15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference
NERGC 2019

Family - a Link to the Past &
A Bridge to the Future

DoubleTree by Hilton - Manchester, NH
3-6 April 2019

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New Hampshire Society of Genealogists [NHSoG]
Western Massachusetts Genealogical Society [WMGS]

To Register or Find More Details, Visit www.NERGC.org.
The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to join us at our fifteenth genealogical conference—Family ~ a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future—in the great city of Manchester, New Hampshire. NERGC 2019 will help attendees explore:

- New research pathways, methodologies, and strategies, including technology and online resources;
- Latest strategies for using DNA;
- Ethnic genealogy of many types;
- New approaches for navigating and utilizing record sources (such as civil, religious, cemetery, military, and newspapers);
- Social history and preserving your family history;
- New England’s repositories (archives, libraries, historical societies);
- Successful research planning & project implementation; and
- General genealogical research skills & techniques.

NERGC 2019 will 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 even a professional genealogist, the conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills. In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by expert genealogists, there will be time to explore the exhibit hall to “link to the past” and “bridge to the future” by making new connections at the Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show—and plenty of opportunities to meet hundreds of other attendees at the Conference who share your love for genealogy.

Watch our Facebook page, E-zine, Blog, and website (www.NERGC.org) for developing information.

**CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND TRAVEL INFORMATION**

The 15th NERGC is being held at the former Radisson, currently the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown. Manchester is located on the banks of the Merrimack River just 1 hour north of Boston; 2.5 hours north of Hartford; and 3 hours south of Burlington.

**DOUBLETREE BY HILTON**

(Formerly Radisson)

700 Elm Street
Manchester, NH 03101
(603) 625-1000

**Conference Rate:** $164.00 single/double, $174.00 triple and $184.00 quad.

Check-in 3:00 p.m. and Check-out 11:00 a.m. Rooms are available at the Conference rate from Tuesday night, April 2nd through Sunday night, April 7th. Please note these room rates include a $10.00 rebate per room-night to NERGC to help offset Conference expenses. When you make your reservation, use the name of our organization, “New England Regional Genealogical Conference”, and mention the date of 3 April 2019 to secure the Conference rate.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

Enthusiasm is high for these popular, informal mini gatherings which will be held on Thursday, April 4th, at 7:15 p.m. It’s an opportunity to meet and share with conference participants and hosts on a wide range of topics. Check our upcoming E-zines, the NERGC blog on our website and Facebook page, and www.NERGC.org for specific topics & more information.

**ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW**

Does your research need a jump start? Are you just beginning and don’t know where to start? Do you need help reading and analyzing an old document? Have you hit that proverbial brick wall? Having someone with experience and expertise analyze your work might provide you with a new perspective to help you continue your research. This is your chance to consult with a professional genealogist. Twenty-minute Road Show consultations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to one per registered conference attendee. Check out upcoming E-zines and www.NERGC.org for specific topics & more information.
**EXHIBIT HALL**

The Exhibit Hall has it all - books, maps, educational opportunities. The space is flexible and inviting. The Exhibit Hall will be open three full days with unopposed Exhibit Hall hours, so you will not have to choose between attending lectures and visiting the vendors. In addition, there will be a presentation area in the Exhibit Hall where short lectures on special subjects and product demonstrations will be given. (Info: nergcexhibits@gmail.com)

**LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS SHOWCASE**

NERGC is seeking libraries, archives and museums with special collections of interest to genealogists and researchers to join us in Manchester. One table, two chairs, and signage are available at no cost for informational exhibits about special collections on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Organizations are welcome to participate on either day. The Conference’s daily newsletter will include the day’s participants for all to see and will be a good chance to learn about local resources for research. (Information: Phyllis Day, phyl@meganet.net)

**VOLUNTEERS**

Volunteers are an essential part of NERGC, and we welcome additional help. You don’t even have to be an attendee to volunteer! If you, or a spouse or a friend, can give us one or more hours of your time during the conference, it would greatly be appreciated. (Info: Susan Steele & Virginia Wright, susansteele@verizon.net)

**WE VALUE THE INPUT OF OUR PARTICIPANTS**

We solicit input from each conference participant. Once compiled and distributed, your input helps make each NERGC conference the best yet! Subscribe to the E-zine to learn more about NERGC’s participant-centered approach.

