



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

# NEWSLETTER

September/October 2008

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## General 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, 28 September 2008

#### **GENERAL MEETING (1:00–3:00 PM) USING DNA TO AUGMENT YOUR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH**

Alice Fairhurst will cover the basics of DNA testing. She will use examples of famous people and share results from some of her twelve DNA projects. Alice Fairhurst is a charter member of the International Society of Genetic Genealogy, on the Board of Southern California Genealogical Society and Chair of its DNA project.

Discount coupons for DNA testing will be available for those attending.

#### **GENERAL GROUP (3:30–4:30 PM) HOW TO USE THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG**

Annie Lloyd will give us a refresher course on how to use the Family History Library Catalog. What is it? What does it contain? How can it help you with research? Lots of ways. Come and hear for yourself.

### Sunday, 26 October 2008

#### **GENERAL MEETING (1:00–3:00 PM) PATRONYMICS: BLESSING OR CURSE?**

George P. Coulter will speak on the nature and use of Welsh patronymics and epithets (nicknames) in the days before fixed surnames were adopted and used in Wales. He will demonstrate how ancient patronymic pedigrees can be located and how they and epithets can be used in genealogical research to trace ancestry to the 16<sup>th</sup> Century and beyond. He is a professional genealogist, who frequently writes, speaks and consults.

#### **ENGLISH STUDY GROUP (3:30–4:30 PM) EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED, PART TWO**

Peggy Wishon, a professional genealogist for ten years, will show how an open mind and sheer tenacity helps in tracing English ancestors. She spoke at the February 2008 English Study Group and will continue to educate on lesser known resources and methods.

### **Opening for Hospitality Co-Chair**

If you interested in this important position, see Ivan Johnson.

### **Call for Journal Articles**

See page 7 for details.

**Questions? Please contact a board member (email addresses on back page).**

**Visit the BIFHS–USA website at [www.bifhsusa.org](http://www.bifhsusa.org)**

## **President's Message**

There was an air of joy and enthusiasm at our very special meeting in August — joy at hearing Michael Gandy's exuberant and informative presentations and a renewed enthusiasm for our shared hobby.

After having to cancel our planned seminar on the Queen Mary, we arranged different events on the same three days, and it is most gratifying to be able to report success. First and foremost, thanks must be given to Michael Gandy for everything that he did for our Society. Finding himself with a non-refundable airline ticket, Michael immediately volunteered to come to Los Angeles and give lectures to help us recoup our losses. In addition, he made a trip to San Diego and gave two talks for the British Isles Genealogical Research Association (BIGRA), and that society, in turn, made a contribution toward the cost of Michael's airfare. Several of our members made the trip to San Diego to hear Michael speak. A number of other people, mainly beginners, took advantage of the third event, Research Assistance at the LARFHC. Many thanks to Nancy Ellen Carlberg, Kay Ronald Devonshire, Don Hirst, Annie Lloyd, and Jim McNamara, who gave of their time and expertise.

The jewel in the crown was the culminating BIFHS event at which Michael gave three talks. Michael's reputation was the key to drawing a crowd, but it was only through the generosity of many donors that we were in fact able to cover all of our expenses. On behalf of the Society, I would like to thank everyone who made a contribution; your generosity has been truly inspiring. Thanks also to those on the Board of Directors whose hard work made everything come together and run smoothly and to Society members who pitched in to help on the day of the event.

The next major event of the year is the Society's annual election of officers and members of the Board. The Nominating Committee's report is elsewhere in this issue. I would like to thank those on the Nominating Committee (Don Hirst, Jim McNamara, and Mike Owens) for their efforts, and, of course, all those who have agreed to serve on the Board if elected. Our Society can only succeed with the participation of its members, and those who serve on the Board are the ones directly involved in making sure that the work of our Society continues.

I hope to see you all at the next meeting.

*Ivan C. Johnson*  
[president@bifhsusa.org](mailto:president@bifhsusa.org)

## **Co-Editors' Message**

This newsletter poses many mysteries. Where is Earls Colne? What happened to the Irish Crowned Jewels? What mathematical contribution did Robert Recorde make to England? And just who is this Merthyr Tydfil? Clues to finding the answers can be found on these pages. We hope you enjoy seeking them out.

Contributors to this issue are Nancy Ellen Carlberg, Annie Lloyd, Jim McNamara, Ivan Johnson, Gail Said Johnson, Terry McVeigh, Terry Brown, Sue Wilson and Don Hirst. We thank them for their assistance.

