

Ninth New England Regional Genealogical Conference

REGISTRATION BROCHURE

Hartford, Connecticut
April 26-29, 2007

Connecticut Convention Center
and Hartford Marriott Downtown

New England **CONNECTIONS**

Sponsoring Organizations

American French Genealogical Society
Cape Cod Genealogical Society
Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society
Connecticut Ancestry Society
Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
Connecticut Society of Genealogists
The Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor
Falmouth Genealogical Society
Genealogical Society of Vermont
Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

Maine Genealogical Society
Massachusetts Genealogical Council
Massachusetts Society of Genealogists
National Archives & Records Administration, Waltham MA
New England Historic Genealogical Society
New Hampshire Society of Genealogists
Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut & the Northeast
Rhode Island Genealogical Society
South Shore Genealogical Society
The Irish Ancestral Research Association



New England CONNECTions

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium (NERGC) invites you to join us at our ninth genealogical conference - New England CONNECTions in Hartford, Connecticut. NERGC 2007 will help attendees "connect" to:

- Ancestors who immigrated to and migrated out of New England (including settlement and migration patterns).
- The wealth of information available in New England's archives, libraries, and historical societies.
- Specific types of diverse source materials (church, cemetery, vital, and military records; newspapers; city directories).
- Resources, and to one another, through technology and social activities.

New England CONNECTions will help to bring together genealogists and family historians from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or perhaps even a professional genealogist, the New England CONNECTions conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills.

Beyond the conference itself, Hartford is a genealogical and historical haven. It is the home of the Connecticut State Library, Connecticut Historical Society Museum, and historic sites such as the homes of Mark Twain and Harriet Beecher Stowe and the Old State House. The Godfrey Library in Middletown and Connecticut Society of Genealogists library in East Hartford are not far away.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND TRAVEL

The Ninth New England Regional Genealogical Conference is being held at the Connecticut Convention Center and interconnected Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel. Parking is available for both the convention center attendees and hotel guests in an adjoining independently operated garage. The facilities are located approximately 14 miles from the Hartford Airport (BDL) and 95 miles from the Providence Airport (PVD).

Convention Center

The Connecticut Convention Center is located at 100 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, CT 06103.

Hotel

Hartford Marriott Downtown Hotel
200 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, CT 06103-2807
Phone: 1-860-249-8000

Fax: 1-860-249-8181
Toll-free: 1-866-373-9806
Rate: \$125+ single/double
Check-in: 4:00 PM
Check-out: 11:00 AM
Hotel Website: <http://www.hartfordmarriott.com>
Group Code: NGCNGCA

When making reservations online, be sure to enter the group code above to get the special NERGC rate. For making reservations via phone, please call Marriott Reservations at 866-373-9806 and ask to make reservations for the New England Regional Genealogical Conference.

The Marriott Hartford Downtown rises 22 stories above the Connecticut River. This hotel combines the scale and beauty of a traditional grand hotel with today's contemporary amenities. Interconnected to the Connecticut Convention Center and just 20 minutes from Bradley International Airport, the Hartford Marriott is the center of a dynamic mix of convention, retail, cultural, and entertainment activities.

Arriving By Car

Directions from 91 North

Take Exit 29A/Capitol Area (left exit). Merge onto Whitehead Highway, move to the right lane. Take Columbus Boulevard exit (right exit). Take right onto Columbus Boulevard. The Convention Center and its attached parking garage are located immediately on the right.

Directions from 91 South

Take Exit 29A/Capitol Area (right exit). Merge onto Whitehead Highway, move to the right lane. Take Columbus Boulevard exit (right exit). Take right onto Columbus Boulevard. The Convention Center and its attached parking garage are located immediately on the right.

Directions from 84 East

Follow I-84 East to I-91 South. Take Exit 29A/Capitol Area (right exit). Merge onto Whitehead Highway, move to the right lane. Take Columbus Boulevard exit (right exit). Take right onto Columbus Boulevard. The Convention Center and its attached parking garage are located immediately on the right.

Directions from 84 West

Follow I-84 West and take the Downtown Hartford exit (left lane exit). This will take you on to the Founders Bridge. At the end of the bridge, turn left onto Columbus Boulevard. The Convention Center and its attached parking garage are on the left side of Columbus Boulevard. There are two garage entrances:

Grove Street Entrance: Turn LEFT one block south of the Founders Bridge. Take an immediate right under the Hotel/Convention

Center complex. Proceed straight to the ticket gate.

Columbus Boulevard Entrance: Turn LEFT two blocks south of Founders Bridge. Convention Center garage entrance will be on your left.

Directions from Route 2

CT-11 N becomes Route 2 West. Route 2 West becomes the Founders Bridge. At the end of the bridge turn left onto Columbus Boulevard. The Convention Center and its attached parking garage will be on your left.

LIBRARIAN'S DAY

NERGC 2007 is pleased to offer a special pre-conference program for librarians. The event will be held on Wednesday, 25 April 2007, at the Hartford Marriott Downtown.

Librarians attending this program will hear several excellent speakers who will help to enhance their knowledge of genealogical resources and applications. All librarians who work with family history patrons or genealogy-related research materials will benefit from this special event. The cost is \$35 per librarian and includes lunch compliments of ProQuest.

8:45 A.M. – 9:30 A.M.
Registration and Welcome

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.
**Building a Core Genealogy Collection
for Your Library**

Craig R. Scott, cg
Essential genealogical titles for a strong collection, with additional recommendations for specific regions and areas of interest.

10:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.
**Posting and Hosting Digital Content
Online**

Beau Sharbrough
Options for digitizing and publishing your library's content on the Internet, including content contributed by your patrons.

