



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month: Sunday March 25th, 1:00 to 3:00 PM
BIFHS-USA - General meeting

Forensic Genealogy: Analyzing Old Photographs

Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D

(See page 11 for details)

Study Group – 3:30 to 5:00 PM

*How Do You Find Where Your Ancestor Came From In Wales
When the U.S. Census Only Says Born in Wales?*

Annie Lloyd

[Some tips and ideas on how to find where in
Wales your ancestor came from.]

Next Month: Sunday, April 22nd, 2007, 1:00-3:30PM
BIFHS-USA - General meeting

*Irish Historical Primary Sources and Their Role
in Irish Genealogy 17th to 19th Century*

Nora M. Hickey, of Co. Cork, Ireland

(See page 11 for details)

No Study Group

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>

Memory...is the diary we all carry about with us.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900) Anglo-Irish playwright, author. Miss Prism, in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, act 2¹

Editor's Note:

This past weekend I watched a powerful movie, *The Freedom Writers*. It was highly recommended by my *Life Story Writing* teacher, Dawn Thurston. The story is about an inexperienced teacher taking on her first job in Long Beach at a recently desegregated high school. The teacher is like a fish out of water; wearing pearls and trying to teach street-wise kids Shakespeare. In a rare moment, the teacher grabs the students attention by making them aware of their own prejudices. It was somewhat comparable to the treatment received by the Jews at the hands of the pre-World War II Nazis. It was the defining moment of the movie, one that united them all.

What is most remarkable is that this story is true. Truth of understanding becomes the driving force in which the teacher challenges her students to write their own personal experiences into journals. The students allow her to read these confidentially, so that she may know them, and their world. And though no parents attended her first PTA meeting, the journals are read then. The teacher begins to understand the constant societal war that is being waged in this community.

A game is invented to further the understanding of fellow students; its called *The Line Game*. Step to the line if you have ever..., been attacked by a gang, been shot at, been shot, been taken to Juvenile Hall, been arrested, lost a friend or family member to gang violence, lost more than one-two-three-four... What a revelation. All the commonalities the students have with each other; all standing eye to eye and realizing that for the first time.

The students unite to raise funds to finance field trips, one is to the Simon Wiesenthal Center for Tolerance. Another fund raiser is to bring the woman who hid Anne Frank from the Nazis, to Long Beach to speak to them. It was remarkable, more can be accomplished united than individually. The movie ends with the students self-publishing their journals, which they entitle, *The Freedom Writers Diary*. There is so much more in this movie. At times it is hard to watch, hard to accept. Our worlds can be so far apart, or so close together; whatever we choose to make of them.

We all have our stories; I have begun to write mine. I am surprised at how many stories I recall, at the level of detail I remember, and at how powerful they are. In our writing class, you have the opportunity to read your stories for all, to get their feedback. This is my favorite part of the class, reading my stories, but also hearing the others stories. My favorite writer is Willie, a gentleman from the south. He captures the linguistics, accent, and lifestyle of his rural family and neighbors in a phonetic fashion. It is a fascinating glimpse into another world.

There are numerous popular examples of life story and memoir writing available at your local book store. One is *Growing Up* by Russell Baker. A great example for the people who lived through the depression years. This story won a Pulitzer Prize some time ago.

As the emphasis of our society is "Family History", more so than "Genealogy", life story writing is something you will be remembered for, more so, than providing pedigree and descendents charts. I hope you record as much as you can, in any format, written, audio, video, web pages, for your family and descendants; your legacy can live on.

Best regards to all,

Jim McNamara

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have had two exciting and informative programs so far this year, and we have more to look forward to — including two very special events.

1. We are very happy that the speaker at our **April meeting** will be the noted Irish genealogist, **Nora Hickey**. She will be speaking for approximately two hours on the topic of Irish historical primary sources and their usefulness in 17th through 19th century Irish genealogy. As Ms Hickey is coming to us from Cork, our Society will be sharing in her travel expenses from Ireland with other North American Societies. Because of this we are taking the unusual step of asking for donations to help defray the cost.
2. Our **annual seminar** will take place at the Veterans Memorial Complex in Culver City on Saturday, August 28th 2007. Our main speaker will be **Arlene Eakle**, who will be making her only 2007 appearance in Southern California. As many of you know, Arlene is one of North America's most knowledgeable genealogical teachers, and we are privileged to have her speak for us. Her topics will include: migration patterns within the UK and Ireland; tracing ancestors who lived in cities; using the collections of earlier researchers; and finding places of origin of American families in the UK and Ireland. We have rented a second room this year, so in addition to our main speaker, there will be two beginning workshops conducted by **Nancy Carlberg**, and a one-hour lecture on internet sources by **Jim McNamara**. The seminar flyer and registration form will be included with the May/June newsletter.

