



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

Newsletter

Jan/Feb -2007

Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month: Sunday January 28th, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
BIFHS-USA - General meeting

Jim McNamara will speak on following up obituary fact(s) with newspaper research; in particular, the Forepaugh Shows as documented by newspaper articles will be reviewed for genealogical source material. *Note: Adam Forepaugh had a traveling circus which also included historical reenactments of Custer's Last Stand, the Battle of Bunker Hill, and trick shooting, etc.*

Irish Study Group – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

Nancy Bier will present two case studies of Scotch-Irish research which will demonstrate the importance of reading the records before your 'known' ancestors arrive in a locale and after they are known to be gone. Nancy will show how this led to finding the origins of these Scotch-Irish emigrants.

Next Month: Sunday, February 25, 2007, 1:00-3:00PM
BIFHS-USA - General meeting

British Names (Given, Surname, And Nicknames)
Nancy Ellen Carlberg

English Study Group – 3:30 to 5:00 PM
Don Hirst

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>

"Gerald Rudolph Ford, the 38th President of the United States, was born Leslie Lynch King, Jr., the son of Leslie Lynch King and Dorothy Ayer Gardner King, on July 14, 1913, in Omaha, Nebraska. His parents separated two weeks after his birth and his mother took him to Grand Rapids, Michigan to live with her parents. On February 1, 1916, approximately two years after her divorce was final, Dorothy King married Gerald R. Ford, a Grand Rapids paint salesman. The Fords began calling her son Gerald R. Ford, Jr., although his name was not legally changed until December 3, 1935." See <http://www.ford.utexas.edu/grf/fordbiop.asp> for the complete biography posted at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum website.

Editor's Note:

Some people have called Jerry Ford our 'accidental president' being the only person ever in US history to become president without having been elected as either president or vice-president. Nixon chose Ford to take over the vice-presidency when Spiro Agnew resigned in the wake of a charge of income tax evasion. He then became president when Richard Nixon resigned rather than face impeachment. Gerald Ford is remembered mostly for his presidential pardon of Richard Nixon. So many of Ford's colleagues remembered him as a man without agendas, grudges, or ambition. Henry Kissinger implied in his eulogy today that Ford rather than Reagan should be given most of the credit for ending the cold war by signing the Helsinki agreements on human rights principles and East European national boundaries.

Many people thought Ford an easy target including Lyndon Johnson when he said, *"The trouble with Jerry Ford is that he used to play football without a helmet."* TV comics had very easy pickings when Ford's erratic golf ball would hit a spectator, or when Jerry would stumble on the plane's disembarking stairs. Here a few of the milder jibes from Bob Hope:

- *"It's not hard to find Gerry Ford on a golf course - you just follow the wounded."*
- *"Gerry Ford is easy to spot on the course. He drives the cart with the red cross painted on top."*

Some quotations by President Ford:

- *"I am a Ford, not a Lincoln. My addresses will never be as eloquent as Mr. Lincoln's. But I will do my very best to equal his brevity and his plain speaking."*
- *"I guess it just proves that in America anyone can be President."*

Gerald Rudolph Ford, Jr., 38th President of the United States, July 14, 1913 - December 26, 2006

May you rest in peace

Jim McNamara

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

The biographer's timeline of Ford's life: <http://www.ford.utexas.edu/grf/timeline.asp>

Please write soon . . .

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ARTICLES NEEDED for the next issue of BIFHS–USA JOURNAL, for example:

- ◆ Book, website, or product reviews
- ◆ Transcriptions of genealogical data
- ◆ Historical or cultural information
- ◆ Research tips

If you have something to share, please submit your article by **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2007**.



Trivia Game Winning Team: Mary McKinnon, Annie Lloyd, Jessie Tait, Ruth Brooker, Lee Norwood, Marylin Hirst, and Don Hirst.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a treat our holiday meetings were this year. Thanks to **Terry Brown, Annabelle Farago, Miriam Fitch, Gail Johnson, Jill Kirby, Mary McKinnon, Lee Norwood, Mike Scully, Jessie Tait, Sue Wilson, and Will Wright** for sharing experiences, photos, documents and anecdotes at the November meeting. Thanks to everyone who made our December feast so delectable — especially **Jill Kirby**, who went beyond the “call of duty” by roasting a turkey and baking the ham that constituted the main course. We were pleased to have LARFHC **President Richard McBride** and several library staff join us. The trivia game that followed the meal was an animated and jovial rivalry between two teams. See the “crowned” winners in the photo on this page (each received a Christmas cracker as a “prize”). Thanks to **Lydia Jeffrey, Annie Lloyd, and Jim McNamara** for supplying questions (Annie abstained from answering any Welsh questions during the game).

