

Herrick Family Association

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Check our Web Page: www.Herrickfamilyassociation.org or find us on Facebook!

Happy Holidays!!!

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Message from the President:

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

Message from the President- Dec 2025- Dale Yoe, HFA# 062



A cookie for your thoughts?

This was part of the theme at this year's HFA meeting in Philadelphia. We had a wonderful time seeing those members we have not seen for a while and catching up with them. It was also great to meet and talk with new members who had not attended our get-togethers in the past.

One of the main things I wanted to do is to get ideas on what our future might look like. Michael Herrick provided a good is to start with.

His ideas were broken down into sections: Research, Service, DNA, Education, and Development. Under research- finding documents and sources on Herricks; Studying forensic data on Vikings; Search more church records for Robert Stratton and his brother William; start with Thomas (Henry's father) and go back as far as possible. See attached.

This month you will see an attachment of the by-laws. It was mentioned that we really had not visited them for many years. So- I must tell you that I am hoping someone out there is a lawyer to make sure we are ok with the by-laws and do we need to make changes. I look forward to hearing from those who think we should make some changes. Please send suggestions to me at yoeda@comcast.net. I also want to mention that we are in compliance with the Articles of Incorporation set up in 2001.

I thank all who have participated in any activity this past year and wish all a Wonderful Holiday!

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HFA Mission Statement

The mission of the Herrick Family Association, HFA, consists of at least the following:

Primary Mission Statement

1. The primary mission statement of the HFA is to provide a forum for those individuals with a Herrick ancestor to take advantage of research conducted by others, regardless of whether or not they may be descended from Henerie Hericke, a.k.a. Henry of Salem.

2. To continue to update, as an addendum, the third edition of the Herrick Genealogical Register (HGR3) since its completion in 2016.

3. Since the corrections have been made on the erroneous claim in the 1846 and 1885 editions of the HGR that Henerie Hericke was the fifth son of Sir William of Beaumanor, we will continue to pursue the ancestry of Henry of Salem (who arrived in the Massachusetts Bay Colony by June 1629).

4. Conduct and share research on Henry John "Hen" Heyricke, a.k.a. Henry of Virginia (who was in Court in York Co., VA on 17 March 1641 and determine the ancestry of his wife Ann (____) Herrick, and any children they may have had). The discovered information to be shared via the HGR3, HFA and the Internet.

5. Hold meetings of the HFA with members and non-members at various locations of interest to the Herricks.

6. Maintain a Home Page Web Site, Forum page and Facebook page for the HFA.

7. Continue to publish a Newsletter.

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HFA Meeting in Philadelphia

October 4, 2025

1. Dale welcomed the HFA members and talked about the state of the organization.

2. Introductions-

President – Dale Yoe, V. President – Merrill Herrick, Secretary – Nancy Johnson, Treasurer – Dianne Herrick, Membership Chair – Jim Hilton, DNA Chair Curt Herrick

3. Secretary's Report –

The last meeting was in the fall of 2024 via zoom. The 2024 zoom meeting report was passed.

4. Treasurers Report-

Dianne let us know that the HFA has about \$8,000 left in the account.

5. Old Business-

Our membership list shows 245 members of which 97 and paid up active members. We are working on thinking about ways to attract more young people into the HFA. Our active members are older and we need new young people in this organization if it is to carry on beyond our generations.

6. New Business-

Talked about officer elections, ideas for change and further research into our family tree.

We discussed Michael Herrick's proposed restructuring plan and discussed the many good ideas in the proposal.

We developed new bylaws in 2018 and it was suggested that we should include them in the next newsletter.

7. The next meeting will be in 2027 and we need someone to take the lead on planning that.

Submitted 11/03/2025 by Nancy Johnson

Some pictures of our HFA gang in Philadelphia





Wonderful visit to the Museum of the Revolutionary War



Herrick Family Association
Proposed Restructuring Plan
New Programs And Functions
By Michael Herrick HFA #118

RESEARCH

Locate existing documents and original sources of information to learn more about Herricks/Eyryks throughout the Midlands.

Study forensic data on Viking remains to reinforce or discount our claims to Viking heritage and links to Ericke of East Anglia.

Study church records to learn more about the life and times of Robert de Stretton and his brother William Eyryk (ie. when and why he was knighted by King Edward III)

Starting with Thomas Heyrick (Henry's father) trace and verify ancestral roots back as far as possible.

