great Grandmother

By Janet Sugden Thomas

My great grandmother was a bigamist - twice. Emma Jeanette Swingle Martwick Kesaler Stern is my favorite black sheep ancestor. "Nettie" is buried near my home in California. She and I are the only people in my line who ever lived in California.

My grandmother, Nettie's daughter always told the family that her mother left her husband and five children when Grandmother was a little girl. The story was that she divorced her husband, Frederick Martwick, my great grandfather and married a doctor in California. Further, Nettie was supposedly the child of Norwegian immigrants.

In reality, Nettie **never** divorced her first husband and the father of her children. She went to the next county and in 1902 married Paul Kesaler, a farmer in Carbondale, PA. Five miserable years later Nettie divorced Paul and married Michael Stern, a coal miner in Scranton, PA shortly thereafter. No doctor and no California. I suspect that Nettie got her inheritance from her father who died in 1900 and took off from a bad first marriage.

How did Nettie get to California? Her oldest sister took her inheritance and bought real estate in Santa Monica at the beach and after Michael Stern died, Nettie joined her sister in paradise. She died there in 1934 and her first husband died in New Jersey in 1931.

Nettie Swingle was not the child of Norwegian immigrants, but she descends from many colonial Americans - Palatine Germans, New Jersey Quakers, Massachusetts and Connecticut Puritans, the Dutch Patroon of Staten Island, Huguenots, and Scottish Covenanters. All of her ancestors were in America before the Revolution. Finally, this black sheep is descended from Charlemagne. I love researching her genealogy and consider it her gift to me.

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the following articles:

According to the National Library of Wales Summer 2005 newsletter, the library contains 118 miles of shelves- the distance from Aberystwyth to Cardiff!

Re British Weekly, "England population tops 50 million mark." The UK's estimated population is as follows: England 50.1 million, Scotland 5.1 million, Wales 2.9 million and Northern Ireland 1.7 million.

The number of people over 85 has jumped from 873,300 in 1991 to 1,111,600 in 2004. Women make up 71% of this age group.

The National Archives Pacific Region has a branch at 23123 Cajalco Road, Perris, CA 92570-7298. The branch at 24000 Avila Road, First Floor East in Laguna Niguel, CA 92677-3497 is still there as well.

The October issue of the Federation of Family History Societies newsletter – NEWSFLASH - is now available online by visiting

www.ffhs.org.uk/Societies/Newsflash/index.htm

1861 Census for Scotland Now Online

Dear Customer,

New census records now available at Scotlands People.

We are delighted to announce that in addition to the 1901, 1891, 1881 and 1871 census records, the indexes and images for the 1861 Census for Scotland are now available online at:

www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk

The census was launched officially by George Lyon, deputy minister for Finance and Public Service Reform, said, "Scotland is already a world leader in the amount of genealogical information available through the web, following our £3 million commitment to digitise all birth, marriage and death registers as well as the Victorian censuses.

"The continuous development of this website is not only helping great numbers of people to get involved in genealogy - it is helping to promote Scotland on a global scale."

Finally many thanks to those who in response to the previous newsletter, have emailed in their stories. We will be in touch in due course.

Thank you for your interest in ScotlandsPeople.

ScotlandsPeople

Thanks to my good friend Jean Rice for the following:

EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS: 1700s/1800s

**National Library of Ireland, Dublin:
Manuscript Room -**

1. Buchanan Papers.
2. Emigrant Letters: manuscripts 13,875, 15,784, 18,236, 18,437, and others.
3. Lalor Family Papers.
4. Letter of Rev. D. W. Cahill to Lord Palmerston, 1855, Pamphlet 719.
5. Letters from Missionaries in America.
6. Letters of Myles Walter Keogh.
7. Monteagle Papers.
8. O'Hara Papers.
9. William Smith O'Brien Papers

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2. Hughes, the Right Rev. John, Bishop of New York, "A Lecture on the Antecedent Causes of the Irish Famine in 1847," delivered at the Broadway Tabernacle, March 20, 1847, New York, 1847.
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20. Dana, Charles A., "The United States Illustrated," New York, 1854.

21. De Beaumont, Gustave, "Ireland: Social, Political, and Religious," 2 vols., London, 1839.
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23. Foster, Thomas Campbell, "Letters on the People of Ireland," London, 1847.
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DUBLIN (AFP) - Ireland's obsession with the mobile phone has sunk to new depths with a growing number of people now taking them with them to the grave.

The mobile phone has become a must-have accessory for young people with 94 percent of people owning one.

Ireland has had a tradition of people being buried with some of their most treasured possessions alongside them in the coffin and there is a growing trend for a mobile phone to accompany people to the hereafter.

"People will sometimes leave mementos in coffins with the deceased and nowadays it is happening that people are taking their mobile phones with them," Peter Flanagan of Kirwan's funeral homes in Dublin told AFP.

"There is a fear that some people have that they will be buried alive. They have contact with the outside world if they have a mobile phone with them," he said Monday.

Flanagan said that traditional items that are buried with people included family photographs and wedding rings. Some older people might be buried with their favourite tippie, such as a bottle of whiskey

Families burying phones with their loved ones are encouraged to either turn them off or switch them to silent or vibration alert.

"Obviously you don't want a phone ringing inside a coffin during a funeral," Flanagan said.

Another funeral director, Keith Massey, is also noticing the growing trend to bury mobiles, particularly with young people.

"There is a fair bit of it. When a young person dies, as opposed to an old person, it is very upsetting for most people.

"Lots of young people's friends don't know how to cope with death. You find the coffins are stuffed with the personal belongings of the deceased including increasingly their mobile phones.

"Mobile phones are a huge part of the lives of young people these days, particularly young girls.

"If they are fans of a sport there might also be a scarf in the coffin or some other memento."

Massey said that even though people are embalmed some put a phone in for people to get in touch if they wake up.

"This is despite the fact that there is more chance of them being taken up into space by aliens than waking up.

"Some people are superstitious and insist the phone is turned off so that if they do wake up they will have battery power when the phone is turned on again," Massey said.

According to ComReg, Ireland's telecommunications and broadcasting regulator, there are over 3.83 million mobile phones in the country and each owner sends an average of 91 text messages a month.

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