I hope everyone will mark their calendars and plan to attend what promise to be two outstanding genealogical events.

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SUBMIT SURNAME REGISTRATION FORMS BY MARCH 25, 2007

If you would like new surname entries published in the next issue of BIFHS-USA JOURNAL, please submit a surname registration form by March 25, 2007. New or revised entries only, please. The form is available on the web at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/surnames/> (follow the appropriate link under "How to Submit Surnames") — or you can pick up and fill out a form at the March 25th meeting.

RECENT EXCHANGE JOURNALS UPDATES

The Tables of Contents of recent journals from the following societies were added to the BIFHS-USA website in February: Cheshire FHS, Cleveland FHS, Dumfries and Galloway FHS, Herefordshire FHS, Huddersfield FHS, Oxfordshire FHS, Powys FHS, and Wiltshire FHS. The journals themselves are housed at the L.A. Regional Family History Center. As always, thanks to Terry Brown for scanning the tables of contents and to Gail Said Johnson for updating the web pages. See: www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/journal/exchange

GOING TO THE U.K. OR IRELAND THIS YEAR?

Please consider writing a short description about your family research endeavors for BIFHS-USA JOURNAL. Maybe you'll visit a churchyard, a record office, or some other genealogically significant location. I'd love to include a section in the second 2007 journal about the genealogically-related travels of our members.

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From Reuters:

Guinness apartment opens door into Dublin's past

By Kevin Smith

DUBLIN (Reuters) - It's a fragment of Dublin's past that few know about and fewer still ever see.

Hidden in a red-brick tenement in the city's historic Bull Alley district, Number 3B, Iveagh Buildings, remains exactly as it was a century ago when Irish philanthropist and brewing magnate Edward Cecil Guinness made quality housing a reality for many of Dublin's poor.

Suspended in time, as though its occupant had just stepped out to buy a newspaper, the tiny three-room apartment with its creaking furniture and dusty knick-knacks, allows a fascinating glimpse into an era that is fast fading from view in a newly affluent and rapidly changing Ireland

See <http://tinyurl.com/29u4yq> for the rest of story.

From The Times On Line:

Treasure emerges from the mud of history

By - Dalya Alberg, Arts Correspondent

To the untutored eye, it looks like a lump of mud, but experts say that an 8th-century psalter found in an Irish peat bog is exceptionally significant. Even though the vellum pages of the early Book of Psalms are a crumpled mass, they are likening it to the Book of Kells, one of the world's most beautiful illuminated manuscripts.

As the find is thought to date from the late 8th century, the illuminators of both books would have been contemporaries, within ten or twenty years of each other. The two books — among few survivals of an age of outstanding manuscript production — are comparable in their large-format size. The Book of Psalms — now undergoing a long-term conservation project — was uncovered by chance by a bulldozer digging peat moss in Faddan More Bog, Co Tipperary.

The low level of oxygen and the presence of an antibiotic substance called sphagnum mean that peat bogs offer excellent conditions for the preservation of organic remains. Conservators have no doubt that they can separate the compacted leaves, although it is a complex process that will take years and the centres of all the pages have rotted. The remains of a layer of a concealing mat and a leather carrying-bag suggest that the psalter had been hidden deliberately, perhaps to keep it safe from a Viking raid.

See <http://tinyurl.com/26heyx> for the rest of the story.

From the STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE on-line newspaper:

Public administrator takes control of unearthed bones

Gary Gotlin wants remains reburied at cemetery, but Dormitory Authority is seeking public comment

By KAREN O'SHEA

A battle over bones is taking shape in a corner of St. George. Worried that 20 skeletons unearthed from beneath the blacktop of the municipal parking lot there could be returned to the very same spot, Staten Island's public administrator went to court to wrest control of the remains from the state and win final say on where the bones will be reburied.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/2dr4qx> for the complete story.

