



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

NEWSLETTER

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Meetings and Study Groups

Unless otherwise specified, BIFHS–USA meetings are held at the Los Angeles Regional Family History Center, 10741 Santa Monica Blvd. (enter from Eastborne Ave. at Manning), Los Angeles, CA 90025; (310) 474-9990. There is plenty of free parking. All meetings and workshops are offered free of charge and are open to the public.

SUNDAY, 25 MAY 2008

GENERAL MEETING (1:00–3:00 PM)

British Naming Patterns: Fact or Fiction

Ivan Johnson, our erudite leader, will explain naming patterns in England. He will tell us about his research in Lincolnshire and Northhamptonshire, and how his knowledge of naming patterns helped him. He was born in rural Lincolnshire, England and has done English research for many years.

IRISH STUDY GROUP (3:30–4:30 PM)

Administrative Divisions in Ireland: What You Need to Know to Use Irish Record Sources

Jim McNamara, our Irish Study Group Leader, will share his knowledge. Jim has done much research in Ireland. It will be wonderful to learn from his expertise.

SUNDAY, 22 JUNE 2008

GENERAL MEETING (1:00–3:00 PM)

Learning to Know Our Ancestors Through Their Handwriting

Sheila Lowe will share her knowledge of handwriting. Maybe we can gain some hints for understanding Grandpa as we reread his letters from seventy years ago. She has more than forty years of experience and is a court-qualified handwriting expert. Her clients include corporations, mental health professionals, attorneys, private investigations and staffing agencies among others.

SPECIAL EVENT (3:30–4:30 PM)

Tour of the Los Angeles Regional Family History Center

We will not have a study group, but do stay and check out the tour. You will benefit even if you have been researching at the LARFHC for many years. Things have been moved and rearranged recently.

Special Notice: SEMINAR CANCELLED

**The 20th Annual Seminar of British Isles Family History Society – U.S.A., "Sail Into Your Past Aboard the Queen Mary," 7–9 August 2008 has been cancelled.
See the President's message on page two.**

Questions? Please contact a board member (email addresses on back page).
Visit the BIFHS–USA website at www.bifhsusa.org

President's Message

It is with regret that I have to announce the **CANCELLATION** of our **QUEEN MARY SEMINAR**. We had high hopes of having a worthy celebration for our Society's 20th anniversary, but it appears that it is not to be. From the outset, we knew that a three-day seminar would be a very large undertaking as everything now costs much more than it did the last time we had one. Our break-even registration was around 175 attendees, and as we reach the deadline for early registration it is abundantly clear that we are nowhere near getting that kind of a response.

It is a sad day when we have to cancel a seminar because of a lack of interest, but this seems to be what is happening. Recently the president of another society told me that he thought the days of the three-day seminar were over, and maybe he was right. To date our one-day seminars have been a success, so hopefully we will be able to return to that format next year.

Our Society does have a group of dedicated participants in all of its events, and I would like to thank them for their support. As I expected, most of these people registered early, but unfortunately we needed a much bigger response from the general public for the Society not to incur a prohibitive financial loss. **Anyone who did register will, of course, be reimbursed in full.** I would also like to thank Sharon Pyrdeck and her committee most sincerely for their time and effort in arranging and advertising what promised to be an excellent program featuring some of the best genealogists available. I don't know what else could have been done to make this seminar a success.

Although this is a sad day for us all, I hope our Society can bounce back. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming meetings.

Ivan C. Johnson
president@bifhsusa.org

Co-Editors' Message

Sadly, the Queen Mary Seminar has been cancelled, but we look forward to future meetings and study group sessions planned for the rest of the year. We are thankful for the everyday support of the members of our Society, many of whom contribute to this newsletter. We hope this issue will direct you to new sources that provide clues to the genealogical mysteries left by your ancestors. Besides the other contributors who are mentioned in the newsletter, we would like to thank Gail and Ivan Johnson for proofreading and Nancy Ellen Carlberg for printing and mailing it.

In our last issue, Lydia threatened (I mean, promised) to test your knowledge of British history and, as it turns out, she was serious. Can you answer the following? If not, you need to study the website www.british-genealogy.com/resources/info/sdates.html that was provided in the last issue or review your notes from recent BIFHS–USA presentations. The answers are also given on the bottom of Page 7 of this newsletter.

