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## Message from the President:

By Dale E. Yoe HFA #62

Moving Forward-

As a member of the HFA since 2002, on the board since 2003 and now Acting President for less than a year, I have been watching the renewed growth of our organization. Our last newsletter was sent out in June and in just a few days had several hundred views on line.

The forum and Facebook have led to requests for Herrick questions from at least 18 people. Our event committee has begun planning the 2020 meeting and we continue to move forward to find our Viking past.

I couldn't be prouder of our organization and the people who work so hard to keep the HFA going strong. We still need members and as you go to libraries that may hold Herrick Information, or have fall Family Reunions with all your Herrick Cousins, we have something new. We have developed a brochure that will explain to all what our organization is all about. If you would like a copy of the new brochure or think you could be going somewhere that Herricks might be looking for information- please let me know and I will send you copies- and many thanks to all of the HFA board- we have a great team!

Dale E. Yoe

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## HFA Meeting Early September of 2020

Planning is underway for the next HFA meeting and trip to England in early September of 2020.

By Michael Herrick HFA #118

During the past year, a series of conference calls between members of the Program Events Committee were held to discuss the 2020 HFA trip to Leicester, England. Alice (AB) Reynolds, Program Events VP led the meetings with Curt Herrick and Michael Herrick. As always, Irene Turlington was our on-site (Leicester) resource and offered many ideas as the trip was being planned. AB, Curt and Mike discussed many options for

the trip including the content of the trip, cities and sites to visit, speakers to invite, etc. In addition, a short survey was sent out to the membership to get a sense at this early stage of how many might be coming and what interests they might have. Most expressed interest in continuing the type of trip to Leicester we had in 2014. So, our focus was extended to learning more about our early Viking heritage, seeking out Viking experts to give tours and lectures, and taking side trips to York, Lincoln and Repton. But there is a contingent our group that wished to stay in the Leicestershire area and not do the Viking exploration. So, it was decided to have full group meetings at the beginning and end of our trip in Leicester. Also, AB agreed to put together a packet of interesting Herrick sites to visit in the Leicestershire area for those not doing the Viking side trips. Once a preliminary schedule was written, Deborah Nelson and Nancy Johnson, also members of the Program Events Committee, put together logistics around the schedule. Deborah received cost estimates from Celtic Tours, which does tours worldwide but mostly in the UK, for a customized tour of the places we wanted to visit. Deborah has used Celtic Tours in the past and found them to be excellent.

Below is the detailed preliminary schedule of the 2020 HFA trip to England.

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**Herrick Family Association  
2020 England Trip Draft-6 Schedule  
August 7, 2019**

<b>The Herrick Viking Tour</b>	
<b>Monday, September 14, 2020</b>	<b>Welcome Reception</b> (nearby, reasonable hotel, with good event room, AV equipment, buffet, drinks) Welcome and Introductions Trip Overview – the schedule Trip Supporting materials - quick introduction Viking History overview Herrick DNA and Viking Heritage overview Viking Midlands Migration overview Vikings in Leicestershire overview Herrick Origin Theory overview Buffet and participants introduction Dinner speaker: Professor Turi King. Introduce Peter Liddle to the group. The idea here is to set up the knowledge base about Herricks being Viking, the DNA connections we've made in England and Sweden and next steps. And how this should help people appreciate the Viking sites on the trip. (fee for speaker) (dinner for 2 guests) (do we want to include Irene?) Overnight in Leicester
<b>Tuesday – September 15, 2020</b>	<b>Overview of Viking History and Occupation in England</b> Quick review of day's schedule and materials Early (7 am) Bus/coach to York – 3 hours (with one stop) (with bagged breakfast) (would Woods Coaches of Leicester ?) Tour Yorkshire Museum (with guide?) (fee for guide?) Lunch on own, settle into hotel (need options)

## The Herrick Viking Tour

Self-guided options: York Minster (largest Gothic Cathedral in Europe), Railroad Museum, Shambles walk (re-enacted medieval street), open bus tours of city, boat tours, walks on portions of remaining medieval stone walls (need some info guides to help people choose)  
Dinner on own (need suggested places)  
Overnight in York (need hotel)

