



**CALL FOR PAPERS**  
**17<sup>th</sup> New England Regional Genealogical Conference**  
**3-6 May 2023**  
**MassMutual Center, Springfield, MA**

***Missing Branches Are Not the End of the Line***

Presentation proposals are welcome from **now until midnight eastern time on 30 April 2022** for the *17th New England Regional Genealogical Conference* to be held 3-6 May 2023 in Springfield, MA.

This exciting conference will emphasize resources, methodologies the missing branches on a family tree.

We are looking for:

- One-hour lectures, including questions & answers, during the conference or for presentations in a Wednesday pre-conference event.
- Mealttime presentations of 45 minutes
- Two-hour workshops (a session in which all participants get the opportunity to utilize the new methodology, tools, website, or technique under the tutelage of the presenter) with hands-on activities in one of these formats:
  - Guided Research
  - Flipped Classroom
  - I Do, We Do, You Do
- Wednesday's pre-conference event will feature 4 session tracks on the following topics, with the options for other tracks depending upon the submissions received:
  - Sharing Your Research Results – videos, articles, books, conversations, gifts
  - Military Research
  - Technical tools that evolved or emerged during the pandemic
  - Advanced uses for DNA research (things for those who started using DNA at least six years ago)

In keeping with our conference theme, "*Missing Branches Are Not the End of the Line*" successful proposals will address at least one of these topics:

- Something requested by our attendees from the list at the right
- DNA methodologies, case studies, etc.
- New England records and repositories
- Problem solving, methodology, and new approaches to traditional research
- Sharing and preserving your family history through writing, photography, digital media, etc.
- Research planning and project implementation

*Our attendees are looking for information on the following topics:*

Boston Finder Newspaper  
Colonial Laws on Property  
Connecticut Native Leaders  
Copyright Law  
Crossing from Canada  
DNA Painter  
Forensic genealogy  
Founding reservations in Connecticut  
Genetic genealogy  
Land Records  
Loyalists in Quebec  
Manuscripts  
Migration within New England  
Newfoundland –New England  
Connections  
Occupations and Vocations  
Protestant Records  
Publishing vs. Vanity Press  
Repositories in New England for  
Researching outside of New  
England  
Settling New Hampshire  
Social History  
Technical Terminology  
Traps and Pitfalls of Research  
Triangulation  
Vermont in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Century  
Women and Citizenship  
Writing for Family History Publications  
And Ethnic Presentations for:  
Acadian  
African-American  
Canadian  
French  
French Canadian  
Irish to Canada  
Jewish  
Scottish

- Technology: Providing solutions to improve genealogical research
- Understanding historical context related to genealogy
- Interesting uses of records including religious, civil, land, probate, military, maritime, and newspapers

All presenters receive one complimentary conference registration. **NERGC does not cover travel, hotel, or per diem expenses. NERGC also does not provide a projector for the speaker's use during presentations.** Remuneration is based on \$225 per hour with a bonus for timely submission of syllabus material that meets NERGC guidelines.

We are considering a provision to allow notable presentations to be given remotely/virtually to a live audience in cases where the speaker would otherwise be unable to attend the conference in person. If you want to be considered for this option, please indicate this as your preference when completing the portal form.

We are also asking that you consider carefully the audience level you associate with your presentation. Our portal offers the following levels:

- Novice – Someone new to this topic, ethnicity, or record type
- Intermediate – Someone with some experience in this topic, ethnicity, or record type
- Advanced – Someone with general experience in this topic, ethnicity, or record type
- Experienced – Someone with widespread experience in this topic, ethnicity, or record type
- General Interest – More informational and not related to research experience

You must submit your lecture and workshop proposals through the NERGC Program Portal. This mechanism permits you to enter up to **six** presentation proposals. To submit your proposals, visit our portal at: <https://tinyurl.com/nergc2023submissionportal>

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwwa8uiHcINhI5-QAkSFxy\\_6tHCcEpedy\\_O4LJEKTLAvLDKq/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwwa8uiHcINhI5-QAkSFxy_6tHCcEpedy_O4LJEKTLAvLDKq/viewform)

Enter for each proposal:

- Speaker's full name, address, email, and telephone numbers.
- Brief speaker biography (50 words or less) for conference brochure.
- Previous lecture experience.
- Requirements such as audio/visual, whiteboards, or other special requirements.
- Your social media links (to assist with conference publicity).
- Potential for employer compensation/sponsorship.
- Preference between in-person and virtual presentation.
- Title (limited to eight words).
- Short lecture summary (limited to 60 words) for conference website/brochure.
- Comprehensive outline or abstract connecting to conference theme.
- Value added considerations (ways that your presence will help enhance the attendee experience).
- Audience level: beginner, intermediate, advanced, experienced, general interest (For whom is your presentation appropriate?)
- Participating Society or Organization sponsorship (if applicable).
- Check applicable box: Lecture in the regular program, Wednesday pre-conference, Workshop proposal.
- If a workshop, please indicate the presentation type.

Program decisions will be made by 1 August 2022.

Program Committee – NERGC 2023, [program@nergc.org](mailto:program@nergc.org)