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The National Genealogical Society Membership Fact Sheet

National Genealogical Society (NGS) Membership Information:

The National Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization founded in 1903. Membership with NGS offers a number of benefits to help genealogical researchers by providing skills development through education: online genealogy courses, publications, conferences, research trips, and networking opportunities. Membership discounts are offered on all services and products.

In December 2018, NGS had nearly 10,000 members throughout the US and a small number internationally. Its membership includes

- more than 9,500 individual members and life members; and
- more than five hundred organizational members.

Individual Member and Life Member Dues:

- Annual dues \$70.00 per year
- Family Membership dues \$90.00 (some limitations)
- Life Membership dues \$2,500.00

Individual Member and Life Member Benefits:

- Four issues per year of the educational *NGS Magazine*
- Four issues per year of the journal of genealogical scholarship, the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly (NGSQ)*
- Access to the member's only section of the NGS website that includes:
 - *NGSQ* (e-library currently holds all issues 1978–present online.)
 - *NGSQ* online index (1912–present)
 - *NGS Magazine* (e-library holds 2005-current issues online.)
- *NGS Monthly*, a monthly digital publication for members, was created in 2015 and offers articles on methodology, research resources, and the latest NGS news. Members have access

to more than seventy-five articles on methodology and research techniques in the members' archive.

- An optional subscription to the NGS blog *Upfront with NGS* to stay current with new developments and research opportunities in the genealogical community.
- Discounts on online courses (offered in Canvas, a cloud-based LMS, used by academic institutions) for building family history research skills geared to various levels of experience and knowledge including:
 - *American Genealogical Studies*, a multi-component track of four courses that covers different types of genealogical topics from basics to advanced and teaches research skills;
 - *Continuing Genealogical Studies*, self-paced, independent learning courses that focus on concentrated subject matter that helps further research
- Free *Family History Skills* course for members to receive a foundation in genealogy
- Free worksheets and forms to aid in the organization and analysis of family history research
- Exclusive member videos, including the acclaimed series of mini-documentaries *Voices of Genealogy* featuring interviews with leading scholars in the field of genealogy
- Online databases unique to NGS:
 - The National Intelligencer, 1800–1850
 - NGS Bible records
 - NGS Member Ancestry Charts (MACs)

In addition, members are entitled to **discounts** on

- conference registration for the annual NGS Family History Conference;
- research trips;
- publications such as the Research in the States series of guidebooks and Special Topics series books that help teach genealogical skills;

American Genealogical Studies is a series of four courses. Completion of all four courses offers a certificate in American Genealogical Studies from NGS. Courses include:

- The Basics
- Guide to Documentation and Source Citation
- Beyond the Basics
- Branching Out

Continuing Genealogical Studies courses include:

- Genetic Genealogy: Autosomal DNA
- Effective Use of Deeds
- Researching 17th and 18th Century German Ancestors
- Researching Your Revolutionary War Ancestors
- Introduction to Civil War Research
- Researching Your World War I Ancestors
- Federal Land Records

- African American Roots: A Historical Perspective

The National Genealogical Society also sponsors guided genealogical trips with professional consultants to Salt Lake City, Utah, and Washington, DC.

- In Washington, DC, researchers use the genealogical resources at the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Library, and the Library of Congress (LOC).
 - Washington, DC: 4–10 November 2018
- In Salt Lake City, researchers use the genealogical resources of the Family History Library.
 - Salt Lake City, Utah: 27 January – 3 February 2019

Organizational Subscriber Benefits:

NGS also offers organizational subscriptions to libraries, societies, and family associations for \$50 per year. Subscribing organizations

- receive four issues each of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *NGS Magazine*;
- may send three representatives to the annual NGS Family History Conference at the individual member discount rate;
- may send a representative on research trips at the individual member discount rate;
- have the opportunity to list events on the NGS website Events Calendar;
- qualify for discount prices of NGS books;
- are eligible to receive free literature and a door prize for their society events; and
- may enter the annual NGS Newsletter Competition.

For more information on individual membership and NGS's benefits, please visit our website: <https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/member-benefits/>.