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Message from the President:

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

Happy Holidays!

Hope everyone has had a healthy year and one full of genealogical discoveries. I have been continuing my research documenting the US Colored Troops in Maryland. This is so that American Ancestors (AKA New England Historic Genealogical Society) can place this info into the "10 Million Names Project" database which I described in the last newsletter. This project will go on for a long time. I've learned a lot about the slaves and their journey to freedom. Whether fighting in the Civil War to gain freedom to escaping on British ships to be relocated in Nova Scotia, etc. after fighting with the British.

I am also looking ahead to the future of the HFA. As many of you know, I became the president a number of years ago and remains one of the jobs I love the most. I am hoping that at our next meeting we will be able to find innovative ideas and interested people to help with all future projects. As a thought in that direction, you might not know all the officers and committees available. See attached:

The status of the organization remains strong. We continue to help people find more about their family trees and we have more than 180 people we stay connected with in newsletters, etc. We also have had @ 20 new members in the past 2 years, however we also have about a dozen folks we have not been able to locate. We hope to find those soon. We also send out several flash- drives each year to people still interested in our HGR3. Our finances are stable. Your membership dues work to help reduce the costs of meetings, etc., and we are in good order there.

You may remember that I had been contacted by an antique dealer about the Herrick Crest painting he found in his mother's storage unit. After much discussion, I do not think we will be able to purchase this as we had hoped. It would have been nice to obtain it and present it at the next meeting, but I feel he wants too much for this. We made an offer- he didn't like it and does not want to say what he wants. We'll see what happens.

We send wishes for all to have happy holidays and will hope to have more information in the next newsletter about an upcoming meeting. Many thanks to our event committee- Alice Reynolds, Michael Herrick, Nancy Johnson, Deb Nelson and Curt Herrick for helping to plan this event.

Below is a list of the officers and their duties within the HFA. Please let Dale and or Nancy know if you would be interested in volunteering to be on the Nomination Committee before our next meeting in 2024, (date to be determined).

Office	Duties	Officer/Term of Office	contact info
President	To guide the vision, mission, values and structure of the HFA. To serve as the legal head of the HFA	2001-2018- Richard L. Herrick; 2018 Michael Herrick/Sharon Herrick; 2019- Dale Yoe	yoeda@comcast.net
Vice President	To oversee the activities of the HFA, form committees and provide assistance and help plan formal meetings	Merrill Herrick- 2018	mherrick3@rochester.rr.com
Secretary	Maintains documents; communicates with members; assists with meeting arrangements and records; newsletters	Nancy Johnson	nancy@imsoftware.com
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Chair of research	Lead efforts to discover and document the origin and heritage of Henerie of Salem and Henry of Virginia and research other topics of interest to the Herrick family.	Alice H. Reynolds	reyno23@aol.com
Co-Administrator of the DNA project	To collect/disseminate information to interested Herricks about the DNA project and share results/draw conclusions	Curt Herrick and Deborah Nelson	herrickcurt@verizon.net ; dkncls@yahoo.com
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2024 Genealogical Conferences and Events to Attend

Alice Reynolds HFA #003

As we begin planning for the Herrick Family Association's next meeting, we came across other conferences that are being held in 2024. Here is a bit of information about them.

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29 Feb-2 March

Rootstech Genealogy Conference by Family Search

<https://www.familysearch.org/roostech/registration/>

Online and in-person events

They are offering in-person programs as well as online programs. Plus you can do your own research at the FamilySearch library.

250+ exclusive sessions only available in Salt Lake City

120+ exhibitors/sponsor in the Expo Hall

Be the first to learn of industry innovations

Feel in the energy of live keynote sessions on the main stage

Develop new friendships and reunite with old friends

Get personalized help at the FamilySearch library

16-18 May 2024

Online - conference.ngsgenealogy.org

The **National Genealogical Society Family History Conference** is a premier annual event for family historians, professional genealogists, hobbyists, and history buffs. There are also special events planned for organizations: societies, libraries, archives, and museums.

