



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. Membership discounts are offered on all services and products.

- In February 2017, NGS had nearly 10,000 members throughout the U.S. and a small number internationally made up of:
 - more than 9,300 individual members and life members
 - more than 600 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* (Currently, all issues 1960–present are online.)
 - *NGSQ* online index (1912–present)
 - *NGS Magazine* (2005-current are online)
- Monthly digital publication, *NGS Monthly* with articles on methodology, research resources and the latest NGS member news.
- An optional subscription to the NGS blog *Upfront with NGS* to stay current with new developments and research opportunities in the genealogical community.

For Generations Past, Present, and Future

- Also available are a number of online courses to help one build their family history and develop their research skills. Courses are geared to various levels of experience and knowledge. These include:
 - *American Genealogical Studies*, a multi component track that covers different types of genealogical topics and research skills.
 - *Continuing Genealogical Studies*, self-paced, independent learning courses that focus on subjects that help further research.
 - A free *Family History Skills* course for members
- Free worksheets and forms to aid in the organization and analysis of family history research.
 - http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/research_aids_forms/Fig_1.6_Family_Grp_Sheet.pdf
 - http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/galleries/research_aids_forms/Fig_1.2_Ancestor_Chart.pdf
- 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 \$65.00 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 \$15.00.

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 Learning Management System style

Courses:

The National Genealogical Society has a series of courses under the *American Genealogical Studies* banner. This series of courses provide a track of courses that covers diverse local, state, and national genealogical records as well as teaching various genealogical research skills. Courses include:

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

Additionally the National Genealogical Society offers courses under the banner of Continuing Genealogical Studies. These self-paced, independent learning courses focus on subjects that help further research.

- *Genetic Genealogy, the Basics*
- *Genetic Genealogy: Autosomal DNA*
- *Introduction to Civil War Research*
- *Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors*
- *Researching Your World War I Ancestors*
- *Researching Your 17th and 18th Century German Ancestors*
- *Working with Deeds*

Genealogical Research Trips

In 2017, The National Genealogical Society has three sponsored genealogical research trips. The destinations are Madison, Wisconsin, Washington, DC, and Salt Lake City, Utah. NGS uses experienced professional genealogists as leaders of each trip.

- In Madison, Wisconsin, researchers use the genealogical resources of the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Max Kade Institute for German immigration. The trip is scheduled 24–27 July 2017.
- In Washington, DC 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). The trip is scheduled 29 October to 4 November 2017.
- In Salt Lake City, researchers use the genealogical resources of the Family History Library. The trip is scheduled (**I'll have the dates right after Christmas**).

Organizational Subscriber Benefits:

NGS also offers organizational subscriptions to libraries, societies, and family associations for \$50 per year. Benefits for 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
- May receive free literature and a door prize for their society events
- 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.