### Wednesday – September 16, 2020 Vikings Way of Life

Quick review of day's schedule and materials  
Tour Jorvik Viking Center with guide (fee?)  
Lunch on own (need options)  
Bus/coach from York to Lincoln – 3 hours (with one stop) (Woods coaches of Leicester?)  
Visit Lincoln Castle and see Magna Carta copies (fee, combined with Cathedral is £18 adults and £ 15 concessions) (open until 5 pm)  
Dinner on own (need suggested places)  
Overnight in Lincoln (need Lincoln hotel here near museum)

### Thursday – September 17, 2020 Viking Migration

Quick review of day's schedule and materials  
9:00 am – Lecture by Erik Grigg (Learning Officer of The Collection Museum) on Vikings Lincolnshire and Early Medieval Dykes (with reference to Erick, king of East Anglia) (Need space in museum, at University or at hotel) (fee for speaker)  
Tour The Collection Museum and Art Gallery with guide (maybe Eric Grigg?)  
Lunch on own  
2:00 Lecture by Roderick Dale on Viking settlements in Lincoln and York, the mystery of multiple Erick's and Scandinavian place names in the East Midlands) (need room for talk) (fee for speaker)  
Tour the Lincoln Cathedral (fee for only cathedral £8 and £8.40 concessions – closes at 4:30)  
Dinner on own (need options)  
Overnight in Lincoln

### Friday, September 18, 2020 Viking Encampments

Quick review of day's schedule and materials  
Bus/coach to edge of Nottingham (30 min), pick up guide (Andy Gaunt) (Woods Coaches of Leicester?) (fee for park?) (guide fee)  
Tour Sherwood Forest and Thynghowe (Viking Parliament like Danelaw Wapenlake) at Sherwood Forest and other Viking sites with Andy Gaunt  
Lunch at Sherwood Forest Visitors Center  
Continue tour of Sherwood Forest  
Bus/coach to Leicester  
Dinner in Leicester with other HFA members or on own (some sort of way to connect....)  
Overnight in Leicester

## The Herrick Viking Tour

### Saturday, September 19, 2020

Bus/coach to Repton, Derbyshire (Vikings there in 873-4) with Peter Liddle to view St. Wystan's Church, Viking mound. (Woods Coaches of Leicester?) (guide fee)

Lunch on own in Leicester

Herrick research sharing with UK and US Herricks (need a room for this)

Self-guided tour of Leicester Cathedral, Richard III's tomb and Herrick chapel, Viking relics in Leicester?

Dinner with all HFA members. Speaker, "What we know and don't know about the Herrick history in England. And next steps." Peter Liddle (speaker fee) (dining room needed) (AV needed)

### Sunday – September 20, 2020

Depart

Do other wonderful things in England: bus tours, boat tours, London, Stratford on Avon, Bristol, further Herrick research, etc.

Work with UK Herricks to converge knowledge, create action plan

Coach companies: Woods Coaches of Leicester

Hotels near Leicester Cathedral: Holiday Inn Leicester, Villare, Travelodge Leicester Central, St. Martin's Lodge

Resources for attendees to explore ahead of trip:

Sites for York, Lincoln, Nottingham and Leicester, England.

Vikings in East Midlands <https://emidvikings.ac.uk>

This was Leicestershire - [www.thiswastleicestershire/11/the-viking-invasion-of-leicestershire.html](http://www.thiswastleicestershire/11/the-viking-invasion-of-leicestershire.html)

The Vikings in and around Leicestershire by Peter Liddle

[www.thurscastoncropstonhistory.org.uk/report\\_feb2017/](http://www.thurscastoncropstonhistory.org.uk/report_feb2017/)

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## **Continuing the Way Forward to Find the Path of the 'Viking' Single Source Name Herrick Family members from Scandinavia through East Anglia to Leicester in Britain**

By Curt Herrick HFA #100

The purpose of this Herrick DNA article in the September 2019 Herrick Family Association Newsletter is to provide an update of the progress in the research. We additionally will seek your ideas and ask for assistance.