**SPECIAL MEAL, MOBILITY, HEARING, & VISION NEEDS**

Registrants with special meal requirements and/or mobility, hearing or visual special needs as outlined in the American with Disabilities Act must detail those requirements in writing to NERGC by March 15th, 2019. Our registration process gives those with special meal needs the option of summarizing your requests in writing as you purchase luncheon or banquet tickets in the online registration for the conference. If submitting registration using the Registration Form & Conference Fee page within this brochure, there is a box to check special dietary needs are needed. You will be contacted by NERGC to identify those needs. Registrants with mobility, hearing or visual needs should contact Dr. Pamela Roberts to discuss these needs. Feel free to contact Pamela Roberts, PT, EdD and NERGC Volunteer at drpampt@gmail.com or call her at 860-428-2406. Dr. Roberts will work with you to plan your conference experience, coordinate your equipment needs for items such as assistive listening devices or mobility scooters and coordinate special seating requirements for you to best see and hear presenters. She will share referrals to local resources for equipment and services needed but not available through the conference venues.

**GENEALOGICAL QUERIES**

A Query Board will be set up in the lobby area of the conference center. Following your online registration, you will have the opportunity to submit your query for display at the conference. If you are interested, please indicate a contact method and say, ‘ok to post’ Those with permission granted will be posted on our website after the conference. The preferred format uses standard abbreviations and the date written as 27 July 1927. Show birth, death, marriage in that order, with event location shown before date and all known information stated before the question is asked. Remember to include your contact information!

**SAMPLE QUERY:**

JONES, Mehetable, 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 Johnson <address> or <email>.

**GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH OVERVIEW BUS TOUR**

On Wednesday, 3 April 2019, a Research Overview Bus Tour will be provided for all who are interested in learning about several genealogical research sites in southern New Hampshire. The Tour will depart the Conference hotel at 10:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. and will include the American-Canadian Genealogical Society, the Manchester Historical Association, a tour or a description of the Manchester City Library, the New Hampshire Historical Society Library in Concord, and the New Hampshire State Library in Concord. Participants will then be able to return on their own to carry out individual research. The cost for the Tour is $35 per person, and our stop for lunch in Concord will be “Dutch-treat”. Limit of 50 participants; fee will be returned if we have insufficient enrollment. Include the Bus Tour payment as part of your regular Conference registration. Questions? Contact David Martin at davidmartindr@aol.com or Cindy O’Neil at oneilyn@comcast.net. Registration: See the Activities section on the NERGC Registration Form Deadline: February 28, 2019 – Space is limited.
OUR 2019 FEATURED SPEAKERS

Blaine Bettinger
Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. In 2007 he started The Genetic Genealogist (www.thegeneticgenealogist.com), one of the earliest blogs on the topic. Blaine is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world’s first genetic genealogy workbook. He also co-authored “Genetics for Genealogy” with Judy Russell in 2018’s *Professional Genealogy: Preparation, Practice & Standards* (ProGen PPS) (Elizabeth Shown Mills, Author and Editor).

Blaine is or has been an instructor for genetic genealogy courses at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research (IGHR), Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy (SLIG), Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP), and Virtual Institute of Genealogical Research. Blaine is a graduate of ProGen Study Group 21, a trustee for the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society’s Board of Trustees, and a board member for the Association of Professional Genealogists.

Thomas W. Jones, PhD, CG®, CGL, FASG, FUGA, FNGS
Tom has been pursuing his ancestry since 1963. For the first twenty years he was clueless about what he was trying to accomplish and how to do it. When he started climbing the genealogy learning curve he repeatedly experienced the challenges, joys, and rewards of tracing ancestors reliably and fully understanding their lives. Tom eventually became an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the National Genealogical Society Quarterly, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbooks Mastering Genealogical Proof and Mastering Genealogical Documentation. Using his nearly lifelong career in education as a springboard, he enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, and local, national, and international genealogy conferences.

Cyndi Ingle
Cyndi Ingle is the owner and webmaster of Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet, www.CyndisList.com, a categorized index to over 336,000 online resources. In its 22 years online Cyndi’s List has consistently remained in the top tiers for genealogical research tools online. It is an award-winning site which helps millions of visitors worldwide. It has been featured by the History Channel website and in the media and several publications, including ABC News, NBC News, USA Today, Time, Newsweek, Parade Magazine, Wired, Family Tree Magazine, Family Chronicle, and Internet Genealogy magazines. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 38 years, is the recipient of the 2016 National Genealogical Society President’s Citation. She is a past-member of the Board of Directors for the National Genealogical Society. Cyndi is a nationally known guest lecturer for various genealogical society meetings and seminars (http://www.CyndisList.com/speaking-calendar/). Cyndi is the author of a best-selling book for genealogical research on the Internet titled, Netting Your Ancestors. She is also author of another book, a printed version of her website, Cyndi’s List. Her latest book is Planting Your Family Tree Online: How To Create Your Own Family History Web Site. Cyndi and her son, Evan, and her mother live in Edgewood, Washington.

