13th New England Regional Genealogical Conference

Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future

Rhode Island Convention Center
Providence, Rhode Island
15-18 April 2015
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Sponsoring Organizations

American-Canadian Genealogical Society
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Connecticut Professional Genealogists Council
Connecticut Society of Genealogists
Descendants of the Founders of Ancient Windsor
Falmouth Genealogical Society
Genealogical Society of Vermont
Godfrey Memorial Library

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Massachusetts Genealogical Council
Massachusetts Society of Genealogists
New England Chapter, Assn. of Professional Genealogists
New England Historic Genealogical Society
New York Genealogical and Biographical Society
Plymouth County Genealogists
Polish Genealogical Society of Connecticut and the Northeast
Rhode Island Genealogical Society
South Shore Genealogical Society
The Irish Ancestral Research Association [TIARA]
Conference Information

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. $10 per vehicle until 5:00 daily; after 5:00 p.m., additional fees apply.

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

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 Wethersfield, 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.
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.  
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 Oxinette, 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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**Lunch, Courtesy of findmypast.com** - *What’s Coming to findmypast.com*
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2:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
**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.
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| 8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M | Genealogy 101          | *Genealogy 101*<br>*with Marisa Melnyk*<br>This 2-hour workshop introduces beginners and others to genealogy terms and techniques.<br>Workshop is limited to a maximum of 50 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is $40.  
*Begin. T-101* |
| 10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M | Technology         | *There's an App for That!*<br>*Donna Moughty*  
*Begin./Int. T-104* Navigate through the world (and your genealogy) using your smartphone or tablet. |
| 9:00 A.M. - 9:30 A.M | First Timers Session  | *First Timers Session*<br>A session specifically designed for first-time conference attendees. Learn how to get the most out of the conference experience. Open to all.  
*All T-102* |
| 10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M | Skillbuilding        | *No Person Shall ... Gallop Horses In the Streets*<br>*Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL*  
*Int. T-105* Early court records give color and meaning to the lives and times of our ancestors. While the records often establish relationships to help build a family tree, they offer so much richness and depth to help tell a family's story. |
| 11:15 A.M. - 12:15 P.M | Heirlooms            | *Digitally Record and Share Your Heirlooms*<br>*Randy Whited*  
*Begin. T-106* This session is a roundup of tools, websites and techniques to document your heirlooms and create virtual copies to share or for future generations. |
| 12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M | Maritime            | *Finding Information About Your Ancestors' Ships*<br>*Peter McCracken*  
*Int./Adv. T-107* 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. |
| 12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M | Photographs          | *Photo Detecting 101: Photo Identification Tips and Techniques*<br>*Maureen Taylor*  
*Begin. T-108* Learn ten easy steps to help identify family photographs such as researching photographers, dating costume clues and comparing facial characteristics. |
| 12:15 P.M. - 1:15 P.M | New England Repositories | *Genealogical Resources at Old Colony Historical Society in Taunton, MA*<br>*Andrew Boisvert*  
*All T-109* 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. |
| 1:15 P.M. - 2:30 P.M | They Went West       | *Up the North River: An Overview of Pre-1800 Hudson Valley Ethnic Groups and Religions*<br>*Jane E. Wilcox*  
*Begin. T-110* The Hudson (North) River valley was ethnically and religiously diverse long before the nineteenth century immigrant influx. Learn who was there in the beginning. |
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Daniel Horowitz  
Int./Adv  
T-111 |
| How to Use Evernote for Genealogy  
Lisa Evens  
Beg./Int.  
T-118 |
| Sailing Beyond Names, Dates, and Places in Family History Research: Using Newspapers to Provide the Rest of the Story  
Michael Hall  
Int./Adv  
T-112 |
| Sprinkling Weather into Your Family History  
Randy Whited  
Int.  
T-119 |
| 3:15 P.M. - 4:15 P.M. | Genealogy in 3D: Bridging the Gap Between Past and Present Using Objects  
Carol Whitmer  
Beg.  
T-113 |
| Grandma’s Treasure Chest: Investigating and Evaluating Family Artifacts  
Pat Stone Eagleson  
All  
T-120 |
| Risking it All: Life Saving Service  
Michael Strauss  
AG  
Int.  
T-114 |
| Examining Records for Pirates in New England in the 17th and 18th Century  
David Lambert  
All  
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| 4:15 P.M. - 5:15 P.M. | Eight Steps to Preserving Family Photographs  
Maureen A. Taylor  
Beg.  
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| Facts, Photos and Fair Use  
Judy Russell  
JD, CG, CGL  
All  
T-122 |
| Unique and Out of Print Resources at Godfrey Memorial Library  
Beth Mariotti  
All  
T-116 |
| Researching Your Maritime Ancestors  
Cipperly Good/Kevin Johnson  
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T-123 |
| Finding Berrys in New York Probate and Property Records  
Harold Henderson  
CG  
Int./Adv.  
T-117 |
| Western Migration  
D. Joshua Taylor  
All  
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### Military Research

