



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

Newsletter

Jul/Aug-2006

Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Seminar, Saturday July 15th
(See Calendar of Events on page 4)

No general meeting

Next Month - Aug 27, 2006 Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 PM

BIFHS-USA - General meeting

Open Research Day (Bring your family group sheets)

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:

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Please contact a board member if you have any other questions.

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Annie Lloyd, 4635 Stoner Ave., Apt. 4, Culver City, CA 90230-5773

Editor's Note:

As we head to the John Kitzmiller seminar we are ever hopeful that our primary purpose will be achieved. Education is our society's primary directive and purpose to exist. Everything revolves around the premise that we need to learn and practice in order to advance our personal research skills and capabilities. We hope as many of our members as possible will take advantage and join us on July 15th. We also wish to thank Annie Lloyd for her many efforts in bringing great programs and seminars to our society. I can honestly say, I have been to many of our seminars and all have been great. It is a hard act to follow and I look forward to the Culver City event. We will have great food and tea, and door prizes.

In the same spirit of educational renewal, we have seen that our web site is in need of updating, and have formed a review committee. We will meet regularly to discuss the site and plan the work. I personally invite each of our members to also review any part of our site and let us know what you think. What is it that we need? What is it that you like about the society site? If you have any feedback to offer at all, any criticism, any suggestions, please send to any member of the review committee, we are: Terry Brown terry.brown@acm.org, Gail Said Johnson bifhsjournal@socal.rr.com, Jim McNamara jpmtcc@yahoo.com, and Fran Smith fsmith@dslextre.me.com. Please be specific. There are many great summaries of resources on our site, and I hope all take advantage of these educational and information resources.

I am amazed at how much our society's founding members and board members accomplished, and will be forever grateful. Some things have changed since then. Internet access has changed what our typical activities are. In the end, as a researcher, most original records still need to be received through snail mail, and at best can be ordered through an Internet site.

How we do presentations has also changed. We have to be careful we are not just out to dazzle, rather than to provide substance. It is so easy for a tech-savvy presenter to impress an audience with an active connection or a showy PowerPoint presentation. We all need to remember to get back to basics, learn how to learn, and how to appropriately supplement substance and content with new technologies.

Now if I can just practice what I preach...

Hope to see you at our July 15th seminar.

Jim McNamara - Any and all comments are always welcome – JPMTCC@yahoo.com



Message from the BIFHS–USA JOURNAL Editor

Thanks to all who participated in the Writing Workshop in May. Now it's time to "ROAR" — **R**ead/Research, **O**utline, **A**uthor (i.e., Write!), and **R**eview/Rework to produce an article for the next (or future) issue of the journal.

A copy of the workshop handout is on the Society's website at:

www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/journal/WritingWorkshop.pdf

The deadline for Vol. XIX, No. 2 (2006) is Friday, August 18, 2006. Submit articles to bifhsjournal@socal.rr.com

I look forward to hearing from you!

Gail Said Johnson, Journal Editor

President's Message

The July 15th **Seminar** in Culver City provides the wonderful opportunity for our membership to hear **John Kitzmiller**, one of the country's premiere genealogists, who is knowledgeable about both British and Irish genealogy and the resources that are available in the Family History Centers. Having had a preview of the lectures by reading the syllabus material, I can tell you that those who attend will have a rewarding experience. As the newsletter goes to press, the only disappointment we have regarding the seminar is that we have not yet been able to fill all of the seats. It would be a great pity for any genealogist to miss the opportunity to learn from such an experienced researcher. In order to give maximum opportunity to sign up, we have **extended the deadline to July 12th**. The new deadline requires that your application be **received** by Annie Lloyd on or before that date.

The seminar will be taking the place of our July meeting, so the next general meeting will be held at the LARFHC on August 27th. That meeting will be a general research day with Nancy Carlberg and Annie Lloyd both being available to help with your research — particularly with resources that will have been suggested at the Kitzmiller Seminar in July.

