

13th New England Regional Genealogical Conference



Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future

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NAVIGATING THE PAST: SAILING INTO THE FUTURE

The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium, Inc. (NERGC) invites you to join us at our thirteenth genealogical conference – Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future – in Providence, Rhode Island. NERGC 2015 will help attendees “explore”:

New research pathways, methodologies, and strategies, including technology and online resources;

Ethnic genealogy of all types;

Maritime and military topics including privateers, pirates, and other seafaring folk;

New approaches for navigating and utilizing record sources (such as civil, religious, cemetery, military, and newspapers);

Photography and family heirlooms;

New England’s repositories (archives, libraries, historical societies);

Successful research planning and project implementation;

General genealogical skills and techniques;

Ways to engage youth in genealogy.

NERGC 2015 will help bring together genealogists and family historians from a variety of backgrounds. Whether you are just beginning the search for your family, are already an advanced researcher, or perhaps even a professional genealogist, the conference will provide you with an ideal opportunity to advance your knowledge and research skills. In addition to the wealth of knowledge shared by expert genealogists, there will be opportunities to explore the exhibit hall and to “navigate the past” and make new connections at the Society Fair, Special

Interest Groups, and Ancestors Road Show – and plenty of opportunities to meet hundreds of other attendees at the Conference who share your love for genealogy. Watch our Facebook page, E-zine, Blog, and website (www.NERGC.org) for developing information.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES

NERGC 2015 is being held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, www.riconvention.com, One Sabin Street, Providence, RI, 02903. There are dozens of restaurants nearby, including Capital Grille, Luxe Burger, RI-RA, ARDEO’s, Water Place and the Cheese Cake Factory and many entertainment spots.

We are offering a choice of two collaborating conference hotels:

The Providence Biltmore, www.providencebiltmore.com

Address: 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903

Amenities: Complimentary Internet in guest rooms, full-service business center, full service spa; fully equipped fitness center.

Reservations: 401-421-0700; ask for “reservations”. Mention “NERGC 2015 Conference” to get the group rate.

Rate: \$156 per night.

Check-in: 3:00 p.m.

Check-out: 11:00 a.m.

Parking: \$26.00 per night, per car. \$15 per car for non-registered guests to attend an event.

The Providence Courtyard by Marriott,

www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/pvddt-courtyard-providence-downtown/

Address: 32 Exchange Terrace, Providence, RI 02903

Amenities: Free wireless high-speed Internet; indoor swimming pool; oversize Jacuzzi.

Reservations: 888-887-7955. Mention “New England Regional Genealogical Conference” to get the group rate.

Rate: \$149.00 per night.

Check-in: 3:00 p.m.

Check-out: 12:00 noon

Parking: \$26.00 per night or \$10 per vehicle until 5:00 daily; after 5:00 p.m., additional fees apply.

SOCIETY FAIR

On Thursday, April 16 from 5:15 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. inside the Exhibit Hall genealogical, historical, and family societies from all over New England will provide information about their organizations. The Society Fair is open to the public at no cost.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The enthusiasm continues to grow for these informal mini-gatherings which will be held on Thursday, April 16, at 7:45 P.M. on a wide range of topics. These get-togethers provide a great opportunity to meet conference participants and speakers with similar interests. Check the conference Blog, www.nergc.blogspot.com or www.NERGC.org for more information.

ANCESTORS ROAD SHOW

Does your research need a jump start? Are you just beginning and don’t know where to start? Do you need help reading and analyzing an old document? Have you hit that proverbial brick wall? Having someone with experience and expertise analyze your work might provide you with a new perspective to help you continue your research. This is your chance to consult with a professional genealogist. Twenty-minute Road Show consultations are free for conference attendees and will run on Friday and Saturday. Appointments can be made by e-mail starting March 2015, or in person during the conference subject to availability. Information on consultants and scheduling will be posted on www.NERGC.org.

EXHIBIT HALL

From booksellers to local genealogical societies, they will all be in the Exhibit Hall, eager to talk to you and help in any way they can. The Grand Opening of the Exhibit Hall will be Thursday 16 April at 5:15 P.M. NERGC offers unopposed exhibitors hours during each day of the

conference so attendees will not have to choose between attending lectures and visiting the vendors. The Exhibit Hall will be open Friday, April 19 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Saturday from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There will also be door prize drawings in the Exhibit Hall. Each conference attendee will receive tickets in their registration packets that they can deposit at the vendors' booths. The Exhibit Hall will be open to the general public.

CONFERENCE BLOG

Keep up-to-date with breaking news about the many special events and conference activities that are planned. Find out more information about the lectures, speakers, exhibitors, hotel, research facilities, and the City of Providence. Check out the blog to get the most out of the conference: www.nergc.blogspot.com.

JOIN US ON FACEBOOK

Thinking about attending NERGC? Join the pre-conference excitement on Facebook - www.facebook.com/NERGC. Get to know other attendees, check out the photos from past conferences and write on the NERGC 'wall'. Don't miss out on the excitement.

CONFERENCE E-ZINE

The conference E-zine, a digital newsletter, which provides information and updates about the Thirteenth New England Regional Conference will be sent periodically to all those on our E-zine email list. If you would like to receive the E-zine, please provide your e-mail address on the registration form. Back issues of the E-zine are posted on the NERGC webpage at www.NERGC.org/E-zine.html.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are an important part of NERGC, and we welcome additional help. You don't even have to be an attendee to volunteer! If you -- or a spouse or friend -- can give us one or more hours of your time volunteering at the conference, please contact Mary Choppa at mchoppa@myfairpoint.net.

WE VALUE THE INPUT OF OUR PARTICIPANTS

We solicit input from each conference participant. Once compiled and distributed, your input helps make each NERGC conference the best yet! Learn more about NERGC's participant-centered approach by subscribing to the E-zine.

