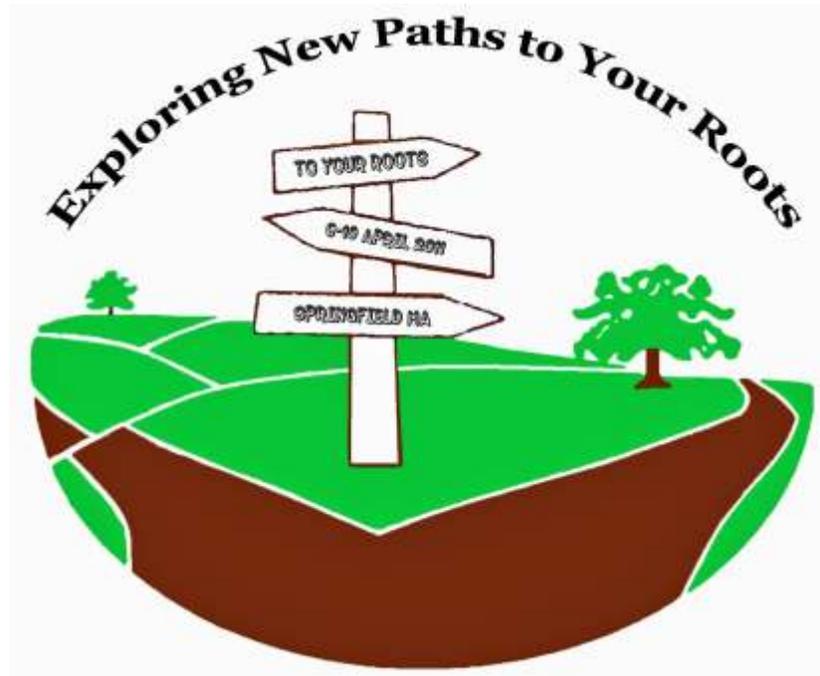


# *Eleventh New England Regional Genealogical Conference*



## *Exploring New Paths to Your Roots*

**Springfield, Massachusetts  
6-10 April 2011**

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The Irish Ancestral Research Association

## Exploring New Paths to Your Roots

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to join us at our eleventh genealogical conference -- Exploring New Paths to Your Roots -- in Springfield, Massachusetts. NERGC 2011 will help attendees "explore":

New research pathways, methodologies, and strategies, including technology and online resources;

The "pathways" their ancestors followed into and out of New England (including where and why they moved and settlement and migration patterns);

Ethnic genealogy of all types, especially British Isles, Irish, Italian, French-Canadian, African American, and Native American;

New approaches to discovering their ancestors' worlds through directories, maps, atlases, gazetteers, and online imagery;

Systematic approaches for finding and utilizing record sources (such as religious, civil, cemetery, military, newspapers, etc.);

The wealth of information available in New England's repositories (archives, libraries, historical societies, etc.);

New ways to plan and prepare for a successful research trip, including resources close to home;

General genealogical skills and techniques;

Family history writing and publishing.

NERGC 2011 will help 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 NERGC 2011 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 opportunities to explore the Exhibit Hall and to find additional new paths to your roots 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.

Plan to attend and enjoy conference activities in facilities directly off Interstate 91 and only minutes from the Massachusetts Turnpike. The Genealogy & Local History Library located in the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, the Basketball Hall of Fame, the Springfield Armory Museum, and the Dr. Seuss National Memorial are but some of the nearby attractions.

The excitement for Exploring New Paths to Your Roots is already building. Watch our web page, ([www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org)), Facebook page, E-zine, and Blog for developing information.

## CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Eleventh New England Regional Genealogical Conference is being held in two hotels across the street from one another in downtown Springfield, approximately 18 miles north of Bradley International Airport, 93 miles from Logan Airport in Boston, and .5 miles from the Peter Pan bus station and Amtrack station. Most (but not all) lectures will be at the Springfield Sheraton Monarch Place, while Librarians/Teachers Day and our luncheons and banquets will be at the Marriott Springfield. There is a glass walkway connecting the second level of the Sheraton with Tower Square, of which the Marriott is a part. Both hotels offer the same room rate, and both have the same reservation cutoff date, March 14, 2011. Factors influencing your choice may include parking costs

and convenience or any rewards programs you may have with the hotel chains.

### Marriott Springfield

2 Boland Way  
Springfield, MA 01115  
Telephone: 413-781-7111  
Toll Free: 1-800-228-9290  
Rate: \$135.00+

single/double/triple/quad  
Check-in: 4:00 P.M.

Check-out: Noon

Hotel website:

[www.marriott.com/bdlma](http://www.marriott.com/bdlma)

Group Code: NEGNEGA

Room rate includes EITHER wired or wireless Internet.

Parking: Tower Square garage offers 1,200 well-lighted, covered, and secured parking spaces. The Marriott's discounted overnight rate at Tower Square is currently \$15.00 (subject to change).

### Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel

One Monarch Place  
Springfield, MA 01144  
Telephone: 413-781-1010  
Toll Free: 1-800-426-9004  
Rate: \$135.00+

single/double/triple/quad  
Check-in: 3:00 P.M.

Check-out: Noon

Hotel website:

[www.sheraton.com/springfieldma](http://www.sheraton.com/springfieldma)

Group Code: None, but identify that you are a New England Regional Genealogical Conference attendee to get the group rate.

Room rate includes free Internet access. A new Sheraton Link is available in the hotel lobby for those who don't bring a computer but still wish to stay connected while away from home.

Parking: There are two options for overnight guests. Self Parking is currently \$9.95 per night and Valet Parking is currently \$12.00 per night.

## COMMUTER PARKING

For those coming just for the day, limited parking is available in the Sheraton garage. Day parking is currently discounted to \$4.00 per day. Those parking there can have tickets validated at the Sheraton coat check or front desk.

The Marriott offers \$5.00 discounted parking at Tower Square for daily commuters attending events at the Marriott. The \$5.00 fee is valid for 10 hours. Validation stickers will be available from banquet bartenders or at the NERGC Hospitality Table.

**Watch for additional parking options in the E-zine, Blog, and on the NERGC webpage.**

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



### John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.

Entertaining, knowledgeable, and experienced, John Philip Colletta is a popular lecturer. For 21 years he taught workshops at the National Archives and courses for the Smithsonian Institution. Today he lectures nationally and teaches occasional courses at local universities. Dr. Colletta is a faculty member of the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University and the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. His publications include numerous articles, both scholarly and popular, two manuals -- *They Came in Ships: A Guide to Finding Your Immigrant Ancestor's Arrival Record* and *Finding Italian Roots: The Complete Guide for Americans* and one

"murder-mystery-family-history," *Only a Few Bones: A True Account of the Rolling Fork Tragedy and Its Aftermath*. Dr. Colletta has appeared frequently on podcasts, local and national radio and television, and is featured in "Ancestors," the PBS series. His Ph.D. in Medieval French is from The Catholic University of America.



### Paul Milner

Paul Milner, a native of northern England, is a professional genealogist and lecturer. He is the co-author with Linda Jonas of *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your English Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage* (2000), and *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your Scottish Ancestors: How to find and record your unique heritage* (2002), both published by Betterway Books. Paul has specialized in British Isles genealogical research for 30 years. He was raised in England and settled in the United States in 1975. He has been designing workshops and lecturing to a wide variety of audiences for over 35 years. He holds an advanced degree in Theology and is particularly knowledgeable about the church and its role in record keeping. As a genealogist he speaks on a variety of topics relating to research in the British Isles, the U.S. and research methodology. Paul is currently the book review editor for the *FGS FORUM* and the BIGWILL newsletter, a board member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and a member of several English Family History Societies. He is

the past-president of the British Interest Group of Wisconsin and Illinois (BIGWILL) and a past board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and the Genealogical Speakers Guild.

## GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

By popular request, the Eleventh New England Regional Genealogical Conference is pleased to continue the popular *QueryColumn* section in the syllabus, providing participants an opportunity to reach hundreds of people who may be researching the same names. The cost remains at \$5 per query, 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 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, 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; 50 Round Tree Road; Mashpee, MA 02649 or JJ@aol.com.*

Mail entries and checks to:

Query Column

40 Round Hill Road

Wethersfield Ct 06109-2519

Entries must be postmarked by 1 January 2011. Please enclose a check payable to NERGC Queries. For additional information on queries, email: [QueryColumn@att.net](mailto:QueryColumn@att.net) or visit the NERGC web site at [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org).

### **SOCIETY FAIR**

On Thursday, 7 April from 5:15 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., there will be a "Society Fair" outside the Exhibit Hall where genealogical, historical, and family societies from all over New England will provide information about their organizations. The Society Fair is open to the general public at no cost so that anyone can make contact with society representatives, pick up brochures and registration material, or perhaps even make a more permanent connection by joining a group. All are welcome to meet and greet.

### **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, 7 April 2011 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](http://www.NERGC.org), the conference blog at <http://nergc2011.blogspot.com> or sign up for the conference E-zine for a list of these great get-togethers.

### **ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW**

The Ancestors Road Show returns when NERGC convenes in Springfield, Massachusetts in April 2011. 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, new ideas, or new paths to explore your roots. This is your chance to consult with a professional genealogist. Twenty minute Road Show consultations are free for Conference attendees and will run Friday and Saturday April 8 and 9 from 8:45 - 11:45 A.M. and 1:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M. Appointments can be made by email starting in March 2011, or in person during the conference. Information on consultants and scheduling will be posted on the NERGC website.

### **EXHIBIT HALL**

From book sellers to local genealogical societies, they will all be in the Exhibit Hall, anxious to talk to you and help in any way they can. The Exhibit Hall will be open to the general public during the normal exhibiting hours, and we are again heavily

promoting it to the local public. The grand opening of the Exhibit Hall will occur Thursday night, April 7 at 6:00 P.M. and continue until 7:30 P.M.. Stop in and visit the exhibitors while supplies are fresh and plentiful. Then, the Exhibit Hall will open at 8:00 A.M. on Friday and continue to be open until 5:00 P.M. Friday. Saturday the Exhibit Hall hours will be from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.. NERGC is the first and only Genealogical Conference that offers unopposed exhibitor times, and we make this available at the Grand Opening as well as on Friday and Saturday. We offer this convenience so attendees are able to visit the Exhibit Hall at their leisure without having to miss any special lectures.

There will also be door prize drawings in the Exhibit Hall. All conference attendees will receive tickets in their registration packets that they can deposit at exhibitors' booths. They will then be eligible to receive a promotional gift from that exhibitor when the drawings are completed.

Legacy Family Tree will be offering a special raffle for a Netbook computer. The winner must be present for the drawing at the close of the exhibit hall on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 PM in order to win.

### **CONFERENCE BLOG**

Keep up to date with breaking news about the many special events and conference activities that are planned. Find out more information about the lectures, speakers, exhibitors, hotel, research facilities, and the City of Springfield. Check out the Blog at <http://nergc2011.blogspot.com> to get the most out of the conference.

### **JOIN NERGC ON FACEBOOK**

Thinking about attending NERGC? Join the pre-conference excitement on Facebook. First, you must be a registered user of Facebook ([www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)); registering for Facebook is free. To find our Facebook page, just type 'NERGC' into the Facebook search box. Get to know other attendees, check out the photos from past conferences, and write on the NERGC 'wall'. Don't miss out! Join the excitement on Facebook ([www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com)) today!

### **CONFERENCE E-ZINE**

The Conference E-zine, which provides information and updates about the Eleventh New England Regional

Genealogical Conference, will be sent periodically to all those on our E-zine email list. If you would like to receive the E-zine, please provide your e-mail address on the registration form. Back issues of the E-zine are posted on the NERGC Web page at: <http://www.nergc.org/2011/ezine>.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

If you can give one or more hours of your time volunteering during the conference please contact Christine Bard at [bardc@comcast.net](mailto:bardc@comcast.net) or call (603) 424-0961 (e-mail preferred). If you are attending and have a spouse or friend along for the ride, please ask if they will volunteer. Remember this is a low-cost conference, and volunteers keep it that way.

### **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! Learn more about NERGC's participant-centered approach by subscribing to the E-zine.

### **CONTINENTAL BREAKFASTS**

Start your day with a Continental Breakfast of Assorted Chilled Juices; Freshly Baked Assorted Bagels, Muffins, and Danish; Flavored Cream Cheese; Fruit Preserves & Butter; Sliced Fresh Fruit; Starbucks Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffees, & Selection of Teas. Served at the Sheraton Friday and Saturday mornings from 7:00 - 9:00 A.M. Cost is \$9.00. The breakfasts are sponsored by the American Canadian Genealogical Society.

### **SUNDAY MORNING CLOSING**

Oh, the places you'll go...Before heading out to explore new paths, join other conference attendees and speakers -- and some of Dr. Seuss' friends -- in enjoying photo highlights of the conference and celebrating new-found friendships and knowledge over tea, coffee, juice, pastry, and fruit as our thank you for attending NERGC 2011.

**SPECIAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES**

**WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL - RESEARCH TRIPS**

Join us on a Research Trip to the Berkshire Athenaeum or the National Archives and Records Administration in Pittsfield. Provided transportation departs from Springfield at 9:00 A.M. and returns at 6:00 P.M. The cost is \$30 and covers transportation to and from Pittsfield. Lunch is on your own. When registering, please indicate your preferred destination.

**W-101 The Berkshire Athenaeum**

Pittsfield's public library has one of the finest collections of genealogical research materials available on New England forebears. Collection strengths include Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, and early Rhode Island resources; adjacent New York counties east of the Hudson River, Quebec, and other areas from which New Englanders came and to which they moved. The recently renovated Local History room features rows of movable compact shelving, allowing for collection expansion and security; six state of the art ScanPro Microfilm/Scanner/Computers and four additional computers for Local History/Genealogy database searches.

**W-102 Silvio O. Conte National Records Center**

The Pittsfield branch of the National Archives features microfilms of census records 1790-1930, passenger arrival lists, Draft, Military Service, and Pension and Bounty Land Application Files, Freedmen's Bureau and Records Related to African American Families, Final Cards of the Five Civilized Tribes as well as indexes to the Eastern Cherokee Applications, and more.

**WEDNESDAY, 6 APRIL - CEMETERY TOURS**

**W-103 11:00 A.M. Springfield Cemetery Tour #1**

**W-104 2:00 P.M. Springfield Cemetery Tour #2**

Springfield Cemetery is a rural cemetery that highlights both history and natural beauty. There are about 14 generations of New Englanders buried in there. Ruth Shapleigh-Brown, Executive Director of the Connecticut Gravestone Network, and Rusty Clark, Springfield's area cemetery guide and author, will provide an introduction to the area's gravestones and recount stories about the craftsmen who made these old time memorials and some of the people buried in historic Springfield Cemetery. Bring your curiosity, questions, and cameras. Free, but pre-registration required.

