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Message from the President:

Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

Hello from Maryland- I am getting ready to attend the **36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences** from Sept 24-29th in Boston. I have gathered material from our Herrick Crest to have on hand for that. One of the speakers, Dr. Paul Fox will talk about: **The Anglo-Saxon Invasion of England and Its Genealogical Implications: Myth and Reality**. Also, there will be a person there who is very interesting. His name is Neil Bromley. Neil is a heraldic artist, calligrapher, and medieval illuminator. He will be a presenter and will have some of his heraldic works on display: https://hubs.ly/Q02J3LB_0 #heraldry #heraldicart #heraldryart #icghs #icghsboston #genealogy #medievalart #calligraphy. See example below. There are 54 topics in the 3 days of the convention. For more info see: <https://www.americanancestors.org/icghs-2024>

I am hoping some of you will also be there for part or all of that conference week. If you are, I would love to get together for dinner, or just to talk.



Recently, I have had the pleasure of speaking to a new member of the HFA, **James Herrick**, who is the grandson of our own **Curt Herrick**. James is interested in the HFA and has also been interested in a meeting of the HFA in 2029 for our 400th Anniversary of the arrival of Henerie. He has agreed to not only be a part, but to be the Chair of this endeavor. We will be having quarterly meetings via zoom for the next year or so. If you would like to be a part of this committee or in planning any of our upcoming meetings, please let me know at yoeda@comcast.net. We are always looking for folks with interest or expertise in research, DNA, or event planning. I am also very happy to announce that we have 2 co-chairs for our regular events committee. **Nancy Johnson and Deborah Nelson** have volunteered for the

job- I am very excited to have them aboard for this committee.

As we move along this year, we will not be having a formal in person meeting. I am grateful for those who signed into our zoom meeting on June 23rd, 2024. Here we discussed our status, our accomplishments and possible future meetings in person and on zoom. One idea is to incorporate our meeting with the American Ancestors meeting this November or next at Salt Lake. Here we could do individual research, have an opportunity to speak

with experts and have a formal get-together as a Herrick group. Please let me know if you are interested in that event- I plan to be there this year. For more info see:

<https://www.americanancestors.org/events?keyword=Salt%20Lake>.

In preparing for upcoming events, we have found we have @170 members living in 4 countries besides the US, in 43 states and we have 6 lifetime members. Our treasury has (as of 5/31/24) has a total of \$14,580.98. We have funds that can be used to have a formal get-together at some point or for a special project. If you have any ideas- I am always interested.

I am proud to be president and hope to continue the legacy of our organization that Richard, Virgil, Alice, and Sharon began in 2001.

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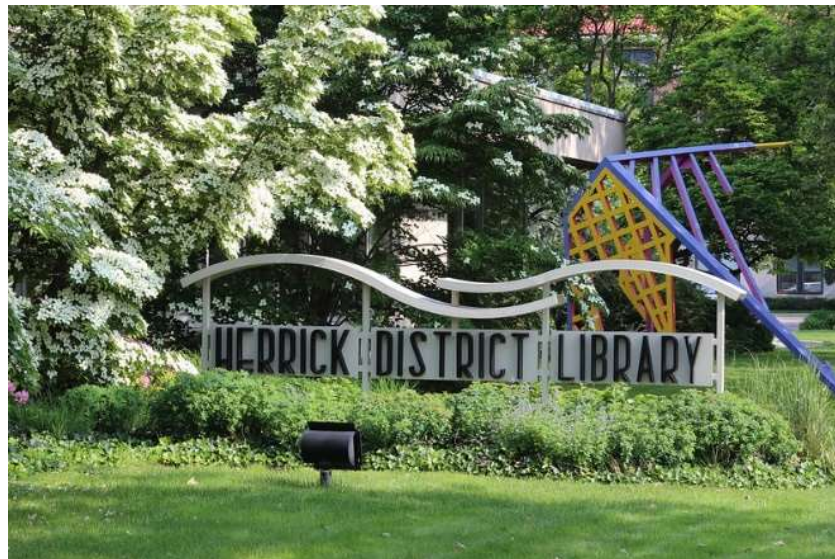
Old Planters Reunion

October 4 - 6

<https://historicbeverly.net/event/old-planters-reunion-4/>



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Herrick Main Library

Shared by A.B. Reynolds, HFA #003

Herrick District Library serves as the public library for the greater Holland, Michigan area. Find books, magazines, movies, music, and so much more inside our two locations. Read, listen, stream or download offerings from the digital library with eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMovies and TV, eMusic, or eMagazines. Use library computers and printers, attend library events, bring your little ones for storytimes, research your family tree, visit the LEGO Lab, or grow your skills in our digital lab for adults called Groundworks.



