



## 36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences

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## Call for Papers to Present at the 36<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences

Submit Papers on the Theme of “Origins, Journeys, Destinations”  
in Genealogy and Heraldry by November 15, 2023

Congress To Be Held in U.S. for First Time Ever, at the American Ancestors  
Research Center, Boston, Massachusetts on September 24-28, 2024

June 28, 2023—*Boston, Massachusetts*—The 36<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences invites the submission of original, unpublished proposals by scholars, historians, and researchers of genealogy and heraldry relating to the theme of this year’s Congress: “Origins, Journeys, Destinations.” The deadline for submissions is November 15, 2023.

Heritage and identity have long been shaped by the journeys people take, and the study of genealogy and heraldry allows us to trace the preservation, destruction, and creation of all kinds of cultural identities. The aim of this year’s Congress is to explore the significance of journeys and migration in defining our diverse genealogical and heraldic inheritances and identities, whether in Europe, the Americas, or around the world. The Program Committee especially welcomes presentations which connect the topics of heraldry and genealogy.

### **Themes of Interest**

To enrich discussions at the Congress, the Program Committee will try, to the extent possible, to organize each session around a theme common to the various presentations. Depending on the proposals received,

some themes may take up several sessions. The Committee especially welcomes presentations that connect heraldry and genealogy. The following potential thematic tracks are offered as examples to spur ideas for proposed papers:

- *In the area of genealogy:*
  - DNA evidence documenting a genealogical journey across spatial or demographic distances
  - Case studies demonstrating strategies and resources for tracing people or families on the move
  - Collections, especially little-known, that highlight immigration, emigration, and migration
- *In the area of heraldry:*
  - How are arms of incomers received or naturalized in the destination country?
  - How is heraldry used to preserve, reinforce, or create group identity within diasporas?
  - How do heraldic customs evolve in communities separated from the ancestral place of origin?
- *Potential topics which combine these two disciplines:*
  - Genealogically validating a family tradition of descent from a heraldic family
  - Using heraldic artifacts to verify a previously unknown genealogical connection
  - Showcasing innovative new resources for pre-modern heraldic and genealogical research

### **Presentation Requirements**

In accordance with Congress rules, presentations may be made in any of the following languages: English, French, German, Italian, and Spanish. Presentations will be strictly limited to 30 minutes, followed by 10 minutes for questions, and should be illustrated with PowerPoint slides. The acceptance of a proposal means that the author agrees to its publication in the proceedings of the Congress. Work that has already been published will not be accepted. Consistent with participation in the Congress, presenters do not receive an honorarium or travel compensation.

### **Submissions**

The Program Committee will select presentations based on their originality and their relevance to the theme of the Congress. The final decisions of the Committee and notifications to submitters will be made by January 15, 2024.

Learn more and submit your proposal at [AmericanAncestors.org/ICGHS-2024/program#speakers](https://AmericanAncestors.org/ICGHS-2024/program#speakers)

## About the 36<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences

In 2024, the International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences will take place on U.S. soil for the first time in its 93-year history. American Ancestors/New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)—a national center for family history, heritage, and culture—and FamilySearch, the world's largest genealogy organization, with the support of patron Brady Brim-DeForest of Balvaird Castle, Baron of Balvaird, have partnered to host the 36th Congress in the historic city of Boston, Massachusetts, surrounding NEHGS's flagship location on Newbury Street from September 24 to 28, 2024. This biennial conference brings together scholars, historians, genealogists, heraldists, antiquarians, students, and enthusiasts from all around the world to explore compelling themes in genealogy, heraldry, and the intersection between the two. Learn more at [AmericanAncestors.org/ICGHS-2024](https://AmericanAncestors.org/ICGHS-2024)

## About American Ancestors and New England Historic Genealogical Society

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 350,000 members and millions of online users engaged in family history nationally and around the world through its website [AmericanAncestors.org](https://AmericanAncestors.org) with more than 1.4 billion names in its databases. Its national headquarters, located in Boston's Back Bay, is home to a world-class research center and archive, an expert staff, and the Wyner Family Jewish Heritage Center. It maintains a publishing division which produces original genealogical research, scholarship, and educational materials, including the *Register*, the flagship journal of American genealogy since 1847; *American Ancestors*, its award-winning magazine; and *Mayflower Descendant*, a quarterly journal of Pilgrim genealogy and history.

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