**THURSDAY, 7 APRIL - SPRINGFIELD LIBRARY**

**T-101 Springfield History Library & Archives Orientation**

Special orientation at the Springfield History Library & Archives from 9:30 A.M.-11:00 A.M. In addition to a large collection of French Canadian records, the library has indexes to the Ellis Island passenger records, the Loiselle Index, over 20,000 genealogy books, 6,000 microforms, 25,000 photos and 1.3 million archival documents, as well as diaries, deeds, account books, land transfer documents, and photographs. Free, but pre-registration required. Limit of 25 attendees.

**THURSDAY, 7 APRIL - LIBRARIANS' AND TEACHERS' DAY**

NERGC's Third Librarians' and Teachers' Day will be held on Thursday, 7 April 2011 at the Springfield Marriott. The day will be devoted to showing attendees how genealogy can enhance curricula, invite new patrons, and highlight collections. Librarians' and Teachers' Day provides the opportunity for professionals to learn how genealogy can serve them in their dual roles as curators of their unique collections and as ambassadors of genealogy resources for their schools and libraries. All librarians and teachers who work with family history patrons or genealogy-related research materials will benefit from this special event. The cost is \$35.00 per person 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.

**Strategies for Making Archival Records Accessible to Genealogists**

*Kathleen M. Reilly*

An overview of strategies used at the Berkshire Athenaeum to make scrapbooks, pamphlets, manuscripts, maps, and photographs more assessable to genealogists, students, and other researchers.

10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

**Kids & Collections: Making Meaningful Connections**

*Liz Shapiro*

How do you connect kids with your historical collections? The Sharon, Connecticut Historical Society's multi-faceted approach includes the museum website ([www.sharonhist.org](http://www.sharonhist.org)), Facebook, Flickr, Glogster, and a new "Community Curator" program to enable students in grades pre-K through 8 to use local primary resource materials to create digital stories about people and places through research, technology, and collaboration, blending a dynamic multimedia swirl of photographs, text, music, and narration.

12:00 NOON - 1:45 P.M.

Lunch, Courtesy of ProQuest

**ProQuest Information and Learning**

*William Forsyth*

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

**Bringing the Civil War to Life through Library Program and Curriculum Development**

*Donna E. Walcovy, Ph.D.*

The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Civil War (or if you are from the South, the War of Northern Aggression) begins on April 12, 2011, two days after the NERGC conference ends. Learn how you can make the Civil War come alive for your community, adults, visitors, teens, and children.

3:15 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.

**Illustrating the Past: Digital Images at the National Archives**

*Jean Nudd Elliott*

Digital images are now a part of everyday life. Learn how you can locate images from the Revolutionary War through the Vietnam era for your clients, whether they are school children, history buffs, or genealogists.

## Thursday Schedule - 7 April 2011

8:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	Track	12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.
<p><b>Your Own Detective Story: The How and Why of Genealogy</b>  <b>A Beginning Genealogy Workshop</b>  <i>with Elissa Scalise Powell, CG</i></p> <p>This interactive workshop is an introduction to the field of genealogy. Designed for beginners, it will cover the basics of genealogical research and will include topics such as how to begin your research; locating and using different sources; getting and staying organized; and what to do with the information once you find it. 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.</p> <p>T-102</p>	<p>Immigration and Migration</p>	<p><b>Journey Takers: An Inside Look at Immigration Research</b>  <i>Leslie Huber</i> T-105</p> <p>Learn some new sources, new approaches to methodology, and new insights into our immigrant ancestors' lives as you follow along through three immigration case studies. See how some basic - and not so basic - sources come together to reveal immigration paths from Germany, Sweden, and England.</p>
	<p>Ethnic Genealogy</p>	<p><b>A Personal Family Search: Following Threads to Find Out Where You Come From</b>  <i>Gene Vogt</i> T-106</p> <p>The story of the search for the origins of an unusual surname, is about a Massachusetts family, but it's not about any of the blue-blood Brahmins. It's about the VOGT family from Woburn, a second-generation, immigrant, mixed-breed family claiming Irish, French, and Swedish roots, but with a decidedly German name.</p>
	<p>Records and Sources</p>	<p><b>Tracking a Moving Target: Sources to Identify Your Ancestors and Where They Lived, A Case Study</b>  <i>Scott Andrew Bartley</i> T-107</p> <p>This case study starts with limited information on an early 19th century woman and goes step-by-step through identifying her parents and developing a history of this family when the normal vital records and census tell you little. It demonstrates how to use other sources that are now becoming easier to access.</p>
<p><b>OPENING SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>  <i>Pauline Cusson</i>  <i>and</i>  <i>Richard Clarke Roberts</i>  <i>NERGC Conference Co-Chairs</i></p> <p><b>"Family History in Primetime: Genealogy's Next Generation"</b></p> <p><i>D. Joshua Taylor</i></p>	<p>New England Research</p>	<p><b>On the Path to the Right Courthouse: The Rise and Fall of Hampshire County</b>  <i>Edwin W. Strickland II</i> T-108</p> <p>Key sources for Massachusetts genealogical research are the original records held on the county level. To get on the path to the right court, it is essential that you understand the changes in jurisdiction for a particular area during the time period being researched. This lecture will trace the changes in the boundaries (county and state) of the area included in the original Hampshire County.</p>
<p>Genealogy is quickly becoming one of America's most popular hobbies as millions discover the excitement in tracing their ancestry. Take a look into the past, present, and future of genealogy as we explore the dynamic changes and shifts in the world of family history over the past 150 years.</p>	<p>Thinking Outside The Box</p>	<p><b>Genealogy Myths &amp; Legends</b>  <i>Michael Brophy</i> T-109</p> <p>This lecture explains and debunks some of the popular fiction about Genealogy and Family History. From our "Name was Changed at Ellis Island" to "I am descended from an Indian", be prepared for an end to some old fairy tales!</p>
<p>T-103</p>	<p>Stretching Your Research Skills</p>	<p><b>Genealogy Document Examination: Identifying the Writer of Your Family Papers</b>  <i>Irene Lambert, MGA</i> T-110</p> <p>There are usually many handwritten letters and notes that accumulate in every family. How do you determine which ancestor wrote them? This lecture will focus on that process.</p>
	<p>Workshops</p>	<p><b>12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>Griffiths Valuation: Gateway To Irish Research</b>  <i>Mary Ellen Grogan and Judy Lucey</i> T-104</p> <p>Griffith's Valuation is commonly used for a record set dating from 1840 to 1970. This workshop includes a detailed description of the records, their history, and the techniques used to understand the data.</p> <p>Requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.</p>