*Fran Smith and Lydia Davis Jeffrey*  
[newsletter@bifhsusa.org](mailto:newsletter@bifhsusa.org)

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The BIFHS – USA Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following nominees for the positions indicated (all of which are two-year terms).

**1st Vice President (Programs):**

**Nancy Ellen Carlberg**

**BIFHS-USA Board Members at Large (3 positions):**

**Fay Herbert**

**Jim McNamara**

**Gerrienne Williams**

Additional nominations may be made in writing on or before 15 October 2008. Any such nominations must be endorsed by two non-Board members of the British Isles Family History Society. Send written nominations to BIFHS-USA, 2531 Sawtelle Blvd., PMB #134, Los Angeles, CA 90064-3124. Nominations (with seconds) may also be accepted from the floor at the September and October 2008 meetings.

Ballots will be included with the November/December newsletter. Each member entitled to vote may mail the ballot to the Society or submit it at the November 2008 meeting. Ballots will be counted at the November 2008 meeting.

Donald L. Hirst, Jim McNamara and Mike Owens,  
Nominating Committee

### **Resource for Somerset and Dorset Research Available Through British Origins**

<http://www.originsnetwork.com/signup-info.aspx>

An important resource for West Country research, *Notes & Queries for Somerset and Dorset*, has been published since 1888. According to the website, the journal was for many years the only one dedicated to family history in the two counties. Facsimiles of the first thirty volumes, which were published up to 1960, are now indexed and available on British Origins. There are over 7,600 articles on topics related to history, archaeology, genealogy, folklore and literature specific to the two counties, and names, places and topics can be searched. For subscription rate and other information, see the above website.

### **Workhouses of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales**

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

The Workhouse Website provides wonderful information, including a timeline from 1349 to 1948 that lists dates of laws specifically affecting the poor. These "poor laws" are identified and described. The full text is accessible for several poor law acts. There are many maps showing the location of workhouses throughout the United Kingdom. Life in the workhouse was extremely regulated and residents were expected to perform work. The only break was on Sunday, Good Friday and Christmas Day. Although medical care was provided, pressure for improved medical care began in the 1860s. Most workhouses had a medical officer and nurse to help care for sick inmates. Other staff members included a chaplain, schoolteacher, cook and fireman, to name a few.

### **Our Society Website: Exchange Journals Update**

This summer the Tables of Contents for 99 exchange journals for the year 2007 were added to the BIFHS – USA website. Check them out at [www.bifhsusa.org/journal/exchange](http://www.bifhsusa.org/journal/exchange). The journals are housed at the L.A. Regional Family History Center. As always, thanks to Terry Brown for scanning the tables of contents and to Gail Said Johnson for creating the web pages.

### **Yesterday's Journey: People of Derbyshire**

<http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~spire/Yesterday/index.htm>

Michael Spencer prepared this wonderful website which provides information from records of Derbyshire with references to other areas in England and to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and America. The records include apprentice information, bastardy papers, cemetery and coroner's records, law and order, red tape, removals, rogues and vagabonds, settlement certificates and examinations, and wills and administrations.

### **Online Maps—What They Do Not Tell You**

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/7586789.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/7586789.stm)

Jim McNamara sent an interesting article from the BBC website, titled "Online Maps 'Wiping Out History.'" A speaker at the Institute of British Geographers conference in London is troubled that landmarks of geographical and historical importance are not being marked on internet maps. Read more at the above website.

### **National Archive of Memorial Inscriptions (NAOMI)**

[www.memorialinscriptions.org.uk](http://www.memorialinscriptions.org.uk)

In November 2005, NAOMI placed online 44,000 names from 175 burial grounds. It has now uploaded 580 burial grounds with over 170,000 names. All are from Norfolk and Bedfordshire, but more names are added regularly. You may search the database free of charge. The inscription may be purchased if your search is successful. The cost begins at £4 and increases according to what additional information is available. *[Thanks to Ivan Johnson and Don Hirst for this item.]*

### **Information About the Village of Earls Colne, Essex**

<http://linux02.lib.cam.ac.uk/earlscolne/>

This site shows baptism records from the early 1600s, maps, historical records, and land and estate records from 1375 to 1854 for Earls Colne. The village is located about five miles from Coggeshall, ten miles from Colchester and forty miles northeast of London. Individuals began to compile information about the village in 1973. The project took twenty-seven years. Uploading of the materials was completed in 2000. *[Thanks to Annie Lloyd for this item.]*

