

15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Family—a Link to the Past &



a Bridge to the Future

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WELCOME TO NERGC 2019

Between April 3rd and 6th genealogists, local historians, teachers, and librarians will be gathering at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Manchester, New Hampshire for the 15th biennial NERGC (New England Regional Genealogy Consortium) Conference. The NERGC 2019 Conference theme is “Family ~ a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future”. Wednesday April 3rd is a Pre-Conference Day with six special interest tracks: Military Day, Beginner DNA Day, Professional Genealogist Day, Librarians and Local Historians Day, Technology Day, and Society Management Day plus a Manchester genealogical research bus tour. There are also five Wednesday workshops. Regular Conference sessions start on Thursday morning and run until Saturday afternoon. There will also be a Society Fair, an Ancestors Roadshow, Exhibit Hall, and much more. This is a great opportunity to learn something new, sharpen old skills, meet up with other genealogists, and make new friends. Continue to follow our E-zines to keep up-to-date on the planning and the excitement of this Conference.

REGISTRATION FOR NERGC 2019 IS OPEN!

Printed copies of the 24-page NERGC 2019 Conference Brochure have been distributed to NERGC Participating Societies and to many local libraries and museums. A pdf version is available at <http://www.nergc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/NERGC-2019.pdf>. The brochure contains the Conference schedule, speaker biographies, and information on available luncheons, banquets, research tour, and special events. After exploring the brochure, register online at http://bit.ly/REG_NERGC_2019 and then "Register Now". To register by postal mail, see the last page of the brochure.

A reminder: to qualify for the "Early Bird" Conference rate of \$125, your registration must be made online or postmarked by 28 February 2019. After that, the price goes up to \$155. Don't delay! Register today!

HOTEL UPDATE

The Conference Hotel, the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, is fully booked for most of the Conference, but a very limited number of rooms are still available for some nights. 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.

Reservations may be made through the following booking link: <http://group.doubletree.com/NERGC> or by calling the hotel's telephone number, (603) 625-1000 (not through Hilton).

DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel

700 Elm Street

Manchester, NH 03101

Telephone: +1 603-625-1000

If you make your reservation by phone, mention "New England Regional Genealogical Conference" (not "NERGC"), and mention the date of April 3, 2019 to secure the Conference rate.

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.

Alternate Hotel Options:

Hilton Garden Inn

101 South Commercial Street

Manchester NH 03103

Direct Phone Number: 603-669-2222. Mention Group Code "NERGC".

Fax: 603-668-2957

Registration link: <https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MHTDTGI-NERG-20190404/index.jhtml>

The Hilton Garden Inn has standard king (1 king bed) or standard double (2 queen beds) rooms available on Thursday & Friday, April 4th & 5th, 2019 at a rate of \$164.00 per night, plus tax. All rooms have a hospitality area with a microwave, refrigerator and Keurig coffee maker. Parking is complimentary, and Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel and guest rooms. Note that this hotel is .7 miles south of the Conference. A walk would take fifteen to twenty minutes. Room rates apply until March 14, 2019.

La Quinta Inn & Suites Manchester

21 Front St. | Manchester, NH 03102

Phone: 603-669-5400. Mention Group Code "NERGC". Online reservations are not available.

The La Quinta has king or double (2 queen bed) rooms at a Conference rate of \$109 per night that includes complimentary breakfast and parking. Note that this hotel is 1½ miles north of the Conference and on the west (opposite) side of the Merrimack River. It is a short walk to the bus stop for Bus #11 (light green bus) which runs hourly. The bus trip takes 22 minutes down Elm St. to Veterans Park near the Conference location. La Quinta's Conference room block is only being held until March 12, 2019.

DON'T MISS THE LUNCHEONS AND BANQUETS!

Attendees of past Conferences have provided feedback showing that the sharing, socializing, and networking that occurs at the meals were among the most meaningful parts of the Conference. Don't miss the opportunity for convenient, delicious meals; socialization; and networking with other participants.