As we begin a new year, we welcome **Jessie Tait** to the Board of Directors and thank her for accepting the Treasurer position. Thanks also to outgoing Treasurer **Barry Henson** for his service in 2006. We also say a reluctant goodbye to **Aileen Harral** and her husband Del who have moved to a retirement home in the Stockton area. We will miss both of them. Aileen has been our very capable Hospitality Chair during the past year, and I would like most especially to thank her for all her good work. Life without Aileen's guacamole will not be the same!

There are still a number of positions that need to be filled if we are to have a viable society. As advertised elsewhere in the Newsletter, we urgently need a **Hospitality Chair, a Book Sales Chair, and a 2008 Seminar Committee Chair.**

I hope you'll make it your New Year's resolution to become more involved in the Society by volunteering to fill an open position. The Society needs your help.

Ivan C. Johnson
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VACANT POSITIONS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW

Please contact BIFHS-USA President Ivan Johnson <icj@socal.rr.com>, if you are willing to help out in one of the following capacities.



2008 SEMINAR COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Society is planning to have a major seminar in 2008 to celebrate our 20th anniversary year. The seminar will be a two- or three-day event (possibly on the Queen Mary). If we are to accomplish this, work must begin soon — we only have a year and eight months to go! Several people have already volunteered to serve on the committee, but we need someone to lead and coordinate the committee's activities. The committee will work in conjunction with the Board to budget the event, choose the speakers, organize the schedule of speakers, and organize whatever other activities are deemed appropriate for the occasion.



HOSPITALITY CHAIR

This position may be filled by one person (as it has been in the past) or the position may be split into two. If we split the position (as described below), we will, of course, need two volunteers.

- **Information Desk Coordinator.** This person would be in charge of the staffing of the Information Desk. As part of our responsibilities while using the Family History Center, we must ensure that the desk is staffed at all times. We have a sign-up sheet for the volunteers, so the coordinator would circulate the sheet and make sure that there is someone to cover the desk throughout our meetings. The person at the desk greets people on arrival, and checks their bags on departure. The information desk has a computer set up like all the others in the library, so the people at the desk can easily continue with their research.
- **Refreshments Coordinator.** This person would be responsible for coordinating our refreshments in the classroom at each meeting. The tablecloth, plates, cups, etc., have to be taken out of the cupboard in the classroom and placed on the table, and then returned to the cupboard afterwards. The coordinator makes sure that the room is left clean with trash in the trash bins, etc. and no crumbs on the floor. Any donations made may be used for purchasing supplies and any surplus given to the treasurer. The food is, of course, a pot-luck affair. As we do not wish to make the system rigid by requiring that people state ahead of time what they are going to bring, the food is clearly not easy to coordinate. The coordinator makes sure that we do have something both to eat and to drink. If it is found that we are short of either food or drink, someone is sent out to buy whatever we lack.



BOOK SALES CHAIR

The Book Sales Chair maintains an inventory of books not readily available in the U.S. (e.g., genealogical and historical books and pamphlets published in the United Kingdom and Ireland) and organize the selling of them at selected functions (the SCGS Jamboree and various seminars)

National Archives of England and Wales announced a decision to provide some access to the 1911 census prior to the standard 100 year privacy period:

In a Dec 13th news release at <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/13dec2006.pdf> the National Archives of England and Wales announced that due to the Information Commissioner's Decision Note which addressed a single FOI (freedom of information) request received, the following plan will be implemented to address FOI genealogical queries they receive:

- As a whole document, the 1911 census will remain closed until 2012. This is meant to *"maintain its long-standing commitment to keeping census records 100 years following their creation, on the grounds that this closure period strikes an appropriate balance between the right of census respondents to have information they provide kept confidential, and the access interests of family historians."*
- Only one 'original' copy of the census exists on paper only, in the enumerators' handwriting. A business partner will be selected and awarded by the spring of 2007 to *"fast-track"* the process of having the full census available online that will be searchable by name and address. *"The National Archives hopes to start to offer a searchable service in early 2009, with key sensitive information withheld until 2012. This service will enable most researchers to find the information they want, through a simple search."*
- Further, the National Archives has committed to creating a *"special FOI service to deal with requests for information contained in the 1911 census before online service commences, is expected to be launched on 17 January 2007."* These FOI requests honored will be limited to cases *"where the address of the individual is known."* This service will be available for a *"non-refundable research fee of £45 that will cover the cost of each search."* See www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/1911census for further information on this FOI service.