## Jim McNamara's Page of Mostly Irish Curiosities



### **Royal Irish Constabulary Records**

The National Archives at Kew holds microfilm records of 246 files, papers and volumes of the Royal Irish Constabulary, from 1816--1922. Search the catalog for "Irish Constabulary," at their site:

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/>

According to the site, "most of these records consist of registers of service and disbandment of the Irish Constabulary (Royal Irish Constabulary after 1867), including the auxiliary forces recruited 1881-1882 and 1920-1921. There are printed Constabulary lists for the Irish Constabulary, Dublin Metropolitan Police, Irish revenue police and Irish Coastguard; printed circulars and standing orders of the Irish Constabulary and miscellaneous records, including legal opinions and one divisional journal of the Dublin Metropolitan Police for the period 1920-1921."

Jim says that the Los Angeles Regional Family History Center holds many microfilms of the R.I.C. records. Just do a keyword search of the catalog for "Royal Irish Constabulary" at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). You can then search the film-fiche holdings of LARFHC on its site at <http://www.larfhc.org/> to determine if the record(s) of interest is in the library.

### **"Move on parish records ends discrimination" by Paul Gorry from *Irish Times***

<http://www.irishtimes.com/newspaper/opinion/2008/0828/1219873097684.html>

In the Jul/Aug issue of the *BIFHS-USA Newsletter*, we reported that the National Library of Ireland is now allowing public access to microfilm copies of parish records of Cashel & Emly, Kerry, and Cloyne dioceses. For this issue, Jim sends to us an *Irish Times* editorial about this topic that was written by Paul Gorry, the president of the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland.

### **Tipperary North 1901 Census Now Online**

<http://www.irish-roots.ie>

Indexes of Irish census returns have been completed by the Irish Family History Foundation genealogy centres and will soon be available online. At present the census records for Tipperary North are available to search and purchase. The 1901 census contains the name, age, religious denomination, place of origin and occupation of each family member, as well as the exact location where the family lived in 1901. Note that the information is transcribed, not digitized. Censuses for other areas will be available in the future.

### **World Surname Map**

<http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames>

Public Profiler has created an online world map that shows the frequency of specific surnames at various locations throughout the world. The database was compiled from publicly available sources, such as telephone directories and election registers during the period 2000—2005. Only a name search can be done at this time. The name search reveals the frequency that the name appears per one million individuals. The area search that is currently under construction will provide the most popular surnames in specified areas of the world.

## **The Remarkable Story of the Still Unsolved 1907 Theft of the Irish "Crown Jewels"**

[http://www.nationalarchives.ie/topics/crown\\_jewels/](http://www.nationalarchives.ie/topics/crown_jewels/)

Jim McNamara says to check out the above site at National Archives of Ireland to read about the mysterious disappearance of the regalia of the Order of St. Patrick, known as the "Crown Jewels," which were once kept in Dublin Castle. The National Archives article contains a description of the jewels. In 1908, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle wrote a story about them, called "The Adventure of the Bruce-Partington Plans."

## **Our Roving Reporter, Terry McVeigh, Sent Us the Following Two Items:**

### **Online Records of the Irish Constabulary, 1816-1921 on Ancestry**

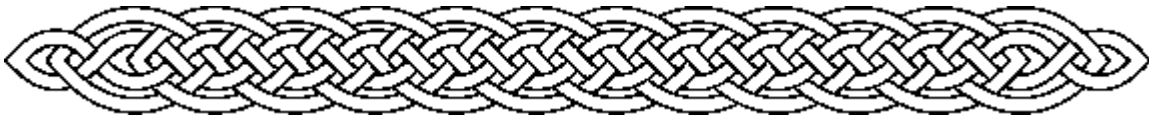
<http://www.ancestry.co.uk>

This newly released database on Ancestry has records of more than 80,000 officers of the first Irish police force and includes their name, year and place of birth, age when enlisted and marital status. It can be used as a partial substitution for censuses lost during the fighting in Dublin in 1922. This is a fee-based site.

### **Limerick's Digital Catalog**

<http://www.limerickcity.ie/Archives>

The city of Limerick in Ireland is in the process of creating an online digital catalog of records from the Famine era to 1972. The first to be made available will be the Minute Books of Limerick City Council from 1841—1972. See their website for more information.