ACCESSIBILITY ASSISTANCE

For information on accommodations for those challenged with special mobility, hearing or visual needs, contact Pamela Roberts, EdD, PT (drpamNERGC@charter.net) or call or text 860-428-2406. Pam will work with you to plan your trip, maximize your comfort in navigating the Providence area, and help find ways to support your full participation in the conference. For a quick look at general accessibility in Providence as you consider attending NERGC 2015, go to: www.goprovidence.com/planning-tools/accessibility/. Then contact Pam to take advantage of accommodations for a fun, enjoyable conference to best meet your needs.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

The Thirteenth New England Regional Conference is pleased to continue the popular Query Column, providing participants an opportunity to reach hundreds of people who may be researching the same names. The cost remains at \$5.00 per query or \$10.00 for three. (Maximum of 50 words per query.) You do not need to attend the conference to submit a Query. Type or print each query on a separate 8.5x11 sheet of paper. The preferred format uses standard abbreviations and the date written as 27 July 1927 (counted as one word). Show birth, death, marriage in that order, with event location shown before date and all known information stated before the question is asked. Editor reserves the right to edit for space and/or clarity, without changing thought.

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 Wethersifeld, CT c 1785 Need bdt, par of John. Janet Johnson; 50 Round Tree Road Mashpee, MA 02649 or JJ@aol.com

Entries must be postmarked by 15 January 2015. Please enclose a check payable to NERGC Queries and mail to: Query Column, 40 Round Hill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109-2510. For additional information e-mail Janet Wallace at snowdon40@aol.com or visit the NERGC website at www.NERGC.org.

EXPLORE PROVIDENCE TOUR

Explore Providence, the Renaissance City, on this five hour, customized tour led by Barbara Barnes, Tourism Services Director of the Rhode Island Historical Society. Learn about the founding and development of the city, its rich historical and cultural heritage, and its original proprietors and prominent families, while winding around the streets of the city for a ninety minute coach tour, with stops at the Roger Williams National Memorial and the First Baptist Church in America. Enjoy a mid-day stop for lunch on Providence's Federal Hill, Providence's "Little Italy," which was home to various immigrant groups from the late nineteenth century to the present, with time for browsing this lively scene of shops, restaurants, bakeries, and galleries. Finally, peruse the artistic treasures of the Rhode Island School of Design Museum of Art, a prominent art museum known for its collections across many cultures, time periods and media. The cost for the tour is \$49.00. Lunch is not included. Please note that this bus tour is accessible to those who can manage the bus steps. See "Accessibility Assistance" information elsewhere in this brochure for alternative accessible ways to see the city. You do not need to register for the full conference in order to take part in the tour. However, advance registration is required, and space is limited. The deadline for registration for the tour is 16 March 2015. In the event that it becomes necessary to cancel the tour, NERGC will refund the full cost to you.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



Lisa Louise Cooke

Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy and family history multi-media company. She is Producer and Host of the Genealogy Gems Podcast, the popular online genealogy audio show as well as the Family History: Genealogy Made Easy podcast, both available at www.GenealogyGems.com, in iTunes, and through the free Genealogy Gems Toolbar. Her podcasts bring genealogy news, research strategies, expert interviews and inspiration to genealogists in 75 countries around the world.



Judy G. Russell, PhD, CG, CGL

The Legal Genealogist Judy G. Russell is a genealogist with a law degree. She writes, teaches and lectures on a wide variety of genealogical topics, ranging from using court records in family history to understanding DNA testing. A Colorado native with roots deep in the American south on her mother's side and entirely in Germany on her father's side, she is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, the National Genealogical Society and numerous state and regional genealogical societies. She has written for the *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* and *National Genealogical Society Magazine*, among other publications. She is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Board for Certification of Genealogists, from which she holds credentials as a Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Lecturer.

**WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL
LIBRARIANS' AND TEACHERS' DAY**

NERGC's fifth Librarians' and Teachers' Day will be held on Wednesday, 15 April 2015 at the Providence Biltmore. The day will be devoted to showing attendees how genealogy can enhance curricula, attract new patrons, and highlight collections. Librarians' and Teachers' Day provides the opportunity for professionals to learn how genealogy can serve them in their dual roles as curators of their unique collections and as ambassadors of genealogy resources for their schools and libraries. All librarians and teachers who work with family history patrons or genealogy-related research materials will benefit from this special event. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes lunch compliments of ProQuest.

8:45 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Registration and Welcome

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Genealogical and Historical Use of Federal Government Publications: Publications Librarians and Teachers Can Use! - Connie Reik, MA, MS

A selected and brief overview of the wide variety of publications librarians and teachers can use in helping their patrons and students in their research. Who and what can you find in them?

10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

Bring Your Town's Historic Residents to Life: Cemetery Walk - Denise Picard Lindgren

During a cemetery walk costumed actors portray historical town residents whose lives and times might inspire current residents. Learn how to conduct your own from someone with several years' experience.

12:00 NOON - 1:25 P.M.

Lunch, Courtesy of ProQuest

ProQuest Information and Learning - William Forsyth

1:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Genealogy and the Core Curriculum State Standards-- Sailing into the Educational Future - Catherine A. Zahn

Using primary resources, maps, and tried and true methods from her own classroom, the presenter will demonstrate how to create fun activities that meet the demands of the CCS.

2:40 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

The Congregational Library of Boston: A Treasure Trove for Genealogists - Sari Mauro, MS, LIS

Learn how genealogists use the Library's extensive collection of church and other historical records for family history research. Collections include buried treasures from manuscript church records, to biographies, to town histories.