Editor's note: See also the *Your Family Tree* magazine's coverage of this story at: <http://tinyurl.com/ykudkw>

Ulster Historical Foundation has moved:

This notice now seen at Ulster Historical Foundation's site: <http://www.ancestryireland.com/index.php>

- IMPORTANT NOTICE: We have moved premises. From Monday 30 October we will be located at Unit 7, Cotton Court, Waring Street, Belfast. Situated in the heart of the historic Cathedral Quarter, we are easy to find – directly opposite the Merchant Hotel. Our telephones will be operational from Wednesday 01 November, until then you can contact us at enquiry@uhf.org.uk Our phone and fax numbers stay the same: Tel. +(0)28 9033 2288 Fax. +(0)28 9023 9885. We apologise for any inconvenience you may experience during our move.

The following was received from the Origins Email Newsletter:

Origins Network News: 1841 Census on British Origins now complete

- The final counties are now all available for searching on the 1841 England and Wales Census on British Origins.
- This brings the final 1841 data count online to 15,791,795 records.
- We believe our 1841 census index to be the most accurate and complete available, containing 20% more names than other versions. See www.originsnetwork.com/help/popup-aboutbo-census1841-accuracy.htm for more details.
- To access all of the Origins Network records, please go to www.originsnetwork.com/signup-info.aspx

Irish Census News:

For some time Roger McDonnell has been coordinating the efforts of transcribers of the 1901 census of many counties in Ireland and has been making these freely available at:

<http://www.leitrim-roscommon.com/1901census> The following has been extracted from this site:

1901 Census File: The 1901 census file now has almost 300,000 individuals for seven different counties Galway, Leitrim, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Wexford and Westmeath. The status of the progress for each of these counties is described below:

- **County Roscommon:** The database contains over 100,000 individuals who lived in County Roscommon in 1901. **The database is complete.** Special thanks to Eve Cryan for her assistance in transcribing records from North Roscommon. Thanks to Mike Lennon from Ireland for transcribing missing townlands for Termonbarry civil parish and four missing streets for Roscommon town. Thanks also to William Coyle and Anne Harrington both from Ireland who obtained missing census data for Estersnow parish.
- **County Leitrim:** The data base for Co. Leitrim is complete. Thanks to Jim Irvine, Jim McCabe, Trish Nicola, Denis Lussier, Tom McFadden and Sue Leonard for their assistance in contributing Co. Leitrim records.
- **County Mayo:** County Mayo is now complete.
- **County Sligo:** County Sligo is now complete. Thanks to Eve Cryan for her work with the Sligo records. Thanks also to Charlie Brown and his team for the Drumcliff parish records.
- **County Wexford:** County Wexford is approximately 25% complete. Many thanks to Joan Rolfes who has transcribed all the data for Co. Wexford.
- **County Westmeath:** Over 2700 individuals from the town of Athlone are included in the database. Military personnel who were part of the British military barrack in Athlone are not included.
- **County Galway:** At this time there are a minimal number of Galway records in the database from the townlands in Creagh civil parish Moycarn barony which were transferred to Galway in 1898.

County Clare 1901 Census:

County Clare 1901 Census transcription project has been complete for some time and is available at:

<http://www.clarelibrary.ie/> courtesy of the County Clare Library and Clare Local Studies Project.

See census at: http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/genealogy/1901census/1901_clare_census.htm

Census search forms (1841 & 1851)

See search forms at: http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/genealogy/census_search_forms/index.htm

- From this site is the following description:
"When the Old Age Pension was introduced in Ireland in 1908, people had to prove they were over 70 years of age in order to qualify. As Civil Registration did not begin until 1864, birth certificates were not available for those born before that date. The government, therefore, found it necessary to establish a person's age by allowing the census returns of 1841 and 1851 to be searched. Applicants provided the information by letter, and where there were sufficient details, a search was carried out. When the family was found, and the applicant identified as a child of the family, a certified copy of the return was provided on payment of two shillings. The information in the Census Search Forms, or 'Green Forms' – the internal office records of the search made - is given here. Two points of access are provided to the information: by the applicant's surname, and (where given) by the applicant's mother's maiden name."

