



## **Guidelines for *NGS Magazine* Authors**

*NGS Magazine* is published quarterly to update members on NGS activities and provide genealogists with specific information and guidance on conducting effective genealogical research.

Articles should appeal to a variety of interests and skill levels while delivering content useful to all. Topics may include genealogical records, collections, and repositories; research techniques and methodologies; databases; genetic genealogy; case studies; and genealogical problem-solving techniques.

*NGS Magazine* does not publish compiled genealogies, family histories, record abstracts, editorial essays, or articles about authors' personal experiences. Authors should avoid the first-person point of view and focus on information readers can apply in their own research.

### **Submissions**

Authors are advised to read recent issues of *NGS Magazine* to become familiar with the magazine's topics, scope, and style.

Prospective authors are encouraged to query the editor prior to submitting an unsolicited article. The query should summarize the proposed article and describe the author's experience related to the topic. The editor will request a draft of the article if interested.

The editor's expression of interest in a proposed article is not a commitment to publish it. When the editor accepts an article for consideration, the author will be asked to sign a contract (summary below), and the editorial process will follow.

Queries and articles should be submitted to the editor at [magazine@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:magazine@ngsgenealogy.org). Articles must be in Microsoft Word format. Accompanying photos and images must be submitted in high-resolution TIFF format of 300 or more dpi.

Articles should have 1,200–1,700 words, including fewer than five hundred words for source citations. Author biographies should demonstrate the author's qualifications, in fewer than one hundred words.

*NGS Magazine* adheres to the NGS Style Guide, *The Chicago Manual of Style* (16th Edition), and *Evidence Explained* (3rd Edition).

### Considerations for authors

The following items are in the contract that all authors are required to sign:

- The editor may reformat the article to conform to the NGS Style Guide, make separate requests for rewriting, and substantially rewrite material in the article. The author will have the opportunity to review such changes prior to publication.
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