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Message from the President:

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

Greetings once again from Maryland. After a rough fall and snowy winter, I am happy we are going into spring. There are several topics I would like to mention in the newsletter.

First, I need to let you know that we continue to have new members join us. The latest is Henry Rankin, HFA #242 from Virginia as well as Curtis Herrick II, and Curtis Herrick IV- son and grandson of our own Curt Herrick HFA# 100. Welcome to our group!

As we go forward, I have been continuing to make flash drives with the 2016 HGR3 for those who request them. I have been doing this since Ken Herrick turned the copy info over to me in 2018. However, recently I was asked how to use the flash drive effectively. See the instructions below.

How to best use the HFA flash drive: Insert flash drive into the port on your computer.

Plug it in and open it to see files, an Adobe file is there if you do not already have one loaded on your computer.

To look up where on the drive a certain person is, click on Vol 5. This is just the index volume for all volumes.

From here, you can search through each Vol. to find the person you are looking for. Be sure to check in the addendum in Volume 4 as well. This was completed in 2016, four years after the original books came out.

Next- we are overdue to have an in-person meeting. Now that the pandemic is over, we can return to being cautious in person, as always. On Monday Feb. 24th we had a zoom board of directors meeting. One of the topics discussed was about future meetings. We would like to do these in person. Here are our thoughts:

2025- Philadelphia- see attached- we will visit the Museum of the American Revolution and plans are underway to take a short trip to Valley Forge.

2027- Salt Lake at the Family Search center- more later.

2029- our 400th anniversary celebration in Salem/Beverly for the arrival of our Henerie Herrick

If you would like to assist in the planning of these events- please let me know ASAP at yoeda@comcast.net.

**Bring The Family and Join The HFA To Experience History As We Celebrate The 250th
Anniversary of The Beginning of The American Revolution!**



October 1 to 5, 2025, in Philadelphia PA.

Visit the Museum of the American Revolution and see Washington's tent.

See the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, National Constitution Center, and Valley Forge!

We encourage a family experience so bring them along!

Walk in the footsteps of our forefathers!

More info later, please email yoeda@comcast.net to let us know you are interested.

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A Declaration of Regret in the Herrick Family

By Marston Watson HFA #126

How could two young girls begin a chain of events that led to one of the darkest days in the history of Salem, Massachusetts? How did Henry Herrick Jr become a part of that history?

No doubt, the story of Elizabeth Parris (1682-1760) and her first cousin Abigail Williams (1680-?) is familiar to our Herrick Family Association cousins today. Elizabeth and Abigail became known as the "afflicted girls" who had accused three women of bewitching them. Approximately, between 144 and 185 people were accused of witchcraft in the following months, which led to what is known as the Salem Witchcraft Trials. The last of the trials took place in May of 1693. However, fourteen women and five men were executed by hanging.

Henry Herrick Jr (Marston's 7th great-grandfather) was one of twelve jurors in the Salem Witchcraft Trials in 1692. These jurors declared that they "had acted in conformity with their obligations and honest convictions of duty in bringing in their verdicts. They had sworn to decide according to the law and the evidence."

Sometime later, Henry Herrick Jr and the other eleven jurors became so affected by their role as jurors that they published a paper that same year. So tender and sensitive were the consciences of the jurors that they signed and circulated the following humble and solemn declaration of regret for the part they had borne in the trials. It is reproduced here in its entirety (with edited paragraph breaks).

We whose names are underwritten, being in the year 1692 called to serve as jurors in court at Salem, on trial of many who were by some suspected guilty of doing acts of witchcraft upon the bodies of sundry persons, -- We confess that we ourselves were not capable to understand, nor able to withstand, the mysterious delusions of powers of darkness and Prince of the air, but were, for want of knowledge in ourselves and better information from others, prevailed with to take up with such evidence against the accused, as, on further consideration and better information, we justly fear was insufficient for the touching the lives of any (Deut. xvii. 6).

Whereby we fear we have been instrumental, with others, though ignorantly and unwittingly, to bring upon ourselves and this people of the Lord the guilt of innocent blood which sin the Lord saith in Scripture he would not pardon (2 Kings xxiv. 4), - that is, we suppose, in regard of his temporal judgments.

