

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

Family—a Link to the Past &



a Bridge to the Future

3-6 April 2019  
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## 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 at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Manchester, New Hampshire. Continue to follow our E-zines to keep up-to-date on the planning and the excitement of this conference.

### REGISTRATION FOR NERGC 2019 IS NOW OPEN!

**Registration is now open!** Printed conference brochures are available around New England thanks to distribution by our participating societies. A pdf of the brochure is available at <http://www.nergc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/.../NERGC-2019.pdf>. After exploring the brochure, register online at [http://bit.ly/REG\\_NERGC\\_2019](http://bit.ly/REG_NERGC_2019) and then "Register Now".

### HOTEL UPDATE

The transition of the Conference hotel to DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown is complete. A very limited number of rooms are still available. Conference Rate: \$164.00 single/double; \$174.00 triple; \$184.00 quad. Please note that these room rates include a \$10.00 rebate per room-night payable to NERGC to help offset Conference expenses.

**Reservations may now be made through the following booking link: <http://group.doubletree.com/NERGC>. Alternatively, to receive the Conference rate, room reservations may still be made through the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel telephone number, (603) 625-1000 (not through Hilton).**

#### DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown Hotel

700 Elm Street  
Manchester, NH 03101  
Telephone: +1 603-625-1000

*If you make your reservation by phone, mention "New England Regional Genealogical Conference" (not "NERGC"), and mention the date of April 3, 2019 to secure the Conference rate.*

Parking is \$12.00 per night for overnight parking or \$6.00 per day (until midnight) without in and out privileges for commuters. Parking tickets must be validated at NERGC's registration desk to receive the discounted rate.

Check-in 3:00 p.m. Check-out 11:00 a.m.

### At this time the Conference Hotel is nearly sold out. Here are alternate Hotel Options:

#### Hilton Garden Inn

101 South Commercial Street  
Manchester NH 03103  
Direct Phone Number: 603-669-2222. Mention Group Code "NERGC".  
Fax: 603-668-2957

Registration link: <https://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MHTDTGI-NERGC-20190404/index.jhtml>

The Hilton Garden Inn has standard king (1 king bed) or standard double (2 queen beds) rooms available on Thursday & Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at a rate of \$164.00 per night, plus tax. All rooms have a hospitality area with a microwave, refrigerator and Kuerig coffee makers. Parking is complimentary, and Wi-Fi is available throughout the hotel and guest rooms. Note that this hotel is .7 miles south of the Conference. A walk would take fifteen to twenty minutes. Room rates apply until March 14, 2019.

## **La Quinta Inn & Suites Manchester**

21 Front St. | Manchester, NH 03102

Phone: 603-669-5400. Mention Group Code "NERGC". Online reservations are not available. The La Quinta has king or double (2 queen bed) rooms at a Conference rate of \$109 per night that includes complimentary breakfast and parking. Note that this hotel is 1½ miles north of the Conference and on the west (opposite) side of the Merrimack River. It is a short walk to the bus stop for Bus #11 (light green bus) which runs hourly. The bus trip takes 22 minutes down Elm St. to Veterans Park near the Conference location. La Quinta's Conference room block is only being held until March 12, 2019.

## **A WORD FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE**

The Hospitality Committee is getting ready to welcome you to Manchester! We'll be there to help you find local restaurants, banks or ATMs, and other amenities while at the conference. In the meantime, in this issue we feature some of the art museums and galleries Manchester has to offer.

### **1. Currier Museum of Art**

This premier art museum contains American and European paintings. The museum began in 1915 with a gift from the estate of Hannah Currier, the widow of the New Hampshire Governor Moody Currier. It opened in 1929, before the Museum of Modern Art in New York and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

The architecture of the original building portrayed the Italian Renaissance style and featured mosaics by Salvatore Lascari which are now protected by a courtyard. American artists include Georgia O'Keeffe, Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, Frank Stella, Andrew Wyeth; European artists include Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso.

A special exhibit from March through June 2019 will be beadwork from Ubuhe women.

Hours: Wed-Fri 11-5; Sat 10-5; Sun-Mon 11-5

Location: 150 Ash St., Manchester, NH

Admission: \$15.00; \$20 with admission to Zimmerman House

Website: [www.currier.org](http://www.currier.org)

### **2. Zimmerman House**

Frank Lloyd Wright designed this house in 1950 for the Zimmerman family. It is the only Frank Lloyd Wright house in New England that is opened to the public.