New Mobile App for NERGC 2019 – See Page 12 for Details
PRECONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

WEDNESDAY, 3 APRIL 2019

Wednesday is technically the day before the conference, but since we have the whole building for the whole day, why not take advantage of the space? Well, we are! We have an entire day of special events planned for ‘the day before’! Optional fee-based special tracks are a preconference favorite. In addition, there are stand-alone workshops you can attend without a conference registration, including an all-day military workshop. A special reception and tour at the The Millyard Museum will cap off the preconference day! It’s an extra day to spend with other genealogists and family historians getting to know each other and the Manchester, New Hampshire area. All Wednesday Day Tracks except Librarians’ Day include a buffet Lunch with Daniel Horowitz in the Armory Dining Room. See special lunch sponsored by ProQuest details for Librarians’ Day on Page 7.

WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION:
THE MILLYARD MUSEUM

Sponsored by ACGS

Join us at 6:00 p.m. for an informative and entertaining evening at the Millyard Museum. The Museum was opened in 2001 by the Manchester Historic Association in one of the renovated mill buildings of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company at the corner of Commercial and Pleasant Streets. It is home to the permanent exhibit, Woven in Time, 11,000 Years at Amoskeag Falls, that tells the story of Manchester from the time of the earliest settlement to the present time. This, and the museum’s changing exhibits, include selections from the organization's vast collections.

The Manchester Historic Association was established in 1896, 50 years after Manchester became the Granite State’s first city. Conscious that the achievements of its past leaders were becoming fast fading memories and concerned that the artifacts chronicling Manchester’s growth from a village to an industrial city could soon vanish, its founders began to collect, preserve, and share Manchester’s history so that the growing, changing city would retain ties to its past. The Association provides educational programs for children and adults and organizes historic preservation initiatives.

The Research Center, renovated in 2006, houses the Association’s library and archives where the records of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company can be found along with archival collections of Manchester families, businesses and organizations. The Research Center maintains a large photograph collection, and has a collection of books, oral histories, ephemera, artwork, manuscripts and other materials. Researchers may also access the Association’s collections of Native American artifacts, and other types of historical objects through the auspices of the Research Center located at 129 Amherst Street, facing Victory Park, in the heart of the city. The reception will include light refreshments and the opportunity to tour the museum’s exhibits at a cost of $15 per person.

MILITARY DAY

Sponsored by NEHGS

NERGC’s first Military Day with David Allen Lambert provides the opportunity for genealogists to focus on military topics that might not otherwise be included in a general conference for a broad audience. The day will include a series of lectures covering Colonial Conflicts, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, WWI and WWII.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome

9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Colonial Conflicts, Revolutionary War and War of 1812
This military track will be useful to the beginner to advanced genealogist/historian to better understand how to research records from these various wars.

Noon– 1:15 p.m. Lunch
DNA Matching Technology, A New Frontier in Genealogy
Daniel Horowitz
Speaker Sponsored by My Heritage
Hear how MyHeritage integrated DNA into the family history offerings, learn about the largest ethnicities project study and its powerful DNA Matching technology looking at a few exciting case studies.

1:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. Civil War, WWI and WWII
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BEGINNING DNA DAY

NERGC’s second Beginning DNA Day provides the opportunity to focus on DNA topics that might not otherwise be included in a general conference.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Getting Your Results Is Just the Beginning
Jim Brewster
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY FAMILY TREE DNA
This will cover the tools and genetic reports offered by Family Tree DNA.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Using GEDmatch and DNA Painter to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA
Blaine Bettinger
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY FAMILY TREE DNA
Third-party websites allow test-takers to learn even more about their genomic heritage. Together we’ll explore some of these tools and learn how to wring every dollar out of your test results!

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1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Use a Research Report to Organize Your DNA Results
Kelli Jo Bergheimer
You have used a research report for your genealogy, now use a research report approach to make the most of your DNA results.

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Enhancing Your DNA Research with Y-DNA and Y-DNA Group Projects
Janine Cloud
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY FAMILY TREE DNA
Y-DNA testing provides specific information about the paternal line. This talk addresses how to get the most from your investment in Y-DNA testing with special focus on group projects.

PROFESSIONAL GENEALOGIST DAY

NERGC’s second Professional Day provides an opportunity for professional genealogists to attend a program of presentations by certified genealogists and others intended for a professional audience that might not be included in a general conference trying to reach a broad audience.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Your Education Plan for Going Pro
Annette Burke Lyttle
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY JOHNSON GENEALOGY SERVICES AND MELINDE BYRNE, CG®
Education is essential for all genealogists, but it's vital if you're considering becoming a professional. Learn how to put together a comprehensive educational plan to support your goals.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Becoming a Certified Genealogist
Jill Morelli, CG®
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY BOSTON UNIVERSITY
Interested in becoming a Certified Genealogist? Let’s explore the basic strategies I employed to produce a successful portfolio, and what I would do differently if I had not been successful.

