

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS ROOTS EVENTS

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**December 3 and December 17, 2016, Saturday** (10:00 am – 11:00 am): The New England Historical Genealogical Society will be conducting New Visitor Tours at their headquarters, 99-101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116 ([617-536-5740](tel:617-536-5740)).

This free orientation introduces you to the resources available at the NEHGS research facility. Attendees are welcome to use our resources following the tour.

Cost: **Free**, no registration necessary.

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December 10, 2016, Saturday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm): NEHGS Holiday Open House, Newbury Street, Boston, MA will be having Fireside Chats and Family Fun!

Join us for a day of genealogy for the whole family at our once-a year Holiday Open House! Enjoy free access to our world-class library, one-on-one consultations with our staff genealogists, special discounts on books and charts, and much more. Bring the kids along and spark their interest in family history with a variety of fun, family-themed activities including a genealogical scavenger hunt. Hear from our experts throughout the day at our ever-popular Fireside Chats featuring:

- Marie Daly and Judy Lucey discussing tips for researching Irish genealogy (10:00 a.m.)
- Senior genealogist Christopher Child demonstrating how to use DNA testing in family history research (12:30 p.m.)
- Award-winning authors and researchers Robert Charles Anderson, Alicia Crane Williams, and Helen Schatvet Ullmann answering questions about their early New England study project (3:00 p.m.)

Cost: **Free**. Click here to [Register](#)

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**December 15, 2016, Thursday**, (3:00 pm EST): NEHGS sponsors an On-line Learning Center Webinar: Organizing Family Papers. Presented by: Judy Lucey and Andrew Krea.

Do you have boxes of family papers, photographs, and letters in your basement or attic? Learn how to organize and preserve these important family heirlooms for generations to come. In this webinar, Archivist Judy Lucey will demonstrate how to apply techniques used by the NEHGS archive to your own collection and Senior Researcher Andrew Krea will discuss a new family archive initiative offered by our Research Services team.

Cost: Free Click here to **Register**

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**April 26 – 29, 2017, Wednesday – Saturday:** The New England Regional Genealogical Consortium Conference will be held at the Mass Mutual Center, 1277 Main Street, Springfield, MA. Click on links below to learn more about the agenda and to register.

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Western Mass Roots Events Website: Click [here](#) to view a current listing of recurring regional genealogical activities on our website, sorted by day of the week.

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***For more information regarding the following, please click on the web addresses. You may have to hold down your "Control (Ctrl)" key and click in order to follow the link:***

1. **Mission Statement:**

<http://wmarootsevents.wordpress.com/mission-statement/>

2. **Submission Requirements:**

<http://wmarootsevents.wordpress.com/events/submit-an-event/>

3. **Polish Genealogy Terms**

<http://wmarootsevents.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/polishtoenglishgenealogyterms.pdf>

4. Foreign to English Names:

<http://wmarootsevents.files.wordpress.com/2015/07/givennames-list.pdf>

***The Deadline for submission in the January 2017 Newsletter is***

***December 23, 2016. Thank you.***



***Happy Searching!***