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15 Years and going strong!

Passing our history on

By now most of us are thinking about how our family history will continue. **Curt Herrick**, HFA #100, has managed to pass it along to his grandchildren. His grandson, Curtis James Herrick IV, a graduate from the University of Notre Dame as a Civil Engineer is beginning in his position as an engineer in New York City.



On a recent trip to Boston, young Curtis the fourth, found the name of Ebenezer Herrick on a plaque at Bunker Hill and received info from his grandfather, Curt, on Herrick Patriots. In the last Volume of the Herrick Genealogical Register, 3rd Edition, you can find a listing of all the patriots known at present. Be sure to check it out for your ancestor.

A recent message from Irene in Leicester:

I enclose a scan of a photograph of Dean Prior where Robert Herrick, the poet, was a priest in Devon. A friend, who used to be a volunteer at Leicester Cathedral several years ago, brought the photo in for me as she had recently visited this church. Robert Herrick's tomb is in the photo's church yard, but I have no idea where it is located in the photograph as I have never been to Dean Prior myself.

Love, Irene

Another place to visit next time in England? The Dean Prior is seen below. In looking online at this church, I found the plaque for Robert and the writing is noted below:



One vicar was Robert Herrick, who was ejected at the Protectorate and reinstated at the Restoration and who was a poet writing the monument's epitaph:
'No trust to metals, not to marbles, when these have their fate and wear away as men. Time, titles, trophies may be lost and spent, but virtue rears the eternal monument. What more than these can tombs or tombstones pay? But here's the sunset of a tedious day. These two asleep are; I'll but be undrest and so to bed. Pray wish us all good rest'.

A Visit to Boston



As a member of the **New England Historic Genealogical Society**, I often hear of guest speakers and other enjoyable events. I sometimes go up to research and network with others who enjoy researching.

This past July, I had a chance to hear and meet **Mary Tedesco** from *Genealogy Roadshow*. She spoke about her joys of researching her own ancestors and gave us a behind the scenes look at the show.

The dinner and speech was held at the Harvard Club in Boston- a beautiful building close to the

NEHGS. I spent another day or so just doing research- **it's never ending!**

Join Our Search for Henry Hericke in England?

Interested in helping us confirm our theory the Henry of Belgrave is our Henry of Salem?

What We Think So Far

In our paper, "Henry Hericke – Ancestors Found?" (available on the Herrick Family Association website) we proposed that 'Henry of Belgrave, England' was likely the Henry Hericke who traveled to Salem with Rev. Francis Higginson and became 'Henry of Salem'. Henry of Belgrave was the right age, was a member of Rev. Higginson church in England, was married by Rev. Higginson and disappears from the English records after 1629. This theory eliminates Henry of Beaumanor and Henry of Virginia as possible candidates and even suggests that these two Henry's are the same person.

There are some problems with this theory though. Henry of Belgrave's wife and oldest son would have had to die in England before the trip to Salem and he would have had to bring his second son, Thomas, along on the trip. We have not found no records in England or Massachusetts that confirm this theory. So it is important that we continue the research to find out more about Henry of Belgrave.

This Research is Challenging

Finding Henry of Belgrave in English records is bound to be a challenge. Records to research are marriage banns, christening documents, other church membership documents, land purchases, as witness to other's wills or estates, apprenticeship and freeman records, and court records (having been excommunicated several times) and other general records.

The hope is that we will find information that tells us more about Henry of Belgrave; his life, family, the loss of his wife and son, and his business dealings. These facts may help us prove our theory (or pose a new one).

Signatures Would Help

Of particular value would be finding a signature that we can confidently confirm as Henry of Belgrave's signature. With a signature we can then compare it to the five Henry Hericke signatures that Richard L. Herrick and I collected from various documents.

Two of the five signatures were clearly written by one person. This led us to the conclusion that Henry of Virginia was Sir William's son, Henry of Beaumanor, on business for the family interests in Virginia from 1641 through 1658/9.

- A 1635 signature of Henry of Beaumanor as witness of his sister's wedding in England
- A 1653 signature of Henry of Virginia (in Virginia) to his brother John Heyricke.in England

The other three signatures matched each other and were written by a different person. These are signatures of Henry of Salem on various documents.

