

Internship Opportunity at the New England Historic Genealogical Society



The New England Historic Genealogical Society is partnering with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston to digitize their sacramental records from 1789-1900, largely consisting of baptisms, marriages, and confirmations. These records reflect the various immigrant populations who came to Boston and Eastern Massachusetts including French Canadians from Quebec.

We have a group of over 100 volunteers who index these records to help us create a searchable database on our website, used by genealogists and historical researchers. A set of pages is indexed by one volunteer, proofread by another volunteer, then reviewed one more time before getting posted to our website: <https://www.americanancestors.org>. We currently need more help with the proofreading step of this process. Proofreaders double check that all information associated with a record is correct--particularly first name, last name, parents' names, spouse's name, date, and witnesses' names.

We're looking for someone who is flexible and willing to learn, with an eye for small details.

These records take many formats including small paragraphs of French that include written out dates or Latin forms.

You do not need to know Latin for this position, but you need to be willing to learn a few relevant words and phrases--we provide training! You will need to read cursive handwriting, or be willing to learn.

Example records:

Registrum Baptizatorum Ecclesiae		Sancti Joseph in urbe Bostonensi	
NOMEN. 51	Die 2 ^{ae} mensis Aprilis	A. D. 1899	
	baptizavi <i>Delphorum</i>		
<i>Crépeau</i>	nat. un. die 27 ^{ae} mensis Martii	A. D. 1899 ex	
	<i>Delphorum Crépeau et Victoria Patena, conjugibus</i>		
	Patrini fuerunt <i>Stanislaus Crépeau et Theresia Richard</i>		
	Adnotationes: <i>Curtis Carib. 1. 11.</i>		

B. 27
 Le treize Novembre mil huit cent quatre-vingt-douze, nous,
 M. Adeline prêtre, vicair sacré, avons baptisé Marie Adeline, née le huit des
 Descheneaux, enfant, fille légitime de Bruno Descheneaux, originaire de St-Jean
 la-Pocatière Canada, et de Angélique Lavoie de Montréal Canada.
 Parrain Narcisse Lavoie, oncle de l'enfant, marraine Jeanne
 Morin, son épouse.
 P. H. Grenier P. H.

About the New England Historic Genealogical Society



American Ancestors and New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) is America's founding genealogical organization and the most respected name in family history. Established in 1845, We are the nation's leading comprehensive resource for family history research and the largest Society of its kind in the world. We provide expert family history services through our staff, original scholarship, data-rich website, educational opportunities, and research center to help family historians of all levels explore their past and understand their families' unique place in history.

While we are located in Boston, MA, we welcome remote volunteers and interns.

Contact Molly Rogers '13, Database Coordinator (molly.rogers@nehgs.org) or Rachel Adams, Database Services Volunteer Coordinator (rachel.adams@nehgs.org) if you are interested.