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Herricks Before 1600 in England  
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**Early Histories**

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911	King Edward Eric King of East Angles	<p><b>Holinshed’s Chronicles of England, 1577,1587, Sixth Booke, page 680:</b>  “After this, other of the Danes assembled themselves together and in Staffordshire, at a place called Totttenhall, fought with the Engishment, and after a great slaughter made on both parties, the Danes were overcome, and so likewise were they afterwards at Woodfield, or Woodenfield. And thus King Edward put the Danes to the worse in each place commonlie where he came; and hearing that those in Northumberland went to breake the peace, he invaded the countie, and so afflicted the same, that the Danes which were inhabitants there, gladly continued in rest and peace.”  (Sidenote _Polydor_. Ericke king of Eastangles.)  “But in the mean time, Ericke, the King of those Danes which held the countrie of East Angle, was about to procure new warre, and to allure other Danes to join with him against the Englishmen, that with common agreement they might set upon the English nation and utterly subdue them. King Edward having intelligence thereof, proposed to prevent him, and thereupon entering with an army into his countrie, cruelly wasted and spoiled the same. King Ericke having already his people in armour, through displeasure conceived thereof, and desire to be revenged, hasted forth to encounter his enemies, and so they met in the Sidenote: Ericke put to flight). field, and fiercelie assailed each other. But as the battell was rashlie begun on King Erick’s syde, so was the end very harmfull to him, for with small adoo, after great losse on both sides, he was vanquished and put to flight.”  “After his coming home, because of his great overthrow and fowle discomfiture, he began to govern his people with more rigour and sharper dealing than before- time he had used. Whereby the provoked the malice of the East Angles so highlie against him, that they fell upon him and murdered him; yet they did not gaine so much hereby as they looked to have done, for shortlie after, they being brough low, and not able to defend their countrie, were compelled to submit themselves into the they submit themselves to King Edward And so was that kingdome joined into other domiinions of the ame king Edward, who shortlie after annexed the kingdome of Merica unto other of his dominions, immediatlie upon the death of his sister Elfleda, who he permitted to rule that land all hir life.”</p>
		<p><b>Anglo-Saxon Chronicles : Vikings</b>  In Michael Woods, Domesday, In Search of the Roots of England:  877 – ‘in the harvest season they went away into Mercia and shared some of it’  876 –‘they shared out the land of the Northumbrians and they proceeded to plough and to support themselves’</p>

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		<p>880 – ‘the army went from Cirencester to East Anglia, and settled there and shared out the land’</p> <p>Michael Wood, “The annals record free-born Danish soldiers settling as farmers dependent on the army bases established at the main towns – Derby, Nottingham, Northampton, Huntingdon, and so on. The large Danish armies were probably several thousand strong, and each army based on the Danelaw towns could muster several hundred men or more.” (p. 129, Wood, Michael, Domesday, A Search for the Roots of England.</p>
890	Eric of East Anglia	<p><b>History of the Vikings, by T.D. Kenrick, p. 216:</b> “ Alfred.... He died in October 899.....Edward the Elder was elected to rule. ... At the outset of his reign Edward had a quarrel with his cousin Aethelwald to whom Alfred had left estates in Surrey and Sussex, and this prince fled to Northumbria where he took refuge with the Danes. A few years later he made an alliance with the East Anglian Danes, whose king was now Eric, Guthrum having died in 890, and he succeeded in inciting them to attack Wessex. ...A fierce battle took place at Holme near Biggleswade in Bedfordshire in which the English came off worse although the Danes lots both their king and Aethelwald. Another Guthrum succeeded Eric.”</p>
1066	Eric the Forester	<p>“The Herrick family is supposed to derive descent from Eric the Forester, and therefore, from the ancient kings of Sweden. I found, on the Forest , a very prevailing tradition, that this eric assembled a large army at the Copt Oak, on Charnwood, in order to resist the Norman Invader. The mode of assembly, as the tradition was related to me by an old forester, seems to have somewhat resembled that of the “gathering” of the Scottish Clans, so vividly depicted in “The Lady of the Lake”. That this Eric did bravely resist Willim I., and afterward, on being vanquished become one of his Generals, rests on better evidence than tradition..” (T.R. Potter, Charnwood Forest, p. 80.)</p>
1086		<p><b>The Great Domesday Book</b></p> <p><b>Michael Wood, p. 130:</b> “At Wigston, as at the other Scandianavianised villages in the Danelaw, a considerable class of free peasant landowners is found in Domesday – 31 sokemen at Wigston as against 32 villeins, 12 bordars and 3 slaves: this class of people can be traced right down to the enclosure of the village fields in the nineteenth century. At Domesday there were over two thousand of these people with their families in Leicestershire. Further east, in Lincolnshire alone, there were over ten thousand; their subsequent history is dealt with in Chapter 14. All the evidence suggests that these newcomers moved in alongside the native Anglian peoples, rather than drove them out or made them subject. Indeed, it quite likely that many of the sokeman class were English in origin. “</p>
1087		<p><b>Exon Domesday</b> – detailed account of the returns from the south-western shires where it was annotated by the scribe of the ‘Great Domesday’ (Kept at Exeter Cathedral).</p>