From our research since June 2019 we have decided to develop, agree on and seek to prove a hypothesis of the migration of the Viking single source name Herrick individuals from Scandinavia via East Anglia to the greater city area of Leicester. Proving this hypothesis should accomplish an early HFA goal which was established after we began administering the Herrick DNA Project with Family Tree DNA.

## Summaries of Historical and DNA Research follow:

1. A flow of initial historical information leads us toward a somewhat general hypothesis:
  - A. The 1846 and the 1885 Herrick Genealogical Records support that “The traditions of this very ancient that the family, claim their decent from Ericke, a Danish Chief (Viking)...”
  - B. In 866 a great Viking army in 250 to 300 ships rowed from the area of Carolingian ruled by the sons of Charlemagne and successfully invaded and conquered Northumbria and York before moving into East Anglia.
  - C. In the 870-871 a new Sea King, named Guthrum, gathered recruits and seized much of Mercia and Wessex.
  - D. King Alfred of England battled Guthrum for several years and finally defeated him in the 878 Battle of Eddington. They agreed to a treaty: Alfred paid Danegeld to the Danish forces. Guthrum moved his forces into East Anglia and became a Christian.
  - E. Relative peace for almost three decades after the above actions allowed a small population with a small mixture of about 25% Danes and about 75% Anglo Saxons to settle together in a large land area, share customs and prosper. York grew to 10,000 inhabitants as a highly successful mercantile international sales center with Irish, Scandinavian, European and Mediterranean customers.
  - F. Meanwhile King Alfred, his son and grandson greatly strengthened Wessex and allowed the development of a combined culture based on the Anglo-Saxon, English and the earlier Roman law. This cultural is believed to have led the Viking residents to reject an Irish Viking invasion effort to combine the Irish and Dane Viking areas.
  - G. King Cnut’s reign was from 1014 to 1035. He was the king of the England, Denmark, Norway and exercised control over Sweden. He controlled England in the manner set up by King Alfred. Cnut’s reign seemed to be crumbling at the time of his death. His three sons lacked the skills to maintain the kingdom.
  - H. I must dig into the history of the important takeover of England by Willian the Conqueror. Willian was tough. He directed takeovers at the baron level and was very brutal with those resisting. For example, one history reported that he ordered that hostile men and their male children in the greater York area were to be killed. Follow up research is needed to determine the fate of the Viking settler residents.
2. In 2008 Dr. Turi King completed her award-winning study, “Surnames, Genes and History of Britain.” (Later Turi managed the mt-DNA analysis for the Richard III identification.)
  - A. She verified that our Herrick members are in the Viking Haplogroup or family group.
  - B. Our HFA L-22 Single Nucleotide Polymorphism, SNP, is relatively rare and has a key concentration area near Stockholm, Sweden, and across the Gulf of Bothnia on the west coast in Finland.
  - C. She also concluded that we had a sole source name, which means that most Herrick named individuals are our cousins. This situation has been useful among the Herrick individuals with UK roots who are spread about the world.
  - D. We have found several Scandinavian individuals with suitable Y-DNA67 and the correct I-L22 SNP test results in the greater Stockholm area which are acceptable matches with Herrick surname HFA individuals. Since the Vikings seem to have mixed more in the later Viking period, we look forward to finding more in Scandinavia and the areas of Viking activity.
3. The worldwide DNA research situation and worldwide matching capabilities are improving quickly.
  - A. In 2000 The New England History and Genealogical Society in behalf of Dr. Jobling (he

accomplished the famous 1998 Thomas Jefferson – Sally Hemmings DNA Study) contacted the HFA. We were asked if the HFA wished to join the University of Leicester initial Y-DNA 17 maker study which included 78 UK surnames. Five of our members joined the study.