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1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
From the Past to the Present: Forensic Genealogy in Practice
Catherine B. W. Desmarais, CG®
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY NEAPG
Explore your potential role from among the varied opportunities the field of forensic genealogy offers.

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Client Reports: Dos Don’ts & Maybes
Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG®, CGL, FASG
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY KIMMITT GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH
This session will address the options and decisions genealogists make when writing reports that maximize usefulness to their recipients.
LIBRARIANS AND LOCAL HISTORIANS DAY

NERGC’s seventh time recognizing the importance of public library staff, genealogist librarians, and local historians to the genealogy community. This professional development program will engage you with expert presentations on topics intended to inform and inspire your work.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
FamilySearch.org Resources to Help Library Patrons
Cherie Bush
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY FAMILY SEARCH
FamilySearch is the world’s largest free genealogical website. Come learn how FamilySearch can help library patrons and staff be more successful in doing genealogical research.

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 A.M.
Finding Aids Newspapers in New England and New York
Sharon Sergeant
Tutorial from an expert genealogist: identify what newspapers are available; learn how to find them and maximize the value of newspaper content for genealogical research.

Noon – 1:30 p.m. Lunch, Courtesy of ProQuest
Welcome and What’s New from ProQuest
William Forsyth

1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
From Simmons College to PBS, how I became a host on the Genealogy Roadshow
D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS
Opportunities for librarians with a passion for local history and genealogy are immense and more exciting than ever.

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Panel Discussion
Topics will be developed through communication with attendees and “topic table” conversation during the luncheon. Speakers from the day’s program will participate along with panelists invited from public libraries.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
AmericanAncestors.org for Public Libraries
Jean Maguire
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY NEHGS
This lecture will showcase the benefits of an institutional subscription to AmericanAncestors.org by demonstrating the value of its databases for public library patrons.

SOCIETY MANAGEMENT DAY

There have been genealogy societies in New England since 1847, but we’ve seen many changes in our world over the last few decades. Records have gone online, family trees became world-accessible wikis, and online webinars take up meeting content. In this brave new world, how can we ensure that our societies thrive in the future?

Please use this as both a learning and a networking experience. Meet other society leaders, discuss your situations, share ideas, and participate with the national presenters via questions and discussions.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
How Do We Start a DNA Interest Group?
Kelli Jo Bergheimer
Have you thought about starting a DNA Interest Group for your society? Come and learn tips to build a successful program.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.–
Creating, Packing, and Sharing Your Society to Non-Genealogists
D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY NYG&BS
This session will discuss ideas and tools to assist you in introducing your genealogical society to your local community—especially for those who have little or no expressed interest in genealogy.

Noon - 1:15 p.m.
DNA Matching Technology, A New Frontier in Genealogy
Daniel Horowitz
SPEAKER SPONSORED BY MY HERITAGE
Hear how MyHeritage integrated DNA into the family history offerings, learn about the largest ethnicities project study and its powerful DNA Matching technology looking at a few exciting case studies.

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
The Next Generation: Involving Youth in Your Society
Daniel H. Earl
Who will be around to run your society in 25 years? This lecture will look at how to involve the next generation.

2:45 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
The Social Media Manager in Today’s Society
Jen Baldwin
What is a social media manager and does your society need one? This is a growing professional field, and societies can learn to convert the position to assist your non-profit organization, and greatly expand your reach on social media.
Technology Day

NERGC’s fourth Tech Day provides the opportunity for genealogists to focus on technical topics that might not otherwise be included in a general conference for a broad audience.

8:45 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Beyond the Facts: Digitally Preserving the Research Process
D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS
Speaker Sponsored by NYG&B
During our research, genealogists often gather thousands of notes and theories without coming to definitive conclusions. Explore digital tools to preserve these materials for the future.

10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.
Searching Databases on AmericanAncestors.org
Don LeClair
Speaker Sponsored by NEHGS
Come learn about how to maximize the value of American Ancestors databases with their 1.4 billion searchable names, learn the best techniques to find your ancestors, and see recent improvements to the user interface.

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1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Right or Wrong, Picture Sharing Online
Maureen Taylor
It’s so easy to share photos online—upload, post, and share. Yet those three steps are full of pitfalls of permissions, resolution, and re-use.

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Discovering Your Family History with MyHeritage Unique Technologies
Daniel Horowitz
Speaker Sponsored by MyHeritage
Technology has opened new frontiers for research while maintaining the thrill of the detective hunt. MyHeritage technologies are precisely at the intersection of technology and genealogy.

Wednesday Workshops

These Wednesday workshops are stand-alone offerings. Registration required for the workshop, however no conference registration is required.

