



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

NEWSLETTER

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The Research Roadshow Continues!

The Los Angeles Regional Family History Center is closed for renovations. Meanwhile, the search for our ancestors does not stop. We of Irish, Welsh, Scottish and English descent are still

"Hitting the Road" and Following the Research Roadshow!



**SUNDAY
26 July 2009**

**Huntington Beach Central Library
7111 Talbert Ave.
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
(1:00 PM–3:00 PM)**

Our next stop on the Research Roadshow takes us to the Huntington Beach Central Library for a tour of its Genealogy Collection. Volunteers of Orange County California Genealogical Society (OCCGS) maintain the collection. There are over 18,000 books for reference use only. An overview of the British Isles materials in the collection will be presented. The official time of the meeting is 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM, but the library is open on Sunday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. You may stay and continue your research after the introduction.

Do not confuse this library with the Huntington Library in Pasadena!

See Page Three for More Information.

**SUNDAY
23 August 2009**

**SCGS Library
Southern California Genealogical Society
417 Irving Dr.
Burbank, CA 91504
(1:00 PM–3:00 PM)**

In August, we travel to Burbank, home and headquarters of our good friends, the Southern California Genealogical Society. On that day, the library is officially closed, but we will be given a private tour of their collection. The library's holdings contain over 35,000 books (including 6,000 family histories), as well as sources in other formats, such as manuscripts, microforms, maps, periodicals and electronic resources, all specific to genealogical research. Among their holdings are materials relevant to all fifty states, as well as to Canada and the United Kingdom. One of the library's special collections pertains to the area of Cornwall.

See Page Three for More Information.

IMPORTANT DATE! **10 October 2009!** *IMPORTANT DATE!*

That's the day of the BIFHS–USA Seminar to be held at CSUN's Noski Auditorium. Judith Eccles Wight will present information about poor laws, estate records, census substitutes and more! See attached yellow flyer.

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

Visit the BIFHS–USA website at www.bifhsusa.org

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President's Message

A big “thank you” to all who attended the **SCGS JAMBOREE**. BIFHS–USA was a sponsor this year, and it was great to see so many of our members there. Thanks especially to **Lydia Jeffrey**, who coordinated the staffing of the table, and to the many volunteers: **Dolores Andersen, Terry Brown, Joyce Hamilton, Gloria Hank, Gail Said Johnson, Annie Lloyd, Mary McKinnon, Jim McNamara, Sharon Pyrdeck, Fran Smith, Jessie Tait,** and **Gerriane Williams**. I know I’ve missed someone — but I thank you the same as the others. (I really do have a bad memory!) Thanks, too, to those who came wearing various forms of advertizing for our Society — I hope you will all wear your T-shirts and buttons wherever there is an opportunity to spread the word about BIFHS–USA.

Our presence attracted many attendees, both to our table and to the talks given by **Peggy Wishon** and yours truly, and I’m pleased to report and welcome twelve **NEW MEMBERS** (ten of whom joined at Jamboree). You’ll find their names listed elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our next big event is our **ANNUAL SEMINAR** which will be held **October 10th** on the campus of CSUN, featuring **Judith Eccles Wight** (see the yellow flyer included with this issue). Note that preregistration is required as we cannot take money at the door. We have tried to keep costs down and are, therefore, able to offer the seminar at the low early registration price of \$30 to BIFHS–USA members. With your registration you’ll receive one ticket for the door-prize drawing, where the grand prize is two nights’ stay at the **Salt Lake Plaza Hotel**. Other door prizes include two copies of **Legacy 7.0** (our thanks to **Geoff Rasmussen** of Millenia for donating the software). If you’d like to have more chances to win door prizes — and help the society fund its activities — we welcome your donations (for each \$5 donation you’ll receive an additional three door-prize tickets).

In the meantime, our **“RESEARCH ROADSHOW”** continues. In July we will visit the Huntington Beach Central Library (not UCLA as previously advertized), and in August we will be at the SCGS Library in Burbank. I hope to see many of you “along the road”.

Ivan C. Johnson
president@bifhsusa.org

Co-Editors’ Message

Thanks to **Annie Lloyd, Terry McVeigh, Nancy Ellen Carlberg, Gail Said Johnson, Ivan Johnson** and **Dolores Anderson** for their help with this newsletter.