1. When did civil registration begin in England and Wales?
2. What and when was Hardwicke's Marriage Act?
3. When did Britain switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar?
4. What is considered the earliest English census?

Fran Smith and Lydia Davis Jeffrey
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SEMINAR CANCELLED

**20TH Annual Seminar of BIFHS–U.S.A., Thursday to Saturday,
7–9 August 2008, Queen Mary Hotel, Long Beach, California**

Seminar Chair's Message

Dear Members:

Your 2008 Seminar Committee applied their collective expertise to planning a most aggressive publicity campaign advertising our vision of a fabulous experience—three days on the Queen Mary amidst experts in the field of United Kingdom and Irish genealogy, and the camaraderie of fellow genealogists. Several factors could possibly explain the lack of registrations, not the least of which would be the downturn in the economy.

For me to say simply, "Thank you," to the members of the Committee—Annie Lloyd, Jessie Tait and Lydia Jeffrey, for all their time, hard work, great ideas, and loyalty to the project, hardly expresses the depth of that thank you...and for the support of the board. I am truly sorry we could not see it to fruition.

*Sharon C. Pyrdeck
2008 Seminar Committee Chair*

The Library of Virginia Legislative Petitions Database

<http://www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/gov/petitions/>

Petitions to the General Assembly between 1776 and 1865 are searchable by name of petitioner, locality, description and topic. Documents indexed are related to public improvements, military claims, divorce, manumission of slaves, division of counties, incorporation of towns, religious freedom, taxation and much more.

Fran found an Applewhite ancestor who had moved from Virginia to the island of Barbados and who, in 1784, asked that money from the sale of his forfeited property be restored to him.

The index provides the reel, box and file numbers for the documents related to his case, which are held at the Library of Virginia. The microfilmed petitions are available through interlibrary loan. According to the website, many petitions are accompanied by supplementary materials, such as maps, deeds, affidavits, naturalizations and wills.

History of Passports in England (National Archive)

http://yourarchives.nationalarchives.gov.uk/index.php?title=History_of_Passports

This is a one-page document that was originally held in the National Archives reading room as a printed finding aid to other items at the archive. It provides a brief history from the earliest passports to the post-1915 era and includes physical descriptions of the documents and the fees charged.

Our Society Website

If you have visited the BIFHS–USA website recently, you may have noticed that the "location" is now shown as:

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~bifhsusa/>

That's because Ancestry.com has purchased Rootsweb. The "old" URL still works, and now the Society has a much shorter address that will work as well. In most browsers you can simply type

bifhsusa.org

to get to the BIFHS–U.S.A. website. If you prefer to enter the full URL, you can type either www.bifhsusa.org or <http://www.bifhsusa.org>. When you use this address, you will be redirected automatically to the "real" location at Rootsweb/Ancestry. The automatic redirect will work for any address on our site (such as bifhsusa.org/meetings.html or bifhsusa.org/trifoldbrochure.pdf).

Thanks to Gail Said Johnson

Sounds Familiar? Accents and Dialects of the UK

<http://www.bl.uk/learning/langlit/sounds/>

This elaborate British Library site discusses the difference between accents and dialects, and explores the many regional differences in the British Isles. Listen to the different ways the letter "a" is pronounced in different parts of Great Britain by clicking on a map. Hear speech patterns of people in different areas as well as in different time periods (1950s and 1990s). Perhaps now you will be able to identify the home town of your favorite BBC actor.

Changing Language

<http://www.bl.uk/learning/langlit/changlang/language.html>

Also on the British Library site is a language timeline from 500 BC to the present that provides a chronological overview of the English language. Find out what words your ancestors used (or did not use). Fran learned that the names of the rivers Thames and Wye have Celtic origins, and the words "belt" and "wall" (weal) were provided by the Romans. Many of our basic words, such as "earth" and "sing" were Anglo-Saxon vocabulary. During the Renaissance, English acquired "sherbet" from the Arabic language and "tomato" from the Spanish. Although the Renaissance brought "coffee" from the Turkish, we did not get "caffeine" until the Industrial Revolution. We got "freckles" from the Vikings and "beauty" from the French. Well, some of us did.

