

# Herrick Family Association

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## Kudos to Our HFA President

Another reason to be proud of the HFA! Our president, **Dale Yoe**,  
is now on the Councilor Board of the New England Historic Genealogical Society.  
Congratulations Dale, on a well-deserved honor!

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## Message from the President:

By Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

June 2020

Hello to all-

It is with great sadness that I write this to tell you all of the passing of our beloved **Richard Leon Herrick** on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Richard was 89 years old, and in his life compiled the Herrick Genealogical Register, 3<sup>rd</sup> ED and was co-founder and President of our association for 18 years. He was a Mechanical Engineer, avid puzzler and bowler. Our sincere condolences go out to his wife Sharon and their family. You can find his obit on the Estes-Leadley Funeral Home website. The picture here is how most of us remember seeing him- Working away to answer our Herrick questions. The HFA is making a contribution to the NEHGS in Richard's name.



I'm hoping everyone has come through this virus well. Both Jim and I are fine, but I must say that this has put an unusual spin on things. I hope we can soon get the virus behind us and look forward to other things.

As you know, we have had a plan in place to go to England and look further back into our roots and visit Herrick places. This is not a good time to do that, so your board and the event committee have decided to put this trip off until 2021. This being said- the folks that have signed up can have the choice of cancelling out completely and getting a refund, or letting your deposit ride until the 2021 September. Please note that there may be some fees that are non-refundable, but most of them have foregone that amount. I encourage you to respond to the emails you should have received from *Celtic Journey Tours*, so we can get a feel for how many are planning to attend the 2021 trip.

Someone, unknown to me, once said, "Genealogy is the only hobby where dead people excite you". As some of you already know, one of the jobs I inherited was to help folks on their research. I answer the questions on *Rootsweb* and other forums and *Facebook*, as well as I can. I was asked recently if we are capturing errors and data for an addendum found in the HGR3, and we are. Everyone I help, I make notes and any errors that are passed on to me I retain in a record. I am hoping in a couple of years to make this happen- so, if you have any updates, changes, etc. let me know.

I also have made many more flash drives for people since we haven't been able to get to Libraries, etc., and have also have been working on my own ancestry and my quest to get back to the Mayflower.

I guess the big news for me is that I have been elected to the Council Board of the *New England Historic Genealogical Society*. For me this is quite the honor. I hope to make the HFA shine as I begin this 2-year journey.

Many thanks for all the correspondence I have received in the past couple years- Stay Safe!- Dale

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## **Richard III's Body was Discovered in My Ancestor's Garden**

By Mandy Lewis Webb, A UK Herrick



It was 10:30pm, a few weeks before my wedding last September, when I discovered that it was in my ancestor's garden that the body of Richard III was discovered. I'd been fascinated by my family's past since I was a girl; we have three family trees and the one in our family bible traces my father's side of the family back to the 1660s. I now help run the family craft business, <https://Mosaicraft.co.uk/>, but I began researching our history in 2009 as an unemployed graduate using Ancestry.com and Findmypast.com.

It's the best thing I've ever done – there are so many elements to genealogy; history, geography, religion, science. I find it relaxing, even if I just do it for just five or 10 minutes a day. I managed to research my father's mother's line back to my seventh great grandmother, Mary Ayres, who was married 1717, but then I hit a brick wall. I couldn't find any record of her birth, so I searched through wills on Findmypast.com and found her grandmother, Frances Noble, and her daughter, Katherine Ayres, all in one document. Frances was part of a wealthy family of Leicestershire landowners; their wills helped me to find her great grandfather – and my 12<sup>th</sup> great grandfather – Robert Herrick, the MP and alderman. I couldn't believe it when I Googled him and found newspaper reports about Richard III's body being discovered in a Leicester car park that used to be his garden. By the morning, I'd managed to back up my findings with a complete paper trail. Sir Christopher Wren's father visited Robert Herrick's manor house in 1612 and recorded having seen a stone monument, inscribed with the words, "here lies the body of Richard II sometime King of England". The monument was lost in time and for 400 years this written record was the only evidence of the king's burial site. Herrick's descendants sold the estate in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and it became council buildings and then a carpark. Herrick was known to be generous and compassionate, establishing a bread distribution charity and leaving money to a hospital – I'm still shocked about being related to this historic hero.

