



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month: Sunday, Jan 27th, 1:00 to 3:00 PM

BIFHS-USA - General meeting

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION

Our program will be an expert panel to address members' questions. The panel will consist of: **Nancy Ellen Carlberg, Donald L. Hirst, and Annie Lloyd.** Please email your questions to Annie's attention (vp-programs@bifhsusa.org) and she will send the questions on to the panelists. If we have time, we will take questions at the meeting, but if you submit them ahead of time, we will be able to give you more consideration. We've done this in the past. It's always been fun and informative. Who knows, you may be able to tear down a brick wall between you and your ancestor or find a relative? You never know with genealogy.

Workshop: 3:30 PM to approximately 4:30 PM. If you have a roadblock, a brick wall and you can't find your ancestor, bring your family group sheets and/or pedigree charts (please do not bring your entire research), and **NANCY ELLEN CARLBERG** and **ANNIE LLOYD** will look at them and give you some idea of what you should be doing next. Annie can answer questions up to 4:15 PM only.)

Next Month: Sunday, Feb 24th, 1:00 to 3:00 PM

BIFHS-USA – General Meeting

Digital Photography for Genealogy **Michael S. Reagan**

The internet and computers are the future of genealogy and digital photography is the means for capturing images to document your genealogy. Less expensive and more convenient than what we had before, digital photography is just the ticket for taking pictures of old documents or old relatives. *See page 8 for speaker biography.*

ENGLISH STUDY GROUP, 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Expecting the Unexpected. **PEGGY WISHON** - The Art of an Open Mind and Sheer Tenacity in tracing English Ancestors using less used English resources and methods. *See page 8 for speaker biography.*

Items we'll explore: selected online resources, FHL gems and County Record Office search requests – sources such as A2A and (British National Archives "Documents Online"), Multimap.com, Stirnet.com, Free BMD Search, etc.

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>

New Year's Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. [Attributed to Mark Twain by the website <http://www.quotegarden.com/new-year.html>.]

Editor's Note:

I have never been one to make any New Year's resolutions. I never thought of this before, but I wonder now if my ancestors made any resolutions. If your ancestor wrote letters, and the recipient saved them, that would be an incredible resource into the mind of your ancestor(s). I only have one letter that my mother saved. It was from her mother and I found it among her effects after she died. I remembered that Mom wrote her mother often. I can still see what Mom did after finishing a letter. An envelope was addressed and stamped, the new letter neatly folded, placed in the envelope, and then the envelope was sealed. None of the this was memorable. The only reason I remembered was what happened next. The letter received from her mother was torn into tiny bits and thrown out. I asked why she did that and was never answered. I have since thought she was just helping herself out. If the letter was left laying around, she might answer it more than once if she forgot it was answered. But the more I thought about it, the more I think that was not the case. I believe now that she considered that letter from her mother a private communication to her and it was a simple protection. Her mother intended the letter only for her daughter. What was in these letters? I have some ideas, but without a letter in hand, it's just speculation.

Back to the one letter I did find, even this letter was edited by Mom in that she discarded all pages save page one. The personal stuff was about the aches and pains, the weather, her new boyfriend George, what she cooked last night, and who visited last. No wonder it was disposable. It was like a phone call I would make to a friend. What happened last week, yesterday, what would happen tomorrow. Still, a nice look into the life of the writer. What made Mom save this letter? It was this statement:

"In the paper clipping is the house where you were born, those windows was the bedroom, so they tore it down, put a little Sr. Citizen park there."

The letter was dated Nov 21, 1982, just three years before she died. The news clipping was from page 26 of the Tuesday, November 9, 1982 edition of the "News Record." The picture in the upper left corner was a 4 x 6 image of Garfinkle grocery and the caption read:

"A Millvale landmark, this old store now demolished, was near the site of St. Anthony Parochial Elementary School. The roof, a mansard type, is an old French architectural style. Mike Korczynski of West Deer did the work."

In the picture, two curved arrows hand-drawn by Grandma point to the upstairs window. When you read the story, you find out that Mike Korczynski was a photographer who made silkscreens from his photographs and that he photographed old buildings in the Pittsburgh area built in or before the 1930s era. Many other places are mentioned in the article by Sharon Ceraso, a news intern by the caption under her name.

