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Portland, Maine

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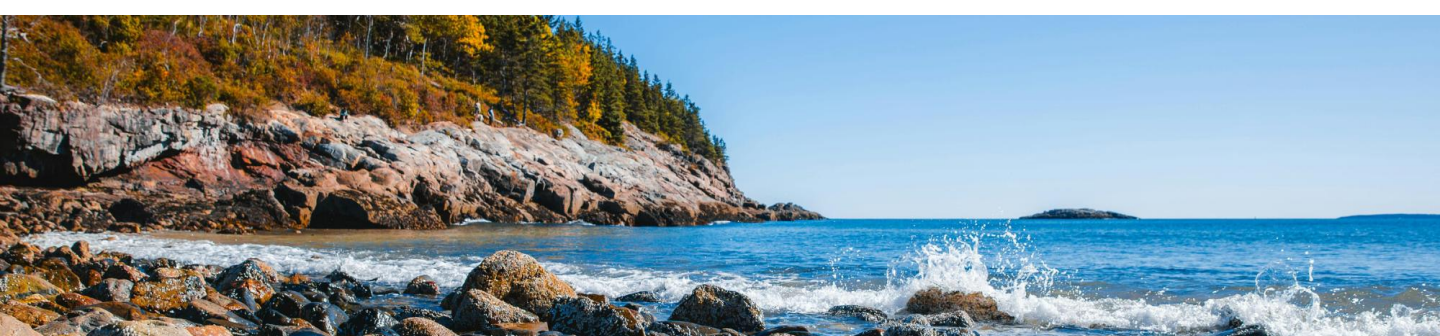
As we move deeper into July and into the warm, full rhythm of summer, the momentum behind NERGC 2027 continues to build. Each week brings new conversations, new progress, and new reasons to look forward to gathering next April in Portland, Maine. Our nineteenth conference is taking shape with purpose and enthusiasm, and the energy behind the scenes remains unmistakable.

This month, we're excited to highlight our Special Wednesday Events, a set of experiences designed to help you explore Portland's history, culture, and community before the conference officially begins. From the Portland Hidden Histories Walking Tour to a private visit at the Wadsworth–Longfellow House, and an open house at the Maine Irish Heritage Center, these offerings provide meaningful ways to connect with the city and enrich your time in Maine.

We're also shining a spotlight on Queries, one of NERGC's most beloved traditions. Whether you choose to submit your query for inclusion in the conference syllabus or post it on the Bulletin Board during the event, queries offer a wonderful opportunity to make connections, discover new cousins, and share your research with fellow attendees. Full details and formatting guidelines are included in this issue to help you prepare your submissions.

You'll find familiar updates as well, including hotel reservation information, sponsorship opportunities, and exhibit hall news, all continuing to support your planning for next spring. With each E Zine, we move one step closer to an inspiring, collaborative, and memorable conference.

Thank you for joining us on this journey toward NERGC 2027. Enjoy this issue and stay tuned, there is much more ahead.



SPECIAL EVENTS WEDNESDAY APRIL 14, 2027

Portland Hidden Histories Walking Tour

10 am to noon approximately 1.5 miles

\$45 per person Maximum of 20



Both a fantastic historical overview of Portland, and an exploration into previously hidden stories, award-winning tour guide Dugan Murphy will delve into intriguing — and too often untold — stories of people from all backgrounds and identities. Get ready for an inclusive, empowering, and surprising constellation of tales shared by a trusted public historian on a walk-through downtown, the Old Port, and working waterfront.

Tour of the Wadsworth-Longfellow House

1:30 pm one-hour private tour

Maine Historical Society

489 Congress Street Portland

\$10 per person Maximum 12 people



Within its walls lived four generations of one remarkable family that made significant contributions to the political, literary, and cultural life of New England and the United States. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882), grew up in the house and went on to become one of the most famous men of his time. Virtually all of the household items and artifacts are original to the Wadsworth and Longfellow families.

Open House at the Maine Irish Heritage Center

34 Gray Street Portland

From 10 am – 2 pm

About a 10-minute walk from the conference hotel



Explore their historic building on a guided tour, browse their genealogy resources and library, and take a peek at their digital research station. Meet with their team of experienced genealogists to ask questions about the work they do here at the Center and learn how to schedule a future research appointment to continue your journey. Free Entry!

This is not a NERGC organized event, arrange your trip to the open house that best fits your schedule.

Holiday Inn By The Bay, Portland, ME - April 14-17, 2027



Hotel Reservations Are Now Open

[Click Here to Reserve Online](#)

NERGC is excited to be back in Portland, ME, after 22 years! NERGC 2027 will be at the Holiday Inn By The Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME.

