



NORTH SMITHFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Saturday, June 17th, 2023

No. Smithfield Heritage Dinner

MISGIVINGS



Join Father Patrick Aloysius Misgivings for this divine presentation of stories and one liners about growing up Catholic. From miracles and marriage counseling to bazaars and birth control, nothing escapes the good father's razor sharp Irish wit. This hilarious interactive comedy includes a collection, a raffle and even an actual Bingo game.

Location

Village Haven Restaurant
90 School St. No. Smithfield RI

Doors open: 5:30pm

Family Style Chicken Dinner: 6:00pm

Show to follow Dinner

\$30

Buy tickets at Memorial Town Bldg. NS

Town Hall and Village Point

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Contact:

nsha@nsheritageasn.com

*Don't miss
this delightfully
entertaining
and uplifting
one man show!*

*Proceeds benefit the Forestdale School
Restoration Project.*



Veterans Memorial Program

The NSHA conducted its first Veterans Memorial flag raising ceremony on Monday, May 8th. We thank Keith Klockars and his family for loaning his father's, Frederick Klockars, memorial flag to fly at the Memorial building for the month of May. NSHA president, Rich Keene, officiated. Also participating were Town Administrator, Paul Zwolenski, representing the town of North Smithfield, and David Thibault, representing the Leclair Kozlik Bassett Logan VFW Post 6342.



The NSHA offers to fly memorial flags of deceased veterans for a period of thirty days at the Memorial Building. We will also publish a brief biography of the honoree's military service in the NSHA newsletter. We will return the flag to the family at the end of the thirty day period or continue to fly the flag until replaced by another depending upon the family's wishes.

To participate, please contact us at nsha@nsheritageassn.com or call [401-651-6316](tel:401-651-6316)

Memorial Day Parade



The LeClair Kozlik Logan Bassett VFW Post 6342 will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29th. We will step off from Brigido's Market at 10:30 am and march down Main Street. We will conduct a Memorial Ceremony in front of the Memorial Building at 11:00 am. After the ceremony, we will continue down School Street and end at the pavillion behind Lindy's restaurant in North Smithfield. The Scouts, the NS High School Band, Police and Fire Departments, and Veterans will participate. Everyone is invited to attend. Following the end of the Parade, there will be a free collation.



COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL

We rely on you to help preserve
North Smithfield's amazing heritage!

2023 INITIATIVES

- ✓ Complete restoration of Forestdale School interior
- ✓ Cemetery restoration
- ✓ Historical artifact acquisition & preservation

WAYS TO DONATE

- Scan QR codes for PayPal or Venmo
- Mail check payable to NSHA to P.O. Box 413, Slatersville, RI, 02876
- Drop off at the Memorial Town Building
- Call 401-447-6394 to arrange doorstep pickup

For any questions or inquiries please email:
nsha@nsheritageassn.com
or visit:
<https://www.nsheritageassn.org/>



We appeal to the community to help fund our preservation efforts. We hope to complete the restoration of the historic Forestdale School this year. We have enough funds to complete the exterior restoration and 40% of the interior. Please donate today to help us finish this project.

Send donations via mail, PayPal Giving Fund, or Venmo. Or you can simply drop off your donation or pay with a credit card at our headquarters at the Memorial Building, 1 Main St. during our weekday morning business hours. We will also pick up donations at your door! **Any amount helps enormously!**



Thank You

The archives and the research center are open every Tuesday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm and every Wednesday from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Stop by and visit or contact us to make an appointment to visit on another day.



We thank Dick Potenza for his wonderful donations of paintings, a Hitchcock chair and two tables owned by his mother. Stop by the Memorial Building to see them!



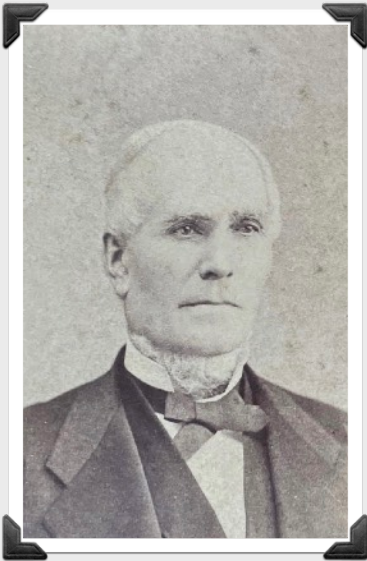
We also thank Irene Blais for donating the collection of Miss Jeanne Lemaire. Jeanne was an Au Pair for the Bessette family.