SERVICE

Conduct Herrick family genealogy searches – free for members and fee based for non-members.

DNA

Study new developments in family DNA and maintain a data base of member DNA profiles.

Study Viking DNA matches to Herrick family DNA profiles.

Study new developments in isotope analysis of Viking remains.

EDUCATION

a. Provide academic scholarships for members or non-members and their families to conduct research on Herrick genealogy.

DEVELOPMENT

a. Find grants and donors interested in historical research or family genealogy to subsidize our mission and goals.

b. Promote our 501c3 status with the IRS so that grants and donations can be provided tax free.

c. Update our By-Laws to make them relevant and useful for the operations and structure of HFA.

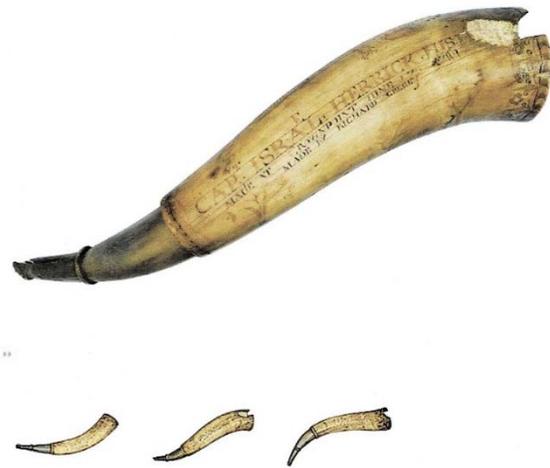
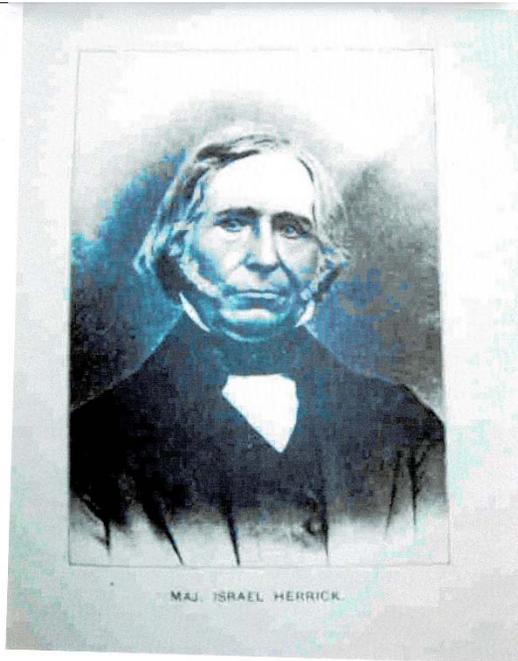
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Biography of Major Israel Herrick
Revolutionary War Veteran
Alice Herrick Reynolds HFA #003

11-6-2025

Major Israel Herrick fought 19 campaigns in the French and Indian War, answered the alarm and fought at Bunker Hill and resigned his commission at age 54 at Cambridge where Gen. George Washington took command of the Continental Army.

Lineage Benjamin-4, Joseph-3, Joseph-2, Henry Hericke-1



13" horn Named to Capt. Isreal Herrick, Horn is adorned with a griffin and the British Royal Crest: on the bow of the horn it reads Capt. Isreal Herrick his horn Made at Crowpoint June 17th 1740 Made by Richard Cressey.
Condition: Very good. Missing in plug and some deterioration near the plug end of horn.

Parents His father was Benjamin Herrick, born 14 April 1700 in Wenham, Essex Co., MA and died 1773 at Gage's Ferry, Methuen, Essex Co., MA. His mother was Lydia Hayward, daughter of Nathaniel "Howard" Hayward and Hannah "Raymond"

Siblings Edward b. 1724, Lydia b. 1726, Nathaniel b. 1727, Hannah b. 1728, Anna b. 1729, Anna b. 1730, Benjamin b. 1732, Nehemiah b. 1734, Nathaniel b. 1736, Ebenezer v. 1739, Joseph b 1739, Thomas b. 1741.

Birth 02 December 1721 and baptized 30 June 1723 in Wenham, Essex Co., MA.

Marriages He married (1) Mary Bragg 21 February 1744/45 in Wenham, MA, daughter of Nathaniel Bragg and Mary Trow. She was born 24 October 1723 in Wenham, MA and died 24 June 1748 in Topsfield, Essex Co., MA. He married (2) Abigail Kilham (Kylliam) on 22 January (or June) 1749 at Boxford, Essex Co., MA at the First Congregational church in East Boxford, Essex Co., MA, daughter of John Killam and Abigail Symonds. She was born 30 Nov. 1725 I Boxford, MA and she died 08 February 1817 in Lewiston, ME.

