



# NORTH SMITHFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### *NSHA Celebrates The Holidays!*



**Rich and Charlie were festively dressed!**



The NSHA recently held its Annual Meeting, Holiday Party, and Potluck dinner. In keeping with its tradition, members enjoyed a sumptuous dinner before electing 2024 Officers and Board of Directors. Following the election, members participated in a Yankee Gift Swap. More photos next page.....



Members enjoyed a delicious potluck buffet.



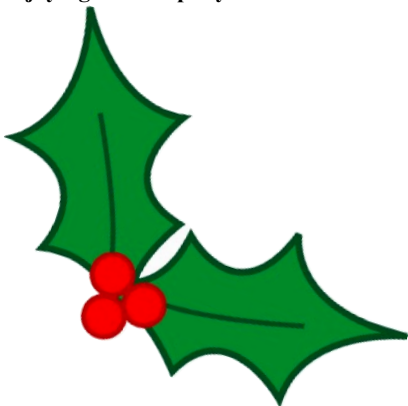
It was great to catch up with everyone.



Enjoying the company of friends.



Mrs. Claus, a.k.a Louise, helped with the Yankee Swap





# Calendar *for* Sale

*North Smithfield Heritage Calendar*  
2024

\$10



2024 North Smithfield Calendars are available for \$10 at the following locations:

- Wright's Dairy Farm
- Leeway Ace Hardware
- Village Paint and Decorating,
- Memorial Town Building
- NS Heritage Assn Online Store

Sales promote local historic preservation efforts.



***The new 2024 NSHA calendars are still available!!***

These high-quality calendars feature beautiful images of local historic buildings and landmarks. They make a great gift! We will mail them for an additional \$5 shipping fee or deliver them locally for free.



## *Administration*

The Annual Meeting, Holiday Party and Potluck Dinner took place on December 8, 2023. After a fabulous traditional potluck dinner, members elected the following 2024 officers:

• President-	Richard Keene
• Vice President-	Peter Hainley
• Treasurer-	Doug Osier
• Assistant Treasurer-	Debbie Keene
• Recording Secretary-	Rachel Pecoraro
• Corresponding Secretary-	Jody Lamoureux
• Assistant Corresponding Secretary-	<i>Vacant</i>
• At-Large Director-	Ruth Pacheco
• At-Large Director-	Sam Turco
• At-Large Director-	Bob Mowry

The Board of Directors recently approved the following Committee Chairpersons:

• Archive Committee-	Sam Turco
• Art Committee-	<i>Vacant</i>
• Audit Committee-	Martha Shean
• Budget Committee-	Linda Rawlings
• Cemetery Committee-	Kim Walker
• Conservation Committee-	Bob Lowry
• Development Committee-	<i>Vacant</i>
• Genealogy Committee-	Lynne Pelletier
• Grant Committee-	Beth Faricy
• Housekeeping Committee-	Christine Dubois
• IT Committee-	Ron Lapierre
• Maintenance Committee-	Charles Dubois
• Merchandise Committee-	<i>Vacant</i>
• Newsletter Committee-	Lynne Pelletier
• Program Committee-	Freya Hainley
• Publicity Committee-	Julie Tilley
• Rental Committee-	Jeanne Marion
• Research Committee-	Larry Smith
• Restoration Committee-	Jeff Harris
• Sunshine Committee-	Louise Vanhouwe
• Governance Committee-	Fred Grant, Beth Faricy, Bill Nangle, Doug Osier, Vice President

*Several vacancies exist.*

*We encourage anyone who would like to fill a vacancy to contact us.*



## Annual Appeal



# 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](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com)  
 or visit  
<https://www.nsheritageassn.org/>



**Last chance to make a 2023 donation!** We appeal to the community to help fund our preservation efforts with a tax-deductible donation. Renovation of the historic Forestdale School is almost complete and we now plan to renovate the main hall at the Memorial Town Building. Please help us to complete these projects at two iconic historic buildings.

You may make a tax-deductible donation 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 Town Building, 1 Main St. during our weekday morning business hours:

Tuesdays from 9:00 am- 12:00 pm or Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 am- 12:00 pm.

We will also pick up donations at your door! **Any amount helps enormously!**



## Archives

We found this plaque in our archives. It was used to dedicate the Park Square Liquors building in 1977 but later owners removed it and it came into our possession. The new owners of Park Square Pharmacy want to put the plaque on display at their new business at 65 Eddie Dowling Highway, the location of the original pharmacy opened by the Dalti brothers. They would also like to display photos and newspaper articles about the original pharmacy.

The NSHA would also like to add scanned images to its archives. Please contact us if you have any you'd be willing to loan.