- Thursday's luncheon, T-104, sponsored by the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, features Jennifer Zinck speaking on "DNA Testing: What Did I Sign Up For?"
- At Friday's luncheon, F-122, sponsored by the New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, each table will have a host who will provide attendees the opportunity to converse with others about a focused genealogical topic. Seating at each table will be first come, first served.
- Friday's banquet, F-155, features Blaine Bettinger, who will talk on "The Helen Marley Story," a case study in which he used indirect evidence and DNA testing to identify the mother of his adopted great-grandmother.
- Saturday's luncheon, S-122, sponsored the New England Historic Genealogical Society, will include a presentation by Robert Charles Anderson on "The Great Migration Study Project at Thirty Years".
- Saturday's banquet, S-155, sponsored by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, features Josh Taylor's presentation "Family: Links to the Past and Bridges to the Future."

All luncheons and banquets offer a choice of entrees at varying prices; see the last page of the [Brochure](#) for menu options, and then register by using the paper registration form on the back page of the Brochure or [online](#).

SYLLABUS REMINDER

A link to an electronic version of the syllabus will be sent to all registrants approximately one week prior to the Conference. Optionally available are a printed syllabus (\$17.50) or a 2 GB flash drive (\$5.00), either of which must be ordered by 20 March 2019. *The printed syllabus and flash drive will not be available for sale at the Conference. Place your order when you use the paper registration form on the back page of the Brochure or register online.*

BEGINNING DNA DAY

Featured speaker Blaine Bettinger will share his expertise at NERGC's second Beginning DNA Day. This Wednesday program focuses on DNA topics that might not otherwise be included in a general conference. Blaine's presentation will explore how to use GEDmatch and DNA Painter to analyze your autosomal DNA—third-party websites allow test-takers to learn even more about their genomic heritage. With Blaine as their guide, attendees will learn about some of these tools and learn how to wring every dollar out of your test results! This talk is sponsored by Family Tree DNA. Cost for DNA Day is \$50, which includes lunch.

RESEARCH OVERVIEW—BUS TOUR

On Wednesday, April 3, 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 oneilcyn@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION: THE MILLYARD MUSEUM

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday 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, which include the permanent exhibit "Women 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. The reception will include light refreshments and the opportunity to tour the museum's exhibits. Cost is \$15 per person.

Special Interest Groups

Plan to attend one of the informal and informative Special Interests Groups on Thursday evening at 7:15 p.m. Hosts who are experts in their areas will lead the discussions, with time to ask questions and share problems, pitfalls, resources, and successes with other attendees. This year's SIGs are DNA; England, Scotland, and Wales Research; French-Canadian Research; Ireland and Northern Ireland Research; Jewish Research, New Hampshire Research; Polish & Eastern European Research; and Scandinavian Research.

ATTENTION POTENTIAL ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW CONSULTANTS

The Ancestors Road Show is the place for giving or getting help. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to have a free 20-minute consult with a professional genealogist. An informational email will be soon be sent to Participating Societies seeking consultant volunteers. In addition, we hope that many of the great professional genealogist/speakers attending the Conference will participate as consultants. We will start to recruit consultants towards the end of January using Sign Up Genius.

Emily Hackett-Fiske, Ancestors Road Show Chair

IN AND AROUND MANCHESTER: COFFEE SHOPS

We hope everyone is making reservations for the conference. Knowing that most of us need coffee or tea to start our day, the following is a list of locations near the NERGC 2019 Conference that have the magic brew and are open early in the day.

Midtown Café at the Beacon

814 Elm Street; 3-minute walk @ ¼ mile
7:30 am – 3:00 pm; Saturday 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
Java Tree Coffee; Fresh juices

Lala's Hungarian Pastry

836 Elm Street; 3-minute walk @ ¼ mile
7:00 am - 8:00 pm

Café la Reine

915 Elm Street; 5-minute walk @ 1/3 mile
6:00 am - 8:00 pm
Blue Fire Coffee Roasters; Rishi Tea; Smoothies

B & B Café & Grill

25 Stark Street; 6-minute walk @ 1/3 mile
7:00 am - 2:00 pm; Saturday closed

A & E Coffee & Tea

1000 Elm Street; 10-minute walk @ ½ mile
7:30 am – 6:00 pm

Bridge Café

1117 Elm Street; 10-minute walk @ ½ mile
6:00 am – 5:00 pm
Republic of Tea; juice bar

Hospitality Committee Chairs
Claudine Purdue & Frances Nadeau

EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

A waiting list was started after the initial 63 booths were sold. We worked with our decorator to add additional booths to the Exhibit Hall. With that being said, we have already filled the newly-added booths and have begun a new waiting list.