### **Celtic Clip-Art**

<http://www.aon-celtic.com/free/cfreewarecliparts.html>

The Celtic graphics on pages 5 & 6 are courtesy Aon Celtic Art, which offers free clip art to individuals and non-profits, as well as art and books for sale.

### **Marlene Simmons' Quebec Church Records Database**

<http://simmons.b2b2c.ca>

Sue Wilson has had great success in finding evidence of her Irish ancestors who migrated through Quebec, thanks to a church records database that she now recommends to you. Sue says that Marlene Simmons has compiled a searchable database of 675,000 names from Quebec church records from which users can search ancestor names for free. If a search proves successful, the user can contact Ms. Simmons at [simmons@endirect.qc.ca](mailto:simmons@endirect.qc.ca) and, for a small fee, she will send a transcription of the record. *[Thanks to Sue Wilson for this item.]*

## Welcome to New Members

**We give a big welcome to the following new members who joined BIFHS-USA this year.**

*February:*

Peggy B. Pidgeon, Council Bluffs, IA  
Nancy Butler Kipp, San Diego, CA

*March:*

Michael & Carole Owens, Anaheim, CA

*April:*

Debra L. Keller, Long Beach, CA  
Stevens G. Herbst, Corpus Christi, TX  
Dorothy Oksner, Carpinteria, CA  
Emmit Richard McHaffie, Santa Fe, NM  
Michelle N. Leddel, Santa Monica, CA

*May:*

Carol Robertson, Redondo Beach, CA  
Karen Diebolt, Alta Loma, CA  
Mary C. Hall, Claremont, CA  
Gayle Norton, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

*June:*

Patricia Lewin, Pacific Palisades, CA  
Diane Schroeder, San Diego, CA  
Charlene Suneson, Los Angeles, CA  
David Flint, Irvine, CA  
Audrey Morris, Westchester, CA

*July:*

Patricia A. Henny, Claremont, CA

*August:*

Christie Green, Santa Barbara, CA  
Jay Holladay and  
Vieve Metcalfe, La Crescenta, CA

Peggy Pidgeon is researching the surname Bunting. Michelle Leddel is researching the surnames Young, Buckell/Buckel, White and Jeannette. Carol Robertson is researching the surnames Edwards, Mellon, Robertson and Thorn. Patricia Henny has interest in Middlesex (London) from 1780 to present and Wiltshire, especially Tisbury Parish, from 1600 to present. Christie Green is researching Green in England, Gillis in Scotland and Hogan in Ireland. We hope that information they gain as members will help them with their genealogy pursuits.

### Check the Mailing Label on Your Newsletter

Terry Brown, Membership Chairman, requests that all members check their membership expiration dates typed on the mailing labels of every newsletter and journal. The label will tell you when it is time to pay your dues (\$35 individual, \$40 family). Also, if your email address has changed, or if you didn't have one when you first joined the society, please email it to Terry at [vp-membership@bifhs-usa.org](mailto:vp-membership@bifhs-usa.org). Even if you're not sure, email it anyway so our records will be up to date.

### The Role of Coopers in Colonial America

[http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/16939/the\\_role\\_of\\_coopers\\_in\\_colonial\\_america.html?cat=37](http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/16939/the_role_of_coopers_in_colonial_america.html?cat=37)

This article about barrel makers in early American society includes a brief mention about English apprenticeships.

**BIFHS-USA  
JOURNAL**

**Your articles are needed  
for the next issue  
(Vol. XXI, No. 2)**

Please send to  
[journal@bifhsusa.org](mailto:journal@bifhsusa.org)  
by September 30, 2008



## Annie Lloyd's Spot



### Records of Royal Naval Officers

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documentsonline/adm196.asp>

The National Archives reports that you can search and download service records for officer of the Royal Navy. The Admiralty kept records from the 1840s. Records of approximately 57,000 Royal Naval Officers who joined between 1756 and 1917 have been digitized. Royal Naval Officers were either commissioned or warrant, such as admirals (also known as flag officers), commodores, captains, commanders and lieutenants, masters, surgeons, pursers, chaplains, engineers, gunners, boatswains, carpenters, surgeons' mates, armourers, sailmakers, masters at arms, caulkers, ropemakers and coopers. The search is free, and the cost to view retrieved records is stated in the description of each item.