**with Craig Scott, CG, FUGA**

This 2-hour workshop introduces genealogists to an overview of military research techniques.

Workshop is limited to a maximum of 30 people and requires advance registration. Cost of the workshop is $40.

**T-125**

### Society Fair 
**& Social Hour**

Cash Bar

Societies from all over New England will be in attendance, offering information about their specialities. Meet and Greet!

**T-126**

### Opening of Exhibit Hall

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.

**T-127**

### Special Interest Groups

Special interest groups will hold gatherings on a wide range of topics. Check **www.NERGC.org** for a list of the groups.

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| Records | **A Major New Research Resource:** | **Roosevelt’s Tree Army, Civilian Conservation Corps** |
| **New York Genealogical and** | **The Astonishing Records of the** | Michael Strauss, AG |
| **Biographical Society** | **U.S. Sanitary Commission** | Int. F-210 |
| **Teresa Koch-Bostic** | **All** | **Tens of thousands of men came** |
| **F-203** | **Together to serve in the vanguard** | **together to serve in the vanguard** |
| **Creating Maine Towns: How the** | **of FDR’s New Deal. The CCC** | **of FDR’s New Deal. The CCC** |
| **Wilderness was Tamed** | **offers genealogical resources seldom** | **offers genealogical resources seldom** |
| **Carol McCay, PhD** | **used by** | **used by** |
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| **The District of Maine had a** | **Obscure and Neglected Sources: New Paths to Success** | **Obscure and Neglected Sources: New Paths to Success** |
| **wild history marked by warfare,** | Diane Gravel, CG | **New Paths to Success** |
| **destruction and abandonment of** | All F-203 | **New Paths to Success** |
| **settlements, land disputes, and a harsh** | **Resurrect your “dead ends” with** | **Resurrect your “dead ends” with** |
| **environment. Find out about town** | **extended family, associates, and** | **extended family, associates, and** |
| **records, how they help in research,** | **neighbors: the FAN Club. Learn to** | **neighbors: the FAN Club. Learn to** |
| **and where to find them.** | **track down their diaries and personal** | **track down their diaries and personal** |

| Skillbuilding | **Navigating the Best Online Sources for Irish Research** | **Navigating New England Waters via Native American Thoroughfares** |
| **Donna Moughty** | **Cheryl Toney Hulley** | **Cobalt** |
| **F-207** | **All** | **Cobalt** |
| **New England Women Lighthouse Keepers** | **If your family isn’t interested, you’re not showing it off right. The visual** | **New England Women Lighthouse Keepers** |
| **Sandra Clunies, CG** | **presentation of a family’s history is** | **Sandra Clunies, CG** |
| **F-208** | **the most powerful communication tool for the genealogist.** | **F-208** |

