

TRAVELS NOW AND THEN

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EMIGRATION 1968

In Aug. 1968, Doreen, Dana and Kathy left our modest rental apartment in Shepperton and moved back to Ireland. They went to live temporarily with Doreen's parents in Dungannon. Dana attended the Dungannon High School for Girls from Sep. until December. Doreen taught school in nearby Ballygawley. I lived with our friends the Brunellos in the apartment below the one we had occupied and continued to work at the National Physical Laboratory, Ship Division in Feltham. Before we vacated our apartment we packed up the two large suitcases that we would take to California (which as well as our clothing included a few basic kitchen goods) and stored a large crate containing some of our other belongings with a company called Maudes in Teddington, Middlesex. That crate was not collected and disposed of until about a year later (during a visit back to England). I left the now disabled old car that had transported us from Oxford to Shepperton about a year before in the single garage assigned to our apartment for someone else to dispose of. Sometime in that autumn I took part in a production of Brendan Behan's play "The Hostage" by the NPL players staged in Glazebrook Hall.



Mews 1, Thamesfield Court, Shepperton (yellow door)



Last look at NPL, Ship Division

Just before Christmas I left my job and travelled back to Ireland. On New Year's Eve the four of us left Ireland to travel to California.



Christmas 1968 in Magherafelt



Along the Pasadena Freeway

Dec.31, 1968

BOAC Flight BA541 from Belfast to Prestwick, Scotland leaving Belfast at 12.50 hours and arriving in Scotland at 13.20 hours. BOAC Flight BA537 from Prestwick to New York leaving Scotland at 14.20 hours and arriving in New York (JFK) at 15.30 hours. We were met in JFK by Maggie Lewis who drove us to their home in Queens, New York; Mike and Maggie Lewis were good friends from my graduate student days in Oxford. We had stopped in New York to visit with our friends Mike and Maggie Lewis (in Queens) before travelling on to California. We very much enjoyed their hospitality and looked forward to seeing them again in the future. They even lent us a car with which to travel to visit friends in Boston. Mike had a job with a company, The Diebold Group, in New York and the family later moved to Bergenfield, New Jersey. Subsequently I made many fruitless to reconnect with them without any success.

Jan.6, 1969

American Airlines flight AA003 leaving JFK at 12.00 hours and arriving at LAX at 14.52 hours. We were met at LAX by graduate students Mike Wilson and Art Whitney who drove us to the apartment at 830 N. El Molino in Pasadena which Professor Wu had arranged for us to rent.



At 830 N. El Molino, Pasadena



830 N. El Molino, Pasadena

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