NERGC 2027 has arranged for a block of rooms, spanning Tuesday, April 13 through Sunday, April 18, the conference rate is available for three days before and after the conference as well. Rooms include complimentary wireless internet.

We have a selection of different size rooms depending on your needs with the designated costs below.

- 2 Queen = \$159/night
- Standard King = \$159/night
- Executive King = \$184/night
- Presidential Suite (2 BR) = \$395/night

The above pricing is before taxes, currently Maine State Lodging Tax is 9%, and Local Assessment is currently at 1.5%.

Hotel Check-In is 3 p.m. Hotel Check-Out is 11 a.m. Room availability cannot be guaranteed for early check-in, but they do have luggage storage available.

Discounted Parking for Hotel Guests will be \$15 per vehicle per night, this will be added to your hotel bill, you will have unlimited in and out privileges. Day Guests who park in the external garage next to the hotel will be \$10 (CASH ONLY, no Credit Card) per vehicle, per day with one in and out.

The hotel reservation deadline is March 13, 2027. We will explore options at other hotels as our block of rooms fills up.

If you have any questions, email us at 2027-trichairs@nergc.org.

Please visit our [hotel webpage](#) for full details.

QUERIES FOR 2027

Queries are a beloved NERGC tradition, rooted in the joy of connecting with others and discovering new cousins. There are two ways to have your queries featured. The first is to submit them for inclusion in the Syllabus — just \$10 for up to 4 lines of text. Visit [NERGC.org](https://nergc.org) to get started, the deadline for submissions to be included in the Syllabus is January 1, 2027.

The second option is to post your query on the Bulletin Board during the conference, where fellow attendees can browse and take notice. With your permission, all queries will also be posted on the NERGC website following the conference.

The preferred format uses standard abbreviations and the date written as 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!

SAMPLE QUERY: JONES, Mehetable, b. Hartford CT abt 1790, m. Middletown, CT 23 Mar 1823 to BUSHNELL, John b. Hartford OR Wethersfield, CT c 1785 Need bdt, par of John. Submitted by Janet Johnson <email>.

If you would like to pay by check, click this link to download and print the query submission order form. Payment and mailing instructions are included on the form. [query form](#).

If you have any questions, please email Queries@nergc.org

ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS

NERGC 2027 Hotel Reservations Are Open!

NERGC 2027 will be held at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, Maine — and if you'd like to stay right where the action is, don't wait too long to book your room! A limited number of Mobility and Communication Accessibility rooms have been added to our block, so we encourage those who need them to reserve early.

All reservations should be made through the Hotel Reservation Portal at nergc.org/hotel-2027.

Need help with your reservation? Reach out to the Tri-Chairs at 2027-Trichairs@nergc.org and someone will get back to you.

For questions about Mobility, Hearing, or Visual Accessibility at the conference, please contact accessibility@nergc.org.

Sponsorship OPPORTUNITIES

Support the work of the **New England Regional Genealogical Consortium** and gain visibility with researchers, societies, libraries, and decision-makers across the region. Our 2027 sponsorship levels offer meaningful benefits designed to highlight your organization before, during, and after the conference.

Sponsorship Levels

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- Sponsor to receive a Full-Page Ad in the conference syllabus.
- Complimentary Full Conference Registration for a single person.
- Sponsor entitled to a Complimentary Exhibit Hall booth (8×10).
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\$100.00 Clams

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FROM THE EXHIBIT HALL COMMITTEE

Welcome to the 2027 NERGC Exhibit Hall!

The Exhibit Hall, to be located in the Casco Bay Exhibit Hall at the Holiday Inn Portland-By the Bay, in Portland, Maine, will hold up to 72, 8" x 10" exhibitor booths. All booths will include electricity.

If you have exhibited with NERGC at a prior conference, we have your email address, and you will be receiving an invitation from us. But, if your email has changed, please let us know!

Are you receiving our ezines for the first time and would be interested in learning more about participating in the Exhibit Hall? If so, please email us at exhibithall@nergc.org to learn more. The Exhibitor Application, Exhibitor Agreement and the Terms and Conditions will be posted on the website soon.

Please be sure to check future e-zines, as well as the NERGC website, www.nergc.org, to learn which vendors will be participating in our Exhibit Hall.



OUR 2027 CONFERENCE THEME

The 2027 Conference theme, “*Genealogy in the Age of AI: Innovation Meets Responsibility*,” reflects the changes happening in our field. AI will be part of the conversation, but it’s only one piece of the program. NERGC will continue to offer the wide range of topics our community relies on — from local history and research planning to lineage societies, military records, and more.

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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