12:00 Noon – 1:45 P.M.
Lunch, courtesy of ProQuest
Speaker: William Forsyth
ProQuest Information and Learning

2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
**A Sampling of Connecticut
Repositories**

*Judith Ellen Johnson, Connecticut Historical
Society Museum*
Richard C. Roberts, Connecticut State Library
An inside look at two of Connecticut's renowned genealogical and historical institutions.

3:15 P.M. – 4:15 P.M.
Panel Discussion
We'll wrap up the program with comments from the day's speakers on a timely topic and then take questions from attendees.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG

Patricia Law Hatcher is a professional genealogist specializing in problem solving. Her articles have appeared in over a dozen publications.

She is the author of *Finding Your Colonial New England Ancestor* (forthcoming), *Locating Your Roots - Discover Your Ancestors Using Land Records*, and *Producing a Quality Family History*; editor of *The Pennsylvania Genealogical Magazine*; and consulting editor to the Newbury Street Press, a consulting editor to the *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*, and a contributing editor to *The Maine Genealogist*.

She is a former trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists and was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 2000. A popular lecturer and instructor, she has spoken at many national conferences and institutes.



Henry Z. "Hank" Jones, Jr., FASG

Henry Z. ("Hank") Jones, Jr. has been actively climbing family trees since the age of eight. Since his graduation from Stanford, he has specialized in tracing 18th century German

emigrants. His books on the subject include *The Palatine Families of Ireland*, the two-volume *The Palatine Families of New York - 1710* (winner of the Donald Lines Jacobus Award as "Best Genealogical Work of the Year"), *More Palatine Families, Westerwald To America*, and his new three-volume set, *Even More Palatine Families*.

Hank has written many articles over the years that have appeared in *The American Genealogist*, *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, *The New York Genealogical & Biographical Record*, and other major publications.

He recently received the NGS Award of Merit for "Distinguished Work in Genealogy" and has been elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, of whom there are only fifty in the world. Hank has served on the national board of the Genealogical Speaker's Guild and as a Trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists.



Cyndi Howells

Cyndi Howells is owner and webmaster of Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet. Cyndi's list is a categorized index to over 209,500 online resources. It has three times been voted the best genealogy site on the

Web and receives more than 3 million visits each month. Her website is located at www.CyndisList.com.

Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 25 years, has volunteered for several genealogy societies including the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society.

She writes for magazines and is the author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors*, *Cyndi's List*, and *Planting Your Family Tree Online*.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

The Ninth New England Regional Genealogical Conference is pleased to announce the continuance of the popular query column in the syllabus, providing participants an opportunity to reach hundreds of people who may be researching the same names. The cost is \$5 per query, up to 50 words, or three queries for \$10. (Maximum of 50 words in each query.)

You do not have to attend the conference to submit syllabus queries. Type or print each query on a separate 8.5" X 11" sheet of paper. The preferred format uses standard abbreviations and the date written as 27 July 1927 (counted as one word). Show birth, death, marriage, in that order, with location of event shown before date, and all known information stated before the question is asked. Editor reserves the right to edit for space and/or clarity, without changing thought. Remember to include your contact information.

SAMPLE QUERY:

JONES, Amanda b. Hartford CT abt 1790, m. Middletown, CT 23 Mar 1823 to BUSHNELL, John, b. Hartford or Wethersfield CT c. 1785. Need bdt, par. of John. Janet Kennedy, 50 Round Tree Road, Mashpee, MA 02649, or JK@aol.com

Mail entries and checks to:

Query Column
40 Round Hill Road
Wethersfield, CT 06109-2519

Entries must be postmarked by 31 January 2007. Please enclose a check payable to NERGC Queries. For additional information, e-mail: querycolumn@aol.com or visit the NERGC web site at www.NERGC.org.

SOCIETY FAIR

The Society Fair and Social Hour is being held on Thursday evening 26 April 2007, from 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. A variety of organizations will be displaying information about their societies. Wander through the Society Fair and see what services and benefits are available to help you in your genealogical quest. Maybe you will find a society that could help you in your research. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The enthusiasm continues to grow for these informal mini-gatherings which will be held on the first night of the Conference—Thursday, 27 April 2007 at 7:30 P.M. — on a wide range of topics. These get-togethers provide a great opportunity to meet conference participants and speakers with similar interests. Check www.NERGC.org, the conference blog at <http://nrgchartford2007.blogspot.com> or sign up for the conference e-zine for a list of these great get-togethers.

ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW

This event is one of the many benefits for participants of NERGC attending the conference on Friday and Saturday, the 27 and 28 of April 2007. The Road Show is free for conference attendees and will run both days. Conference participants will have the opportunity to meet with a professional genealogist for a twenty-minute consultation. From thorny research problems that refuse to be solved, to brick walls that seem insurmountable, this is your opportunity to "hire" a professional to review and give you advice on your problem. Even if you are only a beginner looking for some guidance on next steps in your research, exploring options with a professional can open your eyes to new resources and directions for your research that you may not have previously considered.

GUIDELINES

To ensure that everyone has an opportunity to meet with a professional, the length of each consultation will be strictly limited to twenty minutes. To make the most of your time and ensure that the consultant can give you the best direction, please bring a concise written statement of your research problem or issue (one problem per appointment, please), along with any supporting documentation, including a listing of resources already explored, and vital records pertaining to the individual in question, etc. These will be helpful in determining the best next steps for your research.

Who knows? You might discover the key to a problem that seemed insurmountable!



