

**Association of Professional Genealogists
Supports Organizations Preserving Access to Records**

POULSBO, Wash., 4 January 2023 — The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), the world's largest association for the genealogical profession, has made donations to three non-profit organizations working to support the preservation of and access to documents.

APG is strongly committed to ensuring genealogical records worldwide remain open and accessible to its members and the public. To that end, APG made donations of \$1,500 to each of the following non-profit organizations to support their important work in this area:

- **The Internet Archive** (archive.org) is a California-based non-profit digital library of internet sites, books, recordings, and other cultural artifacts in digital form. They provide free access to researchers, historians, scholars, people with print disabilities, and the general public with the mission of providing “Universal Access to All Knowledge.” They also work with thousands of partners globally to save copies of their work into special collections.
- **The Black Homesteader Project of the National Parks Service** (<https://www.nps.gov/home/black-homesteading-in-america.htm>) is collecting and preserving the stories, photographs, and documents of Black homesteaders and their communities in the United States. The histories of these communities reveal new dimensions about slavery, black migration, education, and Black culture. Based at the Homestead National Historic Park in Beatrice, Nebraska, the project also includes case files from the National Archives and Records Administration.
- **Beyond 2022** (https://beyond2022.ie/?page_id=1075) is a collaborative research project creating a virtual reconstruction of the Public Record Office of Ireland, which was destroyed by fire in 1922. The core archival partners of Beyond 2022 are the National Archives of Ireland, the National Archives (UK), the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, the Irish Manuscripts Commission, and Trinity College Dublin. Working with more than forty participating institutions in Ireland, Britain, and the United States, Beyond 2022 is working to recover more than 700 years of lost records and fill a new virtual record treasury of Ireland.

APG also continues to support two coalitions working to preserve access to public records:

- **The National Coalition for History** (historycoalition.org) is a consortium of over fifty organizations that advocates on federal, state, and local legislative and regulatory issues. The coalition is made up of a diverse number of groups representing historians, archivists, researchers, teachers, students, documentary editors, preservationists, genealogists, political scientists, museum professionals, and other stakeholders.

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- The **Records Preservation & Access Coalition** (recordsadvocate.org) advises the genealogical community on ensuring proper access to vital records and supporting strong records preservation policies and practices. RPAC is sponsored by the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies and the National Genealogical Society and is also supported by the Board for Certification of Genealogists, the American Society of Genealogists, and the International Commission for the Accreditation of Professional Genealogists.

APG (apgen.org), established in 1979, represents more than 2,000 genealogists in various genealogy-related businesses. APG encourages genealogical excellence, ethical practice, mentoring, and education. The organization also supports the preservation and accessibility of records useful to the fields of genealogy and history. Its members represent all fifty U.S. states, Canada, and forty other countries. APG is active on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Twitter](#).

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