We do therefore hereby signify to all in general, and to the surviving sufferers in special, our deep sense of, and sorrow for, our errors in acting on such evidence to the condemning of any person; and do hereby declare, that we justly fear that we were sadly deluded and mistaken, - for which we are much disquieted and distressed in our minds, and do therefore humbly beg forgiveness, first, of God, for Christ's sake, for this our error, and pray that God would not impute the guilt of it to ourselves nor others: and we also pray that we may be considered candidly and aright by the living sufferers, as being then under the power of a strong and general delusion, utterly unacquainted with, and not experienced in, matters of that nature.

We do heartily ask forgiveness of you all, whom we have justly offended; and do declare, according to our present minds, we would none of us do such things again, on such grounds, for the whole world, -- praying you to accept of this in way of satisfaction for our offence, and that you would bless the inheritance of the Lord, that he may be entreated for the land." Reference: Charles W. Upham, Salem Witchcraft With an Account of Salem Village, Volume II, 474-475

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It is reported by Scott Bill Hirst, HFA # 050 that there will be a triennial reunion of the Geer Family Association in 2025 in Ledyard and an Avery Memorial Association Reunion in Connecticut.

Notify Scott if you are interested in attending. scottbillhirst@gmail.com

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Irene Turlington Has Retired!

By Alice Herrick Reynolds HFA #003

Sadly, we must report that our intrepid guide and partner in Leicester, England, Irene Turlington, has retired as a guide for Herrick visitors. Due to her health and the health of several family members, she is no longer able to conduct tours of the Herrick Chapel at St. Martin's Cathedral or other Herrick sites in Leicester or nearby towns. She has been such a big help, doing research for us, linking us to experts, guiding small groups and helping with the larger group trips. Without her, we would not have learned nearly as much about the Herricks in Leicester 1400-1700.

You can send her a note of appreciation to iaturlington@hotmail.com.

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News from Historic Beverly

Submitted by Dale Yoe #062

Object Spotlight: Continental Currency

During the American Revolution we were introduced to Continental currency. Recognizing the enormous cost associated with fighting what seemed to be turning into a prolonged war, the Continental Congress knew that something had to be done. On June 22, 1775 the Continental Congress voted to issue two million dollars in bills of credit, which became known as Continental currency, or Continentals. Over the next five years Congress authorized ever-increasing amounts of this paper money to meet the urgent demands of American forces for food, clothing, pay, transportation, and every sort of military equipment, until the total, near the end of 1779, reached the unprecedented sum of \$241,552,780.

At first the Continental currency circulated at a par with the Spanish dollar. That changed quickly and the Continentals began to depreciate badly, giving rise to the famous phrase “not worth a Continental”. A primary problem was that the monetary policy was not coordinated between Congress and the states. While Congress was authorizing the printing of Continentals, the states were simultaneously issuing their own bills of credits and debt certificates to cover war expenses. The sheer number of bills issued soon led to massive depreciation. At one point during the war General Washington is even said to have remarked “a wagonload of currency cannot buy a wagonload of supplies”.



Another factor that contributed to the massive depreciation was the British. Recognizing an opportunity with the mass printing of currency under way in the colonies, the British began a campaign of economic warfare by counterfeiting Continentals on a large scale. The rationale behind this was simple: The Americans could not pay soldiers and purchase supplies if the economy was in shambles. By undermining the economy, the British would also be undermining the American Congress. By undermining Congress, the hope was that Americans would lose faith in Congress and thus realize the war could not be won.

Despite Congress printing paper currency, the individual colonies also printed their own paper money which contributed to the Continentals rapid deflation.

Seen here is an example of a bill printed in Massachusetts. The design, known as the “Sword in Hand”, depicts a colonial soldier with a sword in his right hand and a copy of the Magna Carta in his left. Above is the motto: "Issued in defence of American Liberty" and below is the motto of Massachusetts "Ense petit placidam sub Libertate Quietem" (Latin translation means: “By the sword one seeks peace under tranquil liberty”). This bill was printed in 1775 and was designed by Paul Revere.