Thursday Schedule - 26 April 2007

8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Track	1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.
<p>Family History 101 Workshop <i>with Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk</i></p> <p>This workshop is a beginner's primer to genealogy. For those new to the hunt, plenty of basic research tips will be supplied. After outlining the most fruitful starting points, information will be provided on recording data, separating fact from fiction, and accessing the most likely places to locate records. This is an ideal way to start the conference for those new to genealogy.</p> <p>Workshop is limited to a maximum of 50 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$35 and includes a copy of Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk's book, "Family History 101".</p> <p style="text-align: right;">T-101</p>	<p>Federal Records at the National Archives</p>	<p>Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor at the National Archives <i>Jean Nudd</i> T-103</p> <p>A historical perspective and discussion of immigration records in the National Archives and Records Administration's holdings will be given. Specifically, how to use the various indexes to the records, both at the National Archives and on-line, and what information is contained in the records, will be furnished.</p>
	<p>Ethnic Genealogy</p>	<p>A Journey Through Time: Finding Your Ancestral Home <i>Janis P. Duffy</i> T-104</p> <p>Learn about many records in the United States that can hold the key to explaining where our ancestors originated in the old country. Examples of vital records, census records, and naturalization records will be shown. All ethnic backgrounds can benefit from these valuable research techniques.</p>
<p>12:00 Noon - 1:15 P.M.</p>		
<p>OPENING SESSION</p> <p>Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Tom Howard</i> <i>and</i> <i>Richard Clarke Roberts</i> <i>NERGC Conference Co-Chairs</i></p> <p>Genealogy in 2020 - A Report from the Future <i>Beau Sharbrough</i></p> <p>In 2020, you will attend a family reunion and have dinner with the animated holograms of your ancestors. What questions would you ask your ancestors? How would the conversation go? Would your ancestors ask you, "How did you get so much of my life wrong?"</p> <p style="text-align: right;">T-102</p>	<p>Records and Sources</p>	<p>Government Secrets: Discovering Genealogical Resources in Federal, State, and Town Documents <i>Nancy Peluso</i> T-105</p> <p>Was your ancestor an inventor? Did he or she ever testify before Congress or serve in the Connecticut General Assembly, receive a military pension, or serve time in the State Prison? We'll discover genealogical information located in federal, state, and town documents.</p>
	<p>New England Research</p>	<p>Roger Williams and the Native Americans in 17th Century New England <i>John McNiff</i> T-106</p> <p>Dressed in costume and using period language to describe activities in 1625-1660, John will portray life in Rhode Island and nearby Massachusetts from the viewpoint of Rhode Island's founder.</p>
	<p>Skills & Methodology</p>	<p>Finding Your Ancestors' Homes: Deeds, Maps, and Other Records <i>Michael J. Leclerc</i> T-107</p> <p>Ever curious to know more about where your ancestors lived? This entertaining case study will show the pitfalls and pleasantries of utilizing records to locate ancestral homes.</p>
	<p>Workshops</p>	

2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.		4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.		5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	
The National Archives	<p>Revolutionary War Records <i>Walter V. Hickey</i> T-108 For too many, researching a Revolutionary War ancestor begins and ends with the Service and Pension records. Fires have destroyed many of the records, but the National Archives holds a wide variety of resources. This lecture will present an annotated bibliography of materials available in the Regional Archives, including a small collection of original pension-related papers for Connecticut veterans.</p>	The National Archives	<p>Beyond the Census: Local Connecticut History in Federal Records <i>Horace Waters</i> T-114 Once you have traced your family from 1930 back to 1790, where do you go from there? Perhaps grandpa made a trip back to the "old country" after becoming naturalized and his US re-entry is in passenger lists. If an ancestor was on the crew of a whaling ship, he may be on a crew list. Researching the history of a 19th-century company? You may find information in tax records or bankruptcy records.</p>	<p>SOCIETY FAIR & SOCIAL HOUR</p> <p>Cash Bar</p> <p>Societies from all over New England will be in attendance, offering information about their specialties. Meet and greet!</p> <p>T-119</p>	
American French Genealogical Society	<p>How to Begin to Research Your French Canadian Family <i>Patty Vigeant Locke</i> T-109 The best ways, records, and resources to utilize for French Canadian research and the pros and cons of each will be discussed. French naming traditions will be covered along with a discussion on common misconceptions and important notes to be aware of when working on French Canadian genealogy. Also covered will be area genealogical societies and their resources, libraries, and a review of basic French genealogical vocabulary.</p>	Falmouth Genealogical Society	<p>An Asian-American's Journey into Asian Genealogy <i>Edward Isamu Shibata, Ph.D.</i> T-115 Between 1849 and 1952, the United States immigration rules for Asians varied, leading to sporadic immigration of the various Asian ethnicities. The methods for finding information about the generation who immigrated before periods of exclusion and the families from which they came are discussed.</p>	<p>6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>OPENING OF EXHIBIT HALL</p> <p>Exhibitors from across the U.S. and Canada will offer genealogical products and services. Be there when the ribbon is cut for the best selection!</p> <p>T-120</p>	
Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor	<p>The Mythical Trunk in the Attic <i>Edwin W. Strickland II</i> T-110 As beginning genealogists, we are told to start with what we know and what we have. This presentation is a trunk show of items that we or older relatives may have that may help guide our genealogical research. There may be sources in our possession which reveal hidden gems. After this presentation, even the more advanced researcher will, perhaps, look at family artifacts in a new light.</p>	Massachusetts Genealogical Council	<p>Access to Records for Genealogists: An Open Forum on the Issues at both the State and Federal Level <i>Massachusetts Genealogical Council Board Members</i> T-116 Access to records of interest to genealogists has become an increasingly controversial issue in the last few years. This will be a public forum to discuss the current status of access, how legislative initiatives and governmental regulations affect us, and what we can do to maintain and expand open records.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.</p> <p>FIRST TIMERS SESSION</p> <p>A session specifically designed for first-time conference attendees. Learn how to get the most out of the conference experience. Open to all.</p> <p>T-121</p>	
Cape Cod Genealogical Society	<p>Connecting to Rhode Island <i>Maureen A. Taylor</i> T-111 An overview of basic sources for Rhode Island research, including coverage of unique resources, and an exploration of what's new. Finding ancestors in Rhode Island means understanding colonial history, immigration patterns, and geography.</p>	Massachusetts Genealogical Council	<p>Connecticut Connections: Genealogical Research in the Constitution State <i>Richard Clarke Roberts</i> T-117 Whether they were long-term settlers or migrated to Vermont, New York, Ohio, and points west, discover ways to connect to your Connecticut ancestors in this overview of state and local records, printed and electronic resources, and repositories.</p>	<p>7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.</p> <p>SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS</p> <p>Special interest groups will hold gatherings on a wide range of topics. Check www.NERGC.org or the Conference blog at http://nergchartford2007.blogspot.com for a list of these Get-togethers!</p> <p>T-122</p>	
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.					
Cape Cod Genealogical Society	<p>Timelines: Placing Your Heritage in Historical Perspective <i>Laura G. Prescott</i> T-112 Match historical events to an ancestor's life, or synchronize one ancestor's life events to another's using genealogical software as well as everyday software programs to create a graphic profile and timeline.</p>	Massachusetts Genealogical Council	<p>Locating Documents for Your Lineage Society Application <i>Barbara Jean Mathews, CG</i> T-118 This lecture identifies a wide variety of lineage and hereditary societies, what sort of documents to look for and where to find them, how to keep organized, what different types of documents you need in different periods of time, how to know when you've found enough, and when to call in the professionals for help.</p>		
	<p>Working with Digital Images from Scanning to Storing, & Basic Editing in Photoshop Elements. <i>Emery Roth</i> T-113 This "hands on" workshop will teach participants to learn to control size, resolution, and format and to work with images, altering them appropriately for different uses. Workshop is limited to maximum of 30 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30. Participants are required to bring their own USB equipped laptop with CD drive and with a copy of Photoshop Elements Version 4 installed and working. Participants should also bring several images to be scanned and edited. Either Windows or Macintosh computers are welcome.</p>				



