



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

# Newsletter

Jul/Aug -2007

Editor: Jim McNamara

## GENERAL MEETINGS:

**This Month:** Sunday Jul 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 to 6:00 PM  
*BIFHS-USA - General meeting*

### ***Open Research Day***

No Study Group

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**Next Month:** Saturday, Aug 24th, 2007

*19<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar*

### **Chasing Your Ancestors 'Round the U.K. and Ireland — Origins and Migration**

Featuring four presentations by **Dr. Arlene Eakle**  
in her only 2007 Southern California speaking engagement.

Also **Nancy Ellen Carlberg** (on Beginning Irish Research),  
and **James McNamara** (on Internet Resources).

**Location:** Veterans Memorial Complex in Culver City, CA

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#### **Notice:**

All classes and monthly meetings are free. There is plenty of free parking. Everyone is welcome. You are welcome to do your own research at any time. Unless otherwise stated, all events are held at:

**Los Angeles Family History Center** (310) 474-9990  
10741 Santa Monica Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

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

Visit BIFHS-USA Website at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa>

I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train.  
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), Anglo-Irish playwright, author. Gwendolen, in *The Importance of Being Earnest*, act 3. <sup>1</sup>

**Editor's Note:**

My Aussie friend Lyn and I left for New York very early the morning of Saturday, March the 24<sup>th</sup>. We are going to New York to visit Trish, my JARDINE cousin I have not yet met. Sunday morning we take the Metro North train to Poughkeepsie in upstate New York where Trish meets us. After a short tour of the area, we settle in for dinner and talk. I photograph the Mac-Jardine family bible, and enjoy the bluegrass music Trish's husband and daughter make to entertain us. Kurt plays the banjo and guitar well, and Erica sings like an angel. It was hard to leave, but there is more to see in New York City and time is short, Aer Lingus departs JFK on Tuesday at 6:45 PM.

Wednesday morning finds us at Shannon Airport, where a new silver Vestra diesel has been prepared for the Irish road. We stay at Clondanagh Cottage, a B & B in the hillside not far from Tulla Village; it sits on a 40-acre donkey farm and includes a private fishing lake. Our host is Dorothy and she advises us of the local entertainment. We head off to Feakle, and stop at the cemetery to photograph and transcribe some of the memorials. Afterward, we go to Pepper's Pub for dinner and a session. There are five fiddles, a guitar, a banjo, an accordion, a concertina, and a bodhran. The concertina player is out from Japan. I am very impressed with the banjo player, how can a banjo sound so Irish? The fiddlers float incredible harmonic airs that flow swiftly in intricate rhythms. It's time to leave and I curse the jet lag that requires my departure. The car requires a non-sleeping driver, when will they fix that? Day one has been chock full beyond all imaginings.

Thursday morning we get better acquainted with Dorothy; she is a perfect host and advises us to visit her Uncle, John MINOGUE, at his pub in Tulla. He is very knowledgeable about the local places and people. Later, we visit my CLEARY cousins and spend most of the day with them. Cousin Michéal drives us to the family farm nearby. We visit the calves in the nursery and take pictures of the Cleary ancestral home. I ask Michéal what remains in the old home and he invites us in. We see every room and get a commentary on it. His son John plans to fix up the place and I ask if he will turn it into a B & B. We go on to visit cousin Maura and her husband Jimmy MELODY. Maura was one of the local publicans and studied the local history there. It's always nice to chat about where the research is leading, and a good chance to ask some questions. Later, Sean ALLEN visits and we hear more stories.