Your family photos contain our local heritage! Please loan your old family photos and/or letters to us to scan. We'll return them promptly or even scan them while you wait! We'll also store old photos for you if you'd like.

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From the Archives



The Morse Family – part one, Jacob Morse

by Al Menard

The Morse family was among the earliest of the New England settlers. Samuel Morse arrived in America in 1635, a year before Roger Williams came to Providence. He settled in Dedham, MA and the Morse family soon spread throughout Massachusetts.



Jacob Morse.

Though difficult to see because his hair was white and the photo is overexposed, Jacob sports what was called a “chin curtain” or “chin strap” - a style of beard made popular by the newly elected President Abraham Lincoln.

Jacob Morse was born on June 11, 1815, in Douglas, Massachusetts, where he spent his childhood. His parents were Marvel and Betsey Morse. From Douglas he settled in the northern part of Smithfield. Jacob purchased eighteen acres on Great Road in Union Village. There he built a showplace home for his new bride, Uranah Frost Steere of

Uranah Frost Steere Morse.

Uranah was a very uncommon name even in the nineteenth century. It is thought that it was derived from the name Urania which was more popular at the time. Uranah Morse was a member of the large and prosperous Steere family of Burrillville, RI.

Burrillville. The house was built on the site of Wilbur Paine’s General Store.

The style is of the Victorian and Federal transition period. Today it is generally termed, ‘*Italianate*.’

Jacob was a farmer and his farm prospered. He invested his profits in real estate. Soon, he had apartment houses in nearby Woonsocket and his wealth grew. Fortunately for him as he aged and farming became more difficult for him, his real estate investments made it so that he could give up farming and devote more time to real estate and politics.

Jacob was always interested in local politics. He was elected to several town positions. He served as overseer of the Pound and of the Burial Ground. In 1871 when Union Village became part of the Town of North Smithfield, Jacob was one of the first town council members. He was also elected Town representative to the General Assembly for the state for the years 1874-76.



From the Archives



Jacob Morse House –

This photo of the front of the Jacob Morse house shows the massive granite stone that Jacob used for the entrance. This stone is remarkably similar to the one he laid for the tall cemetery monument. It is said that Jacob worked with the quarry to acquire and place the granite.



Jacob was thought to have supervised the setting of the stone for this monument and used the same granite at his home on Great Road.

The couple had three children: Ervin E., born in 1851, Elma M., born in 1853 and Oscar J., born in 1857. Sadly, little Elma died at five years old.

Uranah died March 4, 1884, and Jacob followed two months later on May 31, 1884. He died at home from congestion of the lungs at age 68. It is said that at age 22 Jacob had started out into the world with only \$10. In his life he amassed a fortune that would be worth more than a million dollars today!

Both Jacob and his wife are buried in Union Cemetery. Miss Mildred Morse, Jacob's granddaughter relates that it was Jacob himself who set the granite in the tall, imposing monument found in the cemetery. It is said that some of the same granite was also used for the Morse house entry.

Jacob Morse had no will. His estate was divided between the two boys. We will visit these gentlemen in our article next month.



Fifty Years Ago

This month's *Fifty Years Ago* article comes from page 7 the January 1973 edition of the NSHA newsletter. It was intended as a teaser for the mid-winter meeting and talk that took place on January 26th of that year. It appears that the event was similar to the History Nights that NSHA has now. Rev. George A. Harvey was the speaker and his topic was "*A Road By Any Other Name....*"

In upcoming issues of this newsletter we will continue with excerpts from a follow up article that was written after the talk was given. It will be interesting to see what was discovered about the roads in town. Enjoy part one!

