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## Message from the President:

By Dale E. Yoe *HFA #62*

Happy holidays to all! We will have exciting things happening in 2020! Our meeting, as mentioned before, will be in England as we discover more about our Viking Ancestors.

I have heard from almost 30 people who are interested in coming along on this journey. Our events committee- Michael Herrick, Nancy Johnson, Deborah Nelson, Curt Herrick and Alice Reynolds, have mapped out an exciting tour beginning and ending in Leicester. Alice and I are making the rest of the arrangements as begun initially with the committee through a tour company. Please see attached registration info (separate PDF) with the company. We have managed to bring the cost down considerably to @\$1,130.00 per person (prices can change).

This does not include flight and transport to Leicester. It does include:

- 6 nights' accommodation with breakfast each morning.
- Transportation and transfers where required from September 14 to 20 with a driver and English-Speaking Guide who will handle all arrangements during program
- Entrance fees to the visitor attractions and places of interested listed on itinerary.

We also will be including the first and farewell dinner with cash bars, and the cost of speakers, and print-outs. Please send your registrations with deposits ASAP to Celtic Journeys to save your space.

Hotels are in Leicester (Holiday Inn), Lincoln <https://www.thelincolnhotel.com/> and York: <https://www.yorkpavilionhotel.com/>; and they include breakfasts.

We hope to see you there!

Dale

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## Family History Note

Submitted by Barbara Cathey (George) *HFA #107*

While I was researching my family I found this in “History of Durham, Maine with genealogical notes : Stackpole, Everett Schermerhorn, 1850-1927”, a book, published in 1899, that I was using to look for my family. Thought I’d send it to you and the Herrick Family Association. It is on the internet and has a lot of references to a Herrick who was the minister in Durham.

“HERRICK The Herrick Genealogy has been traced back to the twelfth century. The family is of Scandinavian origin. Sir William Herrick of Beau Manor, Leicester Co., Eng., was member of Parliament 1601-1630 and Ambassador from Queen Elizabeth to the Sublime Porte. Henry his fifth son was born in 1604 and came to Salem, Mass. in 1629 where he married Elizabeth, dau. of Hugh Laskin. They settled in what is now Beverly. They were among the founders of the first church in Salem in 1629 and of that in Beverly in 1667. Their fifth son Joseph married for his second wife Mary Endicott whose sixth child Martyn married Ruth Endicott of Salem and settled at Lynnfield.”

Good information from such an early source. The date seems to indicate it could be a “Mug Book”, or a local history book written in response to the centennial. The book also has pictures of Jacob Herrick JR. and Abigail (Scott) Herrick.

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## New Book—*Mayflower Families*

Submitted by Marston Watson *HFA #126*

Genealogist and author **Marston Watson** announced that his first *Mayflower Families* book was published in November by the General Society of Mayflower Descendants (GSMD). This volume 25 (479 pages) replaces the earlier five-generation volume 5 (28 pages) of **Governor Edward Winslow**, which now includes nine generations of his descendants. Marston is a well-known author of four volumes in his series on *Royal Families: Americans of Royal and Noble Ancestry*, published by the Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore (2002-2017). Marston is the 8th great-grandson of Edward Winslow, the 3rd governor of Plymouth Colony. Currently, he is updating the *William White of the Mayflower* book (vol. 13) in the GSMD series, through seven generations. His Winslow book is available from GSMD at <https://www.themayflowersociety.org/>.

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## Shakespeare in London

By Bianca Britton, CNN

The location of William Shakespeare's London home where the playwright wrote “Romeo and Juliet” has been identified for the first time, according to new research.

Theater historian Geoffrey Marsh spent a decade meticulously researching the home of the English dramatist and poet by cross-referencing official records to pinpoint where exactly Shakespeare lived during the 1590s.

Marsh's quest began after The Theatre, an Elizabethan playhouse in East London's Shoreditch, was discovered in 2008. The historian wondered where Shakespeare was living when his plays were performed there, which predated The Globe as the playwright's workplace.

It had previously been identified that the Shakespeare lived in Central London near Liverpool Street Station, then known as the parish of St. Helens, after he was listed on taxpayer records in 1597/98, but the exact location was never identified.

According to Marsh, evidence suggests Shakespeare had lived in a property overlooking the churchyard of St. Helens as a tenant of the Company of Leathersellers, a guild that organized the Elizabethan leather trade.

While erratic spelling made it a challenge to decipher and interpret the documents, Marsh was able to analyze records that were “remarkably” preserved, stretching back to the 1550s.

“The place where Shakespeare lived in London gives us a more profound understanding of the inspirations for his work and life,” said Marsh, who is also the director of the Victoria and Albert Museum's Department of Theatre and Performance.