Children Joseph b. 1746, d. 1748; Israel b. 1747, died in the army, Joseph b. 1750, John b. 1752, Elizabeth b. 1754, Mary b.1737, Eli b. 1759, Samuel b. 1759, Abigail b. 1761

Residences He was born in Wenham, Essex Co., MA. He was taxed in Topsfield, MA Poll 1744, 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49. He lived in the Boxford/Topsfield area. In 1744, he moved with wife, Abigail, to Lewiston, ME. They arrived in snowstorm and stayed with the Davis family until they could build their own cabin. His family was the eighth to settle in Lewistown. His sons, Eli, Joseph and Samuel later settled in Greene, ME.

Military 1745: He entered the militia in 1745 as a lieutenant and served in nineteen campaigns in the French and Indian War. (Britain and Colonies fighting France and Indian Allies). During the period, King George's War (capture of Louisbourg, Nova Scotia English troops and provincial soldiers.

1756: As a first lieutenant in a company of Provençal troops, he served under Capt. Humphrey Hobbs of Bonhagan who was sent to defend the eastern frontier.

1756: His brothers also served: Edward in James Parker's Co. 1756 and in in Col. James Frye's Co in 1756. Edward, corporal died of his injuries in 1756 serving in Col. James Frye's Co.

1757, May 13: He led a ranger company of mostly Topsfield men, scouting the Eastern frontiers around the Androscoggin and Kennebec Rivers and wrote a journal titled 1757 see– Scouting Party at Penobscot, between the Androscoggin and Kennebec Rivers, in Collections and Proceedings of the Main Historical Society, Second Series, Vol, II, p. 189. Some members of his company were Solomon Towe, A. Putnam, Osmon Baker, John Whipple, Archelaus Hayward. April to December 5, 1757.

1758: He led a company with John Boardman in March. Later he led a company under Colonel Jedidiah Preble's regiment for the reduction of Canada. Some members of his company were John King, Joseph Fiske and Nthan Felton. May 1 to October 29, 1758. He also led a company against Ft. Ticonderoga (Ft. Carillon) where they were defeated (described in Soldier Elijah Estabrook's journal 1758-1760).

1759: Capt. Herrick and his company of rangers engaged on the Eastern Frontier, Penobscot – in and about Maine. Some members of his company were David Kneeland, Samuel Smith, William Gallup, Job Whipple and Thomas Town. April 1759.

1760: 14 Mar- 5 Dec: He led a company in which his brother, Ebenezer, was Sergeant who served in Nathan Chandler's Co in 1757 sent to relieve Fort William Henry. Joseph and Nathaniel served in 1760. They captured 26 prisoners Some members of his company were William Rogers and James Gillingham.

1763: Israel left the military as a brevet major.

1775: He served in the War of the Revolution, answered the alarm and fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill at the rail fence and guarding the retreat of patriot forces. He resigned his commission (Major) at age 54 when the army removed from Cambridge.

His son, Israel, was killed fighting in the Revolution.

His brother, Edward, died of injuries while fighting in 1756.

His brother, Ebenezer, was killed at Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775, at the "rail fence".

Occupation Soldier, farmer

Death 14 September 1782 in Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., ME. He is buried in the Herrick Cemetery in Lewiston, Androscoggin Co., ME

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Scott Hirst HFA #

Obituary



HOPKINTON - Scott Bill Hirst, lifetime historian, politician, passed on June 29, 2025. A lifetime resident of Hopkinton, he was born in Westerly on June 30, 1953, to the proud parents of Robert Scott Hirst and Ruth Carolyn Bill. In his youth he took to reading and enjoyed history and reading about the Presidents. While growing up his compassion for history stayed and it morphed into politics as well. Election season was his Superbowl. Following, Federal, State and local elections to the early morning hours. He followed the issues on all levels. He ran for the Hopkinton Town Council numerous times over the years win or lose always stayed active in anything Hopkinton. He most recently served as the Vice President of the Town Council during the 2022-2024 term. A true civil servant to his beloved Hopkinton. He was proud to be one of the longest civil servants on the council in Hopkinton. He loved his town and the people in it.

