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Message from the President:

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

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This year, as many of you probably also feel, has been one of the strangest I've ever experienced. The pandemic has caused the cancellation of trips, estranged us from our family and friends and I have done more zoom meetings that I could have ever imagined.

As I say this, I am also reminded that I have had beautiful virtual tours of museums, a virtual walking tour of Boston and recently a virtual cruise next to the Mayflower II as it returned home to Plymouth from Mystic. Irene, our Leicester contact, has provided us with some Viking U-Tube videos. So, I have been able to be online to enjoy all these things.

So, where are we now- Our plans are going forward for the **2021 England trip**. Our research is moving forward and we have made some contacts with Herricks here and in Europe. For those who have contacted me that live in the UK, etc. and wish to join us, Maria at Celtic Journeys says:

1. **Anyone that wants to join the tour have them contact maria@celtic-journeys.com**
2. **Anyone that wants to join a dinner in a specific area they should also contact maria@celtic-journeys.com so we can keep a list of numbers.**

This will be a special trip also because we will **celebrate our 20th year** as an association. It was in 2001 that Richard Herrick, Alice Reynolds and Virgil Herrick got together and decided to form an association to unite and inform Herricks everywhere. Our membership today is @177 members, some of which are in Europe, Canada and Asia, as well as the United States. We continue to add members interested in their Herrick family and have had 3 new members this year alone- 6 in 2019.

Our mission to provide a forum for Herrick Research is ongoing and we continue to provide flash drives of the HGR3 for sale as well as doing look-ups for others research.

I look forward in meeting as many members as possible next year as we explore our Viking Heritage on our England journey. Until then- keep safe, wear your mask and take care.

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In June the HFA made a contribution of \$1,000. to the **New England Historic Genealogical Society** in memory of **Richard Leon Herrick**. The NEHGS continues to be responsible caretakers of family records and storytellers for future generations. We felt that this was a very fitting tribute to honor Richard's memory and his tireless work on behalf of the HFA

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Membership Report

Jim Hilton HFA #168

Over the years 229 people have joined the Herrick Family Association. As of this report we have still 167 members including 4 new members who joined in 2020. Welcome! Unfortunately we also lost 4 members due to death this year. The balance have previously passed away, resigned, or we have lost touch and have been unsuccessful contacting them.

As I have time I am researching the folks that we haven't heard from in several years. I found nine who had passed away. If you are aware of a member who has died, moved, or has become incapacitated, please let me know.

I sent out 118 emails in July to members who owed dues for 2020. If you haven't sent in your dues yet, do not worry. You still have time. The IRS was kind enough to extend the 2019 tax deadline and HFA is pleased to announce that in addition to that we will not charge interest on overdue payments (wink, wink). If you ever have a question on your status, please don't hesitate to contact me. Just to check my records I plan to send another email soon to all active members with your current status, whether or not you owe for 2020.

Jim Hilton, Membership Chair

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Cathedral Newsletter on The Restoration and Dedication of St. Katharine's Chapel

Shared by Irene Turlington, HFA UK Friend

St. Katharine's Chapel is situated on the north east side of St. Martin's. It is also known as the Herrick Chapel because of the many memorials to members of the Heyricke/Herrick family being in this chapel. In 1629, Henry the fifth son of Sir William Herrick of Beaumanor, emigrated to America. Many of the members of the American Herrick Family can claim they are descendants of Sir William's son.

Raphael Brandon was the architect from London who spent approximately thirty one years restoring St. Martin's in the nineteenth century. His plans for St. Katharine's Chapel were put into effect when the chapel was rebuilt in 1865 from the cills upwards in the perpendicular style.

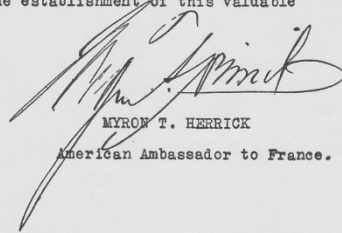
Before St. Martin's was Hallowed as the Cathedral of Leicester in 1927, various changes and improvements were planned in order to make St. Martin's fit for the work and purposes of a Cathedral. These plans included the removal of the organ from the north Transept to the west end of the Church. This would open up St. Katharine's Chapel after being separated by the organ from the body of the Church.