“Within a few years of migrating to London from Stratford, he was living in one of the wealthiest parishes in the City, alongside powerful public figures, wealthy international merchants, society doctors and expert musicians.”

The historian added that living in a place like London would have “enhanced Shakespeare's status as he developed his career, sought a family coat of arms and planned to buy an impressive and expensive house in Stratford.”

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## **Knights Templar Commander**

Scott Bill Hirst *HFA #50*

Scott Bill Hirst of Ashaway, Rhode Island; was installed (Eminent) Commander of Narragansett Commandery No. 27, Knights Templar; of Westerly, Rhode Island; on September 4, 2019. He has three Herrick lines, and is a member of the Herrick Family Association. He has not attended a reunion yet. Scott is a seven time council member in Hopkinton, Rhode Island; and is currently Vice President.

He has served since November, 2018; and previously served from 1996 to 2004; and again from 2010 to 2014. He was Hopkinton Town Moderator from 2014 till 2018.

The Knights Templar are part of the York Rite Branch of Freemasonry. Scott joined Narragansett Commandery in 1979. He is also a member of the Valley of Providence, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, located in Cranston, R.I., receiving the Thirty-Second Degree in 1986. His local Masonic Lodge is Franklin Lodge No. 20, F.& A.M in Westerly.

Scott can be reached at 20 Maple Court, Ashaway, RI 02804; (401) 360-4603; [ashaway02804@gmail.com](mailto:ashaway02804@gmail.com).

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## **Obituary**

Joyce Davis *HFA #46*

MARS HILL—Joyce S. Davis died October 28, 2019, at Northern Light Continuing Care in Mars Hill, Maine. She was born on May 4, 1927, in New Egypt, New Jersey, the daughter of the late Elmer G. and Ottobelle (Worthen) Spencer. She was named Ottobelle Joyce, but was always known as Joyce because that was her mother’s favorite name. She was the wife of the late Arnold A. Davis. They resided in the town of Washburn, Maine.

Joyce’s mother died of scarlet fever five days after she was born, so she never knew her mother. During her childhood and teen years, Joyce and her brother, Bob, occasionally lived with their father, but were mostly raised by grandparents and aunts and uncles in the Spencer/Worthen families. Joyce thanked God that He placed them in a family that took care of their own.

Joyce graduated from high school in Lebanon, New Hampshire, in 1945 and from the Eastern Maine General

Hospital in Bangor, Maine, in 1948. She was in the last class of Cadet Nurses following World War II and the friendships formed there lasted her lifetime. Joyce and her husband, Arnie, moved to Aroostook County in December 1951. Of that move Joyce wrote, "I think the Lord arranged it all as we could not have landed in a better spot than 'Bull Run' on Parsons Road. We were adopted by the extended Bull Family." She served for a number of years as the Oncology Nurse in both Hematology Oncology and Radiation Oncology at the Northern Light A.R. Gould Hospital (formerly The Aroostook Medical Center) in Presque Isle, Maine. Joyce loved being an oncology nurse and believed the Lord had chosen her for that career. She was a Trustee of the Washburn Memorial Library. She was an active member of the State Road Advent Christian Church in Mapleton, Maine, serving at various times as Sunday School teacher, choir member, Deaconess, and Trustee. Joyce had a special interest in genealogy and enjoyed researching the history of the Spencer, Worthen, and Davis families.

She is survived by her children Susan Davis George and husband, Richard; Robert Arnold Davis, and wife, Kathleen; and Stephen Spencer Davis and fiancé, Terry Poland; grandchildren Emily Kate Peers and husband, Dan; Betsy Marie Randall and husband, Lem; Virginia Keaton Davis; Mitchell Worthen Davis and wife, Katelynn; great grandchildren Charlie and Sadie Peers; Maverick, Jaymes, and Jared Randall; Elijah and Brayden Davis; brothers Herrick Spencer and wife, Barbara; William Spencer; Frank Spencer, and wife, Mary Jo; sisters-in-law Dottie Spencer; Joanna Spencer; special cousins David Spencer and Nancy Makowski; Thomas Spencer and wife, Carol; John Spencer and wife, Jane; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her husband of 63 years, Arnold; sister Olive Hall; and brothers Robert Spencer; and George Spencer.

In her last years she was given kind and loving care by the staff at Leisure Village in Presque Isle and Northern Light Continuing Care in Mars Hill. A funeral service, calling hours, and interment will be held in May 2020. Interment will be at Crouseville Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Aroostook House of Comfort, P.O. Box 867, Presque Isle, Maine 04769. Memories and condolences may be shared at [www.duncan-graves.com](http://www.duncan-graves.com)

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### **More about an Interesting Letter from F. J. Herrick**

In our last newsletter an article about an interesting letter sent by Robert F.J. Herrick from Ohio was included. Your help was requested to find out if anyone else had received one of these letters in the 1960s or remembers Robert F.J. Herrick from Ohio.