9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
From Research Question to Report: The Process
Elissa Scalise Powell, CG®, CGL
Learn efficient techniques for attacking research problems from correctly formed questions through analysis, research, and reporting by writing your findings as you go.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Welcome to the Graveyard - Literally!
Brenda Sullivan
Walking tour of a local cemetery located near the conference. Learn about gravestone art, evolution, geology and more by viewing the cemetery on your feet! Workshop will be inside if raining or snowing.

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Irish Birth, Marriage, and Death Records: What, Where, How
Mary Ellen Grogan
Birth, marriage, and death records are the cornerstones of genealogy. This workshop will focus on Irish records, where originals and indexes are found (online and paper copies), and how they are used most effectively.

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Finding Your Family: Basic Legal Research for Genealogists
Jill Martin
This workshop will teach you how to perform basic legal research in a law library and online, specifically involving cases at the state and federal level, to find your ancestors.

3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Using Deeds to Solve Genealogy Problems
Carol Prescott McCoy, Ph.D.
Deeds are a powerful resource, especially when probate and vital records are not available. Become familiar with the structure of deeds and how they can uncover relationships, reveal migration patterns, and provide clues to peoples’ lives. Learn the types of records available, where to find them, and how they help solve genealogy problems.
Conference Schedule

Sessions start on Thursday morning. There are 126 open sessions, 6 workshops, 3 featured speaker workshops, 3 luncheons, and 2 dinner banquets to fill your days and evenings. The full conference schedule is listed on the following pages.

See the Registration Form & Conference Fees page for luncheon and banquet meal options and all workshops provided within the brochure or through the online registration system. Descriptions of each individual session is available through the NEW online registration system.

**Please note:** Anything with the bold border is an additional cost above the conference registration fee. Some presentations are sponsored by an organization. For each presentation you will find three pieces of information: the sponsoring organization (if applicable), the session number, and the presenter’s designation of audience experience (B=Beginner, I=Intermediate, A=Advanced, ALL = All Levels). Please note that your interest in specific lectures neither obligates you to attend nor guarantees you a space for those sessions.

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<td>Learn about popular genealogy research websites and software programs, review the most common record types used in genealogical research, and discover research standards including documentation and the Genealogical Proof Standard.</td>
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<td>A session specifically designed for first time conference attendees. Learn how to get the most out of the conference experience. Open to all attendees.</td>
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<td>T-103 - ALL - <em>Genealogy and the Internet - A Match Made in Heaven with Cyndi Ingle</em></td>
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<td>The Internet was made for genealogy. It really was. All the cool things we can do online to make our life much easier and our research more productive: searching, sharing, publishing, and more. But, the Internet is also filled with pitfalls that hinder us: searching, sharing, publishing, and more. The trick is to learn to be savvy about using all the online tools available to us to make this truly a match made in heaven.</td>
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<td>Members of NEAPG will lead discussions on a variety of topics during lunch.</td>
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<td>Workshop F-153 - ALL - After the Test: Exploring AncestryDNA Results with Jennifer Zinck</td>
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<td>there is an art to a well-crafted search. We will cover search strategies, tips, and tricks to</td>
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<td>A case study identifying the mother of my adopted great-grandmother, born Helen Marley Johnson.</td>
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<td>As NERGC 2019 comes to an end, we will take a moment to reflect on the role families played in our past and the importance of families to our future. Explore extraordinary families whose past lifetimes built bridges to the future through their work, dedication, and innovation while taking a moment to consider your own personal pathway.</td>
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NEW MOBILE APP FOR NERGC 2019

There is a new mobile app from Cvent’s CrowdCompass to keep NERGC attendees connected and up-to-date. The app will provide individual schedules; up-to-the-minute schedule changes; the hotel’s meeting room floor plan; and the Exhibit Hall floor plan with the list of vendors that NERGC attendees look for conference after conference. Connect with old and new friends; find family connections – make this new app work for you.

