

passenger lists in the custody of the National Archives (www.archives.ca). Over 100,000 children were sent to Canada during those years, many from Dr Barnardo's Homes.

Worldwide

The *JewishGen Online Worldwide Burial Registry* is focused on gathering names and identifying information from cemeteries and burial records from the earliest records to the present. Volunteer groups are asked to 'adopt a cemetery or landsmanschaft plot' and to index the records for submission to the project. Extensive information on this ambitious project is provided at

<http://www.jewishgen.org/databases/cemetery/>

To support the lively interest in genealogical indexing, both the Society of Indexers (SI) and the American Society of Indexers (ASI) have special interest groups. Check out their websites or contact Jim Pellien (ASI) at jpellien@bellatlantic.net or Colin Mills (SI) at cdjmills@hotmail.com ASI has also announced the impending publication of *Genealogy and Indexing*, edited by Kathy Spaltro. AusSI has a page of useful genealogical links and contact people on its web site.

Deaths

Following the unexpected death in February of SI's Betty Moys, a tribute celebrating her life and work is published below. As we go to press, we have also learned of the death in November 2001 of Kingsley Siebel, a prominent member of the New South Wales branch, and an honorary life member of AusSI since 1999. A full obituary will be published in the October issue.

Recent publications

Bell, Hazel (2001) *Indexers and indexes in fact and fiction*. London: British Library Publishing Office (£16; distributed in

North and South America by University of Toronto Press, \$25 plus \$4 shipping).
Booth, Pat (2001) *Indexing: the manual of good practice*. Munich: K. G. Saur (€110, available to members of the indexing societies from the SI office at the discount price of £50 (UK), £53.50 (Europe) and £58/\$116 (rest of world).)
Perlman, Janet (ed.) (2001) *Running an indexing business*. Medford, NJ: Information Today in association with ASI (\$31.25; \$25 to indexing society members).
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Wheatley, H. B. (1879) *What is an index? A few notes on indexes and indexers*. London: Longmans, Green & Co., for the Index Society. 132 pp. Facsimile reprint published 2002 by the Society of Indexers (£15.00 UK; £17.00 overseas).
Wheatley, H. B. (1902) *How to make an index*. London: Elliot Stock. 236 pp. Facsimile reprint published 2002 by the Society of Indexers (£18.00 UK; £20.00 overseas).
Both books available together for £30 (£34 overseas)

Where to go, 2002

16–19 May: Galveston, Texas – ASI annual conference
24 May: Montreal, Canada – IASC annual conference
26 June: Johannesburg, South Africa – Bibliography: Dead Duck or Useful Tool (ASAIB annual conference)
16–18 July: Cheltenham, England – The Cotswold Wayzgoose (SI annual conference)

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Obituary

Betty Moys MBE 1928–2002

Elizabeth Mary Moys, MBE, BA, FLA – Betty, as she was known to all of us – was born on 26 June 1928 in Wickford, Essex. She was educated at Chislehurst County Grammar School for Girls and at Queen Mary College, University of London. Upon her retirement as librarian of Goldsmith's College, London, after a distinguished career in librarianship, she embarked on an equally distinguished career as an indexer, regularly indexing ongoing encyclopaedic legal reference works. As a stalwart member of the Society of Indexers for 15 years, she helped to guide it through a period of considerable change and development. At the urging of Janet Shuter, who had met her at the Chester Conference in

1987, she joined Council in 1991, serving as Treasurer from 1992 to 1999 and later becoming successively Vice-Chairman and a Vice-President of the Society. Everything she did for the Society was approached in a spirit of dedication and meticulous attention to detail – as Treasurer she familiarized herself with the intricacies of the Society's accounts and balance sheets, her legal knowledge enabled her to grapple with the finer points of the Society's constitution, and her fair-mindedness and common sense served her in good stead in her most recent office of Vice-President.

As a recognized authority on law librarianship and legal indexing, she was responsible for editing the *Law Librarian*



Betty Moys

(1970–7), the *Manual of Law Librarianship* (1976, 1987) and *Information Sources in Law* (2nd edn, 1997), and was a joint author of SI's Occasional Paper No. 2 *Indexing legal materials*. She will be remembered among law librarians the world over for the *Moys classification and thesaurus for legal materials*, published in four editions between 1968 and 2001. Betty's achievements were widely recognized and rewarded: she won the Wheatley Medal for 1991, the Wallace Breem Award of the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) in 1998 and, in recognition of her services to classification and indexing, in June 2000 she was awarded the MBE.

