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Message from the President:

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

Hello to all! I don't know where this year has gone, but this spring has been filled with travel, graduations and weddings. I'm looking forward to summer and a chance to travel more, but at a more restful pace.

I am hopeful that you may be able to discover more about your family roots and would love to hear about your findings. As usual I continue to hear from folks wanting to know more about their ancestry and get some requests for the Flash Drive version of the HGR3.

I recently also heard from a gentleman who, as his brother was going through a storage unit of their now deceased mother, sent him a portrait of The Herrick Crest. This person often deals with antiquities and contacted Beaumanor Hall, who gave him my information. I was happy to call him. He described the portrait as:

"A hand- colored family crest circa 1840's in the original black lacquer and hand carved gold gilded detail in the corners of the frame. It's magnificent. 16" X 20" framed. Within the bottom right corner is a small paper label repeating the crest pattern and the name "Jed Herrick". It is in excellent condition and the glass is original as well and not faded."

I am in the process of contacting a couple of the experts I know to see if they have any idea what this might be worth. No news yet, but if interested- please let me know and I will try to keep in touch with you. Here is a pic of the paper in the corner:

This picture is also supposed to be painted by Amasa Hewins, who also painted "the Amistad" mural and the painting of Jed Herrick now located in the Farnsworth Museum.

Here is a picture of the hand painted frame:



The Herrick Crest:

By Dale Yoe, HFA #062

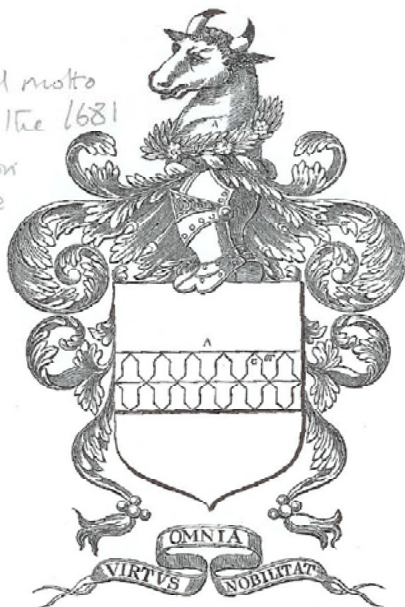
(This article is a repeat from an earlier article, but as we know more about the portrait mentioned in the "Message", I felt it was necessary to repeat the information).

Annotations to the Heraldic Visitation of London, 1633.*

Herrick.

CONFIRMATION OF CREST BY WILLIAM DETHICK, GARTER, AND
WILLIAM CAMDEN, CLARENCEUX, TO ROBERT AND WILLIAM
HERICK, 1598.

Arms, crest and motto
as depicted at the 1681
Heralds' Visitation
of Leicestershire
College of Arms
MS. K2/66.



To all Nobles and Gentles, to whome this presentes shall come Will'm Dethick al's Garter, Principall King of Armes and Will'm Camden al's Clarenceux King of Armes of the Southe, East and West p'tes of this Bealme of England from the Ryner of Trent southwarde, send theire due comedacons, & greeting. Knowe yee That whereas Richard Lea, late Clarenceux in his life tyme did by l'res Pattent vnder his hand & Seale of Office give & grant vnto Robert and Will'm Herick, the sonnes of John Herick, the sonne of Herick al's Erick of Houghton in the County

* Compiled by Colonel CHESTER, JOSEPH JACKSON HOWARD, LL.D., and STEPHEN TUCKER, Somerset Herald.

First let me mention some rules, as I have learned them, for the usage of a Coat of Arms or Heraldry Crest.

Anyone whose uninterrupted male-line immigrant ancestor was entitled to use a coat of arms has the right to use this same coat of arms. The right to use a coat-of-arms by inheritance is dependent entirely upon a well-documented pedigree which can be researched by a genealogist. A coat-of-arms, whether obtained by grant or officially recognized by the Heralds is actually property, with some value. It is inherited by the descendants of the first true and verified possessor only. When someone seeks to establish a claim on the grounds of inheritance, they must prove descent precisely as they would in claiming a piece of land.

In the United States there is a common mistake among some novice family history researchers that certain coats-of-arms belong to certain families. It is supposed that all of the same surname constitute one family, and are entitled to the arms. This is simply not true since we know matching surnames does not mean matching origin. It is very important for family history researchers just starting out to be aware of these heraldry issues.