1:45 P.M. - 2:45 P.M.		3:15 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.		5:15 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	
<p><b>Pathways Between New England and Nova Scotia</b>  <i>Richard L. Kimball, Ph.D.</i> T-111                      Within the bounds of my family's ancestry, many individuals and groups have migrated along paths between New England, Quebec, and the Maritime Provinces (mainly Nova Scotia). I will summarize what I have found concerning their probable motivations and describe the resources I have used in my own journey of discovery.</p>		<p><b>The Impact of Bounty Land on Migration Within and Out of New England</b>  <i>Craig Roberts Scott, CG</i> T-118                      Bounty land for service in the colonial period resulted in frontier settlement in New England. Bounty land provided by the state and then the federal government resulted in outward migration following the Revolution.</p>		<p><b>SOCIETY FAIR &amp; SOCIAL HOUR</b></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-124</p>	
<p><b>French Canadian Pathways</b>  <i>Patty Vigeant Locke</i> T-112                      A look at both the geographical and life pathways of our French Canadian ancestors. How and why did they migrate from Europe, to Canada &amp; to the US? We will look at use of US city directories, census, and newspapers to see how they lived when they came to the USA from Canada.</p>		<p><b>Springfield's Italians: The Bologna and Ferrara Connections</b>  <i>Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk</i> T-119                      Let's take a look at some of the Italians who settled in the Springfield area and their connection to the Bologna and Ferrara provinces in northern Italy. Examples of families from these provinces will be shown and their connections to the Plymouth, MA area will be illustrated.</p>			
<p><b>Special Schedules of the US Census: Up Close and Personal with 19th-Century Ancestors</b>  <i>Nora Galvin</i> T-113                      Mortality, agriculture, industry, and social-statistics special schedules offer us the opportunity to learn details about 19th century inhabitants of the US. Information from these schedules can give us insight into specific lives and the community around our ancestors. Find out what they are and where to find them.</p>		<p><b>Connecticut Town Meeting Records During the American Revolution</b>  <i>Jolene Mullen</i> T-120                      Town meeting records identify individuals and show the "flavor" of a town. Individuals identified include those who were elected/appointed to a town office, died or moved while in office, had taxes abated, needed town assistance, and were named in road layouts.</p>		<p><b>6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>OPENING OF EXHIBIT HALL</b></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-125</p>	
<p><b>An Introduction to Cape Cod Genealogy</b>  <i>Robert Lincoln Ward</i> T-114                      Cape Cod is more than a destination for summer vacation or a long weekend. It has been a settled part of Massachusetts since 1640 and is an important starting point for settlers and immigrants to other parts of the country. Join us to hear more about the early history and genealogy of Cape Cod and the repositories where information about your Cape Cod ancestors may be found.</p>		<p><b>Maine Historical Society: Resources In-house and Online</b>  <i>Kathy Amoroso</i> T-121                      Maine Historical Society in Portland, Maine, has been collecting materials since 1822. Find out what MHS has to offer family historians when you visit their historic library in Portland, Maine, and what databases they offer on their website, including the Maine Memory Network and various indexes in the Members Only section of the website.</p>			
<p><b>The Next Steps: Breaking through Brickwalls: The Florence Virginia Jenkins Story Continued</b>  <i>Lucie K. Lewis, Ed.D.</i> T-115                      How could a child orphaned in the Civil War die in 1960 at 87 years old? That is where I started - misled by family lore. This session examines the research choices taken to break through brick walls, searching for African-American records when the trail has gone totally cold.</p>		<p><b>DNA for Genealogy</b>  <i>Jay Sage</i> T-122                      This talk describes the role that DNA testing plays in genealogical research. The basics of human genetics will clarify what can and cannot be learned from DNA testing. The talk covers how the testing is done, how much it costs, and how to interpret the reported results.</p>		<p><b>7:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>FIRST TIMERS SESSION</b>  <i>Thomas F. Howard</i></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-126</p>	
<p><b>Genealogy and the Law</b>  <i>Helen A. Shaw, CG, MA</i> T-116                      The law affected the lives of our ancestors in many ways. Learn how to find those laws and how they can help you tear down brick walls in your research.</p>		<p><b>Finding Family Information in School District Records</b>  <i>Pamela Stone Eagleson, CG</i> T-123                      Are you looking for a new pathway to finding a way through a brick wall? School district records are local government sources that may provide information not found in other extant records as well as insight into the educational lives of our ancestors. This lecture examines types of information in 19th - early 20th century school records and how to locate them.</p>			
<p><b>2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.</b></p>					
		<p><b>Document Analysis Workshop</b>  <i>Barbara Mathews, CG</i> T-117                      Gain hands-on experience in document evaluation. Learn what all those confusing evaluation terms really mean. Work step-by-step in developing proof arguments.</p> <p>Requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.</p>		<p><b>7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS</b></p> <p>Special interest groups will hold gatherings on a wide range of topics. Check <a href="http://www.NERGC.org">www.NERGC.org</a> for a list of the groups.</p> <p>T-127</p>	

Friday Schedule - 8 April 2011

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	<b>Genealogy and the Six Degrees of Separation: How to Find Anyone in the World</b> <i>Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. F-201</i> What if you could find anyone anywhere in the world? Wouldn't it make the "impossible" brick wall less daunting? If you are interested in exciting new ways of finding long lost cousins - or actually anyone, come hear this talk.	<b>Beating The Bushes: Finding Jacob Bush's Father Using The Genealogical Proof Standard</b> <i>Elissa Scalise Powell, CG F-208</i> Eli Bush's grandfather was reported to be Daniel Bush, but was his father Jacob? Come see the research process unfold as land, probate, census, tax lists and church records are correlated.	<b>Unopposed Exhibitor Time</b>
Working With Records	<b>Two Chairs and a Pair of Spectacles: Discovering Your Ancestors in Probate Records</b> <i>Marian Pierre-Louis F-202</i> Probate records can reveal more than who inherited the house. They can provide the names of children and grandchildren as well as offer a window into the lives of your ancestors through estate inventories.	<b>Discovering Old-World Origins with U.S. Records</b> <i>David Ouimette, CG F-209</i> This presentation explores fundamental research principles and key U.S. record sources necessary to successfully trace your immigrant ancestors to their Old World origins.	
Ethnic Genealogy	<small>American Canadian Genealogical Society</small> <b>From Quebec to New England: They Brought Along Their Genes</b> <i>Muriel Normand F-203</i> Immigrants to this country, brought more than their language, religion, and culture. They carried their genes. Thirty genetic disorders are at unusually high prevalence in Quebec. The small pool of founders, kin structured migration, high birth rate and genetic isolation contributed to their unique population genetics.	<small>Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast</small> <b>The Road Less Traveled: Polish &amp; Ukrainian Research</b> <i>Jonathan Shea, AG and Matthew Bielawa F-210</i> This session incorporates basic and other record sources, which are infrequently used but invaluable to the family history researcher. Included are vital records, church censuses, marriage dispensations, population registers, cemetery records, passport applications, and more.	<b>12:00 Noon - 1:30 P.M.</b>
New England Research	<small>Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society</small> <b>Family History at UMass Amherst: What and How to Find It</b> <i>Robert S. Cox F-204</i> Through this presentation, we will provide an introduction to the local and family history resources available through the Department of Special Collections and University Archives at UMass Amherst, along with tips for how to make your research experience more enjoyable and productive.	<b>Travel, Highways, Ferries, Bridges, and Taverns: Using the Connecticut Archives</b> <i>Richard Clarke Roberts F-211</i> There's a wealth of information about Connecticut's early settlers in the Connecticut Archives. Learn how resources relating to travel can help you discover more about where your ancestors lived and what they did.	<b>LUNCHEON</b>  Sponsored by: <b>Genealogical Society of Vermont</b>  <b>"Business Secrets of Professional Genealogists: We're Human Too!"</b>  <i>Laura Prescott</i>  The inside scoop on how professionals balance the abundance of files, images, and clients with a scarcity of time, energy, and organizational skills.  Choice of: Baked Scrod with Crabmeat & Parmesan \$33.00 Vegetarian Tower Balsamic Portabella Mushrooms \$31.00  F-214
Records & Sources	<b>New York City for New Englanders</b> <i>Jill Martin and Linda McMeniman, Ph.D. F-205</i> This session will overview the most valuable NYC sources for vital records, church, burial, court, and property records, and newspapers and directories. The unique on-line material available for NYC, as well as contents and locations of important repositories, will be covered.	<b>Federal Court Records, 1789-1920s</b> <i>John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. F-212</i> The records created by our federal courts contain all manner of information about our ancestors: finances, business dealings, personal and family relationships, homes and property, personalities, disputes, triumphs, and defeats. This lecture describes the records and strategies for searching them.	
Immigration and Migration	<b>Irish Emigrants to North America: Before, During and After the Famine</b> <i>Paul Milner F-206</i> Learn about the routes taken and the reasons for the emigration from Ireland to the U.S. And Canada before, during and after the famine. Learn how this mass movement of people can affect your research, plus what tools and records are available to trace your Irish ancestor.	<small>Connecticut Society of Genealogists</small> <b>Major Ethnic Migrations to Connecticut (1635-1935)</b> <i>Richard G. Tomlinson, Ph.D. F-213</i> Immigrants from England, Germany, Italy, Ireland and Poland arrived in Connecticut at different times and for different reasons over the period from 1635 to 1935. This presentation traces the history of their arrival, the reasons they came, and where they settled. Both statistical data and interpretation are presented.	
Workshops	<b>8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.</b>		
	<b>Research Planning Workshop</b> <i>Sharon Sergeant F-207</i> Genealogical researchers stumped in their quest for "the answer" to research problems will gain a good grasp on what goals are realistic and how to efficiently achieve them. This workshop provides the opportunity to identify individual research problems and available sources then organize research plan goals.  Requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.		