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Blaine Bettinger |
|              | Problem Solving & Methods                    | F-103 – ALL - Timelines: The Straight Line Between You and Your Ancestor  
Cyndi Ingle | F-104 – B - Demystifying Genealogical Terminology  
Melissa A. Johnson, CG® |
|              | Ethnicity I                                  | F-105 – B - Grandma Said She Was From Poznań…  
Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz | F-106 – I - Greek Orthodox Ecclesiastical Records in Northern New England  
Mary Papoutsy |
|              | Minorities and the Revolutionary War          | F-107 – B - Researching Minorities & Woman in the American Revolution  
Mary M. Tedesco | F-108 – B - The Black Experience in U.S. Revolutionary War  
Janice Lovelace, Ph.D. |
|              | French-Canadian Ancestry                     | F-109 – B - Exploring New Sources in Quebec and US  
Pauline Cusson | F-110 – I - Tracking Your Ancestor Across the Border into Quebec  
George Findlen, CG®, CGL |
|              | Ethnicity II                                 | F-111 – ALL - Seeking Your Scots-Irish Ancestors  
Donna Moughty | F-112 – A - Andiamo: Finding Your Italian Family  
Margaret Rose Fortier, CG® |
|              | Jumping into Census Records                  | F-113 – B - US Census: Cornerstone of Your Family History Research  
Nora Galvin, CG® | F-114 – I - Special Schedules of the US Census  
Nora Galvin, CG® |
|              | Advanced Methods                             | F-115 – A - A Vermont Family for Hazen: Assembling Indirect Evidence  
Diane Gravel, CG® |
|              | Technology and Genealogy                     | F-117 – ALL - Go Paperless! Organizing Your Genealogical Research  
Melissa A. Johnson, CG® | F-118 – B - Starting a Blog: What is Stopping You?  
Sara Campbell |
|              | Companies in Genealogy                       | F-119 – B - Finding the Right DNA Test for You  
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<td><strong>F-132 – ALL - Seeking Patriots: Research Strategies for DAR Applications &amp; Supplements</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mary M. Tedesco</td>
<td><strong>F-135 – B - Tips and Tricks for French Language Documents</strong>&lt;br&gt;Bryna O'Sullivan</td>
<td><strong>F-138 – B - Researching Your Swedish Ancestors</strong>&lt;br&gt;Michael McClellan</td>
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<td><strong>F-144 – A - Philip Musica: Pursuing a Fraudulent History</strong>&lt;br&gt;Robert Kalm</td>
<td><strong>F-147 – I - Adding Spreadsheets to Your Genealogy Toolkit</strong>&lt;br&gt;Susan O'Connor</td>
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Mel E. Smith | S-107 – I – Canadian Ports of Entry  
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Michael Brophy | S-111 – B - Colonial Migration Patterns  
Ann G. Lawthers | S-113 – I - New England Map History  
Sara E. Campbell | S-117 – B - Family History on Your Smartphone or Tablet  
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Crista Cowan |
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Jennifer Zinck | S-104 – ALL - The Genealogical Proof Standard According to Sherlock Holmes  
Jill Morelli, CG® | S-106 – B - Tax Records in Genealogy Can be a Good Thing  
Carol Prescott McCoy, Ph.D. | S-108 – I - Researching in Nova Scotia  
Richard Reid | S-110 – A - Roots in Granite: Finding Your New Hampshire Ancestors  
Diane Gravel, CG® | S-112 – I - Pathways from New England to New York  
D. Joshua Taylor | S-114 – I - Land Records: More than Metes the Eye  
Edwin Strickland | S-118 – B - Smartly Using a Smart Phone Camera  
Robert Raymond | S-120 – ALL - British Isles Origins in Unexpected Places  
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CONFERENCE POLICIES

Cancellation Policy - Cancellations postmarked before 15 March 2019 will be subject to a $20.00 processing fee. No refunds are available after 15 March 2019.

Conference Syllabus (Session Handouts) - A link to the electronic conference syllabus (session handouts) will be sent to all registrants approximately one week prior the conference. Please download the syllabus prior to the conference. Other syllabus options are available on the registration form.

Workshops - Workshops provide a unique opportunity for learning in a small group and thus have limited participation. Workshops on Thursday, Friday, & Saturday require conference registration and will substitute for 2 presentations in the conference schedule.

Waiver of Liability - By registering for this conference you agree and acknowledge that you are participating in NERGC and its associated events and activities out of your own free will and are fully aware that possible physical injury may occur to you as a result of your participation in these events. You acknowledge that you are able to participate in NERGC events and activities and that you do hereby assume responsibility for your own well-being. You agree not to allow any other person to participate in your place without prior approval.

CONFERENCE CHAIRS

Mary Elizabeth Choppa, past president of TIARA (The Irish Ancestral Research Association) is a native of Youngstown, Ohio. She moved to New England in 1984 and there she has remained. She has served as Registration and Volunteer Chair/Co-Chair for the past several NERGC conferences. Currently she works at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH as a vendor support analyst. She is working with TIARA and IGSI (Irish Genealogical Society International, MN) planning the 2020 Celtic Connections Conference. She’s traced her Italian roots to Bellona, Campania, Italy and her Irish roots to Lismore, Co. Waterford and Carrive, Co. Armagh.