Friday morning, Michéal drives us up to his land in the Slieve Aughty mountains. He shows us where the author Edna O'BRIEN's mother Helen CLEARY was born, and gives us a running commentary about who lives where and how they are related to the DOOLEYs of the area. As a retired farmer, Michéal has no trouble convincing the cattle blocking the dirt road to move. He takes us to his bog and asks for a photo of the dolmen overlooking Lough Derg. It's a very overcast day, but I do finally get a decent photo and promise to send a copy. Friday evening we visit Minogue's Pub with several questions. Mr. Minogue then sends us to visit John NELSON at Bohan's Pub for information about my Macs. BOHAN's Pub is in Feakle, and we arrive about 15 minutes later. The proprietor is Seamus BOHAN, who informs us that John NELSON is not there. Seamus does know the name of the townland near Rossanure where my CONWAYS resided is called Derryneheila. He calls John Nelson and we talk about the Mac Laccaroe farm; I am looking for the Mac woman who inherited it and have trouble understanding how she is related. John calls her for me and asks if I may call; she agrees and I do. She is the grand-niece of my great-grandfather, Daniel Mac. Her grandfather Michael Mac lived in the same Laccaroe townland. Maura calls her father "Danny Mac," and I am told his story. As an IRA fighter Danny's home was burned by the Black and Tans; he served a year in a Ballykindler, County Down prison. We are to leave Clare County early the next morning, and with no time to visit, I thank Maura and promise to write.

Saturday morning we are on the road to Clonmel to visit Madge, another Cleary cousin. At this point I have been in Ireland three full days and so much has happened, more than would fit here. If you go to Ireland, don't forget to the visit the pubs and talk to the elders local to the area of your interests. You may learn a thing or two.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

If you're subscribed to the society's mailing list (*and if not, why not?*), you'll have recently received a message from our keynote seminar speaker, Arlene Eakle. If her message hasn't fired you up to register for the seminar, I don't know what will. She's described her talks, offered a special seminar price for two new publications, and made a challenge: "If I don't give you at least one unknown record or one new research strategy, your attendance fee is on me!"

Here are Arlene's descriptions of her talks:

1. **Migration Patterns Within the United Kingdom and Ireland.** Your ancestors moved around for jobs, to marry, in the military, and to attend family and government-sponsored events. Long before they left for North America or Australia or South Africa. And you will want to know about the European enclaves sitting right where your own ancestors come from.
2. **Tracing Ancestors Who Lived in Cities — London, Glasgow, Dublin, Belfast, Aberystwyth.** New genealogy research tools make it possible to be successful as never before in researching ancestry in large cities.
3. **Your English Genealogy May Already Be Compiled: Using Collections of Earlier Researchers.** You will be amazed at the array of genealogy available to you — some new resources coming right into your own computer. You can save fuel, and even wear and tear on your nervous system while you pursue your passion.
4. **Finding the Place of Origin of American Families in the United Kingdom and Ireland.** Key strategies to identify the specific jurisdictions where your ancestors are documented — without this information, you are looking for a needle in a haystack. We'll spend some time on maps — those created at the time your ancestors lived on the land and modern maps which still include essential details you need to have.

In addition, we have our own Nancy Carlberg speaking on Irish research and Jim McNamara on Internet resources. Don't miss out. Register now!

If you're not receiving the society's email announcements, you can subscribe to the mailing list by sending the word "subscribe" (without the quotes) as the only text in the body of a message to [BIFHS-USA-NEWS-L-request@rootsweb.com](mailto:BIFHS-USA-NEWS-L-request@rootsweb.com).

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## DOOR PRIZES NEEDED FOR THE AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup> SEMINAR

We are looking for door prizes for the annual BIFHS-USA seminar in August. Please consider donating something with UK or Irish connections. Think of books (genealogical, historical or geographical); maps; traditional china, glassware or pottery; knits and fabric items; typical souvenirs and mementos; note cards; foods (Scottish shortbread or oatmeal, lemon curd, and Irish tea come to mind, but there are so many other things).

If you have English, Irish, Scottish or Welsh items languishing in your book shelves, drawers, closets or cupboards, PLEASE BRING THEM TO THE JULY MEETING and give them to Mary McKinnon, along with a note as to who has donated them. They will be acknowledged in the seminar syllabus. If you cannot make it to either meeting, let Mary know, and depending on the geography, she may be able to arrange for a pickup —  
mdmckinnon@earthlink.net or 818-225-8991

The following was posted 25 May 2007 on the [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) site under the news tab:

### **Popular web sites available for free through local Family History Centers**

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH—FamilySearch has announced the addition of more popular online genealogy services available for free through worldwide family history centers. The expanded services are in keeping with FamilySearch's goal to provide increased access to records that will assist individuals in family history pursuits. New resources include:

#### **Footnote** ([www.footnote.com](http://www.footnote.com))

Footnote is a subscription-based website that features searchable, original documents that provide users a view of the events, places and people that shaped the American nation and the world. The site will have over 25 million digital images by the end of 2007. Footnote is currently working with FamilySearch to index the American Revolutionary War Pension files. Additional projects with FamilySearch are under development. Individuals with Footnote subscriptions will be able to sign in with the same Footnote username and password they use at home in order to save, annotate, and upload content.

