



Connect.**Explore**.REFRESH

## 10 REASONS TO ATTEND FGS 2015

1. **Network with other society leaders, sharing the latest ideas.**
2. **Visit the world's largest collection of family history materials, just minutes away.**
3. **Get tips from the pros for finding those elusive ancestors!**
4. **Spend time relaxing and socializing with other genealogists from around the world.**
5. **Find the latest family history gadgets and gizmos in the Expo Hall.**
6. **Go behind the scenes of family history on TV at the FGS Opening Event.**
7. **Explore genealogical societies from across the U.S. at the FGS Society Showcase in the Expo Hall.**
8. **CONNECT with new genealogy friends and blaze new research trails.**
9. **EXPLORE presentations on a variety of topics in the classrooms and the new tools you learn about each day.**
10. **REFRESH your interest in family history, and leave FGS 2015 ready to tackle those challenging research projects!**

# Federation of Genealogical Societies

February 11 - 14, 2015

Salt Lake City, Utah

## TWO CONFERENCES, ONE LOCATION!

The Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS) and RootsTech are teaming up for a **one-time special genealogy event** at the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City, February 11–14, 2015.

FGS and RootsTech will share the expo hall, general sessions, luncheons, activities, and more while each conference offers their own program of sessions. FGS sessions will focus on methodology, records, ethnic research, and migration for honing your research skills and society issues to motivate and inspire society volunteers. RootsTech will offer a program of technology-based solutions for the genealogy needs of both individuals and societies.

**Visit [www.FGSconference.org](http://www.FGSconference.org) to register** for only FGS (early registration price \$159, regular price \$189) or upgrade your FGS registration to include RootsTech for an additional \$39. Attendees who upgrade will have access to sessions offered by both conferences.



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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The 2015 FGS conference is a Don't Miss Event! With FGS and RootsTech sharing the same venue, and each offering a diverse selection of presentations from leading genealogical experts and organizations. FGS attendees are invited to attend several events being hosted by both FGS and RootsTech. These include:

- Each morning's General Session
- The FGS Opening Social on Wednesday evening
- The RootsTech Opening Event on Thursday evening
- RootsTech Friday evening Culture Night in the Expo Hall
- Two lecture tracks presented on Saturday, one on Technology and the other on DNA
- RootsTech Saturday Closing Event and Concert

Focus on Societies Day is a welcome opportunity for those who are actively involved in or who have never heard of a genealogical or historical society. With thirty sessions on varying topics there will be plenty of success stories and innovative solutions to ongoing challenges shared among the attendees.

The FGS 2015 Conference program topics include:

- Ethnic Groups in the West
- Missionaries and Settlers
- Wagon Trains, Railroads, and Modern Transportation
- Back to Basics
- Tried and True Methods
- The Most Useful Records Hidden in Plain Sight
- Modern Access to Vintage Records
- Connecting with the Past with Military Commemorations
- Compiling Singular Records into Lively Stories
- A Retro Look at Organizing and Planning
- Answering Difficult Questions with Leading Questions
- ...and much more

Whether a novice or an expert, the FGS 2015 Conference promises to offer something for everyone!



## CONFERENCE SITE AND HOTELS

The FGS and RootsTech conferences will be held at the spacious Salt Palace Convention Center, 100 SW Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Four hotels conveniently located near the SPCC and the Family History Library are offering reduced rates to both FGS and RootsTech conference attendees but those rates vary. Visit [www.FGSconference.org](http://www.FGSconference.org) for links to the hotel websites. When making reservations by phone tell the reservations agent you are attending FGS and ask for the conference pricing.

### **Radisson Hotel Salt Lake City Downtown**

1-800-967-9003

215 West South Temple

\$109/single, \$119/double, \$129/triple, \$139/quad

### **Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek**

1-801-531-0800

75 South West Temple

\$122/single-double and \$132/triple-quad

### **Salt Lake Plaza Hotel**

1-800-366-3184

122 West South Temple

\$119/single-double and \$129/triple-quad

### **Hilton Salt Lake City Center**

1-801-328-2000

255 South West Temple

\$129/two queen-size beds or one king-size bed

## EXPO HALL

FGS and RootsTech will share possibly the largest exhibit hall in U.S. genealogy conference history covering more than 120,000 square feet and offering at least 240 booth spaces. Special vendor presentations will take place in the Demo Theater.

