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NGS To Release Three Research in States *Guide Books* At its Upcoming Family History Conference

FALLS CHURCH, VA, 28 APRIL 2018—The National Genealogical Society (NGS) will release three Research in States guide books at its 2018 Family History Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2-5 May 2018. The latest books in this series are *Research in Massachusetts*, *Research in Michigan* (revised and updated), and *Research in Rhode Island*.

Research in Massachusetts by David Allen Lambert provides a solid framework and useful tool for researchers looking for subject matter linked to Algonquian Indian tribes, a Mayflower ancestor, and first settler documentation. Also covered are resources for family historians who are researching ancestors from Africa, England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales who continued to arrive throughout the eighteenth century as well as later emigrants from Canada, eastern Europe, Italy, and Portugal. Other resources such as qualifying military service are also discussed in this guidebook.

David Allen Lambert is the chief genealogist of the New England Historic Genealogical Society. The author of *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries*, he has published numerous articles and is the tribal historian for the Massachuset-Punkapoag Indians.

Research in Michigan by Brenda Leyndyke provides an overview of Michigan's history and settlement patterns from its first French settlement in 1668 into the twentieth century. This comprehensive guidebook includes information on major research centers as well as locally-focused institutions. Family historians learn about the court system and how to access the numerous published decisions. An extensive section on ethnicities features information on fourteen groups with ties to Canada and Europe as well as resources on African Americans, Arab Americans, Asians, Chaldeans, Hispanics, Native Americans, et al. Other sections cover

maritime and township research, documents on orphans, prisons and schools, and Works Progress Administration (WPA) publications.

Brenda Leyndyke is the president of the Calhoun County (MI) Genealogical Society, a board member of the Michigan Genealogical Council, and the author of an award-winning genealogy blog.

In *Research in Rhode Island*, authors Maureen Taylor and Diane MacLean Boumenot share their intimate knowledge of Rhode Island genealogical records and historical context. Family historians learn about the state's unique record sets, seaman's protection certificates, divorce records, and a wide variety of town records, where most governmental operations took place. The book provides tips for navigating important repositories including the Rhode Island Historical Society, the State Archives, and the Judicial Records Center as well as researching online or remotely. Records for Native Americans, early English settlements, and additional immigrant groups are all covered, with guidance on census, church, town, court, immigration, military, newspaper, and vital records.

Authors Diane MacLean Boumenot and Maureen Alice Taylor are members of the Rhode Island Genealogical Society. Boumenot has worked to demystify Rhode Island genealogical research on her website *One Rhode Island Family*. Taylor is the author of three books on Rhode Island as well as *The Last Muster* (2 vols) and *The Family Photo Detective*.

The NGS Research in the States series is edited by Barbara Vines Little, CG®, FNGS, FUGA, FVGS. *Research in Massachusetts*, *Research in Michigan*, and *Research in Rhode Island* will be available for purchase in the [NGS online store](#) in both PDF and print versions on 2 May 2018.

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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