



## Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society

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### **LGHS Launches First Certification Program for Louisiana Genealogists**

*Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 19 November 2024* — The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society is pleased to announce that it has launched the first certification program for Louisiana genealogists.

“These credentials are for hobbyists, practitioners, or those seeking a professional career in genealogy,” said Melissa Dautat-Collins, Program Director. “Genealogists serve in many different capacities: lecturers, teachers, professors, archivists, librarians, writers, editors, and consultants. The society provides for a renewal program and online verification of credentials. The credentials include LAG (Louisiana Associate Genealogist), LPG (Louisiana Professional Genealogist), and LCH (Louisiana Certified Heraldist), which you can use as post-nominals after your name.”

Requirements for the program are posted on the LGHS Facebook page. Additional details, applications, and reference materials are available on the new website.

The Louisiana Genealogical and Historical Society (LGHS) was founded in 1953 to collect, preserve, and publish genealogical and historical materials for the State of Louisiana and its people. The Society works closely with genealogy and ancestry libraries, historical societies, state agencies, research facilities and universities. The Society is headquartered in Baton Rouge and sponsors a spring and fall seminar each year at the Louisiana State Archives building. The Society maintains the official registry of the *First Families of Louisiana* - recognizing families who settled within the present boundaries of the state prior to the Louisiana Purchase. For over 70 years, the Society has published *The Louisiana Genealogical Register* - an eclectic collection of Louisiana records as well as historical and genealogical articles. Over 100 libraries subscribe to this journal. Other publications include historical books such as *Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812*, *Federal Census of 1810 for Territory of Orleans*, *A guide to Printed Sources for Genealogical and Historical Research in the Louisiana Parishes, Be it Known and Remembered: Bible Records (Volumes 1-5)*, and *Early Louisiana Families*.

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