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BIFHS–USA Research Roadshow Information

Driving Directions to Huntington Beach Central Library

The Huntington Beach Central Library (7111 Talbert Ave.) is in Huntington Beach Central Park near the corner of Talbert Ave. and Golden West St. The following directions have been taken from the library's website. It assumes you will travel by either the San Diego Freeway I-405 or the Garden Grove Freeway CA-22.

Library: www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Library/hours_location/central_library.cfm

Directions: www.surfcity-hb.org/Government/Departments/Library/hours_location/map_directions.cfm

San Diego Freeway I-405 (North or South)

From the 405, take the Beach Blvd exit south towards Huntington Beach. Travel south on Beach about two miles and turn right onto Talbert Ave. Stay in the left lane, and pass Gothard Street. Talbert dead-ends into the Library parking lot. Use the left driveway to enter the parking area.

Garden Grove Freeway CA-22 (East or West)

Exit at Beach Blvd and head south towards Huntington Beach. Travel south about five miles and turn right onto Talbert Ave. Stay in the left lane, and pass Gothard Street. Talbert dead-ends into the Library parking lot. Use the left driveway to enter the parking area.

Location of the Southern California Genealogical Society Library

SCGS headquarters and library is located at 417 Irving Drive, Burbank. As noted on their website, the library is close to the Golden State Freeway (I-5) and two miles from the Burbank Airport. The nearest major cross-street to Irving Drive is N. Glenoaks Blvd. The library is located north of Scott Road and south of Buena Vista. A map and other information can be found at www.scqsgenealogy.com/contact-us.htm. Park in the lot adjacent to the library or on the street.

Call for Journal Articles

The Volume XXI, No. 1 (2009) issue of BIFHS–USA JOURNAL, currently in production, is chock-full of fascinating, informative material — from the review of a book about women's occupations to case studies that highlight many useful resources for tracking down that illusive ancestor. I hope these articles will help you in your own research and also inspire you do some writing for the journal. Not only will you help others, you'll very likely help yourself as well. Our journal is exchanged with nearly fifty other societies in the U.S. and abroad. Who knows who might pick up a copy and see your work. Share a family history, a research problem and how you solved it, or data you've transcribed (monumental inscriptions, school records, etc.). Perhaps one of your entries in the BIFHS–USA surname register resulted in a contact that helped extend a family line; tell us about it. There's bound to be something you can contribute! Please send material for the next issue of the journal to journal@bifhsusa.org by **Monday, September 28, 2009**. Submission information is on the Society website at www.bifhsusa.org/journal/submitarticle.html

Gail Said Johnson, Journal Editor

Welcome to New Members

We give a big welcome to the following new members who have joined BIFHS–USA since April 2009.

Kathleen Wuenschel
Las Vegas, Nevada

Kevin & Kathleen Rice
Los Angeles, California

Lillias M. Krezel

Eileen Strayer
Simi Valley, California

Westell Rhodes

Patricia Frazier
Lomita, California

Carol Satterthwaite
Moorpark, California

Donna T. Mitchell
Holtsville, New York

Dr. Frank D. Benson
Burbank, California

Irene A. Simpkins

Pamela Lewis
Fremont, California

Charles R. Adams
San Marino, California

We also welcome back Jim Richardson of Upland, CA and Margaret Kurzynski of Watertown, WI.



BIFHS–USA 2010 Election! We Need You!

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of candidates for the BIFHS–USA Board Election in November. The society needs you. Please consider running for one of the following positions:

President
2nd Vice President (Membership)
or one of the three Members-at-Large

If you would like more information, contact a member of the nominating committee:
Terry Brown (vp-membership@bifhsusa.org), Don Hirst (english@bifhsusa.org)
or Michael Glowartz (mglowartz@reedsmith.com).

You may also contact them at the next meeting or our society's mailing address that is given on the back page.

In Memoriam James M. Stancill 1932–2009

Former BIFHS–USA member James McNeil Stancill died at the age of 76 on June 17, 2009 in Pasadena. Jim was a professor at USC Marshall School of Business and pioneered the study of what is now called entrepreneurial finance. Our condolences to his family and friends.