#### **Godfrey Memorial Library** ([www.godfrey.org](http://www.godfrey.org))

Godfrey Memorial Library has an extensive collection of essential resources to assist genealogical and historical research. Resources include newspapers, city and business directories, vital records, printed census records, state, county, and local histories, as well as numerous family histories, family bible records, and service and pension records.

#### **Heritage Quest/ProQuest** ([www.heritagequestonline.com](http://www.heritagequestonline.com))

Heritage Quest online includes the complete set of U.S. Federal Census images from 1790 to 1930 including names and indexes for many of the sets. Users will be able to find people and places located in over 20,000 published family and local histories and PERSI, an index of over 1.9 million genealogy and local history articles. Other online databases include Revolutionary War Pension, Bounty-Land Warrant Application files, and the Freedman Bank Records.

Access to this service will be limited to 1,400 family history centers in North America. Patrons should contact their local family history center to see if this service is available. Family history center directors should contact Family History Center Support with questions.

#### **Kindred Konnections** ([www.kindredkonnections.com](http://www.kindredkonnections.com))

Kindred Konnections has over 230 million pedigree linked names with submitter information. The online pedigrees are not merged, but maintained by individual patrons. There are additional databases of birth, marriage, death, and census records that are automatically searched along with the pedigree linked data. Segments of pedigrees can be downloaded.

#### **World Vital Records** ([www.worldvitalrecords.com](http://www.worldvitalrecords.com))

World Vital Records provides access to research helps and has a wide variety of international records, including more than 60 parish registers, Scottish death records, UK marriages, and Irish prisoner records. There are more than 300 newspapers with 100,000 pages added a month, and over 500 online databases, including vital, military, land, pension records, reference materials, family histories, maps, gazetteers, and international coops. With the recent Quintin Publications partnership, World Vital Records will soon have more than 10,000 databases online. At least one new database is added every business day.

#### **Editor's Note:**

*There has been a lot of confusion over the removal of Ancestry.com's free high value content normally available at the Family History Center Libraries. At this time familysearch.org is not posting any official news on their site about this. It is rumored that the above resources will become available at the Family History Centers some time in July.*

20<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY-USA SEMINAR

## ***SAIL INTO YOUR PAST ABOARD THE QUEEN MARY!***

THURSDAY, FRIDAY, & SATURDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup> & 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2008

**QUEEN MARY HOTEL, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA**

MICHAEL GANDY (England) FINTAN MULLAN (Ireland)  
JUDITH ECCLES WIGHT (Scotland) ANNIE LLOYD (Welsh)  
NANCY BIER (Ulster Scots) LINDA JONAS (Colonial, and DNA)  
(Speakers will each address Internet Research specific to each country)

ON-LINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2007

THROUGH A LINK FROM THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE [www.rootweb.com/~bifhsusa](http://www.rootweb.com/~bifhsusa)

**IRISH EMIGRATION TO NEW ENGLAND** Through the Port of Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada, 1841 to 1849 (Temporarily out of print, but available on CD ROM, item 6 of 10 on Family Archive CD 7257 )

The Canadian port of Saint John, New Brunswick, was a magnet for Irish emigration during the decade that culminated in the Great Famine. A majority of these destitute Irish emigrants were required to take temporary refuge in the alms and work houses, hospitals, and asylums of Saint John before relocating to Boston or elsewhere in New England in order to rejoin their families. Mr. Daniel F. Johnson has compiled this surrogate "passenger list" of 7,000 persons of Irish birth from the records of alms houses, hospitals, parish houses, etc. This is a major contribution to the literature of Irish emigration to North America.