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## The House that Herrick Built

Posted by [ULAS News](#) on March 16, 2015May 19, 2015

Shared by Irene Turlington, HFA UK Friend

By now, the history of the Grey Friars and its role as the burial place of King Richard III is widely known, but what happened after the friary closed in 1538?

Over the next 30 years the church was pulled down and the remaining buildings were left to gradually decay, providing a useful quarry of building stone for Leicester's inhabitants. The site passed through a number of owners who sold off everything, including all the mature ash and elm trees on the site (3s 4d), until in the late 16th century it was acquired by Robert Herrick.



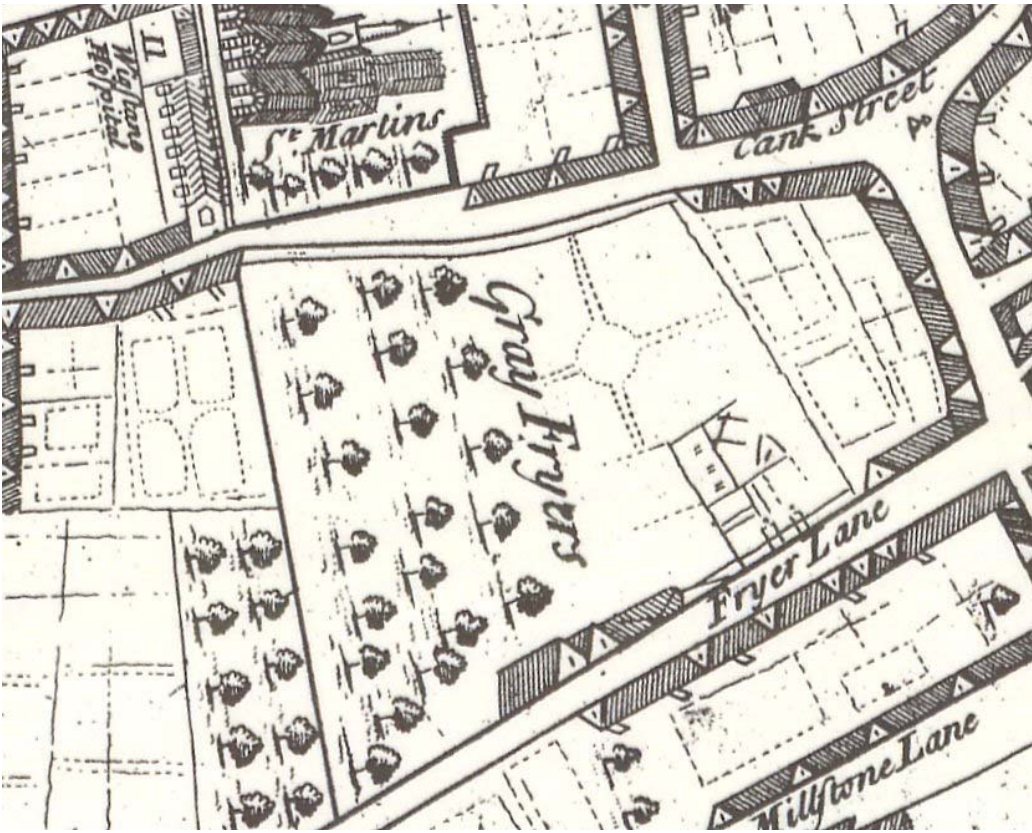
Robert Herrick. Image credit: Leicester Arts and Museums Service.

Herrick came from a prominent family of wealthy ironmongers in Leicester. Born in 1540, just two years after the friary closed, he became a town councillor in 1567, eventually following in the footsteps of his father and uncle as Mayor of Leicester, holding the position in 1584, 1593 and 1605. He was also a Justice of the Peace, an alderman and MP for Leicester in 1588. He died in 1618, aged 78, and was buried in St Martin's church (Leicester Cathedral today).

Following his acquisition of the former friary's grounds, Herrick built a large mansion house on the plot close to Friar Lane (today the site lies beneath the modern street called Grey Friars). The remainder of the land was occupied by gardens. Greyfriars House remained in the possession of the Herrick family until 1711, when Robert's great-grandson, Samuel Herrick, sold it. In the following decades much of the property was divided and sold off for development.

What form Herrick's original house took is unknown. One thought was that it might have incorporated parts of the friary when it was built. Monastic conversions after the dissolution are well documented and at Leicester Abbey the gatehouse was incorporated into Cavendish House in the late 16th century. However, the 2012 and 2013 excavations on the site have shown that it was built away from the friary's church and cloistral ranges, although it cannot be ruled out that Herrick adapted ancillary friary buildings for his mansion.





