



# 16th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

**VIRTUAL NERGC 2021**

## *Springing From the Past Into the Future*

**APRIL 1 TO MAY 31, 2021**

### SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

American-French Genealogical Society [AFGS]  
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## SPRINGING FROM THE PAST INTO THE FUTURE

NERGC - The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. invites you to join us at our **sixteenth** genealogical conference — *Springing From the Past Into the Future* — a Virtual Conference.

Virtual NERGC 2021 will help attendees explore:

- DNA methodologies, case studies, etc.
- Interesting uses of records including religious, civil, land, probate, military, maritime, and newspapers
- New England records and repositories
- Problem solving, methodology, and new approaches to traditional research
- Research specifically focused on social, cultural, racial and ethnic groups
- Sharing and preserving your family history through writing, photography, digital media, etc.
- Successful research planning and project implementation
- Technology: Providing solutions to improve genealogical research
- Understanding historical context related to genealogy

Virtual NERGC 2021 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 virtual exhibit hall and make new connections at the Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show — and plenty of opportunities to meet hundreds of other attendees virtually who share your love for genealogy.

## CONFERENCE SOFTWARE

Our main software is the Virtual Attendee Hub from Cvent. It will connect with Zoom for both large and small group interactions. It also includes a virtual Exhibit Hall, a personal schedule, and more.

## ACCESSIBILITY AND ADA ACCOMMODATIONS

You may have needs related to hearing, speaking, seeing or managing the physical coordination to successfully access your personal digital devices for this virtual conference. Even before you register, contact Pam Roberts, our ADA liaison for accessibility at [drpampt@gmail.com](mailto:drpampt@gmail.com). Please ask questions; share any concerns you may have. Help us understand the impact on YOU as we move to our conference from onsite to virtual. Pam can share predicted ways to enhance your access especially if you list needs and **register by March 15, 2021**. Pam and our access team will work to help you maximize your successful participation.

## SOCIETY FAIR

Scheduled for Saturday April 3 and Sunday May 16, 2021. This will be live and you will be able to stop by and talk with members of the various organizations. The specific times will be posted on the NERGC website and in the E-zine. This is open to the public at no cost.

## 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.

## EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall has it all - books, maps, educational opportunities. The space is flexible and inviting. The Exhibit Hall will be "open" during the virtual conference. The Exhibit Hall is free and open to the public.

## LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES

We are inviting libraries and archives with special collections of interest to genealogists and researchers to join us in our Virtual Conference. This will be a good chance to learn about resources for research. More information will be available on the NERGC website and in the E-zine

## 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. Check out the blog to get the most out of the conference: [www.nergc.blogspot.com](http://www.nergc.blogspot.com)

## JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Thinking about attending Virtual NERGC 2021?

Join the conversation on Facebook at - [www.facebook.com/NERGC](http://www.facebook.com/NERGC). Get to know other attendees, check out the photos from past conferences and write on the NERGC wall. Don't miss out on the excitement.

## CONFERENCE E-ZINE

The conference E-zine, a digital newsletter that provides information and updates about the Sixteenth New England Regional 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 webpage at <http://www.NERGC.org/E-zine.html>

## 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.

## SIGs - Special Interest Group

Enthusiasm is always high for these popular, informal mini gatherings. It's 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 the E-zine.

## VIRTUAL DINNER MEETING

We will be having a virtual dinner meeting this conference on the first of our three gathering days. Our Speaker will be Nathan Dylan Goodwin and his topic will be "Using Fact in Fiction." We hope you will be able to join us for this event.

## TABLE TOP TOPICS

Members of NEAPG (New England Association of Professional Genealogists) will facilitate discussion on a variety of topics, including New England research and DNA. In our virtual conference this will be a live event.

## CONFERENCE PINS

We know that some of you collect our conference pins. Since we won't be together to hand one to you at registration, there is an option on the registration form to purchase a pin. All we ask is that you cover the mailing cost of \$2.50.

## GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

A Query Board will be set up in the NERGC website. Please submit to and review this frequently throughout the conference to see if any cousins are in need of your assistance.

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>.

## AN OVERVIEW OF OUR PLANS:

Our traditional conference is a three-day event. Our virtual event will have three Gathering Days with scheduled presentations and a live chat each day with a featured speaker. On these three days we will encourage social interaction between all attendees.

In addition to the Gathering Days, there are three additional 'tracks,' at an additional cost to attendees, that will occur on Saturdays. Each is a set of four presentations as well as a speaker's panel discussion on a specific topic.

