

15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Family—a Link to the Past &



a Bridge to the Future

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WELCOME TO NERGC 2019

Between April 3rd and 6th genealogists, local historians, teachers, and librarians will be gathering at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Manchester, New Hampshire for the 15th biennial NERGC (New England Regional Genealogy Consortium) Conference. The NERGC 2019 Conference theme is “Family ~ a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future”. Wednesday April 3rd is a Pre-Conference Day with six special interest tracks: Military Day, Beginner DNA Day, Professional Genealogist Day, Librarians and Local Historians Day, Technology Day, and Society Management Day plus a Manchester genealogical research bus tour. There are also five Wednesday workshops. Regular Conference sessions start on Thursday morning and run until Saturday afternoon. There will also be a Society Fair, an Ancestors Road Show, Exhibit Hall, and much more. This is a great opportunity to learn something new, sharpen old skills, meet up with other genealogists, and make new friends. Continue to follow our E-zines to keep up-to-date on the planning and the excitement of this Conference.

REMINDER: THE NERGC 2019 EARLY BIRD DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28

To qualify for the "Early Bird" Full Conference rate of \$125, your registration must be made online or postmarked by 28 February 2019. After that, the price goes up to \$155. Don't delay! Register today! A pdf version of the Conference brochure is available at <http://www.nergc.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/NERGC-2019.pdf>. The brochure contains the full Conference schedule, summaries of lectures, speaker biographies, and information on available luncheons, banquets, research tour and special events. After exploring the brochure, register online [here](#). To register by postal mail, see the last page of the brochure.

PROGRAM NOTE

All the Featured Speaker Workshops (T-133, Third Party Tools with Blaine Bettinger; F-154, Crafting Searches with Cyndi Ingle; and S-154, Evidence & Conflict with Thomas Jones are now SOLD OUT and are closed to additional registrations. Additional workshops are getting close to full. Due to room capacities, optional Workshops (additional cost above the Conference registration fee) have participation limits. To avoid frustration and disappointment, don't wait until the "Early Bird" deadline (February 28) to register for remaining optional Workshops and meals. Waiting may result in your workshop of choice not being available. Thank you for your understanding! The GOOD NEWS!!!! Conference attendees can hear Featured Speakers Blaine Bettinger, Tom Jones, and Cyndi Ingle at several regular lecture sessions each.

ATTENTION BEGINNING GENEALOGISTS!

If you're relatively new to genealogy, this is the workshop for you:

T-101 Beginning Genealogist: Climb Your Family Tree with Lori Lyn Price

Thursday, 4 April, 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Lori Lyn Price will provide helpful organizational and research tips. Learn about popular genealogy research websites and software programs, review the most common record types used in genealogical research, and discover research standards including documentation and the Genealogical Proof Standard. Cost is \$25.

Please share information about this special workshop with others you know who are just starting with this wonderful hobby/profession.

FRIDAY “TABLE TOPICS” LUNCHEON

Do you wish you could talk with other genealogists about a genealogical topic? Well, Here's your chance. Sign up for the Friday Luncheon, F-122. Members of the New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists are hosting a "table topics" luncheon. A member will be at each table and will lead discussions on a variety of topics including DNA, research in New England states, and more! Seating at each table is first come, first served. We hope to see you there!

ADDITIONAL LUNCHEONS AND BANQUETS!

Attendees of past Conferences have provided feedback showing that the sharing, socializing, and networking that occurs at the meals were among the most meaningful parts of the Conference. Don't miss the opportunity for convenient, delicious meals; socialization; and networking with other participants.

- Thursday's luncheon, T-104, sponsored by the Massachusetts Genealogical Council, features Jennifer Zinck speaking on “DNA Testing: What Did I Sign Up For?”
- Friday's banquet, F-155, features Blaine Bettinger, who will talk on "The Helen Marley Story," a case study in which he used indirect evidence and DNA testing to identify the mother of his adopted great-grandmother.
- Saturday's luncheon, S-122, sponsored the New England Historic Genealogical Society, will include a presentation by Robert Charles Anderson on “The Great Migration Study Project at Thirty Years”.
- Saturday's banquet, S-155, sponsored by the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, features Josh Taylor's presentation "Family: Links to the Past and Bridges to the Future."

