



## About American Ancestors

### Who Are We?

**American Ancestors** is a national center for family history, heritage, and culture. It is the global brand of New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), America's oldest and largest genealogical society (founded 1845). American Ancestors serves more than 400,000 members and subscribers and millions of online users from around the world through its website [AmericanAncestors.org](https://AmericanAncestors.org).

We provide expertise and research across American family history. Recent projects include the GU272 Memory Project, an initiative to document the lineages of the 272 enslaved men, women, and children who were sold by Jesuit priests in 1838 to raise funds for Georgetown University. This research has been used to identify descendants of the GU272 and to honor the legacy of their families.

### A Trusted Source for Family History Expertise

Our expert staff and their research have been featured in local and national media outlets including the *Boston Globe*, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *The Ellen Show*, *Inside Edition*, *People Magazine*, NPR, CNN, BBC News, Fox News, ABC News, and NBC Nightly News. Our work has also been featured in a number of prominent national television shows including *Who Do You Think You Are?* on NBC. The show *Finding Your Roots with Henry Louis Gates, Jr* on PBS is filmed at the American Ancestors Research Center, and research used on the show is vetted by our team of experts.

### Award-Winning Website

[AmericanAncestors.org](https://AmericanAncestors.org) provides access to more than one billion records spanning the United States, the British Isles, continental Europe, and beyond, including one of the most extensive online collections of early American genealogical records, the largest searchable collection of published genealogical research journals and magazines.

### Educational Programming

We provide hundreds of in-depth learning opportunities online and in person, including lectures, seminars, intensive research programs, tours, and special events designed to benefit family history researchers of all levels.

### World Class Research Center

Our research center offers the largest collection of original family history research materials in the country. Our growing collection dates from the fourteenth century to the present and spans North America, Europe, and beyond. Currently closed for renovations, we will open our new and expanded family history discovery center in 2024.

### Original Scholarship

We produce significant original research and publications in genealogy, including the longest continually published academic journal in the field, the *Register*. We also publish the quarterly *American Ancestors* magazine, the biannual *Mayflower Descendant*, twenty to thirty books per year, a weekly email newsletter, and ongoing research study projects.

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World Destination for Family History



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Best Websites for Genealogy