If the uninterrupted male-line immigrant ancestor had no such right, then neither does the descendant. Anyone who claims the right to arms under European laws must prove the uninterrupted male-line descent as outlined above.

As an exception, a United States citizen can obtain a grant or confirmation of other arms - from the College of Arms in England or the appropriate national heraldic authority in other countries - by payment of required fees.

In a letter I received from Thomas Woodcock, Garter Principal King of Arms at the College of Arms in London, he affirmed that this is the Coat of Arms given to brothers, Sir William and Robert Herick, sons of John Herick.

Our late President- Richard Herrick, once wrote:

“The Herrick Family Association, HFA, can lay no claim to the Coat of Arms of Robert Heyricke of Leicestershire and Sir William Heyricke of London & Leicestershire as was made by Jedediah Herrick, the compiler of the 1846 edition of the HGR. A Coat of Arms is assigned to the specific family members cited above and it can only be used by descendants of Robert or Sir William Heyricke, almost always with additional embellishments or modifications made to the original crest at the request, or as required by, the specific descendant who is entitled to do so. The latter changes, however slight, render the resulting Coat of Arms unique to the specific descendant of the original assignee of said crest. [H001].”

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Membership report

By Jim Hilton, HFA #168

Following is the report of the membership of the Herrick Family Association as of June 2023.

238 people have joined since our beginning in 2001. As of this report we have 166 active members including 3 new members who joined in 2022 and 2 who joined in 2023. Welcome! We were also notified of 1 member who died this past year. The balance have previously passed away, resigned, or we have lost touch and have been unsuccessful contacting them. Please continue to update me with any information that will help us keep in touch.

We are honored to have had six life members since we were founded. We are grateful for their devotion to the organization. They are:

HFA #001 - Richard Leon Herrick (deceased)

HFA #020 - Stephen Herrick

HFA #062 - Dale Yoe

HFA #078 - Susan Fogg Eisdorfer

HFA #174 - Mary Joy Stead

HFA #184 - Stephen W. Rollins

Any member 50 years of age and over can become a life member for a one-time contribution of \$400.

Thank you to those members who are up to date on their membership dues. Again we are more interested in your participation than in your money, but your dues help support all the efforts to fulfill the mission of the Herrick Family Association.

Jim Hilton, Membership Chair

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From Historic Beverly

Shared by Dale Yoe, HFA #062

Fighting Fire in Beverly



The first serious fire recorded in Beverly took place at the house of Ensign Corning in 1680. It wasn't until over 100 years later that the business of firefighting was turned over to the town. For that first century, the act of fighting a fire of any size was strictly done by Beverly's residents. Through the use of bucket brigades, home and business owners would equip themselves with leather fire buckets filled with well water to put out a blaze.

Beverly's firefighters began to organize privately in 1774. On May 6, 1795, the first engine house was built, and the business of firefighting became part of the town's daily agenda. A fire engine was purchased and housed in a special shed

at the rear of the Israel Thorndike's mansion on Cabot Street (known today as Beverly City Hall).

From 1798 to 1873, firefighting in the city grew with the construction of eleven new fire houses. By 1806, North Beverly saw the addition of the North Parish Engine House located on Conant Street. It wasn't until 1844 that the city established its first ladder company.

In February of 1804, the Union Fire Society was founded. Members of the Society were to assist each other in the event of a fire at their home or business. The Society provided its members with two leather water buckets, a large cloth bag for retrieving possessions, and a bed key, as well as ladders and other firefighting equipment. Additionally, the Society provided insurance coverage to assist those members who had suffered losses due to a fire. Annual meetings were held in January, and there was a constitution by which members of the society abided. The Society was funded with dues, fines, and stock investments. The Union Fire Society appears to have ceased operations around 1860.

Fast forward to 1884 and the construction of a Romanesque-style Central Fire Station at 15 Hale Street (near the footprint of the present fire station), at a cost of \$25,000. When it fell into disrepair by the mid-1940s, it was replaced by the present Central Fire Station building (designed by Somes, Griswold, Boyden, Wylde & Ames architects), at a cost of \$320,000.



Above (left): The Hose House #3 on Conant Street, circa 1890. The building housed one of the old hand-pumped fire wagons, called "Fair Play."

Above right: The original Central Fire Station in Monument Square, circa 1915.

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Shared by Dale Yoe, HFA #62

Look what I found in Manchester New Hampshire!