From the story we learn that the artist is a graduate of Edinboro State College, has a master's degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and that he did post graduate work at Carnegie Mellon University. He studied lithography, photography, graphics, and photo screen. He is a member of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh; he showed his artwork annually at Carnegie Museum and he has also shown his work at the Three Rivers Arts Festival. The article even mentions his agent's name, Carol Seigal, of Gallery G. Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh. The article mentions that Mike Korczynski prints 15 copies of each work, and disposes of four or five that he considers not acceptable silk screen transfer, or as a result of a failed experiment of the process. The article also states that Korczynski is a Fox Chapel Area School District art teacher, a consultant to J. Sullivan, RIDC Park, O'Hara Township, that he paints and draws cartoons. His work is displayed in Charley's Pub, Shadyside; and places of the subject of his work are mentioned. Mike is said to be married with two children.

You must be wondering why I mentioned all that. It is a short article but is jam-packed with information. Suppose I wanted a better picture or more information about that old building where my mother was born. Suppose I wanted a nice photo of the school or church my mother's family attended. Even if I could not purchase the work of art from its current owner, I bet they would not mind taking a photo for me, or allowing me to take one. I bet Mike Korczynski or perhaps his wife or children are still alive. I bet they could show me more of Mike's work. I bet if I read this newspaper I would see more human interest stories, even an obit for my Grandma in 1985. So many clues. It's all in the local newspaper. So many leads to people, an artist, a wife, two children, an agent, places...

All the best,
Jim McNamara
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Reflecting on the old year and looking forward to the new ...

This past year we made progress on updating the Society's website and making it easier to navigate. Hope you've all had a chance to visit the "new and improved" site. Thanks to the Website Review Committee — **TERRY BROWN, BRUCE HAMILTON, GAIL SAID JOHNSON, JIM McNAMARA,** and **FRAN SMITH** — for hours of brainstorming and reassessment. There is more to do, but we've made a great start.

You may also have noticed a change in the Society's logo on both newsletter and website. Thanks go to my wife, **GAIL**, for recreating the logo in two versions — one for black and white printing (such as the newsletter) and another for color use (such as the web). The new drawings are also available on Society merchandise which may be purchased at <http://www.cafepress.com/bifhsusa> (suggested and set up by **TERRY BROWN**).

As always, we were fortunate to have had numerous excellent speakers throughout the year. We were especially pleased to feature Nora Hickey at our April meeting and Arlene Eakle at our annual seminar in August. There is always something new to learn from the experts.

In 2007, and for the past six years, we have been blessed with the outstanding contribution made by **JIM MCNAMARA** as the Society's Newsletter Editor. We're going to miss him on the Board, but are thrilled he'll continue to serve as the Irish Study Group Leader.

Now, as we begin a new year, we welcome new Members at Large **DOLORES ANDERSON, KAY RONALD DEVONSHIRE,** and **LELAND NORWOOD**. Their willingness to serve on the Board of Directors is much appreciated, as is the continuing commitment by our continuing officers (see election results). Also much appreciated are the many years of service from outgoing Members at Large **LYDIA JEFFREY, JOAN SEMPER,** and **PAT SORTEBERG**. Thanks also, Lydia, for continuing to serve on the 2008 Seminar Committee.

And speaking of the 2008 seminar, this year we look forward to a spectacular event aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach. Thank you, **SHARON PYRDECK** (2008 Seminar Committee Chair), for all your hard work in making the arrangements and recruiting six outstanding speakers — Nancy Lee Bier, Michael Gandy, Linda Thompson Jonas, Annie Lloyd, Fintan Mullan, and Judith Eccles Wight. Find out more — and register online — at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/seminar>.

"YOUR NAME HERE" — It takes numerous volunteers, such as those mentioned above, for our Society to continue and to grow. As you'll see elsewhere in this issue, there are still a number of positions that need to be filled, namely a **Newsletter Editor, Hospitality Co-Chairs: Welcome (Information Desk) and Refreshments,** and one **Member at Large** (to complete Joan Semper's term). Make this the year you become more involved in the Society. Please volunteer to fill an open position, help out with this year's seminar, or just attend a board meeting. Board meetings are open to the membership — and we'd love your input! The Board meets immediately before each monthly meeting (at 11:30).

Happy New Year!