Scott was educated at the Ashaway Elementary School and Chariho Regional High School. His post high school learning saw him attend Rhode Island Junior College with an associate's degree in liberal arts and a bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island Political Science.

He was an avid genealogist and helped many trace their family heritage.

He was involved in many Civic groups throughout his life. Following in his father's footsteps he was a member of DeMolay, the Freemasons and Knights Templar. Scott was also a lifetime member of The North Stonington, CT Grange in which his mother was a member for over sixty years. He was always an active member of any civic organization he was part of and willing to do what was best for that organization he participated in. He was also active in the Independent Order of Odd fellows and of Westerly Elks.

An honorable life of service and a life well lived.

Calling hours are respectfully omitted. The burial will be private.

The Buckler-Johnston Funeral Home, 121 Main St. is overseeing the arrangements.

Those wishing to make donations in Scott's memory can do so to Franklin Lodge #20, 20 Elm St. [Westerly, RI](#) 02891 or the North Stonington Grange, 23 Wyassup Rd, North Stonington, CT, 06359

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By Historic Beverly

New Acquisition!

John Herrick's

17th-Century Pocket Book



Above: The mid- to late 17th century embroidered wool pocket book owned by John Herrick (1650-1680) and recently acquired by Historic Beverly. A handwritten note pinned to the upper flap reads, "Made for John Herrick who was born 1650 died 1680."

Thanks to an eagle-eyed Historic Beverly member and a donation from a generous member, Historic Beverly recently acquired this incredible object at auction: A handmade embroidered "pocket book" from the mid- to late 17th century belonging to John Herrick, son of Henry Herrick and Editha Laskin. In the Colonial Era, men were

known to use cloth pocket books made of embroidered wool (with a wool or linen lining) to carry cash, papers, and other items during their travels; they would be equivalent to a man's wallet and/or passport holder today. Eventually, this pocket book will be put on display at the Cabot House for all to see.

John's parents, Henry and Editha (Laskin) Herrick were among the earliest settlers of the "Bass River/Cape Ann Syde of Salem," which became Beverly in 1668. John was baptized around March 1650. In May 1674, he married Mary Gould Reddington of Topsfield in Beverly. John and Mary Gould [Reddington] Herrick had a son, John Herrick (b. 1675), and a daughter, Mary Herrick, (b. 1677), both of whom survived to adulthood. Another son, Daniel, was born in March 1679 but died in October of that year.

John Herrick died in Beverly in February 1680, at around 31 years old. His probate record listed him as a yeoman (i.e., a farmer) who owned about 80 acres of land scattered around Beverly, which was a good-sized estate for someone who was only 31 years old. At his death, Herrick's estate was valued at 343 pounds, equivalent to about \$103,000 today.

It appears likely that John's daughter, Mary Herrick, may have been the Mary Herrick who claimed in November 1692 that Mary Estey of Topsfield (a convicted "witch" executed in September 1692) came to her in a dream and told her that Mrs. John Hale (Sarah Noyes Hale) was also a witch. Mary Herrick's maternal grandmother, Margaret Reddington, also testified against Mary Estey. Fortunately for Estey, Mary Herrick's accusation that she was a witch occurred after Governor William Phips had banned the use of spectral evidence in witchcraft trials in October 1692 and after the main part of the Salem Witch Trials had ended.

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BY-LAWS HERRICK FAMILY ASSOCIATION

(a Nonprofit Corporation)

ARTICLE I.

Name and Location

The name of the Corporation is Herrick Family Association, a nonprofit corporation, hereinafter referred to as "HFA." The principal office of HFA shall be located at 18075 – 3rd Avenue North, Plymouth, Minnesota 55447, but meetings of members and directors may be held at such places within the State of Minnesota, as may be designated by the Board.

ARTICLE II.

Definitions

Section 1. "Corporation" shall mean and refer to HFA, its successors and assigns.

Section 2. "Member" shall mean and refer to all individuals who are members of HFA as provided in these Bylaws and who pay the prescribed dues as established by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. "Board" shall mean and refer to the board of directors of HFA, its successors and assigns. The board of directors shall consist of Directors having voting rights on the Board.

Section 4. "Director" shall mean and refer to a member of the Board.

Section 5. "Articles" shall mean and refer to the Articles of Incorporation of HFA as amended from time to

time.

Section 6. "Bylaws" shall mean and refer to the bylaws of HFA as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE III.