Friday Schedule - 27 April 2007

Track	8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
Skills & Methodology	<p>The Language of Land <i>Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG F-202</i> Land records can present a variety of terms with which we are unfamiliar – or that have different meanings in a historical context than they do to us today.</p>	<p>Hiding Behind Their Skirts: Finding Women in Records <i>Elissa Scalise Powell, CG F-207</i> Because they change their names during their lives and because of the historical status of women, finding your ancestress can be challenging. Learn some of the techniques and unusual records that may contain information on the missing females in your family tree.</p>	<p>Unopposed Exhibitor Time</p>
Technology	<p><small>Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston</small> Genealogical Software for the Palm PDA <i>Jay Sage F-203</i> This talk will describe and demonstrate several software products for the Palm PDA that make it possible to carry complete genealogical databases in the Palm of your hand for ready reference anywhere and any time.</p>	<p>A Guided Tour of Cyndi's List <i>Cyndi Howells F-208</i> This begins with a brief history of Cyndi's List, followed by an overview of how to navigate the site and how to tell when the site is updated. Learn how to effectively use this valuable resource tool as your jumping-off point onto the Internet.</p>	
Ethnic Genealogy	<p>The Goldmine in Quebec's Notarial Records <i>Michael J. Leclerc F-204</i> Whether French or not, residents of Quebec used notaries for all kinds of contract law. These contracts are often the only place to find critical data such as parents' names. Learn the types of records kept by notaries, their genealogical value, and how to access them.</p>	<p><small>South Shore Genealogical Society</small> Methods for Identifying the English Origins of American Colonists <i>Henry B. Hoff, CG, FASG F-209</i> Discovery of English origins of colonists usually is the result of using one or more standard research methods. The speaker will outline these methods, giving examples, and discuss how all genealogists can make discoveries using these methods.</p>	
Federal Records at the National Archives	<p><small>The National Archives</small> African-American Research: Records of the Freedman's Bureau 1865-1872 <i>Walter V. Hickey F-205</i> The challenge in African-American genealogy is to break through the barrier of slavery. In order to trace the family before emancipation, it is essential to identify the slave owner. This lecture will demonstrate the variety of records available in this post-Civil war agency.</p>	<p><small>The National Archives</small> Archival Research Strategies and Techniques <i>Jean Nudd F-210</i> Basic research practices include what to expect when you visit an archive; how to locate information about collections through the Internet; and how to evaluate sources and put the data in context. Discussion will include accessing NARA's online Archival Research Catalog (ARC) and Access to Archival Databases (AAD).</p>	
New England Research	<p><small>New Hampshire Society of Genealogists</small> Research in New Hampshire: When the Trail Turns Cold <i>Diane Florence Gravel, CG F-206</i> Traditional sources offer a solid foundation for the genealogist, but often lead to a point where the trail seems to end. This session will guide the researcher in creating a fresh approach, while exploring the wealth of repositories and "hidden" sources often neglected in the search for New Hampshire ancestors.</p>	<p>New England on the Potomac: Sources for New England Research in DAR Collections, Washington, D.C. <i>Eric G. Grundset F-211</i> Learn about the New England genealogical materials held in the collections of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C., and the changing ways to access them.</p>	
Workshops	<p>8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.</p>		
	<p>Enhancing and Repairing Digital Images in Photoshop Elements <i>Emery Roth F-201</i> Whether archival photographs, original photographs, or scans/photos of documents, Photoshop Elements is a rich application which permits nearly unlimited options for repairing, restoring, enhancing, or altering photo images. This workshop will provide participants with hands-on experience working with a wide variety of Photoshop tools. Workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$35. Participants are required to bring their own USB equipped laptop with CD drive and with a copy of Photoshop Elements Version 4 installed and working. Participants should also bring a selection of image files that need a variety of repairs. Either Windows or Macintosh computers are welcome.</p>		

