

# Tenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference REGISTRATION BROCHURE

Manchester, New Hampshire

22-26 April 2009

Expo Center of New Hampshire and adjoining Radisson Hotel Manchester



New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc.

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## DISCOVERING FAMILY TREASURES

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium (NERGC) invites you to join us at our tenth genealogical conference — Discovering Family Treasures in Manchester, New Hampshire. NERGC 2009 will help attendees “discover”:

- Ancestors who immigrated to and migrated out of New England.
- The wealth of information available in New England’s archives, libraries, and historical societies.
- Specific types of diverse source materials not usually initial places to begin research (school records, church records, newspapers, maps)
- Resources and other researchers through technology and social activities throughout the conference.

NERGC 2009 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 2009 conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and

research skills.

Manchester is a vibrant city with world class entertainment at the Verizon Center, one block from the host hotel. The mill district along the riverfront offers museums, relaxation at spas, and fine dining at well-known restaurants. Live music and nightlife is featured at Irish, Mexican, Asian, and American establishments an easy walk from the hotel.

## CONFERENCE FACILITIES AND TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Tenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference is being held at the Radisson Hotel Manchester and adjoining Expo Center of New Hampshire. Parking is available for both the convention center attendees and hotel guests at a discounted rate. The facilities are located approximately six miles from the Manchester Airport and approximately 60 miles from Logan Airport in Boston, Massachusetts.

### Hotel & Convention Center

The Radisson Hotel Manchester and Expo Center are located at 700 Elm Street, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Telephone: 603-206-4109  
Toll Free: 1-800-333-3333  
Fax: 603-206-4206  
Rate: \$127+ single/double/triple/quad  
Check-in: after 3:00 P.M.  
Check-out: by 11:00 A.M.  
Hotel website: [www.radisson.com/manchesternh](http://www.radisson.com/manchesternh)

### Group Code: NERGC

When making reservations online, be sure to enter the group code above to get the special NERGC rate. For making reservations via telephone, please call Radisson Reservations at the above telephone number and indicate to the representative that you are with the New England Regional Genealogical Conference.

Located in downtown Manchester, New Hampshire, close to entertainment and tax-free shopping the Radisson Hotel Manchester offers warm hospitality and an inviting atmosphere. They are a full-service hotel offering room service, business services, and complimentary airport transportation.

## LIBRARIANS AND TEACHERS DAY

NERGC 2009 is pleased to offer a special program for librarians and teachers. The event will be held on Thursday, 23 April 2009, at the Radisson Hotel Manchester.

Attendees will hear several excellent speakers who will help to enhance their knowledge of genealogical resources and applications. 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.

### A Mile Wide and An Inch Deep

*Beau Sharbrough*

Some observers describe the internet as if it were a very large collection of very useless information. While a great deal of it is idle chatter, there are treasures to be found, if you know where to look. This talk describes online sources for genealogy research, going beyond the popular sites.

10:45 A.M.—11:45 A.M.

### Digital Storytelling: Learning, Teaching, and Community

*Midge Frazel*

Digital storytelling is a piece of the puzzle in creating future family historians. Learn how to create digital stories about people and places through research, technology, and collaboration, blending a dynamic multimedia swirl of photographs, text, music, and narration into a short movie format.

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.

### Uncovering Family History in Federal Documents & Publications

*Connie Reik*

The U.S. government produces valuable publications for genealogical and historical research. Learn what various federal agencies have to offer librarians and teachers for their patrons and students, including explor-

ing these resources online.

3:15 P.M.—4:15 P.M.

### Bringing it All Together: Genealogy as an Educational Tool for Librarians and Teachers

*Thomas F. Howard*

We’ll explore how teachers and librarians can continue to do their jobs successfully despite declining budgets, growing bureaucracies, and public pressures, by introducing genealogy to students and patrons.

*See column one of the registration form located on page 12 of this brochure to sign-up for Librarians & Teachers Day.*

### ALL ATTENDEES ARE WELCOME TO VOLUNTEER

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.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



### James Hansen, FASG

Since 1974, Jim Hansen has been the genealogical reference librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society, where he assists several thousand researchers a year with genealogical and historical research. He has taught beginning and advanced genealogical

research courses since 1975 over the Educational Telephone Network of the University of Wisconsin Extension. He was an instructor at the National Institute on Genealogical Research at the National Archives, 1981-1990. He is a nationally known speaker, noted for his informative and entertaining presentations on a variety of genealogical topics. He has lectured in thirty-seven states, at twenty-one National Genealogical Society conferences (1982-2003) and fourteen Federation of Genealogical Societies conferences (1984-2004). He was program co-chair for the 1989 and 2002 NGS conferences, and the 1994-95 president of the Association of Professional Genealogists. F-229, F-234, F-236, S-318



### Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG

Thomas W. Jones, Ph.D., CG, CGL, FASG, is co-editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, trustee and a past president of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, a current board member and former trustee of the Association of Professional Genealogists and recipient of its 2004 Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit. An active genealogist since his teens, Tom's research has encompassed records of every state east of the Mississippi, as well as Iowa, Missouri, Texas, France, Germany, Italy, and Ireland. He specializes, however, in Georgia and Virginia research. Tom writes and speaks frequently on genealogical methods that have broad application across geographic areas, time periods, and levels of expertise. In his nongenealogical life he is a retired professor of education at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. F-210, F-235, S-303, S-310

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### Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak (yes, that's her real name), author of *Honoring Our Ancestors: Inspiring Stories of the Quest for Our Roots, In Search of Our Ancestors: 101 Inspiring*

*Stories of Serendipity and Connection in Rediscovering Our Family History, and They Came to America: Finding Your Immigrant Ancestors*, has been an avid genealogist since the 6th grade and is skilled in many aspects of family history research.

Megan is honored to serve as Chief Family Historian and North American spokesperson for Ancestry.com, the largest genealogical company in the world. She is also co-founder of Roots Television, a pioneering and popular online channel of genealogy and history-oriented programming that won four Telly Awards in its first year. Among the many shows available for viewing is the New York City press conference about Annie Moore, where Megan corrected history by revealing the true story of the first immigrant through Ellis Island, a story which garnered international attention. She has made significant finds in the ancestry of Senator Barack Obama, Rev. Al Sharpton, and Senator Strom Thurmond. F-212, S-306, S-334, S-336.

## GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

By popular request, the Tenth 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 28 February 2009. 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, April 23, from 5:15 P.M. to 7:00 P.M., there will be a "Society Fair" outside the Exhibit Hall where genealogical/historical/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, 23 April 2009 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 [www.nergc2009.blogspot.com](http://www.nergc2009.blogspot.com) or sign up for the conference e-zine for a list of these great get-togethers.

## 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 Manchester. Check out the Blog at : <http://www.nergc2009.blogspot.com/> to get the most out of the conference.

## EXHIBIT HALL

The Grand, Grand opening of the exhibit hall will occur Thursday night, April 23 at 6:00pm and continue until 7:30pm. Stop in and visit the exhibitors while supplies are fresh and plentiful. Then, the exhibit hall will open at 8:15am on Friday and continue to be open until 5:00pm Friday. Saturday the exhibit hall hours will be from 8:15am and will close at 4:00pm. 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. The exhibit hall will be open to the public as well during the normal exhibiting hours and this year we are heavily promoting the exhibit hall to the local public. In addition, we are offering free lectures to help those that are unfamiliar with genealogy, to help understand what genealogy is and how they can become involved with the hobby. Many of the exhibitors will also be participating in a "Treasure Chest" exhibitor promotion. All attendees will receive a coupon that they can deposit at the exhibitor's booth. They will then be eligible to receive a promotional gift from that exhibitor when the drawings are completed. From book sellers to local genealogical societies they will all be there anxious to talk to you and help in any way they can.

## ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW

The Ancestors Road Show returns when NERGC convenes in Manchester, New Hampshire, in April 2009. 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? Having someone with experience and expertise analyze your work might provide you with a new perspective, new direction, or new ideas for advancing your research or solving a problem. This is your chance to consult with a professional genealogist on a challenging research problem. Twenty minute Road Show consultations are free for Conference attendees and will run Friday and Saturday April 24 and 25 from 9:00 A.M.-NOON and 1:00P.M.-4:00P.M.

Information on consultants as well as pre-conference sign ups will be found on the NERGC web site at [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org) in late March 2009. On-site sign-ups will be held on Thursday evening at the Society Fair and during the day on Friday and Saturday. To get the most from your consultation bring a concise written statement of your query or problem as well as any supporting documentation and other pertinent information. Make the Ancestors Road Show part of your experience in *Discovering Family Treasures*.

## CONFERENCE E-ZINE

The Conference E-zine, which provides information and updates about the Tenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference, will be e-mailed periodically to all those currently on our e-zine list as well as those who want to be added to the list. Please provide us with your e-mail address on the registration form if you would like to receive the e-zine. Back issues of the e-zine are also posted to the NERGC Web page at <http://www.nergc.org/2009/e-zine>.

**WEDNESDAY WORKSHOP 10:00A.M.-NOON OR 2:00P.M. TO 4:00P.M.**

*Accent Your Research - Discover Treasures at the American-Canadian Genealogical Society.*

AM WORKSHOP: \$25.00 W-101

PM WORKSHOP: \$25.00 W-102

Leaders in French Canadian, Franco-American, and Acadian research will explore the resources available at the library for French Canadian and non-French research. Participants will receive a CD directed toward the fundamentals of this unique research skill set [Tricks & Tips]. Workshop followed by an afternoon or evening of research at the ACGS library. Transportation provided from conference hotel.

**THURSDAY SCHEDULE**

8:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.

Track

1:30 P.M.—2:30 P.M.

**WORKSHOP**

**Getting Started in Genealogy — The Basics**  
*with Daniel Lynch*

\$35.00 T-101

Come to this intensive morning workshop and learn step-by-step what record sources are available, how to organize your research, and how to begin what will likely be a lifelong pursuit. This program will go over the basics of genealogy: getting started, finding the who-what-when-where, and what to do with all of that information once you have it.

Workshop is limited to a maximum of 50 people and requires advance registration.

**FINDING GENEALOGICAL TREASURE**

**The Mythical Trunk in the Attic**

*Ed Strickland*

T-103

Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor

As beginning genealogists, we are told to start with what we know and what we have. This presentation is a trunk show of items that we or older relatives may have that may help guide our genealogical research. After this presentation, even the more advanced researcher will look at family artifacts in a new light.

**GETTING IT RIGHT FROM THE START**

**Preservation of Modern Imaging Systems**

*David Mishkin*

T-104

Lecture/slide show discussing the problems in preserving videos, CD-ROMs, and color photographs and what you can do to help preserve those family images and events.

1:00 P.M. — 1:15 P.M.

**OPENING SESSION**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks**

*By Tom Howard, President  
New England Regional  
Genealogical Consortium*

*Pauline Cusson, Allison Ryall,  
and*

*Melinde Sanborn, FASG*

*NERGC Conference Tri-Chairs*

**RECORDING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS**

**How to Research and Write Personal Histories That the Family Will Want to Read**

*Barry Elwell*

T-105

Writing personal histories takes planning, time, and stitching the research into a cohesive blend of resources to tell the story that will inspire generations to come. Learn effective research methods for conducting oral interviews, searching resources such as personal artifacts, newspapers, photographs, and libraries to tell the story.

**WILL GOOGLING THE WEB REPLACE OGLING THE MICROFILM?**

**Getting the Most Out of Online and CD Databases**

*Marcia Melnyk*

T-106

South Shore Genealogical Society

Today's family historians have many new avenues for research – including Internet and CD databases. Nearly all databases in electronic format are secondary records at best - some may be generations removed from the original record. Researchers must learn to identify what type of database it is, how it was created, how to effectively search it, and how to determine the original source of the data. Remember, all databases are NOT created equal!!

**MIGRATION, IMMIGRATION, AND NATURALIZATION**

**Using Traditional Histories to Help Explain an Elusive Ancestor's Moves**

*George Findlen*

T-107

State, local, and industrial histories can often pinpoint when and why our ancestors moved. The presenter will demonstrate how these histories helped explain when and why the elusive Michael Findlen moved from Maine to British Columbia, to Montana, to Washington, and finally to Alberta.

**NEW ENGLAND RESEARCH**


**Early African American Communities in New England**

*Marian Pierre-Louis*

T-108

An overview of early African American communities in New England, their unique characteristics, and strategies for getting the most out of your research. Discussion of a timeline of important dates in New England African American research.

2:45 P.M.—3:45 P.M.		4:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.		5:15 P.M.—7:00 P.M.	
<p><b>Grandma's Obituary Box</b> <i>Pam Eagleson</i> T-109 New England Chapter of the APG</p> <p>This lecture examines the types of information and clues found in obituaries, how to use them, and where and how to locate them. An examination of obituaries through three centuries in America will show what values were important to our ancestors, and how those values changed through the years.</p>		<p><b>Unlocking the Personal Characteristics of Family Members Through Handwriting Analysis</b> <i>Irene Lambert</i> T-115</p> <p>Discover a new path to unlocking the past. Graphoanalysis interprets many specific writing strokes, size of writing, slant, and spacing to determine the many facets of personality. Because it offers insight into the character of an individual, it can help to explain previous actions of a family member.</p>		<p align="center"><b>SOCIETY FAIR &amp; SOCIAL HOUR</b></p> <p align="center">Cash Bar</p> <p align="center">Societies from all over New England will be in attendance, offering information about their specialties.</p> <p align="center">Meet and greet!</p>	
<p><b>A Promise Kept: Getting Started Doesn't Have to Be Overwhelming</b> <i>Lucie Lewis</i> T-110</p> <p>This hands-on session will focus on the initial steps that lay the foundation for your research. Gathering and organizing initial facts and strategies and resources for conducting your research will be introduced.</p>		<p><b>Your Search in the Bottom Left-Hand Dresser Drawer</b> <i>Barry Elwell</i> T-116</p> <p>Some of the most valuable genealogy records are as close as family and friends. You'll find records in scrapbooks, shoeboxes, safe-deposit boxes, under beds, pockets of old clothes, and any number of other places. We'll discuss types of records you'll find, how to handle them, and how to use them in your genealogical research.</p>			
<p><b>Writing Family History — Adding Texture to Text</b> <i>Sandra MacLean Clunies</i> T-111</p> <p>Few will write a book, but we can create smaller vignettes of our family history. Learn the steps needed to transform those dry, flat facts into a rich, readable, and multi-dimensional product.</p>		<p><b>You Will Never Look at Your Old Photos the Same Way Again</b> <i>Colleen Fitzpatrick</i> T-117</p> <p>Step into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with your photo identification! If you think you have squeezed every drop of information from your photos, guess again. There are many approaches to identifying old photographs that you have likely never considered before. After attending this talk, you will never look at your old photos the same way again!</p>			
<p><b>An Online Goldmine: Navigating and Discovering USGenWeb</b> <i>D. Joshua Taylor</i> T-112</p> <p>Discover what the USGenWeb Project has to offer to assist you in your genealogical research. Learn how the project is organized, as well as tools and techniques to ensure you navigate quickly and easily through its contents.</p>		<p><b>A Walk Through the Web: Tips &amp; Tricks to Enhance Your Research</b> <i>Sandra Goodwin</i> T-118 Massachusetts Society of Genealogists</p> <p>Make online research faster, easier, and more reliable. Make your website more visible, judge the validity of web information, get a different historical perspective. Learn tricks for citing your sources, cleaning up 'Favorites,' finding that now-dead website, and putting Google to work for YOU!</p>		<p align="center">6:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.</p> <p align="center"><b>OPENING OF EXHIBIT HALL</b></p> <p align="center">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><b>The Great Migration: Goin' to the Promised Land — Chicago</b> <i>Eric Smith</i> T-113</p> <p>This lecture will center on the causes of the black migration from the South to Chicago examining the social causes that initiated the migration and the forming and physical characteristics of the black ghetto in Chicago. It will also focus on the social structure and cultural contributions that "Bronzeville" has made to the City of Chicago.</p>		<p><b>The Great Migration: London Congregations Before the Court of High Commission</b> <i>Dan McConnell</i> T-119 Cape Cod Genealogical Society</p> <p>Emigrants to New England in the late 16th and early 17th centuries can be found in English court and church records. Hear the tale of how non-conformist ministers and their congregations were jailed for attending unlawful meetings to hear unlicensed preaching and forced to flee England.</p>		<p align="center">7:00 P.M.—7:30 P.M.</p> <p align="center"><b>FIRST TIMERS SESSION</b></p> <p align="center">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 align="center">T-121</p>	
<p><b>Exploring the Genealogical Value in New England's Early Education Records</b> <i>Meldon Wolfgang</i> T-114</p> <p>The records of 19<sup>th</sup> century New England's village academies, district common schools, and teacher training institutions can provide creative genealogists with a treasure trove of information about their ancestors, but they are often little used by genealogists. Learn how to find these unique resources and make them work for you.</p>		<p><b>Introduction to Irish American Research in New England</b> <i>Michael Brophy</i> T-120</p> <p>The central event in the history of Irish genealogy was the destruction of the Public Records Office in Dublin near the end of the Irish Civil War. As a result Irish research has many unique challenges. Materials available online and through film rental will be shown with examples available without the time and expense necessary to travel to Ireland.</p>		<p align="center">7:30 P.M.—9:00 P.M.</p> <p align="center"><b>SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS</b></p> <p align="center">Special interest groups will hold gatherings on a wide range of topics. Check <a href="http://www.NERGC.org">www.NERGC.org</a> or the Conference blog for a list of these get-togethers!</p> <p align="center">T-122</p>	