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Falmouth Genealogical Society	<b>Beyond Dates and Places: Compiling an Anecdotal Record</b> <i>Marianne Lockwood Shafer F-216</i> You have a date and a place. Now, what were the everyday living experiences of your ancestors? How to find information to add sparkle and interest to your genealogical research using archives, libraries, historical societies, and online databases to discover how your New England ancestors lived.	<b>Effective Editing and Writing</b> <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL F-222</i> If a blank page scares you, if you think "that" or "which" are interchangeable, or if you use the baptismal method of punctuation (sprinkling commas randomly through the text), your editing and writing skills may need help.	<b>The Search for the Identity of the Amnesiac Benjamin Kyle</b> <i>Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D. F-229</i> Due to a severe beating, Benjamin Kyle suffers from amnesia. With no identity, he lives without the personal identification we take for granted. His unusual story offers insight to those who search for ancestors who have left behind just as few clues to their lives as the person Benjamin used to be.	<b>Social Hour</b>  <b>Cash Bar</b> F-235			
	<b>Advanced Probate Research</b> <i>Michael J. Leclerc F-217</i> Probate records are one of the basic building-blocks of genealogical research, but many individuals (even those who have used them for years) don't have a complete understanding of them. Learn what these records are (and are not), why they are created, and how they are useful for family history research.	<b>Navigating Federal Bureaucracy: Using Federal Websites</b> <i>Jean Nudd Elliott F-223</i> This lecture looks at free Federal government websites and tells researchers what types of records and specific information they can find in these databases. It also examines where additional resources can be found to support the information contained on these websites.	<b>Roosevelt's Tree Army: Research in the CCC</b> <i>Michael L. Strauss, AG F-230</i> Thousands of young men from all over the United States have come together to serve in the vanguard of President FDR's New Deal program. The Civilian Conservation Corps, created by an act of Congress, added many valuable and untapped genealogical resources seldom used by genealogists.				
French-Canadian Genealogical Society of Connecticut	<b>Researching Your Ancestors in Medieval France</b> <i>Raymond Cassidy F-218</i> This lecture will explore methodologies and strategies, including handwritten, printed, and online resources, which can be used for researching your French Noble and Royal ancestors who lived during the "Medieval" period.	<b>From Wojtowa to Chicopee: The Story of Polish Immigrant Millworkers</b> <i>David Ouimette, CG F-224</i> This case study traces Polish families immigrating to Chicopee, Massachusetts from Wojtowa, in Western Galicia, in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Learn about the pushes and pulls of migration.	<b>Sixty Hours a Week, Ten Cents an Hour: Records of New England's Industrial Heritage</b> <i>Meldon J. Wolfgang III F-231</i> Your ancestors' world of work in the 19th and early 20th centuries likely dominated their waking lives, but have you learned much about it? Discover some new and exciting avenues for family research.	<b>7:00 P.M.</b>  <b>BANQUET</b>  Sponsored by: New England Historic Genealogical Society  <b>"What Were Our Ancestors Really Like?"</b>  <i>Paul Milner</i>  A humorous look at the actions and motives of our ancestors as recorded in the records our ancestors left behind.  Choice of: Swordfish Parmesan with Lemon-Caper & Basmati Rice \$42.00 Provence French Cut Chicken, Champagne Beurre-Blanc \$39.00 New York Strip Steak with a Wild Mushroom Sauce \$46.00 Vegetarian-Vegetable tower with Potatoes, Red Onions, Portabella Mushrooms \$39.00  F-236			
	<b>Pathways To Your Maine Roots: Sources For Genealogical Research in Vacationland</b> <i>Pamela Stone Eagleson, CG F-219</i> A basic tenet of genealogical research is to familiarize yourself with your research locale. This lecture will explain the steps in getting to know your research locale and then examine the different paths available for researching your Maine ancestors.	<b>The Iconography on New England Gravestones</b> <i>Donna Walcovy, Ph.D. F-225</i> The winged skull, the winged angel, the weeping willow and urn, what do these symbols on your ancestor's gravestone mean? What can you learn about your ancestor's attitudes towards death, religion, their occupation, and their life in general from the symbols on their gravestones?	<b>Access to Records for Genealogists: An Open Forum on the Issues at both the State and Federal Level</b> <i>Massachusetts Genealogical Council F-232</i> <i>Council Board Members</i> 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 records.				
New England Historic Genealogical Society	<b>Exploring AmericanAncestors.org: Search Techniques &amp; Strategies</b> <i>David A. Lambert F-220</i> AmericanAncestors.org provides a wealth of collections for those conducting research in New England and New York. Explore methods for using the newly released website, searching collections, and managing your results.	<b>Diaries &amp; Journals: Finding and Using These Valuable Resources</b> <i>Laura Prescott F-226</i> Personal diaries, letters, and journals add unique perspectives to the lives of our ancestors. Learn where to locate diaries and how to use them in your research.	<b>Discovering Your Ancestor's Life: Political Affiliations and Their Records</b> <i>D. Joshua Taylor F-233</i> From initial settlement to the early twentieth century, political parties have had a major impact in our ancestors' lives. Discover how to find those party records from the early 1800s to the 1920s.				
	<b>Erie Canal Genealogy: The Peopling of Upstate New York and the Midwest</b> <i>John Philip Colletta, Ph.D. F-221</i> The Erie Canal changed the lives of millions of our ancestors. This lecture explores the many ways your ancestors may have worked for, on, or along the "Big Ditch," or how they may have just used it for business and pleasure.	<b>Where Have All The People Gone? Migration from Connecticut before 1850</b> <i>Nora Galvin F-227</i> The early 19th century found Connecticut residents unable to sustain their population growth. Many families moved west in search of new land and a new life. Learn where they went and what their lives were like in the new settlement.	<b>Western Massachusetts Migration</b> <i>Michael Leclerc F-234</i> Western Massachusetts was a great crossroads of migration during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. People moving within New England, and from New England to New York, Pennsylvania, and the Midwest all flowed through this area. Learn the history and how it can help you research.				
<b>1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.</b>		<b>4:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.</b>					
<b>Preserving Family Photographs Workshop</b> <i>Maureen A. Taylor and David L. Mishkin F-215</i> Preserving your family photographs is easy and inexpensive when you understand the terminology and how to purchase supplies. Learn techniques to label, save, and share your pictures.  Requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.		<b>Exploring New Alphabets: A Hands-On Approach to Learning the Cyrillic Alphabet</b> <i>Matthew Bielawa F-228</i> This workshop will introduce the most popular Cyrillic alphabets, as well as present tricks to learning the letters and point out common pitfalls for English speakers. You'll see how easy and fun the Cyrillic alphabets are with just a little practice!  Requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.					