| Telling Family Stories | **Beyond Scotch Tape: Charts to Fascinate Your Family** | **DIY Publishing for the Family Historian** |
| **Janet Haverka** | **Lisa Alroy** | **Lisa Alroy** |
| **F-206** | **All** | **All** |
| **If your family isn’t interested, you’re** | **You’ve done the genealogy research, written the content—now what? Learn the tips, tricks, and tools you need to successfully self-publish.** | **You’ve done the genealogy research, written the content—now what? Learn the tips, tricks, and tools you need to successfully self-publish.** |

| Ethnic Genealogy | **Navigating New England Waters via Native American Thoroughfares** | **Navigating New England Waters via Native American Thoroughfares** |
| **Cheryl Toney Hulley** | **All** | **All** |
| **F-214** | **New England Women Lighthouse Keepers** | **New England Women Lighthouse Keepers** |
| **Sandra Clunies, CG** | **Add history and research strategies about some New England female** | **Add history and research strategies about some New England female** |
| **F-208** | **lighthouse keepers and their families — ordinary public servants leading** | **lighthouse keepers and their families — ordinary public servants leading** |
| | **extraordinary lives filled with hard** | **extraordinary lives filled with hard** |
| | **work, political intrigue, and danger.** | **work, political intrigue, and danger.** |

| **Judy G. Rassell, JD** | **Judy G. Rassell, JD** | **Judy G. Rassell, JD** |
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| **Luncheon** | **Sponsored by:** | **New England Chapter of the Association for Professional Genealogists** |
| **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.** | **New England Chapter of the Association for Professional Genealogists** |
| **Choice of:** | **Cobb Salad with chicken - $34.00** | **Choice of:** |
| | **Roast Beef Deluxe on baguette w/ mixed greens - $26.00** | **Roast Beef Deluxe on baguette w/ mixed greens - $26.00** |
| | **Turkey Deluxe on baguette w/ mixed greens - $26.00** | **Turkey Deluxe on baguette w/ mixed greens - $26.00** |
| | **Vegetarian – Cobb Salad without chicken - $26.00** | **Vegetarian – Cobb Salad without chicken - $26.00** |
Central Massachusetts

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Andrew Bartley             Beg./Int.   F-219

Newest Sources for Vermont
Research: Online, In Print, and
Original Records
Learn about the newest online
resources and their issues, the latest
published material, and understand
how the recently restructured State
Archives will benefit genealogists.

Laura Prescott

Timelines: Placing your Heritage
in Historical Perspective
Create chronological outlines of
your ancestors' lives to solve problems
and place them in historical perspective.

Why We Don't Write - and How
We Can
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.

The Changing World of Italian
Genealogy
Italian genealogical research over the
last 20 years has changed remarkably.
Understanding the new methods
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Women in the World of Piracy:
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Finding Elusive Ancestors:
Who were the Parents of Mary
Drummond
Carol McCall, PhD  Int./Adr  F-230
Learn how to overcome false
assumptions, use vital records,
probate, poor house records,
newspapers, cemetery records,
and online resources to discover an
ancestry's parentage.

Derivative Citizenship and
Women's Status in Immigration
and Naturalization
Julie Martin, JD  Beg.  F-237
This session will explore the legal
and practical issues that arose from
that derivative status, including
immigration, alien registration, voting,
and naturalization.

Choosing the Past: Sailing into the
Future

Document Analysis
with Barbara Matthews

Learn the terminology used to
evaluate genealogical records.
Analyze specific cases, from
straightforward evidence to complex,
indirect, and conflicting evidence.

Workshop is limited to a maximum
of 30 people and requires advance
registration. Cost of the workshop
is $40.

Social Hour
Cash Bar
F-239

Banquet
Sponsored by:
Maine Genealogical Society

Family History in Popular
Culture
with D. Joshua Taylor

Explore the world of family
history as seen through music,
television, and movies over the
past 60 years.

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.

