

18th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

October 29-November 1, 2025
Manchester, New Hampshire

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The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to join us at our eighteenth conference *live and in-person only* at the DoubleTree hotel in Manchester, New Hampshire, October 29-November 1, 2025.



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 are featured at Irish, Mexican, Asian, and American establishments an easy walk from the Conference hotel.

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 Research Consultants, Society Fair, and other events.

Registration for NERGC 2025 hasn't begun yet. The program and conference brochure are scheduled to be ready for distribution in early April (please give us the time to provide you with many details about the conference!) However, you can start making plans now. Continue to follow our E-zines and website, www.NERGC.org to keep up to date on the planning and the excitement of this conference.

CONFERENCE CHANGES

We read all the previous conference's feedback as we plan a conference. In response, we've made a few changes for 2025. The most noticeable one will be the extension of sessions to 90 minutes. We hope this gives the speakers plenty of time to cover their topic and answer audience questions. If they don't use all the time, that's more time to browse the Exhibit Hall!

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Here's where we made another change for 2025. We reached out to people who speak at various genealogical institutes around the country and asked them to bring four of the talks from their institute program to NERGC as a pre-conference track. We hope this will give you a taste of what it's like to attend a genealogical institute as well as provide you with an in-depth exploration of a topic and exposure to additional national speakers. Watch the E-zine and the website for more on what Judy Russell, Michael Strauss, Pamela Vittorio, and Gena Philibert-Ortega will be speaking about!

HOTEL INFORMATION



Yes, we'll be back at the DoubleTree, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH for NERGC 2025, "New Englanders, Here, There and Everywhere." This is the same location as for several previous conferences but is perhaps a new name since your last visit. Join us there from October 29 through November 1 for the only regional genealogical conference in New England! The cost for the rooms during our stay is \$179.00 per night, beginning on Tuesday night, October 28 through Saturday November 1.

The hotel is now accepting room reservations at the conference rate. You can call the hotel directly to reserve your rooms, 603-625-1000, or use the link below. *If you use the link, make sure to edit the reservation for the exact days you want to stay, as it will automatically reserve the room from Tuesday, October 28 through Wednesday, October 29 (leaving on Wednesday). If you have any questions, email us at 2025-trichairs@nergc.org.*

Booking Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=MHTMNDT&arrivalDate=2025-10-28&departureDate=2025-10-29&groupCode=CDT92G&roomNumAdults=1&displayCurrency=USD>

This group rate will be available until there are no more rooms left in the group block or until one month prior to the event, September 28, 2025. After this date, if there are rooms left in the block, they will be released back into our general inventory for resale.

FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Hospitality Committee is looking forward to welcoming you to New Hampshire and Manchester, New Hampshire's largest city. We're gathering information about what to see and do while you are here; as well as gathering menus from many of the restaurants and cafes in the downtown area. Have a specific need or request? Let us know in advance at Hospitality@nergc.org, and we'll do the research for you. One teaser: Manchester has three chocolate shops within walking distance of the hotel! More information about what the city offers will appear in the next issue of the E-zine.

SPONSORSHIP AND PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsors are the lifeblood of NERGC—our partners in keeping prices as low as possible. Through sponsorships, your organization/services are spotlighted for our genealogist attendees. Opportunities abound at all financial levels. These include:

- Sponsoring a meal or a lecture
- Underwriting special events during the conference
- Renting a booth in our Exhibit Hall, which allows interaction with attendees and the general public (and includes one single day pass to the conference)
- Taking out an advertisement in the conference syllabus
- Underwriting neck wallets, lanyards, or bag stuffers
- Donating small items for our Volunteers Raffle
- Participating in the Society Fair or the Library/Archive/Museum Showcases

Email President@nergc.org to express your interest in any of these options. Your interest will be passed along to the volunteer organizing that particular portion of our event.

CALLING ALL BLOGGERS

We greatly appreciate any Bloggers who will write about the upcoming conference! We're even happier if you'd agree to interview a speaker about their background and involvement in NERGC or about their specific topic. The program will be revealed in early April, but it's never too early to let us know that you'd like to help with conference publicity on your blog. Please express your interest to us at 2025-trichairs@nergc.org.

EXHIBIT HALL UPDATE

Applications for booths in the Exhibit Hall are now being accepted.