Purpose

The purpose of HFA shall be to provide a central focus for family information for all individuals with an ancestor or spouse named Herrick, and for those descended from Henry of Salem, also known as Henry Hericke. And further to exchange said family information and compile such data to modify, correct, augment and update, down to the present time, the 1846 and 1885 Herrick Genealogies.

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of Section (c) (3) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code, or as the same may be subsequently modified, and for no other purposes, including more specifically the following:

A. To lease, purchase, sell or otherwise acquire or dispose of such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purpose of the corporation and to receive and hold gifts, and donations, grants, devises or bequests of real or personal property as may be necessary to carry out the above stated purposes.

B. Provided that no part of the earnings or assets of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of private shareholder or individual, nor shall a substantial part of the activities of the corporation be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall the corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

C. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, all its assets of whatever nature shall be transferred to such other organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable or educational purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code or as the same may be subsequently modified, as the Board of Directors shall select.

ARTICLE IV.

Meeting of Members

Section 1. Annual Meetings. The First Annual Meeting of the Members shall be held at such time and place as determined by the Board. The Board shall give notice at least 90 days before said meeting. Subsequent annual meetings shall be at a time and place determined by the Members at the preceding annual meeting.

Section 2. Special Meetings.

(a) Who may call. HFA shall hold a special meeting of the Members if at least 20% of the Active Members with voting rights sign, date and deliver to the president or treasurer one or more written demand for the meeting describing the purpose for which it is held.

(b) Notice. Within 60 days after receipt of a demand for a special meeting from voting Members, the Board shall cause a special meeting to be called and held as required by this subdivision.

- (c) Time; Place. Special meetings of Members may be held in or out of this state at the place stated in or fixed in accordance with the Articles, Bylaws, or by the president or the Board.

- (d) Notice Requirements; Business Limited. The notice of a special meeting must contain a statement of the purposes of the meeting. The notice shall also contain other information required by the Articles, Bylaws, or the Act and may contain information considered necessary or desirable by the Board or by another person calling the meeting. The business transacted at a special meeting is limited to the purposes stated within the notice of the meeting.

Section 3. Electronic Mail. Electronic mail may be used for the notification of meetings, casting of proxies and casting of votes, provided members have provided their electronic mail addresses and authorized its use for such purposes to the secretary.

Section 4. Notice of Meetings. At least 60 days in advance of any annual or special meeting, written notice of such meeting of the Members shall be given by, or at the direction of, the secretary or person authorized to call the meeting, either through the postal service or by electronic mail to each Member entitled to vote thereat, addressed to the Member's address last appearing on the books of HFA, or supplied by such Member to HFA for the purpose of notice. Such notice shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting, and, in the case of a special meeting, the notice must so inform Members and state the procedure for appointing proxies.

Section 5. Waiver of Notice; Objections. A Member may waive notice of a meeting of Members. A waiver of notice by a Member entitled to notice is effective whether given before, at, or after the meeting, and whether given in writing, or by attendance. Attendance by a Member at a meeting is a waiver of notice of that meeting, unless the Member objects at the beginning of the meeting to the transaction of business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened, or objects before a vote on an item of business because the item may not lawfully be considered at that meeting and does not participate in the consideration of the item at that meeting.

Section 6. Quorum. The presence at the meeting of Members entitled to vote, or of proxies entitled to vote, 50 percent of the elected and 20 percent active members are entitled to vote at the meeting or 25 members entitled to vote and present at the meeting, whichever is less, shall constitute a quorum for any action except as otherwise provided in the Articles. If, however, such quorum shall not be present or represented at any meeting, the Members entitled to vote thereat shall have power to adjourn the meeting from time to time, without notice other than announcement at the meeting, until a quorum as aforesaid shall be present or be represented.

Section 7. Proxies. At all meetings of Members, each Member may vote in person or by proxy. Proxies may be cast either by regular postal service mail, or electronic mail, and filed with the secretary.

ARTICLE V.

Board of Directors; Selection; Term of Office

Section 1. Directors at Large. There shall initially be three interim Directors at Large. Additional Directors at Large shall be as determined by those members that attend the first annual meeting of the HFA at a time and place to be determined. One third of the initial Directors shall serve a term of one year, one third shall serve a term of two years, and one third shall serve a term of three years. Subsequent Directors shall serve a term of three years.

Section 2. Regional Directors. There shall be a number of Regional Directors selected to serve a three year term, one third of whom shall be elected annually by members of the HFA. Members of the HFA who attend the first annual meeting shall determine the actual number of regions.

