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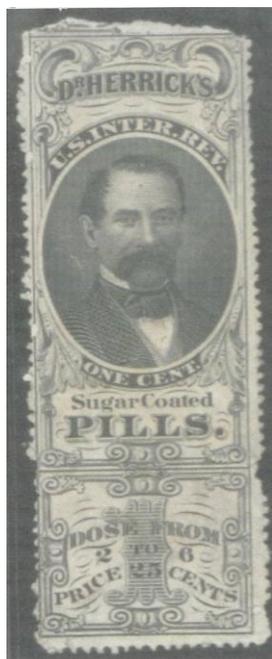
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## Condolences.

To the family of Calvin P. Herrick, who passed away May 7<sup>th</sup>. Calvin was in the Herrick Genealogical Register, 3<sup>rd</sup> ED., Vol. II, page 1634, ID #6372, Henry of Beverly.

## Slide Show

Over the years we have gathered many pictures of items found on the internet or sent to us by members. We placed most of them into a slide show and although some have a copy of that show, many have never seen these items. Periodically I try to place some of these into the newsletter for all to see.



On the left we have a Medicine Revenue, one cent Revenue Stamp, for Dr. Herrick's Sugar Coated Pills. It states to dose from 2 to 6, at a price 25 cents- found on eBay.

On the right is Herrick's Pills and Plasters and Harvell's Bond and Powders, also a one cent Revenue Stamp.



So- what are revenue stamps?

In August 1862, while the [American Civil War](#) was being waged, the United States (Union) government began taxing a variety of goods, services and legal dealings. To

confirm that taxes were paid a 'revenue stamp' was purchased and appropriately affixed to the taxable item, which would in turn pay the tax duty involved. A variety of patent medicines, wines and other goods like perfumery and cosmetics were taxed, but only a comparatively small number of companies used private die stamps during this period. After the tax laws were passed in 1862, private proprietors were allowed to furnish their own stamps, subject to the approval of the Internal Revenue and subsequently were granted a discount on the taxes paid for the goods they sold. Private stamps offered the advantage of having the proprietor's name depicted on the stamp. The proprietor paid the cost of engraving the die and the printing plates which in the beginning varied considerably. Some proprietors paid as little as \$60 while others paid as much as \$750. After June 1, 1863 a uniform cost of \$350 was adopted for all dies with a couple of exceptions for large one.

Most of these stamps were printed by Butler & Carpenter of Philadelphia who also printed revenue stamps for the government. Since many stamps would be used to seal a container or packet they were often long in configuration and would be destroyed upon opening.

## **Airplanes?**

Our cousin Michael Herrick, HFA #118, has found another interesting Herrick. His name is Greg Herrick, and he owns the largest collection of antique airplanes, actually more aircraft than anyone in the world. He lives in Minneapolis and Michael will be visiting him soon. He is going with a friend who owns a 1932 plane at the bottom of a lake in Alaska that Greg wants to rescue and restore. We hope Mike can find out a little about his ancestry as well as his airplanes. You can see 2 interesting pieces on him at:

<http://www.goldenwingsmuseum.com/owner/owner.htm>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UjycRkZ1TWA>

## **Karen Herrick, HFA #148, invites us to see the latest Oprah magazine to learn to "Eat like a Viking"**



For some time now we have learned that our DNA (thanks to Dr. Turi King of Leicester University) takes us back to the Vikings. Now they have decided that a new craze- somewhat like the Mediterranean Diet only with hardier veggies and more wild game. They suggest things like eating more rye bread, oatmeal, root veggies and cabbage. They also suggest changing the olive oil with canola oil. For more info see:

[http://www.oprah.com/health\\_wellness/The-New-Nordic-Diet#ixzz3k2BWIjli](http://www.oprah.com/health_wellness/The-New-Nordic-Diet#ixzz3k2BWIjli)

**HFA meeting 2016!**

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!**

Well it's almost time to think about getting together for our next meeting. Since we decided a few years ago to have the meetings every 2 years, I've missed seeing everyone. So, this year we thought it might be a good idea to meet in a place that was about midway for all to travel and perhaps convenient for our President Richard, who has not been in the best of health and we would love to see him again. It is hard for him to travel and Fort Wayne is only a couple hours away for him and his wonderful wife, Sharon to drive. So save the date!

