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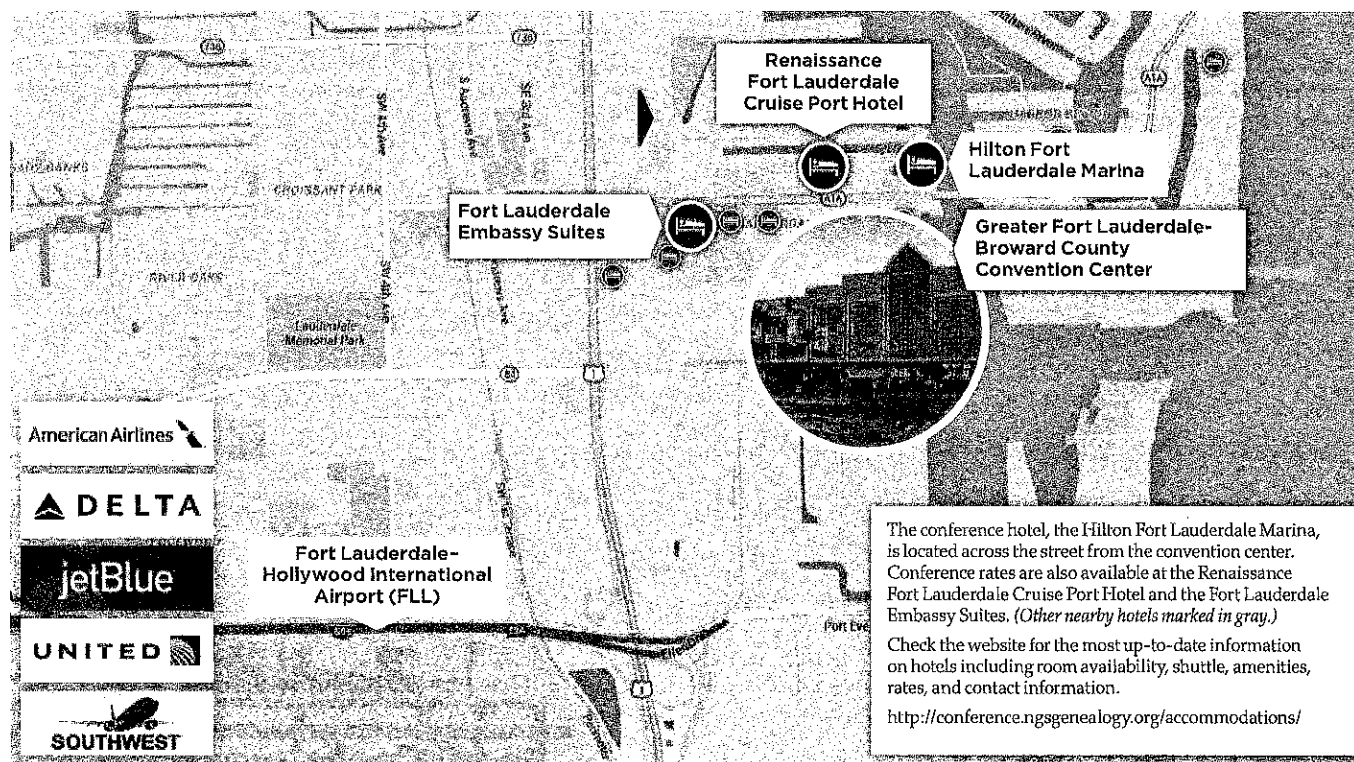


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# EXPLORING THE CENTURIES: FOOTPRINTS IN TIME

Genealogists will gather in sunny Fort Lauderdale, Florida, for the National Genealogical Society 2016 Family History Conference, *Exploring the Centuries: Footprints in Time*. During the conference, being held 4–7 May 2016, participants may choose from 180 lectures and workshops. Lectures will cover a wide range of local, regional, and general genealogy topics which will help you build a solid foundation for your family history, fine-tune your research skills, and refine your methodology.

Conference registration opens on 1 December 2015 at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/event-registration/>

## PRE-REGISTRATION

Registration opens 1 December 2015 with discounted early-bird conference registration ending 31 March 2016. Attendees may also pre-register for meals, workshops, and special events by 22 April 2016 (or until these events are full).

On-site conference registration opens Tuesday, 3 May 2016, noon to 7:00 p.m.

NGS offers a refund, minus a \$50 service fee, until 22 April 2016. NGS does not provide refunds after 22 April 2016.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

NGS will hold all conference events at the Greater Ft. Lauderdale/Broward County Convention Center, 1950 Eisenhower Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316.

The exhibit hall is free and open to the public Wednesday through Saturday. The conference website provides a list of current exhibitors. See <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/exhibit/>

Daily parking (no in-out privileges) is found at the well-illuminated and security-patrolled Northport Parking Garage, which also offers covered and air-conditioned skywalks to the convention site.

The conference center will have numerous Wi-Fi hot spots and all hotels offer free Wi-Fi in each room.