Another aspect of the Virtual NERGC 2021 is a set of 60 additional presentations that are recorded and available 'on-demand' until May 31, 2021.

Of course, we are also including various activities throughout the 61 days to keep you engaged with this conference event – Special Interest Groups, Ancestor Road Show, Society Fair, and Library & Archive. These events will be Live and not available on demand so we can have interactions with the participants.

They are all traditional activities that will be carried into our Virtual Environment for 2021.

And, absolutely, our 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.

## OUR 2021 FEATURED SPEAKERS

### Angie Bush



With formal degrees in molecular biology and biotechnology, Angie Bush understands DNA testing and its applications in genetic genealogy. Whether it's a matter of helping family historians sort out the test results and

information they receive from the various genetic genealogy testing companies, or designing and implementing a sophisticated DNA testing plan to answer difficult genealogical research questions, Angie gets the job done. She has been researching the history of her own family for over 20 years and has helped many individuals in identifying their ancestors and discovering details about their lives. She has significant experience in software and web-based technologies, is familiar with key websites relevant to family history research, and has hundreds of hours spent poring over records housed by the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### Dear Myrtle



DearMYRTLE is the *nom de plume* of Pat Richley-Erickson, author of the award-winning DearMYRTLE Genealogy Blog, consistently ranked among the top five family history blogs internationally, where her focus is on beginning genealogy topics. She is the National Genealogical Society's 2015 President's

Citation recipient. Renowned for multiple live video hangouts weekly, including *Mondays with Myrt* and *Wacky Wednesday*, DearMYRTLE eschews the lecture format in favor of the "homework first with panelist moderation format" in her *Mastering Genealogical Proof* and *Genealogy and the Law* and other study group sessions. Over 400 videos are archived on DearMYRTLE's YouTube Channel. A speaker at regional and national conferences including live videocasts at RootsTech 2011 and 2012, Myrt is co-founder of the Genea-Quilters group on Facebook, and founder of GeneaWebinars, a centralized calendar and blog for all known genealogy webinar hosts and virtual presenters. Pat is also an active

member of the Second Life (SL) Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and coordinator of SL's Just Genealogy including the Inferential Genealogy Study Group. Online since 1985 in membership development with Q-Link's Your Family Tree and later on the leadership team of AOL's Golden Gate Genealogy Forum, Pat is a retired post-secondary computer instructor. She and her husband live in South Jordan, Utah, happily combining their genealogy and history libraries following their marriage in 2009.

### John Grenham



John Grenham is well-known to those researching Irish ancestors. He came to professional genealogy in 1981, as one of the panel of Irish Genealogical Office (GO) researchers, and later worked for Hibernian Research. As in-house researcher for the GO in 1990-91, he was

instrumental in setting up the GO Consultation Service, the forerunner of the current Advisory Services in the National Library and National Archives. He joined the Association of Professional Genealogists in Ireland (APGI), the forerunner to the Accredited Genealogists in Ireland (AGI), in 1988. He was Project Manager with the Irish Genealogical Project from 1991 to 1995 and later went on to develop and market his own genealogical software, *Grenham's Irish Recordfinder*. He ran the Irish Times Irish Ancestors website from 1998 to 2016. It now runs on his own site. In 2005, he was the first Genealogist-in-Residence at Dublin City Library. He was awarded a fellowship of The Irish Genealogical Research Society in 2007 and of the Genealogical Society of Ireland in 2010. Among his publications are the standard guide to Irish genealogy, *Tracing your Irish Ancestors* (5th ed.2012), *Clans and Families of Ireland* (1995), *Generations* (1996), "The Genealogical Office and its Records" in *The Genealogical Office*, (1999), *Grenham's Irish Surnames* (CD-ROM, 2003) and numerous articles and columns in the UK magazine *Your Family Tree*. He wrote the "Irish Roots" column and blog in *The Irish Times* between 2009 and 2016. The blog is now here at John's website,

[www.johngrenham.com](https://www.johngrenham.com)<https://www.johngrenham.com/blog/>. In 2011, along with Irish Times Training, he developed and launched an online genealogical course. In 2011 and 2014, he was co-presenter of the RTE television program "The Genealogy Roadshow." Between 2014 and 2018, he delivered six, ten-week Diploma in Family History courses at City Colleges in Dublin.