All luncheons and banquets offer a choice of entrees at varying prices; see the last page of the [Brochure](#) for menu options, and then register by using the paper registration form on the back page of the Brochure or [online](#).

If you have already registered for the Conference, you can add Luncheons and Banquets by using your registration ID from your confirmation email to modify your registration. Be sure to choose an entree (at the bottom of the Sessions & Option page of Registration). A ticket will not be generated if you select just the meal.

A Reminder About Conference Meals

If you plan to enjoy a meal and listen to one of the mealtime speakers during the conference (Thursday-Saturday), please verify that you selected an entrée option as part of your registration. With our new registration system, the meal event was listed in time order, but the entrée selections were listed at the bottom of the page. Once you select an entrée, the cost is added to your registration. *Selecting the meal event without an entrée does not grant you entry to hear the speaker.* It appears there are almost 100 folks who have selected a meal event without an entrée, and we are working to identify them for a specific follow up email. We apologize for the confusion.

SPECIAL MEAL REQUESTS

Registrants with special meal requirements must detail those requirements in writing to NERGC by March 15, 2019. Our online registration process gives those with special meal needs the option of summarizing your requests in writing as you purchase luncheon or banquet tickets. If submitting registration using the Registration Form on the back page of the brochure, check the special dietary needs box. You will be contacted by NERGC to identify those needs.

PRE-CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Come early and take advantage of all this great programming on Wednesday! These Wednesday all-day tracks and workshops are available to anyone who wishes to register. (You do not have to be a Conference Registrant to register.) There is no on-site registration for these Wednesday events.

All-day tracks:

- DNA Day: Start or continue learning about this important topic.
- Librarians and Local Historians Day: Professional development for public library staff, genealogist librarians, and local historians.
- Military Day with David Allen Lambert: Lectures covering Colonial Conflicts, Revolutionary War, War of 1812, Civil War, WWI and WWII.
- Professional Day: Have you thought about taking clients, getting certified?
- Society Day: In this brave new world, how can we ensure that our societies thrive in the future?
- Technology Day: In-depth look at digital preservation, advances in record matching and DNA matching.

Wednesday workshops:

- *From Research Question to Report: The Process* with Elissa Scalise Powell, CG®, CGL.
- *Welcome to the Graveyard—Literally!* with Brenda Sullivan.
- *Irish Birth, Marriage, and Death Records: What, Where, How* with Mary Ellen Grogan.
- *Finding Your Family: Basic Legal Research for Genealogists* with Jill Martin.
- *Using Deeds to Solve Genealogy Problems* with Carol Prescott McCoy, Ph.D.

LIBRARIANS AND LOCAL HISTORIANS DAY

Join us for *Librarians and Local Historians Day* at the 2019 New England Regional Genealogical Conference. Our all-day professional development program will be held on April 3, 2019, in Manchester, NH. Highlights of the program include—**From Simmons College to PBS: How I became a host on the *Genealogy Roadshow***, with **D. Joshua Taylor**, MA, MLS; **FamilySearch.org Resources to Help Library Patrons** with **Cherie Bush**, Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer for FamilySearch International, sponsored by ProQuest; and **AmericanAncestors.org for Public Libraries** with **Jean Maguire**, NEHGS Library Director. \$40 for the day; includes luncheon sponsored by ProQuest.

SOCIETY DAY

Does Your Genealogy Society Need a Tune-up? The Society Day pre-conference track is a great opportunity to catch up with the changing world of genealogy. Here are the highlights from the agenda for this all-day program:

- **How Do We Start a DNA Interest Group?** Kelli Jo Bergheimer will help you start a DNA Interest Group for your society.
- **Creating, Packing, and Sharing Your Society to Non-Genealogists.** D. Joshua Taylor will show you how to promote your genealogical society to the local community.
- **The Next Generation: Involving Youth in Your Society.** Daniel H. Earl asks—“who will be around to run your society in 25 years?”
- **The Social Media Manager in Today’s Society.** Jen Baldwin will help you think about leveraging social media to expand your society’s reach.