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Paris, July 16, 1926.

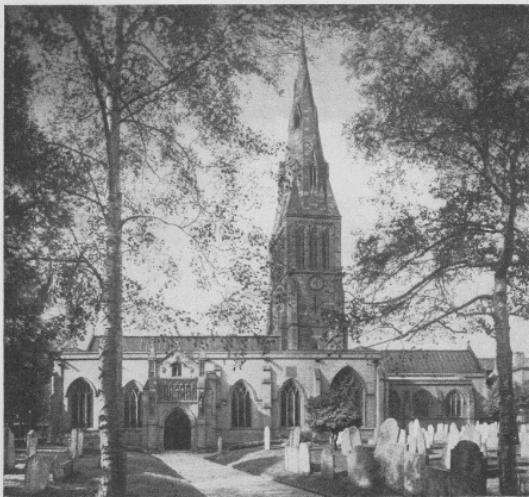
I do not hesitate to most earnestly endorse the plan which has been evolved by Canon Winckley and his colleagues for the improvement of the Herrick Chapel of St. Martin's Church at Leicester, and I urge upon the American Herricks to give their earnest support in helping to carry forward to completion this splendid plan. This Chapel will not only serve to make permanent the history of the Herrick family in Leicester, but will also be a shrine for all the generations of Herricks who have cherished the sentiments of the family from its early history. It is a noble record which should be preserved and I bespeak the most earnest co-operation with Canon Winckley and his colleagues in their unselfish efforts for the establishment of this valuable permanent record.



MYRON T. HERRICK
American Ambassador to France.

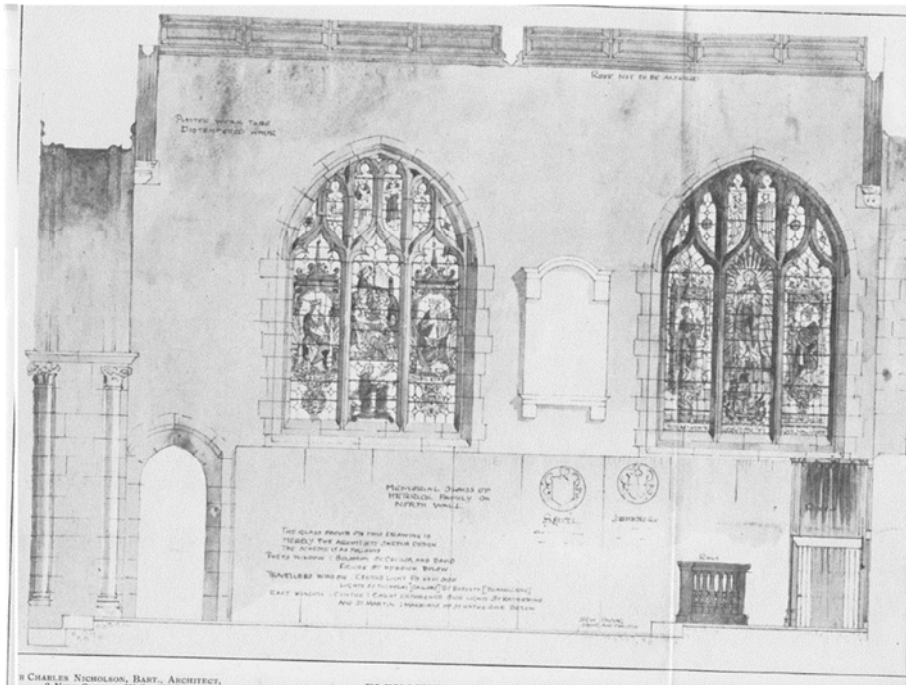
In 1926 an appeal was made to raise money to restore St. Katharine's Chapel because it had been out of use for many years. The Rev. Canon S.T. Winckley, M.A., who was Canon Treasurer, visited the United States at the end of 1926 and the beginning of 1927, with introductions from Myron T. Herrick, the American Ambassador in Paris. He personally interviewed a number of members of the Herrick family and as a result of his visits £285 (1425 dollars) was given, and further sums were promised when the work could begin.

