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NGS Introduces Two New Research in the States Books: Florida and Texas

ARLINGTON, VA, 10 MAY 2016—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) is pleased to announce the publication of two, new books as part of its [Research in the States](#) series, which now covers research in more than twenty-four states. The newest volumes are *Research in Florida* by Ann Staley, CGSM, CGLSM, and Amy Giroux, PhD, CG, CGL, and *Research in Texas*, by Kelvin L. Meyers. The books will be available for purchase in the [NGS store](#) in both PDF and print versions beginning 10 May.

Research in Florida covers the State's history as the earliest permanent white settlement in the United States and includes sources and guides to records of its early history under the British, French, and Spanish governments. From the time of its establishment as a territory of the United States, Florida has suffered little record loss resulting in a rich array of records for the researcher. In addition to a discussion of general record groups, emphasis is placed on Special Archives publications detailing Florida's military history including its Indian wars, which, along with school, tax, and voter records, provide focused sources for research. Sources for information on Florida's Sunshine Law are also provided.

Research in Florida co-author Amy Larner Giroux is an award-winning author with articles published in the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Society Record*, and *The Genealogist*. She serves as the editor of the *Florida Genealogist*, and webmaster for the Board for Certification of Genealogists®. C. Ann Staley is an instructor, consultant, trip leader, and a lecturer.

She is the education chairman for the Jacksonville Genealogical Society, Inc.; the secretary of the Genealogical Speakers Guild; a faculty member of the National Institute for Genealogical Studies; and a trustee of the Florida State Genealogical Society.

Research in Texas begins with a brief review of Texas's rich history from early exploration and settlement to the Battle of the Alamo. It provides an overview of the major research facilities including the well-known Texas State Library and Archives, the Dallas Public Library, and Houston's Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research as well as lesser known, but equally important, smaller collections. Resources for major research categories from atlases, maps, and gazetteers to women are also provided. The publication includes a discussion of differences in probate law under the Spanish and Mexican governments and the English common law adopted by the Republic of Texas, as well as topics specific to Texas including cattle brands and the Texas Rangers.

Kelvin L. Meyers worked at the renowned Dallas Public Library under the tutelage of Lloyd Bockstruck and has been a professional genealogist since 1996. He has a solo practice as a forensic genealogist serving clients that include probate attorneys, trust departments of banks, the United States Immigration Service, and energy companies. Meyers is a former board member of the Association of Professional Genealogist (APG), a former president of the Lone Star Chapter of APG, and a founding member of the Council for the Advancement of Forensic Genealogy (CAFG).

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, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York City, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, 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.