



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Seminar, Saturday Sep 24th, 1:00 to 6:00 PM
BIFHS-USA - General meeting

Erin Go Bragh: Music & Myths of Irish Immigrants, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Jean Wilcox Hibben, see page 6 for details

Irish Study Group, 3:30 to 5:00 PM
Unusual Sources for Family History
Jim McNamara

Next Month - Oct 22, 2006 Sunday, 1:00 to 6:00 PM
BIFHS-USA - General meeting

Using Ancestry.Com for English and Welsh Research, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
Nancy Ellen Carlberg, see page 5 for details

Demonstration: *How to use a flash drive* at 3:30 PM
Annabella Farago

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>

Shanachie – (shǎn'ə-kā), n. A skilled teller of tales or legends, especially Gaelic ones, an Irish storyteller. ¹
(Traditional spelling, seanchaidhe, pronounced shah-nack-ee)

Editor's Note:

It was a few months ago, just a short time after some very expensive transmission work that the fuel pump in my Dodge RAM Pickup truck decided to die. A fuel pump replacement is a difficult job as the gas tank needs to be dropped. I decided on Huntington Beach Dodge; they are a bit pricey but do great work and are fast. I get all checked in after a strange ride via a tow truck. It was the kind that lifts one axle rather than the flat bed truck I ordered. In any event, after a few delays, I am checking the truck in for this repair and heading for the waiting room. I brought one book; it's an abbreviated history of Colonial America and the United States. I am absorbed in this book for about 15 minutes before I am interrupted by a young Hispanic child.

I am taken aback, even though I have had similar experiences over my life; in some cases, complete strangers have sat down next to me in public and have asked for advice with their personal problems. In this case, a six or seven year old Hispanic child is looking me directly in the face, and asking me if I knew any stories and would I tell her one. "Excuse me sir, do you know any stories?" I find out she is visiting her friends and is from Mexico City. The family is mostly all there; the grandmother, the mother with an infant feeding, two other small daughters playing with their friend from Mexico City. I am really astounded; do I have a sign on my forehead? There are several other customers there, and none have been asked for a story.

"Are you sure?" I ask. "Yes" she asserts. "How do you know I have any stories?" "You do," she insists. "This can take awhile, do you have a few hours to listen?" "Yes, tell me a story," she demands again. So she gets the long version of all I know about how my Mac grandfather and his Cleary wife to be who rode the steamers SS Baltic and SS Ivernia to New York and Boston in the early 1900s; all about the Mac's family during depression days, how they got by, and what became of each of the four children; all the way through my father's WWII days and his eight children, and 13 grandchildren. She has sat spellbound for sixty minutes, hanging onto my every word.

I now learn this young girl was really more interested in hearing a GHOST story, so I ask her for one from Mexico. She tells me about La Llorona, 'The Weeping Woman,' a mother whose husband grew distant and who became jealous of the husband's attentions on her children. La Llorona, in a fit of rage, threw her children into the river. Her ghost now wanders the river banks, calling to her babies, wailing in torment. If a child is not careful, and lingers too long, the weeping woman ghost might mistake this child for her own and keep it. Quite a tale of which the intent seems to keep the mother's children close. See: http://www.midwestbookreview.com/cbw/feb_05.htm

I ask this child about her own family, what does she know. Do you have aunts and uncles? Are your grandparents still alive? Do you want to have your own stories to tell your grandchildren? After some time she has her mission sorted out. She promises to ask her parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents about their parents and ancestry, and family stories, and to write it all down. Have I succeeded in making a new breed of Shanachie? I hope so.

Just as quickly as the interest in a story started, it has now evaporated. The children are playing rock-paper-scissors, with a twist. The winner of each round gets to pinch the cheek of the loser, while starting the next round of rock-paper-scissors. If the same one loses, both cheeks are pinched. It looks painful; the children now have rosy red cheeks. Eventually, the best one is playing the mother. She has these large sweeping arm movements and never loses. There are more rosy red cheeks, no one cries, everyone laughs. The repair manager steps in to speak with the mother; their car is done, my entertainment has ended so it's back to my history book.

