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**Editor's Note**

**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 the 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, Tithes 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.

Cost
\$100 CGS Member
\$125 Non-Member

It does not matter if you're 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

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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

15<sup>th</sup> 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 versed 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](mailto:jsorenson@californiaancestors.org).

Spots are filling up for the 25th Salt Lake City Trip (April 26-May3). The final day to guarantee your spot is March 15th. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Gorrell at [lgorrell@californiaancestors.org](mailto: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](#)

## Ancestor Tribute

by **Linda Harms Okazaki, CGS President**



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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We enjoy honoring members' ancestors. Please email a photo to [Lorna Wallace](#), along with a short summary about why the ancestor featured is important or interesting to you. Photos should be in .jpg format with a file size over 100 kb; photos and text may be edited for space.

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