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### Saturday Schedule - 18 April 2015

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<td>8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M.</td>
<td>Descendency Research&lt;br&gt;Michael Benley &lt;br&gt;Int. S-301&lt;br&gt;Take a new approach to your genealogy by researching living cousins and other relatives.&lt;br&gt;Experience the joy of shared stories and unique discoveries, and give your research new life and excitement.</td>
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<td><strong>DNA</strong></td>
<td>10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.</td>
<td>DNA Basics&lt;br&gt;Jennifer Zinck &lt;br&gt;Beg./Int. S-302&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<td><strong>Ethnic Genealogy</strong></td>
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<td>Finding the Missing Pieces of Your Polish and Ukrainian Family History&lt;br&gt;J. Shue &amp; M. Bielawa &lt;br&gt;All S-303&lt;br&gt;Explore documentation sources in the US to help find your ancestral birthplace then take you across the ocean to search in the archives of Poland and the Ukraine and much more.</td>
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<td><strong>Unopposed Exhibitor Time</strong></td>
<td>Not Your Grandmother's DAR: Smooth Sailing in DAR.org&lt;br&gt;Jacqueline Marshall &lt;br&gt;All S-304&lt;br&gt;Learn to use and understand the resources of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, past and present. What is online - what is not - and how to access both.</td>
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<td>New England in First World War&lt;br&gt;Craig Sutt, CG, FUGA &lt;br&gt;Beg. S-305&lt;br&gt;How to properly research a World War I ancestor from New England during the wars and after.</td>
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<td>Genealogical Resources and Services at the CT State Library&lt;br&gt;Richard Roberts &lt;br&gt;Beg./Int. S-306&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<td><strong>Skillbuilding</strong></td>
<td><strong>Access for Genealogists with Judy Russell</strong></td>
<td>Technology for Deciphering Foreign Language Records&lt;br&gt;Randy Whited &lt;br&gt;Int. S-307&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<td><strong>Youth</strong></td>
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<td>Trip the Tree Fantastic: Intriguing Family History Trips for the Whole Family&lt;br&gt;Janet Hamor &lt;br&gt;All S-308&lt;br&gt;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?</td>
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**Sponsored by:**
The Massachusetts Genealogical Council
Roadblocks, Red Lights and Detours: Records Access for Genealogists

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 S-317
Navigating the Past: Sailing into the Future

Rhode Island's East Bay: a Case Study in Border and Identity Shifts
Nathaniel Taylor, FASG All S-318
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.

Researching Really Recent Relatives Reliably
David Quinette, CG All S-326
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.

How Knowing the Law Makes Us Better Genealogists
Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, Int. S-334
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.

Which Autosomal Test Is Best for YOU?
Shelley Morehead, PhD Big S-319
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.

The Science Fiction Future of Genetic Genealogy
Blaine Bettinger, JD Int./Adv. S-327
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.

Using Free Third-Party Tools to Analyze Your Autosomal DNA
Blaine Bettinger, JD Int./Adv. S-335
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!

Born, Married and Died in Ireland: Introduction to Irish Civil Registration
David Ouimette, CG All S-320
Civil registration forms the backbone of Irish family history from 1864 onward, documenting tens of millions of births, marriages, and deaths in Ireland.

Ten Ways to Jumpstart Your Eastern European Research
Lisa Algo Big S-328
Learn the ten key steps for tracking down your Eastern European Roots.

Researching French-Canadian Ancestors Online
Michael Lesler Int./Adv. S-336
Explore a number of online resources for researching your French-Canadian ancestors. Discuss the benefits and pitfalls of each.

Search Strategies You Haven't Tried - Search Sites You Never Thought of
Dave Rubine All S-321
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.

Master Using Google for Common Surname Searches
Lisa Louise Cooke All S-329
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!

Genealogically Correct FamilySearch Family Tree
Robert Raymond All S-337
With your help, FamilySearch Family Tree is sailing into a future that is genealogically correct and following industry standards.