**April 8-10, 2016 in Ft. Wayne**  
**The Courtyard by Marriott- Ft. Wayne Downtown**  
**1150 South Harrison St.**  
**1-260-490-3629**

**If you would be interested in coming- please email me at [yoeda@comcast.net](mailto:yoeda@comcast.net)**

Here is what we have so far- The room rate for us will be \$129/night includes an American breakfast at the *Bistro*. The parking discount for us will be \$3.50/night/car (usually \$7). There will be a reception on Friday night with hors d'oeuvres, and a dinner on Saturday night.

**More information on room reservations, costs, etc. on this event to come later.**

For those who are fairly new to HFA or can't quite remember- like me- here is where we've been in the past, remember we began in 2001:

2002- Salem, MA  
2003- Ft. Wayne, IN  
2004- Washington, DC  
2005- Salem, MA  
2006- Salt Lake, UT  
2007- Lansing, MI- with a side trip to Ft. Wayne  
2008 Peabody, MA- with side trips to Boston, MA  
2009- Albany, NY  
2010- Hartford, CT  
2011- Madison, WI  
2012- Salem, MA- here we decided to do every 2 years  
2014- Leicester, England

Every 2 years I think is a good idea, but I miss seeing everyone, and meeting new family.

**New Members- since our 2014 meeting we have added 3 new members:**

Caitilin Embree- Kailua, HI  
Virginia Crow- Tulsa, OK  
John J. Brown- Santa Ana, CA

**Welcome to the HFA!**

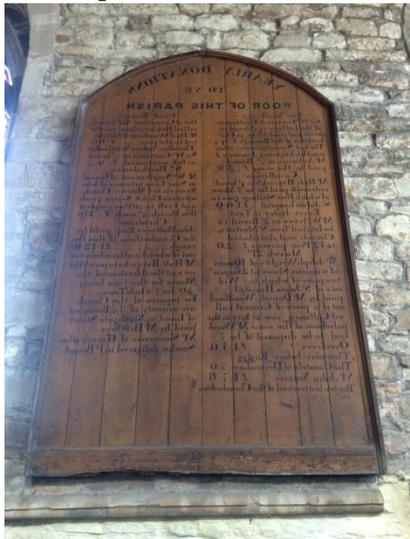
## Summary of Robert Herrick Charities

The Herrick brothers were quite the force in 16<sup>th</sup> century Leicester. Most of us are well familiar with Sir William Herrick, who owned the first Beau Manor, was knighted by King James I, and for over a century was mistaken in our Herrick genealogies (HGR I and II) as the father of our Henry Herrick. But his brother Robert also gained considerable notoriety in his time. *See portrait, which now hangs in the Guildhall in Leicester.*



In addition to being an Alderman, Robert Herrick was elected Mayor of Leicester three times - 1584, 1593 and 1605. Robert was also elected as a Member of Parliament from Leicester in 1589, during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. Most recent history has raised the memory of Robert as the owner a manor house built over the Grey Friars after the dissolution of monasteries in England. When the remains of King Richard III were discovered in Leicester in 2012, it was discovered that the king's remains were beneath Robert Herrick's garden. *See poster from the King Richard III museum.*

Perhaps the greatest thing that Robert Herrick was known for during his lifetime, however, was his benevolence. When the Free Grammar School was built in 1573, Robert donated 13 shillings and 4 pence for its construction. A plaque indicating that



donation and all other benefactors is on the building in Leicester today.

That building is now a restaurant called, 1573. *See picture of the plaque.*

In addition to the Free Grammar School, his will states, "I give more forth of the Gray Fryers yearly forever to be paid unto the School Master that teaches the 'petties', 13 shillings and 4 pence.

