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Genealogical Society Celebrates Its 170th Anniversary in Royal Style

April 14, 2015—Boston, Massachusetts— The nation’s founding genealogical institution, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS), began its 170th year in Boston with a celebration featuring a member of the English Royal family, HRH Princess Michael of Kent. Princess Michael, who lives at Kensington Palace with her husband, HRH Prince Michael of Kent, the first cousin of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, visited the genealogical society to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award in history and biography and to speak on her recent book *The Queen of Four Kingdoms*.

NEHGS President and CEO D. Brenton Simons presented the award to Princess Michael for her outstanding achievement as an historian and author and regaled her with news of some of her distant American kinships, including George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy Adams, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. “The Princess’s kinship to Franklin Roosevelt is especially fitting,” said Simons, “because FDR was a godfather to her husband, Prince Michael, who even has ‘Franklin’ as one of his middle names.”

About American Ancestors and New England Historic Genealogical Society

The founding genealogical society in America, New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) was established in 1845. Today it has a national collecting scope and serves more than 90,000 constituents through an award-winning website, AmericanAncestors.org.

NEHGS’s resources, expertise, and service are unmatched in the field, and their leading staff of on-site and online genealogists includes experts in early American, Irish, English, Scottish, Italian, Atlantic and French Canadian, African American, Native American, Chinese, and Jewish research. The NEHGS library and archive, located at 99–101 Newbury Street in downtown Boston, is home to more than 28 million items, including artifacts, documents, records, journals, letters, books, manuscripts, and other items dating back hundreds of years.

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