TRACK	8:30 A.M.—9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.—12:00 NOON
<b>NEW ENGLAND RESEARCH</b>	<b>Genealogical Research in the Connecticut State Library</b> <i>Richard Roberts</i> F-201 Learn how to connect to your Connecticut ancestors through such resources as the Barbour Collection of Vital Records, the Hale Collection of Cemetery Inscriptions, the Church Records Index, and more!	<b>Getting Started in Rhode Island Genealogy</b> <i>Cherry Bamberg</i> F-207 Rhode Island Genealogical Society This lecture will help you discover where and when your ancestors were born, married, and died—and where they are buried. You will learn about Rhode Island sources, such as town council records, tax records, and colony/state censuses, and how to plan an effective research trip.	<b>UNOPPOSED EXHIBITOR TIME</b>  
	<b>Chasing Annie: Recovering the Lost Story of the World's First Female International Sports Star</b> <i>Peter Zheutlin</i> F-202 Annie Cohen Kopchovsky became a global sensation in the mid-1890s for her 'round the world race against time on a bicycle, and was a singularly colorful and eccentric woman. Her story had been lost to history for more than a century.	<b>The Identity of George Sidelinger of Rockport, Maine: A Case Study in Deductive Genealogy</b> <i>Helen Shaw</i> F-208 The parentage of George Sidelinger of Rockport has been an enigma for many years. This case study shows how the pool of twenty potential parental couples was reduced to one.	
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<b>FRENCH CANADIAN RESEARCH</b>	<b>Discovering Family Treasures in Quebec: What You Need to Know</b> <i>Sylvie Tremblay</i> F-203 American Canadian Genealogical Society This lecture will present the main repositories and the main organizations involved in genealogical research in Quebec. It will also include an overview of the main published sources and databases.	<b>Beginning Acadian Research</b> <i>Jessica Hacken</i> F-209 In this introduction to researching your Acadian ancestors, will cover the history of the Acadians; explore census and parish records and how to access them; and explore secondary and online resources. For those not fluent in French, language tools will be discussed to help maximize your research.	
<b>FLESHING OUT YOUR ANCESTORS LIVES</b>	<b>Googling Your Family Tree</b> <i>Daniel Lynch</i> F-204 Computers and the Internet can be especially powerful tools for genealogy when used correctly. Don't let technology make you work – we'll put you back in charge by demonstrating simple, but powerful techniques for squeezing the best results out of your time at the keyboard. Be prepared for an action-packed hour!	<b>Problem Solving with Probate</b> <i>Thomas W. Jones</i> F-210 This session will describe the wealth of records created to distribute property after someone's death and demonstrate how attendees can use such records to identify ancestors.	
<b>MULTICULTURAL GENEALOGY</b>	<b>Poor, Black, and Landless in New England</b> <i>Marian Pierre-Louis</i> F-205 Ishmael Coffee was the son of a former slave. He was poor and never owned property. Discover how this African American left behind a wealth of records for his ancestors to find. Through this case study learn to trace your New England African American ancestors.	<b>Discovering My Native American Identity: Montauk, Narragansett, and Niantic</b> <i>Eric Smith</i> F-211 Researching your Native American roots can be a daunting task due to cultural and historical events that have taken place over time. This lecture is designed to give the participants the genealogical techniques and methodology the speaker used to identify his Native American ancestry.	
<b>STRETCHING YOUR RESEARCH SKILLS</b>	<b>Historical Maps: The World at Your Fingertips</b> <i>Michael Strauss</i> F-206 Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council Maps, atlases and other related tools aid genealogists in finding personal information on their ancestors and the land they lived on. Discover some of the best and lesser-known map sources available to researchers today.	<b>Reverse Genealogy: Finding the Living</b> <i>Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak</i> F-212 "Reverse genealogy" (working from the past to the present) has its own special challenges and requires the researcher to be part genealogist and part private investigator. This presentation covers proven techniques for tracing 20th century friends and relatives from the past to the present.	

9:00 A.M. — 11:00 A.M.	
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	<b>Identifying &amp; Preserving Family Photographs</b> <i>David Mishkin &amp; Maureen Taylor</i> F-213 \$30.00 Learn to identify family photographs by researching photographers, dating costume clues, and comparing facial characteristics. Preserving your family photographs is easy and inexpensive when you understand the terminology and how to purchase supplies.