To see this piece and other Continentals from our collection visit our upcoming display in the Cabot house bank room, opening on February 1st.

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Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting- Feb. 24, 2025

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

The meeting began at about 7:10pm with Alice Herrick, Chief researcher, Merrill Herrick, Vice Pres., Dianne Herrick, Treasurer, Jim Hilton, Membership chair and Dale Yoe, Pres.

- i. There was no recent Minutes, so we went on.
- ii. Treasurer's report- Dianne reported that she had added several checks today and we now have a total of \$14,873.84 in the checking acct.
- iii. VP report- Merrill did not have a report but had concerns that were discussed.
 - a. Membership dues- Jim reported that he has sent letters to those who have not paid their dues in a while.
 - b. The future of the HFA- Dale mentioned that this was one purpose of the meeting tonight. The Zoom meeting in 2024 was good, but only had about 10 members attend. We need to have more people, especially some younger than us, to succeed us and keep the HFA going. In the past we had in-person get togethers and it stimulated interest in what we do.
- iv. Events: Dale reviewed 3 possibilities for future meetings and stated that we really need to have one this year. She will begin to make calls and ask Nancy Johnson and Deb Nelson to help. It was decided that:
 - a. In 2025 we will try to have a meeting in Philadelphia in the fall to see the Museum of the American Revolution and all the other sites with taking a bus trip to Valley Forge where some of our Herricks fought.
 - b. In 2027, we will try to join American Ancestors in Salt Lake City to see the sites and the Discovery Center there.
 - c. In 2029- plans are already underway for the 400th anniversary of our Henerie coming to the colony and touring the new American Ancestors Library and Discovery Center.

More info on these meetings later.

- v. Future elections- as we, the board, are getting older- we will need to have an election to sustain the future of the HFA.
- vi. Gifts- Dale is looking into gifts with a Herrick Crest, etc. for future gifts.
- vii. Dale mentioned she will be adding research guides, provided by American Ancestors to each newsletter as she has had several questions on how to get started doing research. Also continues to answer as many questions as she can on Herrick family research.
- viii. Membership- Jim reported that we have 97 dues paying members and 6 life members. He states that it is about 162 newsletters that Nancy sends out each quarter. We have a new member- HFA #242.
- ix. The Addendum is still in progress, and we have a member checking on and making changes to the Irish section of the HGR3.

Need to mention that there are many flash drives sent out of the HGR3. We need to send out directions on how to use the HGR3 flash drive.

The meeting concluded at 7:45 PM.

Dale

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Message from the Editor:

Nancy Johnson, HFA #212

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Thank you to our members, Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062, Alice Herrick Reynolds HFA #003, and Marston Watson HFA #126, 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.

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Each of the steps below is described in greater detail within a *Subject Guide* found in the educational resources area of AmericanAncestors.org. The detailed sections there include tools, techniques, and tips to help you succeed on your genealogical quest.

Steps to Researching Your Family History

The first rule of genealogy is to **Work from the Known to the Unknown**. Genealogists quickly find out that their “unique name” is not so unique after all, that many people share the same or similar name, and live in the same geographic area at the same time. To avoid accidentally attaching the wrong person to your family tree, you need to start with the known.

To be a SUCCESSFUL genealogical researcher:

Work from the KNOWN to the UNKNOWN. Start with what you know best, such as your parents.

WRITE DOWN the information that you learn and the sources you use, whether you are successful in finding information there or not.

STEP 1

Identify What You Know

Begin your family history by writing down what you know onto a standard form. There's a multi-generational **Family Chart** printed for you to use in this brochure. If the first rule of genealogy is to work from the known to the unknown, the second rule is to **Write Down** what you learn. Capture key pieces of genealogical information, names, relationships, dates, and places of birth, marriage, and death. Interview yourself. Talk to relatives: what do they know? What family stories were they told?

