

# Foreman Family History Newsletter

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## ANCESTRAL HOME OF THE MONTH

Kingston Manor (see photo below) is located on the southern side of the Isle of Wight, which is a fair sized island located just of the southern coast of England. Sandy and Larry visited Kingston Manor in 2001. The Manor is not open to the public, but Larry and Sandy were given a tour of the Manor gardens by Edwin Jones, the intermittent caretaker (the current owners live in London). Edwin owns Buck's Farm Bed and Breakfast next door where Larry and Sandy stayed the night. The original Manor is on the right. The left wing was added later. St. James Chapel is on the grounds of Kingston Manor (see middle photo). The Chapel pews were stolen the night we stayed at Buck's Farm, and the Bobbies interviewed Larry and Sandy.



Kingston Manor was the home of 12 generations of the families of de Kingston, Drew, and Meaux (pronounced Moe) in Larry's ancestry. The earliest known is Jordan de Kingston, Lord Kingston. He was appointed High Sheriff of Hampshire in 1280. There was then a continuous line of 12 generations born at Kingston Manor down to Henry Meaux, who was born about 1621. Several of the men were knights.

## PROGRESS REPORT ON NANA'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

Accipiter Press is now reviewing the manuscript of Nana's autobiography. It will have about 110 pages of text and perhaps 25 photos. We hope to go to the printer within a month.

## **ANCESTOR OF THE MONTH**

### **Sarah Jane Puffett - Immigrant Ancestor from England**

Sarah Jane Puffett is Sandy's great-grandmother on her father's side. She was born in December 1877. In later years her daughter listed Sarah's birthplace as "Single lanc old England." This may be the village of Singleton in Lancashire County in northern England (near Blackpool). Sandy and Larry visited Singleton in 2001; below left is a photo of Sandy in Singleton.

Sarah immigrated to the U. S. in 1881. She was 4 years old and made the crossing with her mother Anne Puffett (age 41) and her older sister Annie Puffett (age 11). They arrived at the Port of Baltimore on December 26 on the British steamship *Caspian*. They were evidently traveling with Lucy Hoult (28) and her two daughters. They traveled in steerage and listed Des Moines, Iowa, as their planned destination.

On Christmas Day (Dec. 25) 1894, Sarah married Charles Andrew Benshoof at Rising Sun, Polk County, Iowa. Charles was 6 years her senior and was born in Iowa. His father's side was "Pennsylvania Dutch" (Deutsch=German). A year later in the 1895 State census they were living in Four Mile, Polk County, in Central Iowa.

Sarah and Charles had four children - James Andrew (born in 1895 or 6), Joseph (born in 1897), an infant that died young (born in 1899), and Lillian Marie (born in 1901). Lillian is the family ancestor.

Between 1902 and 1930, Sarah and Charles were divorced. She remarried George Long. Below right is a photo of Sarah and George, probably in the late 1940's, reportedly in Des Moines, Iowa. As far as is known, Sarah and George had no children. Sarah's death date and place are not known.



Sources: 1) Delayed birth record of daughter Lillian Marie Benshoof; 2) Marriage record for Charles and Sarah; 3) 1900 U.S. Census for Polk County, Iowa; 4) 1895 Iowa State Census for Polk County, Iowa; and 5) Ship's manifest, 26 Dec 1881, *Caspian*, at Port of Baltimore.

## **REMINDER: YOU CAN VIEW FOREMAN FAMILY PHOTOS AND GENEALOGY CHARTS ON-LINE**

You can find photos of your ancestors at [www.tribalpages.com](http://www.tribalpages.com). On the right side of the page is a block labeled "Visit the Site."

For photos of Sandy's ancestors, enter the user ID: Turk and Password: mansur1.

For photos of Larry's ancestors, enter the user ID: Foreman and Password: mansur.

## **TEMPLE WORK**

On August 20th, 2008, Larry served as proxy for the Priesthood ordination, initiatory ordinances, and sealing to parents ordinance for his father, Andrew M. Foreman. The ordinances were performed at the Oklahoma City Temple. Sandy served as proxy for Andrew's mother, Effie Jane Carr.

Larry has about 100 additional names ready for temple work in the near future.

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