"Great Road is probably the oldest and perhaps the longest highway in the town of North Smithfield. Beginning as a trail sometime in the mid 1600's, the roadway entered the present southern limits of town in the vicinity of route 146 and left town by the old tomb on the Millville town line some miles to the northwest. A portion of the original road retains its ancient name; much of it now passes under a collection of names; and yet more confusing, two sections of the highway are called "Great Road" that weren't part of the original roadway at all.

Our subject will be the old highways in town, their development and significance, and what has become of them.

Among the questions we will ask and try to answer:

~Where does Great Road end and where does Victory Highway begin?

~Can a road legitimately have several names?

~Who has the right to name a road -residents? -the town? -the state?

Along the way, we will try to mention a number of old roads and hope that you can add to our all-too-meager store of information. If you have some questions or "puzzlements" of your own this would be an excellent time to find out if someone can come up with an answer."



NS Historic Cemeteries



Our cemetery teams are busy with restoration work



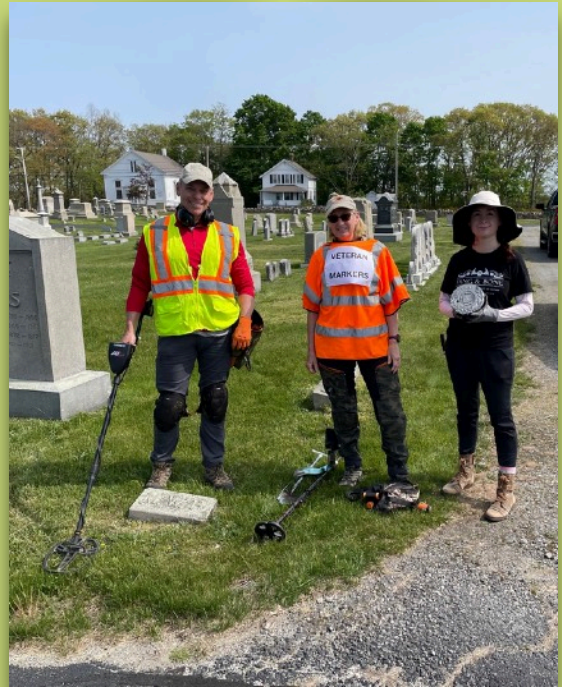
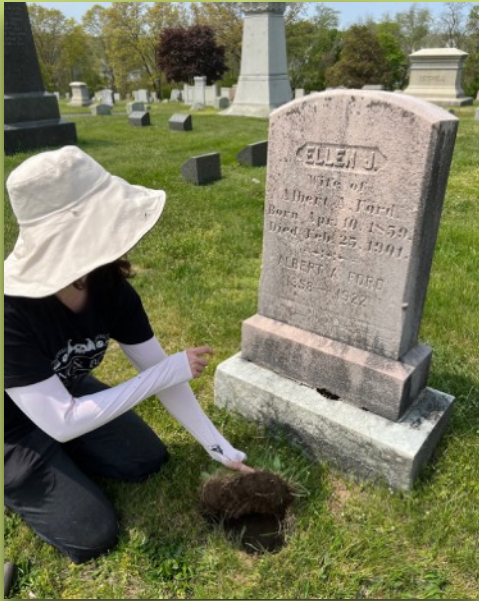
Starting work at NS09, Capt. Luke Philips Cemetery

Steve Biron used his backhoe to help Ed Walker and Stephanie Moaz move a large gravestone.



We thank Shamrock Home Loans of Rumford, RI for allowing employees to volunteer their time during the week to clean the Friends Meeting House Cemetery on Smithfield Road.

The cemetery hasn't looked so good in decades!



To prepare for Memorial Day, NSHA volunteers are using metal detectors to find buried veteran flag holders in the Union Cemetery. Kim Walker and Hannah Hazelton have found and reset dozens of grave holders to ensure that every veteran grave is marked with a new flag.



Rene Boudreau and The United Veterans Council of Woonsocket donated two dozen new flag holders for veteran graves that don't have a marker.

Check out all of the cemetery restoration work on our NS Heritage Assn. Cemetery Group Facebook page.



