



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

Newsletter

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Editor: Jim McNamara

GENERAL MEETINGS:

This Month – Sunday, 24 Jul 2005, 1:00 PM to – about 5 PM

Open Research Day

Prepare for the August Annual BIFHS-U.S.A Seminar
with a day of research in the LA Family History Center.

Please attend our August 13th Seminar (Saturday) in Culver City

Note: see flyer for details of our August seminar

Next Month – No general meeting

Instead, general research time at the Library from Noon till 6 PM
Bring your family group sheets, Nancy Carlberg will assist you with
your research. Try out what you learned at our Aug 13th seminar.

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>

May you have warm words on a cold evening,
A full moon on a dark night,
And the road downhill all the way to your door.

- Irish Blessing, Author Unknown

Editor's Note:

I have been noticing a trend lately... I hope I am wrong about this, but it seems that the interest and enthusiasm of the general public for genealogical pursuits has stalled. While convenient venues like the Irish Fair at the Irvine Meadows last weekend drew 30,000 people, most attended for the music, dancing, shopping, food and drink. I worked another society's booth there for half a day, and while some showed great interest, the attendees were there nearly exclusively for the entertainment value.

Our own August seminar is not receiving the attention it deserves. It is a premium event, a quality speaker in Linda Jonas, a great topic, one that will definitely be very beneficial in enhancing our colonial research capability. Please see enclosed flyer for additional details. Please consider attending, you will not be disappointed.

This is also a crucial time for our society. It is time for the nominating committee to begin making selections for our replacement board. Nancy Bier will be moving to Dallas and Nancy Carlberg will end a two-term presidency, (Four years!). Terry Brown will step down as Treasurer and run for 2nd Vice President of Membership, and with Nancy Bier's help, I will attempt Irish Study Group Leader. Sue Wilson will step be stepping down as recording secretary. Dorothy Losee will be stepping down as corresponding secretary, and has been a board member more than 14 years. We wish the best for you Dot, May God bless you and your family in your new home in Northern California.

While it is a time to thank our exiting board for a job well done, and their incredible contributions, it is also a time to challenge our membership to a more active participation in their society. It is a time for BIFHS members to claim ownership, to contribute in whatever fashion suits you. Please consider volunteering for one of the many board positions, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Research Chair, Corresponding Secretary, Scottish Study Group Leader, English Study Group Leader, or a Board Member at Large. And if you are now a board member, or a past board member, please consider whether you have the grand ideas and leadership to advance our society's causes, to help inspire and motivate us members as BIFHS-USA President.

Best regards to all,

Jim McNamara

Any and all comments welcome – JPMTCC@aol.com

British Isles Family History Society – USA welcomes new members:

January	Susan Arrighi	Richmond	VA	
	Cynthia Etter			
	John Nelson	Los Angeles	CA	Interests: Middlesex, Sole & Mallam families
February	Mary Jo McQueen	Mission Viejo	CA	
April	Kathleen Newcomer			
	Helen Olsen	Los Angeles	CA	
May	Dolores Anderson	Alhambra	CA	
	Sharon Wagner	Valencia	CA	Interests: Ireland, Scotland, No English
	Barto Wash, Jr.	Whittier	CA	
June	Kathryn Torpey	Alexandria	VA	
	Wendy Walton	Santa Clarita	CA	
	Patricia Thomas	Camarillo	CA	

President's Message:

Hope everyone is having a good month. I just returned from Switzerland, France, England, and Wales (but only did research in Switzerland!). Now I'll be off on another trip, this time for the Society - our last trip to Salt Lake City as a group until someone else takes over. We still have room for one female, sharing a room, and for two more rooms' worth of people, (limit at hotel). Dates are 22 Jul to 29 July, \$180 for sharing a double, \$350 if single room.

Because of the trip, I will miss the next meeting. I do want you all to know that the Church has eliminated my position at the library effective 26 August, so I will be "unemployed" as far as the library position as of the August open workshop. So if you have any questions that need to be answered during the week at the library, I'll be at the library most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until then.

The seminar in August, see flyer, should be fantastic. Linda is one of the most dynamic speakers you'll ever hear. Remember there are absolutely no signups at the door (we won't be able to let you in), so sign up before the 1st of August if you want to be truly inspired.

See you in August, if not at the library before then.