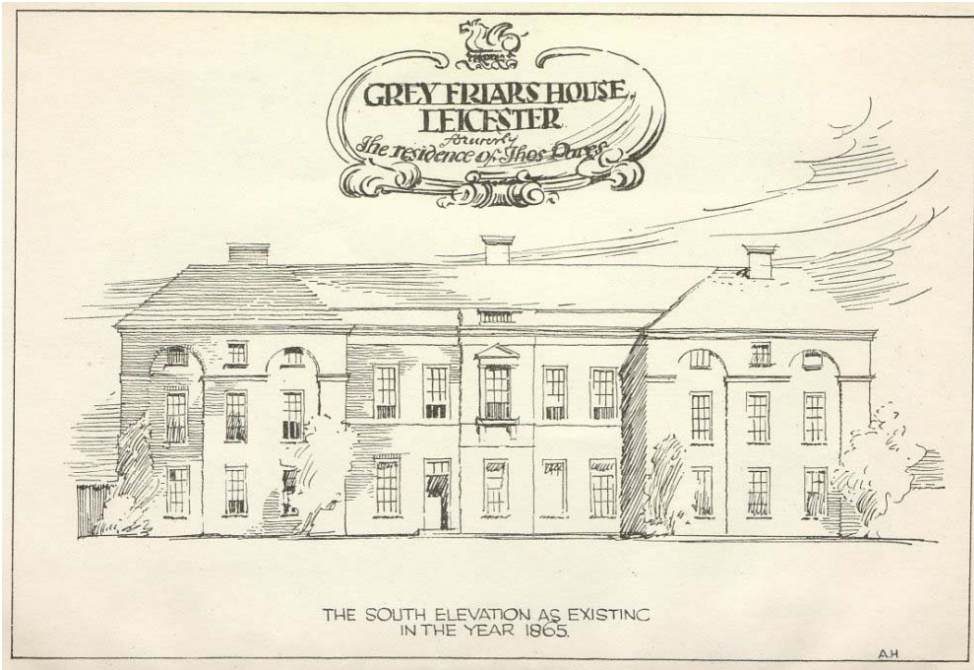
An extract from Thomas Robert's 1741 map of Leicester, showing the grounds of the 'Gray Fryers'.

On Thomas Robert's 1741 map of Leicester a series of incised lines on the engraving plate appear to show Herrick's house. These have none of the well delineated neatness of the rest of the map and may be a later addition, or may have been transcribed in error by the engraver from Robert's survey notes; however, they appear to show a series of buildings clustered in the corner of the site. Of particular interest are two 'towers' spaced closely together on the friary's boundary. These could be evidence of a medieval gatehouse on the site of the later mansion.



Robert Herrick's mansion c.1867. Photo taken from St Martin's steeple, showing the rear of the mansion. Image credit: Leicester Record Office.

In 1776, Herrick's house was purchased by Thomas Pares, a local attorney-at-law and banker. Pares greatly enlarged the property, adding two extensive wings to the frontage. At this time it faced Friar Lane behind a large forecourt, with a walled garden extending back to Peacock Lane. It was considered one of the finest houses in the borough with one local noting that few other dwellings in the town were as desirable.



The front of Greyfriars House after Thomas Pares alterations. Image by Albert Herbert, from Charles Billson's 'Leicester Memoirs' (1924).

Pares sold on the house in 1824 and by 1886 it had been divided into two residences. Finally, in 1871 it was demolished and the site cleared and in 1873 a new street, Grey Friars, was laid through it with the remaining land being sold off for commercial development.



The site of Greyfriars House today.

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## Researcher's Corner

By Merrill Herrick, HFA #169

Another free website, aren't they wonderful! This is one that many of you have already visited and may know even more about than I do. It is <https://www.fultonhistory.com/>. A person could spend hours exploring this website, but I am not one of those people.

When you arrive at the website you will see a goldfish swimming around. There are 4 options:

1. Go and Search My Archives
2. Go and Browse My Archives
3. Go to my help & FAQ section
4. Help Support this on going project

The last two are self explanatory. The first option allows you to search a name or a phrase in all the newspapers. When you click on it you will see a place to put the name or phrase, how many items per page, and a blank with a drop down menu of 4 options:

1. Boolean
2. All of the words
3. Any of the words
4. The exact phrase

I have only used "exact phrase" or Boolean. The other two choices would give you hundreds of hits, most of them useless.

