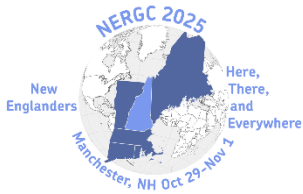


18th New England Regional Genealogical Conference



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, *New Englanders-Here, There and Everywhere*. The conference will be **live and in-person only** at the DoubleTree Hotel in Manchester, New Hampshire, October 29-November 1, 2025.

The Conference Committee is planning special tracks and other events on Wednesday and regular conference presentations on Thursday through Saturday. In addition, there will be time to explore the Exhibit Hall and make new connections at the Ancestors Research Consultants, Society Fair, Special Interest Groups, and other events.

Registration for NERGC 2025 hasn't begun yet. The program and conference brochure are scheduled to be ready for distribution in April. 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.

ABOUT OUR OPENING SESSION

Annette Burke Lyttle will present our opening session – “How Advertising Caused Ancestors to Migrate” (T-102). The description she provided of this session is as follows:



Business owners, land speculators, and communities wishing to grow all turned to various forms of advertising to entice people to migrate to the Midwestern territories and states. This presentation will examine how newspaper advertising, pamphlets, gazetteers, and books were aimed at prospective migrants from the eastern parts of the U.S. and prospective immigrants from Europe to get them to come and work, buy land, and settle in these sparsely populated frontier areas. We'll look at what kinds of messages these ads used in order to make hard work.

Annette is a big fan of NERGC and has participated in our last two in-person conferences. In 2023, she gave three presentations and participated in the Jumpstart Your Research pre-conference track. In 2019 her presentation list contains one talk as well as participation in the Professional Genealogist Day pre-conference track.

Annette Burke Lyttle owns Heritage Detective, LLC, providing professional genealogical services in research, education, and writing. She speaks on a variety of genealogical topics at the international, national, state, and local levels and loves helping people uncover and share their family stories. She is coordinator of the Foundations: The Research Process course and the Writing the Stories of Our Ancestors course for the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy. Annette is past president of the Association of Professional Genealogists and editor of *The Florida Genealogist*.

WEDNESDAY EVENTS

Join us early for additional camaraderie and networking for our pre-conference activities on Wednesday!

Choice of two Bus Tours from 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

- **Tour One – Manchester:** will include stops at: The American-Canadian Genealogical Society, The Millyard Museum (about the history of manufacturing in the Manchester region), Dutch-treat lunch at the Millyard Museum Cafeteria, then the Manchester Historic Association Research Center and, if time, also the Manchester City Library.
- **Tour Two – Concord:** will include the New Hampshire State Library (Concord), Dutch-treat lunch at the Concord State House Cafeteria (across the street from the library), then the New Hampshire State Archives (Concord) and, if time, also the New Hampshire Historical Association (across the street from the NH State Library).

Choice of four Mini-Institute Tracks from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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.

Learn about Women & Children First from Judy Russell; Military Research at NARA with Michael Strauss; Transportation Nation with Pamela Vittorio; or Advanced Study of Death with Gena Philibert-Ortega

Choice of five workshops from 4:30-6:30 p.m., one of which is *Cracking Tough Cases with the Genealogical Proof Standard* from the Board of Certified Genealogists Education Fund.

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.

NERGC 2025 has arranged for a block of rooms covering Tuesday, October 28 through Saturday, November 1, but you can have the conference rate for three days before or after as well. Rooms include complimentary wireless internet. The cost for the rooms during our stay is \$179.00 per night. Parking for guests is \$14 per day if validated in the registration area. The reservation deadline is September 28.

We will explore options at other hotels as our block of rooms fills up.

The hotel is 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=MHTMNNDT&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 the general inventory for resale.

