

Herrick Family Association

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Message from the President:

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

Hello again, as we begin this new season, I would like to bring you up to date on the association. We are in the process of looking for new interest in planning upcoming events. Alice Herrick Reynolds has been our chair of the events committee for an exceptionally long time and would like to resign from that position. As she and I were trying to begin planning for this year's event- her committee did not seem to have a good response to the email sent out recently, so they wish to cancel those plans.

Since we did not have a good response to this event, please give me some ideas of alternatives so I can try to have us meet again soon.

Of course, I would like anyone interested in attending the conference in Boston from the 24th of September- the 29th to let me know. Although I cancelled the group rate, I had gotten on the hotel, there is a discount noted on the website for those attending the conference. Please see <https://www.americanancestors.org/icghs-2024>. This will be a great conference concentrating on the Origins, Journeys and Destinations of our ancestors. I will be there so if you are planning to attend and would like to meet with me- just let me know.

I had also made arrangements for the use of the New England Historic Genealogical Society's Library for our members to do research. So- just let me know if you plan to attend. The conference will also be a wonderful opportunity to network with others doing their own research. Also- great speakers such as Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and others.

As President, I have talked to others on our board and we are all committed to continuing in our current roles, However- if you would like a position in the near future, please let myself or our secretary, Nancy Johnson know, so that we can put your name on a ballot in the future. Since we are not having a formal meeting soon, it has been suggested that we at least have a zoom meeting to formally let all know the status of our association and to answer any questions people might have. If you re interested-please email me at yoeda@comcast.net. I will be sending out a link as soon as I see how many want to do this.

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Membership Report

Jim Hilton, Membership Chair, HFA #168

Following is the report of the membership of the Herrick Family Association as of March 2024.

200 people have joined since our beginning in 2001. As of this report we have 161 active members including 2 new members who joined in 2024. Welcome!

The others have previously passed away, resigned, or we have lost touch and have been unsuccessful contacting them. Please continue to update me with any information that will help us keep in touch.

We are honored to have had seven life members since we were founded. We are grateful for their devotion to the organization.

They are:

HFA 001 - Richard Leon Herrick (deceased)

HFA 020 - Stephen Herrick

HFA 062 - Dale Yoe

HFA 078 - Susan Fogg Eisdorfer

HFA 174 - Mary Joy Stead

HFA 184 - Stephen W. Rollins

HFA 197 - Caitilin Embree

Any member 50 years of age and over can become a life member for a one-time contribution of \$400.

Dues notices will be sent out this month. Thank you to those members who keep up to date on their membership dues. Again we are more interested in your participation than in your money, but your dues help support all the efforts to fulfill the mission of the Herrick Family Association including helping underwrite the upcoming fall meeting in New England.

<mailto:jhiltonjr@frontiernet.net>

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Election Information

Merrill Herrick, HFA #169

With elections coming up in our 2024 HFA meeting, it is a good time to review some things. As previously stated in this newsletter, officers and candidates for office must be current with their dues. Dues are payable on January 1. If you paid for two years or five years then you will pay after your 2 or 5 year membership is up. If you have a question about your individual membership date, contact Jim Hilton at jhiltonjr@frontiernet.net.

Spouses of members are included in the membership. Upon the death of the person with a Herrick ancestor the spouse will have the option of remaining a member by continuing to pay dues or discontinuing membership.

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Leicester Cathedral Update

Irene Turlington, HFA Friend

Leicester Cathedral has just reopened on 26th November after being closed for nearly two years for massive re-furbishment. I enclose some photographs I took during the week before the re-opening when very little furniture was in there.

St. Katharine's Chapel has not been taken apart like some areas of the building and I enclose some photos of the altar showing the plaster being replaced behind it.

Also there are some video links, and on Vimeo.