The second option (Go and Browse My Archives) lists all the material available on this website. The first square is Historical Newspapers. There are over 1600 newspapers available. The majority are from towns and cities in New York State, but other States and Canada are also represented. As you scroll through the other choices you will see Old Photos, Old Postcards, and many other things I have not explored. Hours and hours of research await you!

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## Viking Herricks

Curt Herrick, HFA #100

After 1066 the English government over time seems to have adopted a number of combined Viking and Anglo Saxon customs. A key person leading to that situation was King Alfred and his descendants. They pushed Vikings out of south and back to Watling Road areas until the Cnut period. Even then it was reported that Cnut took advantage of existing government schemes that were in place. In the Sea King period, York apparently was built into a large international trading center. You are welcome to coach me if I am astray on your history. There seems to be room for an hypothesis involving I- L-22 Vikings moving from the greater Stockholm area to the Great Stretton and Leicester areas. This SNP has hot spot in the greater Stockholm area include the lands across the Bay of Bothnia which is called Finland today. The HFA in the US has SNP links with individuals in the greater Stockholm I-L-22 SNP.

(Back to history.) In the early 800s Swedish residents were considered somewhat agrarian would go on merchant or raiding voyages to earn enough to go home, buy a farm and find a wife. After the Vikings learned to extract Dane Geld silver from France, England and other places they transitioned toward silver-cash economy. Interestingly, many of those in the east Baltic oriented much of their trade down the Volga and Napier Rivers toward Istanbul and Moslem areas. Initially, they traded slaves and Nordic rural items such as animal ivory and



Amber. They secured the rivers for many years and returned with Moslem silver and items from Istanbul. About 900 the Sea Kings were reported to have assembled on the Gotland Island to the south of Stockholm. They often led large several hundred ship to raid and conquer English, Irish along the coast of Europe into the Mediterranean Sea and on to the east. Swedish men did join the sea kings to seek their fortunes. In the mid to late 800s Vikings began colonizing areas in England. In the 900s Vikings created a great merchant on the Roman ruins at York. The did business with Europe, Scandinavia and the Mediterranean. It is possible that the Herrick ancestors in the 900s over time may have walked or boated on inland rivers through Lincoln and on to the Leicester. Since this variety scenario seems to be plausible, we should consider making make a research plan, gather more information and proceed. Perhaps others have been successful and we could learn from them?

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## **Condolences for These Recently Passed HFA Members**

### **Richard Leon Herrick, HFA #001**



Born November 6, 1930, in Lapeer, Michigan, son of the late Leon and Winifred (McDonald) Herrick, passed away Friday, May 15, 2020, at age 89.

Richard received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from M.S.U. and retired from both the Lansing Board of Water and Light and the Gilbert Commonwealth. He was the President Emeritus of the Herrick Family Association and a compiler of the Herrick Genealogical Registry – 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. He was an avid puzzler, both crossword and jigsaw and in his younger years was an avid bowler as well.

Surviving are his loving wife, Sharon Herrick; 4 children, Pamela (John) Pyle, Kevin (Stephanie) Herrick, Stuart (Mary) Herrick, and Jennifer (Jessy) Herrick; step-daughter, Kristina Martin; 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren; brother, Howard (Teresa) Herrick along with several nieces and nephews and their families.

Richard was preceded in death by his first wife, Judy Strong Herrick.

A memorial celebration will be held at a later date.

Those who wish may make a memorial contribution, in memory of Richard, to Give-a-kid-projects of Holt, P.O. Box 576, Holt, MI 48842.

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## **Arlo Arthur Herrick, HFA #061**



From his daughter Meg McManus

As some of you already know, it is with deep sadness that I announce the passing of my 94-year old father, Arlo Arthur Herrick, on March 1, 2020.

He passed away at home with his caregiver, Jay Richardson, and myself in attendance. He preserved his humor, grace, and dignity to the end. He was a kind and gentle soul and all that knew him will miss him. I was very proud to be his daughter.

FWB City Police, EMS and Fire Department personnel could not have shown more respect and caring attention toward my father. They come in on the worst day of someone's life and try to make it better and even though they couldn't do anything for my dad, they made his passing easier for both of us.