Robert Herrick's extensive will, written a year before he died in 1618, documents many of his benevolences and charities. His will indicates that he provided funds for the purchase and repair of Trinity Hospital in Leicester and for the repair of St. Martin's church, later to become the Leicester Cathedral. In

addition, he provided for "twenty six poor persons in the new hospital (Trinity), 3 shillings and four pence each". He also contributed funds for repairs to the churches of St. Mary's, St. Margaret's, St. Nicholas, and All Saints. *See picture of the plaque placed in All Saints*

### THE HISTORY OF THE SITE

**GREY FRIARS WAS CLOSED IN 1538 AND THE BUILDINGS PULLED DOWN. A MANSION WAS BUILT ON THE SITE BY ROBERT HERRICK, WHO HAD A STONE PILLAR SHOWING THE LOCATION OF RICHARD'S BURIAL IN HIS GARDEN.**

Over the years, details about Richard's burial became confused. One widely-believed legend claimed that when Grey Friars was closed, the king's body had been dug up and thrown in the River Soar. Various artefacts were also claimed as fragments of his tomb, or even royal remains.

Although the Grey Friars name remained, most of the site was gradually built over, although one undeveloped area remained under what became a council car park.

church. His will also provided funds for the Spital hospital, with 3 shillings and 4 pence apiece for the 26 inmates.



The Names of the Several Benefactors to the School	
Queen Elizabeth	10-0-0
Henry Earl of Huntingdon	20-0-0
Sir William Wigston	10-0-0
Sir Ralph Knevet	3-6-8
Mr. William Morrice	3-6-8
Mr. James Ellis Sr.	1-6-8
Mr. James Ellis Jr.	3-0-0
Mr. John Stanley	3-15-0
Mr. Thomas Gilbert	5-0-0
Mrs. Dorothy Baker	1-0-0
Mr. Robert Herrick	13-4
Mr. Tobias Herrick	6-8
Mr. Thomas Clarke	1-0-0
Mrs. Margaret Hobby	10-0
	6-0-0

Robert was particularly generous to poor families and widowed women. His will states that he bequeaths one shilling per year to poor households of Leicester forever. He also states that 40 shillings will be paid to poor widows in Leicester each year forever. But the charity that he started before his will was written and later documented formally in his will, is the charity for which he was most known then and now. That is the Herrick Bread Charity. This charity insured the distribution of bread to poor households throughout Leicester each year forever. Specifically, his will states, “To be paid yearly forever, 5 pounds into the Mayor’s hands for the purpose of purchasing loaves of bread, 2 penny loaf at least, to be distributed to every householder or ‘old body’ in all the parishes of the town.” This bequest through the Herrick Bread Charity, administered through the Major and church wardens, continued at least 250 years after Robert’s death.

Robert Herrick’s body and that of his father John and his brother Sir William are interred in St. Catherine’s Chapel (now known as Herrick Chapel) at St. Martin’s church (now known as Leicester Cathedral). A slate tablet in the chapel commemorates Robert Herrick’s life.

“Here lies the body of Robert Herrick, ironmonger and alderman of Leicester, who had been thrise Mayor thereof. . . . At his death he gave away 16 pounds 10 shillings a year to good uses.”

Robert and Sir William Herrick were first cousins twice removed from our Henry Herrick of Salem.

### **HFA Newsletter Scooped the Summer Edition of “American Ancestors Magazine”, by Curt Herrick, HFA #100**

The 'American Ancestors' Summer 2015 magazine of the New England Historic Genealogical Society arrived on 29 August 2015. On my first thumb through of each issue, I always look for the mention of Herrick names and successful uses of DNA testing in support of family history. In the 'Witness to History Reflections on the Burial of Richard III' article by Susan E. Frost, I found both and more. She energetically presented her well-researched observations of the successful hunt for Richard III's remains, the carefully managed activities of his royal re-interment and the importance of the role of Robert Herrick in this saga. She reinforced our Summer HFA Newsletter article.

In September of 2014, a 28 member Herrick Family Association annual research group descended upon the city of Leicester in the United Kingdom. Our primary purpose was to seek the English family line of Henry Herrick, the progenitor of the over 30,000 Herrick family members in America.

