



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

# Newsletter

May/Jun-2006

Editor: Jim McNamara

## GENERAL MEETINGS:

**This Month** – Sunday, May 28, 2006, 1:00 to 3 PM

*BIFHS-USA - General meeting*

Main Program – Beginning Colonial American Research  
By Nancy Ellen Carlberg (see page 5 for details)

Workshop: The Do's and Don'ts of Writing a Journal Article, 3:30 to 5:00 PM  
By Gail Said Johnson (see page 5 for details)

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**Next Month** - Jun 25, 2006 Saturday – 1:00 to 3:00 PM

*BIFHS-USA - General meeting*

Main Program - It's About Time  
By Jay C. Wood (see page 5 for details)

Workshop: Using Periodicals in Colonial American Research, 3:30 to 5:00 PM  
By Nancy Ellen Carlberg

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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>

Some hae meat, and canna eat, and some canna eat that want it; but we hae meat, and we can eat, sae let the Lord be thankit. - *Old Scottish Blessing*, first published by Scottish author Robert Burns.

**Editor's Note:**

It's Saturday, April Fools Day, and I am a guest at my sister's in-law's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary party at the Secret Garden restaurant in Moorpark. I arrive in a rented car immediately after leaving my newspaper research talk in Huntington Beach. It's a rainy day that clears just in time for the party. As I drive up I see there is a piper playing on the sidewalk. Many people are having their pictures taken along side the piper and drummer. I get the feeling I am about to witness a very special event.

All the details have been attended to. The party invitation was a custom card, the front of which is the Quinn's wedding picture. The postage stamps which mail the invite and RSVP back are custom as well, and use the same picture, (see [www.endicia.com](http://www.endicia.com) to make your own stamps). After all the guests are seated, all the children, grandchildren, and family are introduced. When Danielle is introduced she models a black, full length, Egyptian lamb coat. It was her great-grandmother's, and I witness the beginning a new tradition when her great-aunt Patricia gives her the coat at the end of the day. Patricia is asked to tell the wedding dress story, and both Patricia and Moira tell parts, how the lilies were shipped all the way from Scotland, painted gold to match the lilies on her belt, and how wilted they were on the wedding day. Moira had to hold those lilies up like a baby for the entire day. That 'don't guild the lily' proverb took on new meaning for the Quinns.

The piper makes an entrance and gets situated in front-center of the room. He plays a jig and Mrs. Quinn is easily coaxed into dancing for all the guests. Everyone claps in time to the beat, and the beat gradually gets faster and faster. Mrs. Quinn easily keeps up with the beat, and at the end she flips her coat tails and quickly sits. The piper now talks about a special wedding song he has been requested to learn for this gathering. He asks Moira and Harry if they remember that song, and they nod. The piper coaxes a rendition of the song from them, claiming he is having trouble to remember the song he has just learned. The Quinns quietly sing *Maries Wedding* and all strain to hear. When they finish singing the last stanza, the piper jokes "that isn't the song I learned." In fact it is the right song, and he plays *Maries Wedding* and a few others that were special to the Quinns in 1956.

A custom guest book with photos is passed around, we all take time to try to leave those special message for Harry and Moira. The food is off a custom menu, you have a choice of any three of appetizers, main courses, and desserts. Just before we begin to eat, Danielle requests her grandfather to share his special Scottish blessing, it is very similar to the one at the top of this page. As soon as the blessing is done, the woman across from me starts to cry, saying "we've lost so much", and I think about how much tradition the Quinns have held onto.

After the meal, all the children give short speeches, some are prepared, others are off the cuff. John talks about how much he admires his parents, how they had the gumption to leave Scotland and travel half way around the world to Canada, and again a few years later, to have the vision to move to Southern California. Yvonne talks about the values her father taught her by example, how he once took back a car he sold to a young woman and refunded all her money even though she ruined that car. There are many more stories shared.

A few custom slide shows are presented. We even get to see the Quinns' baby pictures from so long ago. The main show has a decades theme, 50's music for the 50's pictures, 60's music for the 60's pictures, and so on, until we see this past year's pictures. The music was chosen carefully, themes matching the pictures very well.

When we leave we are asked to take a large candy bar and a bottle of wine. Each bottle and candy bar has that same 1956 wedding picture on the label. So many details have been attended to, a real labor of love. I leave with many new memories knowing exactly what my next editor's note will be about. Some hae meat...

