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**America's Largest Annual Family History Conference To Feature 175 Genealogy Sessions And Hands-On Workshops, Historian David McCollough, Free "Ask-An-Expert" Consultations, Genealogy Kids Camp, And The Mormon Tabernacle Choir**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Annual NGS Family History Conference to Take Place April 28 - May 1, 2010 in Salt Lake City**

*March 15, 2010* - America's fascination with ancestry has reached an all-time high. Notable Americans from Stephen Colbert and Meryl Streep to Queen Noor and Malcolm Gladwell are publicly exploring their family trees on national television. Hundreds of family history societies are flourishing in every state in the nation. And genetic research makes daily headlines as new facts are revealed about the link between health and heredity.

At the [2010 National Genealogical Society \(NGS\) Family History Conference](#), everyone from curious beginners to advanced researchers will find the latest tools, techniques, and trends in genealogy. The 32<sup>nd</sup> annual convention will be the most comprehensive ever, with an unprecedented variety of workshops and events from Wednesday, April 28 through Saturday, May 1 at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Throughout the conference, 175 sessions and workshops on best practices in genealogy will be presented by more than 100 experts. Topics range from "American Indian Research," "Peasantry & Nobility, Laborers & Landlords," and "Homestead Records" to "Evidence Analysis," "Blog Your Way to Genealogical Success," and "The ABC's of DNA Testing."

Pulitzer Prize-winning author and historian **David McCullough** will headline a special "Evening Celebration of Family History" on Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. The event, hosted by [FamilySearch](#) and the Utah Genealogical Association, is free to conference participants and will also feature a performance by the **Mormon Tabernacle Choir** with orchestra.

This year's program includes a rare virtual tour of the world-famous Granite Mountain Records Vault. FamilySearch stores some 3.5 billion genealogical records

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and images on 2.4 million rolls of microfilm in this 65,000 square-foot facility carved into the side of a solid granite mountain. Attendees are also invited to open houses at the FamilySearch Center, the Family History Library, and the new, state-of-the-art LDS Church History Library. [Ancestry.com](http://Ancestry.com) will sponsor free photo and document scanning as well as tours of their facilities in Provo. In addition, the Utah Genealogical Association will offer free "Ask-an-Expert" family history consultations.

Conference participants may follow a variety of special-interest tracks such as African American, British, Hispanic, Eastern European, and other cultures; skills for librarians; or genetic technology. A skill-building track in advanced methodologies will be offered by the Board for Certification of Genealogists.

The National Genealogical Society welcomes families to the conference, and a new feature this year is Genealogy Kids Camp on Saturday, May 1 at 9 a.m. The morning-long program of classes, games, and storytelling is designed to engage the future generation of genealogists. It will also offer sessions for Boy Scouts working on the Genealogy Badge.

Complete NGS 2010 Family History Conference details and registration can be found at [www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference\\_info](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conference_info) or by phone at 800.473.0060.

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](http://NationalGenealogicalSociety.org) is dedicated to genealogy education, high research standards, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, VA-based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian, seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, research guidance, and opportunities to interact with other genealogists. Please visit the [NGS Pressroom](http://NGSPressroom.org) for further information.

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