Saturday Schedule - 9 April 2011

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	<b>Investigating the Dash (1842-1929): Following an Ancestor from the Cradle to the Grave</b> <i>Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk</i> S-301 Understanding every available record helps fill in the "dash" of an ancestor's life. Using a time-line approach to list the known information about ancestors shows your "information gaps."	<b>Using Collateral Lines to Grow Your Family Tree</b> <i>Janis P. Duffy</i> S-309 This Lecture will explain the methods one can use to grow your family tree. Gathering information from some lesser known records can unearth many unknown facts about your family.	<b>Unopposed Exhibitor Time</b>
English and Irish Research	<b>Finding Your English Ancestors: The Big Four</b> <i>Paul Milner</i> S-302 We will examine available indexes and will discuss how to access and interpret the four primary records groups for English research: civil registration, census, church records, and probate.	<b>Come to Ireland to Find Your Irish Ancestors</b> <i>Eileen M. Ó Dúill, CG</i> S-310 This lecture will assist researchers who intend to travel to Ireland. Hints on preparation, documentary sources and pre-trip organization, and tips on Dublin record repositories will be given.	
Ethnic Genealogy	<b>Who the Heck is Ida Gerskill? Researching Jewish Names</b> <i>Meredith Hoffman</i> S-303 Using abundant examples, we will look at pitfalls and difficulties in working with personal and place names and provide strategies for puzzling them out using linguistic and commonsense clues and cues.	<b>Italian Clusters and Chains for Genealogical Success</b> <i>Shellee A. Morehead, Ph.D.</i> S-311 Italian clusters and chains are not cookies! They describe family and neighborhood groups who emigrated to the U.S. This lecture describes Italian immigrant experiences, cluster genealogy, and chain migration.	
New England Research	<b>When the Trail Leads to The Almshouse and Cold Charity</b> <i>Meldon J. Wolfgang III</i> S-304 Not just the poor, but New Englanders from all walks of life are found in the records of almshouses and public and private "charities". Learn how to locate and understand these unique resources and make them work for you.	<b>Mapping Vermont in the 1850s</b> <i>David Allen</i> S-312 Lecture will be on scanned reproductions of 1850s Vermont county wall maps and their origins. Discussion will include map accuracy, uses for genealogy and road research, and current map indexing efforts. 19th century surveying methods and map selling procedures will be explained.	<b>12:00 Noon - 1:30 P.M.</b>
Records & Sources	<b>Where Did They Go? Following the Paths of New Englanders Who Left New England</b> <i>Mary Ann Boyle, Ph.D.</i> S-305 The lecture will identify sources of information available for time periods from 1700s to today that offer clues about destinations of New Englanders who left New England.	<b>The Library of Congress: An Introduction and Overview</b> <i>John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.</i> S-313 This lecture takes the mystery and trepidation out of using the huge Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. Reading room by reading room, it describes the innumerable treasures for genealogy at the Library of Congress.	<b>LUNCHEON</b>  <b>Sponsored by:</b> <b>New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists</b>  This luncheon hosted by the NEAPG provides attendees the opportunity to converse with others about a focused genealogical topic during lunch. Each table and topic will be moderated by a NEAPG member. Topics and table numbers will be available on the NERGC website prior to the conference, and also on-site at the conference. Seating at each table is first come first served.  Choice of: Sherry Braised Chicken Breast with Wild Mushrooms \$31.00 Vegetarian-Mushroom Lasagna with Ragout & Marinara \$31.00
DNA & Technology	<b>Using Zotero, the Free Citation and Note Manager</b> <i>Connie Reik</i> S-306 Make your research easier to record, document, and access. Download and create citations from information on the web and elsewhere, attach notes to citations, create standalone notes to record ideas, and much more.	<b>Tools for Macintosh® Users</b> <i>Donna Moughty</i> S-314 New Macintosh user or thinking of converting? This lecture will address the wide range of options opened to those utilizing the power and simplicity of the Macintosh platform for their genealogy.	
Treasures	<b>Maps: Where to Find Them and How to Use Them</b> <i>Pamela Boyer Sayre, CG, CGL</i> S-307 Maps enable genealogists to understand more about an ancestor's migration, community, and occupation. Learn about traditional and online resources for finding historic, topographical, birds-eye view, and other maps of interest.	<b>Identification of 19th Century Photographs</b> <i>David L. Mishkin</i> S-315 This lecture will show the differences between a daguerreotype, tintype, and other 19th century photographs.	
Workshops	<b>8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.</b>		
	<b>Cemetery Workshop</b> (will be held indoors if weather is inclement) <i>Donna E. Walcovy, Ph.D.</i> S-308 Participants will spend the morning in an old Burying Ground (weather permitting) identifying gravestone safety, materials, and designs to assist in recognizing when the stone was placed, or perhaps replaced. Focus will be given on the relationship between the headstone and the footstone, and their orientation. Also discussed will be how to properly clean and photograph a gravestone, and how to copy the information on gravestones for distribution. Requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.		