Best regards to all,

Jim McNamara - Any and all comments welcome – [JPMTCC@yahoo.com](mailto:JPMTCC@yahoo.com)

## President's Message

Our Society has just spent two days at the **SCGS JAMBOREE** in Burbank selling books, trying to get new members, and generally making the Society known among Southern California genealogists. Four new members joined the Society at the Jamboree and a number of people renewed their memberships. We hope to see you all at upcoming meetings. Our representation at the Jamboree would not have been possible without the participation of several of our members. I would like, in particular, to thank **Lydia Jeffrey** for coordinating the whole venture and for staffing the table. In addition, I would like to thank all those who helped at the table: our treasurer, **Barry Henson**, who worked the entire two days, and **Ann Duncan, Annabelle Farago, Gloria Hank, Annie Lloyd, Fran Smith, and Wil Wright**, who worked at various times during the event and helped to set up and take down our display.

Thanks also to all who cast their ballots in the **ELECTION** in March. We have now elected **Fran Smith** to a two-year term as Recording Secretary and **Aileen Harral** to a two-year term as Member-at-Large. Aileen has also agreed to serve as Hospitality Chair — to staff and supervise the Information Desk and to coordinate refreshments for our monthly meetings. A huge THANK YOU to both Fran and Aileen for their active involvement in the leadership of BIFHS–USA.

The **REFRESHMENTS** we have at our monthly meetings are all donations from our members, and we thank everyone who participates in this activity. We hope that they (and others) will continue to bring these goodies, as it makes such a nice break in our meetings and provides an opportunity for socializing. As Hospitality Chair, Aileen would appreciate any ideas anyone might have about how best we can coordinate things so that we have a variety of food and do not impose on the same people all of the time.

Apart from our monthly meetings, our next big event is, of course, the July **SEMINAR**. A flier for the event is included with this newsletter, and I hope as many of you as possible will be in attendance. John Kitzmiller is one of the premier genealogists in the country who lectures on all aspects of British and Irish research. He has not spoken at our Society for several years now, but those who remember him will know just how knowledgeable he is.

There have been several recent additions to the **EXCHANGE JOURNALS** part of the Society's website, so do take a look: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/journal/exchange/>

Scanned copies of tables of contents are added periodically (as the journals are received). Thanks to **Terry Brown** for scanning the tables of contents and delivering the journals to the LARFHC for cataloguing and to **Gail Said Johnson** for preparing the web pages.

**Ivan C. Johnson**  
icj@socal.rr.com

## BIFHS–USA's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar: July 15, 2006

A flyer is included in this issue of the newsletter. Following are descriptions of John Kitzmiller's talks.

### What's New in British and Irish Research

Current filming projects will be discussed, and subsequent acquisitions. Much of what is new is the focus on internet websites that contain data and instructions. "Bookmarking" projects are underway, and new sites for Great Britain and Ireland will be mentioned and the data they contain discussed. Many links to British and Irish local, state, and national record offices and/or archives will be given.

## **BIFHS–USA's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar: July 15, 2006 (Cont'd.)**

### **Irish Estate Records**

This lecture will discuss land ownership in Ireland, and sources for studying Landed Estate Records in Ireland. The main issue is to find the landlord's & occupier's identities, using the *Householder's Index*, *Tithe Applotment Books*, *Griffith's Primary Valuation*, and the *Registry of Deeds*. The actual types of estate records will also be discussed.

### **Land and Property Records of Scotland**

This lecture will talk about the distinction between land and property and the classes of records dealing with each. Testaments concern the transfer of moveable property. Retours (or Service of Heirs) deal with heirs and their succession to title (includes Brieves of Tutorry, and Idiosity or Furiosity). Sasines deal with the transfer of real property, while deeds recorded any kind of contract or information a private person wanted recorded.

### **English and Welsh Land Tax Records and Title Deeds**

Discusses the Land Tax Act of 1692 (abolished 1963) and its uses. Names proprietors and owners of land in each parish. Where these records are housed, what's been filmed, and how to access the above will be discussed. Title deeds will be discussed in two major categories, pre and post medieval deeds. Most post-medieval deeds start with an indenture, and other terms or parts used are quitclaim, fine, bond, recovery, letters patent, and copies of court rolls. Abstracts of title and lease-counterpart lease (as part of a conveyance) will also be noted.