Members of the HFA from the corresponding regions attending the first annual meeting shall select the initial Regional Directors: one third for a one year term; one third for a two year term; and one third for a three year term.

1. The Board of Directors shall be responsible for the affairs of the HFA.
2. The Directors may appoint an executive Committee of Five Members, including the officers.
3. The Directors may appoint other officers or agents to serve with or without compensation.
4. The directors shall appoint a Nominating Committee of five members at least sixty days prior to an election whose duty it shall be to nominate Directors when vacancies occur.
5. The Directors shall set the dues and provisions for membership.
6. The Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer of the HFA shall sign all checks, drafts, or other orders for payment of money, notes, or other debt of the HFA.

Section 3. Removal. Any Director may be removed from the Board, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the Members present and entitled to vote at a duly called meeting of Members. In the event of death, resignation or removal of a Director, his or her successor shall be selected by the remaining Members of the Board and shall serve for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor.

Section 4. Resignation. A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to HFA. The resignation is effective without acceptance when the notice is given to HFA, unless a later effective time is specified in the notice.

Section 5. Compensation. No Director shall receive compensation for any service he or she may render to HFA in his or her capacity as Director. However, any Director may be reimbursed for his or her actual expenses incurred in the performance of his or her duties, and any Director may be compensated for services rendered to HFA not in his or her capacity as Director provided that such Director and the Board agree prior to commencement of such service to the nature, extent, and cost of such services. Such Director shall not be entitled to vote regarding such proposed agreement.

Section 6. Action Taken Without a Meeting. The Directors shall have the right to take any action in the absence of a meeting which they could take at a meeting by obtaining the written approval of all the Directors. Any action so approved shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Directors.

ARTICLE VI.

Nomination and Election of Directors

Section 1. Nomination. Nomination for election to the Board shall be made by a nominating committee. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the annual meeting. The nominating committee shall consist of a board member and two other members of HFA. The nominating committee shall be appointed by the Board prior to each annual meeting of the Members, to serve from the close of such annual meeting until the close of the next annual meeting and such appointment shall be announced at each annual meeting. The nominating committee shall make as many nominations for election to the Board as it shall in its discretion determine, but not less than the number of vacancies that are to be filled. Such nominations shall be from among Members.

Section 2. Election. Election to the Board shall be by secret written ballot. At such election each Member, or his or her proxy, may cast one vote. The person receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to such vacancy. Cumulative voting is not permitted.

ARTICLE VII.

Meetings of Directors

Section 1. Regular Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held without notice at such place and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board. The Board may take action on urgent business through electronic mail or via telephone conference calls

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be held when called by the president of HFA, or by any two Directors, after not less than ten (10) days notice to each Director and to each Advisory Director.

Section 3. Quorum. A majority of the number of Directors provided by these Bylaws constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Unless otherwise specifically provided by law, the Bylaws or the Articles, every act or decision done or made by a majority of the Directors present at a duly held meeting at which a quorum is present at the time the meeting is called to order shall be regarded as the act of the Board.

ARTICLE VIII.

Powers and Duties of the Board of Directors

Section 1. Powers. The Board shall have power to:

a. Exercise for HFA all powers, duties and authority invested in or delegated to HFA and not reserved to the membership by other provisions of these Bylaws, the Articles, or the Act.

b. Declare the office of a member of the Board to be vacant in the event such member shall be absent from three (3) consecutive regular meetings of the Board; and

Section 2. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Board to:

a. Cause to be kept a complete record of all its acts and of the corporate affairs of HFA and to present a statement thereof to the Members at the annual meeting of the Members, or at any special meeting when such statement is requested in writing by twenty-five (25) Members who are entitled to vote;

b. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of HFA and to see that their duties are properly performed;

c. Fix the amount of the annual dues for each Member and send written notice to every Member at least sixty (60) days prior to the date such dues are due.

ARTICLE IX.

Officers and Their Duties

Section 1. Enumeration of Officers. The officer of HFA shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and a treasurer, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, and such other officers as the Board may from time to time by resolution create.

Section 2. Election of Officers. The election of officers shall take place at the first meeting of the Board following each annual meeting of the Members.

Section 3. Term. Each officer of the HFA shall be elected annually by the Board and each shall hold office for one (1) year unless he or she shall sooner resign, or shall be removed, or otherwise be disqualified to serve.