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<p><b>Civil War Site Discoveries in Vermont</b> <i>Howard Coffin</i> F-215 Genealogical Society of Vermont</p> <p>With support from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Howard Coffin is undertaking a comprehensive search through all of Vermont's 251 towns for sites that survive from the Civil War with a book detailing the results to be published during the Civil War's 150th anniversary.</p>	<p><b>New Hampshire Research: When the Trail Turns Cold</b> <i>Diane Gravel</i> F-221 New Hampshire Society of Genealogists</p> <p>This session will guide the researcher in creating a fresh approach while exploring the wealth of repositories and "hidden" sources often neglected in the search for New Hampshire ancestors.</p>	<p><b>Getting the Most from New England City Directories and Their Next of Kin</b> <i>Meldon Wolfgang</i> F-227</p> <p>City, "crisscross," business and occupational directories, and others are hidden jewels of research. Learn how finding and using these directories creatively can help solve research problems, point to additional record sources, and provide a greater understanding of your ancestor's life and times.</p>
<p><b>From Inherited Treasure to Archival Riches: Finding Pvt. Thomas Armstrong and the Massachusetts 30th Regiment</b> <i>Kathy Blessing</i> F-216</p> <p>This session provides pathways and strategies for investigating Massachusetts Civil War soldiers based on experiences with researching Pvt. Armstrong from over thirty letters written by this Union soldier to his wife, Mary.</p>	<p><b>Finding the Correct Ancestor: Civil War Soldiers and Homesteads—Identifying Charles Rockwell</b> <i>Jean Nudd</i> F-222 NARA—Northeast Region</p> <p>This lecture highlights a wide variety of federal and state documents used to determine which Charles Rockwell out of several dozen was the homesteader in question.</p>	<p><b>Unraveling a Hoax: Using Genealogical Research Skills to Find the Truth About the Wolf Girl</b> <i>Sharon Sergeant</i> F-228 Massachusetts Genealogical Council</p> <p>Modern forensic genealogy methods can help the families of real Holocaust survivors. Anyone who has any hole in his or her family history can also learn to reconnect with the past.</p>
<p><b>French-Canadian/Native American Connections</b> <i>Patty Vigeant Locke</i> F-217 American French Genealogical Society</p> <p>A great majority of French Canadians were told by the families that they are descended from Native Americans and often "Indian Princesses." Is this fact or fiction? Both. A great many of these stories have been proven false. However, some of these connections actually do exist.</p>	<p><b>How to Tell if Your French Canadian Ancestors Include Acadians</b> <i>George Findlen</i> F-223</p> <p>Following three steps permits researchers who trace their ancestors from the Midwest back to Quebec to determine if their French-Canadian ancestors include Acadians.</p>	<p><b>Wandering (Canadian) Frenchmen: Tracing the Voyageurs Back to Canada</b> <i>James Hansen</i> F-229</p> <p>In many parts of the country, French Canadians were among the earliest settlers. Because they came so early, often before normal record-keeping commenced, they offer particular challenges to the genealogist.</p>
<p><b>Family Ties vs. Fairy Tales: Finding the Truth in Your Family Legends</b> <i>D. Joshua Taylor</i> F-218</p> <p>Just because Uncle Frederick said that he came from Scotland and served in the Civil War, does not mean that he did. Uncover the truth behind your family legends and stories and integrate it into your personal writing and research.</p>	<p><b>What is the Standard of Proof in Genealogy?</b> <i>Thomas W. Jones</i> F-224</p> <p>This presentation will explain the Genealogical Proof Standard, its five elements, and how each contributes to convincing proof. Examples will demonstrate the standard's application to simple and complex situations that genealogists frequently encounter and answer the question, "How much evidence is enough for proof?"</p>	<p><b>Black, White, and In-Between: Racial Classifications in the Federal Census</b> <i>Helen Shaw</i> F-230</p> <p>This presentation will explore the laws in different states which affected how mixed-race persons were classified and the social pressures affecting racial classification.</p>
<p><b>Finding Ancestors in the Guion Miller Roll of Eastern Cherokee</b> <i>Charles Martin</i> F-219</p> <p>Using a case study, this lecture will cover what is in the Guion Miller records; why it is worthwhile to include them in your genealogy research; how to access them; and what you can expect to learn from them.</p>	<p><b>Researching Genealogy Across the Color Line</b> <i>Eric Smith</i> F-225</p> <p>This session is designed to help the researcher identify their ancestors who crossed the color line. It will also teach the researcher techniques used to identify descendants and how to approach the sensitive subject of race.</p>	<p><b>Discovering My Black Loyalist and Multicultural Canadian Ancestry</b> <i>Leona Martin</i> F-231</p> <p>Slaves served with the British military during the Revolutionary War and escaped to Nova Scotia with the British in 1783. These slaves are the ancestors of many American citizens who today reside particularly in the New England area and in other parts of the USA and Canada.</p>
<p><b>Symbolism on Gravestones: 17th Century to Present</b> <i>Donna Walcovy</i> F-220</p> <p>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, and life in general?</p>	<p><b>How to Organize and Preserve Your Genealogical Papers</b> <i>Scott Andrew Bartley</i> F-226 Massachusetts Society of Mayflower Descendants</p> <p>A fun and informative show-and-tell format on where to donate your material when you are "finished" and what to expect during this process.</p>	<p><b>Getting the Most From www.NewEnglandAncestors.org</b> <i>David Lambert</i> F-232 New England Historic Genealogical Society</p> <p>Learn what's available to help you with your research problems at the newly redesigned www.NewEnglandAncestors.org website.</p>

6:00 P.M.—7:00P.M.

**SOCIAL HOUR**

**CASH BAR**

7:00 P.M.

**BANQUET**

"Win Some, Lose Some"

James Hansen

Introduced by Michael Leclerc


Sponsored by New England Historic Genealogical Society

Tales of ancestors found (or not) during nearly 40 years in the genealogy game; and lessons learned (or not) during the search.

Caesar Salad  
Boston Baked Haddock  
Chocolate Mousse

\$40.00  
F-234

1:45 P.M.—3:45 P.M.	
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	<p><b>Leaping Over the Immigration Hurdle</b> <i>Leslie Huber</i> F-233</p> <p>Find yourself blocked by the immigration hurdle? Take an in-depth look at records and websites that can help you trace your Western European ancestors across the ocean. Discover how to locate that important European hometown name and then learn what to do with it once you find it!</p>

TRACK	8:30 A.M.—9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M.—11:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.—12:00 NOON
<b>RESEARCH TREASURES AND PLANNING</b>	<b>Settlement of the Oblong: Discovering Families Who Settled in this NY/CT Border Area</b> <i>Harlan Jessup</i> S-301 Connecticut Ancestry Society This presentation focuses on who the settlers were in the "Equivalent Lands" or "Oblong" and how they gained title to their lands.	<b>Why Not Knowing History Can Derail Your Research: The Florence Virginia Jenkins Story</b> <i>Lucie Lewis</i> S-308 This session examines how the lack of historical context can derail your research when researching postbellum African American records and how historical fact can order and direct your next steps.	<b>UNOPPOSED EXHIBITOR TIME</b>   <b>Exhibit Hall Opens at 8:15A.M.</b>
	<b>What's New at Footnote.com</b> <i>Beau Sharborough</i> S-302 An update about the history and social media website Footnote.com. This talk is a non-commercial demonstration of the site, including military records, newspapers, naturalization records, and more.	<b>Family Tree Rings</b> <i>Thomas Howard</i> S-309 Connecticut Society of Genealogists The value of multiple timelines and mapping family movements will be demonstrated along with their source implications. Participants will learn strategies, analysis, and skills needed for getting around roadblocks.	
<b>GETTING THE FAMILY INTO FAMILY HISTORY</b>	<b>BCG Certification</b> <i>Thomas W. Jones</i> S-303 <i>Elissa Scalise Powell</i> Learn more about the nature and purpose of certification, the application process, requirements for board certification, and how to prepare for certification.	<b>Five Ways to Prove Who Your Ancestor Was</b> <i>Thomas W. Jones</i> S-310 Case studies will illustrate five ways—some reliable and others not—that genealogists "prove" an ancestor's identity: using information provided by others; using a single source; following a chain of evidence; correlating evidence from multiple sources; and weighing conflicting evidence.	<b>12:00 NOON—1:30 P.M.</b> <b>LUNCHEONS</b>  REGULAR LUNCHEON Menu: Caesar Salad London Broil Boston Crème Pie  \$26.00 S-314  HOSTED LUNCHEONS Menu: Caesar Salad Caribbean Chicken Apple Strudel  \$39.00 S-336 Megan Smolenyak S-337 Colleen Fitzpatrick S-338 D. Joshua Taylor S-339 Marcia Melnyk
	<b>CERTIFICATION, CASE STUDIES, AND COMPUTERS</b>	<b>Forensic Genealogy: Connections, Connections</b> <i>Colleen Fitzpatrick</i> S-304 Forensic scientists and genealogists share the same goal – to find out who was who, and who did what and when. This talk will be devoted to explaining how to use photographs, databases, and DNA either alone or in combination to solve your genealogical mysteries.	
<b>FLESHING OUT MORE OF YOUR ANCESTOR'S LIFE</b>	<b>Genealogical Research in the Constitution State</b> <i>Richard Roberts</i> S-305 An overview of useful books, primary sources such as vital records, probate records, church records, basic online resources, and resources of Connecticut's genealogical repositories including the Connecticut State Library, the Connecticut Historical Society, the Godfrey Memorial Library, town halls, and the State Department of Health.	<b>They Served: March and Sail Away with Your Ancestor in Federal Documents</b> <i>Connie Reik</i> S-312 Add rich detail to your military ancestor's record by using government documents and publications from designated library collections around the country. Learn new places to look to find pension records and other information that may lead you to a military ancestor.	
	<b>THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX</b>	<b>Trace Your Roots with DNA</b> <i>Megan Smolenyak</i> S-306 With amazing swiftness, " <u>genealogy</u> " (the marriage of genetics and genealogy) is graduating from pioneering research to standard practice. But what is it exactly and how can we use it to further our genealogical endeavors?	<b>Forensic Genealogy — CSI Meets Roots</b> <i>Colleen Fitzpatrick</i> S-313 Who? What? When? Where? Are these the words of a genealogist researching his family tree or a forensic scientist solving a mystery? Maybe someone who is <i>both</i> ! This lecture will spark your imagination. You will arrive a genealogist, you will leave a <i>forensic genealogist</i> .
<b>DNA AND IMMIGRANT RESEARCH</b>			