Nancy Carlberg n_carlberg@hotmail.com

Call for Journal Articles

Do you have a research adventure to relate, a book or Internet site you can review, information about new resources or tools for genealogists, or any other tidbit that can help those doing research in England, Ireland, Scotland, or Wales? If you do, you're encouraged to contribute an article for publication in the BIFHS-USA JOURNAL. Information about article submission is printed in the Autumn/Winter 2004 issue of the journal and posted on the Society's website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~bifhsusa/journal/submitarticle.html>. The **submission deadline** for the next issue (Vol. XVIII, No. 2) is **October 31, 2005**.

Request for Volunteers to Form a Journal Mailing Team

To get the Journal mailed out in a timely fashion, we're looking for volunteers to form a "mailing team" consisting of one or two people to coordinate the mailings, (twice a year). Also need a pool of 6-10 people to draw from for the stuffing and sealing of envelopes, (four helpers per issue).

Contact Information

To submit an article or volunteer for the mailing team, please contact Gail Said Johnson, Journal Editor, via email to bifhsjournal@socal.rr.com or via the postal service to the Society's address, ATTN: Journal Editor.

Welsh Language Opportunity

Anybody interested in learning the Welsh language? If you are, email Annie Lloyd at: cardi2@aol.com

Correction for Seminar Information

The pink seminar flyers distributed at the meeting had an error in the time of Linda's first lecture. This lecture starts at 9 AM but the doors open up at 8:00 AM. The schedule on the back of the flyer is correct, time-wise.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jul-2005

- 10-16 [National Institute on Genealogical Research](#)
Washington, D.C.
The Institute's annual program takes an in-depth look at federal records of genealogical value located primarily in the Washington, D.C. area. The program is geared to *experienced* researchers (genealogists, historians, librarians, archivists) and is not an introductory course in genealogy.
- 24 **BIFHS-USA meeting - Open Research Day**
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- 2 Surnames and Pedigrees Online, One of the most important ways of making progress in your family history is making contact with others who have interests in the same surnames or even share some of your ancestors. With the majority of family historians now online, the Internet is by far the most effective way of doing this, and Peter Christian will be looking at the main online resources for making contacts and for publicizing your own family history interest. At: The Family Records Centre, 1 Myddelton Street, London, EC1R 1UW
Peter Christian - Peter first put his family tree online in 1995. Author of The Genealogists Internet, he also contributes a regular Internet column to The National Archives' Ancestors magazine. He is a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists and one of the Trustees of Genuki.
- 13 **BIFHS–U.S.A. Annual Seminar**, 8:30am – 4:30pm
At: Veterans Memorial Complex
4117 Overland Ave
Culver City, CA
Featured Speaker – Linda Jonas
Lunch will be served. We will sell our British genealogy books. See enclosed flyer.
- 12-13 The **Missouri State Genealogical Association** will host its annual conference on Friday and Saturday, August 12 and 13, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri. The keynote speaker is Cyndi Howells, creator and webmaster of Cyndi's List. Workshops will cover cemetery research and use of photographs in family history. Eight supporting speakers will deal with various topics, including writing your family history, DNA and genealogy, research in newspapers and church records, and Missouri as a base for westward migration. For full information: <http://mosga.missouri.org>.
- 28 **BIFHS-USA** – open workshop at library with Nancy Carlberg, bring your problem group sheets

Sep-2005

- 7-10 FGS Convention at the Salt Lake Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah
If you are attending please let Nancy Carlberg know if you are able to help staff BIFHS-USA's booth. Thanks

30- Oct 2

The Kelowna & District Genealogical Society in Kelowna, **BC, Canada** invite you to an outstanding genealogy seminar "Harvest Your Family Tree" on September 30, October 1, 2, 2005. Location: First Lutheran Church & School, Kelowna, BC. Acclaimed speakers from Scotland, England and Western Canada. Reception and panel of experts; 24 concurrent lectures, genealogical marketplace, guided tour of Kelowna City Cemetery. Online registration and brochure:

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~bcdgs/seminar2005.htm>

Oct-2005

- 6-23 Research trip to Ireland and Northern Ireland
Nancy Bier will lead the annual trip into Ireland in the fall. There will be four days of research time in Dublin and four days in Belfast. Those who wish to sightsee on those days will be accommodated. The other days will be spent in the areas early reservations indicate are needed. Reservations are now being accepted. So far we know we additionally will try to be in Cork and Mayo. Every effort will be made to individualize for research needs or interests.
Information and reservations through:
Ginger Aarons, CTC Time Travel
P.O. Box 23908
Portland, OR 97281-3908
Phone: 503-590-7127 Fax: 877-787-7807 (toll free) Cell: 503-421-0029
www.timetraveltours.com
- 15-16 DAR Library -- Conference on Early American Genealogical Research in Washington, D.C.,
Web: <http://www.dar.org/library/>
Email: egrundset@dar.org

