March is the month of the Irish

Celebrate National Irish American Heritage Month at the Scots Irish Family History Seminar. Then trace your Irish ancestry using Find-My-Past's online genealogy resources, discounted for CGS members. See below for more details on both of these Irish happenings.

Hope your month is LUCKY

Stewart (your new eNews editor)

Registration Today – Scots-Irish Family History Research Seminar, March 29th

Holiday Inn & Suites Oakland Airport
77 Hegenberger Road, Oakland

Are you one of the more than 34.8 million Americans who can claim Irish or Scots-Irish ancestry? If so, our Scots-Irish Family History Research Seminar is right for you!

Join experts from teh Ulster Historical Foundation in Belfast, Northern Ireland, Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt for this all-day event on Sunday, March 29, 2015.

Topics for this lecture-filled day include:

- Introduction to Irish and Scots-Irish Family History Research
- Records Related to the Different Churches in Ireland
- Using land records: Griffith’s Valuation, Tithe and Estate records
- Emigration from the North of Ireland to North America and the Sources for its Study
- The Ulster Plantation: Sources for 17th Century Families in Ireland (not just Ulster)
- Solving Your Brick Walls: Practical Internet Tutorial and Resolving Research Problems

There will also be unique books for sale, such as Researching Scots-Irish Ancestors: The Essential Genealogical Guide to Early Modern Ulster, 1600-1800 by William Roulston, a silent auction and a fun raffle.

In addition to all of the presentations, the registration fee includes:

- Buffet breakfast
- Buffet lunch
- Afternoon snack
- Coffee, tea, & water throughout the day
• Free parking and free hotel shuttle service from the Oakland Coliseum BART stop.

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It does not matter if your just beginning your Irish research or are well experienced with Irish records, you will learn something from this seminar to advance our family history project -- so Register TODAY!

New Membership Perk!

California Genealogical Society & Library

We're proud to announce a new membership perk: a discount on new annual World Subscriptions with FindMyPast.com. FindMyPast offers more than 1.7 billion international family history records from around the globe, including more than 1,000 exclusive collections that you won't find online anywhere else. With this partnership, CGS members will receive a $40.00 discount on an annual world subscription.

To take advantage of this discount, sign in with your membership number and email address on CaliforniaAncestors.org -- the discount code is posted on the main "welcome" page for members. Look for the blue "FindMyPast" in the middle of that page. If you've forgotten your CGS number please contact the CGS Membership team.

Meetings and More

California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Saturday, March 21: CGS Board of Directors, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21: San Francisco Special Interest Group
Sandra Britt-Huber, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Sherman Room

Classes

California Genealogical Society & Library
2201 Broadway, Suite LL2, Oakland

Saturday, March 7: Intro to Genealogy
with Dick Rees, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 28: Finding Living Women on the Internet
with Ron Arons, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 4: Intro to Genealogy
with Pam Miller, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25: Photoshop for Family History - Overview
with Ron Madson, 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
For additional events check out the San Francisco Bay Genealogy Calendar. Also visit our Eventbrite profile page to see the latest class additions and descriptions.

15th Annual Salt Lake City Research Trip – Registration Now Open

Family History Library - Salt Lake City, Utah

2015 SALT LAKE CITY
15th Annual
Family History Library Research Tour
Sponsored by the California Genealogical Society

April 26 to May 3, 2015

Our annual research trip to Salt Lake City is a fun opportunity for members to explore the library together.

The trip package includes:
* 7 nights at the Salt Lake Plaza Hotel
* Shuttle service to and from airport
* 3 group dinners
* Orientation and lectures; computer assistance with the online catalog
* Optional pre-trip consultation

Some unexpected but positive changes have occurred for this year’s Guides. Due to a family obligation, Nancy Peterson is unable to help this year and Jane Lindsey has an unexpected opportunity to travel to Malaysia with her husband for six weeks.

However attendees are in luck as we have two incredibly qualified leaders to lead our 15th year to SLC.

Lisa Gorrell, our current Recording secretary, has extensive genealogical experience in the U.S. as well as Germany, Canada, and Sweden. She has been to SLC many times (twice this year) and is well acquainted with the library and its resources.

Jim Sorenson, also a CGS board member and a member of our well respected research team, will work with Lisa as co-leader. Jim has been doing research for many years. He is well verse in many areas due to the varied research projects received by the team. He also does Swedish research. Jim can be reached at jsorenson@californiaancestors.org.

Spots are filling up for the 25th Salt Lake City Trip (April 26-May 3). The final day to guarantee your spot is March 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Gorrell at lgorrell@californiaancestors.org.

Cost: $845 per person, double occupancy; $1,180 for a single room. Final payment due March 15, 2015. Learn more and register today -- the spots fill up quickly!

CGS Blog

Highlights from the California Genealogical Society Blog
Blog Editor, Ellen Fernandez-Sacco

* Lisa Gorrell on the upcoming 15th Annual FHL Salt Lake City Research Tour to SLC
My great grandfather, William Ambrose, must have been quite the adventurer. Born in January 1860 near Maidstone, England. The identity of his parents remains a mystery. He joined the Royal Navy around the age of 18 and sailed to Sydney, Australia where he lived for a number of years.

In 1887 he traveled to San Diego and worked at the Hotel Del Coronado before heading north. He met his future wife, Tushia Corville, in Healdsburg. They married in San Francisco on her 17th birthday. After filing his intent to become a naturalized citizen, Will became a night watchman at the Quarantine Station on Angel Island. Tushia divorced him shortly thereafter. He worked on the island for 11 years before his employment was severed, most likely due to chronic illness.

William Ambrose died in San Francisco on 31 August 1927. According to family lore, his failing health was due both a broken heart and to the long term exposure to fumigants used on Angel Island.
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