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<p>Managing a Large Genealogical Project: How to Organize, Plan, and Execute Your Research <i>Christine L. Sweet-Hart, CG F-213</i> This lecture will focus on how to organize yourself by making a proof book and expandable, easily maintained filing system to support your family research project; how to plan your research to get the most out of a visit to a repository; and what to do with everything when you come back home.</p>		<p>Tales From the Courthouse in Colonial New England <i>Diane Rapaport F-219</i> This program highlights true courtroom stories from colonial days; amusing, poignant, and shocking stories of remarkable men and women nearly lost to history. Although our own modern world differs in profound ways from Puritan New England, these feisty characters prove that human nature changes little, no matter how many centuries pass.</p>		<p>Known Dead in the War of 1812 <i>Craig R. Scott, MA, CG F-224</i> Discusses the records relating to soldiers and sailors who died in the War of 1812 and where they can be found.</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Social Hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cash Bar</p> <p style="text-align: center;">F-229</p>	
<p>Internet Genealogy - Top Tips for Getting Great Results! <i>Daniel M. Lynch F-214</i> Computers and the Internet can be especially powerful tools for genealogy when used correctly. Don't let technology make you work. We'll put you back in charge by demonstrating simple but powerful techniques for squeezing the best results out of your time at the keyboard. Be prepared for an action-packed hour!</p>		<p>Planting Your Family Tree Online <i>Cyndi Howells F-220</i> This lecture will focus on what things you should be sure to include on your home page to make it a helpful research tool. Learn how having a home page of your own will enhance your research, as well as what things to avoid, and how to attract visitors to your web site in order to reach that distant cousin out there in genealogical cyberspace.</p>		<p>Automatic Research Assistants: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly <i>Beau Sharbrough F-225</i> This lecture describes programs that give you research tips. Are they the next great thing? Or have we let Frankenstein's monster loose in our family tree? They're here, they're staying, and we will want to define how they'll work and how they should be used.</p>			
<p>Tracing the Origins of Early 18th Century Palatine & Other Emigrants <i>Henry Z "Hank" Jones, Jr., F-215 FASG</i> A lively discussion emphasizing the how-to's of pinpointing and then fully tracing the European roots of our ancestors. A step-by-step plan of attack, showing how "They Came Together, They Stayed Together!"</p>		<p>Researching Genealogy in Irish Newspapers <i>Dennis J. Ahern F-221</i> It used to be said that one's name should only appear in the newspaper when you are born, when you are married, and when you die. For most people in 18th- and 19th-century Ireland, these three occasions did not always apply, but you still might find an ancestor's name in the news.</p>		<p>Russian Family Research: Basic Tips and Tricks to Locate Them in American Sources <i>Allison L. Ryall F-226</i> Locating your Russian ancestors in American sources can be a tricky process. Learn important tips and tricks for helping you to locate your Russian ancestor in a variety of documents and sources.</p>			
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The National Archives</p> <p>19th and Early 20th Century Crew Lists <i>Horace H. Waters F-216</i> The National Archives and Records Administration, Northeast Region in Waltham, Massachusetts holds crew lists from over two dozen New England ports with vessel licenses, registrations, and enrollments from twice that many.</p>		<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The National Archives</p> <p>Dear Mr. Secretary... Correspondence of Government Agencies in the 19th Century <i>Walter V. Hickey F-222</i> There exists a vast untapped genealogical resource in the various microfilm publications of 19th-century correspondence. Letters sent and received by the Secretaries of War, Indian Affairs, State, and other government offices contain references to and information about individuals.</p>		<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The National Archives</p> <p>Where'd They Go? Finding Ancestral Migrations in Federal Records <i>Jean Nudd F-227</i> Whether you are looking for where your ancestors came from or where they went, Federal records can help. From places of birth listed on census records to payment records for Federal military pensions, information on migration is readily available in Federal records, if you know where to look!</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">7:00 P.M.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BANQUET</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sponsored by: New England Historic Genealogical Society</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Pat Tells All: Who Did What For Whom"</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come learn the hidden secrets of genealogical successes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Choice of: Chicken Scarborough Broiled Fillet of Salmon Vegetarian - Mediterranean Couscous</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$37.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">F-230</p>	
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">The National Archives</p> <p>Early Connecticut Court Records Illustrated: Locate Relationships and Local Color <i>Helen Schatvet Ullmann, F-217 CG, FASG</i> From witches and murderers to neighborhood disputes, illegitimacies, divorce, and fights over probate, specific cases identify various 17th and early 18th century court records and the kinds of material available.</p>		<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Genealogical Society of Vermont</p> <p>The Forgotten Irish of Nineteenth Century Vermont <i>Vincent E. Feeney, Ph.D. F-223</i> This presentation examines the frequently overlooked Irish population that existed in Vermont in the middle of the 19th century between the years of 1830 and 1860. We will look at where they came from in Ireland, their route to the Green Mountain State, where they settled, and what types of occupations they had.</p>		<p>The 400th Anniversary of the Other Colony . . . In Maine! <i>Sandra MacLean Clunies, F-228 CG</i> Jamestown was not the only English colony in 1607 on the Atlantic coast of America. Learn about the Popham Colony, another colonial settlement in Maine, a "lost colony" until its amazing re-discovery in 1994. What was the mission? Why did it fail? Would you like to participate in its rebirth?</p>			
<p style="text-align: center;">1:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.</p>							
<p>Identifying and Preserving Family Photographs <i>Maureen A. Taylor and David L. Mishkin F-218</i> Learn to identify family photographs by researching photographers, dating costume clues, and comparing facial characteristics. Preserving your family photographs is easy and inexpensive when you understand the terminology and how to purchase supplies. Participants are invited to bring family photographs with them.</p> <p>Workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.</p>							