3:40 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

From Archives to Internet – Digitizing the World's Records - David Onimette, CG

Learn how FamilySearch, Ancestry, BrightSolid, and other organizations select, digitize, index, and publish records globally for online family history research.

WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL TECH DAY

NERGC's second Tech Day will be held on Wednesday, 15 April 2015 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. The 2015 event will offer two tracks - Research with Technology and Advanced Tools. Tech Day provides the opportunity for genealogists to review items that are focused on a technically oriented audience and might not otherwise be included in a general conference trying to reach a broad audience. The cost is \$50.00 per person for four seminars, a lunch presentation, and a luncheon sponsored by FindMyPast.com. Seats in each track are limited and registration is not complete until you select which track you will attend.

8:45 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.

Registration and Welcome

TRACK 1 - RESEARCH WITH TECHNOLOGY

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Snag-It for Genealogists - *Michael Brophy*

Snag-it 11 possesses a multitude of applications for capturing images and video. Create engaging images to enhance your family history presentation using easy to use tools.

10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

Capturing and Sharing in 140 Characters -

D. Joshua Taylor, MA, MLS

Uncover ways to harness the power of social media to share discoveries with new generations

12:00 NOON - 1:45 P.M.

Lunch, Courtesy of findmypast.com -

What's Coming to findmypast.com

D. Joshua Taylor

2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

The "Why" of Evernote & Zotero for Genealogy -

Denise Picard Lindgren

You've heard of Evernote and Zotero. Is the learning curve worth it? Come to this overview to see the range of capabilities that they can add to your research toolbox.

3:15 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.

How to Use Google Earth for Genealogy -

Lisa Louise Cooke

Learn how to unlock mysteries in your research - from unidentified photographs, to identifying and exploring ancestral locations. Google Earth is a must have genealogy tool!

TRACK 2 - ADVANCED TOOLS

9:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Is that Uncle Harry or Jesse James? Facial Recognition Tools for the Genealogist -

Maureen A. Taylor

Using actual photographic cases, this lecture explains how facial recognition works and the tools currently on the market.

10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

How to Turn your iPad or Tablet into a Genealogy Powerhouse -

Lisa Louise Cooke

iPads and tablets are built for hitting the genealogical road. Discover the top apps and best practices that will make your tablet a genealogical powerhouse!

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Storyboard Your Family History with Scrivener -

Lisa A. Alzo

Learn how Scrivener - a multifaceted word processor and project management tool - can help you plot, organize, and write your family history narrative.

3:15 P.M. - 4:15 P.M.

Making Your Old Home Movies New: Using iMovie to Repackage Your Family Video Highlights -

Tammy A Hepps

It's easier than you think to make magic out of your old family movies. Learn how to work with iMovie to make edited, polished presentations of the highlights.

8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	Track	12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.
<p>Genealogy 101 <i>with Marcia Melnyk</i></p> <p>This 2-hour workshop introduces beginners and others to genealogy terms and techniques.</p> <p>Workshop is limited to a maximum of 50 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$40.</p> <p><i>Beg. T-101</i></p>	<p>Technology</p>	<p>There's an App for That! <i>Donna Moughly</i> <i>Beg./Int. T-104</i> Navigate through the world (and your genealogy) using your smart phone or tablet.</p>
<p>9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.</p> <p>First Timers Session</p> <p>A session specifically designed for first-time conference attendees. Learn how to get the most out of the conference experience. Open to all.</p> <p><i>All T-102</i></p>		<p>Skillbuilding</p>
<p>Heirlooms</p> <p><i>Randy Whited</i> <i>Beg. T-106</i> This session is a roundup of tools, websites and techniques to document your heirlooms and create virtual copies to share or for future generations.</p>	<p>Heirlooms</p>	<p>Digitally Record and Share Your Heirlooms <i>Randy Whited</i> <i>Beg. T-106</i> This session is a roundup of tools, websites and techniques to document your heirlooms and create virtual copies to share or for future generations.</p>
<p>10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.</p> <p>Opening Session</p> <p>Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Christine Bard, Carol Bosworth, and Richard Roberts</i> <i>NERGC Conference Tri-Chairs</i></p> <p>William Blackstone <i>John McNiff</i></p> <p>The William Blackstone presentation is a lively 45 minute long first person talk from the first English settler in what is now Rhode Island. In full mid-17th century costume, McNiff brings an enigmatic character from the earliest years of New England settlement to life for the audience. Blackstone was witness to just about everything that went on in New England from the Pilgrims to just before King Phillip's War.</p> <p><i>All T-103</i></p>	<p>Maritime</p>	<p>Finding Information About Your Ancestors' Ships <i>Peter McCracken</i> <i>Int./Adv. T-107</i> Learn how to search for primary and secondary information about the ships your ancestors emigrated on, served on, or owned. Discover more about a given vessel, and perhaps even find a logbook or crew list.</p>
<p>Photographs</p> <p><i>Maureen Taylor</i> <i>Beg. T-108</i> Learn ten easy steps to help identify family photographs such as researching photographers, dating costume clues and comparing facial characteristics.</p>	<p>Photographs</p>	<p>Photo Detecting 101: Photo Identification Tips and Techniques <i>Maureen Taylor</i> <i>Beg. T-108</i> Learn ten easy steps to help identify family photographs such as researching photographers, dating costume clues and comparing facial characteristics.</p>
<p>New England Repositories</p> <p><i>Andrew Boisvert</i> <i>All T-109</i> This lecture tours the genealogical resources at the Old Colony Historical Society in Taunton, MA. The Society has been collecting genealogical material since 1853. Records date from 1639.</p>	<p>New England Repositories</p>	<p>Genealogical Resources at Old Colony Historical Society in Taunton, MA <i>Andrew Boisvert</i> <i>All T-109</i> This lecture tours the genealogical resources at the Old Colony Historical Society in Taunton, MA. The Society has been collecting genealogical material since 1853. Records date from 1639.</p>
<p>They Went West</p> <p><i>Jane E. Wilcox</i> <i>Beg. T-110</i> The Hudson (North) River valley was ethnically and religiously diverse long before the nineteenth century immigrant influx. Learn who was there in the beginning.</p>	<p>They Went West</p>	<p>Up the North River: An Overview of Pre-1800 Hudson Valley Ethnic Groups and Religions <i>Jane E. Wilcox</i> <i>Beg. T-110</i> The Hudson (North) River valley was ethnically and religiously diverse long before the nineteenth century immigrant influx. Learn who was there in the beginning.</p>