Historic Cemetery of the Month

Alsey Mathewson Lot, NS 58 by Lynne Pelletier



Before cleaning and re-setting

The Alsey Mathewson Lot is located on Old Oxford Road at Pole #73 on land that was probably once the Mathewson farm. According to the Rhode Island Historic Cemetery Commission, this 10'x10', small cemetery contained 3 graves with the only inscribed gravestone belonging to Alsey Mathewson. The 2 other gravestones were un-marked fieldstones.

Alsey Mann Mathewson was born on March 8, 1780 in Smithfield to parents Daniel Mann and Phoebe Sprague. She also had a brother named Daniel. Alsey married Moses Mathewson on March 8, 1801, on her 21st birthday. Moses and Alsey had at least 2 children; a daughter, Melaura born in 1810 and a son, Mansa, born in 1813. Moses Mathewson was a Revolutionary War veteran and his grave may be one of the fieldstone graves near Alsey. Moses died in 1850 and Alsey died 8 years later on September 8, 1858 at age 78.

NSHA's cemetery team was asked to visit the cemetery to survey what work needed to be done to restore it. Alsey's headstone was badly discolored with dirt and mold. It was also teetering on a hill and leaning to one side so it would need to be re-set to prevent it from falling or breaking. A neighbor, Mr. Michael Gilman, stopped by and told us an interesting story regarding Alsey's headstone. The headstone was actually missing from the cemetery for many years and the location where it was now placed was probably not its original location. A teen, who at one time lived across the street from the cemetery, had used this spot as a place for parties and when he left for college, he took Alsey's stone with him! We aren't sure exactly where Alsey spent those years, but rumor has it that she was somewhere in Providence. Eventually the college student's parents retrieved the headstone and returned it to the cemetery.

Kim Walker, Barbara St. Germain, Julie Tilley and myself spent our first day at the cemetery cleaning Alsey's stone and probing the ground for any additional headstones. We found 4 more! All 4 fieldstones had become covered with dirt and leaf build-up and were barely visible. Mr. Gilman kindly helped to remove the leaves and brush from the cemetery which was a huge help.

The next couple of visits to the cemetery involved digging the fieldstones out of the ground and raising them to the height that they once had been. Mr. Gilman generously provided us with stone to help with this task. Alsey's large headstone was also re-set in a flat area where it would be protected and safe. Next, we re-measured the cemetery which was now 22'X14'. We also made a sketch of the new grave locations because the Rhode Island Historic Cemetery Commission website did not have a map for this location. NSHA volunteer, Hannah Hazelton, took that sketch and made a map which was submitted to RIHCC, along with the new number of graves so they can update their database.

If anyone is interested in helping with this type of restoration, please let us know. We have over 60 cemeteries in North Smithfield and many need some type of clean-up. There is something for everyone! Tasks needed include: removing leaves and brush, gravestone repair, research and documentation. Contact NSHA if you'd like to volunteer!



After cleaning and re-setting



May Spotlight

From the Old Farmer's Almanac:

What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day?

On both Memorial Day and Veterans Day, it's customary to spend time remembering and honoring the countless veterans who have served the United States throughout the country's history. However, there is a difference between the two holidays:

- **Memorial Day** commemorates the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces, particularly those who **died** in battle or as a result of wounds sustained in battle. In other words, the purpose of Memorial Day is to memorialize the veterans who made the **ultimate sacrifice** for their country. You'll find that some veterans find it dismaying when they are thanked on this day. It's a time for remembering those who lost their lives and could not come home. We might consider how we can support and safeguard their grieving families and loved ones who are left behind, as well as reflecting on why we—the living—have the luxury and freedom we enjoy today.
- **Veterans Day** is the day set aside to thank and honor **ALL** who served in the United States Armed Forces—in wartime or peacetime—regardless of whether they died or survived. Veterans Day is always observed officially on November 11, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.



Flying Old Glory

Flag etiquette on Memorial Day is unique. At sunrise, flags are to be raised to full staff briskly, then lowered to half staff position, where they will remain until noon.

Traditionally, on Memorial Day in the U.S., volunteers often place small American flags on each grave site at national cemeteries. A national moment of remembrance takes place at 3:00pm local time. Consider visiting a local cemetery to place flags; many organizations would be grateful for volunteers. Contact your local American Legion post, Daughters of the American Revolution, VFW organization or Boy or Girl Scout troops.



