



## Salem Ancestry Days Planned for April 30 – May 2, 2021

First annual celebration of genealogy and ancestral connections to Salem, Massachusetts, will feature virtual and in-person programming

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**Salem, MA.** . . Organizers who had planned for Salem Ancestry Days to begin in May 2020 have adjusted to current events and will present a mix of online and in-person programming that tell the stories of Salem's families April 30 – May 2, 2021. People with ancestral and immigrant connections to Salem, Massachusetts are invited to participate in lectures, tours, and programs that will strengthen their connections to their history and the Salem story.

Events are anticipated to include a Land Blessing by the Massachusetts Tribe, a virtual "Ancestral BINGO" hosted by the House of the Seven Gables, a walking tour of the monuments in Harmony Grove Cemetery, and online lectures.

All events will follow Massachusetts and Salem public health guidelines. Due to COVID restrictions, events including a Preservation Road Show, visitation at the Registry of Deeds, and one-on-one genealogy research lessons are being postponed until 2022.

For centuries, Salem has been a destination for emigrants, immigrants and travelers. The community is a landing point and a starting point for families who are starting their American journey or changing their family's trajectory. Through collaboration with the Phillips Library at the Peabody Essex Museum, Essex National Heritage Commission, American Ancestors and New England Historic Genealogical Society, and the City of Salem, the Ancestry Days celebration intends to be a gathering point for descendants of Salem's families as well as a research opportunity for people who want to learn more about their family history.

Events and programs will be shared on [SalemAncestry.org](https://SalemAncestry.org) as they are available.

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**About Salem:** Salem, Massachusetts, is a destination recognized around the world for its rich history, which includes the tragic Salem Witch Trials of 1692, the glorious maritime era that left its indelible mark on Salem through architecture, museums, and artifacts, and for its month-long celebration of Halloween.

**About Destination Salem:** As the destination marketing organization for the City of Salem, Destination Salem cooperatively markets Salem as one of Massachusetts' best destinations for families, couples, domestic, and international travelers who are seeking an authentic New England experience, cultural enrichment, American history, fine dining, unique shopping and fun. For more information, visit [Salem.org](https://Salem.org).