In an ongoing attempt to better serve our membership and the general public, the Board has set up a **Website Review Subcommittee** consisting of **Terry Brown, Gail Said Johnson, Jim McNamara, and Fran Smith**. They have already started their work by trying to bring the website material up to date, and will be attempting in the near future to improve the website in both content and design. I would personally like to thank these Board members for volunteering to take on this task, and I would like to appeal to the membership to make any suggestions they might have for improvement in the website. Suggestions may be sent to me or to any member of the subcommittee.

I hope everyone had a happy Fourth of July, and I look forward to seeing you at the July seminar and the August meeting.

Ivan C. Johnson

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A message from our Hospitality Chair, Aileen Harral:

I would like to thank several people for manning the desk during our British Isles meetings, starting with the January Meeting through June: Pat Park, Julie Chedgoy, Annabelle Farago, Will Wright, Fran Smith, Emily Brooks, Vieve Metcalfe, Bonnie Osborne, Lydia Jeffrey, and Del Harral. I would also like to thank everyone that brought snacks in June; it was great. We are planning to have sandwiches in August so please bring things that will go with sandwiches. Thanks everyone for your help,

Aileen - delailen@aol.com

BIFHS-USA Welcomes New Members – Provided by our VP of Membership, Terry Brown

Name	City	Joined	Interests
Elizabeth F Campbell	Oxnard, CA	June 2006	Ireland, Scotland
Ann E Beaton	CA	June 2006	
Gordon A Bowen	Alta Loma, CA	May 2006	Wales
Henry T Vincett	Klamath Falls, OR	May 2006	
George & Betsy Horne	Westlake Village, CA	May 2006	Eng, Ire, Scot, New Eng.
Carol Tackett	Costa Mesa, CA	May 2006	
Miriam Fitch	North Hills, CA	Mar 2006	
Jessie Anne Tait	Los Angeles, CA	Jan 2006	
Geoff & Elaine Walker	Valencia, CA	Jan 2006	
Anita L. Schmidt	Thousand Oaks, CA	Dec 2005	
James S. Murphy	Los Angeles, CA	Oct 2005	
Michael F. Glowartz	West Toluca Lake, CA	Sep 2005	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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.

August 27, 2006

BIFHS-USA General meeting. 1:00 to 6:00 PM
Open research day at the LARFHC

Nancy Ellen Carlberg and Anne Lloyd will assist you with your research. Try to find out what you learned at our July 15th seminar.

September 8 through October 8, 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 the 25th through the 30th 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 Ginger Aarons at Time Travel at 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

OR get in touch with our travel guide Ginger Aarons at 877-787-7807 toll free and fax or www.timetraveltours.com

September 24, 2006

BIFHS-USA General meeting. 1:00 to 6:00 PM
See page 8 for details.

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.

Oct 13, 14, 15, 2006

Seaside Highland Games at Seaside Park in Ventura, CA. For more information see www.seaside-games.com.

November 26, 2006

BIFHS-USA General meeting. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Sharing Your Family History Experiences

Traditionally, this program has been one of the best of the year. Come prepared to share keepsakes, successes and other uplifting experiences in your family history and in your research. In the past, we have seen wonderful family photos, documents, quilts, and many other items. Perhaps you have recent research success story to share with the group. Start thinking about what you would like to present now. Everyone has something to share.

June 8, 9 & 10, 2007 – Jamboree dates have been set.

August 26, 2006, 8:00 PM, *A Tribute to Tony*, a musical event at the **British & Dominion Social Club**, 12882 Valley View St., #10-13, Garden Grove, CA

Featuring: Men of Worth, The Browne Sisters, George Cavanaugh, a special reunion of The Irish Beggarmen, Linda Dewar and her band, featuring Mark Romano, and John Taylor, plus lots of surprise guests. Come and join us in a salute to Tony Young, one of the finest spoons players Celtic music has ever heard.