A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Shalimar United Methodist Church's Family Life Center, 1 Old Ferry Road, Shalimar

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## **Marguerite Flint Fogleman, HFA #084**



From her son Scott Fogleman

Marguerite Flint Fogleman passed away quietly at her home in North Augusta, South Carolina on Monday March 9, 2020, at the age of 93. A gathering for friends and family will be held Friday March 13, 2020 at 3:00 at the fellowship hall at Fairview Presbyterian Church in North Augusta, SC located at 1101 Carolina Avenue.

Marguerite Flint Fogleman did not originate in the south, unless you count Virginia as being the south. She was born in Alexandria, Virginia. Her legacy as a northerner began about the time the Mayflower touched Massachusetts. It extended all the way to her parents, Lewis Herrick Flint and Jessie Marguerite Chedel, who were born in Vermont.



Schooling was in Virginia and Louisiana; the latest degree was a Masters in Library Science which allowed her to be a Librarian in Louisiana, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia. She was a member of the faculty at Augusta College/Augusta State University for 26 years, retiring in 1991.

She was a member of the Fairview Presbyterian Church where she was a Circle Leader for 12 years.

In 1976 when everyone was getting excited about the U.S. Bicentennial, she was approached about joining the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, College Hill Chapter. [Since her mother was a DAR (and her grandmother, too, she found out later) she did that.] Since then she joined numerous organizations including: National Society Daughters of the American Colonists, National Society Colonial Dames of the XVII Century, National Society Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America, Sons and Daughters of the Colonial and Antebellum Bench and Bar, Continental Society Daughters of Indian Wars, National Society Dames of the Court of Honor, National Society Daughters of Colonial Wars, National Society Descendants of the Colonial Clergy, Jamestown Society [GA and SC], National Society Magna Charta Dames, National Society of New England Women, National Society United States Daughters of 1812, National Society Daughters of the Union 1861-1865 and The General Society of Mayflower Descendants [she held offices in ten of these]. She also joined the Herrick Family Association and the Wingfield Family Society.

In the meantime she had five children who went on to have six children who went on to have eleven children.

She compiled photos for a book "Historical Markers and Monuments of Richmond County, Georgia" and she has shown slides for various garden and patriotic groups. Elderhostel/Exploritas programs were a source of continuing education for her. She enjoyed making boxes out of greeting cards (thousands of which were donated to Samaritan's Purse in Boone, NC), propagated plants and wrote book reviews for the Augusta Genealogical Society's monthly publication, Southern Echoes. She also kept busy with genealogy (tracing her roots to back beyond the Mayflower), volunteer work and going to meetings. In the words of cardiologist, Mehmet Oz: "You have to be going somewhere to have the energy you need to get there."

Marguerite lived a long, rewarding life and will be missed dearly by her four surviving children, Kristina Holden of Deer Park, WA, Caron Townsend (husband Alex) of Augusta, GA, Kent Holden of North Augusta, SC, and Scott Fogleman (wife Terese) of Hickory, NC; seven grandchildren, Tamara Campbell (husband Keith) of Grovetown, GA, Adam Holley (wife Shannon) of Augusta, GA, Dawn Cole (husband Donald) of Alabaster, AL, Jennifer Elizabeth Lee of Augusta, GA, Thryn Shapira (husband Barry) of Milpitas, CA, Elizabeth Smith (husband Brian) of Durham, NC, Joel Fogleman (wife Anne-Marie) of Morrisville, NC, and nine great grandchildren. She is predeceased her parents Lewis Herrick Flint and Jessie Marguerite Chedel Flint, her brothers Alden Flint and Austin Flint and her sister Christine Thomas.

The family would like to thank the staff at Brookdale Assisted Living in North Augusta, SC for their support and care over the past 3 years. Marguerite was a constant source of encouragement for staff and other residents always offering folks she would see her famous "thumbs up".

"The Herrick Family Association was one of the many groups that she thoroughly enjoyed participating in. She developed lots of great friendships from these organizations."

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

Nancy Johnson, HFA #212

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I would like to thank our members, Dale E. Yoe, HFA #62, Irene Turlington, Our Leicester Area Friend of the HFA, Merrill Herrick HFA #169, Jim Hilton, Membership Chair HFA #168, for contributing to this newsletter. I'd also like to remind everyone that I'm happy to accept articles and stories for the next newsletter at any time.