Ivan C. Johnson
president@bifhsusa.org

VACANT POSITIONS

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

The Newsletter Editor is responsible for publishing six issues of the society's newsletter per year — in January, March, May, July, September, and November. A typical edition of the newsletter is 12 pages containing BIFHS–USA meeting announcements; a president's message; society business and activities; notices of other societies' meetings, seminars, or genealogical trips; and other material of British and Irish genealogical interest. The editor relies on submissions from board members and others by established deadlines.

As you might expect, there are minimum qualifications necessary to carry out the duties of Newsletter Editor. These are: the ability to type and to use a professional-grade word processing program; a fair command of the English language, spelling, and grammar; good writing skills; and, on a regular basis, have access to computer equipment, an Internet service provider (ISP), and email.

Time commitment: 10-20 hours/issue.

HOSPITALITY CO-CHAIR: WELCOME (INFORMATION DESK COORDINATOR):

This Hospitality Co-Chair is 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, and the coordinator circulates the sheet and makes 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.

Time commitment: 1 hour/month plus meetings.

HOSPITALITY CO-CHAIR: REFRESHMENTS COORDINATOR:

This Hospitality Co-Chair is 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.

Time commitment: 1 hour/month plus meetings.

MEMBER AT LARGE:

We also need a volunteer for a one-year commitment as Member at Large on the Board of Directors (to complete Joan Semper's unexpired term). Members at large attend Board meetings and assist with Society activities.

Time commitment: Board meetings (typically 10 per year, 1 to 1-1/2 hours each), plus other assignments as they occur.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER NOW

If you can help out in one of these capacities, please contact BIFHS-USA President Ivan Johnson via email to president@bifhsusa.org.

BIFHS-USA JOURNAL

At least a few members have noticed there hasn't been a journal published in some time — none, in fact, for the year 2007 — yet. That's because there hasn't been a resounding response to pleas for journal articles, and without articles there can be no journal. There have been some excellent submissions throughout the year, however, and an issue of the journal is finally close to completion featuring articles by BIFHS-USA members **IVAN JOHNSON**, **LINDA JONAS**, **ANNIE LLOYD**, **SHARON MARTIN**, **LYN NUNN**, and **SUE WILSON**. Thank you all!

If you can contribute something for inclusion in an upcoming issue of the journal, please email your material to journal@bifhsusa.org. Submission information is on the Society website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/journal/submitarticle.html>.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Over the past two months the society has received journals from most the societies with which we have an exchange arrangement. Though all the latest journals may not yet be on the shelves, do take a look when you're next at the LARFHC. There may be something in another society's journal that can help you in your research. For example, a recent **Bedfordshire** FHS journal (Vol. 16, No.1) includes monumental inscriptions; **Bristol & Avon** (No. 127), churchwarden accounts of South Stoke; **Cardiganshire** (Vol. 4, No. 7), "Transcribing Tregaron Burials, 1654-1812"; **Dorset** (Vol. 20, No. 1), an index of surnames in Dorset FHS Journals; **Manchester** (Vol. 43, No. 1), nine pages of members' interests; **Somerset & Dorset** (Vol. 32, No. 1), an article about West of England railway records; **Suffolk** (Vol. 32, No. 4), "Effective Searching Using Census Indices and Free BMD"; and **The Septs** (Vol. 28, No. 1), information about the Irish holdings of the Family History Library. Exchange journal tables of contents are available on our website at www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/journal/exchange.

The society recently received a letter from the **Somerset and Dorset Family History Society** saying they will no longer exchange journals due to postage costs and lack of storage space.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to Ivan and Gail Johnson on the death of Gail's father, Elmer Nathan Said, Jr. ("Bill" to family and friends), who died in Tacoma, Washington, on December 7, 2007. Born in Los Angeles, California, September 5, 1918, Bill was a survivor of the sinking of the Yorktown at the Battle of Midway and a retired claims examiner for the Veterans Administration.

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the following BIFHS-USA members who were elected to the Board of Directors at the November 2007 meeting, where 45 ballots were cast by mail or in person.