Virginia Genealogical Society Events - 2005

See: <http://www.vgs.org/events.htm>

- ❑ July 30 to August 4, Virginia Institute of Genealogical Research (VIGR8) in Richmond **has been cancelled.**
- ❑ October 7 to 8, Fall Conference
"From Maryland to Virginia and Back Again...", in conjunction with the Maryland Genealogical Society and the Frederick County Genealogical Society in Frederick, Maryland. Contact info: 5001 West Broad Street, Suite 115
Richmond, Virginia, 23230-3023
Phone: (804) 285-8954, Email: mail@vgs.org

AYSHFORD TRAFALGAR ROLL

As I am sure you are already aware 21st October this year is the bi-centenary of the Battle of Trafalgar, when the British fleet under Lord Nelson defeated the combined fleets of France and Spain off Cape Trafalgar, Spain.

For many years we have been collecting information on the seamen and marines on board the British ships at the Battle of Trafalgar.

The information has been collected and collated from original sources of contemporary documents held at the National Archives at Kew, the Royal Naval Museum at Portsmouth, the Royal Marines Museum at Eastney and the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich.

The Roll contains the names and details of over 21,000 men who were on the musters of the British ships on 21st Oct 1805 (although still on the musters, some men had been discharged before the Battle but their details are included with an indication that they had been discharged).

Details recorded include the ship on which they served, their rank or rating and in most cases their age and place of birth. Where documents survive other details may include family information, former trade, pensions, medals, physical description, pictures, injuries and illnesses and the date of death.

The database is fully searchable in a wide variety of ways and there are charts illustrating a wide range of analytical data.

The Program requires an IBM compatible PC running Windows 95 or later, 32MB RAM, (64Mb or more better), a minimum of 20Mb free disc space and a SVGA monitor.

If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the CD it is available in two versions, the 'Age of Nelson' Edition and the Special Edition. The two CDs are identical but are packaged differently.

The 'Age of Nelson' Edition is available from www.AgeofNelson.org and is packaged for retail sale with the necessary barcodes and ISBN number and may be purchased on the secure website using a credit card. The CD is priced in Euros with a sterling value of about £35

The Special edition is identical but without the retail coding and is available from us.

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When ordering this way we still have a few CDs left at the pre-publication price in sterling of £25 +£1.50 pp. We are happy to accept a cheque with order or to supply an invoice.

North Wales BMD

www.northwalesbmd.org.uk/

Births, marriages and deaths on the Internet, for North Wales, includes counties of Denbigh, Flint, Montgomery, Merioneth, Anglesey and Caernarfon.

ANOTHER SOUTH WALES GROUP

We are pleased to advise you that another section of that magnificent genealogical masterpiece, "Limbus Patrum - Morganiae et Glamorganiae" listing the "G036 - Descendants of Einon ap Collwyn" is now available from our webpage price US \$40.00.

Other groups already listed are:

G001 - Lewis of Van.
G002 - Descendants of the Princes of Glamorgan
G003 - The Matthew Family of Llandaff.
G004 - The Family of Herberts.
G018 - Descendants of Maenarch.
G033 - The Morgans of Tredegar House.

Next on the production line is:

"Miscellaneous Welsh Pedigrees"

All items include many Morgan Family Lines and are essential for serious genealogical researchers. Indeed, it is difficult to see how South Wales research can be done without this information. Produced on CD-ROM, payment can be made by Credit Card.

Why travel to that Library or Record Office when you can do your research at home.

Morgan Publications details are on:

<http://homepages.tesco.net/~morganpublications/morganpu.html>

HAVE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT YOU MAY BE MISSING

SHIP-SHAPE DATABASE

Mystic Seaport <http://www.mysticseaport.org> has posted its collection of early American published ship registers--including the New York Marine Register, American Lloyd's Register of American and Foreign Shipping and The Record of American and Foreign Shipping -- at:

<http://www.mysticseaport.org/library/initiative/ShipRegisterList.cfm>

Together, these annual books list registered ships, barks, brigs and schooners from 1857 through 1900.

The registers aren't passenger lists, but they may help you find out more about an immigrant ancestor's ship. You can choose a register to browse by year, or select Search Ship Registers to search on the name and type of vessel, or the name of the ship's master. The search is case-sensitive, so start names with capital letters, and type a capital letter if you choose the "begins with" option for the ship's name search. Click on a ship's name in the results list to see which register lists it. Then you can link to the register to learn the ship's home port, the date and place it was built, its dimensions and more.