Scattery Island: 1911 Census

The County Clare Library has quietly placed the Kilrush DED for Scattery Island on their site.

http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/places/1911_census.html

- Surnames seen in this transcription are: BRENNAN, McMAHON, GRIFFIN, MORAN, BLAKE, HANRAHAN, SCANLON, FRENCH, McALLEN, SIMPSON, MELLICAN, and HENNESSY

The following is directly from the department of Arts, Sports, and Tourism:

<http://www.arts-sport-tourism.gov.ie/culture/CensusDigitisationProject.html>

is the following:

1901 & 1911 Digitisation Project:

- The household returns for the 32 county censuses of Ireland of 1901 and 1911, which are in the custody of the National Archives of Ireland, represent an extremely valuable part of Irish heritage, and a resource for genealogists, local historians and scholars. The National Archives of Ireland, in partnership with Library and Archives Canada, are digitising and indexing these census records to develop their full potential by making them available on the Internet over a 3-4 year period.
- This Ireland-Canada Documentary Heritage Research Partnership will create a website with the census records as the centre of a range of records, texts and pieces by historians and curators on life at the turn of the last century. This will be a new and very important educational resource in addition to being a wonderful tool for family historians who want to trace their ancestors.

The following is directly from the Central Statistics Office Ireland:

http://www.cso.ie/census/Access_to_Records.htm

Access to old records:

- Old census returns are valuable historical and genealogical records. Unfortunately, the returns for 1813, 1821, 1831, 1841 and 1851 censuses were destroyed when the Custom House was burned in 1921.
- The 1861 and 1871 census returns were deliberately destroyed. The 1881 and 1891 census returns were pulped because of the paper shortages during the 1914-18 War. Of the pre-Independence censuses only the 1901 and 1911 census returns remain intact today.
- The 1901 and 1911 censuses were undertaken under legislation which made no provision for the confidentiality of the information recorded on them. These were made available as public records in 1961 via a warrant made by the Minister for Justice under the Public Records (Ireland) Act, 1867. They are the most frequently used records in the National Archives mainly for genealogical research.
- Visit the National Archives site: www.nationalarchives.ie/censusrtns.html
- The extensive use of the 1901 and 1911 census records and the public acceptability of their availability after 50-60 years prompted the inclusion of a provision in the Statistics Act, 1993 which allows census returns to be made available as public records 100 years after the relevant census.
- This means that the 1926 census records will be open to the public by the National Archives in the year 2026. By that time almost all of the persons covered in the 1926 census will be deceased. Although there was demand for a shorter period it was considered that 100 years was necessary to comply with the spirit of confidentiality promised to respondents.

Some of the 1901 County Kerry Census is online and organized by civil parish:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~irlker/census01cp.html>

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the following:

- **Genealogy Hotel Rates in Salt Lake**-You will love the genealogy rates at the Holiday Inn-Downtown along with the free shuttles to & from the Family History Library. www.holiday-inn.com/slc-downtown

- **Old Mersey Times**

<http://www.old-merseytimes.co.uk>

Discover English ancestors from Liverpool and Merseyside in this site's transcriptions, vital records and passenger lists.

***Editor's note:** the Merseytimes site is a donation supported site. The webmaster is also a researcher available for hire. There are numerous categories of data here: New Snippets, Bankrupts, Bigamy, Births, Crime, Deaths, Deaths and Inquests, Divorce, Emigration, Entertainment and Sport, Epidemics and Health, Graveyards and MI's, History, Huyton-with-Roby, Marriages, Medals and Awards, Military, Mining, Missing Persons, Murder, Passenger Lists, Schools, Shipping, Snippets, Southport, St Helens, Trades and Occupations, Wills and Bequests, The Genealogist's Lament, Wanted for Sale, My Memories, My People and Places, Clysts St. Georges, and Map. Each subject has much information behind it, if your ancestors were in Mersey (near Liverpool) you will greatly enjoy this site.*

From familytree-newslette@fwpubs.com:

- **News From the Front**

Library and Archives Canada has posted samplings of interviews with Canadian WWI veterans at <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/first-world-war/interviews> These accounts from about 20 Canadian Expeditionary Force veterans might give you a taste of your veteran ancestor's experiences.

You can listen to or read transcriptions of the one-on-one interviews, which originally aired on the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. radio show "In Flanders Fields" during 1964 and 1965. Click the Further Research tab for more resources on Canadian military history.