Left to right- NSHA Curator, Sam Turco, Owner, Dr. Hassan Iqbal, and NSHA Chief Archivist, Al Menard.





## Thank You

The NSHA archives and the research center is open at the Memorial Town Building every Monday and Wednesday from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm or Tuesdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Stop by and visit or contact us to make an appointment to visit on another day.



We thank Jeff Porter for donating “First Day Covers” commemorating the 125th anniversary of North Smithfield becoming a town. Left to right- Archivist Al Menard and Jeff Porter.



Left to right- Archivist Al Menard, NS Town Clerk, Joanne Buttie, and her sister, Linda. We thank Joanne for donating a small historic pen knife.

***Your family photos and old letters contain our local heritage!*** Please allow us to scan them to maintain a digital copy in our archives. **Important!** Please write the names on the back of your photos of all the people photographed and the location if possible. Use a pencil as ink may damage the photos. Too many wonderful photos get thrown away because younger generations don't know who is in them. Images of ancestors are then lost forever.

Please contact us at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) or call [401-376-2927](tel:401-376-2927)



## *Thank You*



We thank Heath Leilani for donating a raffle ticket tumbler that was built for the local VFW. The post was named in part after his great-uncle, H. Leclair, a U.S. Marine who was killed in the Pacific during WWII.

## **Slatersville Dorr Rebellion Flag**

Conservation work on the Slatersville Dorr Rebellion Flag is ongoing. Maria Vazquez, Royal Conservation textile conservator, continues to replace missing fragments from the unique 1842 artifact. A grant from the June Rockwell Levy Foundation is funding the conservation work.







## *From the Archives*

### **Eleanor Howard and North Smithfield's Kindergarten**

**By Al Menard**



Our “Little Red Schoolhouse,” the former Forestdale School, was also called the Eleanor Howard Kindergarten. Who was Eleanor Howard?



**This photo of Eleanor at age seventy-seven on the occasion of her golden wedding anniversary was provided by Eleanor Howard Dean Pearse, her granddaughter, when the school was dedicated in 1936.**

children, all girls. Life was difficult for the Palmers, especially in 1845, when Scarlet Fever took three of their children in one month.

Eleanor Howard was born in Lancashire, England on June 20, 1807. When she was a child of two, she came to a place called Buffum’s Mills, a small settlement on the Branch River in northern Rhode Island which later became Slatersville. She traveled with her father, mother, and older brother William. Her father, also called William, had come to work for the Slater brothers in their newly opened mill. The settlement was organized by the Palmers into the first planned mill village. It was called Slatersville.

The Howard family grew. Eleanor’s brother, Thomas, was born in 1812 and then George in 1814. Sadly, Thomas fell from a tree and died at the age of seven.

In 1823 Eleanor’s mother died. Her father remarried two years later. Three more boys were born. Eleanor’s father would eventually retire from the mill and live to the age of eighty-one. He is buried in Slatersville Cemetery.

When she was twenty-seven, Eleanor married Samuel Palmer, a businessman from Connecticut. A story is told that Samuel really wanted to fight in the Civil War. But at age fifty, he was too old to be drafted, so Samuel volunteered and served honorably for two years.

Eleanor and her husband moved to Worcester, MA, and there they had eight



**Eleanor and Samuel Palmer and family, 1855. Left to right, behind their parents: Minnie (Mrs. Charles Dean); Jennie, the youngest; Ellen, Rosinda, the oldest, and Louise.**



## *From the Archives*

The family moved to New Hampshire, then back to Worcester, MA. Finally, they settled in Woodstock, CT at the Palmer Homestead where the couple celebrated their golden anniversary in 1884. Samuel died in 1887 and two years later, on Christmas Eve, Eleanor passed away. She was eighty-two years old. She is buried in Woodstock Cemetery in Connecticut in the Palmer family plot.

In 1925, one of Eleanor's daughters, Minnie Palmer Dean, remembered her mother in her will. She left an endowment of \$10,000 to the town of North Smithfield. The bequest was for a "kindergarten and playground." The idea of kindergartens was a relatively new concept. This money would pay for the first kindergarten in North Smithfield.

Realizing the need of a new schoolhouse, the Kendall Company had donated land on Green Street. The Dean endowment made it possible for the new kindergarten to be housed in the new school. Hence it was called the Kendall-Dean School. The process took a bit of time. The endowment was offered in 1927 and the school was finally dedicated in 1936.

The Eleanor Howard Kindergarten was housed in Kendall-Dean for twenty-two years. In 1958 the kindergarten was moved to the former Forestdale one-room schoolhouse where it thrived for fifteen years under the direction of teacher, Miss Rosalie Sharkey.