The NGS 2024 Family History Conference, **Expanding Possibilities**, will be online. Attendees can choose from dozens of new lectures for family history researchers at all levels by the nation's premier genealogical speakers.

For more information, keep an eye for updates to the conference website.

Do You Want An Incredible Way to Kick-Start Your Genealogy Research? Reap the Rewards of Attending the NGS Family History Conference:

Choose from dozens of educational lectures from the basics to advanced.

Select subject areas you want to learn more about that include how to build a family tree and organize your findings; understanding the use of DNA and genetic genealogy; immigration, naturalization, and passenger records; how to accurately identify your ancestors; census, religious, civil, court, and land records; how to find

family among the thousands of results in online databases; building your skills for certification; how to apply the Genealogical Proof Standard; documentation and writing proof arguments; military and ethnic research; and much more. Share your experience with fellow genealogists. Explore the Family History Expo with a host of genealogy vendors of family history products and services. Learn from leading speakers in their field. Get inspired with new ways to approach your research.

All this and more takes place at the National Genealogical Society's annual Family History Conference. Whether you are a beginner, intermediate, or experienced researcher, you will find attending the conference is an excellent way to improve your research skills and build a network of colleagues within the genealogy field. Learn more about the next NGS Family History Conference at [conference.ngsgenealogy.org](https://www.confERENCE.ngsgenealogy.org).

September 24-28, 2024

American Ancestors Research Center, Boston, MA (New England Historical Genealogical Society)

36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences

In-person event - americanancestors.org

This year's theme is **Origins, Journeys, Destinations**. Heritage and identity have long been shaped by the journeys people take. From the movement of various ethnic groups across Europe, to massive overseas migration to the Americas, to the formation of our modern cities and suburbs, the study of genealogy and heraldry allows us to trace the preservation, destruction, and creation of all kinds of cultural identities. Events will be presented at various Boston sites and a gala dinner is scheduled for Sept 27th. Registration information to come.

We aim to encourage exploration of the significance of journeys and migration in defining our diverse genealogical and heraldic inheritances and identities, whether in Europe, the Americas, or around the world. In 2024, the International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences (ICGHS) will take place on U.S. soil for the first time in its 93-year history. American Ancestors/New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS)—a national center for family history, heritage, and culture—and FamilySearch, the world's largest genealogy organization, have partnered to host the 36th Congress in the historic city of Boston, Massachusetts.

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2024 HFA Meeting Ideas

Alice Reynolds HFA #003

There are 4 main activities: attend conference (only in Sept.), do research in the new NEHGS library, tour of Salem/Beverly, and coordinate with the other Old Planter families (only in Oct). The first 3 are most interesting to me.

Some additional thoughts and pros/cons:

About Option 1: Conference with trip to Salem/Beverly

Speakers: we get access to some speakers selected by the International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences. So I assume the speakers will provide good information -- but right now we don't know

specifically what topics they will cover. It seems the migration paths is a major theme. That may be interesting to us, especially if they talk about geographical and historical reasons people moved about -- it could provide some context to our ancestors' stories. But not knowing the specific topics makes it hard to see the fit to our interests.

Additional speakers: I suppose we could arrange additional speakers for our group and have a separate meeting time. Maybe the NEHGS has some options for us. Or we could contact speakers from England, I guess you are suggesting, Mike ... maybe some very appropriate folks are planning to attend. That would take some work to find the speakers and venues. I am only mildly interested in doing that.... someone else would have to take the lead.

Doing research: We could do research at the new Library is possible too. There may be open times when people would rather do that. There may be lots of people trying to access it during a conference. I am guessing there will be some Library introduction sessions. This would be a less formal option and Herrick attendees would have to be self-directed. Some attendees could choose to do other things in Boston... (Bunker Hill, Boston Freedom Trail, etc.) People would be pretty much on their own until the Salem/Beverly bus trips. Boston is a very fun place and a good draw for attendees.