Sharon Christenson is a research librarian by training and experience. Retiring from her position at a social science research firm created an opportunity to focus on family history and genealogy. The first step—earning a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University in 2010. Duly introduced to the genealogical community, Sharon joined the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, serving as the Middlesex Chapter Vice President and later President for two terms. As project manager and editor, she completed the Legacy Quick Guide to Massachusetts Genealogy for MSOG in 2014. Sharon has served as a delegate to NERGC on behalf of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists and the Massachusetts Genealogical Council. As chair of NERGC’s Librarians and Local Historians Day, Sharon has promoted the value of family history programming to local libraries and their communities, as well as the importance of collaborating with other family history organizations. Her research interests include Prince Edward Island, Sweden, Northern Ireland, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Pauline Cusson has been a member of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society in Manchester, New Hampshire for over 30 years. She is no stranger to NERGC or the recent conferences. She is currently serving as Treasurer of NERGC, and this is the fourth time she has participated as one of the chairs of a NERGC conference. As one of this conference’s planners, she looks forward to being part of another great conference.

Gerry Savard has been involved with the American-Canadian Genealogical Society and the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, serving in various administrative positions including President and Vice-President. Gerry was a tri-chair for the 2013 NERGC conference which was also held in Manchester. When not involved in his own research, Gerry volunteers on the research committee of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society and lectures on various French-Canadian genealogy topics.
**Speaker Biographies:**

Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A., is a freelance writer, instructor, and internationally recognized lecturer specializing in Eastern European research and nonfiction writing. She is the author of eleven books and hundreds of magazine articles and works as an online educator and writing coach.

Robert Charles Anderson is the Director of the Great Migration Study Project. He published his first genealogical article in 1976, and about the same time began to plan for what eventually became the Great Migration Study Project. Anderson was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 1978 and has served as Secretary and President of that organization. He became a Contributing Editor of The American Genealogist in 1979, Associate Editor in 1985 and Coeditor in 1993. He has been an editorial consultant to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register since 1989.

Jen Baldwin writes, lectures, and consults on a variety of genealogy topics. She is the Data Acquisition Manager, North America for Findmypast; and serves as a volunteer for the Federation of Genealogical Societies (FGS), and Larimer County Genealogical Society (CO).

Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, an independent scholar specializing in Rhode Island genealogy and history, has been editor of the quarterly journal Rhode Island Roots since 2002. She is the author of several books and scores of articles on Rhode Island families. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists.

Kelli Jo Bergheimer is a math and science senior editor for Smart Education—an international schools’ textbook company in Dubai. She owns Mess on the Desk, a genealogical organization company with a blog, YouTube channel, and online store. Kelli is the facilitator of the Central Ohio DNA Interest Group.

Janeen Bjork has applied the detective, analytic and presentation skills she garnered in a career of over three decades in TV research to her second career as a Genealogy teacher and presenter. Janeen has offered Genealogy classes and presentations for the last five years in Connecticut, New York and Massachusetts.

Ronald Blanchette has a B.A. Urban Studies, M.S. Public Administration, and J.D. Temple University. Retired from CT Office of the Attorney General, 2008. Practiced Family Law for 33 years. Have been acting in community theater for 25 years; on Ellington, CT Board of Ed. for 8 years; Board of Directors of the French-Canadian Genealogical Society of Connecticut since 2016.

Margaret Bobertz has over 40 years’ experience in family history and genealogy. She has recently joined the General Society of Mayflower Descendants as Director of Genealogy and Research Services. Previously she served as a volunteer Historian for the North and South Dakota member societies and as State Regent for the South Dakota DAR.

Diane Boumenot has a B.A. in History from Wesleyan University and is a graduate of ProGen 28. Her genealogy specialties include southern New England and Nova Scotia. She tells her family's stories on her website, OneRhodeIslandFamily.com, and lectures both locally and through Legacy Family Tree Webinars.

Jim Brewster holds a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology with an emphasis in North American prehistory and archaeology from Northern Arizona University. He has had a lifelong passion for understanding the history of the human family. Jim is the Group Projects Team Assistant manager at Family Tree DNA.

Michael Brophy is a nationally known, professional genealogical researcher, heir search specialist, and lecturer from the Boston area. He was featured on the Irish TV series Dead Money, a genealogy TV show about heir searchers and has conducted research for Who Do You Think You Are? and Ancestry.com.

Cherie Bush is a Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer with the assignment of library outreach. She currently serves as a board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies. She has served and currently serves on several library and genealogical committees.

Sara Campbell has been an instructor of non-credit genealogical classes at Fitchburg State University, Greenfield Community College and Holyoke Community College. She served as Historian in Residence at the Erving Elementary School in 2017. Many of her research projects have been funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. She has been a lecturer for the Worcester Chapter of MSOG, Central Mass. Gen. Soc, Polish Gen. Soc. of Mass, as well as many Massachusetts Libraries.

Janine Cloud found her niche with FamilyTreeDNA in 2011, where she built and manages the Group Projects team. Also, an administrator for the Cloud DNA Project. Janine is a fifth-generation Texan and a registered member of the Cherokee Nation.

Audrey Collins is a Family History Specialist at The National Archives (UK), speaker on British Isles genealogy, especially records of The National Archives and the General Register Office.