Are You Latin-Challenged?

http://www.genealogy.ro/dictionary/lat_eng_a.htm

Understand those really "olde" wills with the help of this Latin to English dictionary

Searching for Batch Numbers and their Contents for the LDS IGI

By Donald I. Hirst

In the February 2008 English Interest Group after the regular meeting of the British Isles FHS–USA, Peggy Wishon introduced us to a number of new and interesting search techniques. One that was largely new to me was searching for Batch Numbers and their actual data contents in the LDS IGI.

Subsequently this has been an invaluable research routine that I have increasingly used in my British Isles research efforts. This has not been widely publicized to my knowledge, but there are a few of the LDS Missionaries in the Salt Lake Family History Library who do teach classes in this topic, as I learned recently in an April 2008 trip to Salt Lake City. Here is how it works and the sequence of steps to make these searches:

Step One: Go to google.com

Step Two: Enter: batch IGI. [It is not case sensitive; just enter the word *batch* and leave a space then the word: *igi* or *IGI*.] The typical result is: *results 1-10 of about 182,000 entries.*

Step Three: Choose either: *IGI Batch Numbers–British Isles and North America* or *Counties in England*. My normal research efforts are in England so I usually choose *Counties in England*. [If you are looking for *Wales* or for *Scotland* then choose *British Isles*.]

Step Four: Choose the particular County of England of interest, and click on your county.

Step Five: You will see, *A, B, C, D ... Z* as the first letter for your parish of interest. Choose the letter for the parish of interest, and you will see an alphabetical listing of parishes beginning with the letter chosen.

For example, I chose *Hereford* [representing Herefordshire] then chose letter *C* as I wished to search for the parish of *Cradley*. The display on the screen then showed the results for Cradley as follows:

Cradley	C145821	1670-1875	M145822	1560-1837
	C145822	1560-1875	M145823	1837-1895

[C stands for Christening extractions; M stands for Marriage extractions, with the years.]

Note: These are Church of England records unless a non-conformist church name is indicated.

Step Six: Click on the particular records desired, for example, Cradley M145823 and you will see another screen with the words "Specify your search criteria." Enter the surname or leave blank to show the complete batch and enter the spouse's surname if you wish to narrow your selection of marriages, or leave blank to show all marriages. Then click on "Submit Query".

There are additional options that are provided—just play with various parish selections for your particular country and parish of interest and you will find this very easy to see the extracted Christening or marriages for each place. Click on the name of the person and you will see the date of the event and any other particulars that are provided.

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This search method is a very strong research tool. It is not guaranteed to be complete—What we have is the result of many hundreds of hours of work by Hugh Wallis in England, who compiles this “batch IGI” listing. There may be other extractions that were done subsequently that he has not included in this listing.

We should be extremely grateful for what he has gathered together and for the ease of use of these extractions—needless to say, if you find ancestral entries of family importance, you should carefully note the source information, Batch Number and Film or Fiche Number involved, and go to the original filmed record to see if there may be additional details presented there. Good Luck in your use of this research tool.

Thanks to Don Hirst for writing a wonderful explanation of this research technique, and a special thanks to Peggy Wishon for pointing the way and Hugh Wallis for sharing the results of his work.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Don and Marilyn Hirst. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on 7 March 2008. Don was our Society's first President, Journal Editor and Newsletter Editor. He continues to give support and share his knowledge as the English Study Group Leader and Newsletter contributor. Marilyn is Don's supportive wife assisting him. May they experience many more wedding anniversaries.



Yorkshire Tenants of the 1500s

Were your ancestors from Yorkshire and can you trace them to the 1500s? You will want to check the following website www.blancheparry.com, click “papers” (left-hand column). The link has information about the Yorkshire property of Blanche Parry including fieldnames and lists of tenants. This gem is free. Blanche Parry was a companion of Queen Elizabeth I for fifty-six year. Mistress Parry was born on the Herefordshire border to a Welsh-speaking family. She obtained lands in Yorkshire and other locations during her life. Ruth Elizabeth Richardson maintains the website and has written a book about Blanche Parry, *Mistress Blanche: Queen Elizabeth I's Confidante*, Logaston Press, 2007, ISBN 9781904396864.