Expense: The dates for the meeting are Sept. 24-28 - prime Fall viewing time in the area. The hotels are even more expensive than usual. It might be a negative for some potential attendees.

Salem-Beverly Herrick activities: This option does give us Friday/27 and Saturday/28 for a trip to Salem and Beverly. We can arrange that with the Beverly Historical Society, I think, with no difficulties. They said they could offer a speaker about the area with some Herrick-relevant information. This would be the time to spend time with the Herrick attendees.

HFA meeting: Yes, we need to have the meeting for any of these options. Perhaps we could lunch at a hotel and hold it then in Beverly or Salem. There are two ways to go with this:

One way is to have everything planned before the actual meeting. So any new candidates for offices should be identified way ahead of time, any edits of

the Vision and Mission and Goals should be drafted and ready to share. We will need to find people interested to do the work ahead of time.

Or Two: ahead of the event, we work hard to identify people who want to be on the Board and tell them their job will be to update the Vision, Mission and

Goals as well as plan future events. If anyone who had not expressed their interest prior to the selection of Board members, it is easy to have them join committees. Then the new team can plan out their approach. I'm thinking this way is more likely based on past recruitment methods and success.

About Option 2: Focus on Salem/Beverly and Old Planters Reunion and trip to Boston to do research.

Old Planters connection: the last time we coordinated our trip with the other Old Planter families, there was no real program or connection with the other groups except one afternoon get-together. I do not know yet what they are planning for this event, but the Beverly Historical Society does lots of preparation for it. And they are

very busy during it.

Lots of people in town: coordinating with the other families would make access to sites, hotels, Beverly Historical Society etc. even busier than usual, and according to someone from the area, they are really fed up with all the visitors because it becomes so hard for the residents to get around. So it may very crowded. But the community would be prepared and there would be lots to do in Salem and Beverly.

Doing research at the NEHGS library: since this option is at a less busy time for the NEHGS, we could set up an introduction by the library folks and maybe find an appropriate NEHGS speaker or two. But this means the attendees will need to have some research they want to do in mind. They will also have to be self directed. Or they could choose to see the sites in Boston (Bunker Hill, Freedom Trail, etc.).

HFA Meeting: We could set up the meeting in the afternoon before the final dinner in Salem/Beverly.

About Option 3: Option 2 but in the Spring of 2025

More planning time: This would give us more planning time and would give attendees more time to fit it into their schedules. It is important that we get people to come to this!

More time to arrange things with the NEHGS: perhaps they will have some events we would want to attend that they haven't scheduled yet.

Less busy in Salem/Beverly: We might have less competition for hotels, sites and museums, etc.

Add other activities: With less going on while we are there, maybe we add some discussion sessions, for instance, where people can talk about their family research, or do a group Herrick migration map, or have a tip session where people help each other out, or present some interesting Herrick stories, etc. (as Mike suggested). But, we would need people to step up to share their family stories, make presentations or lead discussions.

Most Herrick related: This in a way is the most Herrick-focused event.

Honestly, I am most intrigued with Option 1 because of the international nature of the attendees, the level of genealogical research (probably), the exposure to new content, and possible time to explore the new library. We can learn a lot from this level of organization. Plus, we'd have some good Herrick time on Friday and Saturday.

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The DNA Project

Curt Herrick HFA #100

The greater Stockholm area is recognized as a key large L-22 SNIP hot spot which contains the younger M253 SNPs. The heavy Viking activity on the Baltic Sea has spread the two SNIPs to Russia, Finland, the Gulf Bothnia, Gotland, the rest of Scandinavia, English Channel, Europe and the Mediterranean via the East from the West. (Many Viking boats and convoys gathered at Gotland to prepare for their missions.) And, of course, Ice Land, Greenland, numerous islands and spots in North America were colonized.

We, of the Herrick Family Association, have shared considerable information with Tommi Borg of Finland for a number of years. He lives to the northeast of Stockholm in Finland in a town of ESE adjacent to the Gulf of Bothnia. His family migrated from Sweden years ago to support the Viking boat trade on the Baltic Sea and The Gulf of Finland toward to Russia We have 6 close Herrick matches with the Borg family.