IVAN C. JOHNSON	President (2008-2009)
ANNIE LLOYD	1st Vice President, Programs (2008)
TERRY BROWN	2nd Vice President, Membership (2008-2009)
FRAN SMITH	Recording Secretary (2008-2010)
DOLORES ANDERSON	Member at Large (2008-2009)
KAY RONALD DEVONSHIRE	Member at Large (2008-2009)
MARY MCKINNON	Member at Large (2008-2009)
LELAND NORWOOD	Member at Large (2008-2009)

The Irish Ancestral Research Association, TIARA, has announced it will sponsor an Irish Genealogy Cruise in January 2009.

The following is from TIARA's Internet site where additional information for this cruise can be found.

See: <http://home.netcom.com/~megrogan/irishgenealogycruise/>

TIARA (The Irish Ancestral Research Association) is organizing an Irish genealogy cruise in January 2009. TIARA is a nonprofit organization established to develop and promote the growth, study and exchange of ideas among people and organizations interested in Irish genealogical and historical research and education. We are based in Boston but have a national membership. You do not have to be a member to join the cruise. We want to create an opportunity for everyone to learn how to research Irish families.

DATES: Saturday, January 10 through Sunday, January 18, 2009

SHIP: Royal Caribbean, *Independence of the Seas*

ITINERARY: 8 night Eastern Caribbean cruise, begins and ends in Fort Lauderdale

Speakers:

- Valerie Adams, Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, Belfast
- Mary Ellen Grogan, TIARA, Boston
- George Handran, Boston (expert on Griffith's Valuation)
- Michael J. Leclerc, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston
- Gregory O'Connor, National Archives of Ireland, Dublin
- Eileen and Sean O'Duill, Dublin

For additional information, please contact Mary Ellen Grogan:

Mary Ellen Grogan
TIARA Vice-President
megrogan@ix.netcom.com

Editor's Note: Thanks to George B. Handran for his work in republishing the 1885 poor law union pamphlets of townlands in Ireland. It is an invaluable source for Irish townlands, organized by PLU (S.R.D.) and E.D.

New Announcement from ScotlandsPeople, See: <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

We are pleased to announce that this year we have received permission to release the new years statutory data earlier than in previous years. Customers can now access, online, records from the Statutory Register of Births for 1906, the Statutory Register of Marriages for 1931, and the Statutory Register of Deaths for 1956. Almost 100,000 new index and corresponding image entries have been added to the site, amounting to six gigabytes of data.

Major Update of County/District Lists

In addition to the new data release, we have just deployed the biggest single district list update on the site to date. These include corrections of indexing district names for Statutory Birth, Death and Marriage indexes. Please note that these updates may result in new results appearing in previous searches. As always, we do stress that customers read the extensive help regarding how to best find elusive entries. See, for example, Help with Searching: <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/content/help/index.aspx?r=551&556>

2007 has been a busy year for ScotlandsPeople with the launch of a major OPR index update, OPR district/county search and the addition of OPR images. RCE images were also added, and the time limit for using credits was extended to 90 days. In response to customer requests, we added 'Mothers maiden surname' to the statutory death forms, 'second person forename' to the census forms, and improved the 'previous searches' and 'viewed images' functionality to include filtering and sorting of results.

British Isles Family History Society Welcomes New Members

Nov 2007 Wil Wright Laguna Niguel, CA
Dec 2007 Steve Hollands Takoma Park, MD

Editor's note: thanks to member Lyn Nunn for the following items on this page and page 8.

Paper of Record ®

Building the World's Largest Searchable Archive of Historical Newspapers. Over 21 million images in their collection so far.

This site has a great collection of newspapers from all over the world – fully searchable and free! Click on the search tab to see what they cover at the moment. <http://www.paperofrecord.com/default.asp>

The BIFHS-USA Surname Register Pays Off Again for One of Our Members

Lyn Nunn of Brisbane, Queensland connected with Greg Haley of Fredericton, NB, who was looking for the Beavan of English Settlement, N.B. and found Lyn's contact details in association with her SHAW-BEAVAN ancestors on the BIFHS-USA Surname Registry on our site.

Don't forget to list your surnames and to periodically check our register for connections, online at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/surnames/>. ***It may just pay big for you. –Editor***

Podcasts from the National Archives at Kew

The National Archives at Kew gives regular talks on various topics of family history. For the benefit of those who cannot get to Kew easily, the talks have been recorded and are now available free, on-line, as 'podcasts' on TNA's website. It would be preferable to have a broadband connection which makes the mp3 files very easy to listen to. All you need to do then is go to www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/rss/podcasts.xml and click on your choice of topic from a wide choice that covers subjects like immigration sources, First World War, Army births, marriages and deaths, Tracing your Irish ancestors at TNA, Wills, Civil registration, workhouse records, Marriages at sea.