Saturday Schedule - 28 April 2007

Track	8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
Skills & Methodology	<p>When the Sources are Wrong! <i>Henry Z "Hank" Jones, Jr., S-302</i> <i>FASG</i> A study of primary and secondary sources often found to be in error, how to spot them and then overcome these troublesome obstacles as we climb the family tree. This topic is a universal one, touching every ethnic group and every timeframe!</p>	<p>Discovering Genealogical Clues in Family Photographs <i>Maureen A. Taylor S-308</i> A single photograph can unlock a family mystery. The details are in the photographic clues. Pictures document births, deaths, marriages, and more. Use an image as genealogical proof by understanding the language of family photographs.</p>	<p>Unopposed Exhibitor Time</p>
Writing & Documents	<p>Writing Your Family History in Register Style: Concise, Precise, and Flexible <i>Helen Schatvet Ullmann, S-303</i> <i>CG, FASG</i> Since the 1870s editors of the Register and many genealogists have organized their material in this simple style. Genealogy programs try to imitate it. It is not difficult to master. We will build a family sketch step-by-step to a finished product.</p>	<p>Producing a Quality Family History <i>Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG S-309</i> Today's technology makes it relatively easy to produce a family history that is pretty to look at. But, as the saying goes, "Pretty is as pretty does." What does it mean to produce a quality family history?</p>	
Ethnic Genealogy	<p>Applying for Your Irish Passport: An Introduction to Irish Research <i>Donna M. Moughty S-304</i> Before you buy your ticket to Ireland you need to look at the roots your ancestor planted in America. Focusing on U.S. resources can give you a real passport to finding your way to the right place in Ireland.</p>	<p>African American and American Indian Patriots of the Revolutionary War from New England <i>Eric G. Grundset S-310</i> This lecture presents an overview of African American and American Indian involvement in the Revolutionary War and of the records that document their participation, as well as a discussion of the methodology used in this research.</p>	<p>12:00 Noon - 1:30 P.M.</p> <p>LUNCHEON</p> <p>Sponsored by: Cape Cod Genealogical Society</p>
New England Research	<p>Negotiating the Maze of Probate Records in Connecticut <i>Barbara Jean Mathews, CG S-305</i> We will look briefly at the types of estates and estate papers that can be found, touching both on loose papers and on record books. We will then move chronologically through recordkeeping, finding out where records are stored and how to access them. We will end with examples of estates and probate districts.</p>	<p>Genealogical Resources in Maine: Downeast Resources and Tools <i>Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG S-311</i> Tracking your Maine ancestors requires different skills depending on the time period in which they lived. This lecture examines sources and techniques for finding elusive ancestors in the Colonial, federal, and Statehood periods of Maine's history.</p>	<p>"It's a Small World After All: Genealogy in the Global Perspective"</p> <p><i>Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk</i></p> <p>The explosion of the Internet has changed the way we do research. While genealogical and historical databases are most often used, there are many other avenues for successful research. Learn how to get information to come to you, how to make contact with like researchers, and through examples see what successes others have had.</p> <p>Choice of: Balsamic Glazed Chicken Breast w/salad Pork Rib Chop Vegetarian - Spinach Ravioli</p> <p>\$26.00</p> <p>S-314</p>
Records & Sources	<p>Poor Cousins: Using Pauper Related Records to Locate Your Missing Relatives <i>David Allen Lambert S-306</i> This lecture discusses the primary sources commonly overlooked that detail the life of a town pauper and his/her family. Using state, county, and local records this lecture will discuss a multiple of case studies for examples from the 17th century to the 20th century.</p>	<p>Managing a Cemetery Reading Project Efficiently <i>Elissa Scalise Powell, CG S-312</i> A key to a successful cemetery reading project is managing both the data and the volunteers who have varying skill levels. With many different methods of data collection, one is bound to suit your group. Awareness of standards is also important when publishing cemetery information.</p>	
Genealogical Techniques	<p>Forensic Genealogy - An Overview <i>Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. S-307</i> Forensic scientists and genealogists share the same goal - to find out who was who, and who did what and when. This talk will be devoted to explaining how to use photographs, databases, and DNA either alone or in combination to solve your genealogical mysteries.</p>	<p>Trace Your Roots with DNA <i>Megan Smolenyak S-313</i> <i>Smolenyak</i> Genetic genealogy is quickly becoming standard practice, but what is it exactly and how can you use it to further your genealogical endeavors? Come hear one of the co-authors of "Trace Your Roots with DNA" explain it in plain English!</p>	
Workshops	<p>8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.</p>		
	<p>Locating Digitized Images Online <i>Laura G. Prescott S-301</i> From maps to personal documents, we'll explore how and where to find digitized images and hidden treasures on websites across the Internet. Workshop is limited to a maximum of 40 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30. Participants are required to bring their own laptop computer with a wireless internet card. Windows and Macintosh computers are welcome.</p>		