For years, Tony played with bands all over California, and was known to audiences everywhere as "The Spoon Man." In recent years, he's had some health problems, and is now confined to a wheelchair. This evening will be a tribute to Tony by some of the musicians who he's played with in the past... a chance to say thanks for the rhythm and the craic.

Tickets \$18 advance, \$20 at the door, Mail advance ticket orders with check payable to **Ewe Turn Music & SASE** to Ron Young, 2617 Westminster, Alhambra, CA 91803 For info, call 626-284-7453 or email: ronyoung88@earthlink.net

Hunt for relatives to share £5m treasure

By David Lister

The owners of rare native Indian art being sold at auction are seeking the descendants of a faithful Scots servant who died penniless.

The descendants of a lowly servant from Victorian Britain are being sought to share the proceeds from a rare art collection worth up to £5 million.

Some 138 years after James Cullen Colquhoun died penniless in San Francisco, having failed to make his fortune in the New World, it seems that his legacy will finally have a happy ending.

For the rest of David Lister's story, please see:
<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,11069-2191173,00.html>

Surname Profiler Site:

Some interesting statistics here. If you do a surname search it appears to not include Ireland but if you then click on geographic location you get the interesting statistics including Ireland. It does not include names that have less than 100 people of that name yet.

<http://www.spatial-literacy.org/UCLnames/default.aspx>

Currency, then and now:

This link is useful to work out how much money is worth in today's values - is in pounds though. You can also see what today's money would have been able to buy in previous years.

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/currency/default0.asp#mid>

A timeline for Northern Ireland that goes back to 7000 BC, (from the BBC):

http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/timelines/ni/early_christian.shtml

Thanks to Peggy Wishon for the following:

Pictures of English churches: www.churchcrawler.co.uk

The Mother Lode of Irish Genealogy

What if someone told you that there exists an Irish resource with over 3,000,000 (count 'em) names, most not duplicated, **all indexed alphabetically**? And they told you that this resource was in the MGS Library. You'd figure that you had it made, right? Well, maybe, but only if your people lived within the area covered in the ***O'Kief, Coshe Mang, Slieve Lougher and the Upper Blackwater in Ireland*** series, a collection of 16 enormous volumes of primary and secondary genealogical and historical records of Ireland.

Albert E. Casey, an Alabama pathologist (remember Quincy?), created and compiled this fabulous collection in the course of researching his own family history and had it published between the years 1952-71 by the Amite and Knocknagree Historical Fund in Birmingham, AL. He went to this effort because by his calculations, he is related to everyone who ever lived there (I don't expect that you will want to believe all of his suppositions, but the raw data more than makes up for hopeful extrapolations). Most of the original records were compiled by folks in Ireland, for their own reasons, or for Casey. Casey hired typists, copiers, and most importantly, indexers, for the preparation of these volumes.

See the IGSI site for more of this article:
http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish/igsi_published/casey.htm

Clifton Street Cemetery Transcriptions:

Glenravel website has Belfast information and transcriptions of Clifton Street Cemetery, including the Registry Book. Downloadable as a PDF is three sections. See: <http://tinyurl.com/kq8pq>

Canadian Passenger List Indexing Project

Nanaimo Family History Society has started an indexing project for Quebec ports (includes Montreal). Currently, the index covers July 1908 through Aug 1910 and Sep to Oct 1910. The index is by surname. More than 200,000 listings have been completed for 457 ships. The project plan is to complete 1900 to 1921 See: <http://members.shaw.ca/nanaimo.fhs/>

**A Guide to the Antiquities of Co. Clare
from the Clare Co Library site:**

http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/claremuseum/news_events/clare_archives_guide.htm

