

# 16<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference

April and May 2021



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## REGISTRATION FOR VIRTUAL NERGC 2021 IS NOW OPEN!

**Registration is now online for our 2021 Conference! Please click [here](#) to register!**

**A summary of conference information is [here](#).**

**More information about the conference is available at [www.nergc.org](http://www.nergc.org). We hope you'll join us for a great conference!**

Cost for conference registration is \$150; there is no "Early Bird" discount as in previous years. The cost of each of the three Optional Activities (Advanced DNA, Becoming a Professional Genealogist, and Writing Up Your Genealogy) is \$30.

**When you register, be sure to keep a record of your username, password, and confirmation code, which you will need when you want to access the conference presentations in April and May.**

### AN OVERVIEW OF VIRTUAL NERGC 2020

Our traditional conference is a three-day event. Our virtual event will have three Gathering Days with scheduled presentations and a live chat with our featured speakers. On these three days we will encourage social interaction between all attendees. Another aspect of the Virtual NERGC 2021 will be a set of 60 additional recorded presentations that will be available 'on-demand' until May 31, 2021.

In addition to the Gathering Days, and recorded presentations, there will be three "add on" Optional Activities (the equivalent of the special Wednesday "Days" held in conjunction with recent conferences): Advanced DNA, Becoming a Professional Genealogist, and Writing Up Your Genealogy. These optional activities, at an additional cost to attendees, will occur on Saturdays. Each will include four presentations as well as a speakers' panel discussion.

Of course, we are also including other traditional NERGC features throughout the 61 days to keep you engaged with this virtual conference – Special Interest Groups, Ancestors Road Show, Society Fair, and Library & Archive Showcase will be carried into our virtual environment for 2021. And, absolutely, we will have a virtual Exhibit Hall, open 24x7 for 61 days, with many vendors opting to include scheduled appointments and/or video chats as optional activities at their booths.

### ACCESSIBILITY AND ADA ACCOMMODATION FOR NERGC 2021

**You may have needs related to hearing, speaking, seeing, or managing the physical coordination to access your personal digital devices for Virtual NERGC 2021. If so, please register by March 15, 2021 so we can contact you to help manage your needs for access & participation.** Feel free to reach out to our ADA Liaison for Accessibility, Pam Roberts at [drpampt@gmail.com](mailto:drpampt@gmail.com), even before you register, if you have ADA or accessibility-related questions. Help us understand the impact on YOU as we move our conference from onsite to a virtual conference. With your help, we can learn what the challenges and needs may be so we may predict, gather information, and be ready to suggest accommodation options for ALL to participate as fully as YOU wish.

## SOME CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- “Gathering Days” with scheduled presentations on April 1, April 9, and April 17.
  - These mimic our traditional three-day conference.
  - Each will include time for a chat with one of our Featured Speakers (Angie Bush, Pat Richley Erickson (“Dear Myrtle”), and John Grenham) as part of your conference registration.
- A total of 72 presentations by 56 different speakers.
- Three optional add-on tracks of four presentations each, for additional cost, focusing on Advanced DNA, Becoming a Professional Genealogist, and Writing Up Your Research.
- A “Virtual Banquet” presentation on April 1 featuring English author Nathan Dylan Goodwin; his topic will be “Using Fact in Fiction”. We hope you will be able to join us for this event.

### **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 an expert.

Twenty-minute Road Show consultations will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and are limited to one per registered conference attendee. Watch the website and E-zine for additional information on ARS registration.

### **SIGs – SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

These popular, informal mini gatherings provide an opportunity to meet and share with conference participants and hosts on a wide range of topics. This year you will be able to attend several of the sessions since we will be scheduling different topics on several days during our virtual event. The topics will be listed on the NERGC website and in future issues of the E-zine.

#### **WANT TO RECEIVE THE E-ZINE?**

The Conference E-zine, a digital newsletter which provides information and updates about the New England Regional Genealogy Conference, is sent periodically to all those on our E-zine email list. If you're not already receiving it and would like to do so, send an e-mail to [RCR1861@gmail.com](mailto:RCR1861@gmail.com) with “Subscribe NERGC E-zine” as the subject of the message or provide your e-mail address when you register for the Conference.

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