#### **From Queensland FHS newsletter:**

*The Stage Online* - *The Stage* is a London newspaper that covers the British entertainment industry, and has done since 1880. To mark their 125th anniversary, the paper undertook the digitisation of all its past issues. The plan is to make them all available online, but currently only the first issue of the newspaper is there, free to view at: <http://www.thestage.co.uk/stage125/archive.php>

**BEWARE!** Each page is a JPEG file, up to 3MB in size, so broadband is desirable, or you need to be very motivated to wait for the download to complete! At present the rest of the archive is on 21 DVDs, with an online archive no more than an ambition. If you drool at the prospect of researching your 19th century theatrical ancestors online, let them know, using the contact details on their web site! In the meantime, access to the rest of the archive relies on microfilm copies in the Westminster Central Reference Library, London, and the New York Public Library. Information in SAG February 2006 E-Letter at: <http://www.sag.org.au/>

#### **SURNAME PROFILER**

Here's a great new resource from University College London. It was launched on 14 January 2006, see: <http://www.spatial-literacy.org/UCLnames/>

It is a Surname Profiler which, amongst other things, allows the user to produce maps showing the distribution of any one of over 25,000 surnames in Britain in 1881 and in 1998. It is great for getting an idea of where that elusive ancestor might have come from. Another interesting related site is at: <http://www.spatial-literacy.org/UCLnames/help/HelpMosaic.htm>

#### **Search the Georgian Newspaper Project Database from Bath & North East Somerset:**

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/BathNES/lifeandleisure/leisure/localarchives/georgian/QuickSearch.htm>

#### **Limbus Patrum now on Disc & More Welsh Publications**

One of the most illustrious Welsh genealogical books, "The Genealogies of Glamorgan and South Wales" - *Limbus Patrum* - which lists most of the most distinguished Welsh Families plus other families from outside Wales who settled there, is now available on CD-ROM. In addition, there are two major new publications - *Miscellaneous Pedigrees of South Wales* and *Gower Families*, both giving genealogical information of inestimable value to all family history researchers. They could redress any of those major errors in Welsh Genealogy that cause so much frustration.

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

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

**Sunday May 28, 2006, 1-3 PM - BIFHS-USA – General Meeting, Main Program: *Beginning Colonial American Research* - Speaker: Nancy Ellen Carlberg**

Learn what Colonial American research is and how to do it most effectively: Prove that what you have is right, trace it back to the other side of the ocean, and still save money, time and effort.

Nancy Ellen Carlberg is an author of 54 books. She is currently working on *Frugal, Thrifty, and Sometimes, Downright Cheap Living*. Nancy is a past President of BIFHS-USA. She likes to travel to the British Isles as "often as possible."

**Writing Workshop: *The Do's and Don'ts of Writing a Journal Article* Workshop Leader: Gail Said Johnson, BIFHS-USA Journal Editor**

If you have even the slightest inclination to share your research knowledge by writing an article for our journal, this workshop is for you. We'll discuss the sorts of topics suitable for a journal article, talk about the structure of an article, and look at some examples. In addition, Gail will outline the procedures for getting your article in print — from submission to editing to draft review to publication.

Gail's background includes twenty years writing, editing, and designing computer-related training guides and newsletters at California State University, Northridge. She holds a bachelor's degree in Graphic Design and several training and technical writing certificates.

**Sunday June 25, 2006, 1-3 PM - BIFHS-USA – General Meeting, Main Program: *Its About Time* Speaker: Jay C. Wood**

How would you like to go to bed on the 3rd September 1752 and wake up the next morning and it's the 13th September 1752? What happened to the 11 days in between? A record on one of your ancestors shows a date followed by an O.S. or a N.S? Do you know what that means? Or your ancestor left a will dated 10 March 1731 and it was proved 9 February 1731? How can that be? What's the cause of all of this? Will it make a difference in doing your British and American research - you bet it will!

**Jay C. Wood, USN, (Ret)** has a Master of Science Degree in Education at Pepperdine University. He taught at Oxnard Community College for 10 years. Jay is a member of many hereditary and patriotic organizations. He has written numerous publications, one of which is "Citable Citations."

**July 15, 2006** - Hold this date! The BIFHS-USA presents their 18th annual Seminar with JOHN KITZMILLER at the Rotunda Room of the Veterans Memorial Complex, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City, CA. **See enclosed flyer.**

**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](mailto:nbierirish@aol.com) or Ginger Aarons at Time Travel at [www.timetraveltours.com](http://www.timetraveltours.com) after December 10. 2005 Dates? Ulster Historical Foundation September 25-30.