Join the pre-conference luncheon for a talk by MyHeritage’s Daniel Horowitz on *DNA Matching Technology* or lunch on your own.

SYLLABUS REMINDER

A link to an electronic version of the syllabus will be sent to all registrants approximately one week prior to the Conference. Optionally available are a printed syllabus (\$17.50) or a 2 GB flash drive (\$5.00), either of which must be ordered by 20 March 2019. *The printed syllabus and flash drive will not be available for sale at the Conference. Place your order when you use the paper registration form on the back page of the Brochure or register online.*

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 or Cindy O’Neil at oneilcyn@comcast.net.

WEDNESDAY EVENING RECEPTION: THE MILLYARD MUSEUM

Join us at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday for a reception at the Millyard Museum sponsored by the American-Canadian Genealogical Society. The reception will provide the sponsoring society an opportunity to foster interest in the organization, but more importantly participants will have the opportunity to view first-hand the value and influence the mills had on all of New England and in particular Manchester and the State of New Hampshire. 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 includes 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.

Cost is \$15 per person. The fee will cover some light refreshments and non-alcoholic drinks and a self-guided tour of the exhibits. Staff from the Research Center and Museum will be on hand to provide a brief introduction to the Museum’s goals. Note that the Museum is within walking distance of the Conference Hotel; however, the return trip is pretty much uphill. Registrants for this reception will be contacted prior to the event for access points and possible shuttle services.

We look forward to sharing this historic gem with you.

Call for Official Bloggers

We are once again selecting Official Bloggers to highlight speaker information prior to the Conference and to share experiences during the Conference. All Official Bloggers will be required to interview a Conference speaker, publish a blog post with that interview, and blog informally about the Conference. Your blog posts will be promoted via the E-zine, the NERGC blog, and other social media. There will be a designated location at the Conference for Official Bloggers to keep their devices charged and have a quiet place to write. If you would like to be an Official Blogger for the 2019 NERGC Conference in Manchester, please send an email to info@NERGC.org with your name, blog address, and a brief biography.

Sara Campbell & Heather Rojo

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

Whether you have already registered or are still 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 planning purposes whether you are a 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. **The deadline for submitting mobility, hearing, or visual needs as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act is March 15, 2019.**

Pamela L. Roberts, EdD, PT, drpampt@gmail.com

EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

All 82 of the available booths at the 2019 NERGC Exhibit Hall have been sold. With over 45 exhibitors, everyone is sure to find something of interest in the Exhibit Hall.

Are you researching in a specific location? Be sure to speak with any of the numerous groups who are based in New England and New York.

Looking to learn more about your ethnic heritage? Be sure to talk to those representing genealogical societies with a focus on Irish, Swedish, Polish or American-French research.

Are you looking to learn more about DNA, or purchase a DNA test kit? Several vendors will be present to assist you with this.

There are a number of vendors who are either new to NERGC or have not participated in recent conferences. They include Fun Stuff for Genealogists, Legacy Tree Genealogists, Living DNA, Gaylord Archival, Legacy Books and Quebec Genealogical Society. To see the full list of exhibitors, please visit the NERGC website at www.nergc.org.

The Exhibit Hall will be open three days, Thursday and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will be open to the general public. (Conference registration is not required to visit the Exhibit Hall.)

Email us at 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 (**new email address**).

We welcome the Old Broad Bay Family History Association of Waldoborough, Maine as a participant. Additional attendees will be highlighted in upcoming E-zines.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS SHOWCASE BOTH FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH AND SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH

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 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 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. Watch for highlights of the 2019 Showcase participants in future E-zines! 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 (**new email address**).

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. We hope that many of the great professional genealogist/speakers attending the Conference will participate as consultants. The link to sign up as a consultant is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A9A82AA6FD0-nergc1>

Emily Hackett-Fiske, Ancestors Road Show Chair

From the Hospitality Committee: Red Arrow Diner

When my nephew learned that I would be attending a conference in Manchester, New Hampshire, he announced he might drive up from Boston to see the Red Arrow Diner. Well, that piqued my curiosity, and I wanted to learn more about this famous diner.

Their website states the Red Arrow Diner pledges to “create, cook and serve, with consistency and a smile, the most palate pleasing diner eats known to mankind.”