### Documented Herricks

Date	Name	Information and Source
	XXXX Eyryk of Great Stretton	Contemporary of Henry III of England (1216-1272). "lineal descent from Eric the Forester" (HGRII and HGRIII)
1	Alan Eyryk	Son of XXXX. Held 2 virgates of land at Stretton. (Nichols, History of Leicestershire, Vol. II, p. 580)
2	Henry Eyryk	Son of XXXX. Held 2 virgates with brother. (Nichols, History of Leicestershire, Vol. II, p. 580)
3	Robert Eyryk	Son of Alan. Took over the 2 virgates of land from his father, Alan. (Nichols, History of Leicestershire, Vol. II, p. 580)
4	John Eyryk	Was the son of Henry. (Nichols, History of Leicestershire, Vol. II, p. 580)
1221 1226	John Eirich	Listed as Freeman of Leicester (Register of Freemen of Leicester 11-96-1380, p. 7) Listed in records of Leicester – in Latin (Records of the Borough of Leicester 1103-1327, p. 23)1226
1226	Richard Erec	Record of a fine. (Records of the Borough of Leicester 1103-1327, p. 29)
1274 1309	Richard Heirick Walter Heyrek William Heyrek,	Clerk, in suit in Great Stretton (A History of the County of Leicestershire: Volume 5, Gartree Hundred Great Glen, Pages 102-112) (History of Stretton and Parva, p. 164). (Assize Roll 1221. 2 Edward I, 1274, Leyc.)
b. abt 1280	Robert Eyryk	Was the son of John Eyryk (#4 above), grandson of Henry (# 2 above). He married Joanna and had four children, William (Sir William, knighted by the Black Prince) and Robert (Bishop of Coventry and Litchfield. See more below, John, and Adelena. (Nichols, History of Leicestershire, Vol. II, p. 579) (Leicestershire Architectural Society – Robert de Stretton, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield. P. 86,199-211).
1284	Walter (son of Robert Eyrek), v. Ivo Eyrek, Robert, Roger and Philip, sons of Ivo	Plea of assault on Walter at Stretton, beating and wounding him and taking away his oxen to the value of 10 Pounds. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva) (Coram Rege Roll 82. Hilary, 12 Edward I, 1284, m. 3. Leyc.)
1298	Alice Eyrik, wife of Walter	In suit with Robert Jammile. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva) (De Banco Roll 123. Easter, 26 Edward I, 1298. M. 125. Leyc.)
1299	Adam Erik	Received a royal pardon for the death of Simon the clerk, slain (may have been manslaughter) by Adam Erik of Wiggston. "Both the principal parties in this affair were members of old Wigston families, the Herricks and the Wyggestons, which were prominent in the village from the very early times." (Murder and Sudden Death in Medieval Wigston by W. G. Hoskins, M. SC.(ECON). Ph.D, p. 176.)
b. abt 1300	William Eyryk, de Stretton	Brother of Bishop Robert. Son of Robert, b. about 1280 above. Knighted by the Black Prince for service as Gascony in 1355. Nichols stated he was likely the "Progenitor of Herricks of Houghton".