Section 4. Resignation and Removal. Any officer may be removed from office with or without cause by a resolution adopted by the Board. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board, the president or the secretary. Such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later time specified therein, and unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

Section 5. Vacancies. A vacancy in any office may be filled by appointment by the Board. The person appointed to such vacancy shall serve in such capacity for the remainder of the term of the officer he or she replaced.

Section 6. Multiple Offices. The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person. No person shall simultaneously hold more than one of any of the other offices.

Section 7. Duties. The duties of the officers are those usually assigned to each office.

ARTICLE X.

Committees

The Board shall appoint a nominating committee, as provided in these Bylaws, and may appoint other committees as deemed appropriate in carrying out its purpose. A committee may be established by a resolution approved by the affirmative action of the Board. Such committee shall have the authority of the Board in the management of the business of HFA to the extent provided in the resolution. Committee shall be subject at all times to the direction and control of the Board.

ARTICLE XI.

Books and Records

The books, records and papers of HFA shall at all times, during reasonable business hours, be subject to inspection by any Member.

ARTICLE XII.

Amendments

Section 1.

A. The power to adopt, amend, or repeal these Bylaws is vested in the Board subject to the power of the Members with voting rights to adopt, amend, or repeal, pursuant to Section 1B of this Article, the bylaws, or any part thereof, adopted, amended or repealed by the Board. The Board may not adopt, amend, or repeal a bylaw fixing a quorum for meetings of Members, prescribing procedures for removing directors, filling vacancies on the Board, or fixing the number of directors or their classifications, qualifications, or terms of office, but may adopt or amend a bylaw to increase the number of directors. A bylaw amendment to increase or decrease the vote required for a member action must be approved by the Members.

B. At least 10 Members with voting rights may propose a resolution for action by the Members to adopt, amend, or repeal bylaws previously adopted by the Board or by the Members. The resolution must contain the provisions then presently contained in the bylaws together with the provisions proposed for adoption, amendment, or repeal. Adoption, amendment, or repeal of bylaws under this Article XII, Section 1B must be approved by affirmative vote of the majority of the Members present and entitled to vote, which also must be a majority of the required quorum. Board approval of bylaws adopted, amended, or repealed pursuant to this Article XII, Section 1B is not required.

Section 2. In the case of any conflict between the Articles and the Bylaws, the Articles, as amended, shall control.

ARTICLE XIII.

Miscellaneous

The fiscal year of HFA shall begin on the 1st day of January and end on the 31st day of December of every year.

The foregoing constitute the revised Bylaws of HFA, as duly adopted by the membership on the 20th day of September 2008.

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Nathaniel Herrick and the Revolutionary War – Continued
By Michael Herrick #118

In the June, 2025 HFA newsletter, I wrote about Nathaniel Herrick's Revolutionary War service. This article is a continuation of Nathaniel Herrick's life after the war. It is unclear if Nathaniel received a pension for his war service. However, it is likely he received a veteran's pension, not in money since the Continental Congress had no money. It was more common that war veterans received land grants as a pension. Evidence for that lies in a documented war pension land grant given to a fellow soldier named Prince Johonnot, who cited Nathaniel as a fellow soldier at Bunker Hill under the command of Colonial Frye. It is also documented that Prince Johonnot received a land grant to settle in northern New Hampshire. After the war Nathaniel also left with his family to New Hampshire to claim a land grant in Guildhall, New Hampshire (now Guildhill, Vermont), which is on the the state line with Vermont and New Hampshire.. Nathaniel and his family settled uncharted territory in northern Vermont in what is now Granby, Vermont.

In 1789, Nathaniel at the age of 53 moved his entire family - his wife, Susannah, and 5 children through an arduous trek, bushwhacking through thick forests and forging rivers and streams. His youngest son, Nehemiah at age 14 stayed in Methuen for unknown reasons. The Herrick family made the journey with Benjamin Cheney and his family, first to Berwick, Maine, which was part of Massachusetts at the time. They traveled by foot in all sorts weather and all seasons. Water routes were considered the best if there was no ice cover. They used flat boats and hollowed out log canoes to carry possessions. If water routes were not possible, they pulled a sled with family possessions through mud and swamps. They finally reached Guildhall by way of the Connecticut River. It was in Guildhall that the Herricks and Chenys charted plans for a settlement in Granby. On December 8, 1789, while still in Guldhall, the two families laid out plans for a road to the town of Granby, and in November, 1791 the road was completed. Finally, plots of land were surveyed for Nathaniel and Susannah and their three sons - Joseph, Nathaniel Jr., and Zadock. The very first town meeting was held in the the home of Joseph Herrick on October 27th, 1795. The Herrick family prospered in Granby. In all, 24 Herrick children were born in Granby. Then disaster struck. In 1804, after nearly 15 years of extremely hard work, the "year of no summer" started to set in. Beginning with the "great snowstorm of 1804", the successive winters were extremely cold and snowy. In May, 1807 the snow was recorded at 4 ½ feet. Winter got worse every successive year and by 1816 it was the coldest year of all. That year the ground never thawed even in the middle of the summer. No crops could be planted. People starved and survived on a diet of fish. This year was known as "Eighteen Hundred and Froze to Death". By 1817, only 3 families remained in Granby. The Herricks were not among them. They knew they had to leave Granby or die.