Appeal for the Restoration of The Herrick Chapel

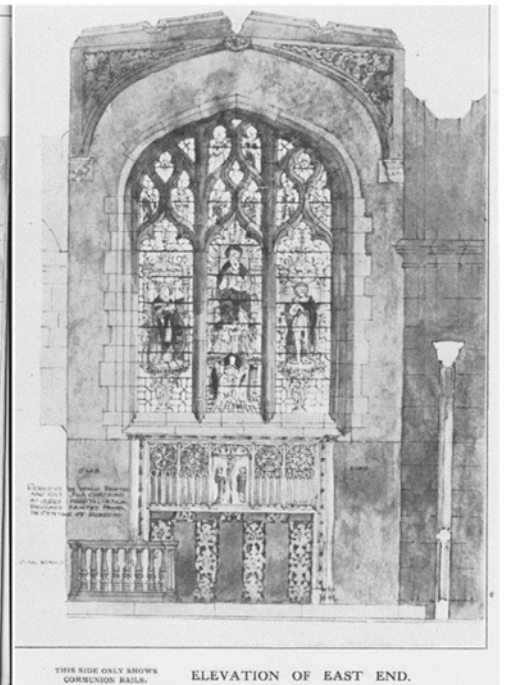


THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN, LEICESTER.

in Leicester Cathedral,
England.



North Elevation



East Elevation

The Architect, Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., had submitted plans for three stained glass windows, paving the floor with marble, and for a western screen in harmony with the screen with that of St. Dunstan's Chapel. The cost of the improvements were estimated to be nearly £2000.



St. Katharine and the East Window in St. Katharine's Chapel

The East Window designed by James Powell & Sons (Whitefriars) Ltd in 1932.

Sir Charles Nicholson's stained glass window designs were never used. In 1932 Provost Macnutt contacted G.P. Hutchinson of James Powell & Sons (Whitefriars) Ltd., to ask them if they could design and execute an east window for St. Katharine's with a budget of £200. The window was produced in the Whitefriars' studio but the name of the artist is unknown. This window was considered to be rather plain in 1932, but today it is much

admired by visitors. The two windows on the north side of St. Katharine's were left plain. In April 2016 the striking Redemption Windows by Thomas Denny were installed replacing the plain glass windows.



The plaque on the south side of St. Katherine's Chapel was presented in 1929 by the American Herrick Family members to commemorate the Restoration and Dedication of St. Katharine's Chapel.

St. Katharine was born *Dorothea* in Alexandria in Egypt in 294 AD. She was educated in a pagan school where she learned philosophy, rhetoric, poetry, music, physics, mathematics, astronomy and medicine. As a beautiful daughter of an aristocratic pagan family, *Dorothea* had many suitors but she rejected them all. A Syrian monk taught her about Jesus Christ and converted her to Christianity. She was baptized as Catherine.

During the persecution of Christians in the reign of Maximinus in the early 4th century, Catherine confessed her faith in Jesus Christ and publicly accused the emperor of sacrificing to idols. Fifty wise men were brought from all over the Empire tried in vain to dissuade her, but she on the contrary, persuaded them to believe in Jesus. Under torture she managed to convert members of the Emperor's family and Roman aristocracy to Christianity. She was tortured on a massive wheel of spikes which broke during her torture, before being executed by the sword. Today, the firework 'the Catherine Wheel' is named after St. Catherine.