HISTORY OF THE HABERDASHERS' COMPANY

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

[The Haberdashers' Company had schools in Monmouthshire.]

The Company, whose patron saint is St Catherine of Alexandria, most probably had its roots in a fraternity, which worshipped at St Paul's Cathedral; certainly two of this fraternity's Wardens in 1389 were prominent Haberdashers. Members were haberdashers by trade. They sold ribbons, beads, purses, gloves, pins, caps and toys. Then, in 1502, they were joined by the hatmakers' fraternity. After that there were two types of haberdasher: haberdashers of hats, and the original haberdashers of small wares. The Company had the right to search

all haberdashers' shops within three miles of the City, and to destroy goods which were not up to standard.

Like other Companies, as the Haberdashers became more successful they collected the status symbols appropriate to the times. Their first surviving ordinances were recorded by the Mayor's Court in 1371. In 1446 they adopted their first coat of arms (an important visual symbol when many adults could not read), and in 1448 Henry VI granted a charter of incorporation. This charter entitled the Company to hold land, and so to have its own Hall for meetings. Of course, other arms and charters have been granted since then. The present arms date from 1503 (with crest and supporters added in 1570), and the current charter from 1578.



THE LEGEND OF THE CLADDAGH

Thanks to Lyn Nunn for sharing this site:

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

From the above site:

Legend has it that an Irish young man, Richard Joyce, bound for the West Indian slave plantations, was kidnapped himself in rough seas by a band of Mediterranean pirates and sold to a Moorish goldsmith who over the many long years of his exile helped him perfect the skills of a master craftsman. When in 1689 King William III negotiated the return of the slaves, Joyce returned to Galway - despite, it said, the Moor's offer of the daughter's hand in marriage and a princely dowry of half of all his wealth.

Back in Ireland a young woman had never stopped faithful waiting for her true love to return. Upon which time when he presented her with the now famous Royal Claddagh gold ring - a symbol of their enduring love. Two hands to represent their friendship, the crown to signify their loyalty and lasting fidelity, and the sign of the heart to symbolise their eternal love for each other. They soon married, never to be separated again.

See the site for additional information.

**Website of the Royal Welch Fusiliers
Museum at Caernarfon Castle, North
Wales:**

<http://www.rwfmuseum.org.uk/nb.html>

North Wales Materials

Cheshire Record Office Library Services:

<http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/recoff/home.htm>

Duke Street
Chester
Cheshire
CH1 1RL
Tel: 01244 602574

Lots of interesting material in here from old newspapers, basically Liverpool area. Emigration, births, deaths, marriages, etc.

www.old-merseytimes.co.uk/index.html

Here is a website for the Royal Regiment of Wales. One of Annie Lloyd's uncles was a member of the South Wales Borderers (part of this regiment) in the Great War (First World War)

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

The Dolgellau Archives will close 17 June 2005 and reopen, at a new location, of 20 Llwyn, Bala Road, Dolgellau on 12 September 2005. If anyone wants to check their catalog, they can at:

www.gwynedd.gov.uk/archives

Thanks to Nancy Bier for the following:

Irish Researchers:

THE MIDLAND SEPTS AND THE PALE: An account of the early septs and later settlers of the King's County and of life in the English Pale by F.R. Montgomery Hitchcock pub. by Heritage Classic cost \$24.50.

Most Irish researchers are used to the place names in Ireland changing from Irish to English. They are used to there being as many as four or five names for the same place. How many know about the personal surname changes that took place in Ireland? In the 1840's and 1850's names in the west of Ireland often became something different. The Civil Registration Offices recorded strange things with surnames and personal names. For instance, a man

might give his newly born male child a girl's name and declare it was his right to do so.

In the English Pale, (that area surrounding Dublin in the 15-17th centuries), several orders were given by the English Crown that had great effect on Irish names and customs. A statute of Henry VI ordered English colonists in the Pale to shave their mustaches so they would not be mistaken for Irish. In Edward IV's time (1467) this trend was continued by an order that Irish men should do the same. The Irish were ordered to remove "the beard above their mouth". Other orders addressed the Irish style of dress. Irish men were to dress like English men. The Irish were also ordered to take themselves English names of towns, trades, colour, art or science, or an office such as Cook. Their heirs were to keep these anglicized names or forfeit their goods yearly.

