

15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Family—a Link to the Past &



a Bridge to the Future

3-6 April 2019

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Welcome to NERGC 2019!

We are excited to be bringing the Fifteenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference (NERGC) back to the great city of Manchester, New Hampshire. The conference will be held, 3-6 April 2019 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, (formerly the Radisson Hotel) with the Exhibit Hall in the Expo Center which is adjacent to the hotel. We continue to grow with each Conference and anticipate matching or exceeding the 2017 attendance record of over 1,000 enthusiastic genealogists, not only from New England but across the country.

Between now and April 2019, we'll be providing updates on the Conference through periodic E-zines like this one. This issue (and back issues) are available at www.nergc.org/e-zines/. Please share the link with your friends and associates – and anyone else you feel may be interested in attending the Conference.

NERGC 2019 will include lecture sessions and workshops covering DNA, technology, case studies, New England records and repositories, problem solving, methodology, new approaches to traditional research, and much more. Our nationally recognized speakers will include Blaine Bettinger, well known for his work with genetic genealogy, Dr. Thomas Jones, PhD, an award-winning genealogical researcher, writer, editor, and educator and Cyndi Ingle, the developer and owner of “Cyndi’s List.” In addition the Conference Committee is planning special tracks and other events on Wednesday, as well as the Exhibit Hall, Ancestors Road Show, Society Fair, and many other events.

Registration for NERGC 2019 won't begin until next fall, but you can start making plans now. Continue to follow our E-zines to keep up-to-date on the planning and the excitement of this conference.

FROM THE HOSPITALITY CHAIRS

NERGC's Hospitality Chairs began learning about Manchester last month during a quick hotel site visit. Located on the banks of the Merrimack River, it seems like a marvelous city combining history, museums, and scenery. A quick Google search suggested places of interest under “Trip Advisor” and “Crazy Tourist.” Of note were the Currier Museum of Art; the Manchester Millyard Museum; the SEE Science Center. Also, the Anheuser-Busch Brewery with Clydesdale horses is only a 20 minute drive from Manchester.

The Manchester Chamber-of-Commerce Website (www.manchester-chamber.org) provides beautiful pictures of downtown Manchester. Another site (www.manchesternh.gov) lists “Leisure & Entertainment” and “Transportation.”

We look forward to sharing more specific information in future issues.

-- Claudine Purdue & Frances Nadeau

HOTEL INFORMATION

The Fifteenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference is being held at the Manchester Downtown Doubletree Hotel (formerly the Radisson) situated just 1 hour north of Boston; 1 hour west of Portsmouth; 2 hours north of Providence; 2.5 hours north of Springfield and Hartford; and 3 hours south of Burlington. Hotel reservations are now open. Rooms are available at the conference rate from Tuesday evening, April 2 through Sunday night, April 7.

Manchester Downtown Doubletree Hotel

700 Elm Street

Manchester, NH 03101

Telephone: +1 (603) 625-1000

Conference Rate: \$164.00 single/double; \$174.00 triple; \$184.00 quad. Please note that these room rates include a \$10.00 rebate per room-night payable to NERGC to help offset conference expenses.

Use the name of our organization, "NERGC" to secure the rate when you make your reservations.

Parking is \$12.00 per night for overnight parking or \$6.00 per day (until midnight) without in and out privileges for commuters. Parking tickets must be validated at NERGC's registration desk to receive the discounted rate.

Check-in 3:00 p.m. Check-out 11:00 a.m.

EXHIBIT HALL

As in the past, our conference is planned to be exhibitor-friendly. The generous unopposed exhibitor time between sessions is one of the reasons many vendors experience more success at a NERGC conference. We feature special benefits such as:

- **One full-conference registration** with each booth. (Note that meals are not included. Watch our web page and E-zine for information on ordering meals).
- **Exhibit Hall is open three full days-** Thursday and Friday, and closing one hour early at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.
- **Unopposed Exhibitor times** -- Generous time slots with no lectures or other events conflicting with your exhibition time.
- **One half hour between lectures** -- Allows our attendees more casual time to get from one lecture to another, while also allowing more time to visit exhibitors as well.
- **Two-hour lunch breaks** -- Allows still more time for product discussion and sales.
- **Exhibit Hall open to general public** -- Free access to the general public to be advertised for increased sales.
- **Optional** -- Consider showcasing your booth by providing door prize drawings at your discretion. NERGC provides tickets to conference attendees in the conference registration packets.
- **New this year will be a very robust mobile app.** Exhibitors will be able to purchase additional advertising during the conference to drive more people to your booth. Watch for details on this app on our conference website, www.nergc.org, and in the E-zine in the fall.

If you have exhibited at a past conference, we have your contact information. (If any of your contact information has changed, please let us know. We will want to be sure you receive all the information.) If you have not exhibited with NERGC at any of our previous conferences, and are interested, please be sure to send your organization's name and contact information so we can be sure to send you the details.

As with our past conferences, there will be a limited number of booths. As prime locations will go fast, it will be important to reserve your space early. Booth requests will be filled on a first come basis. The Exhibitor Application, Exhibitor's Agreement, the Terms & Conditions and the Exhibit Hall floor plan will be available soon. Be sure to check our website at www.nergc.org, for more information as it becomes available.

Any questions should be emailed to nergcexhibits@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you in Manchester.