In retrospect we recognize two women for their part in bringing kindergarten to North Smithfield. Eleanor Howard, early settler, who came to Buffum Mills with her family. And Minnie Palmer Dean, her daughter, who remembered her mother in such a wonderful way.



***The Woonsocket Call* issued this photo of the well-loved, Miss Rosalie Sharkey, the only teacher for the Eleanor Howard Kindergarten during its 15 years in the "little red schoolhouse."**

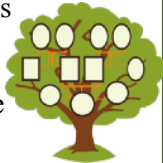


### **Monthly Board Meeting**

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Heritage Hall, 101 Green Street. Members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Zoom information is included in the email notification.

### **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](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) to coordinate an appointment.



### **Ghosts and Paranormal Activity**



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](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com).

### **Education**



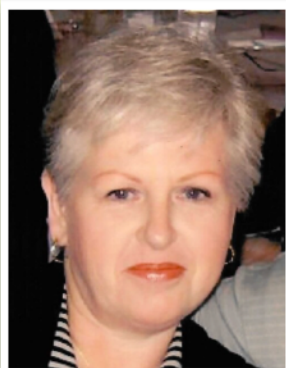
Two NS High School Seniors continue their work with NSHA mentors to complete their senior projects. Ava has conducted several oral interviews with residents. Please contact us if you'd like to share your experiences and memories of living in town. Nick has now completed his photo surveys of several NS waterways.

### **Finance**

Our accountant has completed the IRS Form 990. Once reviewed by the board, we will file it with the IRS.

Beth Faricy and her team are working diligently on The 1772 Foundation and The Champlain Foundation 2024 grants. Any funds we receive will go towards replacing windows at the Memorial Town Building.

### **In Memoriam**



Sadly, we report the passing of a longtime member, Sheila Cardin. We extend our thoughts and prayers to Sheila and her family.

<https://www.holtfuneralhome.com/obituary/Sheila-Cardin>



## *Fifty Years Ago*

***Here's the latest section in our continuing article "A Road By Any Other Name" by George A. Harvey comes from the February 1974 Heritage Association newsletter. We began publishing segments of this article back in May and if you missed any parts you may catch up by visiting the newsletter section of our website.***

### ***Park Square to South Main Street at Union Village:***

So far as we can learn, this section of road and all the rest of the route beyond was known most often as the Providence-Worcester Road or something similar. The proper name, Great Road, does not appear in deeds, maps or town records prior to 1900.

This particular segment has not always been a part of North Smithfield. When the division of old Smithfield was accomplished in 1871, the dividing line between Woonsocket and North Smithfield, from Park Square to South Main Street, was set along the south side of the highway. The roadbed was therefore located in the city. Being a proper city, Woonsocket had to give the segment a proper name. So it was that in 1890 this segment became Smithfield Road- perhaps in honor of the old town. This name was first given to the portion between Park Square and Providence Street, if city directory maps are accurate, and then extend to South Main Street.

Woonsocket is also responsible for naming the only "squares" in the town of North Smithfield. Little towns, hereabouts, don't have squares; they have corners: Carpenter's Corner, Mansfield's Corner, Sheldon's Corner. Cities have squares. After Woonsocket extended Sullivan Street beyond Logee, and some large impressive homes were erected, it decided to add prestige and changed Sullivan to Park Avenue. Thereafter the end of Park Avenue became known as Park Square, adding a new name to the Great Road system.

Providence Street, Woonsocket, ends at the city line where our Greenville Road- Farnum Pike begins. Since this intersection was also within city limits, it somehow became known as Union Square. Yet even though city directory maps bear this designation, city hall and its map makers have neither any record or knowledge of this name. For a century or more before, this area was known as Daily Hole, witnessed by ancient maps and records. Late in the nineteenth century the local people introduced yet another new name. The intersection was neither so grand as a Square nor mean as a Hole. It was simply Hosea Wales Corner. And probably so, for the residence of Hosea Wales stood where the Gulf Station now does business. (Note: 2023- it is now a CT Gas Station.

We're not done yet. Woonsocket, at some point, decided to give that intersection an official name, presumably to bestow honor on a citizen, possibly a veteran. So let it be known that the crossroads is Riendeau Square, the only name that can be "proved." Just ask city hall.

Just before this portion of highway within the Woonsocket city limits was reconstructed and widened in the late 1920's, an interesting action was introduced into the State Senate and eventually gained the governor's signature. On April 23, 1925, the boundary line between the two towns was readjusted along this line only. The boundary moved north forty feet from the south side of the road, with the result that the only portion of Great Road in Woonsocket was now in North Smithfield. We have not discovered the reason for this action, assuming for the moment that it must be related to road reconstruction and the availability of state funds. Because once it was part of Woonsocket, however, Smithfield Road from South Main Street to Park Square is the only segment of the great road in North Smithfield that has actually been named by a municipal government.