My best to all,

Jim McNamara

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

¹Shanachie. Answers.com. The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition, Houghton Mifflin Company, 2004. <http://www.answers.com/topic/shanachie>, accessed September 04, 2006.

President's Message

As most of you are aware, our annual, one-day Seminar featuring John M. Kitzmiller II took place on Saturday, July 15th 2006, at the Veterans Memorial Complex in Culver City. Thanks to our speaker, the dedicated people who helped organize and run the seminar, and (of course!) the attendees, it was a great success. I would particularly like to thank **Nancy Bier**, for suggesting our excellent speaker; **Annie Lloyd**, who did most of the original organization; and **Aileen and Del Harral, Lydia and Don Jeffrey, Barry Henson**, and **Mary McKinnon**, for all of their hard work.

At the seminar, John Kitzmiller gave the Society a CD containing "bookmarks" (links) of genealogical websites for England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. Thanks to the kind services of **Kim Salisbury**, we now have copies of this disc available. Seminar registrants may obtain a copy free of charge; others, for a dollar donation. If you have not picked up a copy, the CDs will be available at future meetings. If you have never done research on the Web, this could be a great way to begin.

The Board has already voted to have another one-day seminar next year (probably in August). Several of this year's participants made suggestions for future seminars, and suggestions from anyone else would be gratefully received.

Elsewhere in the newsletter there is a notice concerning the upcoming election of three Members-at-Large. Additional nominees may be made before the election takes place in November, but I would like to thank those who have already agreed to serve if elected. Thanks also to the members of the Nominating Committee for their efforts. Our Society can only be a success with the participation of its members, and those who serve on the Board are the ones directly involved in making sure that the work of our Society continues.

I encourage everyone to take an active part in making BIFHS-USA the best it can be! Together we can help each other with research efforts and promote our fascinating hobby throughout the country.

Ivan C. Johnson

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NOTICE OF UPCOMING ELECTION

In April, the Board of Directors appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of **Dolores I. Anderson**, **Annabelle F. Farago**, and **Jim McNamara** (chair), to find candidates for the three Member-at-Large positions that will become vacant at the end of this year. Those elected will serve a two-year term (2007-2008).

The committee has nominated **Nancy Bier, Jill Kirby**, and **Joan Semper**. Additional nominations for Members-at-Large may be made in writing on or before October 15th. Any such nomination must be endorsed by two non-Board members of the Society. Send written nominations to BIFHS-USA, 2531 Sawtelle Blvd., PMB #134, Los Angeles, CA 90064-3124. Nominations (with seconds) may also be accepted from the floor at the September and October meetings.

Ballots will be included with the November/December newsletter. Each member entitled to vote may mail the ballot to the Society or submit it at the November meeting. Ballots will be counted at the November meeting.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS

www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/journal/exchange

The Exchange Journals portion of the Society website was updated in mid-August to include recent tables of contents for the following societies' journals (or newsletters): Australian IGS, British Columbia GS, British India Society, Cardiganshire FHS, Clwyd FHS, Derbyshire FHS, Glasgow and West of Ireland FHS, Herefordshire FHS, Huddersfield & District FHS, Montgomeryshire GS, New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Orkney FHS, Irish Genealogical Society International, Shropshire FHS.

L.A. area BIFHS-USA members can find the journals themselves in the bookshelves at the back of the LARFHC shelved with the appropriate country: England – 942, Ireland – 941.5, Scotland – 941, Wales – 942.9

Thanks to Terry Brown for scanning the tables of contents and to Gail Said Johnson for creating and publishing the web pages.

A message from Linda Egan Flynn

Dear Members,

I'm sorry that I did not get to a meeting to say goodbye personally before moving to Oregon. I want to take this time now to say how much I enjoyed knowing all of you and that I very much enjoyed my short time as a Board Member. I will continue my membership and interest in the society. My new E-mail address is:

Lflynn000@centurytel.net

Affectionately,

Linda Egan Flynn
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Scappoose, OR 97056

A message from our Hospitality Chair

I would like to thank Julie Chedgzoy and Del Harral for manning the desk in August. Also for those who brought snacks to go with the sandwiches.

