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Discover Two of our Nation's Important Repositories in Madison, Wisconsin

ARLINGTON, VA, 15 FEBRUARY 2017—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) opens registration today for family historians to participate in on-site orientations in genealogical research at the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS) Library and Archives and the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies, 24-28 July 2017.

The WHS Library and Archives' genealogy and history collections are among our nation's most extensive repositories and reflect the diversity of the people who have lived or passed through its territory. Native American tribes, French-Canadians, Northern Europeans—primarily from Germany and Norway—African Americans, Asians, and Hispanics have called Wisconsin home. The state has also seen the rise and diminution of miners, loggers, and railroad workers, and once held Confederate prisoners of war during the Civil War. Dedicated to preserving history, the Society's more than four million records extend beyond Wisconsin to the rest of the United States and to Canada. Its Draper collection's 491 volumes (ca. 1775-1815) concentrates on the area known as "Trans-Allegheny West," including the western Carolinas and Virginia, some portions of Georgia and Alabama, the entire Ohio River valley, and parts of the Mississippi River valley. Its collection of newspapers, journals, magazines, and union and guilds publications from around the country is only surpassed by the Library of Congress. The WHS also serves as Wisconsin State Archives that includes state, county, and local government records. Land deeds, naturalization records, tax rolls, and court documents are just some of the original records that genealogists can access at the Archives.

Family historians with ancestors from Germany will be especially interested in the Max Kade Institute's robust collection of German-American newspapers, letters, diaries, and church and business records. The Institute is also an excellent resource for locating historic German-language, European towns and villages.

Space is limited for this new NGS research trip. Experienced, BCG certified genealogists will introduce and mentor a group of 20 individuals as they explore the wealth of data at both facilities. Participants will also have ample time to conduct their own personal research during this four-day trip in Madison, Wisconsin, 24-28 July 2017.

Research consultants Rev. David McDonald, DMin, CGSM, and Patricia Walls Stamm, CG, CGLSM, will insure that your introduction to these institutions is both productive and enriching.

The trip includes:

- Guidance from leading experts
- Online orientation
- Meet and greet on Monday afternoon at the hotel
- Four days of research
- Orientation at the repositories
- Personal research consultations with group leaders throughout the trip
- Four nights at the Lowell Center, including daily continental breakfast and free internet in rooms
- Fees, taxes, and gratuities

Make your reservation quickly so you don't miss out on this research trip. Space is limited to only 20 individuals. To make your reservation or to learn more, visit

http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/cs/conferences_events/research_trips/wi_research_trip

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](#) is dedicated to genealogical education, the highest 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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