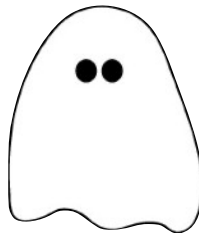
Genealogy

Would you like help to conduct research on your family tree? Lynne Pelletier has extensive experience and access to several databases. Please contact nsha@nsheritageassn.com to coordinate an appointment.



Ghosts and Paranormal Activity

The paranormal team has no pending investigations this month but anticipates one in early June.



Have you heard about or seen a ghost in North Smithfield? We would like to document it! Anyone interested in joining the Paranormal Research Team please contact us at nsha@nsheritageassn.com.

Arts and Culture

The NSHA Board of Directors recently commissioned historical artist, Tal Dibner, to paint the opening scene from the Battle of Nipsachuck, which occurred in North Smithfield during King Philip's War on July 2, 1675. Mr Dibner strives for historical accuracy in his paintings.

Anyone with knowledge of late 17th century colonial or native clothing or weapons is encouraged to contact us.





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Call Jeanne at (401) 447-1801 to make a reservation or send an email to nsha@nsheritageassn.com



The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 13th at Heritage Hall, 101 Green Street. Members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Zoom information is included in the email notification.

Memorial Town Building (1 Main Street)

While we wait for the insurance contractor to install the new windows that were damaged by the car fire last fall, we are working to obtain three quotes to replace the other two windows in the rear of the building. We plan to use funds that the town appropriated for restoration last year. When installed, all the windows in the rear of the building will match the original colonial-style windows.





Maintenance

Forestdale School (190 School Street)



Volunteers continue to paint the ceilings and walls in the halls, bathrooms, library and kitchenette. It's an amazing transformation!!

The board recently approved upgrades to the electrical circuits and renovations to the classroom ceiling using donated funds and revenues from Heritage Hall rentals. Before this work can start, we must continue the demolition of the suspended ceiling. Contact us if you'd like to help!



We are still waiting for a start date from the Martone Construction project manager to start the roof and stair work. We are unable to apply for certain grant funds until this work is complete.





Congratulations!



We are thrilled to announce that Season One of "SLATERSVILLE: America's First Mill Village" has been nominated by the 46th Annual Boston/New England Chapter Emmy Awards in the categories of DOCUMENTARY for Christian de Rezendes and MUSIC COMPOSITION for Stephen Gilbane, an Arlington, MA resident whose mother also came from North Smithfield.

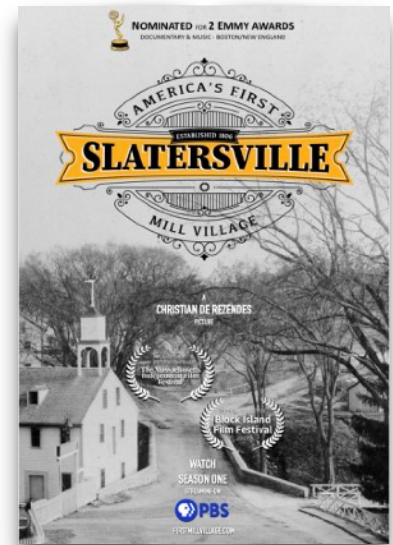
A heartfelt congrats to our amazing crew, our supporters, and all other nominees, and thanks to Rhode Island PBS for their airing of Season One. The awards will take place in Boston on June 10.

Previously on April 15, the series also received an Outstanding Achievement Award from the Massachusetts Independent Film Festival in Worcester. Thank you, MASSIFF!!

Our next big screening will be at the Block Island Film Festival on Friday, June 2.

Remember you can always watch the series at [PBS.org](https://www.pbs.org).

We continue to work on the second and final season of the series. Thank you all for your support.



Conservation

Conservation of our circa 1842 Dorr Rebellion Flag continues at the Varnum Armory. Maria Vasquez has done considerable work to stabilize the fragile silk and linen fabrics to enable us to display the flag without causing further damage to this important town relic. We thank the June Rockwell Levy Foundation for approving a \$4,000 grant to pay for the conservation work. Due to its generosity, we are able to replace significant parts of the flag that broke away and became lost.