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Announcements from other societies

I.

North San Diego County Genealogical Society is holding their Fall Seminar, the theme this year is Case Study Journeys. Saturday, 16 Sep 2006, 9 AM to 4 PM at Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, CA. Contact Fred Spong for details 805 453-8469, fspong@san.rr.com

Case Study Journeys:

- ❑ Absence of Information Can be a Clue, Wayne Andersen
- ❑ Things aren't so Good Here Either: Rich Uncle Herman, a German Immigrant in 1920s New York, Carol Baird
- ❑ Adding Branches to the Family Tree, Everett Ireland
- ❑ Wall Demolition – Brick by Brick, Dorothy Miller
- ❑ Family Tree Building from a Pension File, Margaret Read

II.

Questing Heirs 1974 publication, *Some Early Southern California Burials*, has been converted to PDF format and is now available as a free download at: www.qhgs.info/downloads.html

This book covers burials in Wilmington, Sunnyside, and Long Beach Municipal Cemeteries to 1920, in alphabetical order. A few later burials are listed in the same family plot.

An Abstract of Records from the Funeral Register of B.W. Coon Co. Funeral Home, Long Beach, CA, covering 1922-1926 is also available as a free download.

III.

Antelope Valley Genealogical Society's 26th Annual Kin-Dig will be held Saturday, September 23, 2006, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

LOCATION:

Antelope Valley Inn
44055 N. Sierra Hwy
Lancaster, California

Speakers' schedule:

- ❑ 9:00AM - 10:00AM, Nancy Carlberg, How To Do Genealogy Research Without Going Broke
- ❑ 10:30AM - 11:30AM, Carl Boyer, Historical Background of German Emigration
- ❑ 1:00PM - 2:00PM, Randy Thompson, N.A.R.A., Lesser Known Resources at the National Archives
- ❑ 2:15PM - 3:15PM, Claire F. Santos-Daigle, Photo Dating

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

September 25 through September 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 the 25th through the 30th of September.

Join Ulster Historical Foundation and gather for the lectures, discussions, fun and celebration. The 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.

Contact Ulster Historical Foundation for details. Some of our members will be attending.

IRISH TRIP 2007

Because of health reasons, Nancy Bier has cancelled her September trip. She plans to lead a trip to Ireland in the late spring. This will be 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.

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

If you contact Nancy Bier in advance, you should have no trouble to arrange visiting your ancestral sites.

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

September 23, 2006, 8:00-3:45

Antelope Valley Genealogical Society's **26th annual Kin-Dig** ("Who's On Your Family Tree"), Antelope Valley Inn and Convention Center, 44055 N. Sierra Highway, Lancaster. Featured speakers are Nancy Ellen Carlberg (9:00 - How to Do Genealogy Research Without Going Broke), Carl Boyer (10:30 - Historical Background of German Emigration), Randy Thompson (1:00 - Lesser Known Resources at the National Archives), and Claire F. Santos-Daigle (2:15 - Photo Dating). For more information contact Helen Mendler at (661) 270-9642 or helemendler@earthlink.net

September 24, 2006

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

September 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.

October 13, 14, 15, 2006

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

October 22, 2006

BIFHS-USA General meeting. 1:00 to 6:00 PM
Using Ancestry.Com for English and Welsh Research with Nancy Ellen Carlberg. How many of our members do their English and Welsh research on the Internet by using Ancestry.com? If you are not, you should. Nancy will talk about the do's and the don'ts, what you should expect to find and how you should use it. Nancy's a good speaker and you don't want to miss this one. Nancy is past President of BIFHS-USA and leads its Colonial American Study Group.

Demonstration at 3:30 PM

There will be no Study group - it will only be a Demonstration: *How to use a flash drive*
How many of our members know what is a "flash drive?" How many of us know how to use one? Well, if you don't know how (and even if you do), you may want to hear what Annabella Farago has to say about this great computer tool. She will be doing a demonstration of it on the LARFHC's computers at 3:30 PM. I know that Annabella will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

November 8-15, 2006

Nancy Carlberg plans to be in Salt Lake City. This trip is not sponsored by BIFHS-USA, but Nancy will help you with your research. Contact: n_carlberg@hotmail.com
IMPORTANT: "BE SURE TO BRING YOUR FAMILY GROUP SHEETS"

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.