Christa Cowan has been doing genealogy since she was a child. She has been employed at Ancestry.com since 2004 where she is known as The Barefoot Genealogist.

Pauline Cusson has been doing French-Canadian research for 30 years as a member of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society. She has done many presentations at various conferences around New England Conferences. Pauline has held officers' positions in both the ACGS as well as being a conference co-chair in three previous NERGC Conferences.

Schelly Talalay Dardashti is a journalist and genealogist who has traced her family across Spain, Iran, Belarus, Russia and Lithuania for 30 years. She is MyHeritage’s US Genealogy Advisor and created “Tracing the Tribe – Jewish Genealogy on Facebook,” with 20,000+ global members. Her articles have appeared in genealogical and general journals and media outlets.

Catherine B.W. Desmarais, CG® is a Board-certified genealogist, author, educator, and the owner of Stone House Historical Research. She specializes in Vermont family history, military repatriation, and forensic genealogy research. She is the immediate past Vice-President of the Association of Professional Genealogists and a frequent lecturer at national genealogical institutes.

Mariessa Dobrick, CA has been an archivist at the Vermont State Archives since 2011. She holds a BA in French and a MA with a certificate in Archives and Records Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. An avid genealogist, she delights in helping people find their family stories in unexpected places.

Pam Stone Eagleson, CG®, of Kennebunk, Maine is a researcher, writer, teacher, winner of the 2004 NGS Family History Writing Contest, NGS board member, member of APG, and many historical and genealogical societies.
**Speaker Biographies:**

**Daniel Earl** got his start in genealogy at age 10 when he visited his great-grandfather's grave. He spent the last 25 years researching his own family and helping others make history a part of their story.

**George Findlen** is a certified genealogist and certified genealogical lecturer. He has published articles on Acadian and French-Canadian families in US and Canadian journals since 2000, and he speaks at national, regional, and state venues. He has served on the NGS board (2014-2018) and serves on the editorial board of the NGSQ.

**Margaret Rose Fortier, CG®** was named for her grandmothers and inspired by her mother. She is a genealogical researcher, lecturer, and writer in the Boston area. She holds an MS in Human Factors in Information Design from Bentley University. Margaret serves on the board of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc.

**Lindsay Fulton** joined NEHGS in 2012, first a member of the Research Services team, and then a Genealogist in the Library. She has been the Director of Research Services since 2016. In addition to helping members with their research, Lindsay has also authored a Portable Genealogist on the topics of Applying to Lineage Societies, the United States Federal Census, 1790-1840 and the United States Federal Census, 1850-1940. She is a frequent contributor to the NEHGS blog, Vita-Brevis, and has appeared as a guest on the Extreme Genes radio program. She holds a B.A. from Merrimack College and M.A. from the University of Massachusetts-Boston.

**Nora Galvin** was a former biology teacher and laboratory scientist. She started a full-time genealogy business in 2005 with specialties in Connecticut research, Irish research and genetic genealogy. Nora is active in local genealogy societies and regional professional organizations and was awarded the title “Certified Genealogist” in 2014.

**Diane Gravel** is a full-time researcher/lecturer. She is President of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists and trustee of the Thornton Public Library. She served on APG’s Board of Directors 2012-2016 and on the faculty of GRIP (2016) and SLIG (2015/2017). She is New Hampshire’s NERGC co-delegate.

**Thomas Greve** is a genealogical researcher and speaker from Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He holds a certificate in genealogical research from Boston University, and currently serves as president of Falmouth Genealogical Society.

**Mary Ellen Grogan** is a professional genealogist living in Boston. She specializes in Massachouses and Irish genealogical and historical records. She is Past President of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, Regent of the Paul Revere DAR Chapter and leads the Irish Study Group at NEHGS. She is currently Sponsorship Chair for NERGC 2019.

**Emily H. Hackett-Fiske** is a Professional Genealogist specializing in DNA and unknown parentage research, as well as Vermont and New Hampshire research. She is passionate about genealogical research and education. She is proud to call herself a New Englander with deep roots within the New England area.

**Meredith Hoffman** is a professional genealogist specializing in Jewish immigrant ancestors. She holds degrees in Linguistics from UC-Berkeley and is a graduate of the BU Genealogical Research Program and IGHR. She is NERGC Syllabus Chair 2011-2019; JGSGB Special Publications Chair; Town Leader/KehilaLinks coordinator for Berezo, Ukraine, at JewishGen.org.

**Pamela Guye Holland** lives in Swampscott, Mass., and has been conducting genealogical research since 2001. Her specialties are Irish research and genetic genealogy. She serves on the boards of TIARA and NEAPG, is a professional genealogist and works for research services at NEHGS. She can be found at www.GenealogyByPamHolland.com.

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