A BBC Report on a New York Exhibition

From: DYFED-L@rootsweb.com
The BBC Wales reports that the story of Welsh immigration to the United States is being told in a three-month exhibition in New York. More than 1million people are expected to visit the display, called *Keeping up with the Joneses*, at Ellis Island Immigration Museum. The Welsh Assembly Government is the sponsor and First Minister Rhodri Morgan said the Welsh were still making a significant contribution to US life. The exhibition is also linked to Wales' National Museum's genealogy website. See:
http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/wales/5115062.stm

**New South Wales Registry of Births,
Deaths and Marriages**

<http://www.bdm.nsw.gov.au/familyHistory/search.htm>

Discover your ancestors down under with this site's birth, death and marriage indexes dating from the 1780s to the 1970s. You can search by name, parents' names, years and district.

**The National Archives plans to move its
Family Records Centre staff and services
to Kew by 2008 year end.**

The National Archives and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) today made a joint announcement about the provision of services to family historians. As part of a review of strategy, which has focused on the huge changes in information management over the last 10 years, The National Archives announced its intention to move the Family Records Centre (FRC) staff and services to Kew from their current location at Myddelton Street, Islington, by the end of 2008.

**FFHS-NEWS
East Riding Yorkshire Archives
Closure and Move**

The East Riding Archives will be moving to the new Treasure House building on Champney Road in Beverley during Autumn 2006. This means that access to some collections will be restricted as part of the preparations prior to the move. The Archives will be providing their normal service until Friday 28 July. Original sources will be unavailable after that date although microform sources, such as parish registers, will be available 9.30 am to 4.45 pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays each week by appointment until 28 September. The East Riding Register of Deeds will also be available on these days for legal searches. They intend to re-open with a combined archives and local studies service in the Treasure House early in the new year. Please phone the Archives on 01482 392790 or check their website at www.eastriding.gov.uk for more information.

Maggie Loughran
Administrator, Federation of Family History Societies

Yesterday's Journey

From this new site at:
<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~spire/Yesterday/index.htm>

As in any age, people have had to deal with documentation and Officials whether it be for good or bad. Yesterdays Journey records the names of those people who had dealings with those events and the paperwork involved. The documents that sent them back to their legal settlement or let them stay in a new parish. The warrants for their arrest, or the Indentures that gave them a start in working life and the papers that named the fathers of illegitimate children, or the Wills that folks left. They are all here.

Documents that may identify where they were born, a trade, an employer, their wages, how long they worked with for each person. Where they got married, which regiment they served in, how many children they had, names, ages and other bits of information to help add real history and detail to your ancestors lives.

Yesterday's Journey (cont'd.)

Dealing primarily with Derbyshire it does however cover the whole of the British Isles as people moved around seeking work, travelled as vagrants through the County or were chased throughout the realm as the responsibility of fatherhood and law caught up with them. There are references to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and America, as well as other lands overseas, as some moved further afield.

Yesterdays Journey is on-going and updated on a regular basis.

Also see Today's Journey at:

<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~spire/journey/index.htm>

A Latin Primer

<http://www.xmission.com/~nelsonb/latin.htm>

The Victorian Dictionary, Exploring Victorian London

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

TIP OF THE WEEK: CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS--FREE

This tip comes from the June 2006 Family Tree Magazine. Finding an ancestor's age at death is a common calculation conundrum. An easy and free solution is the Days Between Calculator at: <http://www.easycalculation.com/days-between-dates.php> which shows you how many years, months and days have elapsed between two dates.

Editor's Note:

In the 1837online.com pay-per-view site, one index is of the Death Duty registers. These indexes for 1811 thru 1837 are in the LARFHC brought in by BIFHS many years ago.

New Welsh Book in LARFHC

The book "Welsh Manors and Their Records" written by Helen Watt and published by the National Library of Wales in 2000, was given to the LARFHC by one of our members, Nancy Kilbourn, in memory of her friend, Judith Maureen Power Squire 1942-2005. The reference number is 942.9 N2w and is in the Welsh section.

Thank you very much, Nancy, for donating this book.

