

Genealogical and Descendant Societies

Resource Sheet

Associated Daughters of Early American Witches

Membership Requirements: "A woman must be at least 16 years of age and able to prove direct lineal descent from an ancestor who was officially (by authority, government, or church) accused or tried or convicted/executed for the practices of witchcraft or wizardry in Colonial America prior to 31 December 1699"
<http://www.adeaw.us/>

The National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

"The National Society of The Colonial Dames of America in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts promotes appreciation for the people, places and events that led to the formation and development of our country. Membership is by invitation and is managed at the state level. It is based on lineage and dedication to the Society's mission. Our members are direct descendants of an ancestor who lived in an American colony and who rendered service to the colonies before July 5, 1776. An applicant first needs to identify an appropriate ancestor who gave official or professional service to the colony before July 4, 1776. A good place to identify a potential ancestor is to look on the NSCDA web site: <https://nscda.org/ancestorbibliography/> Resources relating to an ancestor may be found by clicking on the name of the ancestor in the Index."
<https://nscdama.org>

National Society Sons of Colonial New England

"The National Society Sons of Colonial New England is open to any gentleman of 18 years of age or more, who can prove lineal descent from a person born prior to July 4, 1776, in any of the present six New England states of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut."
<http://www.nsscne.org/>

National Society of Daughters of American Colonists

"NSDAC members are descendants of a man or woman who rendered patriotic or civil service to the American Colonies prior to 4 July 1776. We are a friendly lineage society with members working to preserve our heritage and record our history for future generations while serving our communities through Patriotic Education, Scholarships for American Indian students, marking historical sites, serving our veterans and more."
<http://nsdac.org/>

National Society New England Women

"Our organization, founded in 1895, brings together women of New England ancestry to honor and perpetuate the ideals and spirit of the indomitable men and women of Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut and Massachusetts who laid the foundations of our nation's civil and religious freedom. To further their legacy, NSNEW accomplishes its charitable goals through our national projects and committees which support educational and patriotic endeavors. I invite you to browse the information on our six national projects which are described elsewhere on this site. Membership in NSNEW is open to women who can prove lineal descent from a man or woman born in New England prior to the adoption of the U.S. Constitution in 1789, or in Nassau or Suffolk County, Long Island prior to 1700"
<http://www.newenglandwomen.org/>

The Winthrop Society

The Winthrop Society is open to all men and women eighteen years of age or older, of good character and proven descent from one or more passengers of the Winthrop fleet, or of others who settled in the Bay Colony and Down East on or before 31 December 1640
<https://www.winthropsociety.com/>

Genealogy Resources

Essex Society of Genealogists

"The Essex Society of Genealogists, Inc. (ESOG) has served Massachusetts' and New England's genealogical community with live educational presentations, genealogical projects, and publications to facilitate research in this fascinating, historical region. The Society is home based at the Marcia Wiswall Lindberg Room of the Lynnfield Public Library. The collection includes approximately 3000 volumes of genealogies and town histories. Also in the collection, are complete runs of the Massachusetts vital records in printed form and on microfiche, microfilm of Essex County census, early probate, and deed records, and many journals and genealogical periodicals." <http://www.esog.org>

Massachusetts Society of Genealogists

"MSOG is made up of chapters throughout Massachusetts: Bristol, Merrimack Valley, Middlesex, and Worcester. Each chapter has its own governing board of officers, annual meeting, and election. Each chapter is a member of the state board and is represented by the chapter's president. Chapters do not meet during the months of July and August. MSOG offers memberships for the Individual, Family, and Organization. Membership is from September 1st through August 31st. Join today and begin enjoying the many benefits of being a MSOG member. Join/renew now for 2018-2019." <https://www.msoginc.org/msogwp/>

New England Historical Genealogical Society

"We are located in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, and are America's leading research center for genealogists of every skill level. Visitors have access to millions of documents, manuscripts, records, books, microfilms, photographs, artifacts, electronic resources, and other items that preserve and reveal our nation's history. NEHGS genealogists, archivists, and librarians are available to assist patrons with their research inquiries and provide orientations to the library collections." <https://www.americanancestors.org/visit>

Massachusetts Historical Society

"Founded in 1791, the Massachusetts Historical Society is an invaluable resource for American history, life, and culture. Its extraordinary collections tell the story of America through millions of rare and unique documents, artifacts, and irreplaceable national treasures." <https://www.masshist.org/>

American Antiquarian Society

"The American Antiquarian Society is a national research library of American history and culture through 1876" <https://www.americanantiquarian.org/>

Massachusetts Genealogical Council

"MGC stands in a nationwide community of genealogists and historians asking for access to public records and supporting the preservation of history." <http://www.massgencouncil.org/2017/>

Useful Resources for Research

Salem Witch Trials Documentary Archive and Transcription Project

<http://salem.lib.virginia.edu/home.html>

Historical Collections of the Essex Institute

Digitized and available through archive.org

MAGenWeb Project

Contains digitized Massachusetts Archives, geological and historical society information, and is an excellent research resource. <http://magenweb.org/>