Here are some responses from our members;

From Pat Couchman HFA #90;

I did not receive that letter from Mr. Herrick of OH but my uncle who lived in Olympia, WA did and he sent me a copy way back in Feb 1975. I don't believe my uncle ever corresponded with him but I did as soon as that letter arrived. Mr. R.J. Herrick wrote back to me on 22 Feb 1975 explaining that he had sent out 1500 brochures after spending months searching thru various telephone and city directories F.J. Herrick sent several forms which I filled out and returned but I never heard from him again. Subsequently I found the HFA and joined back in 2003-4, member #090. Also later I found a Herrick Revolutionary War patriot and in June 1998 received approval from NSDAR (which I had joined in 1981 on a different patriot) for a supplementary application for Amos Herrick. I am descended from Henerie Hericke's son, Ephraim and my listing is in the Register V.1 Part 2, pg 797. My Rev. War patriot, Amos Herrick, is in V. 4 p. 2677 and a couple of family photos are on p. 2863 (top right) and p. 2880 bottom. My grandma is the baby on her mother's lap. I can never thank Richard Herrick enough for all the work he did to include my family in the Register or for all your and other's work for the association. Patricia (Pat) Sponburgh Boudry Couchman.

From Caitilin Embree HFA #197

Yes I did get a note from Robert F.J. Herrick, I answered him and he then requested what I had so I shared same.

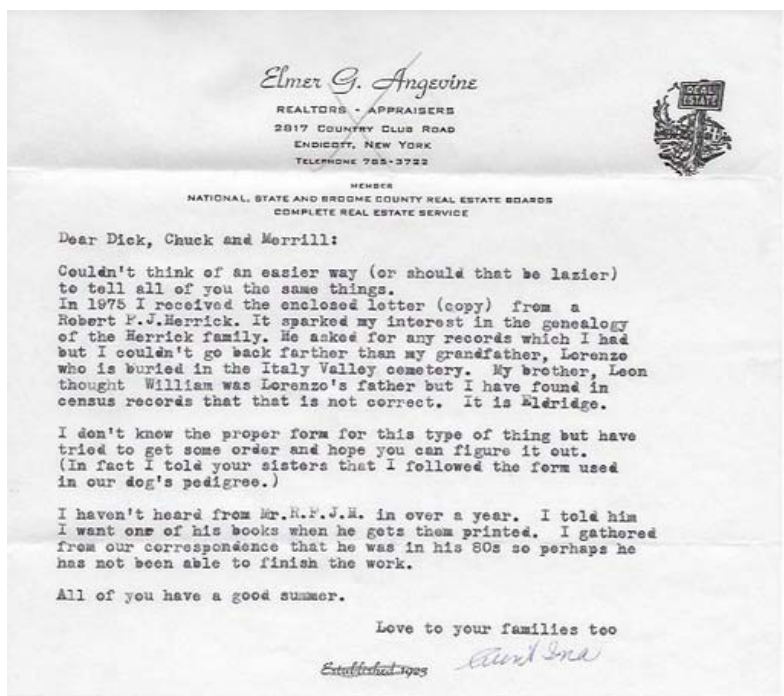
Sorry to say I did not keep copies of all the pieces of paper that I sent him and I never heard any more from him.

What I have is Herrick Genealogy—A GENEALOGICAL REGISTER of the NAME AND FAMILY of HERRICK by: Jedediah Herrick revised, augmented and brought down to A.D., 1885 by Lucius C. Herrick, M. D., on the inside cover is signed 'L.C.Herrick 144 Highland St. Columbus, Ohio'.

What came with the book was lots and lots of pieces of paper in the whole book with updates and corrections to what had been published, and that is what I sent to R.F.J. Herrick, he did say thanks, and said he would ask if anyone knew who my ggf Edmond Herrick's parents were. Never any more from him and I am still trying to find the missing parents, Curt J. Herrick who was in school with me, has tried to help, but they are still out there. So in answer to your question YES I have had contact with him years ago.

From Merrill Herrick HFA #169

My Aunt Ina received a letter in 1975 and passed it on to me and my two brothers. I am attaching her letter to us and his letter to her.”



“I never thought about investigating F. J. until your reply wondering where his material has gone to. So I spent some time looking into him. He was born 28 Apr, 1903 in Ohio.

He died 3 Jan, 1992 and is buried in Resthaven West Park cemetery, Glendale, Maricopa, AZ. His father was Victor M. Herrick. His SSN is 298-03-4708. He married Mildred Fabry in 1944 and they had no children. I found him in one family tree and I have emailed that person to see if there is any other information about him or his material. He had one brother who passed away before he did. WHERE COULD THE RESEARCH MATERIAL BE? I will let you know if I find anything else.