Book of Scottish Connections

The Registrar General for Scotland is planning to introduce a new public record to be known as the "Book of Scottish Connections" (BSC). For the first time, people all over the world, with a Scots connection, will be able to apply (for a fee) for a birth, death, marriage, or civil partnership abroad to be recorded in the BSC held by the Registrar General in Edinburgh (provided that the event has already been registered with the civil registration authorities of the country in question). A commemorative certificate of the event (and the Scots connection) will then be available from the registration service in Scotland, to be preserved as a part of the family history record. If you think you might be interested in applying to have an event recorded, you are asked to complete a simple on-line enquiry form to allow the Registrar to assess the likely demand.

See <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/famrec/book-of-scottish-connections.html>

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Genealogical Research Directory on CD

The editors of the Genealogical Research Directory are retiring after 27 years of publication. However, they may sell the business and if so a new owner will be in touch with you in 2008. Meanwhile, they have produced a cumulative GRD CD containing all the research entries from books 1994 to 2007 - some 500,000 queries from 20,000 contributors, worldwide. Entries from contributors with out-of-date addresses have been removed. All new postal and E-mail addresses notified have been included. 1 CD - Windows 98 to Windows XP & Vista with fully searchable Surnames, Subjects and Places. Cumulative CD = \$39.50 (incl. postage).

To place your order email: grdxxx@ozemail.com

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Britain 's Most Mysterious Epitaph

The National Archive of Memorial Inscriptions (NAOMI) - MI Competition. The BBC History Magazine recently held a competition for 'Britain's most mysterious epitaph', with the aim of promoting 'MI awareness'. In this it succeeded beyond all expectations. There were over a hundred entries for the competition, with details of the winner available from: <http://www.bbchistorymagazine.com/memorials.pdf>

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The following is from the "Board for Certification of Genealogists ®" site at:

<http://www.bcgcertification.org/resources/standard.html>

The Genealogical Proof Standard

Applications for certification are judged on whether they meet the standards delineated in the [BCG Genealogical Standards Manual](#). All of its seventy-four standards contribute to the level of credibility in genealogy called the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). As a result, genealogists who are certified have demonstrated their ability to do work that meets the GPS.

Proof is a fundamental concept in genealogy. In order to merit confidence, each conclusion about an ancestor must have sufficient credibility to be accepted as "proved." Acceptable conclusions, therefore, meet the Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS). The GPS consists of five elements:

- a reasonably exhaustive search;
- complete and accurate source citations;
- analysis and correlation of the collected information;
- resolution of any conflicting evidence; and
- a soundly reasoned, coherently written conclusion.

Each element contributes to a conclusion's credibility in a different way, described in the table below, but all the elements are necessary to establish proof.

Editor's Note: *There is much more at this site. Worth the visit.*

February's Speaker Biographies:

When **Michael Reagan** retired (the first time) from the aerospace industry, he started to work on his family history. He went back to work as an instructor of computer repair and served as a computer support specialist for the City of Gardena before retiring again. Aided by the fact that family members have already completed a good deal of his genealogy, Michael has been able to serve as an officer for Questing Heirs, British Isles FHS-USA and South Bay Cities Genealogical Society, where he is currently the leader of the Computer Internet Group. He also volunteers at the Torrance FHC on Thursday Nights and teaches computer classes at seminars there. He is webmaster for El Redondo Chapter of DAR as well as his own website at: <http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~genealogicaltechnica/>

Peggy Wishon, a part-time professional genealogist for the past ten years, has been doing English and American research since 1986 when she discovered her LDS neighbor with family group sheets spread all over her living room – and Peggy was instantly addicted.

The Thistle and Shamrock

Lydia Jeffrey has created a list arranged in order of day and time to find live stream (on the Internet) of "The Thistle and Shamrock." The music program is heard on National Public Radio and features traditional and contemporary Celtic music. She will share the list via email or US mail with anyone who requests it. Her addresses: follow.

email: boallan@dslextreme.com

US mail: Lydia Jeffrey, 131 N Ivy Ave., Monrovia, CA 91016

Editor's Note: thanks to Annie Lloyd for the articles below and on page 10.