8:30 A.M. — 10:30 A.M.		
<b>WORKSHOP</b>	<b>Cemetery Research</b> (will be held indoors if weather is inclement) <i>Donna Walcovy</i> Participants will spend the afternoon in an old Burying Ground (weather permitting) identifying gravestone safety, materials, and designs to assist in recognizing when the stone was placed, or could this gravestone be a replacement? How to discover your family relationships by surnames, motif design, and approximation and the relationship between headstone and footstone, and their orientation. How to properly clean a gravestone to prepare for photography. How to photograph a gravestone and copy the information on gravestones for distribution.	<b>\$30.00</b> S-307



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<p><b>It Took a Village</b> <i>Jane Johnson</i> S-315</p> <p>Orphan records and bastardy bonds are usually the most comprehensive historical look at a community. These civil court records can supplement or substitute for early city and business directories, and show the cost of goods and services, when no newspaper ads or business records exist.</p>	<p><b>Planning Your Genealogical Treasure Trip Without Spending Too Much!</b> <i>Ralph Wadleigh</i> S-321</p> <p>Today travel is expensive. Before you book that flight or hop in your car, you need to know what you want to achieve. This talk will help you develop a planning process that will greatly increase the chances for a successful trip.</p>	<p><b>The 1917 Code of Canon Law: A Resource for Understanding Catholic Parish Registers</b> <i>George Findlen</i> S-328</p> <p>A recent translation and edition of the 1917 Code of Canon Law, a previously ignored resource, provides hitherto unavailable insights into our ancestors' actions alluded to in old Catholic parish register entries.</p>
<p><b>The Rest of the Story: Using Manuscripts to Create a Family History</b> <i>Laura Prescott</i> S-316 Godfrey Memorial Library</p> <p>Discover how to find family in special collections archives and why manuscripts and artifacts are essential to building your family's story.</p>	<p><b>More Than Scraps and Paste: Scrapbooks and Family History</b> <i>Maureen Taylor</i> S-322</p> <p>Thomas Jefferson and Mark Twain created scrapbooks documenting their daily lives and so did many of our ancestors. Explore the history of scrapbooks, learn to interpret the evidence in them, and find out how to create your own.</p>	<p><b>The Black Family During the Reconstruction Period 1865-1877</b> <i>Eric Smith</i> S-329</p> <p>This session will cover the background and significant events during the Reconstruction Period. It will also examine the changes in the white Southern household and how it impacted the black family structure after the American Civil War.</p>
<p><b>Research Washington, D.C. from Home!</b> <i>Sandra MacLean Clunies</i> S-317</p> <p>No need for expensive or extensive travel to access the records stored in the many "treasure troves" in our Nation's Capitol. This DC--based researcher provides an overview of the ever-expanding resources at your fingertips.</p>	<p><b>Genealogy in 2020: A Report from the Future</b> <i>Beau Sharborough</i> S-323</p> <p>In 2020, you'll attend a family reunion and have dinner with the animated holograms of your ancestors. Presented as a report from a person who was the historical subject of such a meeting, and asking "How did you get so much of my life wrong?"</p>	<p><b>Advanced Googling for Genealogists</b> <i>Michael Marx</i> S-330 Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston</p> <p>So you find Google to be a simple and helpful way to search the internet. But did you know there are many more very useful things Google can do beyond that simple search screen? Come find out what.</p>
<p><b>Getting the Most from Newspaper Research</b> <i>James Hansen</i> S-318</p> <p>This lecture will discuss what can be found in newspapers, how to track down the papers, and how to search them most effectively and efficiently.</p>	<p><b>Your Ancestor Was...Occupations of Our Ancestors</b> <i>Nancy Lauer</i> S-324</p> <p>Ancestral occupations give clues to who our ancestors were, how they lived, where they lived, and give them identity, individuality, and personality. Explore the various resources available to add another dimension to your genealogical research.</p>	<p><b>Greffes des Notaires: Researching in Quebec's Notarial Records</b> <i>Michael Leclerc</i> S-331</p> <p>Whether your Quebec ancestors were English or French, learn how to use these unique resources.</p>
<p><b>Understanding and Using Archival Collections in the 21st Century: What Genealogists Need to Know about New England's "Treasure Islands"</b> <i>Meldon Wolfgang</i> S-319</p> <p>Learn about using specialized finding aids and archival catalogues to discover and access these "treasure islands" of information in archival repositories.</p>	<p><b>New England Colonial Water-Powered Mills: An American Treasure</b> <i>Michele FitzGerald</i> S-325</p> <p>Discover hidden treasures of legacy proportions through court documents and land deeds for various families. Learn what historians and scholars missed and treasures left behind for only genealogists to find.</p>	<p><b>Spinsters and Widows: Gender Loyalty Within Families</b> <i>Laura Prescott</i> S-332</p> <p>Discover maiden names, relationships, and the voices of women in nineteenth-century America. Analyze a will with many bequests in Excel to more easily determine relationships.</p>
<p><b>Researching Ancestors in Poland and Eastern Europe</b> <i>Jonathan Shea</i> S-320 Polish Genealogical Society of the Connecticut and the Northeast</p> <p><b>NO TEXT</b></p>	<p><b>Italian Research</b> <i>Marcia Ianizzi Melnyk</i> S-326 Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society</p> <p>With proper preparation, language, handwriting guidance, and thorough knowledge of the family the process yields amazing results. Family traditions, food, and relatives all play a role. <i>Bella Italia!!</i></p>	<p><b>Using U.S. Records to Find Your Irish Ancestors</b> <i>Judy Lucey</i> S-333</p> <p>The Irish Ancestral Research Association Aimed at those new to Irish genealogical research, this lecture will discuss the records available in the U.S. that may provide the birthplace of your Irish ancestors. Case studies of Irish-American families will be used to demonstrate how.</p>

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**SOCIAL HOUR**

**CASH BAR**

7:00 P.M.

**BANQUET**

"Mini-Film Festival"

Megan Smolenyak Smolenyak

Introduced by Tom Howard

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New England Chapter,  
Association of Professional  
Genealogists

Megan shares clips from a variety of documentaries and TV shows she has been part of and her behind-the-scenes experiences.

Garden Fresh Salad  
Roast New England Turkey  
Fresh Fruit Tart  
\$40.00 S-334

Sunday Morning

**CLOSING CEREMONIES**

Celebrate new-found friendships and knowledge with other conference attendees and speakers. Enjoy music, have a cup of tea, coffee, or juice with your choice of pastry or fruit as our thank you for attending NERGC.

S-401

1:45P.M.—3:45P.M.