See: <http://tinyurl.com/2j7c9y>

### **A Family History site from the BBC**

From the BBC, Wales South-West is a site for Welsh family historians. This site is no longer publishing messages from people trying to trace living relatives or their family tree. This site does offer many links to sites where you can post queries. Instead, this BBC site is ready to help you share your family history stories only.

For an example, please see: [www.bbc.co.uk/wales/southwest/sites/familyhistory/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/southwest/sites/familyhistory/)

### **Documents on-line**

The National Archives of Kew (PRO) now allows you to search on-line for the wills of your ancestor as far back as 1650. You can search the database free of charge but there is a £3 cost to download the digital image of a document. See: [www.documentsonline.pro.gov.uk](http://www.documentsonline.pro.gov.uk)

### **Missing Ancestors Dot Com**

A new website focuses mostly on lists of children sent away to industrial schools, mostly West of England and South Wales. The same effort is being put forward to provide similar industrial school lists for Scotland and this is in progress. See: <http://www.missing-ancestors.com/>

### **The British Library at Colindale**

The Colindale Library (newspapers) will be moved to the St Pancras site in York. The move will be incremental from now until 2011, whereupon the Colindale site will be closed (planned closure is Dec 2012). The main reason for this move is to improve the preservation of the newspapers, of which 15% are too fragile to be handled by the library's patrons, and another 19% is at high risk and may be withdrawn. The librarian has about 30,000 patrons visiting per year; 15,000 titles of newsprint that date back as far as 1513; and receives 13,000 new issues every month for deposit and preservation. Space for the ever expanding collection will soon run out at Colindale, and this is another reason for the move. See: <http://www.bl.uk/news/pressreleases.html>

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Email: [lawrence.christensen@bl.uk](mailto:lawrence.christensen@bl.uk)

Thanks to BIFHS-USA member Lyn Nunn for the following articles:

### **Newspaper Abstracts On-Line**

There are transcriptions here, rather than abstracts, and you can find articles here from eight countries: United States, Canada, Ireland, England, Scotland, Wales, Australia, and Norway. From the website at <http://www.newspaperabstracts.com/> is the following introduction:

Newspaper Abstracts your resource for family history research using newspapers. Our site continues to grow with an average of 900 new pages added each month and currently contains 36174 pages of abstracts and extracts from historical newspapers. These articles range in size from a single entry to an entire newspaper issue, all provided by site visitors like you and made available to everyone free of charge. See "Submit an Article or Link" to learn how to contribute your news items.

### **From the Queensland Family History Society newsletter:**

A new website: <http://www.histpop.org.uk/> has just been launched, providing access to hundreds of official documents relating to the history of civil registration and the taking of the censuses. The documents can help family historians to understand the processes behind the creation of the records and can help to explain why they are not always as accurate as we would like them to be. One of the most interesting finds is a list of 64 people onboard HMS Cygnet who are missing from the 1901 census. An accompanying letter states that "The Commanding Officer of that Ship was furnished with an Enumeration Book, but it is not known whether it was duly sent in". A full list of the missing names is now available at the FRC and at The National Archives, in Kew. HOWEVER the website says: "Note to genealogists and others tracing individuals: This site only contains a very small number of reproductions of original census enumerators' books for illustrative purposes. If you are trying to trace individuals in historical British censuses you should use the links found on our links page" - of which there are many, so have a look.

### **London's FRC to close!**

From the SAG-E Newsletter, see <http://www.sag.org.au/>

It's recently been confirmed that the Family Records Centre (FRC) in Islington, London, which it has shared with The National Archives (TNA) since 1997, is to close by April 2008. By then it's expected that at least the indexes to the 'historic birth registrations' (1837-1934) will be available online, free of charge, with the indexes to the other registrations, including marriage and deaths to follow.

These indexes will be accessible online (as well as at the TNA) when the Family Records Centre closes. The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) (UK) suspects that the online search facilities will be more restricted than users hoped for: for example, searches for a surname only over a specified period will not be allowed, only a year-by-year search. As an interim measure, those indexes not available online will be accessible at TNA, on microfiche. The original vellum and paper indexes will be moved from the FRC to TNA at Kew, but will not be on open access.

