

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



October 29-November 1, 2025  
Manchester, New Hampshire

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Welcome to NERGC 2025! The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to join us at our eighteenth conference, “New Englanders – Here, There and Everywhere” October 29-November 1 **live and in-person ONLY**. Yes, we’ll be back at the DoubleTree, 700 Elm Street, in Manchester, New Hampshire. We look forward to connecting with you—our fellow genealogists and family historians—and sharing our stories, triumphs, challenges, methods, and resources. Continue to follow our E-zines and website, [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org) to keep up to date on the planning and the excitement of this conference.

Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or a professional genealogist, NERGC 2025 will provide you with opportunities to advance your knowledge and research skills. There will be 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 HAS NOT OPENED YET BUT WILL OPEN SOON.**  
Once Registration is open, we will email you an electronic copy of the Brochure and details of how to register

## JOIN US FOR 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, 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), the New Hampshire State Archives (Concord) and, if time, also the New Hampshire Historical Association (across the street from the NH State Library).

**NOTE: Tours may require the ability to climb bus steps and moderate walking between and within facilities.**

**Choice of four Mini-Institute Special Research 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. 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* sponsored by the Board of Certified Genealogists Education Fund.

## HOTEL INFORMATION



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](mailto:2025-trichairs@nergc.org).*

### Booking Link:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/rooms/?ctyhocn=MHTMNMT&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.

## HOTEL SCAM ALERT

It looks like someone is pretending to represent NERGC and is sending out emails purporting to link to hotel registration signups. They look something like this:

Hello

We would like to let you know that we are down to the last block of rooms at the headquarter hotels for **NERGC 2025 - New England Regional Genealogical Consortium Conference, From 29 OCT to 1 NOV at DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown**. You can find the reservation link below;

### DoubleTree by Hilton Manchester Downtown

Price per night is \$239 instead of \$259.

Book Now:

[link]

This is very likely a "phishing" scam to try to steal credit card numbers from those who are fooled into trying to register for the hotel through the email link. Neither NERGC nor the hotel is direct mailing folks to get them to book a hotel room. Attendees should register for hotel rooms only via the link and phone number provided on the NERGC website and in the "HOTEL INFORMATION" section, above.

## CONFERENCE SYLLABUS

Our Conference Syllabus contains information on the entire conference as well as handouts for all the sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. About a week before the conference the digital version of the syllabus will be emailed to all registrants. If you prefer paper or would like to have the electronic syllabus on a flash drive, each of these options are on the registration form. A pre-ordered printed copy of the syllabus is \$30. A pre-ordered flash drive with the syllabus is \$9. Should we have extras of either version on Saturday, they will be available for sale at the conference as well. We hope to use a system where you indicate your interest in either the printed or flash drive version and are entered into a drawing for the opportunity to buy it at the conference. However, extras for sale at the conference are not guaranteed, so please order on the registration form to ensure you receive what you want as part of your conference experience.

## SPOTLIGHT ON THURSDAY, 30 October

### OPENING SESSION

The full conference kicks off at **10:00 a.m. on Thursday morning** with a greeting from the planning committee followed by a presentation from Annette Burke Lyttle:

#### **How Advertising Caused Ancestors to Migrate. (T-102)**

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 and pioneer living seem attractive.

### EXHIBIT HALL

The **Exhibit Hall** will open at 11:30 a.m. and remain open until 5 p.m.

### PUBLICATION WORKSHOP

Arriving or waking early on Thursday? Join in a two-hour morning workshop and learn **Writing for Publication – Right Now!** This will be offered from 8-10 a.m. on Thursday Morning (T-101) and presented by Eva Holmes, CG, AG.

Many researchers want to share their work or preserve it for posterity but are overwhelmed by the process. This workshop will use writing exercises to get people started and give them enthusiasm to finish. Do you want to publish a family story but aren't sure where to start? Learn how you can craft work readers can't resist. We will discuss the essentials of writing and publishing for both periodicals and book-length projects. You will leave with ideas, outlines, and techniques to keep you going until you finish. Come prepared to write!