- Henry of Salem's signature in The History of Salem by Sidney Perley
- Henry of Salem's signature on John Friend's will as witness
- Henry of Salem's signature on Agnes Balch's estate inventory

I sort of remember one more signature in England that does not match either of the above sets. But I'll have to do some digging in my files to find that one.

Sound Possible Sources

Listed below are some possible ideas and sources to pursue.

- The Record Office in Leicestershire has recently lost lots of its funding, but it does house many of the old documents of the area. Unfortunately, there are few documents from the 1600-1629 era, but more documents are being collected and it is worth rechecking with the folks there from time to time. Of particular interest are marriage banns, apprenticeship and freeman records and any business dealings.
- The National Archives (British) which can be accessed online. Here copies of wills, births, marriages, deaths, land and court transactions can be found. We would have to order photocopies of documents to see if signatures are included. Sometimes the brief overview of documents states whether there are signatures or not.
- The Leicestershire and Rutland Archaeology and Architecture association has published hundreds of studies and papers about history in the area. Another search through these might be helpful. John Nichols' papers about the Heyricke family were published first through this association.

So consider this an invitation to help in the search. I am glad to chat to see what kinds of things are most interesting to you and learn from the ideas and suggestions you have.

A.B. Reynolds, HFA #003, (Alice Anabel Herrick Reynolds)

From another one of our HFA members:

Michael Herrick, HFA#118, is in the process of writing a book about his line of Herricks. So far, he has roughed out short chapters on Part I: The Viking settlements in England including King Ericke of East Anglia and Erik the Forester; Robert and William Eyryk of Great Stretton, Henry Herrick's family in Leicester, Henry's conflicts with the Church of England, a short history of Beau Manor, Robert Herrick of Leicester and his connection to Richard III, Robert Herrick the poet, and Sir William Herrick of Beau Manor. Although nothing has been written yet, Michael plans to include in Part II Henry Herricks arrival in Salem, his second marriage to Edith and his new family, Joseph Herrick and his role in the Salem Witchcraft Trails, and stories of descendants of Joseph in Michael's direct line, including colonial wars, Revolutionary War, Civil War, and WWII. Michael also plans to blend in his Mayflower connection, comparing the Salem and Plymouth settlements.

Planter's Reunion-

As I mentioned last newsletter, each year the Beverly Historical Society has an "Old Planters Reunion". This year's meeting will be from September 23-25 and cost \$100 for members and \$130 for non-members. This year's schedule of events sounds very interesting. Two new exhibits there are "Emerging from Salem's Shadow" and "Revolution to Republic". Along with the Balch House tour (where one of our Herrick gentleman lived for a very short time and is located across the street from the Herrick Land where Henry, etc. lived) and the Cabot House Museum and Library, there are tours of the Beverly City Archives, the Hale Farm and the North Beverly Cemeteries and even a tour of the schooner FAME. For more info see www.beverlyhistory.org.

We have met with their tours before and perhaps we can do so again to get info/insight on how our Henry lived. We actually have 3 people going this year.

Update on Richard

Good news- Richard Herrick, our president, is out of the Rehab Facility and is home! Sharon reports he exercises daily and is able to do many things without assistance. He is enjoying his cats and computer. He really appreciates being home!

Congrats Richard!

Herrick Genealogical Register 3rd Edition (2016 version) books are no longer being printed, but is now available on compact disc in PDF format.

To order, send a check for \$12 payable to Ken Herrick, and send to:

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Ken is also selling the original set for \$200 (shipping included)

And he also has an extra copy of Volume 2 for \$40 (shipping included)
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I also have 2- Vol. 2 books- again \$40 each including shipping; send to:
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As you can see, our work goes on even though we have completed the task of compiling the HGR3. We have new members; a new way to get our work to others (CD) and new research goes on as well. As seen in the next article, the DNA of our members takes us closer to another link to our past. This article is a continuation of Curt Herrick's work.

Seeking a DNA Link with Our Viking History and Relatives

The finding that Steven Chris Herrick's Y-DNA67 test results, which arrived on 27 July 2016, matched those of Eric Colin Herrick, also of the Herrick Family Association, created a Eureka Moment for us!

There is more we can do in using recent DNA studies and new DNA testing capabilities to find our Viking past.