<p><b>WORKSHOP</b></p>	<p><b>Deed Research</b> <i>Carol McCoy</i></p> <p>Deeds are a valuable research tool especially when early probate records have been destroyed as in Cumberland County Maine. This workshop will highlight some gems to be found in deeds and clarify ways to use deeds effectively to discover family relationships, locations, and other key information.</p>	<p><b>\$30.00</b> S-327</p>
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### **Cherry Bamberg, FASG**

Cherry Bamberg has been editor of *Rhode Island Roots*, the quarterly journal of the Rhode Island Genealogical Society, since 2002; author of numerous books and articles on Rhode Island history and genealogy. She was elected a Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists in 2007. F-207

### **Scott Andrew Bartley**

Scott Andrew Bartley worked for the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston, Mass., from 1984 to 1999 as manuscripts curator, reference librarian, and oversaw the fine arts collection for ten years. He is currently a genealogical researcher and archival consultant for hire who also edits two national journals: *Mayflower Descendant* and *Vermont Genealogy*. Drew is a past president of the Genealogical Society of Vermont and edited their newsletter. S-226

### **Michael Brophy**

Michael Brophy opened Brophy Professional Genealogy and Heir Tracing in 2004. He is experienced in Irish and American research and lectures locally on various topics. Michael serves the genealogical community as treasurer for the New England chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists and as publicity director of Mass. Genealogical Council. T-120

### **Kathy Blessing**

Kathy Blessing is an associate professor/librarian at the Community College of Rhode Island. She teaches bibliographic instruction and a course in online research. Based on her work with the letters of Pvt. Thomas Armstrong, she was selected last year to participate in a National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks in American History and Culture workshop - War, Death, and Remembrance: The Memory and Commemoration of the American Civil War, at the University of Mississippi. Kathy will continue her research during a sabbatical leave in fall 2008. F-216

### **Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG**

Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG, is a professional genealogist, author, and lecturer. Current president of the National Capital Area Chapter of APG, and a member of the APG Board of Directors, she has served on the adjunct faculty of NIGR and IGHR and is a past winner of the NGS Family History Writing Contest. T-111, F-317

### **Howard Coffin**

Howard Coffin, a seventh-generation Vermonter, is the author of three books on the Civil War history of Vermont. He recently brought out a history, and guide to, military sites in the Lake Champlain corridor. He has also written a history of Vermont's Catholic diocese, a book on the University of Vermont, and wrote a book on the life of U. S. Sen. James Jeffords, with Jeffords. His current subject is Calvin Coolidge. A former political reporter and correspondent for the *Christian Science Monitor*, he held public relations positions at Dartmouth and the University of Vermont. Long active in Civil War battlefield preservation, the U. S. Senate appointed him to the National Civil War Sites Advisory Commission. He is a vice president of the Calvin Coolidge Foundation and has been a trustee of many organizations, including the Vermont Historical Society and the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. He is a regular commentator for Public Radio and has delivered more than 300 talks on Civil War history. He leads tours of military sites throughout the country. F-215

### **Pam Eagleson, CG**

Pam Eagleson, CG, is a researcher, writer, and teacher. She conducts client research nationwide with an emphasis on New England, mid-Atlantic, and the Midwest; and has attended IGHR, NIGR, and VIGR. Winner of the 2004 NGS Family History Writing Contest, Pam serves on the Board of Directors of the Association of Professional Genealogists. T-109

### **Barry J. Elwell**

Barry J. Elwell resides in Riverton, Utah. He is a senior marketing manager for IBM. He is a writer and researcher with extensive genealogical experience in internet and field research, digital and software resources and mentoring genealogists. Research interests include Eastern U.S., United Kingdom, Scandinavia, Germany, and Russia. T-105, T-116

### **George Findlen, CG**

George Findlen, CG is a retired academic administrator who has served as a faculty member or administrator at nine colleges and

universities in seven states over thirty years. In retirement, he became a Certified Genealogist in 2005. In addition to researching his family and those of clients, he writes articles for publication and gives talks to genealogy groups. His genealogical research area focuses on the blended Acadian and French-Canadian families of Eastern Canada and New England, about whom he has published several articles. T-107, F-328

### **Michele FitzGerald**

Michele FitzGerald is known as the "mill lady" for her independent study of New England colonial water-powered mills. Native to Central California with ancestral roots in New England Michele extends research beyond New England from grist mills to mills used at gold mines and indigenous people. S-325

### **Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D.**

Colleen Fitzpatrick, Ph.D., is the author of two of the best-selling books in genealogy. She has been featured on NPR's Talk of the Nation radio program, and has written cover articles for *Internet Genealogy*, *Family Tree Magazine*, and *Family Chronicle*. Colleen writes a regular column for *Ancestry Magazine*. T-117, S-304, S-313, S337

### **Midge Frazel**

Midge Frazel teaches and writes books for educators on educational technology. Her book, "Links to the Past through Genealogy:" ties genealogy, family history, and standards-based curriculum together. Her website, [midgefrazel.net](http://midgefrazel.net), offers professional development resources for education.

### **Sandra Goodwin**

Sandra Goodwin is a 30-year public school teacher and a 16-year genealogist. She has held various positions with the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists; has taught beginner and intermediate genealogy classes; and has lectured at local, regional, and national venues. T-118

### **Diane Florence Gravel, CG**

Diane Florence Gravel, CG, is a full-time, professional researcher with 20 years of experience in the legal profession prior to becoming a genealogist. She is president of the New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists, co-editor of *New Hampshire Families in 1790*, and serves as vice president of the New Hampshire Society of Genealogists. F-221

### **Jessica Hacken**

Jessica Hacken is the owner of Arbor Genealogy and is a genealogy lecturer. She has received B.A.s in Family History—Genealogy and French from Brigham Young University. Jessica is a volunteer at the Auburn, Washington Family History Center and with AllExperts.com. Her research experience includes Canada, the U.S., Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, France, and Jamaica. Her language skills include French and some Welsh. F-209

### **John Horrigan**

John Horrigan of Watertown, Mass., is a historical researcher, re-enactor, and lecturer who communicates vivid images of memorable events. His addresses on historical fires and weather have brought enthusiastic praise from New England audiences. John sponsored the 2007 New England History Festival in Watertown and is a re-enactor with the Lincoln Minutemen. S-311

### **Thomas F. Howard**

Thomas F. Howard is a retired high school teacher and part-time professional genealogist. He has taught genealogy classes and lectured at regional and national genealogical conferences and to local genealogical and historical societies. He is past president of the Connecticut Professional Genealogists' Council and is president of NERGC. He is a governor of the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, co-chaired NERGC's Hartford Conference in April 2007. He is a former president of the East Granby Historical Society and past president of the East Granby Land Trust. S-309

### **Leslie Albrecht Huber**

Leslie Albrecht Huber is a freelance writer and speaker and has worked as a professional genealogist. Dozens of her articles have appeared in over twenty different magazines and journals. Her website, [www.understandingyourancestors.com](http://www.understandingyourancestors.com), provides information for people tracing immigrant ancestors. F-233

### **Harlan Jessup**

Harlan Jessup is a professional genealogist whose research focuses on Connecticut, western Massachusetts, and the lower Hudson Valley. He is past president of Connecticut Ancestry Society and is now editor of its journal which focuses on south-western Connecticut. He is an accredited researcher at the Connecticut State Library. S-301

### **Jane Johnson**

Jane Johnson is a librarian for the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room of the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County in North Carolina. She began her employment with the library in 1996 and transferred to the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, when she received her MLIS from the University of South Carolina in 1998. S-315

### **David Allen Lambert**

David Allen Lambert is currently the NEHGS Online Genealogist, and formerly served as the Microtext Department manager and reference librarian for NEHGS. David has been on the NEHGS staff since 1993, and a member previously. His interest in genealogy started at the age of seven, and increased over the past four decades. He is currently a consulting editor for *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. F-232

### **Irene Lambert, MGA**

Irene P. Lambert, MGA, a Master Graphoanalyst, has been analyzing handwriting, teaching, giving seminars, and writing articles since 1987. She has specialized in genealogy handwriting analysis for the past ten years, assisting clients in understanding the personalities of their ancestors through the analysis of their handwriting. Irene was named Graphoanalyst of the Year in 2005 by the International Graphoanalysis Society. T-115

### **Nancy Waters Lauer**

Nancy Waters Lauer is a researcher, lecturer, college instructor, published writer, and award-winning author. S-324

### **Michal Leclerc**

Michal Leclerc is the Director of Special Projects at NEHGS. He is well known for his in-depth knowledge of Canadian records.