Following the closure of the FRC, the FFHS advises that there are no plans to operate any facility in London, or elsewhere, where certificates can be ordered, and/or collected in person: all certificates will have to be ordered online or by post. No decision has yet been reached as to whether the certificates themselves will eventually be available online as digitised images. No decision has yet been made as to what will be happening to the Miscellaneous and Overseas Indexes at the FRC, and therefore to the records to which these indexes relate, as these have not been included in the digitisation project.

### **A suggested codicil for family historians:**

See: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~gazetteer2000/codicil.htm>

### **A good read about "The Phoenix" boat on Lough Derg and Shannon river**

See: <http://iwn.iwai.ie/v26i2/phoenix.html>

## PODCASTS

### The Genealogy Guys Dot Com

The GenealogyGuys.com offer free podcasts, audio programs on various topics of interest to the genealogical researcher. These programs can be listened to at any time. The programs play through Windows Media Player and the latest June 16<sup>th</sup> podcast notes (below) are copied directly from their web site at:

<http://genealogyguys.com/>

News includes the digitization of Canadian passenger lists ([www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy](http://www.collectionscanada.gc.ca/genealogy)), an interactive online map of Chicago ([chicagoancestors.org](http://chicagoancestors.org)), and Diane Rapaport's soon-to-be-released book *The Naked Quaker: True Crimes and Controversies from the Courts of Colonial New England*. Listener mail includes details about Jewish marriage customs and a question about donating rare cemetery books. In response to a listener question, George and Drew describe their list of essential books for the genealogy reference shelf.

**Editor's note:** *I enjoyed this discussion between the two "genealogy guys," George G. Morgan and Drew Smith. A great resource to listen to, a good investment in time, these are being released as they are made so there is no fixed schedule, but there were five programs during May and three so far for June. You can also listen to the archived programs as far back as September, 2005. The essential books the genealogy guys find most useful were discussed, and actually, was a list of at least 15 books. There were two very short commercials mixed in the podcast, but were not hard to listen to.*

### The Irish Roots Cafe

[www.irishroots.com](http://www.irishroots.com)

Free podcasts hosted by Michael O'Laughlin. Some date back to programs that ran in 1984. Michael founded the Irish Genealogical Foundation in 1978 and has been writing books since 1980. There is a wide variety of programs here, in three categories:

- *Missouri Irish History & Legend: Ireland to America*, (five programs)
- *Best of 1984* (six programs): -*How to Begin*, -*Research in Ireland*, -*Final Steps*, -*Family Names*, -*Immigration*, -*Finding Records*
- *At the Irish Roots Cafe Today* (29 programs): -*Molly the Irish Dancer*, -*Molly's Favorite Places in Ireland*, -*Irish Newspapers in America*, -*Are You the O'Reilly of Ireland?*, -*Irish Genealogy Book 29 Set Now Complete*, -*Patty Donaghue of Glenflesk*, -*Que Pasa Mr. Sullivan?*, -*Your Irish Coat of Arms, Heraldry and Genealogy*, -*Murphy's Law: Database falls Short*, -*The Real Annie Moore Story*, -*The Irish Were Not Celts? Sea Peoples, Africa, DNA*, -*Irish Genealogy, Live and Learn*, -*Honolulu Shamrocks; Smith Morarity France*, -*Neafsey Maps England Mayo*, -*Ross Castle Prophecy; DNA; Tralee*, -*O'Shea Clan; Burkes Peerage; Ennis Parade*, -*Liverpool; California; Yankton; N. Ireland*, -*Pubs Obama Clark Pynnars Survey*, -*Lowry Oneill Flaherty Doherty Leitrim*, -*Puff Daddy Browne Oldest Irish Store*, -*Moore McCoy rage Billy the Kid*, -*O'Connell Muhammad Ali Griffith's Valuation*, -*Madden Paul Newman 12 Irish Tenors*, -*Loughery Celtic Ranch Donegal*, -*White Missouri Irish History Minnaugh*, -*French Whiners no smoking MacLaughlin Earhart*, -*Wilson Wrinkle Canada Ned Kelly Australia*, -*O'Shea DNA Cork Ryan Geese Slang*, -*O'Neillan Kehoe Doolin Ulster Historical*