From James H. Nelson *HFA #147*

I have a little history with Robert F. J. Herrick back in the 80s.

I also know Richard and Sharon Herrick quite well as I used to live in Michigan and back in 1979 Richard came to my house and borrowed a Herrick Family Bible that I have with a lot on family history recorded therein that helped him complete some missing links in his research. I have been to his home as well and we once spent a whole day together at the library in Lansing, Michigan as well as several phone calls over the years.

Richard and I both used to correspond with Robert when he lived in Ohio and Arizona as he was attempting to complete and publish an HGR3.

Robert moved to Sun City, Az in the late 70s and I visited him at his home in about 1980 or 1981 I believe.

He had a large room with file cabinets, tables and all kinds of things related to the book project.

When I moved to Phoenix, in 1988, I attempted to call Robert, but the phone rang and no one answered. I drove over there only to find that he had passed away, not surprising as he would have been about 99 years old.

Of course, I wondered what happened to all of his research.

I found his obit and went to the funereal home hoping to find out who arranged for the funeral in hopes of finding his treasure trove of Herrick records. They would not give me that information citing privacy regulations.

Next, I went to visit neighbors and found one who told me that the executor of his estate was not interested in the records and that a pickup truck came and hauled it all away, presumably to the dump, so they said.

I contacted the LDS Church in Mesa and Salt Lake City hoping the records found their way over there at least. Both said they did not accept records in that fashion.

I cannot find Robert in The HGR3.

Hope this helps.

## **In Conclusion**

Nancy Johnson *HFA#212*

Thank you, Dear HFA Members, for contributing your remembrances about F. J. Herrick and his Letter. We certainly know more about the origins of his letter now. Isn't it amazing that he hand typed so many copies of that letter?

It seems that we may never know what became of the F. J. Herrick research but perhaps someday someone may find a box of papers related to his work.

As always if anyone has a Herrick related story to share please email it to me.

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## **An Interesting Herrick Life Story**

Arlo Herrick *HFA #61*

I was born on 30 April 1925 and raised on a farm in Grant county SD.

I knew that I had many cousins on my mother's side but none on my father's side. Then in 1938 we made trip to the Rochester, MN area and I found that I had 2nd cousins by the dozens. So this was the extent of my knowledge until 2008. A nephew had seen an announcement in a newspaper that there was to be a Herrick family reunion meeting. I previously had prepared a report on the Herrick's that I knew about which was about 375 names.



I attended that first meeting in 2008 and provided a copy of my report. During our first meeting, I think that there were 13 of us that submitted out DNA. So you see we were early in that game.

We were some of the pioneers in DNA use. I get a grin on my face every time I see that advertised on TV. My mother was a daughter of German immigrants, but my father goes all the way back to Salem, MA. I think it was in 2011 that I did my swan song and attended my last meeting. In Dec 2012 I fell and broke my neck and have been what some would call an invalid. I get around with a cane or wheelchair.

I have been living with my daughter Margaret Herrick McManus. She had lost her husband in Feb 2012. She had no children and so there is just she and I and a pair of Dalmatian dogs living together. She was an instructor in Computer Science at a local college until she recently retired. I have been keeping in touch with the HFA by their reports that I have been getting. Occasionally someone will contact me with a question and if possible, I will provide an answer. At age 94 I am afraid that my mind is not as sharp as it once was.

However still want to try and keep up with the HFA doings. I am glad that the England trip hopefully will take place even though I will not be going.

I was able to get Margaret into the DAR and the DACC. The DACC requires a relative prior to July 1850 and I was able to find a will dated in June and so just made it. So now I am in sort of a relaxed mode, as I am not aware of any other "old" organizations.

My life now consists of watching TV, reading technical magazines and on this computer that I use to write e-mails on. I hope to keep in touch as well as I may be able to do.

My life work was in electrical engineering and was the building of simulations of Russian radars to be used here at Eglin AFB FL for electronic testing of US aircraft radars. Our most successful was the testing of the SR-71 recon aircraft to prove that it could fly over Russia and be able to evade the Russian anti-aircraft missiles thrown at them. There were 2,200 missiles fired at that aircraft while over Russia and not a single one even came close. I think that we were successful in our testing.

So there you have it. If there is anything that I can do to help, I will be glad to do so if I can. Good luck on all your endeavors.

Arlo Arthur Herrick, previously from Grant county S.Dakota and now of Ft. Walton Beach, FL, a cousin of some kind.

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### **Message from the Editor:**

Nancy Johnson *HFA #212*

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It's been an eventful year and as it draws to a close, I would like to thank our members for contributing to this newsletter and to remind everyone that I'm happy to accept articles and stories anytime.

We at the HFA wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and many wonderful times with your loved ones!