Conservation

2023 North Smithfield Heritage Walks

Heritage walks are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The locations are in the descriptions below. All walks meet at 9:30 am.

Heritage Walks 2023 Schedule:

June 10: Waterford: Coblin Rock, Mammoth Mills Ruins, Blackstone Canal, Waterford School, St. Paul's Church Waterford RR Station, RR Fountain, Covered Bridge Site. Meet at Fire House Pizza parking lot, Great Road.

July 8: Slatersville: Main St., Green Street, Slatersville Mills, Centennial Park. Meet at the Memorial Town Building, 1 Main Street.

August 12: Nipsachuck Legacy: The Blunders, Nipsachuck National Battlefield & Black Plain Hill Stone Landscape, Three Dog Site, NS57. Meet at the NS Middle School Parking lot, Providence Pike.

September 9: Wunnashowatuckqut: Old Harkness Rd, High Rocks Gorge, Colony Rd, and Stone Features. Meet at the Forestdale School, 190 School Street.

October 14: Wesquidomsett: West Farm, NS60, NS24, Tyler Mowry House, NS32, Old Sayles Hill Rd., Rustic Drive-In, Milk Can, Paine Mill. Meet at Aldi's parking lot at Dowling Village.

November 18: Woonsocket Hill: Mowry Fire Tower, Philip Mowry House and NS47, National Grid stone features. Meet at the NS Middle School parking lot.

December 9: Cedar Brook Legacy: Todd's Farm and Cedar Brook Cart Path. Meet at NS High School Tennis Courts on Grange Road.





Conservation



Family Nature Walks



Each week the NSHA and NS Parks and Recreation Department sponsor a family hike. The tour visits one of three local conservation areas to follow well-marked woodland trails. The group follows a leisurely pace with plenty of stops for sightseeing and photos at some of the most beautiful scenic landscapes in town. Walks usually last about two hours.

At 9:30 am on Saturday, May 20th, the group will hike in the Booth Pond and Sousa Farm Conservation Areas. Meet at the Aldi's parking lot at Dowling Village.

At 9:30 am on Saturday, May 27th, the group will walk in the Fort Wildlife Refuge at 1445 Providence Pike. Meet at the trailhead.

At 9:30 am on Saturday, June 3rd, the group will hike in the Wunnashowatuckut Conservation Area. Park at the intersection of Martha Road and Harkness Road.

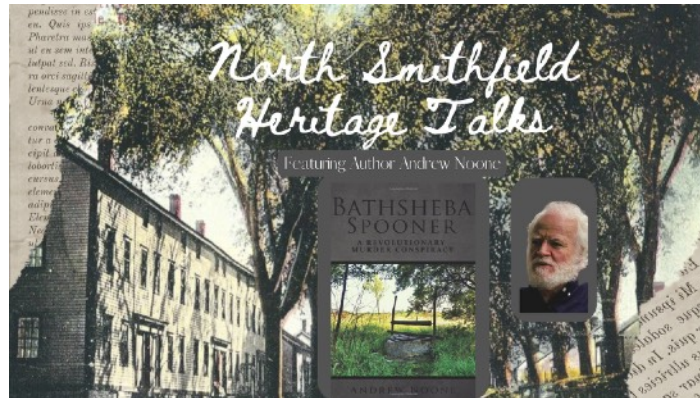
Woonasquatucket River Greenway and Bike Path

The NSHA continues to work with the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council to plan an extension of the greenway and bike path into North Smithfield along the abandoned Providence and Springfield railbed. Anyone who wants to help with this project is encouraged to contact us.





Upcoming Events



We will hold our next Heritage Night at 7:00 pm on Friday, May 19th at Heritage Hall (101 Green Street). It will feature a presentation from author and historian, Andrew Noonan about an 18th century New England murder.

“What possessed a woman from the elite eighteenth-century New England society to conspire with American and British soldiers to murder her husband at the midpoint of the American Revolution? The story of Bathsheba Spooner has alternately fascinated and baffled residents of Worcester County for centuries. Early American marriage and divorce, its political and military background, the social strata, its legal and retributive approach to justice—these contexts serve to frame an amateur-conceived crime whose circumstances were uniquely suited to provoke a scandal which in its time was as gripping as that of Lizzie Borden’s over a century later.”