## CONFERENCE HOTELS

The conference hotel, the Hilton Fort Lauderdale Marina, is located across the street from the convention center. Conference

rates are also available at the Renaissance Fort Lauderdale Cruise Port Hotel and the Fort Lauderdale Embassy Suites.

Check the website for the most up-to-date information on hotels including room availability, shuttle, amenities, rates, and contact information. See <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/accommodations/>

## DINING

Participating societies and organizations are sponsoring luncheons Wednesday through Saturday. See the conference schedule for details and the registration form on page 15 to purchase meal tickets. Meal reservations close 22 April 2016.

An assortment of à la carte lunch items will be available during the conference. The conference website offers other dining opportunities in and around downtown Fort Lauderdale. See <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/getting-there-things-to-do>

## GETTING THERE

The local airport is the Fort Lauderdale–Hollywood International Airport (FLL) and is conveniently located about 4 miles from the conference hotels. Major airlines with service to the airport include: American, Delta, United, Southwest, and JetBlue.

Taxi service is available and costs approximately \$15.00 (depending upon traffic) plus tip. Shuttle service is also available. For more information see <http://www.broward.org/Airport/Transportation/>

Regional rail service is available between Miami, Fort Lauderdale, and West Palm Beach via Tri Rail. Schedules and fares are available at <http://www.tri-rail.com>.

## SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Registrants with special needs should notify NGS in writing as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Write us at the National Genealogical Society, 3180 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Arlington, Virginia, 22204-4304 or email [conference@ngsgenealogy.org](mailto:conference@ngsgenealogy.org).

Scoters and wheelchairs are available to rent through an off-site provider. Those interested must make reservations in advance. Check the NGS website for details. See <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/scooterinfo/>

## CONFERENCE BLOG

Subscribe to the NGS Conference Blog and receive automatic conference updates. See <http://conferenceblog.ngsgenealogy.org>

## RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The conference blog will highlight research facilities in Florida. Library and archive listings will be posted on the blog each month until the conference so check the blog regularly. The blog will offer collection details and contact information for each research facility.

## EXHIBIT HALL

Exhibitors will offer book signings, demonstrations, daily drawings, and giveaways. The NGS Conference Blog will announce further details on all activities closer to the conference. The exhibit hall is open to the public.

## CONFERENCE EVENTS, WEDNESDAY–SATURDAY, 4–7 MAY 2016

### BCG SKILLBUILDING TRACK

The Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) will again sponsor a Skillbuilding track throughout the conference designed for intermediate to advanced researchers interested in improving their research skills.

This year's sessions will focus on the many faces of evidence. Presentations will cover evaluating evidence, solving difficult problems, and reporting research. Lectures are open to all those registered for the conference.

### OPENING SESSION

#### Wednesday, 8:00 a.m., W101

Connie L. Lester, PhD, will look at the tendency to equate status with value, which often prevents us from recognizing the roles of people defined as "ordinary" in the unfolding of history. In "Ordinary People, Extraordinary Lives" she will look at the men and women

who battled the heat, the swamps, and the bugs to establish farms, businesses, schools, and the arts in Florida. How do we find their stories? And what do those stories contribute to our understanding of who we are?

### RECORDS PRESERVATION AND ACCESS COMMITTEE (RPAC)

#### Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., W158

Genealogists are facing an ever-growing threat of record closings at both the state and federal level due to concerns about identity theft. Virginia reversed the trend by reducing the closed period for death records from fifty years to twenty-five years. RPAC is sponsoring a presentation "How the Virginia Genealogical Society Made Virginia Vital Records More Accessible" by Peter Broadbent, former Virginia Genealogical Society President. RPAC members will also provide an update

on recent legislative activity. Plan to attend so you can share the information with your local and state organizations.

### LEARNING GENEALOGY—NGS STYLE

#### Wednesday, 5:15 p.m., W161

Join NGS president, Jordan Jones, and NGS education manager, Patricia Wallis Stamm, CG, CGL, in a roundtable discussion about the National Genealogical Society's new and varied, self-paced online courses. Everyone, including current, past, and prospective students, is welcome to see the latest techniques for learning genealogy from home.

### SOCIETY ROUNDUP

#### Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m., W162

Florida genealogical and historical societies will be available in the Exhibit Hall Lobby.

# 2016 NGS FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE—REGISTRATION FORM

**Conference Registration:** All registrations must be received online or postmarked by 22 April 2016. **Cancellation Policy:** Refund requests must be received in writing, online or postmarked by 22 April 2016, less a \$50.00 service fee. No refunds after 22 April 2016. Please use a separate registration form for each Conference Registrant (this form may be duplicated). Send to:

**National Genealogical Society, 3108 Columbia Pike, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 22204-4370** or online, at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org>

## REGISTRANT INFORMATION

Registrant Name (Enter your name as you would like it to appear on your conference name tag.)

Street Address

City / State / Zip

Phone Number

E-Mail Address (for registration confirmations)

NGS Membership Number (Non-members, leave blank. Join today and save on registration!)