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b. abt 1300	Robert Eyryk, de Stretton Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield	<p>Son of Robert Eyryk (b. abt 1280) above.</p> <p>1322-3 Mentioned for carrying a part of the money on the Saturday feast of St. Cuthbert (March 20). And other financial records. (Records of the Borough of Leicester 11-3-1327, p. 333)</p> <p>1348 Order for pardon Robert de Stretton to pray for souls after their deaths. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva., p. 166) (De Banco Roll 255. Trinity 22 Edward III. 1348.)</p> <p>Held considerable estate in the parish, Great Stretton, his native place. (A History of the County of Leicestershire: Vo. 5, Gartree Hundred, Great Glen, pp. 102-112. Had manor house in Heywood in Staffordshire. Died 1385 and buried in the Cathedral in Lichfield (Nichols, History of Leicestershire, Vol. II, p. 579) (Dugdale's Warwickshire, Vol. 1, p. 41 (Lambeth Wills, reg. 211, a. Courtenay). (Robert de Stretton, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, Leicestershire Architectural Society, p. 86, 199-211.) (Nichols, History of the Antiquities of Leicestershire, Vo. III, p. 893, 895.)</p>
b. after 1300	John Eyryk	Son of Robert, immediately above. (Nichols, History of Leicestershire, Vol. II, p. 580)
b. after 1300	Adelena Eyryk	Daughter of Robert, immediately above. (Nichols, History of Leicestershire, Vol. II, p. 580)
1315	Ivo de Eyryk Richard Eyryk Robert Eyryk William Eyryk	<p>Four listed in suit with Robert de Norton &amp; William Kyrke of Stretton Magna agst 4 Eyryks listed - plea of detention of cattle.</p> <p>Son of John Eyryk</p> <p>Son of William Eyryk</p> <p>(History of Stretton Magna and Parva, p. 165).</p>
1327	Heyrick	Two Herricks paid 1/3 of the 15 <sup>th</sup> (tax) for the whole village (A History of the County of Leicestershire: Volume 5, Gartree Hundred, Great Glen, Pages 102-112)
1332	Heyrick	
1327	John Heyrek	Paid Lay Subsidy of 22d/ (History of Stretton Magna and Parva) (133/1. 1 Edward III. 1327. Stretton magna.
1332	John Eyrik	Required to pay lay subsidy of 3s. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva. P. 166) (Lay Subsidy 133/2. 6 Edward III. 1332 Stretton Magna.)
1332	John Eyrik	Rental agreement in Stretton magna. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva. P. 167) (De Banco Roll 292. Mich. 6 Edward III. 1332 Stretton Magna.)
1333	Isabel	Was the wife of Thomas Eyryk in suit about trespass. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva. P. 167) (Coram Rege Roll 294. Mich., 7 Edward III. 1333 m. 149, Leyc.)
1341	Robert and Alan Eyrik	Between William de Heton and Margery, his wife, plaintiffs and Robert, son of Alan Eyrik of Stretton magna. Suit for rent. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva. P. 166) (Fine. Easter 15 Edward III. 1341)
1353	John Eyryk	John sues for the kind and himself for contempt and trespass against former servant. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva. P. 166) (Coram Rege Roll 373. Mich, 27 Edward III. 1353.)
1383	William Eyrik	Rector of the church of Outheby, charter of the lands he received from his father, John Eyrik, in the town anf fields of Stretton magna and parva.

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		To hold to them, their heirs and assigns freely, etc, of the chief lords of the fee, by the right and accustomed service for ever. (History of Stretton Magna and Parva. P. 168) (Assize Roll 1488. Easter, 7 Richard II, 1381, m. 24 d. Leyc..)
1390	Richard Erick	John Fytoun of Shawell had ben guilty of the theft of a horse at a place called Milton and of being a “common thief”, and also of the death of <b>Richard Eyrek of Wigston</b> . (Murder and Sudden Death in Medieval Wigston by W. G. Hoskins, M. SC.(ECON). Ph.D, p. 178.)
1390	Peter Eryk	Peter Eryk served as witness (along with many others) as to the fight between Adam de Sutton and Richard Baker, causing Adam’s death. (Murder and Sudden Death in Medieval Wigston by W. G. Hoskins, M. SC.(ECON). Ph.D, p. 179.)
1450	Robert Eyricke	Great-grandson of Sir William, married Agnes. Had Robert (d.s.p.) and Thomas. Resided in Houghton-on-the hill.
b. abt 1470 1511 in Leicester d. 1518	Thomas Eyrick	First of family to settle in Leicester. Member of the Corporation of Leicester in 1511. Will dated 1517 Buried at St. Martins Church.
1481	John Eryk and wife Joanna	Regarding inheritance of Thomas Yates, her brother. (Records of the Borough of Leicester Calendar of Conveyences, Box. D., p. 434.)
1491	Joanna Eryk	Fees due from Joanna for sales in Est Market and Swynne Market (Records of the Borough of Leicester 1327-1509, p. 333)
1511	Thomas Heryk	Chamberlain (List of Recorders, Mayors, Chamberlains, Etc. 1509-1603, Records of the Borough of Leicester.)
b. bef. 1513	Nicholas Eyrick	Son of Thomas Eyrick, buried at St. Martins Church in 1535, mayor of Leicester, 1562. Had sons John (about 1547) and Thomas.
b. abt 1513	John Heyrick	Ironmonger. Second son of Thomas of Leicester. Married Mary Bond. Served as alderman and as mayor of Leicester in 1557. Died in 1589. (Roll of the Mayors of the Borough and Lord Mayors of the City of Leicester 1209 - 1935.)
1523	Richrard Eryke and wife Agnes	Suit where land granted to Richard and Agnes for their lives, and then pass to John Eryke, their son.
1539	Nicholas Heyryck	Chamberlain – (List of Recorders, Mayors Chamberlains, Etc., 1509-1603, Records of the Borough of Leicester.)
1540	John Eyrick	Paid to find horse and harness for 2 men, an archer and Lylman (Farnham - Houghton on Hill)
1543	John Heyrycke	Chamberlain. – (List of Recorders, Mayors Chamberlains, Etc., 1509-1603, Records of the Borough of Leicester.)
1552	Nicholas Heyrick	Goldsmith, mayor of Leicester.
1557	John Heyrick	Ironmonger, (brother of Nicholas above and son of Thomas Heyrick of Leicester) (Roll of the Borough and Lord Mayors of the City of Leicester 1209-1935, p. 66)

