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## Press Release

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### Discover Your African American Ancestors at the NGS Family History Conference in Ft. Lauderdale, 4-7 May 2016

ARLINGTON, VA, 24 MARCH 2016—Diversity is the hallmark of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) [2016 Family History Conference](#), which will take place at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center from 4-7 May. For those with African American ancestry who are interested in researching their family history, the conference offers [lectures](#) on a wide-range of topics with titles such as “Duty, Honor, Service: Freemen of Color at the Battle of New Orleans, War 1812” and “Why Tampico? The Exodus of Pensacola’s Creoles of Color.”

The conference also features lectures on how census slave schedules, Freedmen’s Bureau records, African American cemeteries, and Black college newspapers can advance your genealogical research. Other presentations include “Behind Closed Doors: An Introduction to Plaçage,” “Colored Confederate Pension Applications,” “Recovering Identities of Slaves of Roseland Plantation, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana: A Case Study,” and “Finding Freedmen Marriage Records.”

In all, the conference will have [180 lectures](#) on a variety of subjects such as Jewish, European, Gulf Coast, and Caribbean genealogy, research into women ancestors, and much more. Luncheons will feature guest speakers who will cover fascinating topics such as “Lost Eyes, Whipping Posts, and Wife Swapping: Lessons from Yesteryear” and “Leaving a Lasting Footprint: Collaborate, Advocate, and Promote.”

For more conference information and to register, go to the [2016 NGS Family History Conference](#). An early bird discount is available through 31 March 2016. Though individuals may register at the door, registration for all meals and social events closes on 22 April 2016.

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](#) is dedicated to genealogical education, exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington, Virginia, based nonprofit is the premier national society for everyone, from the beginner to the most advanced family historian, seeking excellence in publications, educational offerings, and guidance in research. It also offers many opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

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