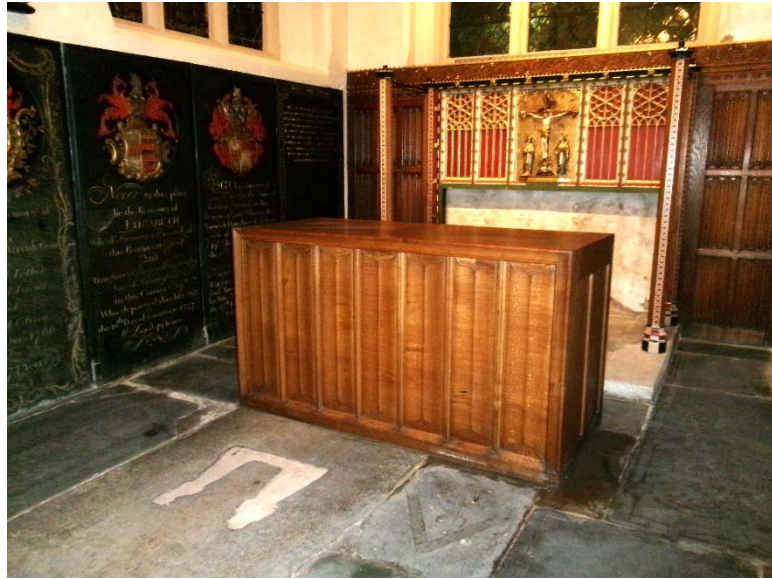
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Herrick Family Cousins – Can you help me?

Nancy Bickham HFA New Member

I am a ‘Herrick’ descendant of Joseph H. Herrick who was married to a Sarah Ann Lambright. They, as well as I do now, lived in Louisiana. Several of the family have tried to determine his parents and direct line of ancestors but have hit the proverbial brick wall. One of my McCart first cousins in California tried to make a connection through Ancestry but was unsuccessful; my McCart half-sister in Texas has had no luck either. My daughter and I recently went to the north Louisiana town of Sarepta where “Joe” and Sarah Ann lived and where she is buried to search for any information in the area courthouses and libraries.

We found nothing. Using the Find – a – Grave app, I found that he is buried in Texas. Common opinion is that they were divorced but had a large number of children; one of whom was my great-grandmother. We would sincerely appreciate any help with our search. My immediate line is as follows:

My name: Nancy Lee McCart Bickham

My father: Hugh Ellis McCart

Hugh’s mother: Barbara Alice Lee McCart

Barbara’s mother: Lydia Malinda Herrick Lee

Lydia’s father: Joseph H. Herrick (DOB 2 Mar 1816; DOD 9 Mar 1901)

Thanks for any help, you can email me at NancyBickham@outlook.com

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Research Committee Report

Michael Herrick #118

As a long time member of HFA and as a representative of the Research Committee, I would like to share some thoughts I’ve had for the future of the organization. We accomplished a lot in the first 18 years as an organization, but now after nearly 25 years we may want to think where we go from here. So much has changed since we started. Technology has evolved, to the point where we have internet searches to aid research and we have Zoom for meetings and presentations, for example. A few years ago, I jotted down some ideas that might be considered essential and valuable to the future of the organization if we are to grow and mature. Below are some of the thoughts that I had. As members of HFA, your thoughts are most valuable and will aid the Research Committee in plotting research priorities and focus for the organization.

Please take a moment and read through these ideas. If you wish to respond to these ideas, please send an email to Nancy Johnson, nancyjohnson206@gmail.com, and indicate the categories you feel are highest priority. If you feel there are other ideas not indicated on this list, please write them out in your email. The Research Committee will then report back to the membership with the feedback we receive. Please send you feedback by the end of the month, March 31. Thank you for your time.

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Ideas For the Future

NEW PROGRAMS AND FUNCTIONS

1. RESEARCH

- a. Locate existing documents and original sources of information to learn more about Herricks/Eyryks throughout the Midlands.
- b. Study forensic data on Viking remains to reinforce or discount our claims to Viking heritage and links to Ericke of East Anglia.
- c. Study church records to learn more about the life and times of Robert de Stretton and his brother William Eyryk (when and why he was knighted by King Edward III)
- d. Starting with Thomas Heyrick (Henry's father) trace and verify ancestral roots back as far as possible.
- e. Study migration paths of our ancestors from Henry of Salem westward through the US.
- f. Study Herrick involvement in Colonial wars, French and Indian war, Revolutionary war, War of 1812, and Civil war.

2. SERVICE

- a. Conduct Herrick family genealogy searches – free for members and fee based for non-members.
- b. Help members with DAR and SAR memberships.

3. DNA

- a. Study new developments in family DNA and maintain a data base of member DNA profiles.
- b. Study Viking DNA matches to Herrick family DNA profiles.
- c. Study new developments in isotope analysis of Viking remains.