Hours: Thurs-Mon 11:30 and 2:00 for 90 min tour

Location: 223 Heather St., Manchester, NH

Admission: Must take van from Currier Museum of Art. Suggest reservations for tour.

### **3. Art 3 Gallery**

Retail art gallery of works by New Hampshire and New England artists.

Location: 44 W Brook St., Manchester, NH

Website: [www.art3gallery.com](http://www.art3gallery.com)

### **4. NHIA Roger Williams Gallery**

The New Hampshire Institute of Art has a gallery for student art and exhibitions.

Hours: Thurs-Fri 10-6; Sat 11-5

Location: 77 Amherst St., Manchester, NH

Claudine Purdue & Frances Nadeau  
Hospitality Committee Chairs

## ATTENTION POTENTIAL ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW CONSULTANTS

The Ancestors Road Show is the place for giving or getting help. Conference attendees will have the opportunity to have a free 20-minute consult with a professional genealogist. After the start of the New Year, preparation for the Ancestors Road Show will get into full swing. An informational email will be sent to Participating Societies seeking consultant volunteers. In addition, we hope that many of the great professional genealogist/speakers attending the conference will participate as consultants. We will start to recruit consultants towards the end of January using Sign Up Genius.

Emily Hackett-Fiske, Ancestors Road Show Chair

## PRECONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesday, April 3** is technically the day before the Conference, but since we have the whole building for the whole day, why not take advantage of the space? Well, we are! We have an entire day of special events planned for 'the day before'! These optional activities include a bus tour of genealogical research sites (see the information below) and Librarians Day (featured in E-zine 3), there will be stand-alone workshops you can attend for a fee but without having to pay for a Conference registration as well as Special Tracks for DNA and Tech (featured in E-zine 4), Professionals, and Societies – as well as NERGC's first Military Day. Wednesday's preconference activities conclude with a reception at the Millyard Museum.

**MILITARY DAY:** NERGC's first Military Day with David Allen Lambert, sponsored by the New England Historic Genealogical Society will provide the opportunity for genealogists to focus on military topics that might not otherwise be included in a general conference for broad audiences. The day will include a series of lectures covering Colonial Conflicts, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, World War I, and World War II. Cost is \$50 and includes the DNA Matching Technology luncheon with Daniel Horowitz.

### RESEARCH OVERVIEW—BUS TOUR

On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, a Research Overview Bus Tour will be provided for all who are interested in learning about several genealogical research sites in southern New Hampshire. The Tour will depart the Conference hotel at 10:00 a.m. and return by 3:00 p.m. and will include the American-Canadian Genealogical Society, the Manchester Historical Association, a tour or a description of the Manchester City Library, the New Hampshire Historical Society Library in Concord, and the New Hampshire State Library in Concord. Participants will then be able to return on their own to carry out individual research. The cost for the Tour is \$35 per person, and our stop for lunch in Concord will be "Dutch-treat". Limit of 50 participants; fee will be returned if we have insufficient enrollment. Include the Bus Tour payment as part of your regular Conference registration. Questions? Contact David Martin at [davidmartindr@aol.com](mailto:davidmartindr@aol.com) or Cindy O'Neil at [oneilcyn@comcast.net](mailto:oneilcyn@comcast.net).

### WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION: THE MILLIYARD MUSEUM

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday for an informative and entertaining evening at the Millyard Museum. The Museum was opened in 2001 by the Manchester Historic Association in one of the renovated mill buildings of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company at the corner of Commercial and Pleasant Streets, which include the permanent exhibit Women in Time, 11,000 Years at Amoskeag Falls, that tells the story of Manchester from the time of the earliest settlement to the present time. The reception will include light refreshments and the opportunity to tour the museum's exhibits. Cost is \$15 per person.

## SEEKING INPUT FOR TABLE TOPICS LUNCHEON

The New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists (NEAPG) is pleased to host a Table Topics luncheon during NERGC as we have done for the past several years. Each table will be hosted by a professional genealogist and discussion will focus on a specific topic, such as beginning DNA for genealogy, researching in specific ethnic/cultural groups (separate tables for Irish, French-Canadian, etc.), and research in specific locales (separate tables for Rhode Island, New Hampshire, etc.)

We are interested in hearing which topics you would like to see as part of this luncheon, even if you are not sure you will attend the luncheon. Please email Lori Lyn Price ([bridgingthepast@gmail.com](mailto:bridgingthepast@gmail.com)) with your suggestions."

