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## NGS Introduces Four New Research in the States Books: California, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Nebraska

ARLINGTON, VA, 20 MAY 2015—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) is pleased to announce the publication of four, new books as part of its [Research in the States](#) series, which now covers research in more than twenty-two states. The newest volumes are *Research in California* by Sheila Benedict; *Research in Missouri*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, by Ann Carter Fleming, CG<sup>SM</sup>, CGL<sup>SM</sup>, FNGS; *Research in Oklahoma* by Kathy Huber, MLS; and *Research in Nebraska* by Roberta “Bobbi” King. The books are now available in the [NGS store](#) in both PDF and print versions. The print versions will ship after 31 May.

### *Research in California*

*Research in California* covers the State’s history, settlement and migrations, State and National archives, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, an overview of the county, local and religious records, its ethnic records, its Mission system, the movie industry, each county’s genealogical and historic societies, as well as more esoteric topics such as cattle brands, and much more. Author, Sheila Benedict, is a life member and former board member of NGS, a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, member of Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy, a past President of the California Genealogical Alliance, and a life member of the Santa Barbara County Genealogical Society. A part-time archivist at Old Mission Santa Inés in Solvang, California, Benedict is a self-employed historical and forensic genealogist.

### *Research in Missouri*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition

*Research in Missouri*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, contains references to digitized sources, indexes and images that have been made available online within the past seven years. The volume also includes records that were created by the Spanish and French governments prior to the Louisiana Purchase. Other valuable information found in this book includes Missouri's archives, libraries and societies; major resources such as atlases, gazetteers, maps, censuses, city and county directories; court, ethnic, land, military, and naturalization records, as well as newspapers, tax records, etc. Author, Anne Carter Fleming, is the 2015 Family History Conference Chair, a Fellow of NGS, and a former president, vice-president, and secretary of NGS. A writer, teacher, and lecturer, she has served on the board of several state and local organizations, including the St. Louis Genealogical Society, Missouri State Genealogical Association, and the Friends of Missouri State Archives.

### ***Research in Oklahoma***

*Research in Oklahoma* provides genealogical resources in the context of information on the history and settlement of the state, which was the home of Apache and Kiowa tribes. Once claimed by France and later Spain, Oklahoma was divided into two territories by the U.S. government. The Indian Territory was set aside for Indian tribes from the southern states and later the Midwest who were forcibly resettled. The Oklahoma Territory was settled by white pioneers, new immigrants, and former African American slaves. The Civil War, land rushes, and the discovery of oil all brought changes to the land and its people. *Research in Oklahoma* offers a wealth of records for genealogists seeking to learn about their ancestral heritage. Author, Kathy Huber, MLS, is a specialist in early Oklahoma records and the Five Civilized Tribes. She has been the Genealogy Librarian for the Tulsa City-County Library for more than twenty years and manages its Genealogy Center, one of the largest genealogy collections in Oklahoma.

### ***Research in Nebraska***

*Research in Nebraska* contains family history resources and information regarding the history and settlement of the state. Numerous Native American tribes were living in the Nebraska territory when the Homestead Act with its promise of cheap land drew Czechs, Germans, and Irish settlers to its lands. Others arrived to work on the railroads. The Union Pacific terminus at Ogallala brought ranchers with their herds of cattle to be shipped to the East. A guide to records for all of these people—including records for various ethnic groups and religious denominations and standard records used in genealogical research—can all be found in *Research in Nebraska*. Author, Roberta "Bobbi" King, is a third generation Nebraskan, the author of numerous articles on homestead research, and the book review columnist for *Eastman's Online Genealogy*

*Newsletter*. A member of NGS, she has contributed articles to *NGS Quarterly* and *NGS Magazine*.

The [Research in the States](#) series editor Barbara Vines Little, CG, FNGS, FVGS, is a former NGS president and editor of the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*. Other titles in the series includes Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York City, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia. Additional states guides are planned.

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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