
Michael Nolden Henderson

Genealogist, Family History Researcher, Author, Lecturer

Michael N. Henderson, Lt. Commander, U.S. Navy retired, began his genealogy journey almost 30 years ago.

He is the author of *Got Proof! My Genealogical Journey Through the Use of Documentation*, for which he was awarded Finalist in the 50th Georgia Author of the Year Awards by the Georgia Writers Association in 2014.

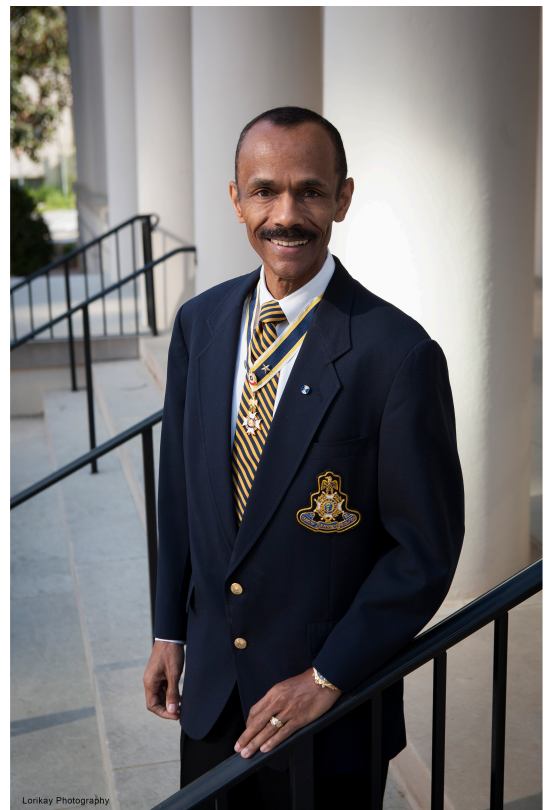
Henderson was guest lecturer at Samford University's Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research in 2014, and is the 2013 recipient of the James Dent Walker Award for Excellence in African American Genealogical Research.

His research has led to membership in the following lineage societies: National Society, Sons of the American Revolution; General Society of the War of 1812; Order of the Founders of North America, 1492 - 1692; and La Société des Filles du Roi et Soldats du Carignan, Inc.

On June 29, 2010, Henderson became the first African American in the state of Georgia to be inducted into the National Society Sons of the American Revolution. He later became vice president of the Button Gwinnett Chapter, and in 2012 served as president of the chapter. He remains the only African American member of the SAR in Georgia.

Henderson has further explored his family's connection to ancestors who served in other wars. Following his discovery of a third generation great-grandfather who fought in the Battle of New Orleans during the War of 1812, he pursued membership and in 2012 was accepted into the General Society of the War of 1812 in Louisiana.

"I'm the first in my family to pursue membership in these lineage societies," he says. "And it's an honor to have my family's history included within the narrative of American history."



"The Galvez Papers"

View the PBS segment of "History Detectives" featuring Henderson and his research that uncovered a link between his fourth-generation great-grandparents and Spanish Governor Bernardo de Galvez.

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Through his research, Henderson has documented his Native American, French, French-Canadian, African, and German-Swedish ancestry as far back as 1657. His research has been displayed in temporary exhibits at the National Archives at Atlanta, and at the Louisville International Airport.

In addition, Henderson has been featured in articles in the *The New York Times*, *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *The Times-Picayune* (New Orleans), *San Diego Tribune*, *Eastman's Online newsletter*, *Our Heritage Magazine*, *La Creole*, *Bayou Talk*, and *The Crossroads*.

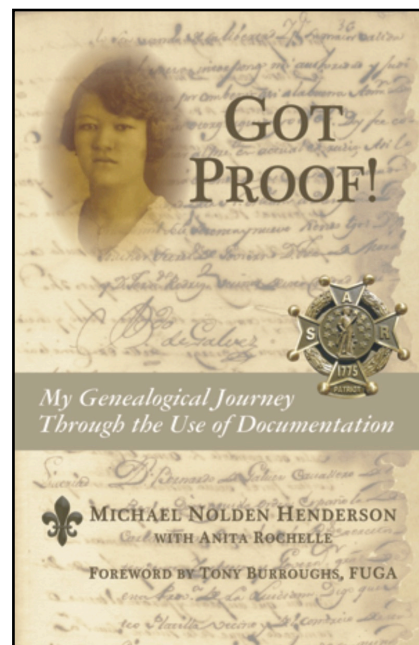
He is a member of the Louisiana Historical Society, the American-French Genealogical Society, the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, the Georgia Genealogical Society, and a board member of the Algiers (LA) Historical Society.

A native of Algiers—a suburb of New Orleans, LA—Henderson is a graduate of Xavier University of Louisiana. He currently lives near Atlanta, Georgia.

In *Got Proof! My Genealogical Journey Through the Use of Documentation*, Lt. Commander Michael Nolden Henderson, USN retired, captures the attention of genealogists, historians, and others interested in the complex social structure that developed during the French and Spanish colonial periods in Louisiana. He explores the forbidden relationships from which evolved the unique Creole culture. Revealing original documents from as far back as the 1770s, Henderson uses his own experiences as a family history researcher, as well as the insight of noted scholars, to reveal the methods, standards, and techniques used to prove his ancestry.



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