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National Genealogical Society Publishes The First Workbook on Genetic Genealogy

ARLINGTON, VA, 6 September 2016—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) announces the publication of *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the first workbook on genetic genealogy. Written by Blaine T. Bettinger, PhD, JD, and Debbie Parker Wayne, CGSM, CGLSM, the book provides family historians and genealogists who have just begun to explore genetic genealogy practical, easy to understand information that they can apply to their research. As Wayne notes in her blog, *Deb's Delvings in Genealogy*, "DNA can seem complex to many of us, but this book will guide you and help build your knowledge level one step at a time."

At their own pace, readers learn the basic concepts of genetic genealogy. They then build on that knowledge as they study the testing, analysis, and application of Y-DNA, X-DNA, mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA), and autosomal DNA (atDNA) to reach and support genealogical conclusions. Each chapter includes exercises with answer keys for hands-on practice.

Individuals may purchase a print edition of *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* from the NGS Store starting 12 September. Visit the NGS [website](http://www.ngsgenealogy.org) to order.

Blaine Bettinger is an intellectual property attorney in Syracuse, New York. The author of *The Genetic Genealogist* blog, he is a genealogy educator, a trustee of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, and organizer of the Shared cM Project, a

crowdsourced project examining the associations between genetic data and genealogical relationships.

Debbie Parker Wayne is a professional genealogist who has conducted research for individuals as well as for the PBS series “Finding Your Roots” with Henry Louis Gates Jr. and other television shows. She is an award-winning author, the coordinator for genetic genealogy institute courses, and the DNA Project Chair for the Texas State Genealogical Society.

Visit the NGS [website](#) to learn more about *Genetic Genealogy in Practice* and other NGS special [publications](#).

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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