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National Genealogical Society Appoints New Executive Director

ARLINGTON, VA 19 February 2015. The Board of Directors of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) announced the appointment of Edward Grandi as the Society's Executive Director. Grandi joins NGS to help further their mission to promote genealogical excellence by helping enthusiasts improve their skills. His work will focus on the NGS growing portfolio of specialized family history learning resources, many of which can be accessed from anywhere in the world. NGS offers a full spectrum of educational opportunities, including its conference, in-depth publications, digital media and cloud-based, online courses from leading experts. Researchers can select from tailored educational programs to learn how to work smarter at every level and search for the right records, which helps them discover more about their ancestors.

The interest in traditional and genetic genealogy continues to grow in popularity across the country and all over Europe. The PBS *Genealogy Roadshow* and *Finding Your Roots*, plus *Who Do You Think You Are* on TLC, raise the hopes of many who dream of finding their ancestors, especially to connect to family across the oceans. Grandi begins his tenure with NGS at this exciting time in the marketplace and just as NGS is about to implement strategic initiatives, that will guide the work and the development of new educational products and courses, over the next three years. He recently commented, "I care deeply about family history and I am excited to begin this new role. Not only do I want to foster new ways to advocate education and quality standards in family history, I want to make sure that access is maintained and records are preserved for future generations."

Working with nonprofits allowed Grandi to hone skills critical to the NGS Executive Director role including communications, fundraising, advocacy, marketing, and in today's world, social media planning. He had long experience in senior corporate roles specializing in insurance and risk management for nonprofits and most recently served as an Executive Director to a patient-interest association in Washington, D.C.

Jordan Jones, President of NGS said, "Edward Grandi brings a wealth of business and nonprofit expertise to our Society. As part of our recent strategic planning, we are refocusing some of our energies on staff development. Edward is part of that investment and he will help us take NGS in exciting new directions. We view his appointment as a sign of our commitment to leadership in the genealogical field."

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](#) is dedicated to genealogy education, high research standards, 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, research guidance, and opportunities to interact with other genealogists.

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