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Join the Family History Community

Wherever you are on your genealogy journey—just starting out or with years of experience—you'll find resources and community in societies, libraries, archives, and museums. Now is a great time to explore the benefits of organizations where you can add to your research skills and family tree, experience the joy of discoveries, and meet people who share your passion for family history.

Participating with organizations makes genealogy a rewarding and educational pursuit. It could even enhance your mental sharpness and social life, which studies suggest could be linked to health.



The National Genealogical Society

Joining the National Genealogical Society (NGS) opens the door to an expansive, inclusive community that helps you along the path to your past. As an individual member, you receive **discounts** on educational courses, must-have books and guides, the NGS Family History Conference, and GRIP Genealogy Institute. Membership also includes:

- **Free access to NewspaperArchive**, one of the largest online newspaper databases available.
- **Subscriptions** to the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*—the leading scholarly journal in the field with case studies, book reviews, and more—and *NGS Magazine*, which features articles on what's new and trending along with proven tips and guidelines. Plus, you get access to both publications' online archives.

- **Invitations to Zoom events and access to FORUM**, a members-only online discussion platform. NGS regularly hosts virtual meetings and provides a space for you to ask questions, share experiences, and connect with fellow members.

Because genealogy activities and engaging with a community are increasingly recognized as promoting wellness and brain health, **there is an opportunity to get NGS membership for free**. If you or someone you know is sixty-five or older, Grouper covers dues for those with eligible Medicare Advantage and Supplement plans. **Learn more at ngsgenealogy.org/grouper-covers-your-dues**.

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Genealogy Societies and Family Associations

Family associations and local, ethnic, and specialty genealogy societies are a critical link to a family's lineage, a particular place, or ethnic and cultural heritage. They offer learning opportunities and connections with people doing similar research. Benefits might include but are not limited to:

- **Access to exclusive resources.** Unique archives and collections with records, photos, and other items not available elsewhere.
- **Education and training.** Virtual or in-person meetings, workshops, classes, and conferences feature experts who teach all aspects of genealogy. Some organizations also produce publications.
- **Networking and collaboration.** Build meaningful relationships and work on transcription, indexing, and preservation projects.



Libraries, Archives, and Museums

Libraries, archives, and museums offer invaluable services in your area or at your fingertips. From classes to expert staff, they often provide the details that bring your family story to life. Whether public or private, expect:

- **Access to rare and original materials.** You might find records only available in their collection. Peruse maps, family trees, or personal papers. Or, make a discovery with oral histories, items in a reference section, or local newspapers.
- **Specialized knowledge and assistance.** Get help from staff familiar with institutional holdings and trained to support researchers. They'll guide you to needed materials and offer advice on navigating difficult or uncommon information sources.
- **Cost-effective research and preservation.** Free or low-cost access to collections, services, and subscription databases is common. Many offer equipment or programs to record stories and scan items to preserve your family history.



Opportunities in the Family History Community

Check out **ConferenceKeeper** at conferencekeeper.org, now part of NGS. Look through the options to find myriad educational offerings, an organization that interests you, or a volunteer project you would enjoy.

Search the directory with organization members of NGS at bit.ly/NGSOrgMembers.

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