## BE AN EXHIBITOR!

Is your organization or business interested in renting a booth in the NERGC Exhibit Hall? Exhibitors with a focus on genealogy and history are welcome to participate.

The Exhibit Hall will be open three days, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm and will be open to the general public. Exhibitor move-in is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 from 3:00 to 8:00 pm, with early morning move-in on Thursday. The breakdown of booths will be after the Exhibit Hall closes at 4:00pm.

While the initial 63 booths have been sold, a waiting list has been started. We are looking into adding an undetermined number of booths to the Exhibit Hall. We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible.

The initial booth is \$175.00 with each additional booth \$125.00. Applications need to be received by Dec. 31 (if emailed) and postmarked Dec. 31 (if mailed) to take advantage of the early bird deadline. On January 1, 2019, the cost of the first booth will be \$200.00 with each additional booth \$150.00.

E-mail us at [nergcexhibits@gmail.com](mailto:nergcexhibits@gmail.com) with any questions.

## SOCIETY FAIR

Thursday evening, April 4, 2019

**SOLD OUT**

**We will accept requests for the Wait List.**

Please submit to Phyllis Day, Chair, at [ccphyl@gmail.com](mailto:ccphyl@gmail.com) (**new email address**).

One of our new attendees is the New Hampshire Society of Mayflower Descendants. Their attendance is perfectly timed with the celebrations being planned for the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the voyage of the Mayflower in 2020. Additional attendees will be highlighted in upcoming E-zines.

## LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS SHOWCASE BOTH FRIDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> AND SATURDAY, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>

NERGC is seeking libraries, archives and museums with special collections of interest to genealogists and researchers to join us in Manchester. Our Libraries Archives, and Museums Showcase was a huge success in Springfield in 2017, and we're looking to expand.

One table, two chairs, and signage are available at no cost for informational exhibits about special collections on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Organizations are welcome to participate on either day. No sales are allowed. These tables will be the ones the Society Fair will utilize on Thursday evening, so there will be plenty of room. The Conference's daily newsletter will include the day's participants for all to see.

If you want to participate or have questions, please email Phyllis Day, Library Archive Chair at [ccphyl@gmail.com](mailto:ccphyl@gmail.com) (**new email address**).

## Sponsorship Opportunities

Some sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, go to <http://www.nergc.org/sponsor-or-advertise/>.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

NERGC conferences have been successful due to the talent and dedication of its all-volunteer staff. There are many opportunities to help if you're interested. For registered attendees, the jobs include session host, session introduction, session door monitors, evaluation collection, meal ticket collection, audio-visual assistance. For non-registered and registered attendees, jobs include Registration sign-in, volunteer table, the hospitality table, vendor hall, Ancestors Roadshow, Hall guides, door prizes, signage, office monitor. It's never too early to start thinking of how you could donate your time and talents to help with this all volunteer run conference. For more information, contact Volunteer Chairs Susan Steele and Virginia Wright at [susansteele@verizon.net](mailto:susansteele@verizon.net).

### Do you have needs related to mobility, hearing, vision which might affect your ability to fully and comfortably participate in NERGC 2019?

It is not too early for you begin to take advantage of the coordination assistance NERGC provides to persons with special needs. **If you are considering the feasibility of attending the Conference, we invite you to discuss your potential needs NOW.** Feel free to e-mail Pamela Roberts, PT, EdD. or call her at 860-486-2406. Dr. Roberts is a trained ADA evaluator and physical therapist with 40 years of experience who has volunteered her expertise to collect and share local resources for your pre-planning purposes whether you are a potential vendor, speaker, volunteer, or attendee. Please share your concerns related to your needs. Dr. Roberts will interface with you, other volunteers, and the hotel to help make your Conference experience the best it can be.

Pamela L. Roberts, EdD, PT, [drpampt@gmail.com](mailto:drpampt@gmail.com)

### From the Blogging Chairs

We will once again be selecting Official Bloggers to highlight speaker information prior to the Conference, and to share experiences during the Conference. Blog posts will be shared on the NERGC site and social media. Stay tuned for the call for applications. There will be a designated location in the Conference hall for Official Bloggers to keep their devices charged and have a quiet place to write.

To member societies who sponsor speakers, we are asking that you designate someone to write a profile of your sponsored speaker and post it. Our goal is to get information out there on as many of our speakers as possible and share the load with our Official Bloggers. Please let us know if you do not have a society blog and we will find a suitable place to post it. When the lineup of speakers is determined, we will be in touch to get this process going. Thank you.

Sara Campbell & Heather Rojo

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