- **End Construction**

The Allen County (Ind.) Public Library—which has the largest [genealogy collection](http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy) (<http://www.acpl.lib.in.us/genealogy>) of any public library in the United States—will move in January from its temporary digs into its renovated, expanded home. Lest you want to squeeze in some research over your holiday break, plan for the genealogy department's relocation scheduled to start Dec. 26. Watch the Web site for updates on closures.

The main library expansion is a long time coming: Construction started in 2003; planning was underway long before that. It grew by nearly 125,000 square feet and tripled open shelf capacity to 1.1 million volumes. A grand opening of the expanded building at 900 Webster St. in Fort Wayne is scheduled for Jan. 27.

From the July 2006 edition of The Septs

- Is the review of *The Irish Genealogist* CD-ROM published by Eneclann. This CD contains a large collection of back issues of The Irish Genealogist Research Society's journals and price is \$79.95 (USD). This data is searchable in a single 4,876 page PDF. You need the version 6 Acrobat Reader which is free on line from Adobe. See the July issue of the Septs for further details.
- Also included in the July Septs issue is a review of John Grenham's third edition of *Tracing your Irish Ancestors*. Price is \$24.95 and is available in paperback only. The third edition has more content (35%), "an emphasis on Internet resources, larger RC parish maps, Catholic parish names variants, and minor differences in organization and chapter titles." See the July Septs issue for the complete review.

Thanks to Lyn Nunn for forwarding *The Weald of Kent, Surrey, and Sussex* site info:

The following is directly from this site: <http://theweald.org/home.asp>

- The Weald is "the place where London ends and England can begin"
- Thirty miles south of London and half way to the South coast of England lies an area of outstanding natural beauty combined with a fascinating history called the Weald. This was, to the Saxons of 900AD, part of Andredesweald (the forest of Andred the Roman fort at Pevensey), that stretched from the marshes of Kent to the New Forest in Hampshire - 120 miles long and 30 miles wide. The Weald of Kent, Surrey and Sussex encompasses the Lancaster Great Park formed in 1372 and renamed as the Ashdown Forest in 1672.
- This site catalogues the people, places, maps, drawings, engravings, books, writings and numerous lists and directories that are over 70 years old into an integrated database of information about one of the most attractive parts of England - the Weald of Kent, Surrey and Sussex.
- Extracts of Thomas Turner's diary here: <http://theweald.org/N10.asp?Nid=1403> "Thomas Turner's Diaries from 1754 to 1765 give an eighteenth century shopkeeper's unique chronicle of village life in the eighteenth century."

Armstrong, Elliot, and Nixon Clan blood needed for a survey:

See complete story at: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/6189776.stm>

- "Researchers are aiming to find the descendants of these notorious families for the Northern England element of a national project called People of the British Isles (PoBI). They hope to collect up to 600 blood samples for scientific analysis and will be looking for common genetic patterns and the presence of certain genes, such as those that determine hair colour. Volunteers should be able to trace all four of their grandparents to the same geographical area in Northumberland, Northern Cumbria, County Durham and the Scottish Borders."

Learn Welsh Online:

The first 15 week long course has been highly successful and the Madog Center are now offering a second course which will start shortly. The non-credit fee for the course is \$229. If you are interested contact Dr. Tim Jilg, (740) 245-7186 or email tjilg@rio.edu for details. For more information about how the course works, see:

<http://faculty.rio.edu/tjilg/classnotes.htm>

To see a sample of the course: <http://madog.rio.edu/lingo/sample.htm>

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GENUKI - Some Welsh Theatres, 1844 – 1870:

Cecil Price, National Library of Wales journal. 1961, Winter Volume XII/2
<http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/Theatres2.html>

A note from Dorothy Losee to the BIFHS-USA membership:

It pays to be patient--one never knows when a response will be forthcoming. So long ago--I can't even remember when I posted a query in England about one of my families. Lo and behold, a few days ago, I received a response taking me back to the 1600's on the line I was stalled in researching in 1800 in Gloucester. At first the man didn't think we were related, but upon further research he found that we definitely are. The best part is that this is all documented. What a Christmas present! He went to Wales a few days ago with a friend and found the death certificate for a wife and is sending me a copy of that as well.

I can't believe that I have been away from Los Angeles for over a year now. I do so miss all my friends at BIFHS, but I am becoming active in several different groups here. The local Genealogy Society is a general one, but they do have a sub-group on British research, and the members are really very knowledgeable. The Society puts on a Seminar once a year. I attended last year and this coming year (in April) the speaker will be John P. Colleta. I understand that he is an excellent speaker. The one last year was good as well.