Building on a successful earlier trip, we came with a well-organized research plan. A key ingredient of this effort was the continued support of Irene Turlington, our previous guide. The plan included major parts:

- Touring the nearby home and church areas of Herrick relatives from the 1200s forward.
- Receiving knowledge from leading experts about archaeology, DNA, local history, church courts, detailed Herrick family history and the then seemingly successful hunt for Richard III.
- Our arriving with five possible Henry Herrick options from research during the last 10 years gave us the opportunity to refine a best line.
- And, the 12 year long serendipitous y-DNA testing results relationship between Leicester University Genetics Department and the HFA. In 2002 Dr. Turi King and supported by Dr. Jobling placed HFA members in an Herrick surname group a sample of 20 in a large and long running y-DNA study. In addition to observing that we were closely related to UK Herrick individuals, they concluded that that Herrick was a sole source name. These two conclusions greatly aid HFA research.

The intense and successful research by John Ashdown-Hill, Phil Stone and Philippa Langley of the Richard III Society was responsible for concluding the successful hypothesis for the location of the grave. As the key players they convinced the city leaders to begin the excavation and helped lead them through rough spots to success. Langley is reported to have said, 'For me it was a no brainer,...'

Many were involved in the successful research, dig and follow on analyses. Dr. King managed the leading edge mtDNA scientific analyses performed by three universities. Ashdown-Hill accomplished the key genealogical research which found mtDNA relatives of Richard III's mother. The integrated team of Leicester experts, the city council, church leaders and many others accomplished dig and the re-interment outstandingly. One of the key facts in the analysis was noted in the article. The ruins of the Grey Friars monastery that, contained the grave, was sold to Robert Herrick. The words, "Here lies the Body of Richard III, Some Time King of England" placed on the 3 feet tall pillar in the garden by Herrick were passed into history by a house guest, the father of Christopher Wren.

Perhaps more important to the HFA, was Diane Musgrave's presentation concerning non-conformists in the 1600-1660 period. She revealed two records of the Henry Herrick (Henery Heyricke) who left for America after being excommunicated in a church court. This find offers us an opportunity to perform a genealogical proof that he was our Henry who went to Salem. Success here will accomplish one of the HFA's major goals, finding the English family of our Henry Herrick.

### **The Mystery of the Portraits- still unsolved!**

In the last issue of the newsletter, I wrote about an email I had received from Caroline Wessel. Caroline is the author of *Portrait of Beaumanor* and was one of the guest speakers in England. It appears that there were about four original portraits of various Herricks of Beaumanor. They were given away in 1969/70 to an American Herrick who in retirement came to live in Broadway, England, but on his death the paintings may have been taken to America by his family.

We placed this info in the newsletter in order to see if anyone in our HFA knew of these. They do not wish to claim them back from any present owner, but just want to know their whereabouts and - in particular- would ask for good quality photographs of them for their Beaumanor archives.

The American to whom the portraits were given was Jean Herrick, a New York publisher, who owned? or ran *Look Magazine*. He was married to Bonnie Herrick and his brother was a Judge living somewhere in the mid-west.? The details of the portraits are as follows:-

- 1) William Herrick in silver-grey embroidered doublet with black cloak and white pleated ruff with inscriptions, coat of arms, date 1628, attributed to Janssens (This would be Sir William)
- 2) William Herrick, full length portrait, d.1773 seated. No attribution
- \*3) Lucy, wife of William Herrick d.1778, three-quarter portrait, seated, in blue and figured dress trimmed with lace. No attribution
- 4) Elizabeth, eldest daughter of William Herrick, wearing white low neck dress, with cloak and cap with feather.

\*One of Caroline's interests lies in the information she has gathered on Lucy Herrick (wife of William V). It was her aristocratic pedigree that makes up a large part of the William Perry Herrick arms on the Beaumanor armorial window and she is a very important part of the Herrick jigsaw.

The only response I had was from one of our members who travel between NY and Florida. However it seems his portraits are photos of the originals. I would encourage all to ask relatives if they have any portraits fitting the descriptions above and let us know. It would be great to know where they are.

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On another note- Some folks who have not paid dues for many years, or who I have not been able to get in contact with, will not be receiving this newsletter. I figure if they have not paid dues they probably aren't interested. They can always get in touch with us through the website if they become interested once again. Thanks to all who are supportive of what we do.