World's Oldest-Known Person Dies In Hartford

Connecticut's Emma Faust Tillman Briefly Held Title

Jan 29, 2007 4:51 pm US/Eastern - (CBS/AP) *HARTFORD, Conn.* Less than a week after becoming the world's oldest known person, 114-year-old Emma Faust Tillman died in her sleep at an East Hartford nursing home.

"She was in a deep sleep, and wasn't responding," said her great-nephew, former Hartford fire chief John B. Stewart Jr. "On Saturday, she was responding to a couple of close friends. On Sunday, she wasn't taking food or water. She was just at peace."

Tillman's death just after 10 p.m. Sunday ended a life that spanned parts of three centuries and 21 U.S. presidencies.

Tillman, the daughter of former slaves, was born during the administration of President Benjamin Harrison. Her four-day reign as the world's oldest person was the shortest on record, said Robert Young, senior consultant for gerontology for Guinness World Records.

See <http://tinyurl.com/23ljm5> for the complete story

Thanks to Muriel Fitzsimmons for the following:

The 1901 Census has been placed on line for the Barony of Lecale, County Down by the Lecale Historical Society

The project to place the 1901 Census for the Lecale area on the internet was the brainchild of William Stranney, a member of the Lecale Historical Society who undertook the mammoth task of transcribing the information. Between May and December 2006 the full transcription of the Census data for the 188 townlands (and 12 islands - only one with inhabitants), one major town and seven villages was completed.

See: <http://www.lecalehistory.co.uk/1901/>

Search the AncestorsOnBoard website free of charge by name

Download images and information from a passenger list for a small fee.

Users searching should be aware that passenger lists are being added to the database regularly but at this time contains records from 1890 to 1899.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/2kgcty>

Website Design for Genealogists

Tutorials, resources, and layout help at:

<http://www.genealogy-web-creations.com/>

The purpose of this site is twofold -

- Give you the tools to create or update your own genealogy site
- Offer personal assistance working with you in creating or updating your genealogy site

From www.UlsterAncestry.com

The Disappeared

The mystery surrounding the fate of 57 emigrant railroad workers from the Parish of Fahan County Donegal has long been the subject of ghost stories and a part of the local folklore of Pennsylvania where they disappeared without trace just 6 weeks after arriving in America in 1832.

However two professors of history at Immaculata University, who made a detailed study of the strange case after stumbling on a lost file in their grandfather's attic believe that foul play was definitely involved.

The professors believe that the railroad corporation who employed the men deliberately destroyed files on the deaths to stop the truth from emerging. The 57 who were officially listed as cholera victims are still said by locals to haunt Duffy's Cut a one mile section of railroad just outside Philadelphia.

The majority of the men came from Fahan, a picturesque but very poor parish on the shores of Lough Swilly in County Donegal 10 miles from Londonderry City, the remainder coming from the City itself. All the men arrived in America on board the "John Stamp". Among the 57 who set sail from the Port of Derry and landed in Philadelphia on the 14th June 1832 included men by the name of Doherty, Fullerton, Ruddy, McKinney, Elder and Magee.

See: <http://www.ulsterancestry.com/newsletter-content.php?id=312> for the complete story.

[Or use Tiny URL: <http://tinyurl.com/2m887p>]

Live Search Books

Microsoft has launched a test version of Live Search Books at:

<http://search.live.com/results.aspx?q=&scope=books>

Live Search Books has a wide range including early religious history including *Fasti Ecclesiae Hibernica*. It is easy to use and you can if you wish download whole books in PDF

Los Angeles Public Library

Michael Kirley, the Genealogy Librarian at the Los Angeles Public Library, read Annie Lloyd's article on Welsh Genealogies in the latest issue of the BIFHS-USA Journal and contacted her to advise that LAPL has the following Welsh resources:

- The eight volume set of "Welsh Genealogies, AD300-1400" by Peter C. Bartrum in hard copy, 1974 edition
- The supplement to the eight volume set, published in 1968
- The companion set of 18 volumes of the Welsh Genealogies AD 1400-1500, published in 1963.

The LAPL is located at 630 West Fifth Street, LA CA 90071, telephone #213-228-7000, website: www.lapl.org.