### THURSDAY LUNCHEON



Thursday's luncheon is sponsored by Family Tree Magazine and features Sarah Dixwell Brown as she describes her journey to tell the story of her 7th great grandfather. John Dixwell was born in the north of England, but he spent the last decades of his life in New Haven, Connecticut, living under an assumed name, for he was a fugitive from justice as one of the signers of Charles the First's death warrant, in 1649. He was indeed "Here, There and Everywhere," as a reluctant immigrant to New England (T-120)

Sarah Dixwell Brown has degrees in English literature from Harvard University and Stanford University. She taught writing at Stanford University, Santa Clara University, Mount Holyoke College and the Commonwealth Honors College at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. She has published numerous personal essays in national and local publications. She received the First Prize in the Genealogy/Family History

Category in the Connecticut Society of Genealogists' 2023 Literary Awards Contest for her book *Regicide in the Family: Finding John Dixwell*.

Purchase of the luncheon required in order to attend. Meal choice is Pan-Seared Chicken Breast or Spinach Florentine Ravioli. Both come with rice pilaf, vegetable medley, orchard salad, rolls & butter, and coffee & assorted teas with Strawberry Trifle for dessert.

### SOCIETY FAIR, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Following the afternoon presentations, attend the Society Fair in the Pemigewasset Room. Genealogical, Historical, and Family Societies from all over New England will provide information about their organizations. The Society Fair will be open to the public at no cost. If your organization is interested in participating, see page 6.

## EXPAND YOUR FRENCH-CANADIAN FAMILY RESEARCH AT THE ACGS LIBRARY!



We're excited to announce expanded library hours to better serve our patrons:

- **Wednesday, October 29th** (during the bus tour): Open **10 AM – 2 PM**
- **Thursday, October 30th** (special hours for NERGC attendees): Open **6:30 – 8:30 PM**
- **Saturday, November 1st**: Open **10 AM – 2 PM**

Whether you're just beginning your genealogy journey or diving into decades of research, our resources and experienced staff are here to guide you every step of the way.

Located 1.5 miles from the conference at 1 Sundial Ave, Suite 317, Manchester, NH.

We look forward to seeing you in October!

### FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Attendees to the conference of Irish descent, and even those that aren't, might be interested in checking out the two Irish pubs in Manchester. Both offer typical pub food and drink as well as music most weeknights and always on the weekends.

The Wild Rover  
12 Kosciuszko Street  
open 4pm to 1 am Thursday-Tuesday  
noon to 1am Saturday and Sunday

The Shaskeen Pub  
909 Elm Street  
open for lunch and dinner  
Sunday brunch 11:30-2

Information about the days and times and the musicians will be available at the Hospitality Booth.



### 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.

If you would like to host a Special Interest Group, please contact Dwight Fitch, [dw\\_fitch1@comcast.net](mailto:dw_fitch1@comcast.net).



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.nergc.org), but desired format and text must be sent to [ads@nergc.org](mailto: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/](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](mailto:ads@nergc.org).

All Lines of Remembrance and Gratitude must be purchased and submitted by September 1, 2025.

## 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](mailto:2025-trichairs@nergc.org).

## LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES, MUSEUMS, AND SOCIETIES 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. Organizations that have already signed up are:

National Society of Sons and Daughters of Pilgrims (Saturday)  
National Society Sons and Daughters of Antebellum Planters 1607-1861 (Saturday)

St. Anselm Library Special Collections (Friday)

Windsor Historical Society (Friday) [www.windsorhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.windsorhistoricalsociety.org)



We would love to add your organization, too! Please email us at [lamshowcase@nergc.org](mailto: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 a table, two chairs, signage, and great company. Contact us at [societyfair@nergc.org](mailto:societyfair@nergc.org).