STEP 2

Decide What You Want to Learn

Review what you have compiled and determine what information is missing. What individuals or families intrigue you the most? Make a list of the missing pieces and choose a few goals or questions to research. Focus on one genealogical question at a time—multi-tasking while doing genealogy leads to confusion (and potentially errors).



STEP 3

Identify and Locate Your Sources

Options for finding genealogical information exist on the web, in libraries, court houses, churches, and at home. Start with your house and your family.

RECORDS with Genealogical Information

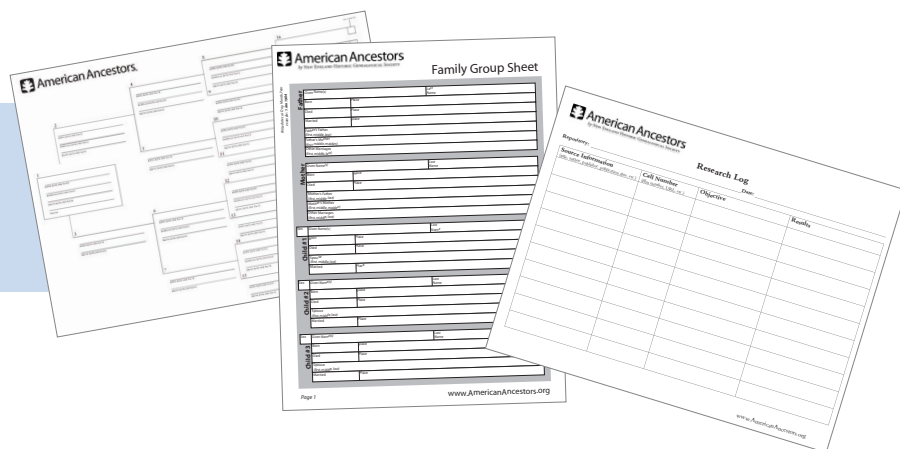
Vital Records (Government)	Cemeteries	Naturalization & Citizenship
Vital Records (Religious)	Immigration/Emigration	Land & Property
Vital Records (Family)	Military	Probate
Censuses	Newspapers	Taxation

Information Needed	Search These First	Search These Next
Age	Censuses, Vital Records, Cemeteries	Military Records, Taxation Records
Birth date and place	Vital Records	Cemeteries, Newspapers, Censuses
Country of foreign birth	Naturalization Records, Vital Records, Censuses	Military Records, Newspapers
Death date and place	Vital Records, Cemeteries, Probate Records, Newspapers	Bible Records, Military Records
Foreign birth location	Vital Records, Genealogies, Biographies, Naturalization, Immigration, Censuses	Newspapers, History, Emigration and Immigration Records
Immigration date	Censuses, Immigration, Naturalization	Newspapers, Biographies
Maiden name	Vital Records, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records
Marriage date and place	Vital Records, Censuses, Newspapers	Cemeteries, Military Records, Probate Records, Naturalization, Land Records
Parents' names	Vital Records, Censuses, Probate Records, Newspapers, Published Genealogies	Emigration Records
Places family has lived	Censuses, Land Records, Local Histories, Directories	Military Records, Taxation Records, Obituaries

STEP 4 Research

Systematically go through your list of research questions, finding and recording your information. Keep in mind the second rule of genealogy—**Write It Down**—which includes writing down where you found the information. A date or name without a source is merely hearsay rather than information. Consult multiple sources while collecting as many records about a family or individual as you can.

A multi-generational *Family Chart* is found in this brochure; a *Family Group Sheet* and a *Research Log* may also be downloaded from AmericanAncestors.org.



STEP 5 Analyze

Don't just read; evaluate. Who provided the information for the record? Was the informant a participant in the event (e.g. bride and groom for a marriage record) or someone else (e.g. daughter or undertaker for a death record)? How long after the event was the information provided (e.g. the birth date on a death record)? What new questions arise? Take this information into account to keep your family history data accurate and concise.

NEXT STEPS

American Ancestors Can Help!

Now that you're familiar with some of the basic steps of genealogical research, start uncovering your family story.

