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Join the Family History Community

Wherever you are on your genealogy journey—just starting out or years down the road—find resources and community in societies, libraries, archives, and museums. 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 pursuit. It could even enhance your mental sharpness and social life, which studies suggest could be linked to health as we age.



The National Genealogical Society

Joining the National Genealogical Society (NGS) gives you an expansive, inclusive community that helps you along the path to your past.

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

- **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 along with proven tips and guidelines. Members get access the publications' online archives.
- **Visit the website** to learn about more ways NGS may be of value on your journey.

NGS offers organization membership to strengthen and grow societies, libraries, archives, museums, and academic institutions. Benefits and resources include opportunities for collaboration and support, toolkits, learning events, bylaws review, and more.

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Genealogy Societies and Family Associations

Family associations and genealogy societies are often a critical link to a family's story. They offer opportunities to learn and connect with people doing similar research, and may offer:

- **Access to exclusive resources.** Unique archives and collections with records, photos, and other items not available elsewhere.
- **Education and training.** Meetings, classes, and events teach all aspects of genealogy. Many organizations produce helpful publications.
- **Networking and collaboration.** Build meaningful relationships and work on personal or group projects and preservation efforts.



Libraries, Archives, and Museums

Libraries, archives, and museums might provide the details that bring your family story to life through:

- **Access to rare and original materials.** Explore records, maps, family trees, or personal papers. Or, make a discovery with oral histories, items in a reference section, or newspapers.
- **Specialized knowledge and assistance.** Staff familiar with institutional holdings and trained to support researchers can guide you to materials and help navigate difficult or uncommon information sources.
- **Cost-effective research and preservation.** Free or low-cost access to collections and subscription databases is common. Some offer equipment to record stories and scan items.



Opportunities in the Family History Community

Check out **ConferenceKeeper** at conferencekeeper.org, part of NGS. Find 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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