Sponsorship Opportunities

NERGC'S continued increase in attendance can assist YOUR ORGANIZATION as a sponsor or advertiser. When you sponsor with NERGC, you'll raise your visibility with the genealogists you need to research. Here are some selected opportunities:

Wednesday Track Sponsorship: Wednesday attendees have the opportunity to attend these in-depth specialized tracks: Beginning DNA Day; Librarians' and Local Historians' Day; Professional Genealogists Day; Society Leadership Day; and Technology Day.

Lecture Sponsorship: Any organization or individual may sponsor a lecture. Sponsors may request recommendations for proposals from lectures already submitted for the conference. Any sponsored lecture may have a representative of the organization give a brief description of their organization, have their name in the program and syllabus, and a poster board with their name and contact information by the door of the lecture room.

Workshop Sponsorships: Workshops are two-hour presentations on any genealogy topic. Sponsors may request recommendations for proposals from proposals already submitted for the conference. Sponsorship recognition for workshops is outlined above under lecture sponsorships.

Welcome Reception: This option will show your support right from the beginning of the conference. Welcome refreshments will be served (partially covered by the sponsor). Sponsorship will be acknowledged in the conference program brochure. Event may be held at the Millyard Museum located close to the Radisson Hotel Manchester.

Luncheon Sponsors: Organizations may sponsor a luncheon speaker with the approval of the Program Committee. Sponsors will have five minutes to talk about their organization and place promotional materials in the room.

Dinner Sponsors: We have two evening banquets (Friday and Saturday nights). Sponsors may choose the speaker and topic with the approval of the Program Committee and may place information regarding their organization such as pins and membership applications on the tables. Two "head tables" will be reserved for their society or organization for paid meal attendees.

For more information about these and other sponsorship opportunities, go to www.nergc.org/sponsor-or-advertise/.

Call for Volunteers

It's never too early to start thinking of how you could donate your time and talents to help with this all-volunteer run conference. We're always looking for volunteers to help prepare registration packets prior to the conference, check-in at registration, room monitors, signage placement, etc. Usually a 1-2 hour commitment can assist your participating society in meeting their volunteer commitment. We'll be publishing specific roles you can volunteer for in future E-zines and on the NERGC Web page, so keep an eye out for a way to be a major part of this great event.

NERGC 2017 QUERIES ARE ONLINE

The Queries posted on the Query Board at the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference for which the submitter provided permission to publish have been transcribed and are available at <http://www.nergc.org/queries/>.

If you have information to share in response to any of the Queries, please correspond directly with those who submitted them using the contact information they provided. NERGC cannot serve as an intermediary in either the research process or in providing additional contact information. When using the postal service, please enclose a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope if you need a response.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE DONNA HOLT SIEMIATKOSKI VOLUNTEER AWARD

**Deadline for nominations for the 2019 Award
is Thursday, 15 November 2018**

The Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Genealogy Volunteer Award is presented at each New England Regional Genealogical Conference to a person who has provided outstanding volunteer service to the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium or its member societies, and as such to the field of genealogy, over and above the job they were elected or appointed to do. Donna was a founder of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor and served as its first President. She served on the Board of Governors of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists and was their representative to the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She was instrumental in the formation of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council. As a delegate to NERGC, Donna encouraged members of New England's genealogical community to work together for the common good.

Member societies in NERGC are strongly encouraged to nominate for the 2019 Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Award people whose service to our organizations and consortium follows Donna's example.

Nominations should include a summary of the nominee's activity and a statement from the nominating organization of the reasons for believing that the nominee is a particularly suitable candidate for the award.

Please send all nominating information by November 15, 2018, to NERGC President John A. Leppman, 20 Thwing Lane, Bellows Falls, Vermont 05101, or by e-mail at jleppman@sover.net.

Thanks to all NERGC organizations for helping us find a good award recipient!

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES, AND MUSEUMS SHOWCASE BOTH FRIDAY, APRIL 4 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 5

NERGC is seeking libraries, archives and museums with special collections of interest to genealogists and researchers to join us in Manchester. Our Libraries, Archives, and Museums Showcase was a huge success in Springfield in 2017 and we're looking to expand.

We will supply a table, two chairs and signage at no charge for informational exhibits about special collections on both Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (These tables will occupy the same space the Society Fair will utilize on Thursday evening, so there will be plenty of room.) Organizations are welcome to participate on one day, with one table per organization. No sales are allowed.

The Conference's Daily Newsletter will include information the day's participants for all to see.

If you want to participate, or have questions, please email Phyllis Day, Library/Archives Chair at phyl@meganet.net

SOCIETY FAIR 2019

Calling genealogical, family and historical societies! You are cordially invited to participate in the NERGC Society Fair on Thursday, April 3, 2019. Hundreds of family history researchers will gather for four days of seminars, socializing and researching at NERGC 2019. Having your group participate in this conference is an opportunity not to be missed.

Participation in the Society Fair is free to non commercial entities. You will be able to display your publications, seek new members, and network with NERGC attendees and other Society Fair participants. Sales of merchandise are not permitted, although orders for memberships, society publications and merchandise may be accepted. (Entities wishing to make sales during the conference are encouraged to consider becoming exhibitors by renting a booth in the Exhibit Hall).

Each participating society will have a table, two chairs and signage. Plenty of room. Outside the Exhibit Hall. No distractions. All for free--\$0.

If you want to participate, or have questions, please email Phyllis Day, Society Fair Chair, at phyl@meganet.net

WANT TO RECEIVE THE E-ZINE?

To sign up for the E-zine, please contact Richard Roberts: RCR1861@Gmail.com and use "Subscribe NERGC E-zine" as the subject of the message.

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Watch for the next E-zine in July, 2018.