Below is newspaper article about the climate dilemma from the [North Star](#), Danville, Vermont, June 15, 1816.

It was snowing again on June 7 and continued until noon the next day at Waterbury. By that time there was a foot of white on the ground in Montpelier, over 18 inches in Cabot. Many crops and leaves on trees were killed; farmers wearily replanted. Birds which had not taken shelter perished and newly shorn sheep froze to death. July was not much better. Some parts of New England got rain, but Vermont remained dry as a bone. A frost on August 21 killed more beans, potatoes and corn. Farmers burned their hay, sacrificing it to save the corn. By September, frost had killed corn well south into Massachusetts. By September, most of Vermont had seen a full three months without rain. Fires, which swept through parched forest land, filled the air with acrid smoke and a general darkness. Another killing frost struck the final blow on the 10th, wiping out whatever had managed to survive to that point. A meager crop of unripe potatoes was harvested. That winter, cattle starved for lack of hay. There was much human suffering but little starvation, as the more fortunate shared what they had. Fish had become a staple diet, with people in the east operating large nets day and night on the river, and trading fish for maple syrup. Boiled wild foods and porcupines also sustained many. This having been the worst of a string a bad years, many moved west, thinking the weather had turned permanently. Richford was nearly a ghost town, the remaining

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A late season New England hurricane in 1804 causing an immense amount of cold and snowfall led to a succession of unusually cold winters leading up to the "Year Without a Summer". This was caused by the 1815 eruption of Mount Tambora in Indonesia. This volcano released a significant amount of volcanic ash and gases into the atmosphere, blocking sunlight and leading a global cooling effect. This caused dramatic cooling and prolonged winter, causing crop failures and food shortages across North America.

By 1814, all the Herricks had left Granby. All the Herricks relocated to different locations. Joseph settled in Ohio, Nathaniel Jr. moved to Chautauqua, New York and Zadock moved his family to Nunda, New York. Nathaniel and Susannah's daughter Anna died in Granby but their other daughter, Susannah and her husband moved to New York. Only Nathaniel Sr. and Susannah remained. Nathaniel was 72 and Susannah was 74 in 1807 and too old to move. They were left to die in Granby, Nathaniel had his son Zadock write their last Will and testament on November 17th 1807, which was proved on November 19th. Certainly their Will was explained to Zadock beforehand since Nathaniel and Susannah died on November 7th, 1807, 10 days prior to their written Will. Yes, they died on the same day, knowing they would surely die from starvation in Granby. So, what happened? Knowing they could not survive a move and be a burden to their children, they stayed back. Did they die from illness and starvation at the same time or did they take their own life, knowing survival was nearly impossible regardless of which decision they made. Perhaps we will never know what happened. But perhaps we might.

When I was in Granby in 2016, I meet with the town Clerk who showed me all the hand written documents and letters written by the Herricks at that time, including Zadock's handwritten last Will and testament of Nathaniel and Susannah. The Clerk told me to get in contact with the unofficial town historian, John Irwin, who grew up in Granby. In my correspondence with John, he explained that he knew exactly the location of Nathaniel and Susannah's property, which is now owned by a power company. John said he located a large tree on the property with a sizable pile of rocks. It was common in those days to bury the dead on their property with rocks as the only marker. Could that be the place where they were buried? Would it be possible to get the permissions to dig and find out? If remains were found, could DNA analysis be performed? It is mysteries like this that feed genealogists.

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Thank you to our members, Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062, Alice Herrick Reynolds HFA #003, and Michael Herrick #118, for contributing to this newsletter.

I'd like to remind everyone that I'm happy to accept articles and stories for the next newsletter at any time.

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