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Evaluating Web Sites <i>Cyndi Howells</i> S-315 You found information on the Internet regarding your 2nd-great grandparents. Now ask yourself these questions: From where did this information come? Who made this information available to me online? Is this information freely available for me to use in my own research files or publications? How can I know that the details are reliable and the sources are accurate?		Rubik's Cube Genealogy: A New Twist on Your Old Data <i>Elissa Scalise Powell, CG</i> S-321 Twisting your data through the different formats of sources, geography, and chronology lets you view where the holes and discrepancies are, and allows you to see further clues. Some of the items discussed are: timelines, genograms, lineage society applications, land platting, and writing the family narrative.		Researching a Community <i>David Allen Lambert</i> S-327 A case study in twenty years of researching a New England community, starting with its Native American roots through late 19th-century immigrants. Advice on how your genealogical skills can be used to create a website, manage a genealogical archive, and preserve the worthwhile past of your home town.		<h2 style="text-align: center;">Social Hour</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">Cash Bar</h3> <p style="text-align: center;">S-333</p>	
Writing the Family History: Adding Texture to Text <i>Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG</i> S-316 Few of us ever will write a book, but we can create smaller vignettes of our family history. Here are the steps needed to transform those dry flat facts into a rich, readable, and multi-dimensional product.		Between the Censuses: Using Local Records to Fill in Your Ancestor's Stories <i>Sandra Goodwin</i> S-322 There is more in a town clerk's office than vital records. Find out what other gems are hidden there. Also discover what information can be learned from a thorough perusal of a town's annual reports and how to put it all together to fill in the nine years between the censuses.		Preservation of Documents <i>David L. Mishkin</i> S-328 Learn about what causes document deterioration, how it can be retarded, and the proper ways to store your important family papers. Discussion on deacidification (to stabilize) and encapsulation (to protect). Also, resources available to purchase archival supplies.			
Using the British Census <i>Kathryn Smith Black</i> S-317 Explains why and how the census was taken, what physical forms the census can be used in, how the questions varied from time to time, and how best to use such indices as are available. Emphasis is on access via Ancestry.com and the best use of the facilities there.		From Rubble and Ruin: Locating Famine Immigrants <i>Donna M. Moughty</i> S-323 Fire and government destruction of early census records left a void for Irish researchers, but creative genealogists have learned to use Griffith's Valuation as a key resource to finding famine emigrants.		Exploring Your Eastern European Roots in New England and Europe <i>Matthew Bielawa</i> S-329 <i>Jonathan D. Shea, AG</i> This presentation will identify the principal settlements of immigrants from Poland, Lithuania, and Ukraine in Southern New England and identify American documents that will enable the researcher to locate an ancestral point of origin in Eastern Europe.			
Genealogical Revelations in Church and Related Records at the Connecticut State Library <i>Carol Ganz</i> S-318 Shows how to locate and interpret information in church membership and vital records, and points to useful information in lesser used materials. Provides techniques and resources to track clergy and their congregations through church, ecclesiastical society, and related records.		Online Databases at the Massachusetts State Archives <i>Janis P. Duffy</i> S-324 This lecture will explain the various databases that are available online from the Massachusetts State Archives. Take a virtual tour through the Internet, explore this great information, and see how these databases can help you with your research right from home.		William Webb: An African-American Civil War Soldier <i>Kevin Johnson</i> S-330 Learn of the struggle for freedom through the eyes of an African-American soldier serving in the 29th Connecticut Colored Infantry during the Civil War through this emotional and exciting first-person living history presentation.			
Law Library Resources for Genealogists <i>Diane Rapaport</i> S-319 Law libraries are not just for lawyers. Legal reference tools can open up a new world of possibilities for genealogists, too, particularly for 19th- and 20th-century research. This presentation by an experienced attorney/genealogist tells how to use basic law library resources to advance your family history project.		Ellis Island - A Fresh Look at an Old Favorite <i>Daniel M. Lynch</i> S-325 It has been six years since ellisland.org first took the Internet by storm with free searchable passenger records. Upgraded search tools, transcription corrections, and significant new content make this old favorite worth another look.		Civil War Research <i>Dennis J. Ahern</i> S-331 This lecture will speak of researching individuals who served in Union or Confederate forces during the American Civil War, touching on the resources available in New England, the National Archives in Washington, and on the Internet. These sources sometimes provide clues to an individual's birthplace and family history.			
Flushing Out the Inner Character Using Graphoanalysis <i>Irene P. Lambert, MGA</i> S-320 Introduction to a new methodology in researching an ancestor. Graphoanalysis interprets the many specific writing strokes, size of writing, slants, and spacing to determine the many facets of a personality. Emotional makeup, thinking patterns, fears, integrity, and vocational aptitude can be determined by analyzing the writing.		Beyond Y-DNA: Your Genetic Genealogy Options <i>Megan Smolenyak</i> S-326 <i>Smolenyak</i> Surname DNA studies are increasingly popular, but are you aware of your other options? Learn about mtDNA, SNP, BioGeographical and ethnic tests, as well as the Genographic Project and SMGF explained in plain English! Maybe one is right for you.		Forensic Genealogy - Photograph Analysis <i>Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D.</i> S-332 As featured in <i>Family Chronicle</i> magazine, Forensic Genealogy offers innovative new tools for getting the most information out of your old photographs. This talk will present innovative approaches to analyzing old photographs.			
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Sunday Morning Special Session - 29 April 2007

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Following in the tradition of recent NERGC conferences, hear a historical sermon by a famous Connecticut minister. Watch the NERGC Web page, www.NERGC.org, the NERGC Blog, <http://nergchartford2007.blogspot.com>, and the e-zine for forthcoming information.



Dennis J. Ahern has been a trustee of the Acton Memorial Library since 1982. Dennis is currently documenting all of the Civil War veterans of Acton, MA. A native of Arlington, MA, he is a past vice-president of the Arlington Historical Society where he has lectured on the Civil War veterans of that town. Dennis is also the creator of several websites on Irish genealogy and has lectured on a variety of subjects in Ireland as well as New England.

Joseph C. Anderson II, FASG is the co-editor of *The American Genealogist*, editor of *The Maine Genealogist*, and editor of the *Maine Families in 1790* project of the Maine Genealogical Society. He has published 17 books and 40+ articles focused on solving tough genealogical problems in Maine.

Matthew Bielawa is the assistant registrar at Central Connecticut State University and has done extensive research in various archival repositories in Ukraine and Poland. He serves as the vice president and webmaster for the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast and has authored numerous articles on Ukrainian research for various American and Canadian genealogical publications.