About nine months ago the Family Tree DNA began issuing BLOGs of studies examining the various current DNA with other DNA markers and using other ways human DNA may be examined. The new Blog studies seem to come more often than once a month. A number of names have surfaced of the Borgs and others. As an administrator I receive and save the Blogs. I suggest you call FTDNA and ask for the Blogs and look at the names that are of interest.

Consider joining Family Tree DNA if you have not. Many people are studying their family history

Occasionally serendipity occurs. Tommi Borg asked me if I knew a famous War Hero from Finland I was proud to say, "I had drinks with Him"

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HFA Newsletter: Rejoinder to Susan Ingraham

By Michael Herrick HFA #118

In the last HFA newsletter (September 2023), Susan Ingraham wrote an account of her husband's Herrick ancestor, Ephraim. My direct line descendant is Ephraim's brother, Joseph. They both lived interesting lives, as did all the children of Henry and Editha. As Susan pointed out, the Herricks of Salem were heavily involved in the hysteria surrounding the Salem Witchcraft Trails in 1692. One of the events that started the hysteria occurred when Zachariah Herrick, (Ephraim's and Joseph's brother) refused to give Sarah Good food and lodging when she approached Zachariah's home. Sarah was a homeless beggar, and immediately became a suspect of witchcraft when just prior two young girls complained of fits "beyond the power of epileptic fits or natural disease". One of those girls was 9 year old Betty Parris, daughter of Rev. Samuel Parris, the local Pastor.

Joseph Herrick, the Constable of Salem Village at the time and Henry Herrick, the son of Zachariah Herrick, gave sworn depositions against Sarah Good. Also, as Susan Ingraham indicated, and supported in HGR II by Lucius Herrick (1885), Henry Herrick Sr. was a jurist during the Witchcraft Trails and subsequently signed the public apology and confession for their "errors" during the witchcraft hysteria. But who really was this Henry Herrick Sr. I would argue that it could not be Henry the son of Henry of Salem and brother to Ephraim, Zachariah and Joseph. Henry of Salem died in 1671, 20 years before the trails. His son Henry would not, therefore, be referred to as Henry Sr. but as Henry Jr. The only candidate as Henry Sr. during this time period would be Henry, son of Zachariah. This Henry would have been 21 years old in 1692, the year of the trails, which is old enough to serve as a jurist.

Another Herrick that plays a prominent role in the Witchcraft Trails is Mary Herrick. Records show that a Mary Herrick was a 17-year-old girl who accused Sarah Hale, wife of Rev. John Hale, along with the ghost of

Mary Eastey who had been just hanged as a witch, of afflicting her “by pinching, pricking, and choaking” her. This was enough for Rev. Hale, who up to this point had supported the trials. The trials came to rapid close after this incident, as Rev. Hale held spiritual authority and could not condone witchcraft accusations against his wife. Mary Herrick was the 17-year-old daughter of John Herrick, the youngest brother of Ephraim, Zachariah, and Joseph. So, in a backhanded way, Mary Herrick was instrumental in seeing the witchcraft hysteria to a close. Herricks were closely involved from the beginning to the end.

As Constable of Salem Village, Joseph Herrick was doing his civic duty. He was a part time farmer and a successful businessman in Salem. He lived on a farm given to him by his father, Henry. But Joseph spent the majority of his time in the trade business and made many business trips to the Caribbean Islands of Barbados and Nevis, and also trips to England. Given his business dealings in the Caribbean Islands and England, it is assumed that he was involved in trade deals since Salem was a major commercial shipping port at the time. During this time, he was given the title of Governor, probably an honorary title. While at home in Beverly, Joseph served on the General Court of Beverly and was also a founding member of the Second Church of Beverly. In terms of military service, he participated in Colonial Wars, particularly King Phillips War and King William’s War.