Mammoth Mill Park



In support of the Clean and Green event, volunteers met on April 22nd to clear the Blackstone Canal along Canal Street. They cleaned an impressive amount of trash and debris.

On Sunday, May 21st from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm, volunteers will continue to partner with Friends of the Blackstone River and NS DPW to clear trash, trees, and brush from Mammoth Mill Park on Mill Street. We welcome your help!




Upcoming Events

Flag Day Ceremony


In recognition of Flag Day, the NS Heritage Association and the Woonsocket Historical Society will partner with the RI Sons of the American Revolution, to mark the graves of five Revolutionary War Veterans buried in the Friends Meeting Cemetery. A short ceremony will take place at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 17th at 108 Smithfield Road. The public is invited to attend.





North Smithfield Heritage Association

HERITAGE DAY



WALKING TOUR, HERITAGE HALL ANTIQUES AND ARTIFACTS DISPLAY, TOWN HALL VETERAN DISPLAY, CAR SHOW, CRAFT FAIR, CEMETERY CARE DEMONSTRATION, LIVE REENACTORS, CRAFT VENDORS, FOOD TRUCKS

July 8th, 10am - 4pm
Heritage Hall, 101 Green St, Slatersville, RI

HERITAGE DAY IS A FREE EVENT SPONSORED BY NSHA. TO RAISE AWARENESS OF LOCAL HERITAGE.



NSHA Activities

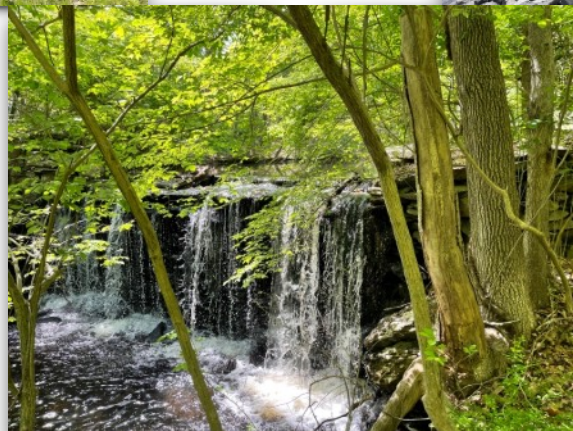


RI Historic Cemetery Awareness months are April and May each year. The cemetery teams conducted a cemetery tour at Union Cemetery followed by a gravestone restoration workshop at Hotchkiss cemetery on April 29th.



They also partnered with the Woonsocket Historical Society to conduct a tour of the Friends Meeting House and Cemetery at 108 Smithfield Road followed by another gravestone restoration workshop.

A small but enthusiastic group took part in the Crookfall Brook Heritage Tour. They enjoyed stops at Reservoir 1 and 2 as well as the dam at Spring Brook. We thank the City of Woonsocket Water Department Personnel who welcomed the group and allowed us to make this annual trek.

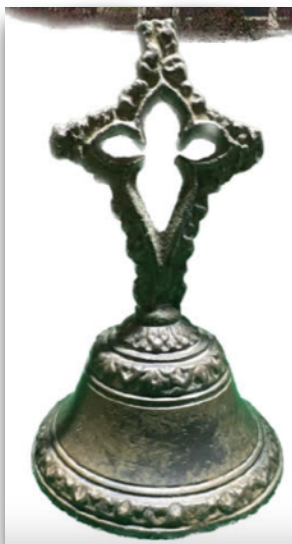




NSHA Activities

April History Night

Beverly St. Onge, of Nasonville, gave a fascinating presentation about the history of Hospice St. Antoine at Heritage Hall Friday, April 27th. Thank you Beverly!



This small, ornate brass bell with a cruciform-shaped handle was found in April by NSHA detectorist, Kim Walker, at the John Slater House. The Slater house was built in 1810 and was originally located on N. Main and Green Streets. It was moved upon John Slater's death in 1843 to its current location on School Street and was converted to worker housing at that time.

