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### Webinar Archives: Internet Classes for the Researcher

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❖ *Merle Moore is president of the Estes Park Genealogical Society. 2 seminars, Sat. July 17 & Aug. 14, 9-5 pm, Estes Park Library, register at (970) 586-8116. Larimer County Genealogical Society, July 15, 6:30 pm, Harmony Public Library. Free and open to the public. Info [www.lcgsc.org](http://www.lcgsc.org) for.*