- ☐ I am a NGS life member ☐ I am the president of a genealogical society  
☐ I am a first-time NGS Conference attendee

## NGS Membership

Join or renew to receive the NGS Member Registration Rate!

- ☐ I wish to join NGS ☐ I wish to renew my current NGS Membership

Individual NGS Membership **\$65** \$

Additional Family Member (additional per person) **\$15** \$

**TOTAL NGS MEMBERSHIP DUES** \$

- ☐ I am a listed Additional Family Member on a current NGS Membership  
 (NGS Membership Rates will apply to this registration):

Name of NGS Member / NGS Membership Number

## ADDITIONAL REGISTRANT INFORMATION

**Americans with Disabilities Act Requests**—Make a reservation to rent a scooter or wheelchair at <http://conference.ngsgenealogy.org/scooterinfo/>

Please check if you require aids or services: ☐ Audio ☐ Visual

- ☐ Other (please specify)

**Special Meals**—Please check if you require a special meal. Special meals must be requested before 22 April 2016.

- ☐ Vegetarian / Vegan ☐ Gluten-free

**Liability Waiver**—I agree and acknowledge that I am undertaking participation in NGS events and activities at my own free will and intentional act and I am fully aware that possible physical injury may occur to me as a result of my participation in these events. I give this acknowledgment freely and knowingly, that I am, as a result, able to participate in NGS events. I do hereby assume responsibility for my own well being. I also agree not to allow any other individual to participate in my place.

Signature of Registrant

## PAYMENT METHOD

- ☐ **Check Enclosed** (payable to "National Genealogical Society"). Check #:

- ☐ **Credit Card** (circle one) VISA / MasterCard / American Express / Discover

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

**Conference Space Planning**—After you receive your confirmation e-mail from NGS, please return to the website and use the **Space Planning** link to let us know which sessions you are most interested in attending. You are not bound to your selections and selecting a session does not guarantee a seat in that session. However, providing your selections allows us to better plan room assignments and improve the conference experience for everyone. Thank you.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

**NGS Member / Full Registration** (Four Days, 4–7 May)

**TOTAL**

- ☐ Early Bird (online or postmarked by 31 March 2016) **\$205** \$

- ☐ Regular Registration (after 31 March 2016) **\$240** \$

**Non-Member / Full Registration** (Four Days, 4–7 May)

- ☐ Early Bird (online or postmarked by 31 March 2016) **\$240** \$

- ☐ Regular Registration (after 31 March 2016) **\$275** \$

**Single Day Registration** (Per Day)

- ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

- ☐ Early Bird (online or postmarked by 31 March) **\$110** (per day) \$

- ☐ Regular Registration (after 31 March) **\$120** (per day) \$

**Conference Syllabus**—All conference registrants will receive the conference syllabus by electronic download two weeks prior to the conference.

- ☐ Printed Syllabus (for Early Bird Registrants only) **\$25** \$

- ☐ Syllabus on USB drive (for Early Bird Registrants only) **\$5** \$

**Pre-Conference Events / Tuesday, 3 May 2015**—A separate fee is required for each event which must be purchased by 22 April 2016 and cannot be purchased at the conference. Seating is limited for all events; register early.

**TUESDAY, 3 MAY 2015**

- ☐ Miami-Dade Library Research Trip **\$50** \$

- ☐ Fort Lauderdale Historic Area Tour **\$65** \$

- ☐ BCG Education Fund Workshop **\$110** \$

- ☐ Librarians' Day (provide library name / location below) **(Free, must pre-register)**

**Social Events and Workshops**—A separate fee is required for each Event and/or Workshop. Must be purchased by 22 April 2016 and cannot be purchased at the conference. Seating is limited; register early.

**WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2015**

- ☐ Family Search Luncheon **W131** **\$32** \$

- ☐ NIGRAA Luncheon **W132** **\$32** \$

- ☐ ISBGFH Luncheon **W133** **\$32** \$

**THURSDAY, 5 MAY 2015**

- ☐ APG Luncheon **T231** **\$32** \$

- ☐ NYG&B Luncheon **T232** **\$32** \$

- ☐ FGS Luncheon **T233** **\$32** \$

- ☐ FSGS "Taste of Florida" **T261** **\$42** \$

**FRIDAY, 6 MAY 2015**

- ☐ Chromosome Mapping Workshop **F303** **\$45** \$

- ☐ BCG Luncheon **F331** **\$32** \$

- ☐ GSG and ISFHWE Luncheon **F332** **\$32** \$

- ☐ NEHGS Luncheon **F333** **\$32** \$

- ☐ NGS Banquet **F361** **\$45** \$

**SATURDAY, 7 MAY 2015**

- ☐ Youth Camp **S461** **(Free, must pre-register)**

- ☐ NGS Luncheon **S431** **\$32** \$

- ☐ Georgia GS Luncheon **S432** **\$32** \$

**TOTAL PAYMENT DUE** \$