

NATIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY 2011 FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

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Charleston Area Convention Center

The National Genealogical Society 2011 Family History Conference will be held 11–14 May 2011 in the Charleston Area Convention Center, 5001 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston, SC 29418, phone: (843) 529-5011 www.charlestonconvention.com.

The convention center is conveniently located near the Charleston International Airport (CHS) and is surrounded by a choice of hotels with a number of restaurants and outlet stores nearby. Historic Charleston is twenty minutes away via taxi or shuttle service (\$) which leaves from the Embassy Suites, the convention host hotel.

Conference Program

Charleston is one of the most charming cities in the country with historic buildings, churches, homes, many museums, and with several plantations and forts nearby. Because Charleston played a major role in both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, the conference will include a military records track. April 2011 will mark the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War at nearby Ft. Sumter. A highlight of the conference program will be a general session on Saturday morning, when State Senator Glenn McConnell will talk about the history of the Confederate submarine, the H. L. Hunley, and its rescue from the Atlantic Ocean in 2000.

The four-day conference will include more than fifty national speakers providing over one hundred lectures including: an ethnic track; research in South Carolina and the surrounding states; migration to Georgia, Tennessee and the other gulf states; a BCG track with lectures about methodology, record analysis, and problem solving; religious records; using technology to enhance your research experience (GenTech), and much, much more.

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Conference Hotels

Conference participants will be offered a choice of regular hotel rooms or suite hotels near the Charleston airport. Reservations will open on 15 May 2010. The hotels listed below are located around the convention center. (See map insert on the back). In addition, a free trolley will run between the hotels and the convention center Wednesday through Saturday. Convention Center parking is \$5 per day.

Embassy Suites Airport Convention Center

5055 International Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: (843) 747-1882
www.embassysuitescharleston.com

Embassy Suites is the primary convention hotel and is connected to the convention center via a covered bridge on the second floor. The suite rate of \$149 single/double plus taxes includes free Internet, parking, breakfast and evening reception.

Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Airport

5265 International Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: (843) 308-9330
www.charlestonairport.hgi.com

The Hilton Garden Inn is adjacent to the convention center via a lighted boardwalk. The single/double rate of \$135 plus taxes includes free Internet and parking.

Holiday Inn Charleston Airport

5264 International Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: (843) 576-0300
www.holiday-inn.com/chastnairport

The Holiday Inn is across the street from the convention center. The single/double rate of \$135 plus taxes includes free Internet and parking.

Hyatt Place Charleston Airport

3234 West Montague Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: (843) 302-8600
www.charlestonairport.place.hyatt.com

The Hyatt Place is a suite hotel located behind the convention center. The \$129 single/double rate includes free Wi-Fi, continental breakfast, and parking.

Special NGS conference rates are also available at the nearby **Quality Inn Suites**, **Hampton Inn**, and **Residence Inn**. See www.ngsgenealogy.org/conference for details.

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Research Opportunities in Charleston

South Carolina Historical Society, 100 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 723-3225, www.schistory.org

The Library Society, 164 King St., Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 723-9912, www.charlestonlibrarysociety.org.

The Huguenot Society of South Carolina, 138 Logan St., Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 723-3235, www.huguenotsociety.org, by appointment.

Avery Research Center for African-American History & Culture, 125 Bull St., Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 953-7609, <http://avery.cofc.edu>.

College of Charleston Library & Archive, including special collections, Marlene and Nathan Addlestone Library, 205 Calhoun St., Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 953-8016, <http://spinner.cofc.edu/~speccoll/Main.html>.

Diocese of Charleston Archives, 114 (rear) Broad St., Charleston, SC 29402, (843) 724-8372, www.catholic-doc.org/archives, by appointment.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Archives, 405 King St., Charleston, SC 29403, (843) 723-1611, www.smlccharleston.org, by appointment.

Museums & Historic Buildings

The Charleston Museum, "America's first museum", 360 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29403, (843) 722-2996, www.charlestonmuseum.org.

Patriots Point: the USS Yorktown—the National Memorial to Carrier Aviation and the Medal of Honor Museum, 40 Patriots Point, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464, (866) 831-1720, www.patriotspoint.org.

The Confederate Museum, Market Hall, 188 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29401, www.csa-scla.org/articles/ConfederateMuseum.htm.

American Military Museum, 360 Concord St., Suite 9, Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 577-7000, www.americanmilitarymuseum.org.

Old Slave Mart Museum, 6 Chalmers St., Charleston, SC 29403, (843) 958-6467, www.charlestoncity.info under the Destinations, Culture, Activities and Events tab.

Old City Market, built in 1841, between Meeting and East Bay Streets, Charleston, SC.

Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon, 122 East Bay St., Charleston, SC 29401, (843) 727-2165 www.oldexchange.com.

Trips, Tours, Etc.

Research Trip to the South Carolina Department of Archives & History

Motor coaches will leave from the Embassy Suites Hotel early Tuesday morning and arrive at the South Carolina Department of Archives & History in Columbia, SC, approximately two hours later. A barbecue buffet lunch is included in the price. Due to limited space at the Archives, the tour is limited to the first 100 people who register.

The South Carolina Department of Archives & History, 8301 Parklane Road, Columbia, SC, contains over 325 years of historical documents recording the diverse history of the people and government of South Carolina, <http://archives.sc.gov>.

Historic Tours on Tuesday

Arrangements have been made for several historic tours of Charleston and the surrounding area. Conference participants will be picked up and returned to the Embassy Suites hotel. Details including registration information will be posted at www.ngsgenealogy.org/conference/tours. Participants will make their own reservations separate from conference registration. Registration for the tours must be made directly with the tour company.

Wednesday Night Reception & Museum Mile on Meeting Street

On Wednesday evening the South Carolina Genealogical Society will host a wine and cheese reception at the Charleston Visitor Center, 375 Meeting St., Charleston, SC 29403. The price will include the reception, admission to the Charleston Museum, and bus transportation to the Historic Area and back to the conference hotels. Details will be posted at www.ngsgenealogy.org/conference. The event is limited to 100 participants.

Thursday Night Barbecue Dinner along the Ashley River

On Thursday evening the South Carolina Genealogical Society will host a barbecue dinner in the ballroom of one of the oldest continuous private clubs in Charleston. Founded in 1855 as the German Rifle Society, the Charleston Rifle Club, at 2221 Heriot St., Charleston, SC 29403 includes 14 acres on the banks of the Ashley River. The price will include a barbecue dinner, entertainment and bus transportation from the convention hotels to the club and back. Details will be posted at www.ngsgenealogy.org/conference. The event is limited to 200 people.





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