- B. In 2003 the HFA opened our Herrick DNA Project at the initial Y-DNA 12 level with Family Tree DNA in response to the fine market survey performed by Ken Roy Herrick.
  - C. Scholars and industry have quickly increased the varieties of DNA and related tests to aid us in our genetic history research. The resulting worldwide DNA testing and test result databases are greatly aiding family history research.
  - D. We will need to ask the experts about experiences that have been encountered in attempting to match the Y-DNA individuals whose families have separated 1,000 or more years.
4. A Draft Hypothesis is offered here:
    - A. The Y-DNA and SNP test results provide a virtual thread that links the Scandinavian embarkation areas through history across the earth's surface to a debarkation area locations in the United Kingdom and on to greater Leicester city area.
    - B. Windows in history may be supported by actual records, by opportunity which may be logical or other events and opportunities not envisioned are expected to judge the migration hypothesizes .
    - C. A hypothesis can be expanded as more information is available.
  5. A rudimentary hypothesis might be:
    - A. From Sweden: Paid by Danegeld booty to join Sea King Guthrum's fleet. The arrival time and place in Britain. Battles fought won and lost against King Alfred. Treaties which sent Guthrum to East Anglia. Surviving the rebellion against King Edward. Taking the opportunity to settle as a veteran soldier, became a merchant and traveling perhaps to (York, Lincoln and Leicester), Prospering and moving to the Leicester area. Surviving the first 20 years of the reign of William Conqueror.
  6. Volunteers are welcome to offer suggestions and to participate in the research. Please contact me.
    - A. More thinkers and researchers are welcome.
    - B. Individuals wishing to help as Herrick Project DNA Co-Administrators are welcome.
  7. Here is a great Viking Reference for much their history in Britain, Ireland, Greenland, The Carolingian Empire (Charlemagne), Denmark, Norway, Sweden's eastern passages south down the Volga and the Dneiper to Istanbul, and other items.
    - A. Several years ago, Arlo Herrick of the HFA loaned me a great reference and allowed me to keep the package. It contains a "Course Guide Book" for Parts 1-3 in 3 CDs for a total of 36 Courses." The title of the package is "The Vikings", taught by Professor Kenneth W. Harl, Tulane University. This is a series of "The Great Courses, Ancient and Medieval History" by The Teaching Company.
    - B. The full course price is over \$300. A friend found and bought for complete package \$35 on the web.
  8. I traded an email with Dr. Turi King. She commented that our task is a tough nut to crack. She said she would share a telephone call with me. I am gathering some questions to discuss with her. We are hoping she will be able to join us next fall in the UK.
  9. We look forward to gaining insight and research support from our Herrick cousins and friends in the UK.
  10. The Viking Society for Northern Research has replied to my email. I look forward to learning from them as we prepare for the HFA 2020 Viking adventure in the UK.

Please contact me if you have questions concerning the Herrick DNA Project and being part of our research and DNA preparations for our 2020 Viking adventure.

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### **Allison Louise (Herrick) Grundman HFA #97**

March 18, 1947 — July 1, 2019

Family, friends and the community bid farewell to a remarkable woman, Allison Louise Grundman. Allison was a fifth-generation Californian who lived a true pioneer woman's life. She loved to travel the Oregon Trail, hunted wild game all over North America, locally helped countless expectant mothers prepare for childbirth, and with her beloved husband of almost 50 years raised a family awed by her values of hard work, kindness, strength of character, wisdom and bravery.

Allison was born in Stockton, California in 1947, to loving parents Robert and Dorothy Herrick. She was the oldest of five siblings, and after graduating from Lodi High School (where she never missed a day), she earned her Nursing Degree with distinction from San Jose State in 1968. Shortly after graduation, she began a career of giving to her local community as a Labor and Delivery nurse at Redwood Memorial Hospital. Allison was known to have a compassionate heart towards every mother who came through the doors, calming and coaxing them to "10 centimeters or bust" (that saying was also a bumper sticker on her car). Many an expectant mother asked to have her personally attend to them upon arriving at the hospital; such was her reputation for warmth, caring and clever sense of humor. She had an infectious laugh and shared it often. She was known to laugh heartily at every joke that reached her ears.

During her time at nursing school Allison met her best friend and the love of her life, Tom Grundman. He liked to say he hit the "biggest jackpot of all" with her, and Allison knew she had found "the best of all of them" when he remembered on their second date that she didn't like pickles and onions on her hamburger. That started a love affair of more than fifty-years that she was fond of telling everyone was "never boring." Tom is forever thankful that in Allison he found a loving partner, a dedicated mother and grandmother, and a lifelong friend who he will fondly remember and greatly miss every single day.

