

APG Renames Professional Achievement Award for Kathleen W. Hinckley, CG

POULSBO, Wash., 13 March 2023 — The Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) is pleased to announce that the prestigious APG Professional Achievement Award has been renamed the Kathleen W. Hinckley Professional Achievement Award. This award is given annually to highlight a record of exceptional professional achievement with contributions to the field of genealogy through individual excellence and ethical behavior. Kathleen W. Hinckley, CG, has been named the first recipient of this award.

The renamed award honors Hinckley's long and distinguished career on the heels of her retirement as APG Executive Director in early 2023. Hinckley has been certified by the Board for Certification of Genealogists (BCG) since 1984 with specialties in Colorado and Western states research, as well as twentieth and twenty-first-century research, genetic genealogy, and heir searches. She has been a forensic genealogist and expert witness.

Elizabeth Shown Mills credited Hinckley with planting the seed in 1983 for the first *Professional Genealogy* book. Hinckley is acknowledged, along with a list of other distinguished genealogists, as a contributor to the original BCG *Genealogical Standards Manual*, published in 2000. She has served as a BCG trustee.

Hinckley was a well-known speaker at genealogy conferences for many years. Her publications include *Locating Lost Family Members & Friends*, *Your Guide to the Federal Census*, "Tracking 20th Century Family Members" in *The Source*, and the Colorado volume of the National Genealogical Society's *Research in the States* series.

In the 1990s, Hinckley was serving as a member of the APG Board of Directors when she was asked to apply for the position of Executive Director of the Association. During her tenure as Executive Director, Hinckley oversaw the growth and expansion of APG, which has tripled in membership since 1995.

For more information about APG's awards, visit www.apgen.org/cpages/awards.

ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGISTS

The Association of Professional Genealogists (apgen.org), established in 1979, represents more than 2,000 professionals 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 more than forty countries. APG is active on LinkedIn, Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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