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Registration Opens 6 December for the National Genealogical Society's 2019 Family History Conference

FALLS CHURCH, VA, 5 DECEMBER 2018—Registration opens 10:00 a.m. ET on 6 December for the National Genealogical Society's forty-first annual Family History Conference, Journey of Discovery, which will be held 8–11 May 2019 at the St. Charles Convention Center in St. Charles, Missouri. To register on or after 6 December 2018, visit the [NGS conference website](#) and complete the [online registration form](#).

Join thousands of family historians and genealogists for four days of the consummate genealogical networking and learning experience. Choose from more than 150 lectures and special programs and enjoy luncheons with guest speakers who are experts in their fields. Explore the Exhibit Hall and Family History Expo featuring more than seventy exhibitors.

This year's conference offers participants an array of lectures that range from general genealogy to military research, ethnic and religious records, technology, and repositories. The program also features African American, English, French, German, Irish, and Scottish lectures, plus eighteen DNA lectures. The [conference brochure](#) in PDF format features both an overview of the sessions and information about tours, pre-conference events, registration times, and rates as well as general conference and hotel details. The [online searchable program](#) allows you to search by speaker, topic, or date of the sessions.

Pre-conference events include a research trip to the St. Louis County Library, a Civil War tour, and a Historic St. Louis tour. The Board for Certification of Genealogist® (BCG) Education Fund will present an all-day, skillbuilding workshop, and ProQuest will host a free, daylong program for librarians. In addition, the St. Louis Genealogical Society will offer African American and Irish seminars on Tuesday. Details of all these events and more are in the [conference brochure](#).

Pre-conference events and seating for conference meals and the conference banquet fill up quickly, so be sure to [register](#) on 6 December 2018 or soon thereafter.

Free and open to the public, the Exhibit Hall and Family History Expo will include the latest software for genealogists, books and periodicals, products and accessories of interest to family historians, demonstrations, book signings, daily drawings, and giveaways. DNA testing companies will answer questions on-site. Several genealogy subscription services will have computers available and will assist visitors new to family history research.

We urge attendees to visit and sign up for the [conference blog](#), which will feature tips on local and regional research facilities, things to do in and around Missouri, and updated information on hotel availability and local restaurants.

NOTE: NGS launched a new website and store in late October 2018. To register, NGS members will be prompted to reset their password on their first visit to the new website and the NGS store. Non-members will be prompted to create a free account with a password. This is for enhanced website security.

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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