## VIRTUAL NERGC 2021 APRIL & MAY 2021

		Thursday April 1		Friday	Saturday	
<p>For specific topics see schedule for gathering days and track</p> <p>All times listed are E.S.T</p>		<p><b>Gathering Day 1</b>                      10-10:30 am Opening                      11:00-12:00 Pat Richley-Erickson                      12:00-1:30 Virtual Exhibit Hall                      1:30-2:30 Alec Ferretti                      3:00-4:00 Jill Morelli  <b>4:30-5:30 Live chat Pat Richley-Erickson</b>                      6:00-7:00 PM Nathan Dylan Goodwin</p>		2	3 – Society Fair	
<p><b>4 - SUNDAY</b>                      Newsletter                      Special Interest Groups</p>	<p><b>5 – MONDAY</b>                      Live Chat – Searching Ancestry &amp; FamilySearch                      Jill Morelli &amp; Alec Ferretti</p>	<p><b>6 -TUESDAY</b>                      Live Table Top Topics                      7:00 – 8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7 –WEDNESDAY</b>                      Possible Live Chat with a Vendor</p>	<p><b>8 -THURSDAY</b></p>	<p><b>9 –GATHERING DAY 2</b>                      9-10 John Grenham                      10:30-11:30 John Grenham                      11:30-1 Virtual Exhibit Hall                      1:00-2:00 John Grenham                      2:30-3:30 Pamela Guye Holland  <b>4-5 Live Chat John Grenham</b></p>	10
11 - newsletter	12 – Special Interest Groups	13	14 – Live Chat Digging into your DNA Nora Galvin & Franklin C. Smith	15	16 – Live Library and Archives Presentations	<p><b>17.GATHERING DAY 3</b>                      10-11 Diahna Southard                      11:30-12:30 Angie Bush                      12:30-2 Virtual Exhibits                      2:00-3:00 Angie Bush                      3:30-4:30 Angie Bush  <b>5-6 Live Chat Angie Bush</b></p>
18 Newsletter  Live Chat Irish Research Pam Holland & Kevin Cassidy	19	20 – Live Special Interest Groups	21	22 – Possible Live Chat a with Vendor	23	<p><b>24 –ADD ON TRACK</b>  <b>Writing Your Research</b>                      9-10- Elissa Scalise Powell                      10:15-11:15 -Nora Galvin                      11:30-12:30 -Pam Vestal                      12:30-2 --Virtual Exhibits                      2-3 -Marian Burk Wood  <b>3:15-4:45 -Live Chat with all</b></p>
25 – newsletter	26	27 <b>Live</b> Ancestors Road Show	28 – Live Special Interest Group	29	30 – Live Chat Preserving Family Stories Lori Lyn Price & Drew Bartley	<p><b>MAY 1 –</b>  <b>ADD ON TRACK</b>  <b>Advanced DNA</b>                      9-10 --Alec Stephen Ferretti                      10:15-11:15 --Angie Bush                      11:30-12:30 --Skip Duett                      12:30-2 Virtual Exhibits Hall                      2-3 -Blaine Bettinger  <b>3:15-4:45 Live Chat with all</b></p>
2 – newsletter	3 – Possible Live Chat with a Vendor	4	5	6 – Live Special Interest Groups	7 Live Ancestors Road Show	<p><b>8 –ADD ON TRACK</b>  <b>Becoming a Professional Genealogist</b>                      9-10 Meryl Schumacker                      10:15-11:15 Michael Leclerc                      11:30-12:30 Elissa Scalise Powell                      12:30-2 Virtual Exhibit Hall                      2-3 Jill Morelli  <b>3:15-4:45 Live chat with all</b></p>
9 newsletter	10	11 Live Chat –New England Vital Records Margaret Fortier & Barbara Mathews	12 Live Library and Archives Presentations	13	14 Live Special Interest Groups	15
16 – Newsletter Live Society Fair	17	18 – Possible Live Chats with Vendors	19	20 – Live Chat New England Land Records Sara Campbell & Carol McCoy	21	22 – Live Special Interest Group
23 - newsletter <b>Last Day to register</b>	24 Special Interest Groups	25	26 Ancestors Road Show	27- Special Interest Groups	28	29 – Live Chat – New England to NY Connections Jane Wilcox & Skip Duet
30 – Live Chat – Canada to New England Connections Michael Leclerc & David Lambert	31 (Mem Day) Conference ends at 11:59 PM					



