

15th 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 for the 15th biennial NERGC (New England Regional Genealogy Consortium) Conference, “Family ~ a Link to the Past & a Bridge to the Future”. Between now and April, we’ll be continuing to provide updates on the Conference through periodic E-zines like this one. *Continue to follow our E-zines to keep up-to-date on the planning and the excitement of this Conference, and please share them -- and the Conference brochure -- with your friends, associates, and anyone else you feel may be interested in attending the Conference.*

FINAL REMINDER: “EARLY BIRD” DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 28

Don't miss the chance to register for the 15th New England Regional Genealogical Conference before the Early Bird Deadline ends on Feb. 28th. A pdf version of the Conference brochure is available [here](#). It contains the full Conference schedule, summaries of lectures, speaker biographies, and information on available luncheons, banquets, research tour and special events. Register online [here](#). To register by mail, see the last page of the brochure.

Save \$30 - Register by February 28th!



At NERGC 2019 you'll find:

- Featured Speakers: Blaine Bettinger, Cyndi Ingle, and Thomas W. Jones
- Over 94 lectures to choose from, with levels ranging from beginner to expert
- Beginning DNA Day, Librarians and Local Historians Day, Military Day, Professional Genealogist Day, Society Management Day, Technology Day
- Exhibit Hall
- Society Fair
- Libraries, Archives, and Museums Showcase
- Special Workshops
- Special Interest Groups
- The Ancestors Road Show
- Genealogical Research Tour
- Socializing and Networking
- and much, much more.

Sign up for NERGC today!

PROGRAM NOTES

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. The GOOD NEWS!!!! Conference attendees can hear Featured Speakers Blaine Bettinger, Tom Jones, and Cyndi Ingle at several regular lecture sessions each.

The Thursday evening DNA Special Interest Group has been cancelled. However, there are many opportunities throughout the Conference that will help you learn more about this important topic:

- Beginning DNA Day on Wednesday, April 3
- T-104 Luncheon with Jennifer Zinck speaking on DNA Testing: What Did I Sign Up For?
- T-105 Evaluating Genealogical Conclusions Including DNA with Blaine Bettinger
- T-106 My DNA Journey with Donna Moughty
- T-107 Using Target Testing to Solve Genealogical Mysteries with Pauline Merrick
- T-125 Finding Fayette: Using DNA to Uncover Misattributed Paternity with Jennifer Zinck
- F-101 Through the Generations: Autosomal DNA Inheritance with Thomas Greve
- F-102 Using Y-DNA and mtDNA to Explore Your Ancestry with Blaine Bettinger
- F-119 Finding the Right DNA Test for You with Jim Brewster
- F-123 Using Autosomal DNA for 18th and 19th Century Mysteries with Blaine Bettinger
- F-124 Poking Holes in Paper Trails Using DNA with Emily Hackett-Fiske
- F-125 DNA Case Study: Search for Mystery Father with Jay Sage
- F-153 Workshop with Jennifer Zinck – After the Test: Exploring Ancestry DNA results

CHECK OUT THESE BLOG POSTS FEATURING SOME OF THE NERGC 2019 SPEAKERS!

Our NERGC 2019 Official Blogger program is underway, and the bloggers have started posting their interviews with the speakers. Here is a list of what you can find online so far!

Feb 8 Brynna O'Sullivan

<https://climbingmyfamilytree.blogspot.com/2019/02/meet-nergc-speaker-bryna-osullivan.html>

Feb 9th Elissa Scalise Powell

<https://frommainetokentucky.blogspot.com/2019/02/nergc-2019-interview-elissa-scalise-powell.html>

Feb. 10th Schelly Talalay Dardashti <https://jewishgenealogyjourney.blogspot.com/2019/02/nergc-2019-interview-schelly-talalay.html>

Feb. 13th – Shellee Morehead

<https://frommainetokentucky.blogspot.com/2019/02/nergc-2019-interview-shellee-morehead.html>

Feb 15th – Janice Lovelace

<https://blog.demandinggenealogist.com/2019/02/its-eye-opener-slaves-in-new-england.html>

Feb. 15th- Lindsay Fulton

<https://frommainetokentucky.blogspot.com/2019/02/nergc-2019-interview-lindsay-fulton.html>

Feb. 18th Dr. Carol McCoy

<https://gnarlsandknots.wordpress.com/2019/02/18/interview-with-dr-carol-mccoy/>

Stay tuned for more links as more interviews are posted in the next few weeks!