### The Genealogy Forum

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

Features: *Genealogy for kids*, *Remember when...*, Monthly topics, Newsletter, US Links Directory, Genealogy Resources, Chat Centers (African American, Eastern Europe, Portuguese, United States, Irish/Scottish, Canadian, and Southern US) There are chat schedules by topic from 8 PM to 11 PM most days, as well as an archived message board.

**Editor's Note:** *This one is technically not a podcast, but rather a place where genealogy chats are scheduled. In fact, the chat sessions are programs being presented, one text line at a time. In some cases, guest hosts come on and give a great program. One such program I sat in on, was "Irish Records in the Family History Library Catalog" by David Rencher of the Family History Library. You can type questions which are answered either on the spot or at the end of the session. The text programs are left behind on this site, and can be read at any time.*

Thanks to Fran Smith for forwarding the following from the BBC News:

### **Views aired on Skye name change**

Mixed emotions have been stirred after Highland Council's decision to refer to the Isle of Skye by its romantic Gaelic title – Eilean a' Cheò. It means the Misty Isle, while the direct Gaelic translation of the Isle of Skye is an t-Eilean Sgiathanach.

The council said the change has only been made in terms of its local authority ward name. However, some Skye residents fear it will lead to confusion, while others have welcomed it.

Skye, which is ward number 11, was one of three changed for the elections on Thursday. Mid Ross is now known as Dingwall and Seaforth and East Sutherland is East Sutherland and Edderton.

Anne Healey, who runs a bed and breakfast in Uig, fears Eilean a' Cheò could lead to confusion. She told Radio 4's Today programme: "The island gets many, many tourists. They won't have a clue where that is. It's just going to ruin the whole island I think."

DNA expert Professor Bryan Sykes, who bought a former home of acclaimed Gaelic poet Sorley MacLean, welcomed the use of Gaelic. The professor of human genetics at the University of Oxford, who has lived on the isle for seven years, told BBC Scotland: "The Western Isles has done that for a number of years so I do think that it is preserving the cultural identity of places like Skye."

"It is extremely important in an age of modernisation, not just the Gaelic language and its other aspects such as the Mod and song, to maintain the diversity of the British Isles."

Story from BBC NEWS:

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/scotland/highlands\\_and\\_islands/6607163.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/go/pr/fr/-/1/hi/scotland/highlands_and_islands/6607163.stm)

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### **EVENTS Listed On-Line**

See Dick Eastman's On-Line List of Genealogical Events at:

[http://www.trumba.com/calendars/eogns\\_calendar](http://www.trumba.com/calendars/eogns_calendar)

Here is a sample of some of these:

**FEEFHS Conference;** Thursday, 7/12 - Saturday, 7/14; Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

The Federation of East European Family History Societies (FEEFHS) will hold their 2007 Conference "Access Your Ancestors: One On One Will Get It Done" July 12-14 in Salt Lake City, Utah at the Plaza Hotel and the Family History Library. The feature for this year's Conference will be individual consultations, by appointment, with the FEEFHS experts and Family History Library staff. A cultural presentation entitled "Got Culture? See, Hear and Experience Your Ethnicity" will be presented Thursday evening. The annual banquet will be on Friday night and tours to hear the world famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcast, Temple Square and other historic sights will round out the activities.

More Info: [www.feefhs.org](http://www.feefhs.org)

**FGS Conference;** Wednesday, 8/15 - Saturday, 8/18; Location: Fort Wayne, Indiana

Theme: Meeting at the Crossroads of America

More Info: [www.fgs.org](http://www.fgs.org)

**British Isles Conference;** Saturday, 9/29, 8am - 4pm; Location: Rockford, Illinois

The British Interest Group of WI & IL presents Sherry Irvine.