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Janis P. Duffy is a reference supervisor at the Massachusetts State Archives and their volunteer coordinator. Past President of TIARA, member of NEHGS, NGS, and various other genealogy societies. She has made many trips to Canada and Ireland in search of her roots. Janis has assisted with research tours to Ireland for the past three years.

Vincent E. Feeney, Ph.D. received a Ph.D. in History from the University of Washington in 1974 and has lectured since 1977 at the University of Vermont as an adjunct professor of Irish History. He is the author of a variety of articles and publications. From 1998-2001 he was the president of the Chittenden County Historical Society in Burlington, VT and is currently working on a history of the Irish in Vermont.

Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. is a recognized expert in optical laser measurement techniques, with many years of experience developing innovative technologies for NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the Department of Defense. She is also an avid genealogist. In *Forensic Genealogy*, Dr. Fitzpatrick shows that you don't have to be a rocket scientist to get the most from your genealogical materials.

Carol Ganz is a reference librarian in the History and Genealogy Unit of the Connecticut State Library, where she works with a variety of patrons and genealogical materials, and specializes in church records and related resources. She is a member of CSG and NEHGS, serves as historian for her local church, and takes an active role in local historical societies.

Sandra Goodwin is the current president of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, after having served several years as president and vice-president of the Worcester chapter. She taught social studies in the public school system for twenty-nine years and has been doing genealogy for the past fourteen years. She has been teaching beginning and intermediate courses at local public libraries for more than a year, as well as a "Family History Writing" course as an introduction to MSOG's First Annual Family History Writing contest.

Diane Florence Gravel, CG is a full-time, professional researcher with 20 years of experience in the legal profession prior to becoming a genealogist. She is co-editor of *New Hampshire Families in 1790* and serves as Vice President of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists.

Eric G. Grundset has been Library Director for the Daughters of the American Revolution in Washington, D.C. since 1983. He is the author of many articles that have been published in a variety of publications. Eric is a member of the DAR's Technology Advisory Committee, which is responsible for planning and implementing the DAR's ongoing digitizing and indexing projects. A former vice president of the National Genealogical Society and a former president of the Virginia Genealogical Society, Eric has lectured at numerous NGS and FGS conferences since 1984 and at countless local and regional events since the late 1970s.

Patricia Law Hatcher, FASG is a professional genealogist specializing in problem solving whose articles have appeared in over a dozen publications. She is a former trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists and in 2000 was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. A popular lecturer and instructor, she has spoken at many national conferences and institutes.

Walter V. Hickey has been with NARA since 1990, serving at both the Waltham and Pittsfield Regional Archives. Prior to joining the National Archives, he was the Special Collections Librarian at the Pollard Memorial Library in Lowell, having previously taught Social Studies for a number of years. He has written articles for many genealogical society newsletters and is a frequent speaker to such societies.

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Cyndi Howells, a genealogist for more than 25 years, is the creator of *Cyndi's List*; author of three books for genealogical research on the Internet; a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society and an active member in several other genealogical groups.

Judith Ellen Johnson is the Genealogist at the Connecticut Historical Society Museum in Hartford, CT.

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Henry Z "Hank" Jones, Jr., FASG has been a professional genealogist since 1965. Hank is an entertaining genealogical lecturer, an accomplished writer, and a respected Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists. He is best known for his extensive work with Palatine genealogy and for his popular book, *Psychic Roots*. Hank also has a long career as an entertainer and

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David Allen Lambert is currently the NEHGS Online Genealogist, and formerly served as the Microtext Department Manager and Reference Librarian for NEHGS. David has been on the NEHGS staff since 1993, having been a member previously. His interest in genealogy started at the young age of seven, and has increased over the past four decades. He is currently a consulting editor for the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register*.

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Chair for the 2002 Cape Cod Conference and the 2005 Portland, Maine Conference. He has also served as the Exhibitor chair for the 1998 conference in Portland, Maine. He has served as LAC Co-Chair for the National Conference in Providence, RI in 2000. Mr. Mishkin was a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and served as secretary for the organization.

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Diane Rapaport is an attorney (former trial lawyer) and award-winning author, who has made a new career as a family historian. She uses her legal training to help people find their ancestors in court records, and she writes regular magazine columns: "Tales from the Courthouse" in *New England Ancestors* and "Scottish Genealogy" in *The Highlander*. Her new book, *New England Court Records: A Research Guide for Genealogists and Historians*, was published February 2006 by Quill Pen Press (www.QuillPenPress.com).

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the United States and Russia. Allison was the chair of the Ancestors Road Show at NERGC 2005 Portland, the co-chair of the Ancestors Road Show at FGS Boston 2006 and is the program co-chair of NERGC 2007 Hartford. Allison has a professional background in events marketing, promotions, and planning.

Jay Sage is the immediate past-president of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston. His passion for genealogy developed in 1996 when his last parent died, leaving him, as the eldest child, responsible for preserving the history of his family. He is a research scientist and has been a computer hobbyist since the early days of personal computers.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED

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AFGS	American French Genealogical Society
AG	Accredited Genealogist
APG	Association of Professional Genealogists
CG	Certified Genealogist
CPGS	Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
CSG	Connecticut Society of Genealogists
DAR	Daughters of the American Revolution
FASG	Fellow American Society of Genealogists
FGS	Federation of Genealogical Societies
IGHR	Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research
LDS	Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
MGA	Master Graphoanalyst
MSOG	Massachusetts Society of Genealogists
NARA	National Archives and Records Administration
NEHGS	New England Historic Genealogical Society
NGS	National Genealogical Society
NIGR	National Institute for Genealogical Research
TIARA	The Irish Ancestral Research Association

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