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Editor's Note

Spring is in the Air

The first day of spring is next week and already many of the area's flowers are in full bloom. With such a sense of renewal in the air, is it time to tackle that genealogical brick wall? Or maybe it's time for spring cleaning the inevitable pile-up -- literal or digital -- of your genealogy-related papers. Whichever it is, and maybe it's both, the next few weeks offer many opportunities to expand your knowledge and to get your files in order. Check out the details below.

See you at the library!

Free Access to Genealogy Websites

This Weekend Only

These five genealogy sites are offering FREE access for the next few days. (Some form of registration may be required.) Happy hunting!

- Irish Records on Ancestry.com
- Irish Passenger Lists on MyHeritage.com
- Irish Wills Index on Origins.net
- Swedish Records on ArkivDigital.com
- Gold-level access to Mocavo.com

Class Spotlight: Hard Drive Organization -- Managing Images & Your Computer File Folders

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



Saturday, March 29th, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Every genealogist has a collection of photographs, scanned images of paper documents, and images downloaded from online sources. Technology expert Tim Cox will discuss the best way to organize these items on your hard drive.

This class will fill up quickly, so [register now](#). (Free to members.)

Other Featured Events

Activities in the Bay Area and Beyond

3/22: **Menlo Park Family History Center's Family History Day**, Menlo Park

- This free event includes more than 35 classes on researching a wide variety of ethnic groups, immigration, online research, and much more. Keynote lecturers will be Steve Morse on "DNA and Genealogy" and Greg McKeown on "Thinking Differently." [Learn more](#).

4/5: Sacramento Genealogical Society Spring Seminar, Fair Oaks

- Geoff Rasmussen, author of *Legacy Family Tree, Unlocked!*, will talk on the following topics: "Timelines and Chronologies"; "Googling Around with Google and other Fun Technology"; "The Latest in Digital Imaging for Genealogists"; and "What's New in Legacy 8." [Learn more.](#)

4/26: Sonoma County Genealogical Society's 22nd Annual Spring Seminar, Santa Rosa

- This all-day event features Professional Genealogist Donna Moughty. Scheduled lecture topics: "From a Pile of Pieces to a Puzzle Picture"; "Hide and Seek on the Internet"; "Finding the Origin of Your Immigrant Ancestor"; and "Your Family's Health History." [Learn more.](#)

Membership Meeting: April 12, 2014

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We invite you to join us on Saturday, April 12th for our Membership Meeting. These gatherings are a great opportunity to connect with fellow members and to share and learn from each other. This meeting's theme: "Finding, Keeping, Sharing Family Photos."

Please join us at noon for a "Bring Your Own" lunch and social hour. The discussion about photos will take place from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In Memoriam

We recently learned of the deaths of two longtime members. We're glad they were part of our "family" for many years.

Glen Herbert Schimelpfenig (1929 - 2014)



A native of Minnesota and former resident of El Cerrito and Alameda, Glen Schimelpfenig died on February 3, 2014. A member of the California Genealogical Society since 1987, Mr. Schimelpfenig also served as president of the society. He was fascinated with family history and wrote a detailed account of the Schimelpfenig family going back 200 years. His obituary appeared on February 27, 2014 in [Inside Bay Area](#).

Ruth Ann Armstrong (1922 - 2014)

Ruth Armstrong died on February 18, 2014. A native of Nebraska, she was the first in her family to move to California. Her career included work in real estate and property management, but her real passion was genealogy. Ms. Armstrong became a member of the California Genealogical Society in 2001. A tribute, written by a fellow Armstrong researcher, was published on February 25, 2014, in Genealogy.com's [Armstrong Family Genealogy Forum](#).

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