The following extract is from "GENEALOGY POINTERS (11-20-07)" email advertisement; for the entire article, see: http://www.genealogical.com/content/homepage_feature.html&NLC-GenPointers1

"THE CALENDAR OF STATE PAPERS Relating to Ireland," by David Dobson, Ph.D.

Since the medieval period many of the records of the English government have been analyzed and inventoried in collections known as "Calendars." The documents have been transcribed, abstracted, and listed in chronological order in a series of publications, such as Calendar of State Papers, Domestic; Calendar of State Papers, Spanish; Calendar of State Papers, America and the West Indies; and Calendar of State Papers, Ireland.

The Calendar of State Papers, Ireland (CSP Ireland) is a relatively obscure source that is greatly underused by genealogical researchers. The CSP Ireland series was published in London in installments from the mid-19th century onwards, and it is available, to varying degrees, in a number of libraries in North America, such as the Library of Congress, the New York Public Library, and Harvard University's library. There are three series of CSP Ireland: the first is comprised of four volumes covering the years 1171 to 1307, the second is of nine volumes spanning 1509 to 1600, and the third is of 13 volumes from 1603 to 1670.

This article deals with the Third Series of the CSP Ireland as a source for family historians interested in their Irish ancestry on the eve of the great migration of Irish to the Americas that commenced in the 17th century.

The CSP Ireland consists of letters sent by the English Crown's representative in Ireland--the Lord Lieutenant, or some other official--to the Secretary of State in London. The contents include correspondence from civil servants, military men, and members of the public, as well as abstracts of answers to such mail; accounts of expenditure or requests for funds; orders given to government officers in Ireland; proposals regarding English colonization in Ireland or for developing the economy; reports on the state of Ireland, etc.

The CSP Ireland is a mine of information on individuals, making it of paramount importance to researchers of Irish history and genealogy. The volumes are also easy to use as they are well indexed from 1509 to 1670 in the Calendar of State Papers, Ireland. From 1670 to 1700 they have been included in Calendar of State Papers, Domestic. While the published documents end around 1700, there are manuscript collections relating to the British government and Ireland in the National Archives in London. The National Archives holds lists, while the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland in Belfast has much fuller lists for the later period; these, however, are incomplete and unindexed, which makes them difficult to use.

MORE NOVEMBER BOOKS from Clearfield Company

The inaugural volume in David Dobson's new series, THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND, 1600-1699, is one of four previously unadvertised November books described in this issue of "Genealogy Pointers." One of the others is the fourth volume in Mr. Dobson's other series, SCOTTISH HIGHLANDERS ON THE EVE OF THE GREAT MIGRATION, 1725-1775. The other two books include abstracts of the oldest wills on file in the office of the New York Secretary of State and a similarly ancient--though unofficial--set of Bible records from the states of the South. Please read on to learn more about these additional November releases at:

http://www.genealogical.com/content/pointers_archive.html

1901 & 1911 Irish Census

On December 6, 2005, Library and Archives Canada signed a groundbreaking cultural agreement with the National Archives of Ireland at a ceremony in Dublin. The agreement is to have the Irish Census records for 1901 and 1911 digitized, indexed and placed online for free access by the 70 million descendants of the worldwide Irish Diaspora. The first phase of the Irish census project (County Dublin 1911) was launched December 3, 2007.

Subsequent phases of additional counties for 1911, followed by 1901 will be added over the course of 2008. Full details on the order in which counties will be made available can be found on the National Archives website; see: <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

Ireland is unique among English-speaking census-taking countries in that the original household manuscript returns survive (as filled in and signed by heads of households,) rather than just the enumerators books (as with England, Scotland and Wales)

The online version includes both a transcription as well as scanned images of each page. You can search the transcriptions for names, then click on a link to see the original image.

Editor's Note: *Currently only parts of Dublin have been completed for online searching at:*

<http://www.census.nationalarchives.ie/>

A2A Database Hosted by the National Archives of UK

www.a2a.org.uk/

The above website is a wonderful tool for doing research. It is hosted by the National Archives of the UK. The A2A database consists of catalogs describing archives held locally in England and Wales, dating from the 8th century to the present time. (It is not complete so you should keep revisiting the site to find new information.)