Sailing Through Paperwork to Order a VA Headstone
Bruce Frail Int./Adv. S-332
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.

Divorce Records in Genealogical Research
Pam Stone Eagleson, CG All S-330
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.

Using Tax Records in Genealogy
Carol McCay, PhD Int./Adv. S-331
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.

Discover the Treasure Within! A Look at the Special Collections at the NEHGS
Judith Lowry All S-339
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.

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Access to Records
MCC Panel All S-324
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?

Printed Legends and Missing Footnotes: Dissecting 19th and 20th Century Compiled Genealogies
Dr. Joshua Taylor All S-332
Discover the methods used to create compiled genealogies in the 19th and 20th century, and how to effectively use their contents.

Ten Brick Wall Tips for Genealogists
Marian Prier-Louis All S-340
Marian presents 10 brick wall tips that will help every genealogist take a fresh look at their research challenges.

Future Family Historians
Dr. Joshua Taylor All S-325
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.

Engaging Children, Tweens and Teens in Family History
Christine Sharbrough, CG All S-333
Come and learn some creative ways into your genealogical research. 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.

Choice of:
Sauce - $49.00
Baked Haddock w/Lemon Piccata Sauce - $45.00
Vegetarian - Wild Mushroom Ravioli w/Tomato Sauce - $52.00

Irish land records are key to successful Irish research. This workshop will focus on the Tithe Apportionment and Valuation series; explaining their content, use and links to other genealogical records.

Griffiths Valuation
with Mary Ellen Grogan
Limited to a max.of 30 people and requires registration. Cost $40.

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Cash Bar

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Lisa A. Alzo, M.F.A., is a freelance writer, instructor, and internationally recognized lecturer, specializing in Slovak/Eastern European genealogical research, writing your family history, and using the Internet to trace female and immigrant ancestors. She is the author of nine books and hundreds of magazine articles. See http://www.lisalzo.com. [TD, F-213, F-228, S-328]

Cherry Bamberg, FASG, is the editor of Rhode Island Roots since 2002; consulting editor to the NEHGS Register since 2006; 2006 Donna Holt Siemiatkoski Genealogy Volunteer of the Year Award winner; Fellow of the American Society of Genealogists, elected 2007; Rhode Island researcher for the Danish version of Who Do You Think You Are? 2010. Scores of articles on Rhode Island families and research, 1998 to present. Author and/or editor of books for Rhode Island Genealogical Society 2000 to present. [F-226, S-314]

Scott Andrew Bartley is a genealogist, archivist, librarian, and editor specializing in Vermont, Mayflower lineages, and colonial New England. Formerly librarian/archivist at NEHGS and later MSMD; former editor of Mayflower Descendant, Vermont Genealogy, and FamilySearch Massachusetts Wiki, he currently is an editor/researcher for GSMD and NEHGS. [F-219]

Blaine Bettinger, Ph.D., J.D., is an intellectual property attorney by day and a genetic genealogist by night. He is the author of the long-running blog The Genetic Genealogist (www.thegeeneticgenealogist.com), and frequently gives presentations and webinars to educate others about the use of DNA to explore their ancestry. [S-310, S-327, S-335]

Matthew Bielawa is the Assistant Registrar at Central Connecticut State University and specializes in Polish and Ukrainian research in Galicia, a crownland of the former Austro Hungarian Empire. He is the owner of the website hgal.com which offers expertise and guidance for people who descend from this region. [S-310, S-327, S-335]

Andrew D. Boisvert works as the Archivist/Library Manager for the Old Colony Historical Society and has been researching and writing in the genealogical field for 20 years. He is the author of Legendary Locals of Coventry published by Arcadia Publishing Company in 2013. [T-109]