- Learn from our subject guides, webinars, and online courses: AmericanAncestors.org/Education
- Sign up for an online consultation with one of our genealogists: AmericanAncestors.org/Services/Consultations
- Register as a Guest Member to access some of our databases for free
- Visit the library and archives at NEHGS and at other locations
- Attend one of our educational programs or tours: AmericanAncestors.org/Education
- Take a DNA test and let us help you interpret the results: AmericanAncestors.org/DNA
- Browse our online store for books to help with your research: AmericanAncestors.org/Store



Use this multi-generational *Family Chart* as a road map of your ancestors. It includes space for basic information about each person such as name, date and place of birth, death, and marriage. Each person on the chart receives a number. The subject of the chart is number 1; the subject's father is 2, the mother is 3; the father's father is 4, the father's mother is 5; etc. Men always receive even numbers; women, odd numbers.

Start your Family Tree with AmericanAncestors.org/AncesTrees

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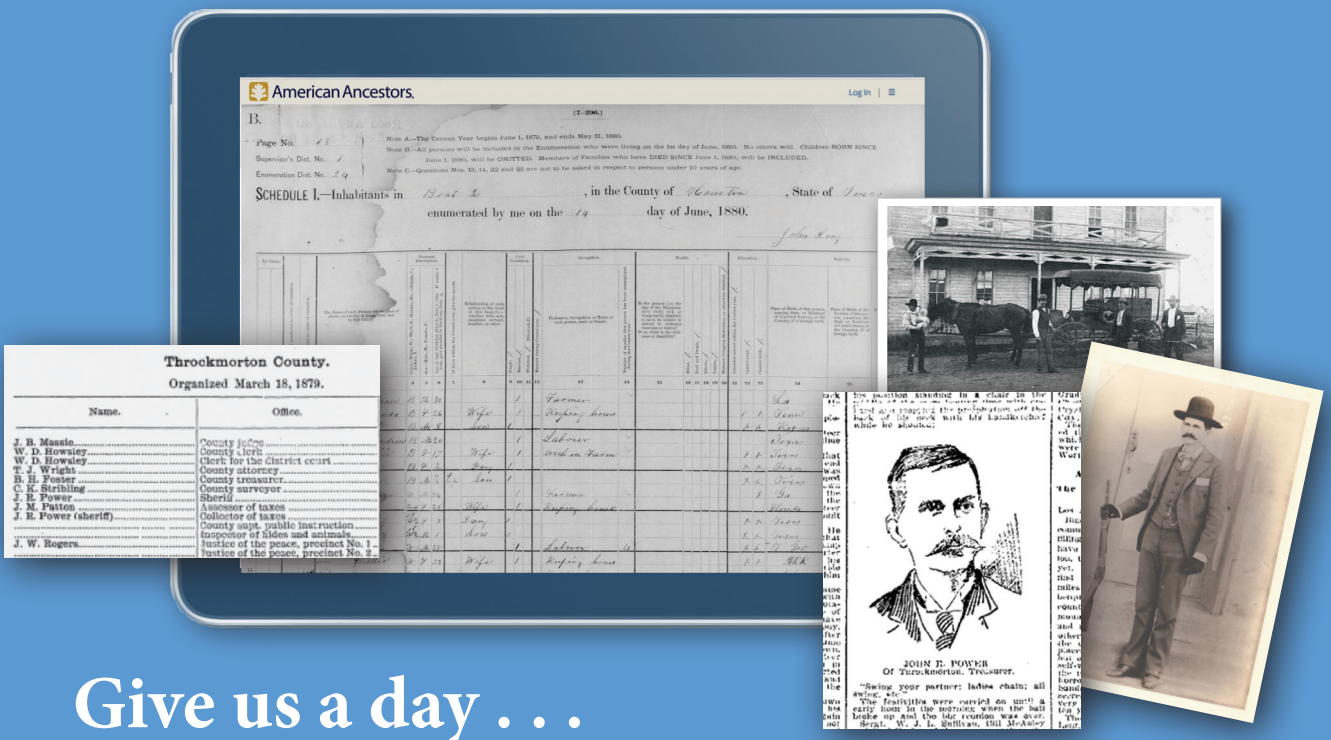
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