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 four 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 four children, 22 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Church of Ireland Archives

The archives of the Church of Ireland, and particularly parochial registers of baptisms, marriages, and burials, are a primary source for genealogists and family historians. Although many registers were destroyed in the past, especially in the fire in the Public Record Office of Ireland in 1922, many others have survived in a number of custodies and are available to researchers.

For additional information visit their website at:
<http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library/libroots.html>

New Highland Archive Centre

According to Scotsman.com, INVERNESS will be the home to a new £4 million heritage centre. The Highland Archive Centre will house significant documents from post-Culloden legislation, documents relating to the Highland Clearances and details of 15th-century council meetings. For genealogy aficionados, the centre will also offer a family research facility. The building will also store the largest police archive in local authority care in Scotland. Among the private collections will be the Highland photographic archive, containing 150,000 images. See:
<http://heritage.scotsman.com/topics.cfm?tid=1325&id=949982006>

A message from David Gore on his new book

We have recently published a book, *On Kentish Chalk*, which may be of interest to the BIFHS-USA members. It is the history of the GORE family who farmed on the chalk downlands of Kent for nearly 300 years. They then dispersed so that today there are branches in the USA, Canada, the Far East including Australia, and in UK, all of them looking on the old family farmstead in Kent as their common 'home'. The USA branch, now mostly settled in Maryland, became established there early last century. The book includes details of their time since arriving in America from Kent.

On Kentish Chalk, A farming family of the North Downs
ISBN: 0 9530912 2 8

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Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the following:

Tracing your Ancestors in Canada - You can download this free guide. It describes the main sources of genealogical information in Library and Archives Canada and mentions sources of information in other Canadian centres. For a free copy, download it from: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogie/022-607.001-e.html>

And, *How to do Genealogy*, at: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogie/022-600-e.html>

Reference Sources for Canadian Genealogy at: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/genealogie/022-607.003-e.html>

Also check out this website: www.collectionscanada.ca

This is from the August 2006 Issue of *Your Family History* published in England.

There's a very good article on page eight about *Ancestral tourism*. It mentions both Scotland and Wales. In Scotland, more than 250,000 genealogists travel there every year spending about 153 million pounds. See the following website: www.visitscotland.com

In Wales, see their website: www.homecomingwales.com Genealogists coming into Wales spend about 100 million pounds per year.

This year and next, on the eastern seaboard of the USA, will be the 400th anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. England (Visit Britain) will be commemorating this event – along with Ancestry.com to help people find their roots. See: www.visitbritain.ws/ancestry

A database of Welsh emigrants: www.welshmormanhistory.org

County Mayo: (Map 1838 OS) www.mayolibrary.ie/maps/gissearch.htm

The Origins Network has added Cheshire and Shropshire 1841 census records at: www.origins.net plus a very useful Boyd's Inhabitants of London.

Brigham Young University has an online offering of 5,000 genealogical books: www.lib.byu.edu/fhc

Do you have a Scottish miner in her family tree. You may want to look at this website: www.mining-villages.co.uk

The Worcester volume of Victoria County history is now online: www.british-history.ac.uk

The National Library of Wales www.llgc.org.uk is working on the Wales-Ohio project to digitize "a selection of Welsh Americana relating to the State of Ohio." These records are held at the NLW. They will be making this website available to everyone in March 2007. This project was made possible by a generous donation from Evan E. and Elizabeth F. Davis of Oak Hill, Jackson County, OH. (Incidentally, that area is still known as "Little Cardiganshire" as so many of its original settlers came from that area of Wales.)

As noted in the Family Tree Magazine (UK), the Church of Wales (Anglican) has announced that an agreement was reached with Ancestry.com to digitize the Parish Registers of Wales. --Dyfed Rootsweb

There is a new genealogy centre that has opened in St. Andrews, Scotland. The centre is based at the Local Services Centre in St. Mary's Place. It holds birth, death, marriage and census records back to 1855. The Centre is open from Tuesday through Thursday from 9 AM to 12 PM.

