Please share the following information about the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, list of courses, and public events with everyone you think might be interested! Feel free to copy and use this information in newsletters, blog posts, etc.

Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR)

Genealogists from novice to advanced, personal family historians to professionals, gather in Athens, GA every year to attend the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research! Don’t miss this opportunity to refine your genealogical research skills and expand your knowledge of available resources while meeting and networking with like-minded friends.

IGHR provides an educational forum for the discovery, critical evaluation, and use of genealogical sources and methodology through a week of intensive study led by premier genealogical educators who are leading researchers and scholars in the field. Students choose one course that lasts throughout the week. Course levels range from basic skills to advanced methodology and evidence analysis designed to solve complex research problems; course topics range from resources for specific geographic locations to in-depth skill development on specific subjects, such as land records, military records, and DNA analysis. Unlike conferences, institute courses are designed to ensure attendees are well-grounded in a topic by the end of the week. View detailed descriptions and register for one of our courses on the IGHR website ighr.gagensociety.org.

The following is a small sampling of what our students have said after attending IGHR courses: “It far exceeded my expectations for the class content, accommodations and meals.” “As always, I walked away much better prepared to do genealogy than I came. Worth every penny.” “I learned much about methods and sources that I had forgotten over the years. This was just the ‘back to basics’ course I was looking for to jumpstart my research.” “Such a great institute (and) fantastic learning experience. Being able to learn from and interact with well-known experts in our field is such a wonderful opportunity.” “Could not have imagined I would have come out of this week of learning with the knowledge and resources now available to me.” “I learned more, worked harder, and had more fun this week, than I have ever attending any number of workshops, seminars, and courses.”

In Athens, IGHR attendees enjoy classes, most accommodations, and food under the same roof at the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education & Hotel located on the campus of the University of Georgia. In addition to the convenient venue, excellent courses, and opportunities to network and socialize with fellow genealogists, IGHR attendees benefit from access to the outstanding libraries of the University of Georgia including the Main Library with its worldwide collection of historical and genealogical material, maps, and government documents; the Alexander Campbell King Law Library; and the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library. Furthermore, the Athens-Clarke County Library Heritage Room provides researchers the opportunity to use limited-access databases as a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

For more information about IGHR, hosted by the Georgia Genealogical Society, please visit our website and follow us on social media. We appreciate your help in spreading the news about the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research, and we look forward to seeing YOU in Athens!