You can do two searches: 1) in England and Wales. I searched one of my New England names - Thorpe - from Yorkshire - who settled in New Haven, CT in 1637. I found 178 catalogs on the name of Thorpe in Yorkshire alone.

Next I looked up a very uncommon name in my family - Ajax - in Wales - and found three entries from the National Library of Wales. Two of them I can look up from here in LA but one on the Quarter Sessions - I will ask my cousin to look up when she next goes to the NLW.

The second search was most interesting. It is a global search so I looked up the two words "New York" and out came a list of 6,344 search results!

I definitely will be looking at this site again.
Annie Lloyd

Glamorgan, Wales: GENUKI Site

For any researcher doing Glamorgan, Wales research, you may want to check this website out. Has lots of good information contained within it. <http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/wal/GLA/>

Donated Transcriptions of Wills

The Oxfordshire FHS has put donations of transcribed wills for the Oxford area on their site. See: <http://wills.oxfordshirefhs.org.uk/>

The BT searchable phone book for UK

<http://www.thephonebook.bt.com/publisha.content/en/search/residential/search.publisha>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

26 January 2008: BIGRA, Jim McNamara will repeat his presentation of his trip to UK, covering NY, ROI, NI, Edinburgh, Isle of Skye, Wales, and London. Some of the music relative to the history of the places will be played and Jim will also share some of his research finds.

27 January 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, Expert Panel Discussion: Nancy Ellen Carlberg, Donald L Hirst, and Annie Lloyd, see front page for more details
Workshop: Nancy Ellen Carlberg & Annie Lloyd, overcoming your brick walls.

2 February 2008: San Luis Obispo County Genealogical Society Seminar, "Tracing Your Family Tree with Digital, DNA, and Traditional Sources". Featured speakers: Dick Eastman, Geoff Rasmussen, and Max Blankfeld. For registration and details see <http://kcbx.net/~slogen>
Email: cfcohen@pacbell.net
Phone Caffi Cohen at: (805) 473-4963.

23 February 2008: WAGS, 25th Annual Seminar with Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck; At Masonic Lodge, 7604 Greenleaf Avenue, Whittier, CA. Four lectures: *243 Years of Migrations: 1607 – 1850, Before Civil Registration: Using Church Records, The Power of the Press: Newspaper Genealogy, Finding Maiden Names of Female Ancestors*. Contact Judy Poole, 909 985-6657; judypoole@verizon.net or John Hergesheimer 562 941-3184; hergwerk@earthlink.net

24 February 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, Digital Photography for Genealogy, Michael S. Reagan
English Study Group, Peggy Wishon, Expecting the unexpected. See front page for details.

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

30 March 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, TBA
Note: Meeting is 5th Sunday because of Easter.

27 April 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, TBA

May 14 – 17, 2008: NGS Conference (Kansas City, MO)
– *Show me the Nations Records*, For further information:\n- To request a brochure: conference@nsgenealogy.org
- For information on exhibiting at the NGS Conference contact: Lund@nsgenealogy.org
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3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300
Arlington, VA 22204-4304

- By phone: Phone: 703-525-0050
Toll-Free: 800-473-0060
- By Fax: 703-525-0052 attn: NGS Conference in the States 2008

25 May 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, TBA

22 Jun 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, TBA

27 – 29 June 2008: SCGS Jamboree in Burbank, CA
At the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505
Contact SCGS at:
417 Irvine Drive, Burbank, CA 91504-2408
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27 Jul 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, TBA

7 – 9 Aug 2008: BIFHS-USA, 20th Annual Seminar
“Sail into your past aboard the Queen Mary,” at the Queen Mary Hotel in Long Beach, California. Join us in celebrating the Society’s 20th Anniversary.

Speakers:

- Nancy Lee Bier (Scots-Irish)
- Michael Gandy (English)
- Linda Thompson Jonas (Colonial & DNA)
- Annie Lloyd (Welsh)
- Fintan Mullan (Irish)
- Judith Eccles Wight (Scotland)

See: www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/seminar to register online or to download the mail-in registration form.

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
See: www.esfh.org.uk/conference2008.htm

28 Sep 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, TBA

26 Oct 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, TBA

23 Nov 2008: BIFHS-USA, General Meeting, TBA

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. See:

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/nav.884>

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