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## National Genealogical Society 2026 Family History Conference

The information and sample copy below are provided for you to use. We hope this helps you share about the conference or your participation via social media, emails, newsletters, blogs, and more. Thank you for inviting people to join the genealogy and family history community at this special event!

### General Information to Know and Share

- The National Genealogical Society 2026 Family History Conference is 27-30 May in Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- The conference theme is **America at 250** in recognition of the US Semiquincentennial this year.
- Conference information and registration can be found at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>.
- Email any conference-related questions to [registrar@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:registrar@ngsgenealogy.org).
- Use the hashtag #NGS2026GEN in social media posts about the conference and related events in Fort Wayne.
- Use the shareable images provided by NGS. Let us know if you need different sizes, file types, etc.
- Add why you are excited about this conference when you share about it.

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### Basic Info and Registration

The National Genealogical Society 2026 Family History Conference, America at 250, takes place 27-30 May in Fort Wayne, Indiana – home of the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, one of the largest genealogy libraries in the country.

Individual members of NGS always enjoy a discount on conference registration. There are also registration discounts for youth and NGS organization members.

The early bird registration discount ends on 28 February 2026.

A virtual option is available for those who are unable to attend in person. Virtual attendees will receive access to the session recordings (audio and slides) via the Whova app, 48-72 hours after the sessions occur.

Recordings will be available through 15 July 2026 to anyone who registers for the in-person or virtual conference.

### Theme: America at 250

Participate in a once-in-a-generation experience as we commemorate America at 250 and shine the light on the people, stories, and communities of our country's past at the NGS 2026 Family History Conference.

Family history is America's story. In recognition of the US Semiquincentennial, the conference will explore research strategies that help us understand the nation's past and how genealogists can discover and preserve our family histories for the future.

With expert speakers, innovative sessions, and direct access to the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, this year's conference offers a rare opportunity. Participants will gain new skills, new insights, and new connections all while commemorating our ancestors' stories throughout 250 years of the American Experiment.

### Conference Program and Experience

The conference program offers something for everyone and brings together respected favorite speakers and exciting new voices. Whether you're starting your family history journey or are a professional genealogist, check out the agenda and find the sessions and events you can't miss.

This conference has 30 tracks with sessions for every skill level on topics including:

- Artificial intelligence (AI) and DNA research;
- African American, German, Jewish, and Native American research;
- Heirlooms, oral history, and much more.

This conference features dedicated tracks from the BCG Education Fund and the Association of Professional Genealogists as well as tours, pre-conference workshops, and programming at the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.

Plan your trip to Fort Wayne for the NGS Family History Conference and get ready to enjoy

- meaningful time to connect with fellow genealogists and family historians;
- short spotlight sessions designed to spark ideas and new approaches;
- practical interactive sessions to put learning into action;
- a variety of lecture topics to help you build real research skills; and
- guided, hands-on research at the renowned Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center.

This conference will deliver the exceptional programming, expertise, and camaraderie you've come to expect from NGS. It will also offer participants the opportunity to pursue their research at one of the most significant genealogical destinations in the country, the Allen County Public Library Genealogy Center, which is right by the convention center.

### Conference Website

Explore the conference website at <https://conference.ngsgenealogy.org> and discover

- in-person and virtual conference registration options;
- special registration offers for youth and NGS organization members;
- extra learning opportunities with pre-conference workshops;
- time for ideas and inspiration for genealogy organizations at FOCUS;
- fun tours and unique events;
- conference blog posts highlighting sessions, workshops, luncheons, and more;
- agenda with options to sort by day, track, and session tags;
- information on becoming a sponsor or exhibitor;
- ways to help out as a volunteer; and
- travel tips for a trip to Fort Wayne.

**We can't wait to see you at the NGS 2026 Family History Conference!**