Chris Gomez and Nathasha Xiong are the newest owners of the property and are happy to share this piece of history with the towns' folks by donating the bell to the North Smithfield Heritage Association for all to enjoy. Many thanks to Chris and Nathasha, and a warm welcome to North Smithfield!

If anyone is interested in having their property detected to seek evidence of its history, please contact NSHA.





April Mystery Photo Identified



Thank you to Christian de Rezendes and Jane Allaire Royer for helping to identify some of the people in this photo possibly taken at the Friendly Lounge in the late 1940's or early 1950's.

Back Row L to R: Arthur Allaire, Joe Paul, Clarence Arsenault and ?

Front Row L to R: Theresa Allaire, ?, Avis Arsenault and ?

If you recognize anyone else please let us know! Please contact us at

nsha@nsheritageassn.com or call

[401-651-6316](tel:401-651-6316)

May Mystery Photo

This month's mystery photo comes to us from the archives of *The Woonsocket Call*. It was in a folder of unmarked North Smithfield photos so we don't know the identity of the little girl, the award she won, or the officer pictured with her. Can you help?



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NSHA Merchandise

We maintain a wide range of merchandise that includes books, maps, puzzles, and so much more! View our entire inventory at the **NSHA On-line shop** at www.nsheritageassn.org. We will deliver free locally.



Development

The North Smithfield Heritage Association Fund

Make a tax-deductible donation to this RI Foundation managed fund that will grow perpetually. The NSHA can use a portion of the fund each year for preservation activities. Gifts can be made to the Heritage Association Fund in two primary ways:

1. A check made out to the Rhode Island Foundation (with a reference on the memo line to the NS Heritage Association Fund) can be mailed to the Rhode Island Foundation, One Union Station, Providence, RI 02903.
2. A credit card gift can be made at this link: <https://rifoundation.org/funds/north-smithfield-heritage-association-fund>

Indigenous Stone Features

The Research Team continues to locate and document local colonial and indigenous stone features. Members recently searched property on Douglas Pike for stone features.

Contact us if you'd like to help!



Membership

We welcome new members Michelle Casavant and Karen Underhill!

~Your \$20 annual dues allow us to conduct vital preservation activities. Seniors over 80 and full-time students are still free. If you are not sure of your status, please contact us.

~2023 Annual Dues are due on January 1, 2024. Those who recently renewed are good for the calendar year 2024. We thank the 185 members who joined or renewed this year. Members in arrears or with expired memberships can still renew by mail, via PayPal Giving Fund, Venmo or Tuesday mornings at the Memorial Town Building.

~You can become a member by filling out an application found on our website:

<https://www.nsheritageassn.org/membership>

You Can Help

Join: It costs just \$20 each year!

Volunteer: Help with any of our ongoing activities and events. No need to make a commitment. We appreciate whatever you can do!

Donate: Our Annual Appeal runs all year long. We like local artifacts. We appreciate whatever you can give!

Share: Share this free newsletter with friends and family. Encourage them to subscribe. Only shared knowledge can preserve our heritage!

NSHA Payment Options

1. **PayPal Giving Fund:** search for nsha@nsheritageassn.com, select “**Donation**” and type the purpose for the payment on the memo line.
2. **Venmo:** Open the Venmo app and search for North Smithfield Heritage Assn@NorthSmithfieldHeritageAssn. Tap on Pay, enter the dollar amount to be paid, and fill in the field what’s it for (ie., dues, merchandise, donation etc). Tap on Pay and select your payment method you have established in the Venmo app.
3. Give **cash or check**. Make checks payable to “NSHA”. Note “**Dues, Annual Appeal or Merchandise**” on the memo line.
4. **Mail Checks** to NS Heritage Assn, P.O. Box 413, Slatersville, RI 02876.
5. We will also pick up payments and deliver purchases at your door if you live locally. Contact nsha@nsheritageassn.com or call [401-651-6316](tel:401-651-6316).



Outreach

Members who would like to create a post or event on the NSHA Facebook Page, should send a photo and text to the NSHA email account.

Facebook Page Followers: 1,174

Website: 273 interactions in last 30 days

NSHA Newsletter Subscribers: 1,235

Instagram Followers: 143

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