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# Press Release

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SUBJECT: CALL FOR PAPERS, 2011 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE, NORTH CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

The National Genealogical Society announces the Call for Papers for the 2011 Family History Conference, "Where the Past is Still Present," to be held 11-14 May 2011 in North Charleston, South Carolina. The deadline for submitting proposals is 1 April 2010.

Charleston is a city which is rich in history. Since 2011 is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War at nearby Ft. Sumter, lectures about Civil War records or other military records are encouraged. We also invite lecture submissions on topics about Native Americans, African Americans, and other ethnic immigration groups including Scotch-Irish, German, Huguenot and Jewish; research in South Carolina and the surrounding states; migration patterns from South Carolina to Georgia, Tennessee and the other Gulf States; general genealogical topics including methodology, skills building,

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record analysis, problem solving and writing family history; and lectures for the GenTech track which should focus on technological innovation in genealogy.

Sessions are generally limited to fifty minutes plus a ten-minute question-and-answer session. Syllabus material (PDF files), due in early 2011, is required for each lecture or workshop presentation.

Proposals should include the following information:

- Speaker's full name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and email address.
- Lecture title, not to exceed fourteen words, and a brief but comprehensive outline
- Short summary of the lecture; word count not to exceed twenty-five words, which will be used in the program, if selected.
- Speakers are expected to use an electronic presentation program and provide their own digital projectors. NGS will provide the VGA cable, cart and power strip projector support.
- Brief speaker biography, not to exceed twenty-five words.
- Resume of recent lectures given by the speaker. Those who have not spoken previously at a regional or national conference are encouraged to submit an audio or video tape of a recent lecture.

Individuals may submit an unlimited number of proposals. NGS members will be given first consideration as speakers. Selected speakers will be notified in the fall of 2010. Speakers will receive complimentary conference registration with CD syllabus, compensation, per diem, lodging based upon the number of

lectures given, and transportation expenses based upon the speaker's home address.

Proposal guidelines can be viewed at

[http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/call\\_for\\_papers](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/call_for_papers). Proposals should be submitted online through the NGS website between 1 January and 1 April 2010, using the subject of this press release.

Organizations wishing to sponsor a lecture or track of lectures at the 2011 Family History Conference in North Charleston, South Carolina, can see the details and sponsor requirements at [www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/sponsor\\_a\\_session](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/sponsor_a_session).

The National Genealogical Society was founded in 1903 and is the largest national organization for all family researchers, including beginner, intermediate and professional genealogists, interested in expanding their research skills and preserving their family history for future generations.

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