As in the past, our conferences are planned to be exhibitor friendly. The generous unopposed exhibitor time and close proximity to the sessions are among the reasons many vendors experience more success at a NERGC conference. We feature special benefits such as:

- **A one-day conference registration** with each booth purchased. (Note that meals are not included. Watch our website and E-zine for information on meals and banquet options.)
- **The Exhibit Hall is open two full days** (Friday and Saturday), with additional exhibitor hours on Thursday.
- **Unopposed Exhibitor times:** Generous time slots with no lectures or other events to conflict with your exhibition time.
- **Breaks between lectures:** Allows our attendees casual time between lectures, allowing more time with exhibitors.
- **Two-hour lunch breaks** allowing still more time for product discussion and sales.
- **Exhibit Hall open to the general public:** Free access to the general public to be advertised for increased sales.
- **Optional:** Consider showcasing your booth by providing door prize drawings at your discretion. NERGC provides tickets to conference attendees in the conference registration packet.

If you have exhibited at a past conference, we have your contact information. (If any of your contact information has changed, please let us know. We want to be sure you receive all the information needed.) If you have not exhibited with NERGC at any of our previous conferences and are interested, please be sure to send your organization's name and contact information so we can be sure to send you the details.

As with past conferences, there will be a limited number of booths, so it will be important to reserve your space early. Booth requests will be filled on a first-come basis. The Exhibitor Application, Exhibitor's Agreement, the Terms and Conditions and the Exhibit Hall floor plan are available on our website at www.nergc.org. Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at exhibithall@nergc.org.

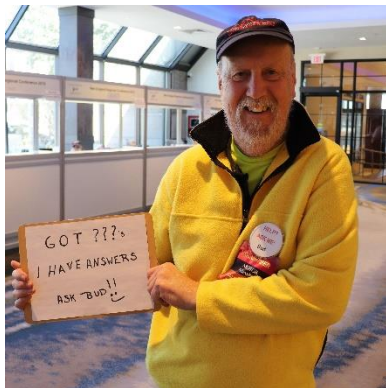
We look forward to seeing you in Manchester, New Hampshire.

SOCIETY FAIR

Hear ye, hear ye! Genealogical, historical, and family societies will showcase their organizations on Thursday, October 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Showcase your society for free! For more information, visit NERGC.org or email societyfair@nergc.org



A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS



NERGC's events are built on volunteer hours, and we will need plenty of volunteers for this conference. Whether you're attending the conference or live in the area, we can always use help! Volunteers will be recruited to host and monitor on-site sessions, to work at the registration area, to provide rides to/from the Manchester airport, to help exhibitors move in/out, to help with miscellaneous administrative tasks, and who knows what else! Give an hour and you'll get much more in return. Benefits of volunteering include getting to know people you work with, meeting the speakers, helping your Participating Society, and, of course, providing a wonderful experience for all conference attendees.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM THE NERGC ACCESSIBILITY TEAM

Potential attendees or registrants with special dietary needs and/or mobility, hearing, or visual concerns impacting your access and participation at this conference are welcome to contact Pam Roberts, NERGC 2025 Accessibility Liaison, at accessibility-2025@nergc.org with a request for a personal response and opportunity to plan ahead for your needs to be met. Although our registration process will not open until April, it will give those with special meal needs the option of summarizing your requests in writing as you purchase luncheon or banquet tickets in the online registration. Additionally, persons with mobility, hearing, or visual concerns may check a box matching the category of your need in the online registration and briefly comment about what accommodation you might find helpful. A similar check option will be in our digital downloadable, printable, and manual fillable Registration and Payment Form in our distributed brochures. If you have mobility, hearing or visual needs, feel free to contact Pam Roberts at: accessibility-2025@nergc.org even before you register to inquire about the conference venue and hotel access for entering, parking, and how to request an accessible hotel room as well as community access from the hotels to the venue. She or an accessibility volunteer will work with you through your preferred phone or email to design an access plan to maximize your ability to enjoy your conference experience. To take full advantage of the accessibility options available, please register during the Early Bird registration period. We will try to meet your needs any time before or during the conference but may be limited in how we can help, especially if your request comes after May 1, 2025, five months before the event. Referral for equipment companies in the area will be coordinated for best rental fees. So, reach out with any questions you may have. I wish to assist you as you consider your participation and comfort.



WANT TO RECEIVE THE E-ZINE?

The Conference E-zine, a digital newsletter which provides information and updates about the New England Regional Genealogy Conference, is sent periodically to all those on our E-zine email list. If you're not already receiving it and would like to do so, fill out the form <https://nergc.org/e-zine-sign-up-form/>

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