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Jewish Genealogical Society of Greater Boston	<p>Find Relatives in One Click with MyHeritage SuperSearch Engine <i>Lisa Louise Cooke</i> All T-111 Learn how this search engine works and how it can benefit your research, covering billions of records and important databases in a single search, finding the resources you need.</p>	<p>How to Use Evernote for Genealogy <i>Lisa Louise Cooke</i> Beg./Int. T-118 Evernote is a genealogists dream, putting all your notes (text, audio, images, etc.) at your fingertips with superfast note retrieval, web clipping, OCR search, and cloud synchronization.</p>	<p>Military Research <i>with Craig Scott, CG, FUGA</i></p> <p>This 2-hour workshop introduces genealogists to an overview of military research techniques.</p> <p>Workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$40.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T-125</p>		
	<p>Sailing Beyond Names, Dates, and Places in Family History Research: Using Newspapers to Provide the Rest of the Story <i>Michael Hall</i> Int./Adv T-112 This presentation will focus on newspapers and how they can be used to provide clues to resources that can assist in proving the identity of your ancestor.</p>	<p>Sprinkling Weather into Your Family History <i>Randy Whited</i> Int. T-119 Historical daily weather records from observers stationed across the United States and territories, some from as early as the mid-19th century, exist and are available online. Learn how this data can add unique details to life events.</p>			
Connecticut Society of Genealogists	<p>Genealogy in 3D: Bridging the Gap Between Past and Present Using Objects <i>Carol Whitmer</i> Beg. T-113 Take your genealogy research into the next dimension. Explore how finding and interpreting three-dimensional objects can complement traditional methods of genealogical research by adding depth and context to the past.</p>	<p>Grandma's Treasure Chest: Investigating and Evaluating Family Artifacts <i>Pam Stone Eagleson, CG</i> All T-120 'Attic Archeology' is an integral part of genealogical research. It is a way of 'Navigating the Past.' This lecture examines ways to research, evaluate and document family treasures such as jewelry, photos, bibles, letters, textiles, silverware, and musical instruments.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Society Fair & Social Hour</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cash Bar</p> <p>Societies from all over New England will be in attendance, offering information about their specialties. Meet and Greet!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T-126</p>		
	<p>Risking it All: Life Saving Service <i>Michael Strauss, AG</i> Int. T-114 Discover your ancestors who served in the United States Light House Service, whose history stretches back more than two centuries. A branch deeply rooted with tradition and seafaring will come alive.</p>	<p>Examining Records for Pirates in New England in the 17th and 18th Century <i>David Lambert</i> All T-121 Have you suspected your ancestor was a pirate, or had his vessel attacked on the high seas? Learn about various records in print and in manuscript form to find out if the Skull and Crossbones flew above or against your ancestor.</p>			
Godfrey Memorial Library	<p>Eight Steps to Preserving Family Photographs <i>Maureen A. Taylor</i> Beg. T-115 Preserving your family photographs is easy when you understand the terminology and how to purchase supplies. Learn techniques to label, save and share your pictures.</p>	<p>Facts, Photos and Fair Use <i>Judy Russell, JD, CG, CGL</i> All T-122 Understanding what is and isn't copyrighted and what genealogists can and can't use is the key to staying out of trouble and to protecting our own work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Opening of Exhibit Hall</p> <p>Exhibitors from across the U.S. and Canada will offer genealogical products and services. Be there when the ribbon is cut for the best selection.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T-127</p>		
	<p>Unique and Out of Print Resources at Godfrey Memorial Library <i>Beth Mariotti</i> All T-116 This presentation highlights unique and out of print resources available onsite and online at the Godfrey Memorial Library.</p>	<p>Researching Your Maritime Ancestors <i>Cippery Good/Kevin Johnson</i> All T-123 Learn about one New England maritime museum's collection of photographs, objects, archives and books and how you can use their online and in-house databases to find your maritime ancestors.</p>			
Tenney Foundation, Inc	<p>Finding Berrys in New York Probate and Property Records <i>Harold Henderson, CG</i> Int./Adv. T-117 Step by Step - how I combined two record types to find dozens of descendants of Revolutionary War soldier and POW William Berry of Rhode Island and New York.</p>	<p>Western Migration <i>D. Joshua Taylor</i> All T-124 Through New York, Pennsylvania, and beyond - uncover the trails most taken and the records left behind by our ancestors as they left New England for the West.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Special Interest Groups</p> <p>Special interest groups will hold gatherings on a wide range of topics. Check www.NERGC.org for a list of the groups.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">T-128</p>		

