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SUBJECT: Follow Your Ancestral Trail at the 2010 NGS Family
History Conference

The National Genealogical Society's 32nd Family History Conference, "Follow Your Ancestral Trail," will be held at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, from 28 April to 1 May 2010. The convention center is just a few steps from the Family History Library, the largest genealogy library in the world.

The major focus of this year's conference will be increasing research skills in foreign countries and following the trail to and across the United States. There's something for everyone from the newly curious to the experienced genealogist. The International track features hands-on workshops that will explore the availability of records and offer research tips unique to each of the following cultures: Norwegian/Danish, Italian, Swedish, Hispanic, and Eastern European. The workshops will be part lecture and part research-planning and problem-solving. Each workshop will have a corresponding lab at the Family History Library for workshop participants only. The lab will include an orientation to the records and guidance on how to continue with the research. Participants are encouraged to bring their personal projects to work on. No additional fees apply beyond the conference registration, but space is limited, so register early,

In addition to the workshops, there will be lectures that focus on a wide range of international research topics. Learn to research Italian marriage and other vital records, to solve research problems using resources in French repositories, and to

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use online resources for locating German immigrant origins. Learn about the unique materials held at Polish archives and how to use probate records in England and Wales.

Where did your ancestors go when they reached American soil? Did they settle on the east coast or did they migrate across the country? On Wednesday the Migration track will offer lectures to help you understand the overland and water routes that were used to travel to the frontier. Among other migration topics offered throughout the conference, learn about the role of railroads in settling the west and where to find diaries that chronicled the journeys of pioneers.

Wherever your ancestors immigrated from, there's something for you at this year's conference. Registration details and the conference program can be found online at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/attendee_registration.

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