Such names as KINSELLAGHS, McNAMARAs, O'MOLLOYS, O'SHAUGHNESSYS, and O'MORCHOSMIGHT would have become Sutton, Chester, Trym, White, Smith, or Carpenter. This phenomenon is explained in a book republished by Heritage Classic titled *THE MIDLAND SEPTS AND THE PALE*, by F.R. Montgomery Hitchcock.

It also contains an appendix of 48 King's County Families resident there in the 18th century. ARMSTRONG, BURY, CHENEVIS, DROUGHT, GAICH, HUTCHINSON, KING, L'ESTRANGE, MINCHIN, NESBITT, PEACOCK, STERLING, TARLETON and WETHERELT are a few of the names mentioned.

Bookshelf

Attention Scotch-Irish Researchers:

The first book from Northern Ireland on only the Scotch-Irish and the research needed and available in Ireland has just been released. *RESEARCHING SCOTS-IRISH ANCESTORS: The Essential Genealogical Guide to Early Modern Ulster, 1600-1800* by William J. Roulston. It is published by Ulster Historical Foundation, Belfast and is available to order on-line through them. Cost 11.99 pound sterling. It is exactly what has been needed for so long.

From the National Archives of Ireland: Research Guides: Research guides

Irish Genealogy

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1. Introduction

The mainstream family history sources for Ireland will not be found in the National Archives, but in Ireland itself. Many Irish records have been lost or destroyed (notably in the burning of the Irish Public Record Office in 1922).

Two indispensable works put out by the respective archives of Ireland and Northern Ireland are J Grenham, *Tracing Your Ancestors in Ireland*, and I Maxwell, *Tracing Your Ancestors in Northern Ireland*. Some volumes of calendars had been published before 1922 (and can be seen in the National Archives' Library).

Particularly useful are the Patent and Close Rolls of Chancery in Ireland, Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary and Elizabeth, and for the 1st to 8th year of Charles I. Ask in the National Archives' Library, or at an HMSO bookshop for HMSO, Sectional List 24: British National Archives, to get the titles of other works. For records in the National Archives relating to Irish history, and only incidentally to Irish genealogy, see A Prochaska, *Irish History from 1700: A Guide to Sources in the Public Record Office*.

2. Maps

Lewis's *Topographical Dictionary of Ireland* (1846) is useful in identifying places, and filling out their history. The earliest maps date from the late 1500s (the Barony Maps in ZMAP 5). The Survey of 1655-1658 (ZOS 7) was the legal basis for the identification of Irish lands. The 1839 6-inch Ordnance Survey maps in ZOS 15 are the most detailed: they have a key sheet near the beginning of each county volume. The 1-inch Ordnance Survey maps in ZOS 14 date from 1851-1852.

3. Secretary of State's Correspondence

The State Papers, Ireland (SP 60-SP 67) contain despatches from the crown's representative in Ireland - the Lord Deputy or Lord Lieutenant, his council and other officials to the Secretaries of State. They sometimes contain copies of letters and petitions sent to them by soldiers, officials, Irish chiefs and private individuals; drafts and minutes of answers made to such despatches; accounts of expenditure or requests for funds; instructions sent

out to officials; projects for English colonisation or establishing new trades and industries; reports on the state of Ireland, and so on. They are full of references to individuals, and are relatively easy to use as they have been published in précis and indexed from 1509-1670 in the *Calendar of State Papers, Ireland*.

From 1670 to 1704, they have been included in the *Calendar of State Papers, Domestic*. In fact, the *State Papers, Ireland* continue up to 1782: for the later period there are brief lists in the National Archives and much fuller lists in the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland.

The same type of letters and papers continue in various Home Office and Colonial Office series after 1782, but they are not fully listed, nor indexed, and so are not easy to use. If you want to investigate these, try Prochaska.

4. Wills

The wills of Irish people who died with goods in England may have been proved by the Prerogative Court of Canterbury before 1858 (PROB 11). All PCC wills in this series are now available on the internet via DocumentsOnline, our digital image delivery website: www.documentsonline.nationalarchives.gov.uk

They are searchable by name, place, occupation and date. See also A Vicars ed., *Index to the Prerogative Wills of Ireland, 1536-1810* (Dublin, 1897: reprinted, 1989) and A Camp, *Sources for Irish Genealogy in the Library of the Society of Genealogists* (Society of Genealogists, 1990).

5. Tontines

The records of the Irish Tontines (a kind of government annuity) of 1773, 1775 and 1777 cover 1773-1871, and list very many people, with addresses: see NDO 1 , NDO 2 and NDO 3 .