Track	8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	8:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.
Colonial New England	Finding Colonial Records <i>Barbara Mathews, CG Beg./Int. F-202</i> The genealogical resources available for colonial research are a rich lode of information. We will use maps, newspapers, vital records, church records, manuscripts, and many other documents. We will find amazing things in this overview of colonial records for genealogy.	Late Loyalists of New England <i>Frederick Channell Int. F-209</i> Abraham Channell, a Late Loyalist, served in the British Navy and then switched sides to an American Privateer after being captured. His life at sea is brought to life through primary and secondary genealogical records.	<h2>Mechanics of Writing</h2> <p><i>with Michael Leclerc</i></p> <p>Get hands-on experience turning your research into a family history. Participants analyze published compilations and discover how to use Word to create their own.</p> <p>Workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$40.</p> <p>F-201</p>
	A Major New Research Resource: The Astonishing Records of the U.S. Sanitary Commission <i>Teresa Koch-Bostic All F-203</i> The new USSC unpublished collection may be the largest, most important Civil War genealogical collection in a generation. Records describe the harsh reality experienced by soldiers during and after the War.	Roosevelt's Tree Army, Civilian Conservation Corps <i>Michael Strauss, AG Int. F-210</i> Tens of thousands of men came together to serve in the vanguard of FDR's New Deal. The CCC offers genealogical resources seldom utilized by genealogists.	
Records	Creating Maine Towns: How the Wilderness was Tamed <i>Carol McCoy, PhD Beg./Int. F-204</i> The District of Maine had a wild history marked by warfare, destruction and abandonment of settlements, land disputes, and a harsh environment. Find out about town records, how they help in research, and where to find them.	Ichabod Northup: Slave and Soldier of the Revolution <i>Bruce MacGunnigle Beg./Int. F-211</i> Ichabod Northup: his rise from a slave to an American Revolutionary War soldier, a Prisoner of War, a family man and a homeowner.	<p>11:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON</p> <h2>Unopposed Exhibitor Time</h2>
	Obscure and Neglected Sources: New Paths to Success <i>Diane Gravel, CG All F-205</i> Resurrect your "dead ends" with obscure, underutilized sources! Expand the search to include extended family, associates, and neighbors: the FAN Club. Learn to track down their diaries and personal papers.	Using the Census, From Basic to Beyond <i>Helen Sham, CG Beg. F-212</i> The federal censuses contain numerous bits of information and clues to further resources which many researchers overlook in their hurry to record names and compile family groups. Census records should be mined for all the data they contain.	<p>12:00 NOON - 1:30 P.M.</p> <h2>Luncheon</h2> <p>Sponsored by:</p> <p>New England Chapter of the Association for Professional Genealogists</p> <p>This luncheon hosted by the NEAPG provides attendees the opportunity to converse with others about a focused genealogical topic during lunch. Each table and topic will be moderated by a NEAPG member. Topics and table numbers will be available on the NERGC website prior to the conference, and also on-site at the conference. Seating at each table is first come first served.</p> <p>Choice of: Cobb Salad with chicken - \$34.00 Roast Beef Deluxe on baguette w/ mixed greens - \$26.00 Turkey Deluxe on baguette w/ mixed greens - \$26.00 Vegetarian - Cobb Salad without chicken - \$34.00</p> <p>F-216</p>
Researching New England			
Skillbuilding	Beyond Scotch Tape: Charts to Fascinate Your Family <i>Janet Hovorka All F-206</i> If your family isn't interested, you're not showing it off right. The visual presentation of a family's history is the most powerful communication tool for the genealogist.	DIY Publishing for the Family Historian <i>Lisa Alzo All F-213</i> You've done the genealogy research, written the content—now what? Learn the tips, tricks, and tools you need to successfully self-publish.	
	Navigating the Best Online Sources for Irish Research <i>Donna Moughy Beg./Int. F-207</i> Navigate around the obstacles of Irish research with new online resources.	Navigating New England Waters via Native American Thoroughfares <i>Cheryll Toney Holley All F-214</i> New England waters were the equivalent of today's modern highways. Discover how the waters connected Native Peoples and how those connections still exist via today's tribal members.	
Telling Family Stories			
Ethnic Genealogy	New England Women Lighthouse Keepers <i>Sandra Clunies, CG All F-208</i> Add history and research strategies about some New England female lighthouse keepers and their families — ordinary public servants leading extraordinary lives filled with hard work, political intrigue, and danger.	Don't Forget the Ladies: a Genealogists Guide to Women and the Law <i>Judy G. Russell, JD, CG Int. F-215</i> The common law relegated women to "protected" — second-class — status and understanding how they were treated under the law provides clues to finding their identities today.	
Researching Women			