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1558	Thomas Heyrick	Mercer, freeman 1584-9, alderman, and chamberlain, served in the Forty-Eight. Took over brother John's business for awhile after his death. (Roll of the Mayors of the Borough and Lord Mayors of the City of Leicester 1209 - 1935.)
1559	John Heyrick	Ironmonger, son of John Heyrick, mayor in 1557. Died in 1633 (Roll of the Mayors of the Borough and Lord Mayors of the City of Leicester 1209 - 1935.) Buried in Rounalds Chapel in St. Martins Church.
1567	John Eryke	Freeman. 1st son of Nicholas. (Register of the Freemen of Leicester, 1196-1380, p. 77).
1567	Robert Heyryke	Glover. Born about this date. 1587-8 was apprenticed to Roger Vykers, glover, "dwelling in the county bur he hath continued his freedom". 1590 subsidy – assessed for goods at 3 lbs in Thomas Clerke's ward. 1592 moves to Mountsorrel and will only sell at the market on Saturday and fair-days. 1596 made free. 1599 now a member of the 48 (Common Council). 1599 proposed which glovers would be allow to trade in Leicester. 1599-1600 Humphrey Thompson, glover, apprentice of Robert Eyricke, glover, made free. 1605 appears in parish registers of St. Mary's church. 1606 rents lands formerly of college of St. Mary to messuage and garden near the West Gate and the house called the Chapel of West Bridge. 1607 member of the 48. (Simmons, Jack, Leicester, The Ancient Borough to 1860. P. 62-80) (Work of John Cloake, Herrick relative in London.)
1572	John Eyrick	Pays lay subsidy (Farnham - Houghton on Hill), also mayor of Leicester for a second time (Roll of Borough and Lord Mayors of the City of Leicester 1209-1935, p. 72).
1580	Richard Erick of Houghton	Richard as plaintiff in suit. (Farnham-Houghton on Hill). Death of Richard and land passes to son John Eyrick. (History and Antiquities of Leicestershire – Heyrick of Houghton, p. 615-636)
1584	Robert Heyricke	Ironmonger. Mayor. Son of John Heyrick (mayor in 1557). (Roll of the Borough and Lord Mayors of the City of Leicester 1209-1935, p. 76)
1584-5	Thomas Heyricke	Linen draper. Made free. Apprentice of William Morton, linen draper. (Register of the Freemen of Leicester, 1196-1380, p. 86.)
1585-6	John Heyricke	Ironmonger, made free. Apprentice of Robert Hericke, ironmonger. (Register of the Fremen of Leicester 1196-1380, p. 867).
1590	Robert Heyricke, Marye Heyrick, Robert Heyrick – glover, Thomas Eyrick	Received subsidy Toll, Oct. 12, 1590. (Records of the Borough of Leicester 1509-1603, p. 265-68)
1599-1600	Thomas Eyricke	Tailor, second son of and apprentice of John Eyricke, tailor. (Register of the Freemen of Leicester, P. 97.)

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1608	John Erick	Suit brought by John Turlington and William Skillington against John Eryicke about pasture land. (Farnham - Houghton on Hill)
1609	Richard and John Eyrick	John also dies and his son John (age 23) inherits is land in Houghton. (Farnham - Houghton on Hill)
1619	Tobias Eyrick and wife Elizabeth	Tobias, clerk and wife win suit over land rights. (Farnham - Houghton on Hill)
1625	Tobias Eyrick	Suit against him. (Farnham - Houghton on Hill)
1627	Tobias Heiricke and son William	Tobias dies, wife Elizabeth still lives in Leicester, and son William inherits land and other properties. Father is listed as Robert Heiricke in Leicester. (Farnham - Houghton on Hill)
		In one source, quite a few of Sir Williams letters about his dealings with James I and lords of land are summarized. In the second source, more information about Beaumanor. (Curtis and Throsby)

**Note:** Many Herricks are recorded after 1600. This listing is intended to capture the earliest histories and recorded individuals only.