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<p><b>Where is Great-Grandma Hiding? Finding Forgotten Females</b> Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG S-318 Our foremothers are more challenging to identify than our forefathers for many reasons including laws and customs. Learn some successful strategies to use in your hunt for that elusive female ancestor.</p>		<p><b>The Final Path of the Unknown Dead: the Potter's Field</b> Mary Ann Boyle, CG S-326 This lecture will provide an analysis of 133 years (1861 to 1994) of Massachusetts death certificates for unknown dead. The analysis will include the distribution of sex, age, location, and cause of death.</p>		<p><b>Examining the 1940 Census</b> Jean Nudd Elliott S-333 This lecture examines what and how information was collected by the 1940 census takers and how researchers will access the schedules.</p>		<p><b>Social Hour</b></p> <p><b>Cash Bar</b></p> <p>S-340</p>	
<p><b>Finding Your 17th Century Ancestors in England</b> Paul Milner S-319 Identify the best genealogical resources, original and published, to use for 17th Century research in England and how to jump the gap created by England's Civil War.</p>		<p><b>Irish Birth, Marriage and Death Records for the Beginner</b> Eileen M. Ó Dúill, CG S-327 This lecture provides a beginners' guide to Irish civil records. A review of birth, marriage, and deaths records and explanation of the new computerized system of Irish civil records will be provided.</p>		<p><b>Is that Lawyer or Sawyer?: Using the British Census</b> Kathryn Smith Black S-334 This lecture provides why and how the Census was taken (1841 to 1911), what physical forms it can be used in, how the questions varied from time to time, and how best to use such indices as are available.</p>			
<p><b>Lesser Known Resources in Poland: Church Archives and Other Sources</b> Aleksandra Kacprzak S-320 This lecture will present the variety of rich and priceless materials that can be found in the church archives. Included will be visitation books, status animarum books, alegata, records summaries, school/hospital documents, registers of church groups, and parish chronicles.</p>		<p><b>Discovering Your Native American Roots in Northern New England</b> Paul Bunnell and Sherry Gould S-328 This lecture will focus on Native American Indian genealogical research in northern New England. Common problems with records on Native American families will be discussed. Tips will be given to assist in following and documenting elusive lines.</p>		<p><b>Acadian History &amp; Genealogy: The Search for New England Descendants</b> Lucie LeBlanc Consentino S-335 This lecture will discuss the best sources available for Acadian researchers, whether in libraries, genealogical societies, or on the Internet.</p>			
<p><b>New Hampshire Ancestors: Online and On-Site</b> Diane Gravel, CG S-321 This lecture first focuses on several exciting and lesser-known cyber sources. Then we explore the rewards of an on-site visit and the wealth of records waiting to be found in repositories throughout the state.</p>		<p><b>Roads Back to Rhode Island</b> Cherry Fletcher Bamberg S-329 FASG There are many paths into Rhode Island genealogy and it's easy for beginners to get lost in the maze. Learn what made Rhode Island unique among the colonies, what the basic sources are, and what new work is making the journey exciting.</p>		<p><b>First Generation Irish</b> Margaret Sullivan S-336 The American born and raised children of Irish immigrants were usually more literate and longer lived than their parents, thus creating more records. Explore the wide variety of documents - that can reveal new information on the immigrant generation.</p>		<p><b>7:00 P.M.</b></p> <p><b>BANQUET</b></p> <p><b>Sponsored by:</b> <b>Connecticut Society of Genealogists</b></p> <p><b>"Hacks and Hookers and Putting Up Pickles: Snares of Yesteryear's English"</b></p> <p>Our ancestors used a vocabulary based on where they lived, when they lived there, and what they did. Their words reflect a world that no longer exists. This banquet address demonstrates how to use the historical context in which a record was created, as well as dictionaries, to understand what the old records really say.</p> <p><i>John Philip Colletta, Ph.D.</i></p> <p>Choice of: Grilled Salmon Filet with Maine Potato Cake \$40.00 Grilled Chicken with a Papaya Relish \$39.00 Grilled Lamb Chops with Lemon and Thyme \$46.00 Vegetarian-Strudel with Roasted Vegetables Wrapped in Pastry \$39.00</p> <p>S-341</p>	
<p><b>The New Hale Collection &amp; Other Unique Materials at Godfrey Library</b> Bruce Tyler, Ph.D. S-322 Godfrey Memorial Library has undertaken the task of updating Connecticut's Hale Collection. The library also has materials such as Civil War regimental histories, family Bibles, unpublished genealogies, yearbooks and a way to improve your research online.</p>		<p><b>Risking It All: Research in the United States Life-Saving Service</b> Michael Strauss, AG S-330 From 1871 until 1915, Life-Saving stations dotted along the coastline and the great lakes and employed thousands of men. Discover many valuable resources about one of your ancestors who may have joined this venerable institution.</p>		<p><b>The Pension Office: Getting the Old Men Paid</b> Craig Roberts Scott, CG S-337 This lecture will discuss the process and records associated with payments made to pensioners from the Revolution up to the beginning of World War I.</p>			
<p><b>Sex, DNA and Family History</b> Shellee A. Morehead, Ph.D. S-323 It all starts with sex and how two types of DNA, mitochondrial and chromosomal, are transmitted to males and females. This lecture describes DNA basic transmission and shows how to use genealogy charts to answer questions about your ancestry using DNA.</p>		<p><b>Creating Your Personal Family History Website [Step By Step]</b> D. Joshua Taylor S-331 Come watch step-by-step as a personal family history website is built from scratch! Each element (data, documents, pictures, etc.) of the website will be coded, formatted, and uploaded online for the entire world to see.</p>		<p><b>How Autosomal DNA Testing is Changing Genealogy</b> Blaine T. Bettinger, Ph.D. S-338 Learn the benefits and limitations of autosomal DNA testing and how you can use this latest advance in genetic ancestry analysis to identify genetic cousins and explore your genetic family tree.</p>			
<p><b>The Last Muster: Photographs and Stories from the American Revolution</b> Maureen Taylor S-324 As unbelievable as it seems, many individuals who participated in the American Revolution lived past the advent of photography in 1839. Take a step back into the 18th century through the photographs and stories of these men and women.</p>		<p><b>Saving a Life: Your Family's Health History</b> Donna Moughty S-332 The more you know about your family health history, the more you can do to reduce the risk of serious illness to you and your family.</p>		<p><b>Digitizing the Records in the Granite Mountain</b> David Ouimette, CG S-339 This lecture describes how FamilySearch systematically prioritizes and digitizes the records in the Granite Mountain Records Vault for online publication.</p>			
<p><b>Land Plat Workshop</b> Gerald H. Smith, CG S-317 Draw your own metes &amp; bounds plats and develop a connected tract map from surveys, deeds and patents. Exercises include dealing with meanders and common problems. Includes a demonstration of land plat software. Take-home exercises (with solutions!). Requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.</p>		<p><b>Solving Genealogy Problems Using Deeds An Advanced Deeds Workshop</b> Carol McCoy, Ph.D. S-325 This advanced workshop shows how to get the most from deeds by using a systematic approach, analyzing relationships, locations, neighbors, and other clues. Requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$30.</p>					
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## Conference Speakers

**David Allen** is self employed as the owner of a land surveying business in Greenfield, Massachusetts, and owns a large collection of historic survey plans, all of which have been scanned. He is the owner of an historic map publishing business, Old Maps, which specializes in reproducing the old New England county wall maps. His web site, [www.old-maps.com](http://www.old-maps.com), was one of the first web sites to offer reproductions of old New England maps and now offers lots of free content as well as commercial products. [S-312]

**Kathy Amoroso** is Director of Digital Projects at Maine Historical Society. She began in 2001 as outreach consultant for the Maine Memory Network, a project of MHS. She's been researching her own and others' family histories for over 15 years. She is a Maine native with a B.S.C. in communications and psychology from the University of Miami and understands the passion for discovering one's roots and the need to network about it. [T-121]

**Cherry Fletcher Bamberg**, FASG has been editor of *Rhode Island Roots* from 2001 to the present and a consulting editor for the *New England Historical and Genealogical Register* for the last few years. She has written extensively on Rhode Island history and genealogy and has edited many books published by Rhode Island Genealogical Society. She received the 2006 Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Genealogy Volunteer of the Year award from NERGC and was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 2008. [S-329]

**Scott Andrew Bartley** is a professional genealogist, librarian, and archivist who previously worked for NEHGS and now is self-employed. Drew is the editor of the *Mayflower Descendant* and *Vermont Genealogy* and works on projects for the Mass. Mayflower Society. [T-107]

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Gene Vogt has a B.S. in Theoretical Physics and a M.Ed. in Secondary Education. He is a former high school Physics teacher and has 30 years experience as a systems engineer for the U.S. Government. Currently he is a Principal Engineer for the MITRE Corporation ([www.mitre.org](http://www.mitre.org)) in Bedford, MA. [T-106]