If your genealogy-based organization or business is interested in renting a booth in the NERGC Exhibit Hall and would like to be added to the waiting list, we encourage you to submit your application as possible. The initial booth is \$200.00 with each additional booth \$150.00.

The Exhibit Hall will be open three days, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be open to the general public. Exhibitor move-in is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m., as well as early morning on Thursday. The breakdown of booths will be after the Exhibit Hall closes at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

Some of the vendors who will be exhibiting with us this Conference include: Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, New England Historic Genealogical Society/American Ancestors, FamilyTree DNA, National Institute for Genealogical Studies, Family Chart Masters, MyHeritage, and FamilySearch. For the full list of exhibitors, please visit the NERGC website at <http://www.nergc.org/exhibitors/>.

E-mail us at nergcexhibits@gmail.com with any questions.

SOCIETY FAIR

Thursday evening, April 4, 2019

SOLD OUT

We will accept requests for the Wait List.

Please submit to Phyllis Day, Chair, at ccphyl@gmail.com (new email address).

We welcome the Old Broad Bay Family History Association of Waldoborough, Maine as a participant. Additional attendees will be highlighted in upcoming E-zines.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS SHOWCASE BOTH FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH AND SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

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.

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. No sales are allowed. These tables will be the ones the Society Fair will utilize on Thursday evening, so there will be plenty of room. Watch for highlights of the 2019 Showcase participants in future E-zines! The Conference's daily newsletter will include the day's participants for all to see.

If you want to participate or have questions, please email Phyllis Day, Library/Archive Chair at ccphyl@gmail.com (new email address).

Sponsorship Opportunities

Some sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, go to <http://www.nergc.org/sponsor-or-advertise/>.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

NERGC conferences have been successful due to the talent and dedication of its all-volunteer staff. There are many opportunities to help if you're interested. For registered attendees, the jobs include session host, session introduction, session door monitors, evaluation collection, meal ticket collection, and audio-visual assistance. For non-registered and registered attendees, jobs include Registration sign-in, volunteer table, the hospitality table, vendor hall, Ancestors Roadshow, Hall guides, door prizes, signage, and office monitor. 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. For more information, contact Volunteer Chairs Suisan Steele and Virginia Wright at susansteele@verizon.net.

Do you have needs related to mobility, hearing, vision which might affect your ability to fully and comfortably participate in NERGC 2019?

Whether you have already registered or are still considering the feasibility of attending the Conference, we invite you to discuss your potential needs NOW. Feel free to e-mail Pamela Roberts, PT, EdD or call her at 860-486-2406. Dr. Roberts is a trained ADA evaluator and physical therapist with 40 years of experience who has volunteered her expertise to collect and share local resources for your planning purposes whether you are a vendor, speaker, volunteer, or attendee. Please share your concerns related to your needs. Dr. Roberts will interface with you, other volunteers, and the hotel to help make your Conference experience the best it can be. **The deadline for submitting mobility, hearing, or visual needs as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act is March 15, 2019.**

Pamela L. Roberts, EdD, PT, drpampt@gmail.com

SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS

Registrants with special meal requirements must detail those requirements in writing to NERGC by March 15, 2019. Our online registration process gives those with special meal needs the option of summarizing your requests in writing as you purchase luncheon or banquet tickets. If submitting registration using the Registration Form on the back page of the brochure, check the special dietary needs box. You will be contacted by NERGC to identify those needs.

Call for Official Bloggers

We are once again selecting Official Bloggers to highlight speaker information prior to the Conference and to share experiences during the Conference. All Official Bloggers will be required to interview a Conference speaker, publish a blog post with that interview, and blog informally about the Conference. Your blog posts will be promoted via the E-zine, the NERGC blog, and social media. There will be a designated location at the Conference for Official Bloggers to keep their devices charged and have a quiet place to write. If you would like to be an Official Blogger for the 2019 NERGC Conference in Manchester, please send an email to info@NERGC.org with your name, blog address, and a brief biography.

Sara Campbell & Heather Rojo

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