An Introduction to Buffaloism as practiced by The Grand Lodge of England

<http://www.raobgle.org.uk/>

According to their website, “The Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes is a Charitable Organization which is active, not only in its local community, but, at all levels of Society. It is non-political, nor does it look to religion to inspire participation. It does, however, inspire members to commit to a peaceful and meaningful way of life. It is often described as an extended family, a social organization or a mutually supportive group of like-minded people.”



The Military

Some historic Scottish battlefields have disappeared due to development and urban expansion. Historic Scotland, an agency of the Scottish Government, is preparing an inventory of Scotland's battlefields. The ultimate goal is to preserve the historic sites. Public comment is being sought during the next three months as to how to protect the sites. A report will eventually be presented to the Scottish government ministers. ("Fight to Protect Scotland's Battlefields," Scottish Snippets, Rampant Scotland Newsletter, Number 570, 3 May 2008, online at <http://www.rampantscotland.com/letter.htm>)

Army Records: A Guide for Family Historians, by William Spencer was published in March 2008 by The National Archives, ISBN: 9781905615100. Mr. Spencer is a military specialist at London National Archives, a position which he has held since 1996. He has also served in the Royal Navy. The National Archives has many military records. Mr. Spencer adds insight to the records. The book is available in the United States through Amazon.com. The cost is \$15.56 plus shipping and handling.

WARNING TO ALL MEMBERS from Annie Lloyd

In the 16 April 2008 *Los Angeles Times* Business section was an article called "Consumer Confidential" by David Lazarus. In that column, Lazarus mentioned a well-known website that searches for people. Apparently, they send out emails to people that look as if a friend of theirs has sent the email. The email instructs the person to check the link, to see who else is looking for them. Intrigued, one person did and gave them her email address, birth date and zip code. They also told her they would find any old friends and family that were already members, so she gave them her password to her email account.

The first thing she knew she was getting emails from friends and family who were asking why she was searching for them on that site. She discovered that the website had taken her entire online address book and sent out emails purporting to be from her to her friends and family! Please don't fall for something like this. Be very careful.

Answers to Lydia's History Quiz

1. When did civil registration begin in England and Wales? 1 July 1837
2. What and when was Hardwicke's Marriage Act? All marriages must be performed by ministers of the Church of England. Jews and Quakers were exempt. 1754
3. When did Britain switch from the Julian to the Gregorian calendar? 1752
4. What is considered the earliest English census? The Domesday Book of 1085/6

City of London Burial Index, Clergy Lists, Passenger Lists and Other Items at Findmypast.com

The address for Findmypast.com is <http://www.findmypast.com/home.jsp>. It has a new site tour. It recently added more records to its City of London Burial Index on 3 April 2008. The London parish burial information is from 1742 to 1904. The majority is between 1788 and 1855. On 18 March 2008, Findmypast.com added more passenger lists. It now is searchable from 1890 through 1960 for passengers leaving the United Kingdom. There are more than 160,000 lists and twenty-four million passengers. Annie Lloyd advises that she likes this site. She believes it is a good source for finding clergy. The occupational directories include clergy lists. Annie has lots of ministers in her family. She wrote that a young man may be studying to be a minister if his occupation on a census is student and he is in his early twenties. Census records are also searchable on Findmypast.com as are birth, marriage and death records. There is a link to the General Registry Office where you can order a copy of the birth, marriage or death record. This would be an alternate source to check if the FreeBMD site of Roots web is busy, which may happen. Findmypast.com has records for England and Wales. The searches are free, but there is a fee to view records.

1610–1660 Colonial Records

Annie Lloyd says: "Researchers are always wondering where the early Colonial records are when they cannot find the information in Virginia or the Barbados or wherever they are searching. They don't realize that this information is in the UK."

www.theoriginalrecord.com

This is how the site describes this collection:

During this period, the English crown issued charters to companies of adventurers and individual proprietors to establish settlements in Acadia (Nova Scotia), Africa, Amazon, Anguilla, Antigua, Association (Tortuga), Bahamas, Barbados, Barbuda, Bermudas (Somers Islands), Canada, Cape Gratia de Dios, Carolina, Bay of Darien, Delaware Bay, Deseada, Dominica, Eleuthera, Enegada, Fernando de Noronho, Floria, Fonseca, Grenada, Guadaloupe, Guiana, Guinea, Henrietta, Jamaica, Long Island, Maine, Marigalante, Maryland, Metalina, Montserrat, Narragansett Bay, Nevis, New England (New Plymouth, Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Haven), Newfoundland, New Hampshire, New York, Nova Scotia, Providence Island, Quebec, Redendo, Rhode Island, St Bartholomew, St Brandon, St Christopher's, St Eustache, St Lucia, St Martin, St Vincent, Sembrera, Surinam, Tadousac, Tobago, Todosantes, Trinidad and Virginia. The central archive relating to these ventures up to 1688 amounted to 71 volumes of correspondence, plus 109 entry books containing entries of letters sent to the colonies, of charters, commissions and instructions, minutes and proceedings of the companies and proprietaries that in the first instance governed several of the colonies, journals of the Board of Trade, &c. This archive, called the State Papers, Colonial Series, at the Public Record Office, was calendared for the period through to 1660 by W. Noel Sainsbury, and published in 1860. The first few pages include material as early as 1574, but the bulk of the volume is from 1610 to 1660, and that is indexed here.

"There is a charge for looking up these records, but if you do find your ancestor—you won't care."
Annie

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the previous five items.

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Swansea Central Library, Wales

The new Swansea Central Library at the Civic Centre in County Hall opened on 19 March 2008. Further information and pictures can be found at www.swanseaentrallibrary.com. Other libraries within the City and County of Swansea can be found at [www.swansea.gov.uk/your local library](http://www.swansea.gov.uk/your_local_library). It will offer a limited e-mail inquiry service. Customers wishing to use this service should e-mail central.library@swansea.gov.uk. I wonder how far the "basement strongrooms" are from the new library. "The basement strongrooms at Swansea Civic Centre hold three miles of historic records ranging from the 12th century to the present day." (City and County of Swansea, Dinas a Sir Abertawe, - online at <http://www.swansea.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=17929>, viewed 3 May 2008.) This site also has links to more information regarding its research and copying services with costs, hints to help with family research, maritime heritage and contact information.

Quizzical Lydia asks: How many states in the US have a town or village named Swansea? Fran found five. Her answers are found near the bottom of page 10. Maybe you will find more.

Copies of a Will, Grant of Probate or Letter of Administration

See <http://www.hmcourts-service.gov.uk/cms/1226.htm#addresses> if you are looking for estate information in England or Wales. You may send an application to The Probate Registry, Castle Chambers, Clifford Street, York, YO1 9RG, England, United Kingdom. You will receive a copy of the actual Will, the Grant of Probate or the Letter of Administration. The cost is 5GBP which must be a check or bank draft in GBP. Credit or debit cards are not currently accepted. Let's hope they soon will be. This applies only to records of 1858 and later. The website also gives addresses for Ireland and Scotland research. Annie Lloyd advised that her step-grandmother died in London in 1950. Annie requested a copy of the will several years ago. All she received was the fact that a will had been made. It gave the solicitor's name and the name of the executor. Nothing else. Annie was disappointed to say the least.

Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the previous two items.

Drumcliffe Old Graveyard Transcription Project

According to the website of the Council of Irish Genealogical Organisations (CIGO), a group to which BIFHS–USA now belongs, the Clare Roots Society (CRS) of County Clare, Ireland has been given a grant from *An Chomhairle Oidhreachta* (The Heritage Council) to transcribe the Drumcliffe cemetery headstones located outside of Ennis town. The cemetery has been in use for two hundred-plus years. Thanks to the grant, the society will be able to have the graveyard professionally surveyed, in order to provide a detailed map marking every grave with individual numbers. It is hoped that missing graves, most likely due to overgrowth, will be found. Gravestone inscriptions will be recorded and photographed, and linked to its position on the map. The society hopes to have the project completed by November of this year and made available on the County Clare Library website.

Until November, keep busy by checking out other genealogical County Clare sources on the fabulous County Clare Library website at <http://www.clarelibrary.ie/eolas/coclare/genealogy/genealog.htm>

Thanks to Ivan Johnson.

Vacation News

New Hours at National Archives (Kew)

The hours of operation of the reading room and copy center at Kew recently changed. The new hours are given below as provided at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/visit/times.htm.