- Annie Lloyd

From the Family Tree Magazine:

MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS

More news from across the Atlantic: The pay-per-view British records site 1837online <http://1837online.com> has purchased The National Archivist, a site that offered records leased from the British national archives. That move enhances 1837online's collection of vital and census information with Death Duty Registers (1786 to 1903), Passport Applications (1851 to 1862 and 1874 to 1903), military records and more.

For a limited time (1837online doesn't say how long that'll be), you can view The National Archivist data for one pre-paid unit--that's the same price 1837online charges to view its birth, marriage and death indexes, but two units less than viewing census images and transcriptions. Pricing plans start at about \$9 for 50 units; you must use them within 90 days.

TALKING HEAD

Reduce your chances of embarrassing yourself in front of foreign cousins by seeing and hearing translated phrases at <http://www.pollyglotto.com>

Polly Glotto is an animated translator: Under the Translate section, type in your phrase, select your translate-to and -from languages and click Submit to hear Polly speak. The translated phrase will appear below, in the Speak text box. If you change the language under that pull-down menu, you can give Polly various accents.

Almost as much fun: Polly seems oddly fascinated by the cursor--twirl yours around the page and see for yourself.

BIFHS-USA Sep 24, 2006 Program:

Erin Go Bragh: Music & Myths of Irish Immigrants - Jean Wilcox Hibben

Whether they have Irish Ancestry or just like to wear green on St. Patrick's Day, listeners will become acquainted with some of the songs of Old Erin. This presentation will also include stories that have been brought to America as a legacy to those of Irish descent. The land of Ireland is one of myths and legends; lively reels and tender love ballads. It is also a land of wars and poverty. This presentation will touch a variety of emotions as it makes the Old Country come alive! There will also be some opportunities for singing along. While appropriate for all ages, children under about age 12 might get bored with the historical data. At least 4 musical instruments will be used in this program.

SPEAKER BIO:

After moving from the Chicago suburbs to Southern California in 1973, Jean Wilcox Hibben obtained her bachelors and masters degrees in Speech Communication and worked as a professor in the field for 13 years before leaving academia to pursue her passions: folklore and family history.

Currently working on her doctorate in folklore, she also volunteers at the Corona CA Family History Center and trains Family History consultants.

She has been involved in family research for over 25 years and has traced her origins to Germany, Denmark, England, and France. She is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the National Genealogical Society (NGS), the Genealogical Speakers Guild, and various societies in the areas where she does research. She is also a Board Member of the Corona Genealogical Society.

She lives in the Lake Mathews area of Riverside County; is married; and has 4 children, 22 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

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Recommended Book – Jim McNamara

The Antiquities of County Clare, Ordnance Survey Letters, 1839, is a book of original letters written by: John O'Donovan & Eugene Curry. This book was first published by CLASP PRESS in 1997 and a new edition has been published in 2003, (Paperback, ISBN: 1 900545 15 2, Price: €21.00).

In general, this book contains information about County Clare's:

- Castles, Forts, Cromlechs
- Churches & Holy Wells
- Folklore & Legends
- Genealogies
- Placenames & Maps
- Lords, Saints and Bishops

For every Co. Clare civil parish detailed letters were written in 1839 by either O'Donovan or Curry. These include a smattering of the history of the individual parishes and sometimes includes some poetry by a local writer of renown, which can be in Irish, English and sometimes both versions are printed. In some cases detailed descriptions of old buildings are included. For my Mac's parish of Feakle and townland of Lecarrow Lower there is this statement: "I find no record of the existence of a castle in this Parish and still it would appear from the name of a hill in the townland of Lecarrow Lower, situated about three quarters of a mile to the east of the Village of Feakle, that there was one there at some period. This hill is called Cnoc a Chaisleáin, and tradition says that there was a Castle to be seen on it in the memory of old men not long dead, but no trace of it remains at present. The name of the hill should appear on the Ordnance Map."