**IRISH TRIP 2006**

This is the last research trip Nancy Bier will be leading into Ireland. Come along for a good chance to make progress in your research, walk in your ancestors footsteps, and have a good time.

September 8 to October 8 Four weeks of all of Ireland with great food, music, dancing, research and fun. You may also book just the first two weeks into Ireland OR the last two weeks into Northern Ireland.

Both the full trip and the Northern Ireland portion include the fees for the 6 day Ulster Historical Foundation 50th Anniversary Conference in Belfast. Four star accommodations in most places and great sightseeing.

It will be a great opportunity to study Irish culture and meet the people. For details: Nancy Bier at 940-612-2033 (yes that is Texas) or email at [nbierirish@aol.com](mailto:nbierirish@aol.com)

OR get in touch with our travel guide Ginger Aarons at 877-787-7807 toll free and fax or [www.timetraveltours.com](http://www.timetraveltours.com)

**Sep 30, 2006 - SCGS** is having their used Book Sales at the SCGS Parking Lot, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank. For more information call 818-843-7247.

## ULSTER HISTORICAL FOUNDATION

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Conference –  
*Belfast Past, Present and Future*  
25–30 September 2006

### *Searching for that Elusive Irish Ancestor?*

Ulster Historical Foundation has been serving the local and family historian for 50 years and over this time has continually responded to the changing needs and demands of people from all over the world. In this, our fiftieth year, we would like to invite you to come to Belfast to join with us in celebrating this occasion and to let us know what direction you want the Ulster Historical Foundation to take over the next fifty years.

The Conference will bring together people from all over the world, united by a common interest in Irish history and genealogy, and offers a rare and welcome opportunity to meet up with old friends and to forge lasting relationships with new ones. The Foundation's team of highly skilled and experienced researchers will be on hand to offer whatever guidance and assistance you need to begin, or to complete, your research in the major repositories of Northern Ireland or by tapping into the resources of Ulster Historical Foundation.

Through a series of talks, tours, presentations and events, ***Belfast: Past, Present and Future*** will uncover the hidden history of Ulster and showcase the very best that it has to offer the visitor and resident. Details can be downloaded from:  
<http://www.ancestryireland.co.uk/Conference2006/2006ConferenceBrochure.pdf>

This promises to be a truly memorable event and as we embrace the years ahead and move into a new phase of Northern Ireland and a new phase in the history of Ulster Historical Foundation, we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to Belfast in September and to providing you with a fascinating insight into the work of the Foundation and the history of Belfast; an historic and enduring city.

### ***About Ulster Historical Foundation***

Since 1956 Ulster Historical Foundation has been to the forefront in providing a quality genealogical research service; promoting education, preserving records and broadening access to historical documentation. Through landmark and definitive publications such as the *History of the Irish Parliament*, *Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors* and *Ulster Emigration to Colonial America*; establishing an

innovative and highly successful membership organisation (the Ulster Genealogical and Historical Guild) to promote the exchange and sharing of information; digitising the largest collection of gravestone inscriptions in Ireland ([www.historyfromheadstones.com](http://www.historyfromheadstones.com)); offering the only major collection of Irish birth and marriage records currently available online; conducting thorough and professional research; providing personal consultations; and undertaking lecture tours and workshops, Ulster Historical Foundation has pioneered the study of Ulster history and remains committed to helping everyone pursue their Irish and Scots-Irish ancestry.

**Further details from:** Fintan Mullan, Executive Director, Ulster Historical Foundation, Balmoral Buildings, 12 College Square East, Belfast, BT1 6DD.  
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Hello,

As many of you know, five years ago (it really has been that long? How time flies), we started the East End Parish Register Transcription Project. This was in response to the lousy coverage that the IGI has for the east end and docklands in particular.

We've now completed our 21st transcription with over 100,000 baptism entries transcribed. We expect to be able to double this over the next year. We're also now focusing more on the pre civil registration period as this is what our visitors overwhelmingly asked for in a recent ballot.

Our other project, the Thames Watermen & Lightermen, has also gone well. Rob Cottrell and James Legon have both published many new transcriptions over the last year, from the Guildhall, the National Archives and the House of Lords. The highlights of these are the 1628 Admiralty Muster and the 1648 Petition of Watermen for the King, these being the earliest surviving lists of watermen. The Muster in particular is a real treasure as it shows the men's age. The Society of Genealogists are shortly publishing a book by James in the 'My Ancestors' series.