Sara Campbell & Heather Rojo, NERGC 2019 Blogging Chairs

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 luncheon, F-122, is sponsored by the New England Chapter of the Association of Professional Genealogists. A NEAPG member will be at each table to lead discussion of a variety of topics including DNA, research in New England states, and more. Seating at each table is first come, first served.
- 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 entrées 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](#).

Be sure to choose an entree (at the bottom of the Sessions & Option page of Registration). An admission ticket will not be generated if you select just the meal. 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.

An Important Clarification 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, meal events were listed in time order and were shown as "complimentary", but the entrée selections, with corresponding costs, were listed at the bottom of the page. Actually, **access to presentations at luncheons and banquets is NOT complimentary; these presentations are open only to those who have paid for meal events by selecting and paying for an entrée. *Selecting a meal event without an entrée does not grant you entry to hear the speaker.*** We are working to identify those who have selected a meal without an entrée. 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.

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.*

A REMINDER FOR THOSE WITH ADA SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have needs related to mobility, hearing, or vision which might affect your ability to fully participate in NERGC 2019, there's still time to make arrangements.

If you are registering online, you can indicate special needs as part of the registration process. If you're registering for the Conference by mail, note the two boxes on the last page of the brochure you can check to show that you have dietary or ADA special needs.

Already registered but have questions about access to area transportation, equipment, assistive hearing devices, special seating options and other accommodations you may need? Feel free to contact Pamela Roberts, PT, EdD. or call her at 860-486-2406. *Note: Registrants with mobility, hearing or visual special needs as outlined in the American with Disabilities Act must detail those requirements in writing to NERGC by 15 March 2019.*

Pamela L. Roberts, EdD, PT, drpampt@gmail.com or 860-486-2406

On-site Evaluation Data Entry Team Forming NOW!

Needed: Volunteers willing to receive a packet of speaker evaluations, instructions, and a pre-set Excel workbook for use in entering speaker evaluation data on their own time between April 8 and May 17. The number of hours spent is estimated at approximately 10 - 15 hours of data entry, depending on speed of computer entry skills and the number of speaker sessions in your assigned packets of raw data sheets.

With each NERGC Conference the number of sessions for data entry has increased. I estimate we need a team of 50 data enterers for 2019. You would receive data packets between April 6 and 8th and return your completed data entry worksheets by May 17, giving Co-Chairs and proof readers the opportunity to ready the reports for distribution in a timely way. If you have participated before, great...you will be a real asset to our team. We always welcome new folks interested in joining the team.

For more information or to sign up and commit to the Data Entry Team email: Pam Roberts, On-Site Evaluation Co-Chair at drpampt@gmail.com with NERGC 2019 Data Entry Team in the Subject line.

Pamela L. Roberts, EdD, PT

PRE-CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES

Come early and take advantage of all this great programming on Wednesday! These Wednesday Pre-Conference 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.

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.

Special Interest Groups

Plan to attend one of the informal and informative Special Interest 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 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. **The DNA Special Interest Group has been cancelled.**

VISIT THE EXHIBIT HALL

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.

Like many of the prior NERGC conferences, the 2019 Exhibit Hall will give attendees the opportunity to visit with vendors who offer a wide range of products, services and information. There will be something for everybody. Are you looking to learn more about your ethnic background? Be sure to stop by the booths of the American-Canadian Genealogical Society, the American-French Genealogical Society, French Canadian Genealogical Society of CT, Friends of Irish Research, Swedish Ancestry Research Association, and The Irish Ancestral Research Association. Each organization is very versed in their given ethnic background. Were your ancestors raised in New England but moved to another part of the country? Are you trying to get a better understanding of researching in New England? Who better to speak with than the groups who understand the records and repositories in their state? Stop by to learn more from Connecticut Ancestry Society, the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, the Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor, the Genealogical Society of Vermont, the Maine Genealogical Society, the Massachusetts Society of Genealogists and the Rhode Island Genealogical Society. To see the full list of exhibitors, please visit the NERGC website at

www.nergc.org.