## GATHERING DAY SCHEDULES:

Thursday, April 1, 2021		
Time (E. S. T.)	Presentation Title	Speaker
10:00–10:30 AM.	Opening remarks, welcome, DHS award	
11:00–12:00 PM	7 Habits of Highly Effective Genealogists	Pat Richley-Erickson
12:00-1:30 PM	Enjoy a snack & visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall	
1:30-2:30 PM	Thinking Outside the (Search) Box: Ancestry Search Strategies	Alec Ferretti
3:00 – 4:00 PM	FamilySearch: Don't Miss the Unindexed 70%	Jill Morelli
4:30-5:30 PM	Live Chat	Pat Richley-Erickson
6:00-7:00 PM	Using Fact in Fiction	Nathan Dylan Goodwin
<b>Available On-Demand as of 2 April</b>		

Friday, April 9, 2021		
Time (E. S. T.)	Presentation Title	Speaker
9:00-10:00 AM	Starting Research in Irish Records	John Grenham
10:30-11:30 AM	Reverse Genealogy: Tracing Living Relatives in Ireland	John Grenham
11:30-1:00 PM	Enjoy a snack & visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall	
1:00–2:00 PM	Why Are Irish Surnames and Place Names so Weird?	John Grenham
2:30-3:30 PM	Connecting Irish Ancestors: A DNA Case Study	Pamela Guye Holland
4:00-5:00 PM	Live Chat (9-10 in Ireland)	John Grenham
<b>Available On-Demand as of 10 April</b>		

Saturday, April 17, 2021		
Time (E. S. T.)	Presentation Title	Speaker
10:00–11:00 AM.	DNA and Genealogy: An Unbalanced Partnership	Diahna Southard
11:30–12:30 PM	Cracking Open Your DNA Matches	Angie Bush
12:30-2:00 PM	Enjoy a snack & visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall	
2:00–3:00 PM	Unearthing Parents and Grandparents with DNA	Angie Bush
3:30–4:30 PM	Applying DNA to Your Genealogical Brick Wall	Angie Bush
5:00–6:00 PM	Live Chat	Angie Bush
<b>Available On-Demand as of 18 April</b>		

### ADD-ON TRACK SCHEDULES:

These three tracks are what NERGC typically offers as pre-conference activities on a Wednesday. They focus on a specific topic and offer attendees a chance to obtain in-depth information that might not be presented in a large conference format. Each day will include four recorded lectures and a live chat with the four presenters. These are an additional cost of \$30.00 per day and attendee seats are limited.

Date/Topic	April 24, 2021	May 1, 2021	May 9, 2021
<b>Time (E.S.T.)</b>	<b>Writing Your Research</b>	<b>Advanced DNA</b>	<b>Becoming a Professional Genealogist</b>
9:00–10:00 AM	Writing: As You Go: the WAY to Go with Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL	Strategies to Analyze Endogamous DNA with Alec Stephen Ferretti	How to Work Effectively from Home (or Elsewhere) with Meryl Schumacker
10:15–11:15 AM.	Let's Write a Sketch with Nora Galvin, CG	DNA Tools the Pros Use with Angie Bush	Creating Your Education Plan with Michael Leclerc
11:30–12:30 PM	Writing Ancestral Stories Your Relatives Will Want to Read with Pam Vestal	Find Your New England Immigrant With Big Y DNA with Skip Duett	Get Paid for Your Passion with Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL
12:30-2:00 PM	Enjoy a snack & visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall	Enjoy a snack & visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall	Enjoy a snack & visit the Virtual Exhibit Hall
2:00–3:00 PM	Bring Family History Alive in Bite-Sized Projects with Marian Burk Wood	Advanced Chromosome Matching Using DNA Painter with Blaine Bettinger	Becoming a Certified Genealogist: A Personal Journey with Jill Morelli, CG
3:15-4:45 PM.	Live Chat with all four speakers	Live Chat with all four speakers	Live Chat with all four speakers
<b>Last Day to Register</b>	<b>April 17, 2021</b>	<b>April 24, 2021</b>	<b>May 1, 2021</b>