	Opening Times	Document Ordering times
Monday	09:00 – 17:00	09:30 – 16:15
Tuesday	09:00 – 19:00	09:30 – 16:45
Wednesday	10:00 – 17:00	10:00 – 16:15
Thursday	09:00 – 19:00	09:30 – 16:45
Friday	09:00 – 17:00	09:30 – 16:15
Saturday	09:30 – 17:00	09:30 – 15:15
Sunday	Closed	Closed

Family History Centre

Please note that the National Archives' services at the Family History Centre have been discontinued, and both services and staff have been moved to the Kew location. Although the National Archives is now in the process of refurbishing their facility, when it is complete, there will be more seating, computer terminals and microfiche readers for visitors, a new museum, an improved restaurant and a new security system. The items formerly found on the first floor of the Family History Centre will be available at Kew and improved access to original records and research materials, and more online information will be available. To read more about the changes at Kew, see: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

Migration to England

Most of our members are researching immigrant ancestors who came to North America from England. For something completely different, try:

<http://www.movinghere.org.uk/>

This site traces the migration history of people who moved into England in the last 200 years.

Answers to Lydia's test of Swansea knowledge:

Fran found these: Arizona, California, Illinois, Massachusetts and South Carolina.

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Calendar of Events

24-25 May 2008: USS Highland Games, at Orange County Fairgrounds, Costa Mesa, CA. more information at <http://www.unitedscottishsociety.com/games.htm>

25 May 2008: BIFHS–USA, General Meeting, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, Ivan Johnson will speak on *British Naming Patterns: Fact or Fiction?* Then, Irish Study Group, 3:30 to 4:30 PM, Jim McNamara talks about *Administrative Divisions in Ireland: What You Need to Know to Use Irish Records Sources*.

21-22 June 2008: Great American Irish Fair & Music Festival, at Irvine Meadows, CA. info at <http://www.gaif.us/about.php>

22 June 2008: BIFHS–USA, General Meeting, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, *Learning to Know Our Ancestors Through Their Handwriting*. Sheila Lowe, who has 40 years of experience, will share her knowledge. There will also be a *Tour of the Los Angeles Regional Family History Center* from 3:30 to 4:30 PM

27-29 June 2008: SCGS Jamboree at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 2500 Hollywood Way, Burbank, CA 91505. Registration forms are available at their website <http://www.scsgsgenealogy.com> by telephone 818.843.7247, or by mail, Southern CA Genealogical Society, 417 Irvine Drive, Burbank, CA 91504-2408. **Visit the BIFHS–USA table.**

28-29 June 2008: San Diego Highland Games, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM at Brengle Terrace Park, Vista, CA. Featuring athletics, piping & drumming, highland dancing, clan booths, sheepdog trials, music concerts and more. See their website at <http://www.sdhighlandgames.org>.

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15-16 August 2008: Indiana Historical Society, Midwestern Roots 2008: Family History and Genealogy Conference at Indianapolis Marriott East, Indianapolis, IN. Contact may be made by mail to The Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 West Ohio Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202-3269, telephone 317.232.1882 or website at www.indianahistory.org

29-31 August 2008: National Family History Conference, The Way We Were, at University of Essex, Colchester, England. Presented by Essex Society for Family History & Suffolk Family History Society. The website is at www.esfh.org.uk/conference2008.htm and email at chairman@esfh.org.uk

3-6 September 2008: FGS Conference, Footprints of Family History, at Philadelphia, PA which will include Great Britain and Ireland tracks. Information at www.fgsconference.org.

28 September 2008: BIFHS–USA, General Meeting, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, and Study Group, 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

11-12 October 2008: Seaside Highland Games, at Seaside Park, Ventura, California. Information at <http://www.seaside-games.com/main.html>.

26 October 2008: BIFHS–USA, General Meeting, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, and Study Group, 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

25 October to 1 November 2008: Genealogy Seminar at Sea on board the Royal Caribbean's *Liberty of the Seas* to Puerto Rico, St. Maarten and Labadee. Contact Cindy Lorenz of Fly Away Travel at 800.837.0295 or www.flyawaytravel.net.

Now through 27 September 2009. Merseyside Maritime Museum's Magical History Tour, A journey of discover through 800 years of Liverpool history. Albert Dock, Liverpool, England.



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