Joseph was a strong and righteous Puritan, as were most of the Salem settlers at the time, and as such took the crime of witchcraft seriously. Puritans believed that the devil was real and could reside in the body of people, thus afflicting them with evil from a witch. As Constable his job was to apprehend and issue arrest warrants for suspected witches. He arrested many women for this alleged crime, and we know he arrested Sarah Good, Sarah Osborne, and Tituba, an Indian slave. Sarah Good was hanged, Sarah Osborne died in jail awaiting execution, and Tibuta was released after the trails. The presiding judge during the trails was John Hathorne, grandfather of the famous author Nathaniel Hawthorne. Nathaniel was so embarrassed by his ancestral relationship to the trails, that he changed the spelling of his last name from Hathorne to Hawthorne. Also, Salem Village was so embarrassed by the trails that in 1752 its name was changed to Danvers. Joseph, although initially taken in by the witchcraft hysteria due to his deep Puritan faith, eventually realized that a huge mistake had been made in the accusations against women. In the end, he was in complete agreement with the jurists, including his nephew Henry, with their public apology. Despite the lesson learned during the witchcraft trails, social norms regarding women and race prevailed. His generous will states that he gave to his son John “the services of his Negro women Havia after his wife’s decease”.

Joseph was married three times. His first two wives, Sarah Leach and Mary Endicott, died. His third wife, Mary March, survived him. He had 14 children between his first two wives. Joseph died in 1717 at the age of 73. His grave is still standing at the North Beverly Ancient Cemetery near the church he founded and his farm at Cherry Hill in Beverly.

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OF M^r IOSEPH HERRICK^s
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OF HIS AGE 1717



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HFA Member Profile

Scott Bill Hirst HFA #50 Weighs-In

Greetings:

Genealogy is quite an interest of mine. I have three Herrick lines and an association member for Herricks and other families.

I live in Hopkinton, Rhode Island; which borders on Connecticut; including North Stonington, Connecticut; the town where my mother Ruth Carolyn Bill, (1925-2016); was born. She gives me three Herrick lines and all three lines from her father James Bard Bill, died the year after I was born. I am the oldest of two sons of Ruth and Robert Scott Hirst, (1922-1994); My younger brother is James Robert Hirst. We are both bachelors.

I have taken degrees in the Elks; Freemasons, Grange, and Odd Fellows. I have attended multiple Republican National Conventions. My mother was a Granger like her parents James Bard Bill, (1888-1954); and his first wife Harriet Elizabeth Congdon, (1893-1931); while my father was a Freemason.

I have been elected nine times to the Hopkinton, Rhode Island; Town Council; and currently the Vice President. I won by two votes in one election. Yet In another town council bid all five candidates on the ballot were elected at-large with other votes being write-ins.

Getting back to my Herrick lineage, a number of my Herrick ancestors are in Leonard Cemetery. Bethel Road, Griswold, New London County, Connecticut. Connecticut and Rhode Island do not have county governments. That should be remembered about these two states. Olivet Geer, first wife of Elisha Satterlee Bill was the daughter of Olivet Herrick and Jephthah Geer. Both this couple had Herrick descent. Olivet Herrick Geer's grandparents were Isaac Herrick and Elizabeth Herrick and were second cousins. Jephthah Geer's great-grandparents were Elizabeth Herrick and Jonathan Geer. I am a life member of the Geer Family Association.

In closing, those wishing to contact me can use scottbillhirst@gmail.com; (401) 525-4131; and (401) 378-0914; and regular mail; 20 Maple Court, Ashaway, RI 02804-1300.

Relatively yours;

Scott Bill Hirst

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Message from the Editor:

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Thank you to our members, Dale E. Yoe, HFA #62, Curt Herrick HFA #100, Michael Herrick HFA #118, Alice Reynolds HFA #003, and Scott Bill Hirst, HFA #50 for contributing to this newsletter.

I'd like to remind everyone that I'm happy to accept articles and stories for the next newsletter at any time.