This site is about smuggling in Britain:

<http://www.smuggling.co.uk/index.html>

"Explore the fascinating story of smuggling in 18th and 19th century Britain, when high taxes led to an dramatic increase in illegal imports. As the "free trade" grew, smugglers openly landed contraband in full view of the customs authorities: columns of heavily-armed thugs protected the cargoes."

Thanks to Nancy Bier for passing along David Gardner's obituary

David Gardner and Frank Smith were the two outstanding Brits who sort of built the library collection into what it is today. The obituary below was Published in the Deseret News 2/18/2007:

David E. Gardner 1915 ~ 2007

David Ensign Gardner has gone to be with his Heavenly Father and beloved family who went before him. Born November 17, 1915 in Birkenhead, Cheshire, England to Captain John Gardner and Mary Caldwell. David's ancestry shows that he has three grandparents who are Scottish and one that is English. David was the ninth child of 10 and is the last child to live to 2007. David was baptized into the LDS Church in Liverpool, England 22 February 1927 and lived the gospel of Jesus Christ all his life. David had a love for genealogical research, and during the 1930s and 1940s, in the British Isles, became a great British researcher. He lived in the Liverpool area until 1943 when he was called to America and arrived in New York on Labor Day 1948. David came to Salt Lake City where he joined the Genealogical Staff of the LDS Church. He met his eternal companion, Mariel Pack, and they were married 25 June 1953 in the Salt Lake LDS Temple. Mariel passed away in 1985. Two sons were born, Matthew in 1958, and Mark in 1961. Mark married his eternal companion Melissa Kimball and they have eight children. David became an author of genealogical books and is well known for co-authoring with Frank Smith, Genealogical Research in England and Wales, a three volume set. David was an inspired teacher and lecturer in British Genealogy and taught at BYU. He was a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists, London, England. David was a tour director with BYU from 1960 to 1976, taking people back to the British Isles for Family History purposes. David worked for the LDS Church and retired in 1985. David stayed on as a volunteer finishing the Scottish extraction program in 1993. David was well known for his genealogical abilities and loved the time spent with many on their pedigrees in family history; he had a lifelong pursuit of helping others. His last years were spent with his family and he passed away 15 February 2007 as Mariel came to take him to heaven on Valentine's Day. The funeral will be Tuesday, 20 February 2007, 12 noon at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel located on A Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenue in Salt Lake City, Utah. Viewing will be 6-8 p.m. Monday evening 19 February 2007 at the Larkin Mortuary, 260 East South Temple (801/363-5781); and Tuesday 11-11:45 a.m. at the chapel, prior to the funeral service.

Chicago's Irish Families Database (1830-1900)

From the Ancestors Anonymous site at: www.geocities.com/heartland/prairie/8088/aa.html

The information in this database was compiled by Thomas M. Cook in the unpublished manuscript "Chicago's Irish Families 1831-1900." The information he compiled was put into the present database and hosted online by *The Irish At Home and Abroad* to make his compilation more readily accessible to family historians worldwide. The manuscript, and now the database, consist of 7,200 biographical sketches giving the Irish origins of immigrants in Chicago. It is currently available for searching at Ancestry.com

The Irish at Home and Abroad

At the Ireland.com Irish Times site, (at: www.ireland.com/ancestor/magazine/articles/iha_placenames.htm), you can find the original *The Irish at Home and Abroad* article by Dwight A. Radford and Kyle Betit, "Irish Place Names and the Immigrant". This series of articles first appeared in the original magazine in 1998 (Volume 5, #1). You can also find the original articles "Emigration", "Irish Surnames", "Peoples of Ireland", "Heraldry in Ireland", and "Irish Family History." All of these articles are very detailed and contain much useful information. I found the information in *The Irish at Home and Abroad* magazine so useful, that I have collected as many as I could find of the original magazines at the used book sales hosted by genealogical societies.

SCOTTISH IMMIGRANTS TO NORTH AMERICA, 1600s to 1800s. The Collected Works of David Dobson

David Dobson has been trolling for the names of Scottish immigrants to North America for over 20 years. From original records and printed sources in Great Britain, Canada, and the U.S. he has amassed information on all known Scottish immigrants to North America, the majority of whom arrived in America from the earliest colonial times up to the Revolutionary War. This Family Archive CD captures the page images of a score of Mr. Dobson's publications at a fraction of the cost of the books. Thanks to David Dobson's arduous labors in record offices and archives throughout Great Britain and America, we have information pertaining to the identity of approximately 75,000 of these early Scots immigrants.

