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Rimadesio's Boston Showroom

**Rimadesio has opened in Boston.** Philip Guarino, the owner of Arclinea Boston, signed a deal with Italian manufacturer Rimadesio to open its first New England showroom adjacent to Arclinea at 10 St. James Avenue.

"Rimadesio's elegant and innovative sliding door/divider systems and closet/shelving units offer exquisite solutions for today's lifestyle," said Guarino. "I think that Boston homeowners will be delighted by these amazing designs."

Rimadesio has established successful showrooms in cities including Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Milan, Paris, Rome, Sao Paulo, Taipei and Zurich. The Boston location will be Rimadesio's first stand-alone showroom in the U.S. Its products are also available in New York, Miami and Chicago.



The New England Historic Genealogical Society

**George W. Bush is my what?** If you've ever wondered how you got here or where your family came from, dash over to the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) at 101 Newbury Street. A professional genealogist like 20-year veteran Michael Leclerc will lead you on a very spooky excursion through the records of your dead ancestors.

I spent the afternoon covered in goose bumps as my family origins were revealed. Who they are, what they did for a living, when they married, gave birth or died was all there, as dozens of organized references all accessible through the internet.

"With a last name like Hamblin, I suspect that you're part of an old Yankee family going back about 400 years," St. Claire said as he wielded his mighty mouse through [www.NewEnglandAncestors.org](http://www.NewEnglandAncestors.org) and a number of other cemetery, census and historic archival Web sites.

"Theophilus Hamblin, your grandfather, was a sailor. His dad, another Theophilus Hamblin, was a blacksmith," St. Claire announced as he skillfully navigated through record after record. "James Hamlen was born in London in 1608 and immigrated to Barnstable, Massachusetts in 1639. He was the first of the Hamlen, Hamlin or Hamblin family and your first relative in the not yet United States of America."

Birth certificates, death certificates, marriage licenses and army records pop up. If you reach a dead-end, try the microfilm or the historic books available through the NEHGS's various onsite libraries. Sometimes the surname spelling is different but the records speak for themselves even if it's Hamlin or Hamlen. In those days, people became who the check was made out to. Names changed, letters were dropped or added. Nobody cared.

How potentially scary is this? Mary Hyanno was an Indian princess (Princess Little Dove) with the Wampanoag Tribe. She married John Bearse in the 1600s, produced a daughter who married John Hamblin and at the end of that tree, there was Sen. Prescott Sheldon Bush born in 1895 who produced a son named George H. W. Bush and, well, you know how that ends. It looks like George W. is my cousin. Tons of therapy will get me through this.

Originally established in 1845, NEHGS is housed in a grand building; formerly a bank where museum quality paintings adorn the walls of this very busy space. Members pay \$75 per year and have access to the several floors of records in the building including computer access to website databases.

Consider yourself warned: It is great fun to find out who got you here but you may get hooked. I found Steven Hamblin, a distant cousin living in Texas, who had research that took the Hamblin family back to William the Conqueror, 1066 in England. This is really a blast.

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**Sarah Leaf-Herrmann joins CM Communications.**

Congratulations are in order for Lori Moretti of CM Communications who is now celebrating her 20th anniversary as a full-service marketing agency. Business is so good that the firm has just hired Sarah Leaf-Herrmann as its vice president of marketing and public relations. CM Communications specializes in travel and hospitality, real estate and luxury services and is located at 29 Newbury Street.