### **Society Fair Participants as of April 2, 2025:**

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society-N. E. Chapter [www.aahgs.org](http://www.aahgs.org)

Clan McBean of North America

Essex Society of Genealogists [esog.org](http://esog.org)

Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston

Kimball Family Association

New Hampshire Society of Mayflower Descendants [www.nhmayflower.org](http://www.nhmayflower.org)

New Hampshire Sons of the American Revolution

Pilgrim Family Societies [PilgrimFamilySocieties.org](http://PilgrimFamilySocieties.org)

Society of Middletown First Settlers Descendants [www.middletown1650.org](http://www.middletown1650.org)

Swedish Ancestry Research Association no website

Thomas Stanton Society

Towne Family Association

## 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.

## ANCESTORS RESEARCH CONSULTATION

Are you seeking expert guidance for your family history research? We're offering exclusive 20-minute consultations with professional genealogists who can help reinvigorate your research journey. Whether you're just beginning and need direction, struggling to decipher historical documents, or facing a challenging research roadblock, our experts can provide fresh perspectives and strategic advice. These valuable one-on-one sessions are available to registered conference attendees, with a limit of one consultation per person. Keep an eye on [www.NERGC.org](http://www.NERGC.org) for forthcoming details about specialist expertise areas and consultation hours. Appointment scheduling will be available online prior to the conference; instructions will be sent to registered attendees.



## DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE EXHIBIT HALL

**Is your organization interested in purchasing a booth within 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 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 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](http://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](mailto: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.

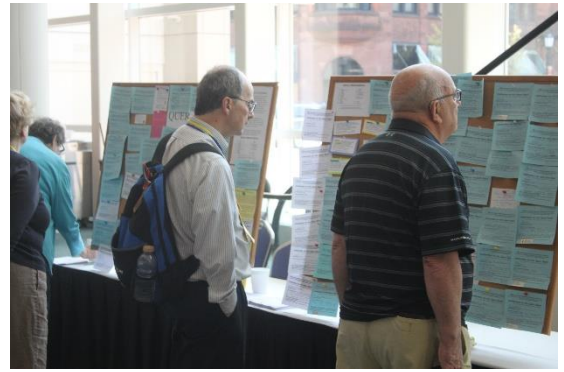
Pricing begins at **\$10** for 4 lines of text. Each additional line of text is **\$1**.

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](http://www.nergc.org), with the text emailed to [ads@nergc.org](mailto:ads@nergc.org)



## PLEASE IDENTIFY YOUR ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS BY JULY 1



As you await the arrival of our conference brochure and for registration to begin, think NOW about the needs your Accessibility and Access Team might address. We encourage you to email Pam Roberts, Access and ADA Chairperson (mail to [Accessibility-2025@NERGC.org](mailto:Accessibility-2025@NERGC.org)) to share any access concerns you may have. Include your name, a phone contact and your ability to accept text or not, the town and state in which you reside, and travel or hotel questions you have about your comfort and ability to participate as fully as you are able during the conference days that you plan to attend.

- We are glad to respond with ways we might assist you with any mobility, hearing, visual, or dietary accommodations or modifications we may be able to arrange in preparation for your time spent in Manchester.
- Due to our need to arrange contracts for equipment, work with presenters for accessible handouts and resources, assure seating options that meet your needs, and provide for assigned individual accompanying as needed, **we highly recommend your registration prior to JULY 1, 2025, the Accessibility Assistance Deadline for our best ability to assist you.**
- Although the conference Early Bird deadline is September 14 and Online Registration closes October 17, we cannot guarantee the ability to meet your accessibility needs after July 1, especially for individual personal rental of equipment such as scooters or live or remote software or special dedicated Wi-Fi.
- While we will have the availability to provide a few wheelchairs for use, we may also have access to rental of standard or travel chairs should you not have the ability to transport your own equipment. However, prior notice to meet those needs will be required, and training for you or the person who is planning to escort you will be provided before any loaned equipment can be signed out.
- *We will honor any fragrance, peanut, or other allergic situations as needed if we are aware of your need and will notify all registrants if restricting access to spaces to protect your health is needed.*

The Accessibility Team will provide an attended space in the registration area and an onsite phone contact if YOU have a need while onsite. Stay in touch, now and during the conference, so you may enjoy the activities of the conference. We Welcome ALL to participate and hope to assist you now in your preparation and onsite as you participate as we are able.

Pam Roberts, Access and ADA Chairperson, [Accessibility-2025@NERGC.org](mailto:Accessibility-2025@NERGC.org)



### **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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