More Info: [pgleich@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgleich@sbcglobal.net)

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### July 22, 2007 : BIFHS-USA Open Research Day

**August 25, 2007 (SATURDAY):**

#### **BIFHS-USA 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Seminar**

ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Registration form is available at:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/seminar/regform.html>

Featuring four presentations by [Dr. Arlene Eakle](#) in her only 2007 Southern California speaking engagement.

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### **September 1, 2007: *Unlocking Your Past***

A Family and Local History Day at Collingwood College, Durham City. The next FFHS General Meeting is being hosted by Cleveland FHS at their family history day event *Unlocking Your Past*, Cleveland FHS invites beginners and experienced family historians alike to the delights of the North East with specialist talks, tutorials, workshops, bookstands, displays, and guided tours of the beautiful and historical city of Durham. Guest speakers include Paul Blake who will be giving the Elizabeth Simpson memorial lecture; Maggie Loughran giving an insight into *Early British Population Listings*; Dominic Johnson *Helping You to Read Old Handwriting*; *Family History on the Internet* with Ged Milestone; *Help when Starting Your Family History* with Marion Moverley; Dr Gill Cookson talking on *Family Business in Northern England: how genealogists & historians can help each other*, and Jean Stirk talking about *The Lost Mills – Papermaking in County Durham*

**September 15, 2007:** Malton Family History Fair, Hosted by [Yorkshireancestors.com](http://www.yorkshireancestors.com) at The Milton Rooms, Malton, North Yorkshire, 10 AM to 4 PM. Admission is free.

See: <http://www.yorkshireancestors.com/maltonfair.html>

### **September 22, 2007: Fife Family History Fair**

**September 22, 1007:** The Kent Family History Society, a member of the Federation of Family History Societies and the Kent Group of Family History Societies, is holding a one day conference on *Naval Connections in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries* at the University of Greenwich at Medway. Registration begins at 9:45 AM and the program begins at 10:15. See: <http://www.kfhs.org.uk/imp-dates.htm>  
Phone: 01344-451479  
Admission is £27.50 per person includes buffet lunch and refreshments

### **September 23, 2007: BIFHS-USA General Meeting**

**Main Program:** *Learn about today's Genealogy Programs* by Lisa Schumacher. Lisa will compare PAF, FTM, Legacy, & The Master Genealogist. Lisa will show you examples of data entry, report formats and helpful research tools to help you choose a program. **Colonial Connections Study Group**, led by Nancy Ellen Carlberg

### **October 28, 2007: BIFHS-USA General Meeting & Study Group, Jim McNamara, Topics TBA**

### **November 24, 2007: Hull Family History Fair**

Staff House, Hull University Cottingham Road, Hull  
10 AM to 4 PM

### **November 25, 2007: BIFHS-USA General Meeting 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.

### **December 8, 2007: HOLIDAY PARTY, 5:30 PM**

**Upcoming Events** posted on the Dick Eastman Site, includes items from present through May 2008  
[http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans\\_online\\_genealogy/2007/05/upcoming\\_events.html](http://blog.eogn.com/eastmans_online_genealogy/2007/05/upcoming_events.html)

**29 March 2008:** Family History Fair, 10 AM to 4 PM  
Beginner level, Venue: Plymouth, Devon  
Host Societies: Devon FHS & Cornwall FHS  
Type of Event: AGM / GM  
See: [www.devonfhs.org.uk/fhfair2008.pdf](http://www.devonfhs.org.uk/fhfair2008.pdf)

**29–31 Aug 2008:** *The Way We Were?*,  
Venue: University of Essex, Colchester  
Host Societies: Essex Society for FH & Suffolk FHS  
Three-day National Family History Conference  
Contact: [chairman@esfh.org.uk](mailto:chairman@esfh.org.uk)  
See: [www.esfh.org.uk/conference2008.htm](http://www.esfh.org.uk/conference2008.htm)

### **English Heritage**, (Daily events listed here)

With the largest historical events programme in Europe, English Heritage offers something for everyone - from great family days out with the children to events of interest to the real history buff. Why not have a look at our events search to see what's coming up in the next few months. Enjoy your visit. See:  
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.884>

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