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NGS Announces a New Course in the American Genealogical Studies Series: *Beyond the Basics*

ARLINGTON, VA, August 17, 2015: The National Genealogical Society proudly announces the release of its newest American Genealogical Studies course, *Beyond the Basics*. This course joins *The Basics* and *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation* in the series of online courses developed by NGS to help those interested in discovering their roots.

Beyond the Basics offers advanced genealogical training. During the course, you will learn how to conduct a more systematic genealogical investigation as you build your family tree. Its modules are designed to challenge you as you learn how to read, write, decipher, and cite numerous genealogical documents. You will expand your proficiency by collecting, interpreting, analyzing, and evaluating genealogical information. You also will hone your skills as you write genealogical reports.

The course contains five modules that contain information, videos, examples, self-correcting quizzes, a glossary, a topic reference list, and a final written assignment, which is graded by a professional genealogist. The modules are:

- Module 1 – Evidence Analysis

- Module 2 – The Library: A Research Repository
- Module 3 – The Federal Population Schedules
- Module 4 – *FamilySearch.org*
- Module 5 – Civil Registration Records

Beyond the Basics is the third course in the American Genealogical Study series. Registration requires students to successfully complete both *The Basics* and *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation* within the year before signing up for *Beyond the Basics*.

Beyond the Basics is available for \$175.00 for members and \$200.00 for non-members. *The Basics* and *Guide to Documentation and Source Citation* are available individually or as a bundle. For further information or to view the syllabus, visit the NGS website at http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/ags_beyondthebasics .

The courses of the NGS **American Genealogical Studies** are presented through an online cloud-based learning management system. To take advantage of this system, you need either a computer or tablet with an internet connection and an updated standard browser. Please refer to the NGS website for specific computer and software needs.

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. Please visit the [NGS Pressroom](#) for further information.

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