Always ready to encourage and support the novice indexer, Betty wore her erudition and expertise lightly. For those of us who knew her through meetings and conferences she will be missed at a personal level, not just as a valued colleague but also for her sensible advice, her down-to-earth approach, and her wry, often self-deprecating, sense of humour. She died on 1 February 2002 after several months' illness.

Below are tributes and memories from her fellow-indexers, as well as from a colleague from BIALl, of which Betty was President from 1990 to 1993, and excerpts from the address given by her cousin Sir Leslie Sharp at her funeral at Beckenham, Kent, on 15 February. More tributes are to be found in the SI newsletter *Sidelights*, Spring 2002, and on the BIALl website at http://www.biall.org.NEWS_BettyMoys.asp

Betty's death has come as a shock to us all. She was one of our most illustrious members who, besides being a foremost law indexer, carried out many of the Society's leading positions. Always approachable, Betty could be relied upon to give sensible advice with kindness and humility. Those of us privileged to work with her on Council and on Committees will always remember her impish sense of humour, and her willingness to give her time no matter how heavy her workload. She is much in our thoughts and will be greatly missed.

Doreen Blake, *President, Society of Indexers*

As president of ASI, I was privileged to meet many of you at the SI conference held last July in Sheffield. I was so impressed with the dedication to indexing quality and the pride members of SI take in their profession. It renewed my

commitment to this wonderful craft and gave me many new ideas about how to further the indexing profession in the United States. Betty Moys and her career were the personification of everything that is so impressive about SI and its work. I know that she will be sorely missed by all of you there, and by any of us in ASI who had the privilege of meeting with her and sharing in discussions about the craft of indexing. Please accept condolences on the loss of one of our most respected colleagues.

Diana Witt, *President, American Society of Indexers*

I will remember fondly the time Betty stayed with me in California before going to the ASI Conference in Seattle. We spent our evenings solving world problems as we sipped whisky. My gray cat, Suki, was a permanent resident of Betty's lap. Betty had an appointment to visit with law librarians at the University of San Francisco Law Library. I did not realize that I had a celebrity staying with me until I spoke with one of the librarians about driving directions. She was extremely delighted (and a bit nervous) that Betty was taking the time to meet with them.

In 1998 after the SI Conference in Tynemouth Betty drove me south to her home where I stayed for several days. It was a delightful, backroads drive. Alan Walker traveled with us part of the way and we spent the first evening in York. That evening we had an adventurous meal in a Mexican restaurant in York. I found it amusing to travel thousands of miles to eat Mexican food.

Before my departure from the States, Betty sent me a colored map she had printed that showed where she lived, Badgers Mount. Of course I asked if there were badgers around ('No') and I wanted to see the oaks at Sevenoaks ('There are no longer seven oaks since the storm a few years ago'). Once settled in Betty's home, we ventured out to Roman ruins, tea at a friend's home, Wakehurst Place, and several pubs for lunches. My favorite outing was a visit to Down House where Charles Darwin wrote *The Origin of Species*. One day after a discussion of why her milk tasted so much better than American milk, I was introduced to the cows who provided the milk – they lived close by! They were very good-looking cows.

I shall remember Betty's quick wit and generosity. She will be missed.

Nancy Mulvany, *Kensington, California*

I knew Betty for several years, and we had a very pleasant relationship, mostly to do with the Wheatley Medal. She was one of those indexers with a nice clear and determined, but not too set a mind. She was fair, and knew her own mind; she didn't change it without very good reason. One thing which personal friends knew (she was quite a reserved person) and others not, was her quiet and quite naughty sense of humour.

David Lee, *former Chairman, Society of Indexers*

Although I had heard of Betty, I did not meet her until the first conference of BIALl in September 1970. She was a founding member and clearly someone who believed in action once a decision had been made. I experienced this especially when we later sat on committees and working parties.

Betty's vital contribution to BIALL was the establishment and editing of its journal *The Law Librarian*. The first issue appeared within a year of the Association being formed – no mean achievement. As Wallace Breem wrote of her in 1969: 'The success of any new journal is almost always largely due to the efforts of its first editor, for whom it becomes a work of devotion. Without devotion any such enterprise is almost certain to fail.' Betty's devotion resulted in a journal which has now grown to international standing.