Herrick Technology Laboratories Inc. (HTL) is a leading provider of high performance, SIGINT/EW/Communications products and systems to the US Department of Defense. HTL designs and manufactures integrated hardware and software products and systems implemented through a Core Software Defined Radio (SDR) platform. The SDR platform incorporates high performance, multi-channel RF and Microwave receive and transmit (transceiver) functionality along with mission specific firmware/software applications. HTL products are deployed in demanding mission environments, requiring best in class SWaP-C (Size, Weight and Power - Cost). Herrick Technology Laboratories, Inc. (HTL) was formed in 2000 as an Electronics R & D Lab focused on the design and development of signal detection & exploitation systems for the US Department of Defense.



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New Book for Sale

By Bill Herrick, HFA #156

The Christmas Spirit Story is a true story about a beautiful carol, *Christmas Spirit*, written by the author who was so passionate about sharing the song with the world that he changed careers. Not once, but twice. “Payola” thwarted the author's first career change before it could blossom. This dark side of the music business caused the author to conscientiously rethink his responsibilities and apply himself to another career path that never crossed his mind, even as a remote possibility.

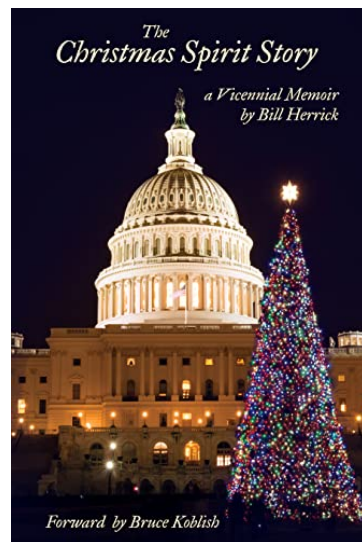
The preface will capture the reader's imagination, then on to the introduction, where they will discover a need to read the book to answer the most critical question that any reader has, “Why should I read this book?” You will quickly turn from the introduction to the first chapter and ask yourself, “Who is this author?” and “Why haven't I heard *Christmas Spirit*?”

That is why the answers to these questions and others that you may have can only come from the author of this book who is undeniably the most qualified person to write such a story. It is his song *Christmas Spirit*, his journey into the world of songwriting, and his memories of the wonderful people he met along the way and the dreadful, unscrupulous individuals who thought nothing of taking credit for something they did not do make the story possible.

You may have heard *Christmas Spirit*, mainly if you are over fifty, playing over the radio during the Christmas or holiday season if you prefer, or on national television, and never realized it. Hence, this novice songwriter's dream is still the same today as the day he wrote *Christmas Spirit*, that one day the world will hear it because it is a beautiful carol.

The writing of this book provided an outlet for the author's physical activities, taken from him by Transverse Myelitis. Hence, having hundreds of articles and pictures referring to the *Christmas Spirit*, dating back 40 years, and other articles and pictures concerning his dive into the challenging field of songwriting, a myriad of material for this book existed. Therefore, it was an easy decision to write, *The Christmas Spirit Story*, A Vicennial Memoir.

The Christmas Spirit Story and Bill's other book *BB Stackers* are available direct from the author, signed for a special family deal. The books can also be found on Amazon.



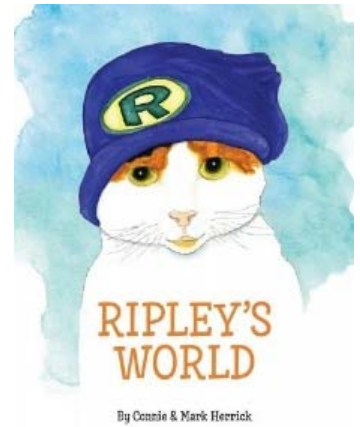
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Another Book by a Herrick Couple

Shared by Sharon Herrick, HFA #001

Ripley's World

Connie Herrick (Author) and Mark Herrick (Illustrator)



Ripley is a tiny, feisty, funny, calico kitty with a big imagination!

Meet her unique family—two search and rescue dogs and an upside-down goldfish. Explore the leafy, green Bamboo Forest with Ripley and her squirrel, raccoon and possum friends, as they play tag, pretend to be tree acrobats and eat lots of ice cream.

A wonderful book for elementary school readers, filled with vibrant watercolor illustrations and engaging, funny animal adventures. Welcome to Ripley's World!

