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NGS Publishes the 2018 Edition of *Paths to Your Past: A Guide to Finding Your Ancestors*

FALLS CHURCH, VA, 1 May 2018—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) will release the 2018 edition of *Paths to Your Past: A Guide to Finding Your Ancestors* on 2 May at its annual Family History Conference. Its author Pamela Boyer Sayre CG®, FUGA, has completely revised and updated this comprehensive reference guide for family historians and genealogists.

Paths to Your Past is an excellent primer for those just getting started on building their family tree and a valuable reminder to all family historians and genealogists about the various methods and sources we need to consider in our daily work.

The author discusses how to find and use records, including the US Census, military records, land and probate records as well as vital records of birth, death, and marriage. The book also reviews how to use sources on the Internet; the importance of documenting and citing your sources; and how to keep research logs and ancestor charts. Throughout the book, the author refers readers to additional courses and books to enhance their knowledge of important topics such as genetic genealogy. Also included are references to local, state, and federal repositories.

Pamela Boyer Sayre is a professional researcher, educator, author, and national lecturer. She has developed, coordinated, and taught courses at several, prestigious genealogical institutes and is a former board member of the National Genealogical Society. Sayre co-authored *Online Roots: How to Discover Your Family's History and Heritage with the Power of the Internet* and is a former editor of the *Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly*.

Paths to Your Past will be available for purchase at the NGS 2018 Family History Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2-5 May, and at the NGS [online store](#) on 2 May.

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](#) is dedicated to genealogical education, exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Falls Church, 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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