



NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY®

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National Genealogical Society Membership Fact Sheet

National Genealogical Society (NGS) Membership Information:

The National Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1903. Membership with NGS offers a number of benefits to help genealogical researchers by providing skill development through education, publications, conferences, and networking opportunities. Discounts are offered on all services and products.

In February 2018, NGS had nearly 10,000 members throughout the U.S. and a small number internationally made up of

- more than 9,500 individual members and life members; and
- more than 500 organizations.

Individual Member and Life Member Benefits:

- four issues per year of the educational *NGS Magazine*
- four issues per year of the journal of genealogical scholarship, the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ)*
- Access to the member's only section of the NGS website, which includes:
 - *NGSQ* (e-library currently holds all issues 1978–present online.)
 - *NGSQ* online index (1912–present)
 - *NGS Magazine* (e-library holds 2005-current issues online)
- Monthly digital publication for members, *NGS Monthly* with articles on methodology, research resources, and the latest NGS news.
- An optional subscription to the NGS blog *Upfront with NGS* to stay current with new developments and research opportunities in the genealogical community.
- Online courses (offered in LMS Canvas, used by academic institutions) for building family history research skills geared to various levels of experience and knowledge including:
 - *American Genealogical Studies*, a multi-component track that covers different types of genealogical topics from basics to advanced and teaches research skills

- *Continuing Genealogical Studies*, self-paced, independent learning courses that focus on concentrated subject matter that helps further research
- Free *Family History Skills* course
- Free worksheets and forms to aid in the organization and analysis of family history research
- Exclusive member videos, including the acclaimed series *Voices of Genealogy* featuring interviews with leading scholars in the field of genealogy
- Online databases unique to NGS:
 - The National Intelligencer, 1800–1850
 - NGS Bible records
 - NGS Member Ancestry Charts (MACs)
- Annual dues \$70.00 per year
- Life Membership dues \$2,500.00

An Additional Family Member living at the same address as individual or life members receives all benefits, except no print copies of the publications. Annual dues are \$20.00.

In addition, members are entitled to **discounts** on

- Conference registration for the annual NGS Family History Conference;
- Research trips;
- Publications such as the *Research in the States* guides and legacy publications;
- Online Courses in a college style LMS, Canvas, with graded and ungraded options; and

The National Genealogical Society has a series of courses under the *American Genealogical Studies* banner. Completion of all four courses offers a certificate. Courses include:

- The Basics
- Guide to Documentation and Source Citation
- Beyond the Basics
- Branching Out

Continuing Genealogical Studies courses include:

- Introduction to Genetic Genealogy
- Genetic Genealogy: Autosomal DNA
- Effective Use of Deeds
- Researching 17th and 18th Century German Ancestors
- Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors
- Introduction to Civil War Research
- Researching Your World War I Ancestors
- Federal Land Records
- African American Roots: A Historical Perspective

PDF Format

- Introduction to Religious Records
- Using Federal Population Census Schedules in Genealogical Research

The National Genealogical Society also sponsors guided genealogical trips to Madison, Wisconsin; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Washington, D.C., with professional consultants.

- In Madison, researchers use the genealogical resources at The Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives and Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies.
 - Madison, WI – 6–10 August 2018
- In Washington, D.C., researchers use the genealogical resources at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library, and the Library of Congress (LOC).
 - Washington, D.C. – 4–10 November 2018
- In Salt Lake City, researchers use the genealogical resources of the Family History Library.
 - Salt Lake City, UT – 27 January – 3 February 2019.

Organizational Subscriber Benefits:

NGS also offers organizational subscriptions to libraries, societies, and family associations for \$50 per year. Subscribing organizations

- Receive four issues each of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *NGS Magazine*;
- May send three representatives to the annual NGS Family History Conference at the individual member discount rate;
- May send a representative on research trips at the individual member discount rate;
- List events on the NGS website Events Calendar;
- Purchase books at individual member discount prices;
- Are eligible to receive free literature and a door prize for their society events; and
- May enter the annual NGS Newsletter Competition.

For more information on individual membership and NGS's benefits, please visit our website: http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/individual_member_benefits.