GETTING TO THE CONFERENCE

All roads lead to Manchester in late October! Interstate 93 connects with Eastern Connecticut and Massachusetts; Interstate 95 is the beginning route from Maine. The end Interstate 89 from Vermont joins Interstate 93 going south, and Interstate 91 from western Massachusetts and Connecticut is the gateway to routes east to Manchester. There is bus service from the Boston area and an award-winning airport brings the world to our door! More travel details will be in the early October E-zine.

FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Manchester has three chocolate shops within walking distance of the conference hotel!

Van Otis Chocolates at 341 Elm Street is noted for their Swiss Fudge but creates many other tasty filled chocolates. Their motto is “Making Life Sweet Since 1935” and you’re sure to find something to satisfy your cravings. Open M-F 9-6:30, Sat 9-5, closed Sun.

Granite State Candy Shoppe at 832 Elm Street was established in 1927 in Concord NH and opened the Manchester location about 6 years ago. They feature hand crafted chocolates and fresh roasted nuts. Pick up a New Hampshire shaped chocolate as a souvenir or to treat family left at home. Their slogan is “We’re in the Happiness Business”. Open M-Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5.

Dancing Lion Chocolate at 917 Elm Street is a “Bean to Bonbon” shop and cafe owned by a Master Chocolatier. Their chocolates are works of art and feature unique flavors. Stop by to have a Traditional Mayan Drinking Chocolate. Open T-F 9-5, Sat 11-7, closed Sun and M.

Future E-zines will highlight some breakfast, lunch, and dinner spots near the hotel.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Special Interest Groups allow you to have a conversation with others interested in a common topic. Trying something new, we’ve scheduled them for Thursday and Friday afternoons in place of a few sessions. Topics will be complimentary to our program with regards to ethnic groups and topics of interest to today’s genealogists. Each group will be led by someone knowledgeable in the subject, but everyone’s participation in the discussion is welcome.



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 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 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.

SYLLABUS ADS

Our syllabus is a collection of handouts for the conference sessions as well as material about the Consortium, the Exhibit Hall, the Society Fair, the Library/Archive/Museum displays and our biennial service award. It is distributed electronically to all registered attendees a week or so before the conference and also offered for sale as a printed book on the registration form.

Ads can be placed in various sizes and purchased via our website (www.nergc.org):

- Full Page - **\$120** (7.25" x 9")
- Half Page - **\$65** (7.25" x 4.25" or 3.5"x9")
- Quarter Page - **\$35** (4.25"x3.5")
- Business Card - **\$25** (2"x3.5")

Ads can be submitted as vector art in DPF format, or as 300 dpi raster (bitmap) images in JPG, PNG, or TIFF format. Images should be in RGB color, but should be designed to look acceptable if printed in B&W. If saved as JPG, please use the highest quality (lowest compression) available in your software.

Advertising in the syllabus brings your message to the eyes of hundreds of genealogists. All ads can be paid for via our website, www.nergc.org, but desired format and text must be sent to ads@nergc.org

LINES OF REMEMBRANCE AND GRATITUDE

Know someone who supported a genealogical society or NERGC? Feel free to write an 80 character or less line about that person to remember their support or efforts in the 2025 Syllabus. Lines of Remembrance and Gratitude are \$5 each; go to <https://nergc.org/product-category/remembrance-gratitude/>.

When purchasing a Line of Remembrance or Gratitude, please use the notes section for your desired text or place a note there that the text will be emailed to ads@nergc.org. All Lines of Remembrance and Gratitude must be purchased and submitted by September 1, 2025.

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES, AND MUSEUMS SHOWCASE



Don't miss out! We are seeking libraries, archives and museums who have information, exhibits and special collections of interest that can be shared with pro and amateur genealogists. This is **free** to your organization and a great way to engage with some great people! We provide you with one table, two chairs and signage at no cost to you. You choose either Friday, Oct. 31 or Saturday, Nov.1 from 10 am to 3 pm. You can't beat this opportunity! Contact us at lamshowcase@nergc.org

SOCIETY FAIR

Here's a great opportunity that your organization can't afford to miss! On Thursday, Oct. 30 from 5:30-7:30 join us for the Society Fair. It's free! Come join your peers, genealogical, historical and family societies from all over New England. Provide information about who you are, where you are located and what you do- at no cost to your organization. You can't beat that, all the while enjoying the experience. We'll provide the table, two chairs, and signage and great company. Contact us at societyfair@nergc.org.



DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE EXHIBIT HALL

Is your organization interested in purchasing a booth withing the NERGC Exhibit Hall?

Now is the time to complete your application and secure your booths!

Booths are selling so don't be left out of the Exhibit Hall.

As in the past, our conferences are planned to be exhibitor friendly. The generous unopposed exhibitor time, and close proximity to the sessions, is one of 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 web page and E-zine for information on meals and banquet options.)
- **Exhibit Hall is open for 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 of the information needed.) If you have not exhibited with NERGC at any of our previous conferences, and are interested, please be sure to reach out and we will 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,

Please send us your application, to confirm availability, before making payment through the website.

Feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns at exhibithall@nergc.org.

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

QUERIES

We are bringing Queries back to the syllabus. Queries should be formatted as follows:

- State the known information, then pose your question.
- Please spell out the month to avoid confusion.
- Kindly state the location before the date.
- End with your name and contact information.

Pricing begins at **\$10** for 4 lines of text. Each additional line of text is **\$1**.

For pricing purposes, a line of text is equal to 80 characters (letters, punctuation, spaces).

Editor reserves the right to edit for space and/or clarity, without changing thought.

You do NOT need to attend the conference to submit a query!

Queries submitted prior to **August 1, 2025**, will be eligible for printing in the syllabus. Anything received after September 1, 2025, will be posted at the conference and later listed on our website post-conference. Queries for the syllabus can be purchased on our website, www.nergc.org, with the text emailed to ads@nergc.org

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.

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING NERGC 2025? WONDERING IF YOUR ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS CAN BE MET?



As you await the arrival of our conference brochure, begin to think NOW about the needs your Accessibility and Access Team can address. Our goal is to work with YOU to plan ahead to allow you comfortable and full participation access for mobility, parking, entrances to the venue, and transitions to activities that meet your interests. We can address mobility equipment needs, hearing assistance, visual accommodations to access content and/or large print or easily keyboard read audio to text as you might require. Even before our brochure is ready with a downloadable pdf manual registration form and our online, convenient registration process opens, NERGC's Accessibility and Access Team is ready to share details you may need to accurately

evaluate ways to allow you comfort and full participation in all sessions, workshops, exhibits, tours, meals with speakers, and social networking opportunities. Your needs may include navigating arrival, parking, entrances to the venue, as well as easy access arrival, parking for hotel and venue, accessible spaces within the registration, Hospitality/Accessibility area, meals, Exhibit Hall, and all the other various activities noted in this and future E-zines. These include mobility through parking, onsite space, and indoor space transitions; you may request alternate forms of communication to assure we can securely communicate well both before the conference and onsite.

Pam Roberts, an ADA and Community Inclusion volunteer, will help you or will assign another access volunteer to respond to your requests. Several accommodations will require planning ahead for the physical set up of rooms, access to hearing assistance as possible, and seating during sessions or at meals, and our team will work with other teams to assure an accessible spot for you to sit for registration check-in and a location where you will find a volunteer as well as a phone number onsite for you to notify us of a need for help or delivery of a personally reserved scooter at your cost. Contact Pam at: accessibility-2025@nergc.org.

Unfortunately, while we want to be an "accessible to ALL" conference, keeping up the reputation we have achieved, we may not be able to meet your needs unless you use the Early Bird registration and work with us before July 1. We will monitor your request and begin plans to develop your individual access plan within ten days of your Early Bird registration.

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, to provide mobility, hearing, visual and cognitive communication assistance; 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.

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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