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Robert Lincoln Ward has been pursuing his ancestors' history for over thirty-five years. He has a masters degree in American History from Indiana State University. Ward was president of the Socorro County (NM) Historical Society (2003-2006) and president of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society (2008-2010). His expertise is in early Philadelphia and southeastern Pennsylvania, Cape Cod, and seventeenth and eighteenth century Massachusetts. He resides in Orleans, Mass. [T-114]

Meldon J. Wolfgang III Author, lecturer and the founder of Jonathan Sheppard Books, Mel Wolfgang has been a genealogist and family historian for nearly half a century. Since 2005, he has been the genealogy columnist for the New York State Archives' quarterly magazine "Archives". A former local government administrator, Mel served as a public library trustee for nearly two decades, as board president of a local library system, and as trustee-advisor for one of the country's first intergovernmental archives. [F231, S304]

# Eleventh New England Regional Genealogical Conference

## 6-10 April 2011 - Registration Form & Conference Fees

### SPACE PLANNING

To help us in planning, please circle the sessions you plan to attend. **However, please note that your interest in specific lectures neither obligates you to attend nor guarantees you a space for those sessions.** Lectures in the brochure are coded with the numbers given below. Please circle your choices. Circle one number per line:

#### Thursday, 7 April

T-103  
 T-105    T-106    T-107    T-108    T-109    T-110  
 T-111    T-112    T-113    T-114    T-115    T-116  
 T-118    T-119    T-120    T-121    T-122    T-123

#### Friday, 8 April

F-201    F-202    F-203    F-204    F-205    F-206  
 F-208    F-209    F-210    F-211    F-212    F-213  
 F-216    F-216    F-218    F-219    F-220    F-221  
 F-222    F-223    F-224    F-225    F-226    F-227  
 F-229    F-230    F-231    F-232    F-233    F-234

#### Saturday, 9 April

S-301    S-302    S-303    S-304    S-305    S-306    S-307  
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 S-333    S-334    S-335    S-336    S-337    S-338    S-339

### SYLLABUS

Those registering by the Early Bird deadline (15 February 2011) may elect to receive either a syllabus on CD-ROM or a printed copy of the syllabus. Those registering after 15 February 2011 are not guaranteed a printed syllabus. All registrants will have online access to the syllabus one week prior the Conference.

Check here if you would prefer the syllabus on CD-ROM \_\_\_\_\_ OR a printed syllabus \_\_\_\_\_. [Please check only one.]

### SPECIAL MEALS AND ADA REQUESTS

Registrants with special meal requirements and/or special needs as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act must detail those requirements in writing to NERGC by 25 March 2011.

### IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

"Early Bird" registration (\$110) ends 15 February 2011. Any registrations postmarked after that date are \$135; those registrants may encounter difficulty in registering for meals and workshops, or in receiving a printed syllabus. Cancellations postmarked before Friday, 25 March 2011 will be subject to a \$15.00 processing fee. No refunds are available after 25 March 2011. However, those registering through our online registration service, RegOnline, will have an option to purchase cancellation insurance. Sorry, this option is not available for mail registrations paying by check. Your payment must be paid online with a credit card to take advantage of the cancellation protection. Details are available at the RegOnline site. Please read the fine print before selecting this option. Although we will make every effort to accommodate those registering after April 1, 2011, meal choices and availability are not guaranteed.

### WAIVER OF LIABILITY

By registering for this conference I agree and acknowledge that I am participating in NERGC and its associated events and activities out of my own free will and am fully aware that possible physical injury may occur to me as a result of my participation in these events. I acknowledge that I am able to participate in NERGC events and activities and that I do hereby assume responsibility for my own well being. I agree not to allow any other person to participate in my place.

### MAKE CHECK PAYABLE AND RETURN TO: NERGC 2011

NERGC Registration  
 c/o Mary Choppa  
 131 Concord Street  
 Nashua, NH 03064-1721

**For online registration and to pay by credit card,  
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Please print or type in black ink. Use a separate form for each person. This form may be duplicated. Please print your name as you would like it to appear on your conference name tag:

First Name	Middle/Maiden	Last	Postnominals
Street Address			
City		State	Zip Code
Phone Number		E-mail Address	

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

#### Full Registration (all three days)

Early Bird fee if postmarked by 15 February 2011    \$ 110.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Postmarked after 15 February 2011    \$ 135.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Single Day Registration (\$90 per day)

Please check which day(s)  
 Thu \_\_\_\_\_ Fri \_\_\_\_\_ Sat \_\_\_\_\_    \$ 90.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### LIBRARIANS AND TEACHERS DAY (See page five of brochure for details.)

Attendees may attend the remainder of the full conference for an additional \$75.00  
 Librarians and Teachers Day Registration    \$35.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remainder of Full Conference    \$75.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SPECIAL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

#### Wednesday, 6 April

W-101    The Berkshire Athenaeum    \_\_\_\_\_    \$ 30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 W-102    Silvio O. Conte National Records Center    \_\_\_\_\_    \$ 30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 W-103    Springfield Cemetery Tour #1    \_\_\_\_\_    FREE    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 W-104    Springfield Cemetery Tour #2    \_\_\_\_\_    FREE    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Thursday, 7 April

T-101    Springfield History Library and Archives Orientation    \_\_\_\_\_    FREE    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Open to all. Additional fee is required.

#### Friday, 8 April

	qty			
		Continental Breakfast at the Sheraton 7:00-9:00 AM	_____	\$ 9.00    \$ _____
F-214		Friday Luncheon		
		Baked Scrod	_____	\$33.00    \$ _____
		Vegetarian Tower w/Mushrooms	_____	\$31.00    \$ _____
F-236		Friday Banquet		
		Swordfish Parmesan	_____	\$42.00    \$ _____
		Provence French Cut Chicken	_____	\$39.00    \$ _____
		New York Strip Steak	_____	\$46.00    \$ _____
		Vegetarian Tower w/ Potatoes	_____	\$39.00    \$ _____

#### Saturday, 9 April

	qty			
		Continental Breakfast at the Sheraton 7:00-9:00 AM	_____	\$ 9.00    \$ _____
S-316		Saturday Luncheon		
		Sherry Braised Chicken Breast	_____	\$31.00    \$ _____
		Vegetarian Mushroom Lasagna	_____	\$31.00    \$ _____
S-341		Saturday Banquet		
		Grilled Salmon Filet	_____	\$40.00    \$ _____
		Grilled Chicken	_____	\$39.00    \$ _____
		Grilled Lamb Chops	_____	\$46.00    \$ _____
		Vegetarian Strudel	_____	\$39.00    \$ _____

### WORKSHOPS

Limited participation. Conference registration and additional fee are required.

#### Thursday, 7 April

T-102    Your Own Detective Story Workshop    \$35.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 T-104    Griffiths Valuation Workshop    \$30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 T-117    Document Analysis Workshop    \$30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Friday, 8 April

F-207    Research Planning Workshop    \$30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 F-215    Preserving Family Photographs Workshop    \$30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 F-228    Cyrillic Alphabet Workshop    \$30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

#### Saturday, 9 April

S-308    Cemetery Workshop    \$30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 S-317    Land Plat Workshop    \$30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 S-325    Advanced Deeds Workshop    \$30.00    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment    \$ \_\_\_\_\_