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.

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

Call for Volunteers - We Can't Do It Without You!

NERGC conferences have been successful due to the talent and dedication of the all-volunteer staff. There are many opportunities to help. For registered attendees, jobs include session host, door monitors, evaluation collection, meal ticket collection, and audio-visual assistance. For non-registered attendees, jobs include Registration, volunteer table, hospitality table, vendor hall, Ancestors Roadshow, hall guides, door prizes and signage. Please consider donating time to help with this conference. For more information contact Volunteer Chairs Susan Steele and Virginia Wright at susansteele@verizon.net.

Room Monitor Sessions not yet filled

Thursday Sessions: 101, 103, 104, 106, 109, 110, 111, 113, 117, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 125, 126, 129, 133

Friday Sessions: 104, 105, 107, 108, 109, 112, 113, 115, 119, 121, 122, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135, 137, 138, 151, 152, 153, 155

Saturday Sessions: 102, 105, 109, 110, 113, 116, 117, 118, 120, 122, 127, 128, 129, 132, 133, 134, 135, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 144, 145, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155

Sessions that are still available for volunteers to **Host**

Thursday: 101, 111, 115, 117, 119, 122, 123, 126, 130

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

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

A reminder: You must be registered for the Conference in order to be a session host or room monitor of a Conference session or workshop.

FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE: PINE VALLEY CEMETERY

Located about half mile south of the conference hotel, this is a unique garden cemetery that could provide a relaxing and interesting visit. It offers an opportunity to view gravestone art and inscriptions that present a window to the lives of the prominent and the poor. There are walking paths through landscaped green lawns with mausoleums, grave stones, gazebos, and footbridges over a stream the runs through the cemetery. Thirteen private mausoleums reflect varied architecture such as a Greek, Egyptian, Gothic Revival, and many stone monuments. Near the east side entrance on Pine Street is the stone chapel built in 1932 that depicts the English Gothic style. The cemetery opened in 1841 after the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company donated 20 wooded acres to the town of Manchester. The town built the fence. Famous citizens built the gates including the Stephen D. Green gate located on Pine Avenue that is the suggested entrance and exit to the cemetery. The Manchester Historic Association has written a pamphlet entitled "Walking Tour: The Valley Cemetery, A Rural Cemetery for an Industrial City." This pamphlet describes the architecture of the monuments and the historical background of many prominent citizens interred in this cemetery.

Hospitality Committee Chairs
Claudine Purdue & Frances Nadeau

WANTED, DEAD OR ALIVE: QUERIES ARE A LOST AND FOUND FOR ANCESTORS



This year we will be offering two options to submit genealogical queries:

- As in the past, there will be an on-site Query Board at NERGC 2019. Bring your Query information to the conference and be prepared to fill out Queries Forms at the Query Board site. We hope you'll find a ton of responses! Those wishing more widespread dissemination of their queries may opt to check an "ok to post" box on the Form; those queries will be posted on the NERGC Web page after the conference. The preferred Query format uses standard abbreviations and the date written in dd mm yyyy format (e.g. 27 July 1927). Show birth, death, marriage in that

order, with event location shown before date and all known information stated before the question is asked. Remember to include your contact information!

- **For this conference, we will also be offering the option of using an online form for submitting queries. Watch for information about how to do this in the next E-zine. The queries submitted ahead of the conference will be printed and posted for viewing at the conference.**

2017 queries were transcribed from the slips posted on the Query Board at the 14th New England Regional Genealogical Conference. If the submitter gave permission, they were published on the NERGC web page at <http://www.nergc.org/queries/>.

HOTEL REMINDER

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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