If anyone would like to come to northern California, I do have a guest bedroom and would be most happy to have someone stay with me. I can send details later if anyone is interested. It has now turned cold and wet. All our beautiful trees have lost their red and gold leaves and are now bare. It has rained all day today. We have had over 8" of rain so far. I never turn off my heat. At least I can look forward to a beautiful spring when the trees again leaf and eventually turn colors.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas. I will be celebrating with my daughter and her family.

Take care and best wishes to all!

Dorothy Losee

From Sue of The Original Record Team: APPRENTICESHIP (TOWN) REGISTERS 1720-1733

- By town is meant that these are the central registers, of collection in London, for apprenticeships throughout Britain, as opposed to the Country Registers, which have collections made in the provinces and in Scotland. Masters and apprentices are indexed. Hope you find what you are looking for, if not just enter your name of interest on our WISH LIST and we will email you when we have some records for you.

See: www.theoriginalrecord.com

Good Hunting.
Kind regards,

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The Original Record Team
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ELECTION RESULTS

- Congratulations to NANCY BIER, JILL KIRBY, and JOAN SEMPER on their election to two-year terms (2007–2008) as Members at Large on the BIFHS–USA Board of Directors. Thirty-six ballots were cast by mail or in person at the November 2006 meeting.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IRISH TRIP 2007

Because of health reasons, Nancy Bier had 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

January 28, 2007: BIFHS-USA General Meeting

Jim McNamara will speak on following up Obituary fact(s) with newspaper research; in particular, the Forepaugh Shows documented by newspaper pieces will be reviewed for genealogical source material.

Irish Study Group, 3:30 – 5:00 PM, Nancy Bier will present two case studies of Scotch-Irish research which will demonstrate the importance of reading the records before your 'known' ancestors arrive in a locale and after they are known to be gone. Nancy will show how this led to finding the origins of these Scotch-Irish emigrants.

February 24, 2007: Whittier Area Genealogical Society (WAGS) Annual Seminar (Masonic Lodge, Whittier, CA). Featured speaker: Curt B. Whitcher, manager of the History Genealogical Department of the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana (second largest genealogical library in the United States). See <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags/seminar.html> for details.

The subjects of Curt's talks will be: *Back to Basics: A Research Plan, Using Government Documents, Germans to Midwest, and Doing History Eliminates the Mystery.*

Advance registration is \$30 and registration on the day of the event is \$35. See <http://www.cagenweb.com/kr/wags> WAGS Seminar will be held at the Masonic Lodge located at: 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier, CA

There will be sales and display tables with many books, WAGS members' pedigree charts, genealogical items, memory books, etc. It is not permissible to tape the lectures.

February 25, 2007: BIFHS-USA - General meeting

Main Program, Nancy Ellen Carlberg will speak on British Names (Given, Surname, And Nicknames)
English Study Group will be led by Don Hirst.

March 17, 2007: Nancy Ellen Carlberg will speak on *Beginning Irish Research* and *Overcoming Dead Ends* at Conejo Valley Genealogical Society's all day seminar at Brimhall Library in Thousand Oaks. Ted Gostin will be speaking on *Passenger and Arrival Records*. Watch for details: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~cacvgs/>

March 24, 2007: Fairfax and Mount Vernon Genealogical Societies Joint Conference and Genealogy Expo (Marriot Fairfax in Fair Oaks, Virginia). Featured speakers include our society's own **Linda Jonas** speaking on "Colonial America Isn't the U.S.: Understanding Colonial America" (British laws and customs make Colonial research different from U.S. research), "Colonial American Research" (track ancestors through towns colonies; separate men of the same name; discover the single most important colonial record), "Finding Origins of Your Colonial Ancestors" (use a combination of colonial and foreign resources to find European hometowns), and "When the Colonial Paper Trail Runs Out" (learn about little known resources that can help locate ancestors when there are no more official records). See <http://www.fxgs.org> for more information.

June 8-10, 2007: 38th Annual SCGS Jamboree and Resource Expo (Burbank Airport Hilton and Convention Center). Features some of genealogy's most respected and entertaining speakers; also, an intense Family History Writers Conference (on Sunday, the 10th). See <http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com> for information and updates.

British Isles Family History Society - USA

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“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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