A few years after starting her nursing career, Allison briefly left the business of caring for others and was absolutely delighted to start and care for her own family. She leaves behind three children (four if you include Tom, and she often did by remarking "you always marry your first child"). Her daughters Sarah, Molly and son John all benefited greatly from her guiding values and her maternal skills. One Christmas she gave each of her children a "mom likes me best" t-shirt, such was her warmth and humor. She also doted on and adored her six grandchildren. She dedicated her life to giving her family every opportunity possible along with unconditional love.

Allison's gifts to the community were not limited to helping birth countless babies and feeding half the town with her delicious cookies. She was also a well-known and selfless volunteer. She started as a Girl Scout Troop leader, a Room Parent, and a School Board member. She later joined the Daughters of the American Revolution (past Regent), the California Sisters of the DAR, the Redwood Genealogy Society (past President), and the Elk and Mule Deer Foundation (lifetime member). She founded and curated the Redwoods Museum of

Culture and Natural History, and she worked tirelessly for her beloved Redwood Hospital Dance Committee (which she was a founding member and proudly served for 37 years).

Allison's love of the American West and later her love of genealogy took her on travels both locally and all over the world. She loved finding headstones of relatives in Scotland, boating on waterways, visiting obscure diners, perusing historical landmarks, searching for gems and semi-precious stones and occasionally dinosaur bones with her beloved husband and their lifelong friends. She earned her nickname "Concrete Fanny" after a brutal six-hour slog across an icy lake in Nowhere, Canada. At their destination campground, while men twice her size were bellyaching about the harsh conditions, she said to all — "come on it wasn't that bad!" She always showed astonishing fortitude and strength, and had a perfect record of no complaint ever crossing her lips.

Allison went to her eternal rest on July 1, 2019 after a courageous battle with cancer. Words cannot express the depth of the sadness and loss felt by her family and friends. In her usual unassuming and humble way, she requested "no one make a fuss or feel sorry for me," because "my life was genuinely rewarding and truly lived." She spent her days filled with love and laughter, had both domestic happiness and worldwide travel, had lifelong friends and a loving family who will carry her spirit on with them wherever they go.

Allison is survived by; her husband Tom Grundman, her children Sarah Cox, Molly Gerbosi and John Grundman, their spouses Jay Cox, Michael Gerbosi and Amber Grundman, her six grand children Madeline, Bowdrie, Allison and Chloe Cox, Gigi and Charles Gerbosi, her siblings Phyllis Herrick, Charles and Priscilla Herrick, Jane Paul and John and Lisa Herrick.

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## **Union Army Soldier Found 150 Years On And A Long Way From Home**

By Valentine Low

Hendon Cemetery in North London is a long way from Snickers Ferry on the Shenandoah river, where the union army was defeated by the confederates in July 1864.

It was at Snickers Ferry that SETH WATSON HERRICK, who enlisted in the Union army when he was 27 and rose to become a Major in the 2nd Maryland Eastern Shore Infantry, got a bullet wound to the top of his head that marked him for the rest of his life. But Hendon Cemetery is where, for more than a century, Major Herricks body has lain in an unmarked grave.

Now 101 years after his death, Herrick has been given a headstone by the US government. The grave was dedicated on Saturday in a ceremony in which the last post was sounded on a civil war bugle. It was attended by BOB HERRICK, 76, who came from California to see his great-great grandfather remembered.

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### **Brooks Herrick Cathey, Sr., 89**

Contributed by his brother George B. Cathey HFA #107

Brooks Herrick Cathey, Sr. age 89, of Key West, Florida, passed away on Saturday, May 18, 2019, at Key West Health and Rehabilitation Center.

A celebration of life service was held on July 20, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. at "Old Stone" Key West United Methodist Church, followed by a reception in Jones Hall. Interment at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Masonic Home of Florida, Disabled American Veterans, or Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches.