Was \$39.99 Now \$29.99

See: http://www.genealogical.com/index.php?main_page=product_info&item_number=7268

Births, marriages and deaths records to go on the Internet

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) today announced that facilities to search indexes of births, marriages and deaths will start to be available on the Internet from early 2008.

ONS intends to close its public search facility, currently located at the Family Records Centre (FRC) in Islington, and instead to make indexes available at The National Archives (TNA) in Kew. This will enable researchers to access records yet to be digitised in paper or microfiche format as well as making use of the wider opportunities offered by Kew for researching historic records. The relocation is expected to be complete by April 2008. The services currently provided by ONS in Islington will then cease. TNA announced earlier this year that it intended to relocate to Kew the facilities it currently provides alongside ONS at the FRC. At the time, ONS said that it would be reviewing the services it offered at the FRC.

Peter Murphy, ONS Director of Registration Services, said: The decision reflects the outcome of the review we said we would carry out but, more importantly, it reflects the changes in the way family historians and others prefer to carry out their research, by making use of online facilities. Confirmation of funding for further development of the existing civil registration modernisation programme has now allowed us to plan for most searches to be possible electronically by April 2008 and almost all the rest by 2009.

As part of the system developments underlying these changes we will improve the process for users to place orders for the certificates they identify from the indexes. News release: Births, marriages and deaths records to go on the internet (ONS)

Our decision has been taken in close consultation with The National Archives. In planning the detail of the relocation, we will be discussing ways in which we can maintain and further develop services of a high quality.

Because the electronic indexes will not be fully complete when the relocation takes place, we expect that some indexes in the form of books or microfiche, will be available at Kew for a short period after the move. This will ensure that users of the search facility will have access to all records by one means or another.

See: <http://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/news/accessing--gro--indexes--on--the--internet.asp>

Fife Family History Fair

The theme for the 8th Fife Family History Fair is the commemoration of the 300 years since the union of the Parliaments. We will explore why the parliaments came together and what legislative differences remain for family historians.

The Fair will take place on the 22nd September 2007 at Rothes Halls in Glenrothes, Fife.

It will include speakers from England, Ireland and Scotland who will highlight the differences in how records have been maintained, what information can be found and where to find it.

There will also be stallholders from various parts of Britain and Ireland present to give out advice and assistance and sell items to aid you in your family history research.

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From Family Tree Magazine

Among the spate of family Web sites popping up ([read about three below](#)) is the still-in-beta [Geni](#), which lets you build a family tree by entering relatives' names and, if you choose, e-mail addresses. People you add get an e-mailed invite to add more names until, theoretically, the whole world is on there.

Though developers (who include former executives of PayPal, Yahoo! Groups and eBay) say Geni will help solve "the problem of genealogy," it's more of a social networking site: You can't upload a GEDCOM, for example, and there's no way to resolve conflicting information. Plus, genealogical protocol usually means you *don't* post living relatives. Only those in your tree can see your information on Geni, but once your tree starts growing, it's bound to include folks you'd—how shall I put it?—rather not hear from. More privacy options are on the way, as are other features such as photo-sharing, say webmasters.

We expect there'll be even more to Geni, given its illustrious staff and venture-capital backing. For now, its appeal is in its simplicity. Visit Geni at <http://www.geni.com>, then go to the FamilyTreeMagazine.com [Hot Topics Forum](#) and let us know what you think.

—Diane Haddad, Newsletter Editor
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New release from Genealogical Publishing Co.

February releases include an important new book by Peter Wilson Coldham entitled "NORTH AMERICAN WILLS REGISTERED IN LONDON, 1611-1857." With this volume, Mr. Coldham has consolidated all references to several thousand English persons who relocated to North America and whose wills were proved before the Prerogative Court of Canterbury in London between 1611 and 1857.

See: http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_new_genealogy.html

Other CD products by Genealogical Publishing Co.

Immediately below is a link to the page on our website, where you'll find short descriptions of each.
See: http://www.genealogical.com/content/products_new_genealogy.html

Featured CD titles for February:

- Irish Immigrants to North America
- Loyalists in the American Revolution
- English Origins of New England Families
- New Jersey Biographical Index
- Early North Carolina Settlers

Advanced Diploma in Local History via the Internet Now open for enrolment!