### **Lucie Lewis, Ed. D.**

Dr. Lewis began her journey into genealogical research in response to a daunting 4th grade homework assignment that she was determined that her son would pass. While finding enough answers for her son to earn an A grade on his family tree project, enough was not good enough. Dr. Lewis holds an Ed.D in Educational Leadership and is the Director of Institutional Research at Springfield Technical Community College. T-110, S-308

### **Patty Vigeant Locke**

Patty Vigeant Locke has a variety of previous genealogy speaking experience in the New England area. She is the Chairperson of the Research Department at the American French Genealogical Society. F-217

### **Judith Lucey**

Judith Lucey is assistant archivist and staff genealogist at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Her genealogical interests include Irish genealogy, Newfoundland, 19th and 20th century immigrant research, and Italian family research. She has researched her Irish ancestry in the U.S. and in Ireland. S-333

### **Daniel Lynch**

Daniel Lynch is a 24-year computer industry veteran with an even longer track-record in the field of genealogy. He has taught and written numerous genealogy articles, is a frequent lecturer on both genealogy and technology, and was featured on ABC News' Good Morning America as part of their 2004 genealogy special. He is a consultant to the Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation and FindMyPast (UK). T-101, F-204, F-238

### **Charles Martin**

Charles Martin is a member of the New England Chapter AAHGS. He is a retired engineer and presently consults in the development of after-school programs that promote an interest in young people to pursue engineering-related careers. He has been actively conducting genealogical research since 2001. He holds a bachelor's degree in engineering sciences from Harvard University and a master's degree in electrical engineering from Northeastern University. F-219

**Leona W. Martin**

Leona W. Martin is an experienced writer and editor. Currently she serves as president of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, New England Chapter. Leona is a descendent of Black Loyalists on both sides of her family. She began her Canadian research over 35 years ago, but it wasn't until after joining the AAHGS-NE Chapter that her concentration became more intense. Leona is principal consultant with Northline Connections, a service-oriented organization that specializes in multi-cultural and community relations. F-231

**Michael Marx**

Michael Marx is the treasurer and a board member of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston. He has been a frequent presenter of genealogical programs and author of articles in the award-winning publication *Mass-Pocha*. Mr. Marx holds engineering degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He retired in 2000 after 33 years in corporate management and management consulting. He has been researching his own German genealogy since 2001. S-330

**Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk**

Marcia Iannizzi Melnyk is a professional genealogist who has taught beginning and advanced genealogy courses for more than 15 years. She is the author of *The Genealogist's Handbook for New England Research, Fourth Edition*, *The Weekend Genealogist: Timesaving Techniques for Effective Research*, *The Genealogist's Question and Answer Book* and *Family History 101*, and president of The Italian Professional Genealogists. T-106, S-326, S-339

**Carol P. McCoy**

Carol P. McCoy is president of Find-Your-Roots, conducting research, coaching, and educating people about genealogy. President of the Greater Portland Chapter of the Maine Genealogical Society, she is leader of a project to index the early deeds of Cumberland County Maine. She has taught genealogy workshops at the University of Southern Maine Center. She has lectured at the Maine Genealogical Society Conference, for the DAR, and for historical societies and other organizations. McCoy received her Ph.D. and M.S. (psychology) from Rutgers University, and her A.B. from Connecticut College. S-327

**Dan McConnell**

Dan McConnell published several articles on early Cape Cod history and genealogy, and on pre-Great Migration London and Kent, England. He is vice president of the Cape Cod Genealogical Society, family historian for the Linnell Family Association, and a board member of the Lothropp Family Foundation. He holds degrees in Engineering and Humanities from MIT, and an MBA from George Washington University. T-119

**David Mishkin**

David Mishkin received a B.S. degree in photography from Rochester Institute of Technology in 1969 and graduated from their Photographic Preservation seminar series. He has presented lectures on preserving photographs and documents nationwide for over ten years. Mr. Mishkin has recently completed two terms as the president of NERGC and has served as the conference chair for the 2002 Cape Cod and the 2005 Portland, Maine conferences. He also served as the exhibitor chair for the 1998 conference in Portland. Mr. Mishkin served as secretary of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and written several articles in photographic magazines as well as genealogical and historical magazines and publications. Currently, Mr. Mishkin is vice president of South Portland Historical Society. T-104, F-213

**Jean Nudd**

Jean Nudd has worked for the National Archives and Records Administration since 1994, managing the genealogy reading room in Pittsfield, Mass. She holds a masters degree in local history from Arizona State University and a bachelors degree in American history from Plymouth State College in New Hampshire. F-222

**Marian Pierre-Louis**

Marian Pierre-Louis is a genealogical researcher, lecturer and writer who specializes in Southern New England research. She is also the information officer for the Association of Professional Genealogists. Marian regularly teaches classes and lectures in order to share her passion for house histories, identifying old photographs, and African American research. T-108, F-205

**Elissa Scalise Powell, CG**

Elissa Scalise Powell, CG is the Professional Genealogy course coordinator at the Institute of Genealogy and Historical Research at Samford University; BCG Trustee and booth coordinator, and an instructor at the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. She was an APG director, past president of two societies, and co-editor of cemetery recording books.

**Laura Prescott**

Laura Prescott is a professional researcher, writer, and speaker. She received a BA in History from Dartmouth College (1980). Laura speaks on the use of manuscripts in genealogical research, genealogy on the Internet, and computerized genealogy for Mac users. She writes for *Ancestry* and *Digital Genealogist*. S-316, S-332

**Connie Reik**

Connie Reik, MSL, MA, is Government Publications Coordinator and reference librarian at Tisch Library at Tufts University, teaching students how to do research in history and other social science fields. She is vice president of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists and had a regular column in *New England Ancestors*.magazine. S-312

**Richard Clarke Roberts**

Richard Clarke Roberts, unit head of the Connecticut State Library's History and Genealogy Unit, is a graduate of the University of Connecticut and holds masters degrees from the University of Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island. He is president of the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor and a director of the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium. He was co-chair of the 2007 New England Regional Genealogical Conference in Hartford. F-201, S-305

**Sharon Sergeant**

Sharon Sergeant is a board member for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, an umbrella organization of genealogical and historical societies, chartered to promote records access legislation and provide educational seminars. Sharon specializes in longitudinal studies for artifact provenance, and pathways to records through newspapers, maps, transportation systems and business records. She is currently writing a book about the De-fonseca case. F-228

**Beau Sharborough**

Houston native Beau Sharbrough received a Philosophy BA from Texas A&M in 1977. His programming career began in 1980, and he has presently the Vice President of Content at Footnote.com and former president of GENTECH. Beau lectures and writes regularly on technical topics in family history, with an occasional overdose of humor, and occasionally maintains the RootsWorks.com website. S-302, S-323

**Helen Shaw, MA**

Helen A. Shaw, MA, is a professional genealogist working as a researcher, teacher, speaker, and writer. She specializes in census research and cemetery research. As an anthropologist, her approach to genealogy is that of a community wide study. F-208, F-230