This award-winning diner was founded in 1922 by David Lamontagne. It has received many awards. In 1998, *USA Today* voted the diner as one of the top ten diners in the country. In 2000, it was named a Manchester, New Hampshire landmark. And in 2018, the owner (Carol Lawrence-Erickson) won the Stars of Industry Award by the New Hampshire Lodging & Restaurant Association.

Location: 61 Lowell Street

Hours: 24 hours/day

Website: redarrowdiner.com

The Hospitality Committee is looking forward to sharing information about more unique dining experiences available in Manchester.

Hospitality Committee Chairs

Claudine Purdue & Frances Nadeau

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, and audio-visual assistance. For non-registered and registered attendees, jobs include Registration sign-in, volunteer table, the hospitality table, vendor hall, Ancestors Road Show, Hall guides, door prizes, signage, and office monitor.

Are you planning on attending one of the following sessions? Help us out -- volunteer to be a Session Host and introduce the speaker.

Thursday: 101, 102, 103, 106, 108, 111, 115, 117, 119, 122, 123, 126, 128, 129, 130, 132

Friday: 106, 107, 108, 112, 113, 114, 124, 126, 130, 132, 134, 135, 142, 143, 144, 145, 147, 152, 153, 154

Saturday: 103, 104, 105, 106, 113, 121, 123, 125, 128, 130, 132, 137, 139, 143, 145, 147, 148, 149, 151, 153, 154

The following sessions need Room Monitors (collect evaluations):

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Please consider 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.

Special Interest Groups

Plan to attend one of the informal and informative Special Interests Groups on Thursday evening at 7:15. Hosts who are experts in their areas will lead the discussions, with time to ask questions, share problems, pitfalls, resources, and successes among attendees. This year's SIGS are **DNA; England, Scotland, and Wales Research; French-Canadian Research; Ireland and Northern Ireland Research; Jewish Research; New Hampshire Research; Polish & Eastern European Research ; and Scandinavian Research.**

Jewish Special Interest Group

Come join us to talk about strategies and hints for researching your Jewish ancestors. We might look at how to find the records of your immigrant ancestors, both here and in the "old country;" how to find people if they've changed their names; how to find the villages that your ancestors came from; and how to locate families lost or scattered by the Holocaust. We'll look at both online and local resources that could help you in your search.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Here are some of the organizations that are helping make NERGC 2019 possible:

American-Canadian Genealogical Society, sponsor of the Wednesday evening reception at the Millyard Museum.

The Massachusetts Genealogical Council, sponsor of the Thursday Luncheon, T-104, with Jennifer Zinck

The New England Chapter, Association of Professional Genealogists, sponsor of the Friday Table Topic Luncheon, F-122

The New England Historic Genealogical Society, sponsor of Military Day and the Saturday Luncheon, S-122, with Robert Charles Anderson

The New York Genealogical and Biographical Society, sponsor of the Saturday Banquet, S-155, with Josh Taylor

ProQuest, sponsor of Librarians and Local Historians Day

We offer our sincere gratitude to all our Conference sponsors and hope that our attendees and other parties interested in our Conference will support these organizations. Some sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, go to <http://www.nergc.org/sponsor-or-advertise/>.

HOTEL UPDATE

The Conference Hotel, the DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101 is fully booked for most of the Conference, but a very limited number of rooms are still available for some nights. 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 be made through the following booking link: <http://group.doubletree.com/NERGC> or by calling the hotel's telephone number, (603) 625-1000 (not through Hilton). 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.

Alternate Hotel Options:



Comfort Inn

298 Queen City Ave.
Manchester, NH 03102
Phone: 603-668-2600

Located only about 1 mile from the Double Tree, the Comfort Inn is offering a Conference rate of \$99.00 per night. Call the front desk at 603-668-2600 and mention "NERGC" to book this rate. Rate Includes: hot breakfast, onsite parking, wireless Internet, access to full health club, indoor heated pool/sauna, and guest laundry.

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-NERG-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 4th & 5th, 2019 at a rate of \$164.00 per night, plus tax. All rooms have a hospitality area with a microwave, refrigerator and Keurig coffee maker. 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.

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