Hazel Hayes & the History of Herrick Library

by MaryVK March 3, 2022

Holland's first library was established shortly after Dutch settlers arrived in West Michigan in 1847. In the late 1800s, the library was located at the old Fire Department at 108 East 8th Street. The librarian was George Sipp, and he took the position with the understanding that his wife would actually do the work. Mr./Mrs. Sipp served until 1897. When the Sipp's resigned, the next librarian was Miss Jennie Kanters. She was a graduate of Hope College and attended the Ladies Seminary at Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois. During these years, the library moved to the second floor above Model Drug Store on 8th street. In 1911, the new City Hall was built and the library moved to its next home on the second floor of City Hall. In 1918, Miss Kanters died and Miss Dora Schermer took the position as director of the library.



At first, City Hall was a good fit for the library, but as the city of Holland grew and the library grew, it became more and more crowded. In 1939, library staff approached City Council with the idea of building a separate library building. However, the city of Holland did not have the money for a new building so the library remained where it was.

In 1953, Mrs. Hazel Hayes was hired as Holland's first professional librarian. Miss. Schermer stepped down as director but continued to work until her retirement in 1964. Mrs. Hayes was previously the head librarian in Clinton, Indiana. A requirement for her position there was a master's degree in library science so she obtained one, receiving her MLS at the University of Illinois. She was over fifty when she began her training to become a librarian.

When Mrs. Hayes came to Herrick, she began exploring ways to help Holland obtain a new library. She started a successful summer reading program for children to encourage them to use the library. She encouraged the children to start a "Million Penny Campaign" to start generating funds for a new library. In 1956, she started a Saturday morning program where children got together to think of ways to earn money for the library. Children held auctions, did chores, had carnivals and backed goods sales, and tried to come up with more ways to earn money.

In 1958, the Woman's Literary Club of Holland began to encourage donations for a new library. Mrs. Hayes continued to look for donors. One day, when she was dining in a Holland restaurant, she overheard two men talking about a man named Ray Herrick who wanted to do something for the city of Holland. Mrs. Hayes returned to the library and looked through the list of library donors. She found that he was the owner of Tecumseh Products, located in Tecumseh, Michigan. He had lived in Holland as a child and had fond memories of his years in Holland. On January 20, 1958, she wrote a letter to him, asking if he was interested in helping Holland obtain a new library. He wrote back and said he was interested but did not want his name revealed until he gave permission. Months of secret planning followed before Ray Herrick was revealed as the donor.

On July 24, 1958, the Holland Evening Sentinel wrote “an anonymous donor has offered a gift of \$300,000 to build a public library for the City of Holland.” The city purchased land for the library and construction began. Ground was broken for the new library in 1959, and Herrick Public Library opened to the public for the first time on May 9, 1960.

Hazel Hayes was director at Herrick Library for thirteen years, retiring in 1966. She definitely deserves much of the credit for Holland’s present library.

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Summary of Zoom meeting 6/23/24

By Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062

The meeting began at 7:08 with seven members attending.

After welcoming all, all gave introductions. A special thank you went out to Merrill (VP), Dianne (treasurer), Nancy (Secretary) for all her work on the newsletters, Jim H. (membership), AB (founding mother of the HFA, chief researcher and event planner), and Curt (DNA project adm.).

The Secretary’s report was tabled as the last one was too long ago.

Treasurer’s report: Dianne reported that at the end of 2023 there was \$\$13,797.72 in checking. And, as of 5/31/24 there was \$14,580.98. The increase was from people paying dues and new members.

Membership report: Jim stated that this year we have had three new members join the association- and that there have been twenty new members since 2020. We have also had some losses and as a result have over one hundred active, dues paying, members.

Dale reviewed the accomplishments made in the past few years:

Reviewed and revised the Mission and Visions for the assoc.

The trifold Pamphlet on the HFA, who we are and what we do. This is available for people to take to family reunions and other family history events. **See attached.**

The 2022 England trip

Work continues the Addendum for the HGR

Continue with our webpage and Facebook page, with newsletter additions and helping those who have questions on their Herrick ancestry.