According to "Your Family History" Magazine, Ancestry.com has just added the 1841 Scottish census to their website. Have fun!

If you have Shetland Islands' ancestry, you may want to look at northeast England - especially around North and South Shields - for your people. In the 19th century, many islanders came down to Tyne for the merchant navy. Don't think that your ancestors always stayed put in the same place - they didn't.

Ancestry.com has a new site for Canadians -- the 1911 census as well as the Ontario marriage index from 1858 to 1930. There's a fee for looking at these records - but you can go into your local Family History Center and look for them for free.

The 1837online.com website has just added a huge collection of British Military records for the period 1656 to 1994 which covers a lot of wars.

This is a note from Annie Lloyd:

I believe that a lot of our members are confused about what they will find on the Free BMD website (freeBMD.org.uk). Many of you believe that all you have to do is to pull up your ancestor and all the information will be there - such as where born, maiden name of mother - for a birth certificate, how old they were when they married -- for a marriage certificate -- and the cause of death which is on a death certificate. All you will find on the FreeBMD site is the name of a possible ancestor, the register office, a volume and a page number. That's all - nothing else.

You must order that information from the General Register Office www.gro.gov.uk or from the local register office in the area where you are researching. It's very easy to order from General Register. You can do it online and pay for it with a credit card www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates

There are many researchers who say "I don't want to spend the money ordering a certificate. I will just keep looking and I will find that information." As a consultant in the LARFHC, I meet researchers all the time who are still waiting - long years later - for more information so that they don't have to order the certificate. Look at how much time they have wasted!

World's Oldest Person Dies at 116

[Monday Aug 28, 2006, reported on Yahoo News] QUITO, Ecuador - Maria Esther de Capovilla, considered the world's oldest person, has died in her native Ecuador, her granddaughter said Monday. At 116, she was born the same year as Charlie Chaplin and married the year the U.S. entered World War I.

She was born on Sept. 14, 1889, the same year as Chaplin and Adolf Hitler. She was married in 1917 and widowed in 1949, the year Berlin split into East and West.

For the complete story, see: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060828/ap_on_re_la_am_ca/oldest_person

From Ulster Ancestry Dot Com

A List of Deported Convicts and Vagabonds (to America) 1737-1743, SOURCE - Journals of the Irish House of Commons. See: http://www.ulsterancestry.com/ua-free_Convicts-and-Vagabonds.html

From our Membership Chair, Terry Brown:

New members:			
Name	Joined	City	Interests
Donna L Wood	July	Fillmore, CA	
Michéal Cleary	July	Mountshannon, Co. Clare, IRL	
Joan King	July	Calabasas, CA	IRL
Lyn Nunn	July	Deagon, QL, AUS	ENG, IRL, Wales
Luana L Gilstrap	Aug	Pasadena, CA	IRL, SCT
Jackie B Ireland	Aug	Los Angeles, CA	ENG, SCT

If your email address has changed since you joined the Society, or you're not sure whether you provided one at signup, please take a moment to keep us updated. I would rather get too many updates than too few. When I send out email reminders of membership expiration, there are always some people for whom I have no email address, or the one I have is no longer good. Please send your updates to terry.brown@acm.org and put "BIFHS email" in the subject. Also update your phone number if it (or your area code) has changed.

Many thanks,

Terry Brown

From Irish Family History Foundation:

Jay & Dympna Coleman, of County Louth, have just launched a new website, www.rip.ie, which publishes daily death notices at no charge to the bereaved family. The site also has information on topics such as inheritance tax to eco-friendly burials.

www.rip.ie is a free service for all but death notices can only be posted by funeral directors who can add notices, by telephone, fax or directly to the website. They can open a book of condolence & they can nominate a charity for donations if the family wishes. The site also has links to other services, such as online hand-written cards, florists, bereavement support, tracing your ancestors, charities & voluntary organisations.

[Editor's Note: you will only find recent deaths here, but notices are from every county in Ireland.]