Side note: What a horrifying name for a firework! —ed

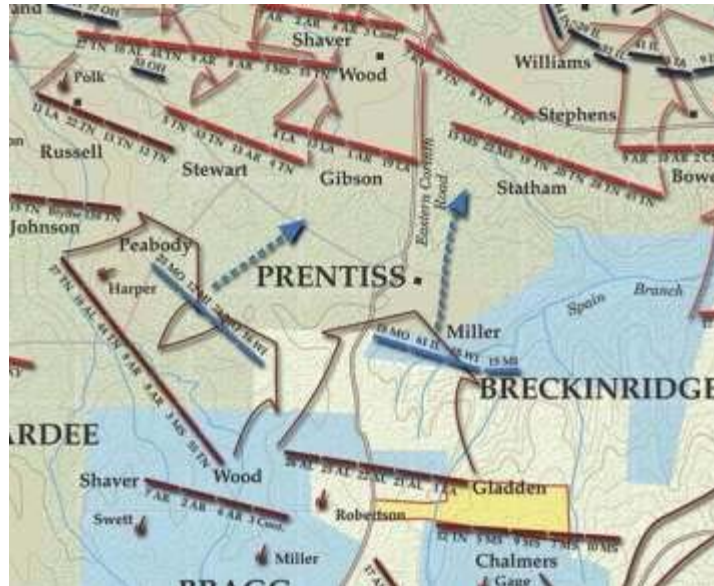
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American Battlefield Trust

Curt Herrick #100

The American Battlefield Trust is working to preserve 99 acres of Civil War battlefield land from the Western Battles of Shiloh in Tennessee, and Raymond and Vicksburg in Mississippi. They are fundraising to be able to save and restore these important and unprotected parcels. They are working alongside local partners and pursuing matching grants from Congress. If you would like to contribute you can go to <https://www.battlefields.org/> and donate.

I donated to save a bit of the Shiloh Battlefield where our Great-Great Uncles fought during the Civil War on 6 April 1862. They were in the 16th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Regiment, 16 WI, on the left flank of General Prentiss's 1st Division. I estimate that Orville was killed in the mid-afternoon near the location of the 9th Illinois in the upper right corner of the Shiloh map.



BATTLE MAP – American Battlefield Trust’s map of the Battle of Shiloh, Tennessee on April 6, 1862

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Research Questions for the Research Committee of HFA

By Michael Herrick HFA #118, Curt Herrick HFA #100 and A.B. Herrick Reynolds HFA #003

Goal: With the information learned over the past 20 years, dig deeper into our knowledge base and develop deeper research questions for investigation.

1. What have we learned in last 20 years? Henry of Belgrave is our best candidate for being the Henry Hericke who arrived in Salem in 1629 as was the progenitor of many of the Herricks in America. Henry of Belgrade was:
 - Born about right year – 1598 (based on his apprenticeship ending in 1621 and the 1658 release from training date in Salem)
 - Son of Thomas Eyrick, tailor, had brothers George and Godfrey and sister, Ann, grandson of John Eyrick, tailor (1547-1587), great grandson of Nicholas Eyrick, draper (1503-1652), great great-grandson of Thomas Eyrick (d. 1517).
 - Apprenticed to Edward Peabody to learn the tailor trade and named as a freeman in 1621
 - Married to Alice Mobbes in 1622 (Is she the Alice Mobbes born 21 Nov. 1599 in Dunchurch, Warwickshire, whose father was John Mabbes?) Church records state she married Henry Hericke of Belgrave, Leicester on 22 Sept 1622.
 - Father of children – Samuel in 1623 and Thomas in 1626 according to baptismal records with Rev. Higginson presiding, who was pastor at churches at Claybrooke, St. Nicholas/Leicester, All Saints/Leicester and St. Peters/Belgrave.
 - Excommunicated by High Commission Court on 29 March 1628 (for not turning up to court, and again on 18 May 1629 and punished with inhibition (not being allowed to associate with family, friends or do business) for not kneeling
 - Left on Higginson’s fleet 25 April 1629 led by Rev. Francis Higginson, arriving in Salem on 29 June 1629.
 - Named freeman 18 May 1631 in Salem (Anderson)

