

## **Herrick Family Association HISTORY**

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The first edition of the Herrick Genealogical Register, HGR, was compiled and published in 1846 by General Jedediah Herrick of Hampden, Penobscot County, Maine. He was descended from Joseph of Salem, the fifth known son of Henerie Hericke & Editha Laskin. Jedediah was born January 08, 1780 at Lewiston, Maine and died October 19, 1849 at Hampden, Maine.

The second edition of the Herrick Genealogical Register was compiled and published in 1885 by Dr. Lucius Carroll Herrick, M. D., of Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. He was descended from Ephraim of Beverly, the third known son of Henerie Hericke and Editha Laskin. Lucius Carroll was born September 02, 1840 at West Randolph, Vermont and died April 30, 1903 at Columbus, Ohio.

The 1846 and 1885 editions of the Herrick Genealogical Register each claim that Henerie Hericke, Henry of Salem, was the fifth son of Sir William Heyricke of London and Leicestershire, England. Jedediah stated the following in the first edition and Lucius Carroll repeated the same statement in the second edition:

“The evidence of the identity of our Henry of Salem with the fifth son of Sir William Herrick, is, to be sure, rather circumstantial than direct, and some of it of a negative, rather than of a positive character. It is still quite conclusive and satisfactory as evidence of this kind, and at this distance of time, can be hoped to be found.

In March of 1998 a partial transcript of an article titled, “The Alleged Ancestry of Henry Herrick of Salem,” was discovered by Richard Leon Herrick. It was supposed to have been published 50 years earlier in *The American Genealogist*, TAG. That transcript strongly implied that Henry of Salem was not the fifth son of Sir William Heyricke. During August 1998 a copy of the specific article from pages 96-98 from volume 14, number 2, October 1937 issue of TAG was found. At the same time pages 910-914 of volume II of *The Great Migration Begins* was also obtained. Both articles state clearly and positively that there were two men named Henry Herrick that immigrated to America during the early 1600s. The first was Henry of Salem who arrived at Salem, MA by about July 1629. The second was Henry of Virginia who was later documented to have been in court in York County, Virginia on March 17, 1641. A second document indicated that Henry of Virginia, and his wife Ann, were transported to Virginia for 100 acres of land as evidenced by a certificate dated during September 1642 in Elizabeth City County, Virginia and executed there during September 1643.

Research began in earnest at that point to see if there were any other records in Virginia that would confirm the presence of Henry of Virginia in that Colony. After three years of cooperative research by five researchers a draft report of their

findings clearly placed the fifth son of Sir William Heyricke, Henry John “Hen” Heyricke, in Virginia from as early as March 17, 1641 to as late as 1658 to 1659. No evidence has yet been discovered as to when Henry John “Hen” Heyricke and his wife, Ann, died, where they died, or if they had any issue that survived them, either in Virginia or in England. The exact lineage of Henry John “Hen” Heyricke of Virginia seems to be clear, but these findings indicate that the ancestors of Henry Hericke of Salem are unknown. Research as to his origin is ongoing by the HFA as is an attempt to learn the ancestry of Ann \_\_\_Heyricke, the wife of Henry of Virginia.

A copy of the latest draft of said report is available on request to the HFA. The document will be sent as an attachment to an e-mail message or via the U. S. Postal Service, whichever method that is desired. The attachment will be a Word 2000 document of the <.doc> file format. If the recipient cannot open that format a text only version of the <.txt> file format will be sent which Windows can open without a word processor. Please specify which version you want if you request it by attachment to an e-mail message.

The report has a bibliography of nearly 70 references of which the source of the copies of three signatures of Henry Hericke, Henry of Salem, that do not match five copies of the signature of Henry “Hen” Heyricke, Henry of Virginia are defined. Copies of the signatures are not in the report. They will be included in the Third edition of the HGR.

The cooperative and shared research found many irregularities, mistakes, and omissions in and between the 1846 & 1885 HGRs. The researchers used contemporary methods to compare, confirm and document their research. It became clear that a third edition of the Herrick family history was needed to correct irregularities, mistakes and errors of omission and to add new information about subsequent generations of Herrick and allied families that have arisen since 1885. A team was formed with the goal of creating the Herrick Family Association, HFA to accomplish this multi-faceted task. The HFA was formed as a non-profit Corporation in the State of Minnesota and was announced to the public on November 01, 2001. The HFA has begun to compile the third edition of the HGR. Publication is expected to be during the period of 2008-2009. The HFA held its Inaugural Meeting in Salem, MA the weekend of August 23-25, 2002.

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