## THE ON-DEMAND PRESENTATIONS INCLUDED IN VIRTUAL NERGC 2021:

<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Speech Title</u>
Adina Newman	The Jews of New England
Angie Bush	Genealogical Applications for Y-DNA and mtDNA
B.J. Jamieson	New England's Seventh 'State': Living Along the Coast
Beth Finch McCarthy	Find Your Colonial Ancestors with Settlement Patterns
Carol Prescott McCoy, Ph.D.	Creating Maine Towns: The Process and the Records
	Finding Rogers Roots—The Maine, Canada, Ireland Connection
Cheryl Fletcher Bamberg, FASG	Odd Colony Out: Rhode Island's Beginnings
David Allen Lambert	New England Probate Records
	Boston Resources for the Genealogist and Historian
	Paths to Nova Scotia: Colonial to 20th century Resources
Diahan Southard	Dear John: I Have Your DNA
	Girl Talk: Using mtDNA and XDNA in Family History
	Using Autosomal DNA: A Four Step Process
Diane Florence Gravel	Roots in Granite: Finding Your New Hampshire Ancestors
Diane L Richard	1867 Voter Registration and Beyond
	Digital Library on American Slavery – Invaluable Resource
Diane MacLean Boumenot	Tips for Navigating Rhode Island Records
Edwin W. Strickland II	No Stone Unturned: Getting the Most from Graveyards
Franklin Carter Smith	African American DNA Research: Strategies for Successful Results
Jane E Wilcox	Tale of Woe: A 1700s Connecticut Woman's Story
Janice Lovelace, Ph.D.	Incorporating DNA into Your Genealogy Research Plan
	Finding Freedom: New England's Role in the Underground Railroad
Jennifer Zinck	Finding and Using Connecticut Vital Records
Jill E Martin, J.D.	Don't Marry an Alien: American Women's Citizenship Rights
	Finding your Family through Online Legal Resources
Jill Morelli, CG	I Got My Ancestry DNA Results! Now What?
John Grenham	Records of the Anglo-Irish
Julie Roberts Szczepankiewicz	Locating Polish Vital Records Online
Kathryn Lake Hogan	Canada and US Migration: Just Across the Border
Kevin Cassidy	My DNA Says I'm Irish, Now What?
	Using American Records to Tear Down Irish Brickwalls

<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Speech Title</b>
Lori Lyn Price	Mining Town Records: Treasure Troves of Social History
Margaret R Fortier, CG	Bay State Bonanza: Four Centuries of Vital Records
	A Whole New World of Catholic Records
Meaghan E. H. Siekman, Ph.D.	African-American Resources in New England
Melanie McComb	New England Court Records
	New England Land Records
	Wanted! Dead or Alive: Researching Criminals
Melissa Johnson, CG	Dual Citizenship: Genealogy's Gift from Ireland and Italy
Michael A. McClellan	Researching Your Swedish Ancestors using ArkivDigital
Michael Leclerc	17th Century Recrues of New France
	Resources of the Bibliothèque et Archives Nationales de Québec
Nora Galvin, CG	Adventures in Irish Research
	Segments, CentiMorgans, and SNPs: Who, What, and How?
Pamela Guye Holland	Get Local for Research Success
	Where Did They Come From? Irish Migration Routes
Pamela Ricciardi Paschke	DNA Clusters: Knocking Down Colonial Brick Walls
	Navigating the Online Italian Archives
Pat Richley-Erickson	Ancestry.com Trees Can Jumpstart Your Family History
	Blogging for Beginners
	The Clothesline Approach to Document Analysis
Pauline C Merrick	Researching Freed and Enslaved in Colonial Connecticut
Robert Raymond	Match Has No Tree? No Problem!
Ronald Blanchette	The Acadian Identity
Sara Campbell	Assisted Emigration from Ireland to New England
Scott Andrew Bartley, MLS	Early Vermont Settlement to 1771 and the Records
Shellee Morehead, Ph.D., CG	Ethnicity Estimates: Fact or Fiction
Skip Duett	Tracking Your New Englanders into Western New York
	Adding Y-DNA Testing to Your Genealogy Toolbox
	Find Your New England Immigrant With Big Y DNA
Stephen Hartwell	Maritime Records of Essex County, Massachusetts
Walter G. Murphy, Jr.	How to Use DNA Clustering

SEE THE REGISTRATION WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS ON ALL THE PRESENTATIONS.



## SPEAKERS

**Adina Newman, Ed.D.**, is a professional genealogist and educator. As the founder of My Family Genie, Adina assists clients in their family research, especially in Jewish genealogy and genetic genealogy cases. She volunteers as a moderator for a Jewish DNA group and is the Social Media Coordinator for NextGen Genealogy Network.

**Alec Stephen Ferretti, MSLS**, holds Masters Degrees in Archives and Library Science and has been a professional genealogist since 2016. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Relcaim the Records, and is the current President of the New York Genealogy & Technology Group.