6. Irish Officialdom

For a general Irish directory to officials and people of status, see Thom's *Irish Almanac and Official Directory*, which the National Archives' Library has from 1844-1928, with an odd volume for 1944. The records of the Royal Irish Constabulary, 1836-1922, are full and informative.

For Irish Revenue Police, 1830-1857, who tried to prevent illicit distilling, try CUST 111 . For Irish Excise Men, 1824-1833, see CUST 110 . For Customs

officers in Ireland, 1682-1826, see CUST 20 . There are pensions records in CUST 39/161 , for 1785-1851. After this, try Ham's Customs Year Book and Ham's Inland Revenue Year Book in the National Archives' Library (1875-1930). These list Customs and Inland Revenue officials (up to 1923 for Ireland), and include a name index.

7. Irish in the Army and Navy

Of course, many Irishmen served in the Army, and the usual sources can be used to find them. Before the Union with the United Kingdom in 1801, Ireland had a separate Army with its own organisation and establishment (although the British Army drew heavily on Irish recruits). From 1801, Ireland remained a separate command, and the Irish regiments retained their Irish identity, but the Army was merged with the British Army.

Records relating to the Army in Ireland, 1775-1923, are in WO 35 . Muster rolls of the Irish militia, 1793-1876, are in WO 13 . The Royal Kilmainham Hospital, founded in 1679, acted as a hospital for disabled soldiers (known as in-pensioners) and also distributed money to out-pensioners: there are registers of in- and out-pensioners in the admission books, 1704-1922 (WO 118), and discharge documents, 1783-1822 (WO 119).

Other Irish soldiers and sailors had their pensions paid by the Royal Chelsea Hospital or by Greenwich Hospital. Records of these pensions, 1842-1862 and 1882-1883, are in WO 22/141-205 and WO 22/209-225 . They can be used to trace changes of residence and dates of death. The only separate naval records for Irishmen are of nominations to serve in the Irish Coastguard, 1821-1849 (ADM 175/99-100).

8. The Irish Reproductive Loan Fund

The records of the Irish Reproductive Loan Fund, in T-91 , may be helpful if you are looking for a family in Munster or Connaught in the mid 1800s. The fund provided loans at interest to the industrious poor, who had to provide some form of security for the loan.

Records of the local associations which administered the loans survive for counties Cork, Clare, Galway, Limerick, Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo and Tipperary. In addition to the notes of security (signed by the debtor and two guarantors), there are loan ledgers, repayment books and defaulters books. They do not

give much detail other than place of abode and occupation.

9. The Irish Sailors' and Soldiers' Land Trust

This trust was set up to provide cottages in Ireland for ex-servicemen (including airmen) after the First World War. Over 4,000 cottages were provided. Because of rent strikes in the republic, no further cottages were built there after 1932, but cottages continued to be built by the Trust in Northern Ireland until 1952. Provisions were later made to sell the cottages to the tenants or their widows.

You will need to know the location of the cottage to use the records, as there are no name indexes. The tenancy files in AP 7 are the place to start. They are closed for 75 years, but privileged access can be given provided you sign a written undertaking: ask in the research enquiries room at the National Archives, Kew.

Important Irish Database Now Online at:

www.NewEnglandAncestors.org

A significant new collection has been added to the online databases at NewEnglandAncestors.org, the website for the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). The Search for Missing Friends: Irish Immigrant Advertisements Placed in The Boston Pilot 1831-1920, previously offered only in book and CD-ROM form, is now available to members of NEHGS online.

Starting in 1831 and continuing for nine decades, the nationally distributed, Boston Pilot newspaper printed over 45,000 "Missing Friends" advertisements placed by friends and relatives looking for loved ones with whom they had lost touch. No one knows how many of these families found each other as a result of the ads, but these nineteenth and early twentieth-century notices continue to help families today find their ancestors.

The Missing Friends collection is an exceptional resource for anyone researching immigrant Irish families.

See site for additional information

From:

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"First Class"

To:

Please look at mailing label for your membership expiration date. Renew promptly to save the Society money. Individual membership is \$25; family membership is \$30. Thanks, Editor

BRITISH ISLES FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY – USA

2531 Sawtelle Blvd. PMB#134, Los Angeles, CA 90064-3124

ALL MAIL MUST BE ADDRESSED TO: British Isles FHS-USA,

attention: person you wish to receive the correspondence.

"The PMB#134" and Zip+4, must be used.

(We use the "#" instead of "Box No" in order to receive UPS Deliveries)

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