Michael Brophy is a professional genealogical researcher, heir search specialist, and lecturer from the Boston area. He has served as Program Director and Publicity Director for the Massachusetts Genealogical Council. Mike was featured on the Irish TV series Dead Money, a genealogy TV show about heir searchers and conducted research for Who Do You Think You Are? [TD, S-301, S-330]

Frederick Channell earned a BA in History from Bridgewater State University. He later earned a M. ED in Education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He has earned honors for his research work on Late Loyalists. He has written articles for several newspapers and magazines and spoken at a number of libraries and to genealogical societies. He teaches social studies in Massachusetts. He is the author of The Immortal Patriot. [F-209]

Sandra MacLean Clunies, CG, is a professional genealogist, author, and lecturer. A past member of the APG Board of Directors, and the adjunct faculty of NIGR and IGHR, she is a past winner of the NGS Family History Writing Contest and received the 2009 Grahame T. Smallwood Jr. Award of Merit by APG. [F-208]

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-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]

George Findlen is an academic administrator who became a genealogist in retirement. He researches and publishes articles on Acadian and French-Canadian families in Eastern Canada, the Canadian Maritimes, and New England. In addition, he gives talks and leads groups through skill-development exercises for the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives. [F-218]

Dwight E. Fitch, BSEE, is a retired computer support engineer who was born and raised in Southern Vermont and has been working on his early New England roots and studying early New England History since 2001. He is a member NEHGS, Central Massachusetts Genealogical Society, Descendant Founder of Ancient Windsor, Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Society, and is a Descendant member of Friends of Old Deerfield. [F-217]

Colleen Fitzpatrick, PhD, is the author of two of the best-selling books in genealogy. Forensic Genealogy has been widely recognized for its innovative forensic science approach to genealogical research. DNA & Genealogy was commissioned by Family Tree DNA for its second conference on Genetic Genealogy in November 2005, and has been praised by readers as “the ideal handbook for anyone starting out in genealogy using the DNA tools available” and “the book to get for someone starting or running a surname project.” Colleen consults with television and documentary production companies on Forensic Genealogy and DNA & Genealogy. [S-309]

William "Bill" Forsyth is the Director of Product Management for the genealogy product line at ProQuest. Bill is a former General Manager of Ancestry, and was a full-time consultant and external project manager for the Family History Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He has served at the Publicity Chairman for the Utah Genealogical Association and is currently serving on the annual BYU Family History Technology Workshop Planning Committee. Bill is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. [LTD]
Bruce D. Frail, veteran USMC, author, founder and chief researcher for American Civil War Ancestor, National Graves Registration Officer of the SUVCW, Rhode Island State Coordinator of the MIAP, Advisory Council of RICWSCC, sits on the Archival Preservation Committee and chairs the State of Rhode Island Civil War Battle Flag Preservation Committee. [S-322, S-338]

Nora Galvin, CG, is a fulltime professional genealogist specializing in Connecticut and Irish research and genetic genealogy. She is a graduate of two courses at IGHR (Samford University): Writing and Publishing for Genealogists and Irish Genealogical Research. She is active in several genealogy societies and is the editor of Connecticut Ancestry. [S-315]

Ciprerry Good, Collections Manager at The Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport, Maine, trains the volunteer research assistants and oversees the acquisition, cataloguing and in-house and online access of archival and published genealogy and maritime history materials. [T-123]

Diane Gravel is a Certified GenealogistOM and lecturer. She serves on the Board of Directors, Association of Professional Genealogists. She is Vice President of the N.H. Society of Genealogists, and co-editor of its New Hampshire Families in 1790 project. She has been a trustee of the Thornton Public Library since 2004. [F-205, F-223]

Mary Ellen Grogan, a professional genealogist living in Boston, specializes in Massachusetts and Irish genealogical and historical records. Mary Ellen first researched in Dublin archives in 1984 and has led research tours in Ireland. She is President of the Massachusetts Genealogical Council and Exhibit Hall Chair for NERGC 2015. [S-342]