Merrill had questions about the continuation of the Addendum—although this is work in progress and we encourage more info be sent to Dale including having someone add their Irish ancestors. We also agreed with him that we might investigate having more folks add their input of ancestry so others can benefit from the info already found. In this way it might help with someone’s “brick walls”. Lynn said he would help by adding his info. It was suggested that when complete the info could be added to the webpage and be available on a flash drive.

Michael Herrick also had some ideas and thoughts that were read. See next article. It was agreed that we are reasonable where we are as an organization. Also, teams could be set up to delve into other areas of research. He also suggested we get back to reporting each year- even in the newsletter on the status of the association: secretary’s report, treasurer’s, membership and President’s report. It was agreed that we will do this again on a yearly basis in the newsletter. Thirdly he suggested a review of the by-laws was needed. We agree- we had tried to do this a few years ago, but as we could not find a lawyer to help with this process, we let it slide. The suggestions to get a nominating committee together was already done and we could not find anyone who wanted to step up to the plate. A copy of the duties was attached to the newsletter that asked for volunteers. **See attached.**

Finally, we talked about future meetings. We thought we should have more zoom meetings, that we should go back to basics for folks and have the next in person meeting in Salt Lake with American Ancestors. There people could get consultations with the experts, work on their histories and network with others. See: <https://www.americanancestors.org/events?keyword=Salt%20Lake>.

It was mentioned that Ancestry.com and American Ancestors have great free and some minimal cost presentations on all things related to Family History and DNA. Dale said she thought if some members go to the Salt Lake event or the September event for the 36th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences in Boston that she would be happy to meet with anyone attending to talk about the association or other concerns. See: <https://www.americanancestors.org/icghs-2024>.

Lastly, we talked about the 400th anniversary of the arrival of our common ancestor- Henerie Herrick. This would be in 2029, however the Beverly Historical Society will be celebrating in 2030. We would like to attend that meeting with our HFA. This was suggested by a Herrick Group in California and the Beverly Hist. Soc. We will begin working on this project soon as it seems like a great way to celebrate! More on this later.

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HFA Ideas Going Forward

Michael Herrick, HFA #118

I could not attend the zoom meeting in June. As requested, here is a list below of a few issues that I think deserve consideration.

1. First and foremost, I feel that HFA cannot rest on its laurels from its first 18 years. In my view, the organization must discontinue entirely or create an entirely new focus. I do not see HFA to be sustainable the way we are. My personal preference for a new focus is genealogical research for our Herrick ancestors. The membership will have other ideas, so I believe those ideas should be tapped in a comprehensive goals priority study. I tried to take a stab at that via the newsletter, but it fell flat.

2. I feel a real absence of board reports. Even if HFA does not formally meet in person, we need an annual Treasurer's/Secretary's Report, Membership Report, and President's report. You always include a statement in the quarterly newsletter, which is nice, but I believe we need more detail for an annual report. In my view, the President's report should at minimum include a summary of how the organization is progressing towards it's established goals. Again, those goals should be formulated by the membership.

3. I believe that the HFA bylaws needed to reviewed and updated from top to bottom. Such items may include, but not limited to, forming a nominating committee for the nomination of officers, rules for electronic (zoom) meetings, and quorum requirements for in-person and electronic meetings. Last but not least, if we are going to have by-laws, we need to abide by them strictly.

I know that this is challenging, but if HFA picks away at it little by little it can be done. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to express my views. You can read these ideas off verbatim if you wish.

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Officers/Committee Chairs of the HFA 2024

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
Treasurer	Maintains bank records of membership; assists with meeting arrangements and records.	Dianne Herrick	dherrick2@rochester.rr.com
Membership	Maintains membership lists and dues documents	Jim Hilton	jhiltonjr@frontiernet.com
Program events	Lead planning for HFA meetings and reunions; form committees to complete/implement plans and coordinate with HFA officers	Alice Reynolds; Michael Herrick; Deborah Nelson; Nancy Johnson	herrickresearch@me.com ; dknls@yahoo.com ; nancy@imsoftware.com
Chair of research	Lead efforts to discover and document the origin and heritage of Henerie of Salem and Henry of Virginia	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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Message from the Editor:

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Thank you to our members, Dale E. Yoe, HFA #062, Michael Herrick, HFA #118, and A.B. Reynolds, HFA #003, 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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