**Forensic Genealogy
Colleen Fitzpatrick to talk at
Los Angeles Public Library**

The Los Angeles Public Library is offering a program which may be of interest to the readers of the Newsletter of the British Isles Family History Society-U.S.A. I will attach a PDF copy of the flyer to this message. [Editor's Note, this flyer will be at our next meeting.]

Forensic Genealogy: Dissecting Old Photographs will be presented by Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., on Sunday, October 15, at 2 p.m. in the Mark Taper Auditorium of the Central Library. Learn how to unlock the information found in old family photographs using simple techniques borrowed from forensic science, as featured on NPR's "Talk of the Nation with Neal Conan." A book signing will follow the lecture. The Los Angeles Public Library is located at 630 W. Fifth St. Validated parking is available at 524 S. Flower St. for \$1.00 on Sundays after 1:00 p.m. To obtain the validation, patrons must show their library card to the attendant at the Information Desk on the first floor of the library. For further information about the program call (213) 228-7413. [Editor's Note: Library Cards here are free.]

On the same day, it will also be possible to view the Puro Muerto Contemporary Imagery of Day of the Dead exhibit in the Getty Gallery on the Second Floor of the Central Library. This exhibit will be on display from September 30, 2006 through March 4, 2007.

Michael Kirley
Genealogy Librarian
Los Angeles Public Library
630 W. Fifth St.
Los Angeles, CA 90071

From Annie Lloyd:

If any of our members are going to England to do research and have ancestors in the Oxford area, please be advised that the Oxfordshire FHS's Holford Centre on School Lane in Stanton St. John is closed until further notice. This Centre holds parish registers and monumental inscription transcripts, Pedigree charts and birth briefs, the IGI, Reference books and exchange journals. The Centre's answer-telephone at +44 1865 358151 will give details of future opening arrangements. --English Gen Events.

**Thanks to Jean Rice for this information
about newly published books in 2006:**

1. "Northern Ireland, A Walking Guide," by Helen FAIRBAIRN, (Collins Press) ISBN 1-905172-21-4 p/b. Per review - "Thirty-four fine routes from Rathlin Island to Cuilcagh Mountain and the Binnians are clearly and precisely detailed by Helen FAIRBAIRN-co-author of 'The Lonely Planet - Walking in Ireland' guide which came out in 2003. In the case of each walk, distance, estimated time, grade, elevation and the relevant map references are given. Almost all walks are circular or looped (from parked car back to parked car). Remember, in mid-December daylight is limited to about seven hours, whilst the mid-June walker can rely upon some 17 daylight hours. Happy walking!"
2. "Stories From A Sacred Landscape, Croghan Hill to Clonmacnoise," by Caimin O'BRIEN, (Mercier Press) ISBN 1-85635-489-X, Large format h/b. Per review - "Illustrated by the wonderful photographs of James FRAHER, professional archaeologist Caimin O'BRIEN describes the monuments of County Offaly (King's Co.), drawing on history, poetry, folklore and legend. Exquisite photographs, splendidly placed, record the monastic landscape of the ancient territory of County Offaly and its discovered treasure of bronze, silver and gold artworks and splendid illuminated manuscripts. The Church of the Welshmen, the Church on the Long Ridge, Ciaran's Shining City, the Church on the Land of Ferns, Manchan's Grey Lands and the Islands of Tranquility - landmarks of stunning beauty in a topography of dreams. The introductory pages list editor, designer, director and producer and many more - and all of them are worthy of the honour. This publication will be valued by anyone lucky enough to buy, or better still be given, a copy." (My comment - marvelous photograph on cover).
3. "Ireland's Ancient Stones, A Megalithic Heritage," by Kenneth McNALLY, (Appletree Press), ISBN 0-86281-996-2, h/b. (Again, gorgeous photograph on cover). Per review - "Each of Kenneth McNALLY's 100 personally chosen locations is illustrated with a combination of really good photographs, drawings and maps. All are carefully described by the author, recently retired from Ulster Television and well known for many talents including a lifelong interest in the Neolithic and Bronze Ages. Well produced, a fine book."

From:

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Sep/Oct – 2006 Newsletter
“First Class”

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