Brooks was born on May 3, 1930, in Fort Pierce, FL to George Bunyan Cathey, Sr. and Lotta Eunice



Herrick-Cathey. After the sudden, early passing of his father in 1944, his mother moved the family back to Key West, FL. He graduated from Key West High School in 1948; joining the United States Army Air Corps in 1951, serving in the Corps of Engineers as a technical sergeant in Company "C" of the 372nd Engineer Aviation Battalion at Eglin Air Force Base, Florida; as well as a duty station in Alaska, until his honorable discharge in 1953.

As a teenager, Brooks worked at Strunk Lumber Yard as a salesperson in hardware and building materials; returning to Strunk's after his army stint to a career as a purchasing agent that spanned thirty years. It was during this time that he earned an associate degree from Florida Keys Community College. He also worked as a purchasing agent for Singleton Seafood of Key West for five years, before embarking on his final career as a property appraiser (III) for the Monroe County Property Appraiser from 1985 until his retirement in 1997.

In 1982, Brooks joined the Free & Accepted Masons as part of Anchor Lodge No.182, chartered through the Grand Lodge of Florida, F. & A. M., and recognized by the United Grand Lodge of England. He studied his way up the progressive line of the seven masonic officer chairs and three degrees to become Worshipful Master of the lodge in 1989, presiding over rituals and ceremonies. Then in 1993, Brooks received the honorary thirty-third degree, with the distinction of Grand Worshipful Master. The thirty-third degree is awarded to those members who display a prominent and notable dedication to Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite, as well as the world around them. Brooks always offered a helping hand to mentor other masons; and contributed to the Masonic Home of Florida, as well as Disabled American Veterans. In 2002, he was appointed District Deputy Grand Master by the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Additionally, he was an avid gardener and enjoyed sharing the fruits of his labor, such as avocados, key limes, guavas, papayas, and tomatoes with everyone. Brooks also enjoyed sharing his love of plants with others, often giving them saplings from his prized *lignum vitae* tree. Also, later in life he became a wonderful baker, sharing his goods with neighbors, coworkers, and at many masonic events.

Brooks was an honorable man of integrity and character with a kind, loving heart. He is survived by his three children, Susan J. Ham and her husband Terry of Key West, FL; Sherri C. Lytle and her husband Dennis of Oceanside, CA; and Brooks H. Cathey, Jr. of Fresno, CA; four grandchildren, Terry "TJ" Ham, Manami A. Lytle, Jenna A. Cathey, and Shaun H. Cathey; his brother, George B. Cathey, Jr. and his wife Barbara of Jacksonville, FL; nephews, Edgar L. Kilborn, Jr., Richard L. Kilborn, and Stuart A. Cathey; as well as first cousins, Edward A. Strunk, III, Esther S. Taylor, Shirley S. Stoelzel, Homer B. Herrick, Jr., Richard A. Herrick, Sr. and his wife Blanche; Gifford R. Herrick and his wife Eileen, and Blanche D. Congrove; along with extended family members. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lotta Eunice, his infant brother, and sister, Lotta Eunice Cathey-Kilborn and her husband Edgar; nephew, Stephen A. Kilborn, and nieces, Amanda C. Kilborn and Jane C. Russell.

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## **An interesting Letter**

By Nancy Herrick Johnson HFA # 212

Below is a letter that I found when I was cleaning out my dad's belongings. My grandfather Robert Deane Herrick received this letter in the early 1960s and I'm wondering if anyone in the HFA knows who Robert F.J. Herrick from Ohio was. I'm not sure if my grandfather sent a letter back regarding the question asked but he did save this letter for many years. After he passed away in 1980 my dad boxed up my grandfather's files and it wasn't seen until the spring of 2017 when I came across it while documenting photos and letters.

I love mysteries and I'm just wondering if anyone else got one of these letters (see below) or knows the author, Robert F.J. Herrick from Ohio.

We hope that you enjoyed this latest quarterly HFA newsletter.

If you have anything that you'd like included in future newsletters or if you have comments or suggestions, please email Nancy Herrick Johnson at [nancyjohnson206@gmail.com](mailto:nancyjohnson206@gmail.com).