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# Press Release

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## One Week Left for Early Bird Discount For the 2017 Family History Conference

ARLINGTON, VA, 20 MARCH 2017—Family historians have one more week to take advantage of an Early Bird discount on registration for the National Genealogical Society (NGS) Family History Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina, 10-13 May. To receive your discount, your registration must be received online or postmarked by 27 March 2017. After that date, the NGS member price will increase from \$205 to \$240 for all four days and the non-NGS member price will increase from \$240 to \$275. Sales of the printed syllabus or flash drive version of the syllabus will also end on 27 March 2017.

The Conference will feature more than [175 lectures](#) from basic to advanced genealogical research, including four days of the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) Skillbuilding lectures and eighteen presentations on DNA science and methodology. Finding records and effectively using them is another focus of this year's conference. Eleven lectures discuss a wide variety of religious records and their appropriate use; eight focus on military and associated records; twenty-three feature North Carolina and regional US records; nine highlight African American families; and six present Native American records. There will be sessions covering maps, libraries, historical context, solving problems, and technology. In addition, the conference will provide lectures on European ancestors, including German, Hungarian, Italian, Polish, Scots-Irish, Swiss, and others.

The NGS Conference will be held at the Raleigh Convention Center and will run from 10-13 May. For conference information and to register, go to the [2017 NGS Family History Conference](#).

### **Social Events, Luncheons, and the NGS Banquet**

Participating organizations sponsor several luncheons at which guest speakers address many fascinating presentations, including:

- “The Scots-Irish in the Carolinas—Immigrants Who Made a Difference!”
- “Christoph von Graffenried’s Grand Adventure and the Palatine and Swiss Founding of New Bern”
- “Keep Your Professional Cool in Hot Situations”
- “Civil War Records You Didn’t Know Existed: Pensions, Relief Funds, Hospital Records, and More!”

The NGS Banquet is an event not to be missed. Guest speaker Stuart Watson, an award-winning investigative reporter, will take you along on the journey of finding his birth mother, and discovering a powerful story of alcoholism, recovery, and forgiveness. **Registration for all meals and social events closes on 27 April 2017.** Tickets for social events will not be sold on-site. Be sure to [sign up](#) as quickly as possible. The North Carolina Genealogical Society Host Event, “Pig Pickin’,” is \$45; luncheons are \$32; and the banquet is \$45. Menus are in the [registration brochure](#).

### **Society Night**

On Thursday, 11 May 2017, many of North Carolina’s genealogical and historical societies will be available in the North Carolina Museum of History from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. to answer questions about local repositories and resources, discuss their group’s activities, and sell their publications.

### **Add Items to an Existing Registration**

To add meals, tours, and pre-conference events to your current registration, log on to the [NGS website](#), click on My Account, select My Events, and then click to Add Sessions.

We hope to see you in Raleigh in May!

Founded in 1903, the [National Genealogical Society](#) is dedicated to genealogical education, exemplary standards of research, and the preservation of genealogical records. The Arlington,

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. Please visit the [NGS Pressroom](#) for further information.

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