Betty remained editor until 1977 and was also chair of the Publications Committee until 1980. She supervised the preparation and publication of the *Manual of Law Librarianship* in 1976, and was appointed general editor for the 2nd edition in 1986. On both occasions she marshalled her contributors to good effect and produced a manual of very high standard.

Although her years as a *law* librarian were few, her classification scheme firmly established her in law librarianship. Her past contributions to BIALL's development and her presence at BIALL conferences have given members a unique link to the Association's origins in 1969. The founding group of 17 has now grown to a membership of over 800 and the professional life of all has been enriched in some way by Betty's work on our behalf. We have much to thank her for.

Mary Blake, *British and Irish Association of Law Librarians*

Elizabeth Mary Moys – always known as 'Betty' or, to give her her full family title, 'Cousin Betty', was a Member of the Order of the British Empire, Bachelor of Arts and Fellow of the Library Association, but perhaps her best-loved qualification was simply 'Registered Indexer'. Betty's father was a civil servant and her mother was a teacher; she was an only child. The family lived some distance away from her cousins, my brother Roy and me, so Betty really enjoyed our infrequent visits to her home in Sidcup.

Betty graduated from Queen Mary College, London University, with a BA (Hons) degree in English which enabled her to commence her 40 years' career in various academic libraries as a librarian and indexer, in Kent, London, Ghana, Nigeria and Glasgow. Throughout that time the only contact with us was through letters written by Betty to my mother, her Auntie Lily, whom she really loved. Betty was always interested to hear the family news.

Betty loved cars and driving. I remember when she bought her first car, a metallic silver-blue Ford Cortina. She drove it to my mother's house in Finchley and insisted Auntie Lily had a ride in it. My mother hated cars; years later she told me that ride was quite hair-raising. Betty took her onto the newly opened M1 and 'showed her what the car could do'. This was not in any way an example of Betty 'showing off'. She was always a private person about her personal life and feelings, but it was a natural consequence of needing to be able to tell and show someone that she cared about.

In 1975 she moved into her home at Badgers Mount and another side of Betty emerged – landscaping, building walls, laying paving slabs, creating a water feature. She loved her garden. She retired from Goldsmith's College, London University, in 1989 and set up as a part-time indexer, and took up bridge. I know nothing about the quality of her bridge but I guess that her expertise as an indexer helped her to arrange her cards and formulate her bids. She was an enthusiastic rambler and loved to mix her rambling with collecting pub signs. She also loved music and sang with the Alexandra Choir.

In 1991 she received the Wheatley Award for her index to the *British Tax Encyclopaedia*. By that time she was again feeling the need for contact with the family. Although she would never say it in so many words, she was rightly proud of her achievements, and it enhances the pleasure if you can share the moment with the family. Betty drove all the way to Glasgow, where we were living at the time, and we celebrated her Wheatley Medal by going to the ballet and by dining in style.

The awards and recognitions continued to flow her way. In 1996, when I first went online to the Internet on my home computer, in pursuit of my hobby of researching our family tree, I typed in 'Moys'. The first ten entries that appeared on the screen were about 'Elizabeth Mary Moys' and her indexing.

Last summer Betty visited my brother Roy and his family. They enjoyed a pub lunch together and then visited the National Trust property at Hinton Ampner in Hampshire. We always took a photograph or two on every visit and they are now treasured mementoes. Among them is a photograph of Betty and some of her family toasting her MBE and there is a very noticeable twinkle in Betty's eyes.

Sir Leslie Sharp, *cousin*

Letters

Bombelli of Bologna

It was with great interest coupled with nostalgia that I read Mgr Burns's article on the Garampi index in the October 2000 issue of *The Indexer* (22(2), pp. 61–4). Both Father Burns (as he then was) and the *Schedario Garampi* are well known to me. I was in Rome for 18 months researching in the archives and library of the Vatican and in the State

Archives during the years 1962–4. During that time I spent many hours in the Index Room of the Vatican Archives and the results of my researches were published in *Isis* 56 (1965). The subject of my research was a 16th-century Bolognese mathematician, Rafael Bombelli, author of a textbook of *Algebra* (1572), who had been employed as an engineer by the Vatican State. The culminating point of my research was the discovery of a letter – which I have published as an illus-