4. EDUCATION

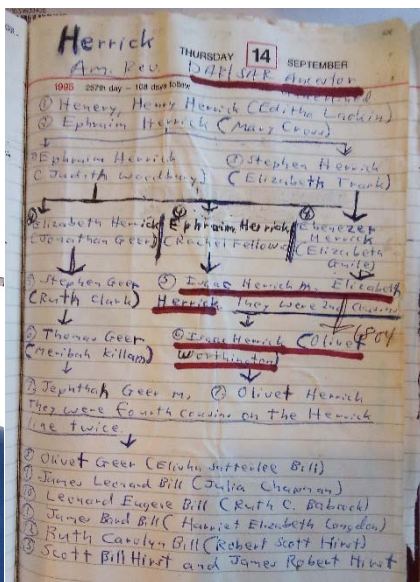
- a. Provide academic scholarships for members or non-members and their families to conduct research on Herrick genealogy.
- b. Use Zoom or other meeting technology to engage the expertise of speakers and presenters for the membership.

5. 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.
- d. Develop a relationship with the American Ancestors Research Center and/or NEHGS for joint research and project funding.
- e. Use Zoom or other meeting technology to hold annual business meetings and discuss reports from the board.

Looking for Connections

Scott Bill Hirst HFA #050



This photo on the right shows multiple Herrick lines that I have. I welcome contact regarding genealogical information. Note that many of my Herrick-related ancestors with the Herrick last name are in the Leonard Cemetery, Bethel Road, Griswold; Connecticut. I welcome contact at 20 Maple Court, Ashaway, RI 02804-1300; scottbillhirst@gmail.com; and (401) 378-0914; and (401) 459-8242. I note I live In the Town of Hopkinton, Rhode Island; on the Connecticut/Rhode Island border.

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Obituary

Robert T. Herrick, HFA #067

Robert was born in Clarendon, Vermont on August 20th, 1931, the son of William Torrey and Ruth (Squier) Herrick, and passed away on February 1, 2024, at the age of ninety-two.

Robert Torrey Herrick lived at 609 HWY 466, 1111, Lady Lake, Florida, 32159. He had a secondary location at 512 Valley Creek Road, Rochester, NY 14624.

Robert graduated from Clarendon Grammar School in 1945 and from Rutland High School in 1949. As a young man, he was active in his church's youth group and the 4-H Club, as a member and leader. While in High School he enlisted in the Vermont National Guard (at the age of sixteen) and then served in the United States

Army and both the Army National Guard and the United States Army Reserve, continuously until reaching the age of 60 when he was Honorably Discharged having obtained the rank of Colonel.

He achieved the rank of Master Sergeant until commissioned as an officer on September 14th, 1953. He completed several different military courses of instruction and was a graduate of the United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.

He was the recipient of many distinct awards and decorations and was a member of the Military Officers Association of America and the Lady Lake, Florida Chapter thereof.

Colonel Herrick was the 11th generation in America of ancestors who were Pilgrims and Puritans. He was interested in Genealogy and was a member of The Herrick Family Association of America.

He was a lifelong Congregationalist having been a member of the Old Brick Church in Clarendon, Vermont, and for years a member of the South Congregational Church of Centerville, Massachusetts.

Robert also owned a dairy farm in Danby, Vermont, and thereafter was employed by the New York Insurance Company, Commercial Credit Corporation, Kaiser Jeep Corporation, and then as a civilian technician in the New York National Guard from which in retired in 1985.

Surviving Colonel Herrick is his wife Ann M. Herrick, sister Jane Hall of Tucson, Arizona, and brother Dr. William C. Herrick of Wilmot, New Hampshire. Surviving children are Deborah Buskirk of Ownes Cross Roads, Alabama, Patricia Scafe of Madison Heights, MI, Pamela Roberts of Matthews, NC, and Robert T. Herrick Jr of Nassau, New York., eleven grandchildren, twenty-one great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Preceding Colonel Herrick in death was his infant son John, daughter Susan Bloomer, former wife Jacqueline, and former companion Elizabeth Lindberg.

A graveside service will be at the East Clarendon Cemetery, in Clarendon, Vermont, at noon on Sunday, May 26th. Colonel Herrick will be having a Military Honors Funeral with Chaplin, Taps, and Flag presentation. A Celebration of Life reception will follow the graveside service at the North Clarendon Town Hall.

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Message from the Editor:

Nancy Johnson, HFA #212

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Thank you to our members, Dale E. Yoe, HFA #62, Michael Herrick HFA #118, Nancy Bickham, Irene Turlington HFA Friend, Jim Hilton, HFA #168, Merrill Herrick, HFA #169 and Scott Bill Hirst, HFA #50 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.