Michael J. Hall, has a BS in Anthropology from Brigham Young University (BYU). He has worked in the Family History Department for the past thirty years, and is currently the Deputy Chief Genealogical Officer. His research includes the Azores, from which his maternal ancestors immigrated to the United States. [T-112, F-236]

Harold Henderson, CG, has been a professional writer since 1979, a professional genealogist since 2009, and a board-certified genealogist since 2012. He has published more than 50 articles, including in American Ancestors Journal (annual supplement to the New England Historical and Genealogical Register) and the National Genealogical Society Quarterly. [T-117, F-221]

Tammy A. Hepps is the founder of Treelines.com, a family story-sharing website and winner of the RootsTech 2013 Developer Challenge. With fourteen years of experience in digital media and more than two decades in genealogy, she brings a fresh perspective on sharing family history in engaging ways. [TD, S-341]

Cheryl 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]

Daniel Horowitz was born in Venezuela and holds a BS.c. in computer engineering and a specialization in education. He is Chief Genealogist for MyHeritage since 2005. He provides key contributions in the product development, customer support and public affairs areas. He is a board member of the Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA) and the International Association of Jewish Genealogical Societies (IAJGS). [T-111]

Janet Hovorka owns Family ChartMasters, an award winning genealogy chart printing service and is author of Zap the Grandma Gap book and workbooks. Janet writes The Chart Chick, and Zap The Grandma Gap blogs and widely lectures about genealogy. She is past president of UGA and teaches genealogy at SLCC. [F-206, S-308, S-316]

Kevin Johnson, Photography Archivist at The Penobscot Marine Museum in Searsport, Maine, oversees the acquisition, cataloging and digitizing of photography and uploading the information to the online collections database. [T-123]

Terry Koch-Bostic is a professional genealogist. She is a member of the board of directors of the National Genealogical Society (NGS) and chair of its nominating and communications committees. She is a member of the Education Committee of the New York Genealogical and Biographical Society and Chapter Representative for APG-New York. [F-203]

David Allen Lambert has been on the NEHGS staff since 1993, and has been involved in genealogy for the past four decades. He is an international speaker, and served as the Chief Genealogist for NEHGS. He has published several books and many articles in the leading genealogical journals. [T-121]

Michael J. Leclerc is an internationally-known author, presenter, and researcher. He is chief genealogist at genealogy search engine Mocavo. [F-201, F-235, S-336]

Denise Picard Lindgren began genealogical research only five years ago; nonetheless, she has earned the Genealogical Research Certificate from Boston University and has taken Advanced Methods at SLIG. She is a former technical writer and editor who worked for almost twenty years at MIT, as well as for major corporations. [ILTD, TD]

Judith Lucey is Archivist at NEHGS where she has been assisting genealogy patrons with their family history since 2003. She is a frequent lecturer at regional and national genealogy conferences. Judy has a Master of Science in Library and Information from Simmons College, Boston, MA. [S-339]

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Prof. Jonathan Shea is a professor of foreign languages in the Connecticut State University System and author of several books on translating documents of genealogical value in Latin, Polish and Russian. He is as well the author of a research methodology manual, Going Home: A Guide for Polish-American Family History Research. Prof. Shea has on-site research experience in Poland, Ireland, Lithuania, Canada, and the United Kingdom and has spoken at conferences internationally on both sides of the ocean. [S-303]

Susan Steele directed The Irish Ancestral Research Association’s Foresters Project from 2005-2011. Forester Project volunteers rescued 80,000 fraternal insurance records of the Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters. Susan continues to work on processing this collection at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She has given presentations about the Forester’s collection and has lectured on resources found in industry museums. [F-227]

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Vegetarian Option – Cobb Salad without chicken* $34.00 $

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Half Roasted Chicken w/Sea Salt & Pepper Rub** $47.00 $

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Baked Served w/ Tomato Caper Lemon Sauce** $36.00 $
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S-344 Saturday Banquet
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