Kind regards,

James and the Parish Register team  
[www.ParishRegister.com](http://www.ParishRegister.com)

*This item forwarded from Nancy Bier.*

*From Family Tree Magazine*

**Scottish Handwriting**

Get tutorials and weekly tips for deciphering old Scottish script:

<http://www.scottishhandwriting.com/content>

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*From the Dyfed list*

For anyone researching ancestors in Somerset - or particularly Bath, this database allows searches of the Bath Chronicle newspaper. At present it's range is 1770-1800, but it is a work in progress.

<http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/BathNES/lifeandleisure/leisure/localarchives/georgian/default.htm>

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**On-line Library and Archives research site of Canada now has these records:**

- WWI personnel files
- Western land grants
- Immigration records from 1925 to 1935
- Censuses.

See:

<http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/index-e.html>

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San Francisco Genealogy Online Databases  
Link to record indexes, including some from the 1906 earthquake. See:

<http://www.sfgenealogy.com/sf/sfdata.htm>

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\*The Bancroft Library: *The 1906 San Francisco Earthquake and Fire*

This comprehensive online exhibit covers the earthquake and its aftereffects in words, photos and maps. See:

<http://bancroft.berkeley.edu/collections/earthquakeandfire/splash.html>

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Before and After the Great Earthquake and Fire:  
Early Films of San Francisco, 1897-1916  
Twenty-six films dating from 1897 through 1916 show San Francisco before and after April 18, 1906.

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/papr/sfhome.html>

US Geological Survey: 1906 Earthquake  
Learn the geology of the quake and read a 1977 interview with a survivor.

[http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/states/events/1906\\_04\\_18.php](http://earthquake.usgs.gov/regional/states/events/1906_04_18.php)

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Museum of the City of San Francisco:  
The Great 1906 Earthquake And Fire  
See transcribed accounts, photos and a list of the dead. You also can contribute related ancestral information.

<http://www.sfmuseum.org/1906/06.html>

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From the Carmarthenshire (Wales) Archives.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*\*\*\***

The Archive Service will be closed for refurbishment from Monday 3 April until Monday 24 April, and will re-open at 9:30am on Tuesday 25 April.

Please note the following changes which will be implemented on reopening on 25 April.

(1) Appointments will be necessary as we will only be accommodating a maximum of ten searchers at any time. Bookings may be made for half or full days. Searchers without an appointment will only be admitted if we are not at maximum capacity. Tuesday evening opening will be by appointment only (latest time to make an appointment is 12:30 on the day).

(2) Searchers who are not registered with the County Archives Research Network (CARN) will be required to register before admittance to the archives. You will need two passport sized photo-graphs and proof of identity: and one item with your signature, and one item with your current printed address.

(3) There will be no area for eating and no food will be allowed on the premises. Hot drinks and water will still be available.

(4) The office will be closed for lunch from 12:30 till 13:30.

**Editor's Note:** Thanks to Annie Lloyd for all items on pages 7 & 8.

Hi,

I have been asked to let you know that on March 28th [www.theoriginalrecord.com](http://www.theoriginalrecord.com) went live which will give you access to some extremely rare and interesting documents, books and records for you to view.

The site has been launched with just 10% of the scans of 2500 historical books and records which have been surname-indexed for genealogists. Searches are free and unlimited, and there is no subscription; the site is funded by pay-per-view of the scans, which you can access direct.

### **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE RESULTS OF 10 YEARS OF CAREFUL INDEXING**

[www.theoriginalrecord.com](http://www.theoriginalrecord.com) - Will help you to access historical records which have not been accessible before.

The initial loading of records have been chosen to give a general, national coverage, and be of most use to people searching rare names, or for one-name studies, such as;

The *Gentleman's Magazine* started in 1731, and carries copies of birth, marriage and death announcements for London and provincial newspapers, as well as civil, military, naval and ecclesiastical appointments, until the 1860's. The *Annual Register*, the *European Magazine*, the *Monthly Magazine*, *London Magazine*, *Westminster Magazine* and so on also carried similar notices, while religious denominations had their own monthly publications, such as the *Arminian or Methodist Magazine*.

For the period 1826 to 1860 we have complete runs of bankruptcy, insolvency, dissolution of partnerships notices which are all indexed, so creditors, trustees and solicitors can also be traced. For the 16th and 17th centuries we have *Acts of the Privy Council* and *State Papers*.

As more localised records, Scottish and Irish material, as well as records from British India and the colonies, together with manuscript sources, are added it should become, in time, an essential research tool.