We also learn that the name of the parish Feakle (Paraiste na Fiacaille) translates as Parish of the Tooth, and local legend is that the tooth of the patron saint fell out on the spot on which he erected this church. There are two other similar legends written for parishes in Tipperary and Armagh, and O'Donovan suggests that Feakle may be a corruption of Fiodhail mentioned in the ancient text of the *Wars of Thomond*.

There are also some pedigrees for the principal families of the region in Part two of the book, called *Ancient Territories of Thomond*. We can also see lists of castles, the resident 'gentlemen', and sometimes a bit of the territorial history which includes historic timelines.

Book Review from the publisher at:

http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/library/local-studies/clasp/publications/poverty_before_famine.htm

***Poverty Before the Famine, County Clare, 1835*
Maureen Comber (ed.)**

CLASP Press, 1996, ISBN: 1 900545 01 2, Price: €20.00

FIRST REPORT FROM HIS MAJESTY'S
COMMISSIONERS FOR INQUIRING INTO THE
CONDITION OF THE POORER CLASSES IN IRELAND

A Pre-Famine Snapshot of Poverty in County Clare

- Deserted & Orphan Children
- Bastardy
- Impotent through age
- Vagrancy
- Widows with Children
- Sick Poor
- Able-Bodied out of Work

Poverty in Clare in 1835 is vividly portrayed in this publication. The information on which it is based has been extracted from one of the reports of the Royal Commission of Inquiry into the Conditions of the Poorer Classes in Ireland which was set up in 1833.

The coming into effect of the New English Poor Law in 1834 increased the pressure for a solution to combat the problem of poverty in Ireland as huge numbers of Irish flooded into English cities. It was estimated that up to 10,000 such Irish were surviving through begging in the city of Liverpool alone. This is hardly surprising, considering that the Commissioners estimated that due to the enormous destitution in Ireland, in excess of 2,000,000 people would need accommodation if the workhouse system were to be adopted in Ireland.

The Commission engaged Assistant Commissioners to collect evidence on the causes of Ireland's massive poverty from a variety of witnesses in one parish in each barony. These witnesses included clergymen, beggars, farmers, labourers, landlords and tradesmen. Their evidence, given at first hand, is now, for the first time, made accessible to the general public by CLASP Press. The publication includes an introduction by Niall O'Ciosain, Dept. of History, U.C.G.

Book Review from the publisher at:

http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/library/local-studies/clasp/publications/celtic_times.htm

The Celtic Times: Michael Cusack's Gaelic Games Newspaper 1887

Introduction by Marcus de Búrca

Preface by Breandán MacLúá

Foreword by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh

Price: €75, Details: Tabloid size, Hb, 350pp.,

ISBN: 1 900545 14 4

This long lost newspaper was the first periodical devoted to Gaelic games and ran from 1 January 1887 to 14 January 1888. It was co-edited by Michael Cusack, founder of the Gaelic Athletic Association, and A. Morrison Millar, a prominent Scots businessman. The only known surviving issues, covering the period 19 February to 31 December 1887 are now available in a facsimile edition. The Celtic Times was used by Michael Cusack to support and encourage the playing of Ireland's 'native pastimes' and athletics, and to promulgate his views on the organisation and politics of the burgeoning GAA. Detailed reports of matches, athletic competitions and committee meetings at all levels are given in every issue. The Celtic Times also provides a fascinating portrayal of the various nationalist movements which flourished in Ireland during the closing decades of the 19th century. Weekly coverage is given to means of developing indigenous resources, establishing new industries and fostering good labour relations. Cusack also wrote passionately about Irish literature, music and history, and the Irish language.

The pages of The Celtic Times reflect the pride and energy of an emerging nation rediscovering its own cultural history.

The publication includes a detailed introduction by Cusack's biographer, Marcus de Búrca, with a preface by Breandán MacLúá and foreword by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh.

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Jul/Aug – 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

BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY – USA

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