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Shared by Curt Herrick, HFA #100

Article by Adam Rowe

The year 1692 is infamous in Massachusetts history. It was then that, in Salem, hundreds of women—and men too—were accused of witchcraft, and 20 were tried and executed for an imaginary crime. In the same year, another momentous event took place in the colony, though it has nothing of the same notoriety: The Puritan leadership that had overseen the Salem Witch Trials—responding to some of the same social pressures that had fueled the witch craze—perfected a financial instrument that would prove to be the template for modern currency. In brief, they reimagined money primarily as legal tender for taxes, a conceptual revolution that makes the government's authority the only source of a currency's value. This is the basis of the monetary system that prevails throughout the world today under the reign of the Almighty Dollar.

Dror Goldberg's "Easy Money" provides an engrossing narrative account of this lesser-known crucible. Although scholarship about the first American colonies could fill the Mayflower, Mr. Goldberg's chronicle is the first book-length attempt to explain why a defining concept in our global financial system emerged within a desperate theocracy on the fringes of the British Empire.

Unlike Virginia and other early colonies in the New World, Massachusetts was led not by aristocratic adventurers but by the upwardly mobile middle classes of English society. And, as Mr. Goldberg points out, the colony was founded at precisely the moment when England was beginning the leap from an agricultural to a capitalist economy. Devout religious motives led the Puritans to Massachusetts, but financial ingenuity allowed their pious enterprise to survive and thrive.

Lacking the institutional structures that reinforced social order in the Old World, Massachusetts's leaders relied on consensus and consent. Though the ministerial elite tolerated no dissent in its religious mission, on practical matters, such as raising revenue and spending it, the colonial government was the most democratically accountable in the world at the time. For good reason, Alexis de Tocqueville identified the colonial New England township as the seedbed of American democracy.

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Adventures in Family History Libraries

By Michael Herrick, HFA 118

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City was on the way home from our winter residence in Arizona to our summer residence in Wisconsin. Due to ongoing research in Herrick genealogy, I had to make a stop. The main reason for the library visit was because Michael Wood, an eminent English historian and filmmaker, told me that if “the Herricks are in the 14th century tax rolls anywhere in Leicestershire, they will be in Farnham”. George Farnham wrote a book called, Leicestershire Medieval Villages Notes in six volumes. After a quick search, I discovered that those six volumes exist in only two places – The British Library in London and the LDS (Mormon) Family History Library in Salt Lake City. So the Family History Library was my mission to look for early Herricks. I found Farnham’s volumes digitized, which was great. A volunteer at the library helped me pull it up on one of their computers so I could see all of Farnham’s work. However, they are not indexed like I had hoped. To pick out medieval Herricks, I would have to carefully go through each page of the six volumes and look for the various 14th century spellings of Herrick. A team could do that over many days, but not one person (me) in one day. So, I temporarily abandoned the search and went to Plan B.

Reflecting on the lecture by Judith Jesch at the Place Name symposium in April that most Viking settlements in Leicestershire settled in Wigston Magna, I checked out early Herricks there. And sure enough, the number of early Herricks by various spellings (mostly similar to Eyricke) were from Wigston Magna. In fact, there were so many that it would have been an overwhelming job to try to figure out which if any were related directly to our line of Herricks. At that point I went to plan C.

Plan C was exploring as much as I could about our Henry Herrick. I found his marriage record to Alice Mobbes, and the christening records of his two sons, Samuel and Thomas. Interesting, he spelled his name differently in all three records. In his marriage to Alice on September 22, 1622, he spelled his name Heirecke. He and Alice were married in Belgrave, not at All Saints in Leicester as we had been led to believe. When his first son, Samuel, was christened on December 17, 1623, he spelled his name Herick. The christening, however, was not in Belgrave but at St. Nicholas in Leicester. When his second son, Thomas, was christened on June 25, 1626, he spelled his name Heiricke. This christening was performed at All Saints in Leicester.

My main take away from this visit was that family history work is never really done. We need to hear from experts who can tell us about the times our ancestors lived, as well as likely locations and movements of our family. Then organize ourselves into deep dives into the most important information we want to learn. But in the end, it is fun and rewarding.

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I would like to thank our members, Dale E. Yoe, HFA #62, Bill Herrick, HFA #156, Michael Herrick, HFA #118, Sharon Herrick, HFA #001, Jim Hilton, HFA #168, and Curt Herrick, HFA #100 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.