**Register your Wish List** - Anyone using the site can leave a wish list of their particular interests, and we will e-mail you as suitable entries are found in the new material being loaded each week this will help you to keep abreast of useful new records going on the site.

All the material has been surname-indexed in England, by hand - no OCR!!

*Although the site is in its infancy we are hopeful that it will be of interest to your members, and that you will put details of it on your website/magazine.*

We have had a surprisingly encouraging response so far but please let us know what you think of: [www.theoriginalrecord.com](http://www.theoriginalrecord.com).

Regards,

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website: [www.theoriginalrecord.com](http://www.theoriginalrecord.com)

**PS:** The following records have all been added to [www.theoriginalrecord.com](http://www.theoriginalrecord.com)

- Norfolk Fleet of Fines 1192 -1214
- Chester Archdeaconry marriage licences 1606-1680
- House of Lords Papers 1699-1704
- State Papers Domestic 1670-1678
- Gentleman's Magazine 1800,1812-1815, 1850
- CCJs, Bills of Sales, Partnerships Dissolved, Bankrupts and Insolvents 1880-1881
- Scottish Bankrupts and Insolvents 1880-1881  
Irish Bankrupts and Insolvents 1880-1881
- Imperial Calendar 1907

**Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the following two items:**

**New Welsh Site:**

A Welsh site on how to start your research. Talks about the Welsh patronymics, surnames:  
[www.s4c.co.uk/helachau/e\\_index.shtml](http://www.s4c.co.uk/helachau/e_index.shtml)

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**SOG Catalog is On-Line:**

The Society of Genealogists' catalog is now on line. I just used it for finding Cardiganshire and out came eight different items on this county.

<http://www.sog.org.uk/sogcat/sogcat.shtml>

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**Editor's Note:** *Thanks to Lyn Nunn for sending the following articles.*

**NARA [USA] Films on Google Video**

If you have a connection with things American, this could be of interest. From the Google Friends Newsletter - March 2006

Over 70 years ago, the National Archives was founded to preserve American historical documents, as well as the moments and events that could be saved in still photos, films, and audio recordings. Today the Archives is home to everything from rare historical footage (newsreels and government documentaries from the 1930s) to the 1969 moon landing. Now Google is launching a pilot program to digitize its video content and offer it to everyone in the world for free, and you can watch a growing selection on Google Video.  
<http://video.google.com/nara.html>

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**Morgan Meeting, 20-21 MAY 2006  
Gloucester, UK**

The Morgan Society Annual General Meeting will be held on: 20-21 May Venue: Speech House, Coleford, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire. Built in 1676, this was originally the hunting lodge of Charles 11 in the Royal Forest of Dean. It is an ideal venue linking traditional Morgan Counties of Glamorgan and

Monmouthshire with Gloucestershire, where many Morgans have resided over the centuries. All Morgans or related families are cordially invited to attend the meeting and support the growth of The Morgan Society, which is dedicated to the search for information about the name.

Hotel accommodation can be reserved phone:

Phone UK 01594 822607 or

Fax UK 01594 823658

Email address: [relax@thespeechhouse.co.uk](mailto:relax@thespeechhouse.co.uk)

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**The Clan Gunn Gathering Scotland  
July 2006**

A Gathering of the Clan Gunn will be held in Caithness and Orkney from 22-30 July 2006. The organisers plan to provide the following:

- An introduction to the Homeland for those visitors new to the area and interested in the history of the Clan Gunn.
- A welcome to as many fellow members of the Clan Gunn as possible from all over the world
- The opportunity to enjoy together the hospitality and clanship of Scotland

To this end, they have geared the program to take in many of the significant historic sights of Orkney and Caithness. Information:

[sarahgunnedin@aol.com](mailto:sarahgunnedin@aol.com)

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**Fife Family History Story Fair  
22nd September 2007**

Date for your Diary - 22nd September 2007  
Call or write for information.

Yvonne Boni, Library Supervisor, Fife Council  
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KY15 5AS SCOTLAND  
Tel: 01334 413216/412285

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**BIFHS-USA** Congratulates Whittier Area Genealogical Society, (WAGS), on their 25th anniversary - May 20, 2006. May you continue for another 25 years!

From:

**British Isles FHS – USA**

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Los Angeles, CA 90064-3124

May/Jun – 2006 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; individual life \$250; family life \$300. Credit card payments okay. Thanks, Editor

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**BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY – USA**

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