- Married before 1636 to Edith Laskin (abt. 1634 and listed as Church member with Edith Laskin, wife in 1636 in Salem (Anderson)
- Had children: Thomas – no birth date recorded, Zachariah 1636, Ephraim 1637, Henry 1639, Joseph 1645, Elizabeth 1647, John 1650, and Benjamin 1656. (Anderson)
- Educated because he made his mark, had 4 Bibles and other books (Anderson)
- Excused from militia in Beverly in 1658 – usually at age 60 – suggests he was born about 1598. (Anderson)
- Died 1671 (inventory completed on 15,03, 1671 and will proved 28 March 1671) (Anderson)
- Called “kinsman” to George Herrick during the Salem witch trials (Perley)

Father of son Joseph who took a trip to England and spent time as Governor in Barbados or Nevis. 1666-67?)

Questions about Henry Herrick’s identity:

2. Who was our Henry Herrick?
 - Was he Henry the weaver from Belgrave as presented above? (list evidence for pros and cons)
 - Or another Henry? (list evidence for pros and cons)
3. Who was Alice Mobbes, Henry of Belgrave’s wife in Leicester?
 - Who was her father, John and her mother?
 - Was Alice the mother of Thomas?
 - Evidence for:
 - Evidence against:
4. The theory that Henry of Belgrave is the same person as Henry of Salem rests on the supposition that wife, Alice and first son, Samuel, died in England, perhaps of the plague.
 - Is this true?
 - How and when did Alice and Samuel (her first born) die?
5. Did Thomas, son of Henry of Belgrave, come with Henry to America?
 - Evidence for:
 - Evidence against:
6. What was the nature and extent of Henry’s relationship with Rev. Francis Higginson?
7. What evidence do we have that Henry of Belgrave was excommunicated by the church? How serious were the charges?
 - How do we know that is the reason he left for America?
 - Is there any evidence that Henry of Belgrave stayed in England?
8. Did George Herrick, Henry’s nephew in England, come to Salem and become the Sheriff during the Salem Witch Trials?
 - Evidence for:
 - Evidence against:
9. How did Joseph Herrick come to work as “governor” in Barbados or Nevis – was it as part of a family business with relatives in England?
 - Did he travel to England as well?
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Questions about Sir William Eyryk and his brother Bishop Robert Eyryk:

10. What did William Eyryk do to warrant knighthood from King Edward III abt. 1356?
 - What service did he provide for the Black Prince? Was it during the battle at Gascony?
11. What personal clerical role did Robert Eyryk provide as chaplain for the Black Prince?
 - Why did King Edward push so hard to get Robert Eyryk consecrated as Bishop in 1330?

Questions about the earliest Herrick and our Viking ancestors:

12. Who is Erick the Forester?
 - Is the documentation from Jonathan Swift (about his mother, Abigail Erick Swift) about Erick the Forester valid and credible?
 - What was the relationship between Erick the Forester and William the Conqueror?
 - Was Erick the Forester first Herrick to reside in Leicestershire?
13. Who is Ericke of East Anglia?
 - What was Ericke's relationship to King Guthrum of East Anglia?
 - Did Ericke participate in the Great Viking Invasion of 865?
 - Did Ericke bring his family to England to settle?
 - Did Ericke settle in East Anglia or in Leicestershire (Mercia)?
14. What does DNA evidence tell us about our Viking origins?
 - How does DNA evidence coincide or contradict written records?
 - Where in Scandinavia is it most likely that Ericke of East Anglia came from?
 - Is there new research of the DNA of Viking remains found at various sites? How does it match up with Herrick DNA?
 - What are the results found by researcher in Europe about Viking DNA and migration routes and timelines? Does it match up with Herrick DNA?
15. Why, when, where and how did the Vikings successfully move and settle in Stretton? Were they left on the battle field to settle or were they successful craftsmen and traders who traveled via York, Lincoln and perhaps to the Leicester area?

Note: Anyone is welcome to write back with preferences for their research interests. This will help us refine our 2021 trip and garnish a broader team to look into questions of interest.

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