The Advanced Diploma in Local History is a one-year part-time course which aims to train students in key concepts and methods of historical studies. The course is at Undergraduate Level 3, equivalent to study in the third year at a university in the UK.

Oxford University is doing an Advanced diploma in Local History on the Internet. For more info see:
http://diplocalhistory.conted.ox.ac.uk/course_details/index.php

From the National Archives – UK:

Question: If your ancestor was a "throwster" what did he do?
Answer: It was a person who twisted silk into a thread.

Some of the worst jobs in history:

Includes jobs from several eras, Roman/Anglo-Saxon, Medieval, Tudor, Stuart, Georgian, and Victorian.
See: <http://www.channel4.com/history/microsites/W/worstjobs/index.html>

From the Family Tree Magazine Website:

Networking Site Connects Through the Census. [LostCousins](http://www.lostcousins.com) <http://www.lostcousins.com>, a British Web site you could describe as a pedigree database with a twist, has expanded its coverage into the United States. Instead of uploading GEDCOMs as for a pedigree database, LostCousins users enter data for relatives in one of four censuses: 1880 US, 1881 Canadian, 1881 Scotland and 1881 England and Wales (all available free online). Then the site searches for others who've entered the same data so the submitters can contact each other.

Webmaster Peter Calver says you'll rarely get false matches, since everyone enters the same census data. By contrast, GEDCOMs aren't standard, so pedigree sites return lots of names that might or might not be your relatives. Of course, you can't use the site if you haven't found relatives in any of these censuses. Another drawback: If someone enters an ancestor's information incorrectly, the site's search engine won't peg him as a match.

A free registration lets you search Lost Cousins, see your results and reply to other users. To initiate contact with a potential cousin, you'll need to subscribe (roughly \$20 per year). Calver recommends opening a different account for each person whose ancestors you're researching—so if you do your own and your husband's genealogy, for example, set up two accounts (a special subscription rate is available).

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

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.

March 25, 2007: BIFHS-USA General Meeting

Forensic Genealogy: Analyzing Old Photographs
Forensic scientists and genealogists share the same goal- to find out who was who, and who did what and when. Forensic Genealogy emphasizes the creative parts of an investigation over the mechanics. It offers new ways of getting the most from your old reference material. Have you ever thought of looking at the edges of old

photographs to find out if they are from the same roll, or the backs to place them in chronological order?

Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. is the author of *Forensic Genealogy* and co-author of *DNA and Genealogy*. She is a "recognized expert in optic and laser measurement technologies for NASA." Colleen is also an avid genealogist and group administrator for the Fitzpatrick DNA project.

Would you please submit electronic copies of photos to Colleen. She would like them scanned at 1200 dpi and would need your email address. You may send them to her at colleen@forensicgenealogy.info. But if you don't have a scanner, you can send them to Colleen by mail at 302 Cleveland Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92648-2410 ahead of time and she will return them at the meeting. If they want an electronic copy for their records (a good idea), she will scan them and give them a CD when she returns the photos to them. If you bring the photos to the meeting, Colleen will try to have time to look at them.

Study Group: Welsh Study Group led by Annie Lloyd "How Do You Find Where Your Ancestor Came From In Wales When the U.S. Census Only Says Born "in Wales?" Some tips and ideas on how to find where in Wales your ancestor came from.

April 22, 2007: BIFHS-USA General Meeting

We are very pleased to have NORA M. HICKEY as our speaker in April. She will be speaking on: "Irish Historical Primary Sources and Their Role in Irish Genealogy 17th to 19th Century". This will be a two hour lecture. Nora was an early member of the Irish Family History Society and for many years she was an Honorary Editor of the *Irish Family History*. She has lectured throughout North America since 1991 but this is her first visit to BIFHS-USA. She lives in Kinsale, County Cork, Ireland. BIFHS asks that you give a donation of \$10.00 to hear Nora speak. There will be no study group.

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.scgsgenealogy.com> for information and updates.

September 22, 2007: Fife Family History Fair (See page 9 for details)

British Isles Family History Society - USA

From:

British Isles FHS – USA

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Mar/Apr – 2007 Newsletter
“First Class”

To:

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