This is because a second HFA member was discovered to share the same genetic distance of 7 matches which occurred between Eric and Tommi Borg of Finland 18 August 2013. Although this original Eric-Tommi match lacked 7 matches; the situation was successfully used to examine a hypothesis of finding a fairly close match across the perhaps 1,200-year DNA time gap between the individuals in the US and Viking lands. Both matches had the same I-L22 Single Nucleotide Polymorphism (Family Group.) and 60 matching of 67 Short Tandem Repeat, STR, markers. The probability of a match is significantly greater than 50% for genetic distance of 7 with 97 STR Y-DNA markers.

I had the good fortune to be supported by Dr. William E. Howard III of the Fairfax Genealogy Society DNA Special Interest Group. Bill compared groups of Herrick and Borg Y-DNA results with his research process which is being peer reviewed at this time. He observed that we are closely related through the I-L22 SNP but had a few differing SNPs that may have been nearby time-wise. With the limited data he had on hand of both groups and the scientific difficulties of determining SNP occurrence dates, he was unable to conclude when and where the family groups separated on the I-L22 tree. I am sad to report that Bill died of cancer later this spring. I was honored to attend a service to celebrate his life. He was a brilliant man who rose from being an outstanding astronomy professor to be a government leader and a chief of the US Defense Science Board. You may wish to look him up on the web. He also wrote some fine poetry. He took up his genealogy hobby after retiring. We in the FxGS DNA SIG are trying to ensure that the peer reviews of six of his DNA research studies are completed.

My communication with Tommi Borg has been serendipitous and very rewarding. He is from near Pedersore, formerly Esse, near the Gulf of Bothnia coast on the west side of Finland. I was proud to be able to say that I had a drink with the great Finnish war hero, Major Larry A. Thorney (Torni), who was killed later in the Vietnam War while serving as an officer in the US Army. Tommi is an energetic, capable and curious family history historian. I have learned a great deal from his Finnish world view. It seems Tommi's mentor may be a cousin of another Finnish officer in the US Army I served with in Vietnam whose daughter-in-law is a mutual family friend of my and wife's families.

Why is this important to us?

Early after the forming of the HFA, we agreed to seek accomplishing several goals. These decisions seemed to empower the HFA members.

In 2012 we as a team, with the leadership of Richard Leon Herrick and many others, completed and self-published the new 3,292 page Herrick Genealogical Record, 3rd Edition. We now have a CD version available.

In 2014 Alice Herrick Reynolds completed her extensive research and produced a highly promising hypothesis of the line of our progenitor in America, Henry Herrick, back to the early 1200s in the Leicester area. She was assisted by experts from the HFA and Leicester in the UK.

Early on HFA members became highly curious about our Viking lineage from reading the First Herrick Genealogical Record which was completed in 1846 by Gen. Jedediah Herrick after a visit with the Sir William Herrick and their family genealogist in Beaumanor near Leicester, England. An early conclusion we have is, "Traditions of this very ancient family claim their descent from Ericke, A Danish, Chief, who invaded Britain during the reign of Alfred, and having been vanquished by that Prince, was compelled, with his followers, to re-people the wasted districts of East Anglia; the government of which he held as the English crown. In an attempt to unite the Danish Power in Britain against England, Ericke was defeated by Edward, the son and successor of Alfred; and was subsequently slain by his own subjects for alleged severities in his government. The Norman invasion found this name represented by Eric the Forester, who resided in Leicester..." (Please note that the British often referred to all Vikings as Danes.)

Additionally, in the last fourteen years Dr. Turi King of the University Leicester established that current Herrick line has a high probability of being a single source name group based on the high probability of most male Herrick individuals having similar Y-DNA STRs. Early on our Family Tree DNA testing determined that we are largely members in a relatively unique part of the I1 Haplogroup or family group which is called sometimes called the Viking group.

With the advancements in DNA research since 2003, aided by the "I1" Viking & Invader Y-DNA Project, the I1 Suomi Finland & N-CS8565 Project, the Family Tree DNA worldwide database, the appearing of more near matches from Big Y SNP test reports, and etc. A recent a research conclusion has placed a center of the I-L22 Haplogroup in the area near Stockholm, Sweden. I look forward to investigating recent DNA test reports of near matches being reported from the newer types of testing.

I continue to seek inspiration from the weekly Prince Valiant newspaper cartoons.

Moving forward, I look to providing DNA research support along with the rest of our team for Michael John Herrick of the HFA as he is writing a book concerning the Vikings role in Herrick family history.

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What's next- I can only imagine!