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<p>Western Frontier Settlements of Mass Bay Colony - 1650/1710 <i>Dwight Fitch Beg./Int. F-217</i> A historical overview of the Massachusetts Connecticut River Valley's early settlements, with brief review of conflicts and effects it had upon families that developed the region.</p>	<p>Westmoreland - Connecticut's Lost County <i>Edwin Strickland All F-224</i> We will trace the history of the short lived (1776- 1782) Connecticut county of Westmoreland which was located in the Wyoming Valley of Pennsylvania.</p>	<p>King Philip's Indian War in New England <i>Michael Tougas All F-231</i> A view of the war between the colonists and Native Americans in 1675-1676.</p>	<p>Document Analysis <i>with Barbara Mathews</i></p> <p>Learn the terminology used to evaluate genealogical records. Analyze specific cases, from straightforward evidence to complex, indirect, and conflicting evidence.</p> <p>Workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is \$40.</p> <p>F-238</p>
<p>Using Canon Law to Understand Catholic Parish Registers <i>George Findlen Adv F-218</i> This talk uses a heretofore unused resource-the 1917 Code of Canon Law Description to explain odd entries in Catholic parish registers. Four examples illustrate the value of this resource for understanding unusual entries.</p>	<p>Navigate the Federal Publications Where Your Seafaring Ancestors Appear <i>Connie Reik Int./Adv. F-225</i> Expand your research for your ancestors and add to their history with underutilized publications that list sailors and officers and give these federal agencies' histories in war and peace.</p>	<p>Playing Hide-and-Seek with Ancestors in City Directories <i>Laura Prescott All F-232</i> Explore the history and growth of city directories, their value to genealogists researching urban and suburban families, and tips for using them to trace family migrations, addresses, careers, and events.</p>	
<p>Newest Sources for Vermont Research: Online, In Print, and Original Records <i>Andrew Bartley Beg./Int. F-219</i> Learn about the newest online resources and their issues, the latest published material, and understand how the recently restructured State Archives will benefit genealogists.</p>	<p>Diving into RI Genealogy <i>Cherry Fletcher Bamberg Beg./Int. F-226</i> Worried when your colonial ancestor steps across the border into Rhode Island? Come learn the basics of how to follow him or her into the wilds of the Ocean State.</p>	<p>Telling it Like it Was: The Underground Railroad in VT <i>Jane Williamson All F-233</i> This talk presents the evolution of a single site – Rokeby Museum – to explore how easily the mythological Underground Railroad can displace historical events in our understanding of the past.</p>	
<p>Timelines: Placing your Heritage in Historical Perspective <i>Laura Prescott Int. F-220</i> Create chronological outlines of your ancestors' lives to solve problems and place them in historical perspective.</p>	<p>Wonders in the Worker Files <i>Susan Steele Beg./Int. F-227</i> An ancestor's place of occupation can reveal much more than work skills. Industry specific sources can also give us information on birthplace, kinship, and social and religious group membership.</p>	<p>Overcoming Spelling Problems and Unlocking the Power of Names <i>David Oumette, CG All F-234</i> Names are the most powerful means of identifying ancestors. This presentation shows how to overcome spelling problems and discover the hidden potential of family names.</p>	<p>600 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Social Hour</p> <p>Cash Bar</p> <p>F-239</p>
<p>Why We Don't Write - and How We Can <i>Harold Henderson, CG All F-221</i> Genealogists need to write in order to prove our families, preserve our work, and propagate our information. Great writers may be born, but we can all learn to write well.</p>	<p>Make Those Skeletons Dance: Exploring Your Family's Dark Side <i>Lisa Alzo Beg./Int. F-228</i> Learn how to research and write about the criminals, rogues, scoundrels, and other blacksheep ancestors lurking in your family tree!</p>	<p>Sharing Your History with Multimedia <i>Michael Ledere All F-235</i> The technology age has made it easier than ever to share your research. Explore different methods of sharing your own research with others.</p>	<p>7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.</p> <p>Banquet</p> <p>Sponsored by:</p> <p>Maine Genealogical Society</p>
<p>The Changing World of Italian Genealogy <i>Marcia Melnyk Int. F-222</i> Italian genealogical research over the last 20 years has changed remarkably. Understanding the new methods available can jump-start your research in remarkable ways.</p>	<p>Shomrim in the City: Inspector Morris Wolf and Lieut. Benjamin Alexander, the Pride of Boston <i>Margaret Sullivan Int. F-229</i> From the Lizzie Borden case to the Pickwick Club disaster, the careers and sacrifice of Boston's first Jewish police officers have been used to document family history for their descendants.</p>	<p>Sailing From the Azores to Fall River: The Documentation of One Family's Journey <i>Michael Hall Beg./Int. F-236</i> This presentation will focus on how one emigrant Portuguese family from the Azores navigated through the various legal, cultural, and family obstacles to sail into a brighter future.</p>	<p>Family History in Popular Culture with D. Joshua Taylor</p> <p>Explore the world of family history as seen through music, television, and movies over the past 60 years.</p> <p>Choice of: Half Roasted Chicken w/Sea Salt & Pepper Rub - \$47.00 Braised Short Ribs w/Red Wine Reduction - \$53.00 Vegetarian - Stuffed Zucchini w/ Vegetable & Quinoa - \$49.00.</p> <p>F-240</p>
<p>Women in the World of Piracy: Victims, Enablers, or Partners? <i>Diane Gravel, CG All F-223</i> Explore the role of women in the culture of piracy. Many suffered physical abuse, but others were parties to the resulting economic subculture. Two women actually became pirates!</p>	<p>Finding Elusive Ancestors: Who were the Parents of Mary Drummond <i>Carol McCoy, PhD Int./Adv. F-230</i> Learn how to overcome false assumptions, use vital records, probate, poor house records, newspapers, cemetery records, and online resources to discover an ancestor's parentage.</p>	<p>Derivative Citizenship and Women's Status in Immigration and Naturalization <i>Jill Martin, JD Beg. F-237</i> This session will explore the legal and practical issues that arose from that derivative status, including immigration, alien registration, voting, and naturalization.</p>	