### Deceased Online

<http://www.deceasedonline.com/>

Deceased Online is a new website to which Municipal Cemeteries and Crematoria may add their records. Kent & Sussex Crematorium added records from 1958 to 1 November 1995. Tunbridge Wells Borough Cemetery added records from 1873 to the present date. The search is free and the cost to view the record is also given. Kent & Sussex Crematorium and Tunbridge Wells Borough Cemetery are the only two locations that have added records. Let's hope that many more cemeteries and crematoria will soon add information to the website. Annie is eagerly awaiting the day that Welsh records are added.

### Locations in the United Kingdom

<http://www.alangeorge.co.uk/chapelsandchurchs.htm> for part one, A-L  
[http://www.alangeorge.co.uk/chapelsandchurchs\\_2.htm](http://www.alangeorge.co.uk/chapelsandchurchs_2.htm) for part two, M-Z

Tom Hier has posted online a list of churches and chapels that were located at Merthyr Tydfil during various times in history. Annie wrote that it might be useful for someone in the Welsh Study Group who has ancestors from Merthyr Tydfil.

<http://www.ukvillage.co.uk/>

This website has mostly current information about villages and cities in Great Britain, maybe even where your ancestor lived. There is also a link to a genealogy message board and other modern information.

### Annie's Trivia

Annie wrote that Tenby, Pembrokeshire, Wales was the birthplace of Robert Recorde who was born in 1510. He was a physician, teacher and civil servant appointed as Head of the Royal Mint and Surveyor of Ireland's silver mines. He proposed the use of the equal (=) sign in mathematics and introduced algebra to Britain. He fell into debt and died in prison in Southwark in 1558. This year, 2008, is the 450th anniversary of his death.

**BIFHS – USA sends our deepest sympathies to past president Nancy Ellen Carlberg and her family for the loss of her dear mother, Evelyn Carlberg, on 7 July 2008.**

## **More Thanks to Annie Lloyd for the following items:**

### **Project Completed!**

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

The indexes of birth and death records for the district of Bath and North East Somerset, England were recently completed. Indexes of Marriages will be added when registers are completed. Of course, do not forget the Rootsweb site if your ancestor was not born in Bath District or North East Somerset. For these, see <http://freebmd.rootsweb.com>.

### **Federation of Family History Societies Updates**

<http://www.ffhs.org.uk/news/news080703.php>  
<http://www.bl.uk/news/2008/pressrelease20080717.html>

Starting in January 2009, Maggie Loughran, Joint Administrator for the Federation of Family History Societies, reported on its list service that the British Library will be moving infrequently used materials to a new storage facility in Boston Spa, West Yorkshire. She reported that plans for the General Register Office to digitize important family history records are being reconsidered. The main contractor, Siemens IT Solutions and Service Ltd., has pulled out of the project.

### **Reading Welsh Gravestones**

[https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Welsh\\_Gravestones](https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/Welsh_Gravestones)

This Family Search website provides a list of Welsh words and common inscriptions which may be found on gravestones in Wales. English translations are included.

### **Aids for Finding Long-Lost Cousins Who Went to Australia**

<http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/migration/index.aspx>

The National Archives of Australia has a searchable database of migration, citizenship and travel records for the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Lydia tested the search function for long-lost cousins in Australia. She didn't find any, but she did discover that the site contains facsimiles of many World War I service enlistment records, which could be a goldmine for the right researcher. The search is free and the records that have been digitized can be viewed at no cost.

### **New Brand Name for Scotland Online is brightsolid**

<http://www.brightsolid.com/>  
<http://www.findmypast.com> <http://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/>

Scotland Online, an internet services company established in 1995, has changed its name and is now known as bright**solid**. Among other endeavors, the company owns FindMyPast.com and operates ScotlandsPeople.

## A New Book about Researching Jewish Ancestors in the UK

Available this past summer from the British publisher, Pen and Sword Books, is *Tracing Your Jewish Ancestors: A Guide for Family Historians*, by Rosemary Wenzel. According to the author, the book is aimed at beginning family research historians. The book begins with a brief social history of the Jewish presence in Britain; the resource describes principal communities in that country, and provides chapters on the Armed Forces, Jewish heraldry and how to search in Britain and abroad. To obtain a copy, search Amazon website or contact the publisher (<http://pen-and-sword.co.uk>).