**Jonathan D. Shea, AG**

Jonathan D. Shea, AG a New Britain native, is a professor of foreign languages at Central Connecticut State University and Housatonic Community College. He is the president and reference archivist of the Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast and has authored several works dealing with the linguistic aspects of genealogical research. Professor Shea has on-site archival research experience in archives in the US, Canada, Ireland, Wales, England, Poland, and Lithuania. S-320

**Eric A. Smith**

Eric A. Smith is a lecturer, teacher, author, historian, and television talk show host. He received his Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley, and Masters of Arts Degree in History from Chicago State University. Eric is a member of Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society and past president of AAHGS Chicago. Eric has published articles in the *AAHGS-Chicago Newsletter* and the *Iowa Genealogical Journal*, *Hawkeye Heritage*. His book *Oak Hill: A Portrait of Black Life in Cedar Rapids, 1920-1950*, appeared in September, 2006. Eric's work has also appeared on websites such as Jefferson's Blood and utilized by the PBS series, *Frontline*. T-113, F-211, F-226, S-329

**Michael L. Strauss, AG**

Michael L. Strauss, AG is a professional genealogist, author and lecturer. He is an accredited genealogist residing in Virginia. He has been an avid genealogist for more than 30 years and a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard. He works with the Coast Guard Station Museum as a research archivist and is a librarian at the Family History Center in Virginia Beach, Virginia. F-206

**Edwin Strickland**

Edwin Strickland grew up with a strong sense of family history, being the sixth generation to live in the family farmhouse in western Massachusetts. He came to genealogy in 1974 at the tender age of 24, having been handed two paternal ancestral lines and four maternal lines. Self taught, he tells students, he knows every mistake they can make because he has already made it. He is a life member of Connecticut Society of Genealogists and currently serves on their Board of Governors. He was elected genealogist of DFAW at its founding in 1983 and has served in that post for over 21 years. He is a researcher listed by the Connecticut State Library and has taught Introduction to Genealogy for Enfield (CT) Adult Education, Windsor (CT) Historical Society and Connecticut Society of Genealogists. T-103

**D. Joshua Taylor**

D. Joshua Taylor is a professional genealogical author, lecturer, and researcher. Currently the Research Services Coordinator at NEHGS, he is a recipient Rubincam Youth Award from NGS. He also serves on the Board of Directors for the Federation of Genealogical Societies and on the conference planning and FGS 2009 National Conference committees. He is actively pursuing an MLS and MA at Simmons College in Boston. T-112, F-218, S-338

**Maureen Taylor**

Maureen Taylor's articles on genealogy and photography appear in *Family Chronicle*, *Family Tree Magazine*, *Ancestry*, and *Reunions*. She is the author of several books on genealogy and photography. S-322

**Sylvie Tremblay**

Sylvie Tremblay has a BA in History and a certificate in archival studies from Laval University. Her former employers include Archives nationales du Québec, Archiv-Histo, Parcs Canada among others. She was involved as board member for the *Société de généalogie de Québec* and the *Fédération québécoise des sociétés de généalogie* and published over the years many genealogical studies, articles and marriage repertoires. Presently, she is a board member and the genealogist for the *Association des Tremblay d'Amérique*, the largest French-Canadian family in North America. In November 2001, she joined the staff of the Genealogy and Personal Records Unit at the National Archives of Canada, now Library and Archives Canada. She is currently acting as Chief of the Canadian Genealogy Centre at Library and Archives Canada. F-203

**Ralph Wadleigh**

Ralph Wadleigh is a retired banker, an avid genealogist, and active in Falmouth Genealogical Society, NERGC, member of several genealogical societies and lineage societies. S-321

**Donna Walcovy, Ph.D.**

Dr. Walcovy is the owner of Marking Burials, a company that performs restoration and preservation of historic gravestones and burying grounds. Dr. Walcovy is also the Director of The Falmouth Genealogical Society's Cemetery Transcription Project, [www.falgen.org/cem](http://www.falgen.org/cem). F-220, S-307

**Meldon Wolfgang**

Author, teacher, lecturer and practicing genealogist since 1961, Mel Wolfgang has been educating and encouraging genealogical audiences of all levels for more than two decades with lively and thought-provoking presentations. T-114, F-227, F-237, S-319

**Peter Zheutlin**

Peter Zheutlin is a freelance journalist and author whose work appears regularly in the *Boston Globe* and the *Christian Science Monitor*. Mr. Zheutlin has also written for the *New York Times*, *AARP Magazine* and numerous other publications. He is the author of *Around the World on Two Wheels: Annie Londonderry's Extraordinary Ride* (Citadel Press, 2007). Mr. Zheutlin is a graduate of Amherst College and Boston College Law School and resides in Needham, Massachusetts with his wife, author Judith Gelman, and his two sons.

# Tenth New England Regional Genealogical Conference

## 23-26 April 2009 — Registration Form & Conference Fees

### Space Planning

Please circle the sessions you plan to attend. You are not obligated to attend the sessions marked, but this will help us in planning. Please note that your interest in a specific lecture does not guarantee you a space for that lecture. Lectures in the brochure are coded with the numbers given below. Circle your choices.

#### Thursday, 23 April

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#### Friday, 24 April

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#### Saturday, 25 April

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#### Sunday, 26 April

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Are you a first time genealogical conference attendee?  yes  no  
 Registrants will be provided with a syllabus on CD-ROM.  
 Check here if you would prefer a printed syllabus ONLY: \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Meals and ADA Requests

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Cancellations postmarked before 10 April 2009 will be subject to a \$15.00 processing fee. No refunds are available after 10 April 2009. For online registration and deadlines, see our website.

### 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.

### LIBRARIANS AND TEACHERS DAY

See page two of brochure for details.

**Full-day conference registration \$35.00 (includes lunch).**

**Attendees of this LTD may attend  
the remainder of the full conference for an additional \$75.00.**

Librarians and Teachers Day Registration	\$35.00	\$ _____
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<b>TOTAL:</b>		\$ _____

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### Conference Registration

#### Full Registration (All three days)

Early Bird fee if postmarked by 28 February 2009	\$110.00	\$ _____
Postmarked after 28 February 2009	\$135.00	\$ _____

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

Please check which day(s)

Thu _____ Fri _____ Sat _____	\$90.00	\$ _____
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**Social Activities** Open to all. Additional fee is required.

#### Friday 24 April

F-214	Friday Regular Luncheon	_____	\$26.00	\$ _____
Menu:	Garden Fresh Salad, Caribbean Chicken, Chocolate Mousse			

#### Hosted Luncheons Friday 24 April

F-235	Hansen Luncheon	\$39.00	\$ _____
F-236	Jones Luncheon	\$39.00	\$ _____
F-237	Wolfgang Luncheon	\$39.00	\$ _____
F-238	Lynch Luncheon	\$39.00	\$ _____

F-234	Friday Banquet	_____	\$40.00	\$ _____
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#### Saturday 25 April

S-314	Saturday Regular Luncheon	_____	\$26.00	\$ _____
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#### Hosted Luncheons Saturday 25 April

S-336	Megan Smolenyak	\$39.00	\$ _____
S-337	Colleen Fitzpatrick	\$39.00	\$ _____
S-338	D. Joshua Taylor	\$39.00	\$ _____
S-339	Marcia Melnyk	\$39.00	\$ _____

S-334	Saturday Banquet	_____	\$40.00	\$ _____
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### Workshops

Limited participation. Conference registration and additional fee are required.

#### Wednesday 22 April

W-101	American Canadian Genealogical Society AM	\$25.00	\$ _____
W-102	American Canadian Genealogical Society PM	\$25.00	\$ _____

#### Thursday 23 April

T-101	Beginners Workshop	\$35.00	\$ _____
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#### Friday 24 April

F-213	Identifying & Preserving Family Photos	\$30.00	\$ _____
F-233	Immigration Workshop	\$30.00	\$ _____

#### Saturday 25 April

S-307	Cemetery Research	\$30.00	\$ _____
S-327	Deed Research	\$30.00	\$ _____

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