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The National Genealogical Society

The National Genealogical Society (NGS), organized in Washington, D.C., in 1903 and currently based in Falls Church, Virginia, is America's premier genealogy organization. Its mission is to serve and grow the genealogical community by providing education and training, fostering increased quality and standards, and promoting access to, and preservation of, genealogical records.

The Society offers a vast array of resources for everyone, from beginners to the most advanced family historians. These include online educational courses, a book loan collection, the annual NGS Family History Conference, the exclusive Voices of Genealogy mini-documentary video series, and research trips to three noteworthy genealogical research destinations including Madison, Wisconsin; Washington, D.C.; and Salt Lake City, Utah. Its website, www.ngsgenealogy.org, provides valuable information with access to articles and skill-building tutorials for newcomers to genealogy as well as those developing advanced techniques. It also provides standards and guidelines for people interested in genealogical pursuits. Many of these resources are available free to non-members.

NGS publishes the renowned *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, the educational *NGS Magazine*, the *UpFront with NGS* blog, *NGS Monthly* (a digital publication for members), plus special publications to advance genealogical research. The Society is also active in genetic genealogy, the technology of genealogy, and the preservation of, and access to, historical resources. In addition, the Society sponsors awards and competitions to recognize excellence in genealogy in several categories—among them family history writing, methodology, and newsletters—as well as awards for genealogical librarianship and student genealogists.

NGS is a non-profit organization and comprises a Board of Directors, staff, committee members, volunteers, more than 500 organizations, and more than 9,500 individual members as of February 2018.