### Answers to Questions Posed in Co-Editors' Message

1. Where is Earles Colnes? The village is about 40 miles northeast of London. See page 4 and/or a map.
2. What happened to the Irish Crowned Jewels? If you know, please contact the Detective Branch of the Dublin Metropolitan Police. Also, see page 6.
3. What mathematical contributions did Robert Recorde make to England? He proposed the use of the equal (=) sign and introduced algebra to Britain, to the discomfort of schoolchildren all over the realm. As if to add insult to injury, Scottish scholar John Napier (1550—1617) then invented logarithms, but you didn't read that in this newsletter. Recorde lived 1510—1558. See page 8.
4. Just who is Merthyr Tydfil? Trick question! It's a place in Wales. See page 8. However, the town takes its name from Tydfil, a 5<sup>th</sup> century prince's daughter who was slain by Picts. She was canonized, which is how she came to be "merthyr" (i.e., martyred). To see pictures of the area, check out this site: <http://www.alangeorge.co.uk/pengarnddu.htm>

## Halloween Traditions in Great Britain

### In England

<http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/customs/Halloween/why.htm>

The website of Woodland's Junior School in Kent provides a history of Halloween, an explanation of several English traditions, superstitions and facts about the day, and instructions for carving a pumpkin.

### In Scotland

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/north\\_east/7051359.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/north_east/7051359.stm)  
[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk\\_news/scotland/tayside\\_and\\_central/7062388.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/scotland/tayside_and_central/7062388.stm)

It's not an old Scottish custom to trick or treat, at least not in Moray, Scotland. There, some residents are uncomfortable with what they consider to be a new, "American" concept. In Tayside, pumpkins have recently been banned from a Halloween festival by those who prefer more traditional Scottish activities, such as making turnip lanterns and "dooking" (ducking or bobbing) for apples.

### In Wales

<http://www.stdavidsga-cymru.org/Halloween.html>

On this night, called *Nos Galan Gaeaf* or the beginning of the new year, a young woman might eat a pancake made with nine ingredients and see a vision of her future husband. Avoiding the *Hwch Ddu Gwta* (tail-less black sow) is highly recommended.

### In Ireland

<http://www.ireland-information.com/articles/irishhalloweentraditions.htm>

This tourist site describes several Irish Halloween traditions, among them, colcannon, barnbrack cake, ivy leaves, jack-o-lanterns, bonfires, snap apples and outwitting fairies.

## Calendar of Events

**28 September 2008: BIFHS–USA**, General Meeting: *Using DNA to Augment Your Genealogical Research*, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, and General Group: *The Family History Library Catalog*, 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

**6-10 October 2008: 8<sup>th</sup> Annual British Institute.** In Salt Lake City and sponsored by the International Society for British Genealogy and Family History. See <http://isbgfh.org/institute.htm>

**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: *Patronymics: Blessing or Curse?*, 1:00 to 3:00 PM, and English Study Group: *Expect the Unexpected, Part II*, 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](http://www.flyawaytravel.net).

**31 October: Samhain** The end of the harvest season and the beginning of the dark part of the year.



**4 November: Election Day** in the United States of America. Please remember to vote.

**Early November to 23 November: BIFHS-USA Election.** A ballot for the vacant positions on the BIFHS-USA Board will be included with the November/December newsletter. Please vote and mail it to our PO Box. Better yet, come to the 23 November General Meeting, and deliver your ballot in person.

**23 November: BIFHS-USA**, General Meeting, *Show and Tell*, starting at 1:00 PM. Share the results of your research.

**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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## While Supply Lasts...

The society also has for sale a few zippered tote bags bearing our logo. They are great for keeping research and/or overnight trips organized. To purchase a tote bag, contact Lydia Davis Jeffrey at [newsletter@bifhsusa.org](mailto:newsletter@bifhsusa.org) or (626) 359-1729. She will give you further instructions. Each tote bag costs \$10, if picked up at a meeting, or \$15, if you want the item mailed to you.



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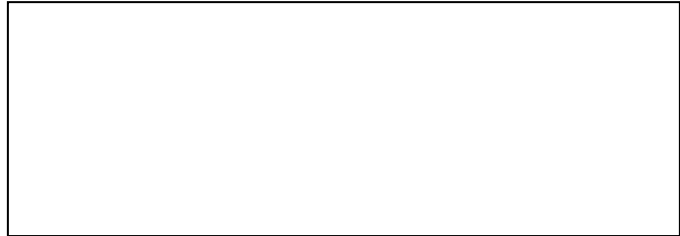


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