Quiz

1. The materials currently at the Archives of Ontario span what distance if placed end-to-end?
2. What will this newsletter inspire you to do?

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Gravestone Transcriptions in Ireland

www.irishfamilyresearch.co.uk

The Irish Family Research website posted in May the transcripts of records prepared by members of the group, "Association for the Preservation of Memorials of the Dead, in Ireland." In 1888 when the group was founded, members began recording tombstone inscriptions, some of which no longer exist and some dating to the 1500s. A membership fee must be paid to view the transcriptions.

Mount St Lawrence Burial Registers 1855-2008, Limerick, Ireland

www.limerick.ie/Archives/MountStLawrenceBurialGroundRegisters1855-2008

The burial records of Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery in the city of Limerick, Ireland for the years 1855 to 2008 have been placed online and may be viewed free of charge. Names, addresses at time of death, ages and location of the graves are included in the records.

Canadian Censuses

www.FamilySearch.org and www.Ancestry.ca

Canadian Censuses and indexes for the years 1851, 1861, 1871, 1881, 1891 and 1916 may be searched online under agreement between FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.ca and the Libraries and Archives Canada. The indexes may be searched for free on FamilySearch.org. The digitized censuses may be accessed with a subscription to Ancestry.ca. The original censuses are at the Libraries and Archives Canada. The indexes for 1851–1871 were added to FamilySearch.org in early June.

Thanks to Terry McVeigh for providing the above two items.

Canadian Civil Service Salaries

www.familyrelatives.com

200,000 Canadian Civil Service Records from 1872 to 1918 are available at the website above. An individual may register and see the index for free. The records may be viewed by paying a subscription fee. Records may include a person's position, department, length of service, salary and date of appointment, age or birth date, promotion to the position, religion and nationality.

Thank you to Ivan Johnson for this information.

Canadian Local Histories

www.ourroots.ca

The University of Calgary and Laval University have joined with many other societies and organizations to compile information about local communities of Canada by digitizing out of print books and materials. More than 1.3 million pages of information are available online at no cost.

Archives of Ontario

www.archives.gov.on.ca

The new home of the Archives of Ontario, Canada opened in mid-June 2009 at York University. The facility was built to preserve public and private records that include approximately 45,000 maps and two million photographs. If all the materials were placed end-to-end, its length would reach over 60 miles.

Annie's page

British Newspapers 1800-1900 on British Library site

newspapers.bl.uk/blcs/ and Video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=dE-E8SSRHcY

The British Library, JISC (Joint Information Systems Committee) and Gale of Cengage Learning recently launched a public version of its 19th Century British Library Newspaper website. This fee-based site contains digitized pages of 19th century newspaper articles. A search is free. Two newspapers, *The Penny Illustrated Paper* and *The Graphic*, can be viewed for free.

Temporary Closure of The British Postal Museum & Archives

www.postalheritage.org.uk

The newly opened British Postal Museum & Archives in London recently announced that it will be closed from 29 June for at least eight weeks in order to work on the air conditioning system. The staff will accept email, letter and telephone enquiries, but the response time may be longer than usual.

Malta Family History site

Home page: website.lineone.net/~stephaniebidmead/index.htm

The site contains information about British citizens who resided or were stationed in Malta, between 1799 and 1979. Two master indexes link to lists of baptisms, deaths, marriages, voter registrations, freemasons, cemetery interments, servicemen and more. Individual lists often contain photographs and textual information. Although most of the site is devoted to British residents, people who came from other parts of the world are also included.

Devon Wills Project

genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/DevonWillsProject

The majority of original Devon wills were destroyed by bombing during the "Blitz" of 1942. Several organizations have joined together to compile a consolidated index of Devon wills, administrations and inventories, covering, and distinguishing between, original documents, probate copies, transcripts and abstracts. The organizations will transcribe information found on many sources dating up to 1857.

Update on 1911 census: Wales is now online

www.1911census.co.uk

As many of you know, The National Archives and findmypast.com have been digitizing and releasing portions of the 1911 British census. The census for Wales was released on 9 June.

