Welcome to NERGC 2019!

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to join us at our fifteenth conference 3-6 April 2019 in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Manchester is a vibrant city with world class entertainment at the Southern New Hampshire University Arena, 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 Conference hotel (currently the Radisson, but which will become a Doubletree by Hilton by the time of the Conference).

The Conference Committee is planning special tracks and other events on Wednesday, regular conference presentations on Thursday through Saturday, as well as the Exhibit Hall, Ancestors Road Show, Society Fair, and other events -- and watch for more information about poster sessions! The Conference hotel will have rooms available at the conference rate from Tuesday evening through Sunday night.

Registration for NERGC 2019 won't begin until next fall, but you can start making plans now. Continue to follow our E-zines to keep up-to-date on the planning and the excitement of this conference.

CALL FOR PAPERS

The NERGC 2019 Call for Papers is open!! The deadline for submitting proposals is 1 March 2018 at NOON. The call is posted at http://www.nergc.org/.../2019_Call_for_Papers_WordDoc_FinalNo.... After reading the Call, those interested in submitting proposals should do so through the submission portal at https://docs.google.com/.../iFAIpQLScU7bYKs8aOKC-I-I.../viewform

CONFERENCE THEME

In keeping with our Conference theme, “Family~A Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future,” NERGC 2019 will address:

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

**Blaine Bettinger**  
Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., has been a genealogist for nearly 30 years and has specialized in DNA evidence since his first DNA test in 2003. 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. He is the author of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy*, and co-author with Debbie Parker Wayne of the award-winning *Genetic Genealogy in Practice*, the world’s first genetic genealogy workbook.

**Dr. Thomas Jones, PhD**  
Tom has been pursuing his ancestry since 1963. For the first twenty years he was clueless about what he was trying to accomplish and how to do it. When he started climbing the genealogy learning curve, he repeatedly experienced the challenges, joys, and rewards of tracing ancestors reliably and fully understanding their lives.  
Tom eventually became an award-winning writer, board-certified genealogist, editor of the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly*, recipient of honors from genealogical organizations, and author of the textbooks *Mastering Genealogical Proof* and *Mastering Genealogical Documentation*. Using his nearly lifelong career in education as a springboard, he enjoys teaching at weeklong genealogy institutes, weekend seminars, and local, national, and international genealogy conferences.

**Cyndi Ingle**  
Cyndi Ingle is the owner and webmaster of *Cyndi’s List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet*, [www.CyndisList.com](http://www.CyndisList.com), a categorized index to over 336,000 online resources. In its 21 years online, *Cyndi’s List* has consistently remained in the top tiers for genealogical research tools online. It is an award-winning site which helps millions of visitors worldwide. It has been featured by the History Channel web site and in the media and several publications, including ABC News, NBC News, USA Today, Time, Newsweek, Parade Magazine, Wired, Family Tree Magazine, Family Chronicle, and *Internet Genealogy* magazines. Cyndi, a genealogist for more than 37 years, is the recipient of the 2016 National Genealogical Society President’s Citation. She is a past-member of the board of directors for the National Genealogical Society. Cyndi is a nationally known guest lecturer for various genealogical society meetings and seminars ([http://www.CyndisList.com/speaking-calendar/](http://www.CyndisList.com/speaking-calendar/)). Cyndi is the author of a best-selling book for genealogical research on the Internet titled, *Netting Your Ancestors*. She is also author of another book, a printed version of her web site, *Cyndi’s List*. Her latest book is *Planting Your Family Tree Online: How To Create Your Own Family History Web Site*. Cyndi and her son, Evan, live in Edgewood, Washington.
Meet Our Conference Chairs

Mary Elizabeth Choppa, past president of TIARA (The Irish Ancestral Research Association) is a native of Youngstown, Ohio. She moved to New England in 1984 and there she has remained. She has served as Registration and Volunteer Chair/Co-Chair for the past several NERGC conferences. Currently she works at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH as a vendor support analyst. She is working with TIARA and IGSI (Irish Genealogy Society International, MN) planning the Celtic Connections Conference to be held in August 2018. She’s traced her Italian roots to Bellona, Campania, Italy and her Irish roots to Lismore, Co. Waterford and Carrive, Co. Armagh.

Sharon Christenson is a research librarian by training and experience. Retiring from her position at a social science research firm created an opportunity to focus on family history and genealogy. The first step—earning a Certificate in Genealogical Research from Boston University in 2010. Duly introduced to the genealogical community, Sharon joined the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, serving as the Middlesex Chapter Vice President and later President for two terms. As project manager and editor, she completed the Legacy Quick Guide to Massachusetts Genealogy for MSOG in 2014. Sharon has served as a delegate to NERGC on behalf of the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists and the Massachusetts Genealogical Council. As chair of NERGC’s Librarians and Local Historians Day, Sharon has promoted the value of family history programming to local libraries and their communities, as well as the importance of collaborating with other family history organizations. Her research interests include Prince Edward Island, Sweden, Northern Ireland, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

Pauline Cusson has been a member of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society in Manchester, New Hampshire for over 30 years. She is no stranger to NERGC or the recent conferences. She is currently serving as Treasurer of NERGC, and this is the fourth time she has participated as one of the chairs of a NERGC conference. As one of this conference’s planners, she looks forward to being part of another great conference.

Gerry Savard has been involved with the American-Canadian Genealogical Society and the New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, serving in various administrative positions including President and Vice-President. Gerry was a tri-chair for the 2013 NERGC conference which was also held in Manchester. When not involved in his own research, Gerry volunteers on the research committee of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society and lectures on various French-Canadian genealogy topics.
NERGC 2017 QUERIES ARE ONLINE

The Queries posted on the Query Board at the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference for which the submitter provided permission to publish have been transcribed and are available at http://www.nergc.org/queries/.

If you have information to share in response to any of the Queries, please correspond directly with those who submitted them using the contact information they provided. NERGC cannot serve as an intermediary in either the research process or in providing additional contact information. When using the postal service, please enclose a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope if you need a response.

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