SATURDAY SCHEDULE - 18 APRIL 2015

Track	8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.	10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON
Advanced Methodology	Descendency Research <i>Michael Brophy Int. S-301</i> Take a new approach to your genealogy by researching living cousins and other relatives. Experience the joy of shared stories and unique discoveries, and give your research new life and excitement.	GPS For Genealogy: Another kind of navigation <i>Shellee Morehead, Ph.D. Beg. S-309</i> Learn about exhaustive research, accurate citations, analysis and correlation of data, resolution of conflicting data and a reasoned, written conclusion.	Unopposed Exhibitor Time
	DNA Basics <i>Jennifer Zinck Beg./Int. S-302</i> Have you heard about DNA testing but you're not sure what it can do for you? Learn about the tests that are available and which one is right for you.	Praying for Spit <i>Blaine Bettinger, JD Beg./Int. S-310</i> Asking relatives for a sample of their DNA can be challenging or even uncomfortable. Together we'll examine ways to make them stakeholders and get them excited about DNA testing.	
Ethnic Genealogy	Finding the Missing Pieces of Your Polish and Ukrainian Family History <i>J. Shea & M. Bielawa All S-303</i> Explore document sources in the US to help find your ancestral birthplace then take you across the ocean to search in the of archives of Poland and the Ukraine and much more.	Navigating Brick Wall Research in French-Canadian Records <i>Pauline Cusson Int. S-311</i> This lecture will show tips and tricks to navigate through or around a potential brick wall and what to do if a marriage cannot be found.	
Genealogy on the Web	Not Your Grandmother's DAR: Smooth Sailing in DAR.org <i>Jacqueline Marshall All S-304</i> Learn to use and understand the resources of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, past & present. What is online - what is not - and how to access both.	Navigating a Billion+ Hidden Records on FamilySearch <i>Robert Raymond Adv S-312</i> Just click the search button on FamilySearch.org, and you're missing out on a billion+ additional records. Find, navigate, and fully utilize FamilySearch record collections without digital indexes.	
Military Research	New England in First World War <i>Craig Scott, CG, FUGA Beg. S-305</i> How to properly research a World War I ancestor from New England during the wars and after.	Researching Your Civil War Ancestor: A Comprehensive Study <i>Michael Strauss, AG Int. S-313</i> Discover your military ancestors that served on both sides to get the most out of the many genealogical resources that are available.	12:00 NOON - 1:30 P.M.
Records	Genealogical Resources and Services at the CT State Library <i>Richard Roberts Beg./Int. S-306</i> Learn about its services and genealogical resources such as the Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records, the Hale Collection of Connecticut Cemetery Inscriptions and more.	Religious Freedom and RI Church Records <i>Cherry Fletcher Bamberg Int. S-314</i> Rhode Island's unique religious history shaped the colony and its residents. Come learn the importance of identifying your ancestor's faith as a clue to genealogical research.	Luncheon Sponsored by: The Massachusetts Genealogical Council Roadblocks, Red Lights and Detours: Records Access for Genealogists with Judy Russell This was supposed to be the Age of the Information Superhighway. Instead, even as so many records are coming online, doors are being slammed shut on so many more – often records that aren't and won't be online, now and perhaps ever. As a community and as individuals, learn what we can do to protect records access. Choice of: Grilled Chicken Di Parma - \$36.00 Baked Scrod w/ Tomato Caper Lemon Sauce - \$36.00 Vegetarian - Portabella Stack w/ Sundried Tomato Coulis - \$34.00 <i>S-317</i>
Skillbuilding	Technology for Deciphering Foreign Language Records <i>Randy Whited Int. S-307</i> Once we have identified the origin of our immigrant ancestors, we must research in an unfamiliar language. This presentation will show you how to use tools at your fingertips to decipher those records.	Creating a Research Plan from a Single Document <i>Nora Galvin, CG Beg./Int. S-315</i> What can those old documents tell you and how should you follow up on the clues? Example documents will be examined for information and a research plan created for each.	
Youth	Trip the Tree Fantastic: Intriguing Family History Trips for the Whole Family <i>Janet Havorka All S-308</i> How do you prepare, organize and execute a family history trip for your family members so that they will enjoy the ride and learn more about their past?	Zap the Grandma Gap: Leave a Heritage <i>Janet Havorka All S-316</i> Work together to brainstorm about what will work in your family. Let's figure out how to raise the next generation of grounded and inspired family historians.	