Re-Release of the British Convict Transportation Registers Database

www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh/convicts

The State Library of Queensland, Australia has re-released its database of over 123,000 convicts who were sent to Australia (1878–1867), after changing the original software that could not handle the high demand for the website. According to the website's publicity, a new feature enabled by the change in software allows researchers to add notes in a comment field, in order to share information. The website is an ongoing project, and new convicts' information is still being added to the database.

Thanks to Annie Lloyd and Ivan Johnson for this news item.

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Calendar of Events

26 July 2009: BIFHS–USA, General Meeting at the Huntington Beach Central Library, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Come and discover the wonderful Genealogical Collection. www.bifhsusa.org

8 August 2009: SCGS Two Lectures You Didn't Get at Jamboree, 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM. From 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM, "*Cornwall England - Research without Tears*" by Erica Hahn. Learn about 19th Century British genealogy with an emphasis on Cornwall and Kernow and what Cornish records are available at the SCGC Library. From 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM, "*Welsh Patronymics*" by George Coulter (who spoke to BIFHS–USA last October). He will give hints about tracing Welsh ancestry beyond the 18th century. Brown-bag lunch at noon. SCGS Library, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA 91504.

15 August 2009: Worcester Family History Fair, More than 50 organizations plan to participate in the Family History Fair held at Worcester, England and presented by the West Midlands Area Group of Family History Societies. www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ukhfhs/wmag.html

23 August 2009: BIFHS–USA, General Meeting at Southern California Genealogical Society's Library, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Visit and see what British Isles materials are at the SCGS Library, 417 Irving Drive, Burbank, CA 91504. www.bifhsusa.org

28 to 31 August 2009: FFHS General Meeting, "*Open the Door & Here Are the People*" is being hosted by Halsted Trust at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham. www.halsted.org.uk and www.openthedoor.org.uk/

2 to 5 September 2009: Federation of Genealogical Societies Annual Conference, *Passages through Time*, Little Rock, Arkansas. www.fgs.org/2009conference

21 to 24 September 2009: International Genealogy Festival, University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland. www.strathclydegenealogy.co.uk/

27 September 2009: BIFHS–USA, General Meeting at Santa Barbara Genealogical Society's Library. www.bifhsusa.org

10 October 2009: BIFHS–USA Seminar, Judith Eccles Wight will speak about Estate Records, Poor Law Records, and Census and Census Substitutes, 12:30 PM to 6:00 PM. See the yellow seminar flyer for details or visit www.bifhsusa.org

22 November 2009: BIFHS–USA, General Meeting, "*Show and Tell*," Location TBA. www.bifhsusa.org

Quiz Answers

1. The materials currently at the Archives of Ontario span what distance if placed end-to-end?
Answer: Approximately 100 kilometers. (And you thought the answer was 60 miles.)
2. What will this newsletter inspire you to do?
Answer: Volunteer to run in the next BIFHS–USA election for President, 2nd Vice President (Membership), or one of the three Members-at-Large positions, and/or write an article for the journal.

Join Us on 10 October 2009 at California State University, Northridge

Be sure to take another look at the seminar flyer sent with this newsletter. In October, Judith Eccles Wight AG will present three lectures that will aid you in your pursuit of British Isles ancestry. Learn about records to use in the absence of government-based censuses. Discover differences between old and new poor laws, and the documents each system produced. Finally, find genealogical treasures created by the estates on which most British Isles ancestors worked. The yellow flyer contains the details you need for signing up. Early registration (postmarked by September 14, 2009) will receive a discount. The summer is passing quickly. Return the registration form soon, before you forget.



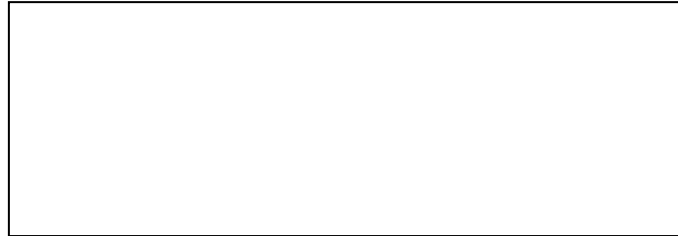
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