**Angie Bush**, With formal degrees in molecular biology and biotechnology, Angie Bush understands DNA testing and its applications in genetic genealogy, whether it's a matter of helping family historians sort out the test results and information they receive from the various genetic genealogy testing companies, or designing and implementing a sophisticated DNA testing plan to answer difficult genealogical research questions.

**B.J. Jamieson, MSLS**, B.J. is the genealogy reference specialist at the Maine State Library.

**Barbara J. Mathews, CG, FASG**, Barbara Mathews, CG, FASG, is a genealogist specializing in Massachusetts and Connecticut families. She has served on the boards of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the Connecticut Professional Genealogist Council, the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, and the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, where she is currently President. Her passions are teaching and records access.

**Beth Finch McCarthy**, is a professional genealogist with over ten years of client service. She specializes in Colonial New England, and her services include client research and one-on-one consultation. Her background is corporate training and development. Certificate Holder, BU Genealogical Research and member, APG.

**Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D.**, Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., is a professional genealogist specializing in DNA evidence. He is the author of the long-running blog *The Genetic Genealogist*, and frequently gives presentations and webinars to educate others about the use of DNA to explore their ancestry.

**Carol Prescott McCoy, Ph.D.**, is owner of Find-Your-Roots.com., based in Brunswick, Maine. She lectures, conducts research, writes about family history, and coaches aspiring genealogists, specializing in New England, New York, and West Virginia. She received her A.B. from Connecticut College and her Ph.D. from Rutgers University.

**Cherry Fletcher Bamberg, FASG**, grew up in Newport, R.I., and never quite got over it. She has written scores of articles on Rhode Island families and several books, most recently *John Clarke's World* (2018). She has been editor of *Rhode Island Roots*, the journal of the R.I. Genealogical Society, since 2002. She is a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists.

**David Allen Lambert**, Chief Genealogist for NEHGS on the staff of NEHGS since 1993. He is an internationally recognized speaker and author of genealogical and military history topics. David is the author of eleven books including *A Guide to Massachusetts Cemeteries*. David is the State Historian of the Massachusetts SAR.

**Diahan Southard**, is a leading voice for consumer DNA testing from her position as Founder of Your DNA Guide. You will walk away from an interaction with her enlightened and motivated as she has a passion for genetic genealogy, a genuine love for people, and a gift for making the technical understandable.

**Diane Florence Gravel, CG**, is a full-time professional genealogist and lecturer, with emphasis on New Hampshire research. She is a graduate (with honors) of NGS's American Genealogy: A Basic Course, and attended both the Institute of Genealogical and Historical Research (Advanced Methodology and Military Records) at Samford University and the National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. Prior to becoming a genealogist, she had nearly two decades of experience in the legal field. She has lectured at the local level, as well as at state, regional, and national conferences. Diane co-edited Volume I of *New Hampshire Families in 1790*. She has served on APG's Board of Directors and was the 2018 recipient of APG's Grahame T. Smallwood, Jr. Award of Merit. She is the President of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists, and has been a trustee of her local library since 2003. She is also a past-president of the New England Chapter of APG.

**Diane L Richard**, is a professional genealogist, author, and lecturer who focuses on tools, tips, and techniques for effective genealogy research including southern states and African American. She has authored over 300+ articles for international genealogy magazines. Diane is editor of the NCGS journal and co-leader of Tar Heel Discoveries which offers guided North Carolina genealogical research programs.

**Diane MacLean Boumenot**, holds a History degree from Wesleyan University. She co-authored the NGS Research in the States volume on Rhode Island and offers genealogical tips and courses on her website, One Rhode Island Family. Diane lectures on Legacy Family Tree Webinars and is a graduate and coordinator of Progen.

**Edwin W. Strickland II**, is a Past President and a Governor of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists; Past President and Genealogist of Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, charter member of the Connecticut Professional Genealogist Council and charter member National Society of the Descendants of the Textile Workers of America.

**Elissa Scalise Powell, CG, CGL**, is co-director of Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh (GRIP); past-president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, coordinator of IGHR "Professional Genealogy" course, and author of two chapters in "Professional Genealogy" (2018). She created and taught part of Boston University's Genealogical Research Certificate course and is a mentor in ProGen Study. She won the Association of Professional Genealogists 2017 Professional Achievement Award.

**Franklin Carter Smith**, co-author of "A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors" is a librarian at the Houston, Texas, Clayton Library Center for Genealogical Research.

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