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<p>Rhode Island's East Bay: a Case Study in Border and Identity Shifts <i>Nathaniel Taylor, EASG All S-318</i> Nockum Hill is the site of the first Baptist meeting house in the New World. This lecture explores the impact of settlement patterns and border changes on research.</p>	<p>Researching Really Recent Relatives Reliably <i>David Onimette, CG All S-326</i> How do you fill in your family tree accurately past the 1940 census? Learn how to access the best records in the United States created over the past few decades.</p>	<p>How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists <i>Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, Int. S-334</i> Understanding the laws in effect when records were created, from English common law to federal statutes, helps us understand the records and why our ancestors acted as they did.</p>	<p>Griffiths Valuation <i>with Mary Ellen Grogan</i></p> <p>Irish land records are key to successful Irish research. This workshop will focus on the Title Applotment and Valuation series; explaining their content, use and links to other genealogical records.</p> <p>Limited to a max. of 30 people and requires registration. Cost \$40.</p> <p>S-342</p>
<p>Which Autosomal Test Is Best for YOU? <i>Shellee Morehead, PhD Beg. S-319</i> New autosomal DNA tests can answer questions about genealogy that traditional DNA may not. See what tests are available, the pros and cons of autosomal DNA testing and which test might be right for you.</p>	<p>The Science Fiction Future of Genetic Genealogy <i>Blaine Bettinger, JD Int./Adv. S-327</i> In the future, DNA testing alone might be able to reveal partial family trees, break through brick walls, and tell us about the health and appearance of long-dead ancestors.</p>	<p>Using Free Third-Party Tools to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA <i>Blaine Bettinger, JD Int./Adv. S-335</i> Understanding autosomal DNA test results is challenging at best. However, there are new third-party tools that allow you to visualize and apply DNA test results in user-friendly ways!</p>	
<p>Born, Married and Died in Ireland: Introduction to Irish Civil Registration <i>David Onimette, CG All S-320</i> Civil registration forms the backbone of Irish family history from 1864 onward, documenting tens of millions of births, marriages, and deaths in Ireland.</p>	<p>Ten Ways to Jumpstart Your Eastern European Research <i>Lisa Alzo Beg. S-328</i> Learn the ten key steps for tracking down your Eastern European Roots.</p>	<p>Researching French-Canadian Ancestors Online <i>Michael Leclerc Int./Adv. S-336</i> Explore a number of online resources for researching your French-Canadian ancestors. Discuss the benefits and pitfalls of each.</p>	
<p>Search Strategies You Haven't Tried - Search Sites You Never Thought of <i>Dave Robison All S-321</i> Get out of that rut! Recognize that it's not all on the internet, but when the internet is used, there are many more sources other than Ancestry and Family Search.</p>	<p>Master Using Google for Common Surname Searches <i>Lisa Louise Cooke All S-329</i> Learn strategies for searching for common surnames and surnames that double as common words. Discover how to weed out irrelevant search results, then automate your searches to run for you!</p>	<p>Genealogically Correct FamilySearch Family Tree <i>Robert Raymond All S-337</i> With your help, FamilySearch Family Tree is sailing into a future that is genealogically correct and following industry standards.</p>	<p>6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.</p> <p>Social Hour Cash Bar S-343</p> <p>7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.</p> <p>Banquet</p> <p>Sponsored by:</p> <p>Connecticut Society of Genealogists</p> <p>The Google Earth Genealogy Game Show with Lisa Louise Cooke</p>
<p>Sailing Through Paperwork to Order a VA Headstone <i>Bruce Frail Int./Adv. S-322</i> We will show you what records/research are needed to complete the application package for a free new/replacement Veteran's Government Headstone and how to file an appeal if needed.</p>	<p>Kilroy was Here: A Genealogy Case Study of a WWII Icon <i>Michael Brophy Beg./Int. S-330</i> There was a real person behind the cultural icon left behind on the battlefields of Europe. A look at Kilroy family history demonstrates a wide variety of methodology and source materials.</p>	<p>Sailors in the United States Navy 1798 thru 1885 <i>Bruce Frail All S-338</i> We will show you what records are available and how to use them to assist with researching your naval ancestor's history, for years 1798 thru 1885.</p>	<p>This session, presented in a game show format, will show you the possibilities that Google Earth offers. Contestants will be selected from the audience and arranged in two teams. Host Lisa Louise Cooke will take everyone on a tour of the globe using Google Earth, asking genealogical questions of the teams along the way.</p> <p>Choice of:</p> <p>Sauteed Chicken w/ Mushroom Marsala Sauce - \$49.00</p> <p>Baked Haddock w/Lemon Piccata Sauce - \$55.00</p> <p>Vegetarian - Wild Mushroom Ravioli w/Tomato Sauce - \$52.00</p> <p>S-344</p>
<p>Divorce Records in Genealogical Research <i>Pam Stone Eagleson, CG All S-323</i> Divorce records can be rich in information for genealogists. This lecture focuses on the early 1800s to the early 1900s; and discusses where to find divorce records and information found in them.</p>	<p>Using Tax Records in Genealogy <i>Carol McCoy, PhD Int./Adv. S-331</i> How Taxes Can Be a Good Thing! - Many dread tax day, but old tax records provide valuable clues to our ancestors' lives. Learn the types of records available, where to find them, and how they help solve genealogy problems.</p>	<p>Discover the Treasure Within! A Look at the Special Collections at the NEHGS <i>Judith Lucey All S-339</i> Explore the wealth of genealogical and historical manuscripts at NEHGS from bible to mariner's records. Learn how you can integrate these materials into your genealogical research.</p>	
<p>Access to Records <i>MGC Panel All S-324</i> As genealogists, we should advocate for our use of records. Three leaders in the field will be panelists to discuss the hot issues about records access in 2015. How can we navigate into a future world of better records access?</p>	<p>Printed Legends and Missing Footnotes: Dissecting 19th and 20th Century Compiled Genealogies <i>D. Joshua Taylor All S-332</i> Discover the methods used to create compiled genealogies in the 19th and 20th century, and how to effectively use their contents.</p>	<p>Ten Brick Wall Tips for Genealogists <i>Marian Pierre-Louis All S-340</i> Marian presents 10 brick wall tips that will help every genealogist take a fresh look at their research challenges.</p>	
<p>Future Family Historians <i>D. Joshua Taylor All S-325</i> The future of family history depends largely upon encouraging younger generations to engage. Learn how to leverage technology tools traditional methods to develop and foster interest among future family historians.</p>	<p>Engaging Children, Tweens and Teens in Family History <i>Christine Sharbrough, CG All S-333</i> Come and learn some creative ways to engage youth in learning, creating, and celebrating their family history. Parents and caregivers can sneak life lessons in early and the kids will have fun doing it!</p>	<p>Treelines for the Whole Family <i>Tammy Hepps All S-341</i> Learn how Treelines.com brings generations of families together to combine pictures, documents, memories, and anecdotes with their family tree into digital, multimedia presentations that are fun to read and share.</p>	

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Lisa Louise Cooke is the owner of Genealogy Gems, a genealogy production company, and host of *The Genealogy Gems Podcast* at www.genealogygems.com. She's the author of four books (including *Turn Your iPad into a Genealogy Powerhouse*, and *The Genealogist's Google Toolbox*), video producer, international speaker, and regular contributor to *Family Tree Magazine*. [TD, T-111, T-118, S-329, S-344]

Pauline Cusson has been specializing in French Canadian research for nearly 30 years. She can frequently be found helping others do their research at the American Canadian Genealogical Society library in Manchester, NH. Recent researchers coming into the library are bringing more difficult research than ever. Pauline thrives on these challenges. Pauline has presented lectures at NERGC 2005, FGS 2006, and several local conferences. [S-311]

Pam Stone Eagleson, CG, a researcher, writer and teacher. She conducts research nationwide, is co-administrator of the Stone Surname DNA project, a member of APG and many regional genealogical societies and serves on the NGS Board of Directors. [T-120, S-323]

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Cheryll Toney Holley, proprietor of PastTense Genealogy, is a professional researcher and writer specializing in African-American and Native American peoples in New England. For over fifteen years, she has compiled genealogies and written family histories for descendants of New England's communities of color. [F-214]

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