***Next month: South Main Street at Union Village to Green Street at the Brick Tavern***



## *Research Team*



**Native Americans claim that this peculiar stone feature is an indigenous prayer seat, however it looks like it would topple over if someone sat on it. Still, it could have a ceremonial purpose. The opening is oriented toward the northwest. It is located on Douglas Pike on the north slope of Nipsachuck Hill.**



**Native Americans claim this is a “chipping rock” that provided a source of stone arrowheads and tools for their ancestors.**

From a recent investigation of an area off of Douglas Pike.....



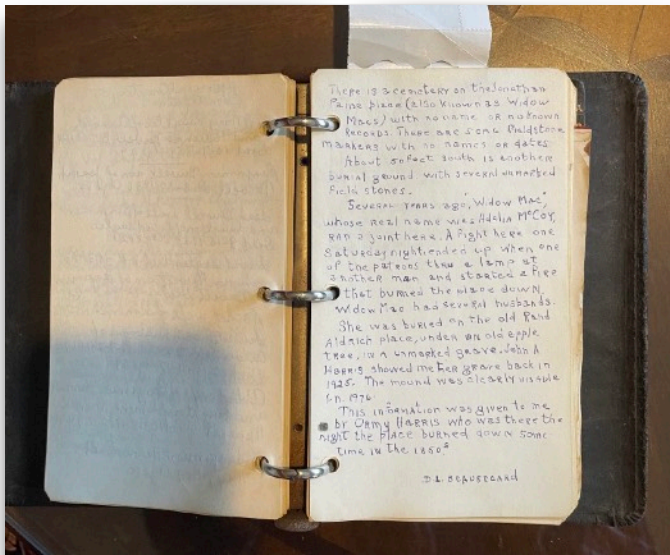
**This shallow circular trench is located at the crown of a small hill. There’s no water anywhere on the hill but there is a brook at the base of the hill. It may be the site of a native lodge, like a wigwam or wetu. It would be a promising site for an archeological study.**

The Research Team continues to locate and document local colonial and indigenous stone features.

The team meets at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hall on the second Friday of the month. Contact NSHA if you’d like to help!



## NS Historic Cemeteries



We thank Irene Nebiker and Eileen Hebert for donating a notebook that was passed on to Ed Hebert by Donald "Spike" Beauregard. Spike may have received the notebook from his neighbor and cousin, Paul Smith. It contains the surveys of many northern RI historical cemeteries and some family genealogies.



We also thank Ed Walker for painting one side of the new cemetery shed.



We thank the NS DPW for helping us to clear away the leaves from the Hotchkiss Cemetery. Gravestone conservation teams led by Ed and Kim Walker have repaired 95% of the broken and fallen gravestones. Paul Collamati does an awesome job each week to keep the grass trimmed but the fallen leaves are overwhelming. Thanks to a team effort, this town-owned cemetery looks amazing!



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



## Historic Cemetery of the Month

The Herendeen Lot  
by Lynne Pelletier

The Herendeen lot, or NS 034, is the final resting place for two individuals who died 232 years ago, not long after the American Revolutionary War. This tiny family plot is located on Pheasant Run Road at pole number 2 and it is behind a home. There is no enclosure around the graves, but there is a RI Historic Cemetery Sign marking their location.

Unfortunately, time has taken a toll on these ancient graves. Both gravestones are still legible but are in tough shape and will need repair if they are to remain so. The first gravestone belongs to a prosperous farmer and land owner named Hezekiah Herendeen. Hezekiah was born in Providence in about 1722 to parents, Hezekiah Herendeen and his wife, Molly (or Mercy) Walling. Hezekiah may actually have been born locally. What is now Smithfield and North Smithfield was part of the town of Providence until 1732. He owned property here and a mill site in Gloucester according to his will, which he wrote on March 15, 1790. Hezekiah married his wife, Freelove Harrington (or Herendeen) on August 14, 1750 in Gloucester. Hezekiah died on May 23, 1790. He was about 76 years old.

Hezekiah's headstone is difficult to read because it has been pushed forward horizontally by a tree. While the tree has been cut, the stump and roots remain holding the stone at a precarious angle. It is impossible to see the inscription on the stone without using a camera to get underneath it. One benefit of the stone's position has been that the inscription has been protected from the elements, however the weight of the stone and the pull of gravity could cause it to break so it must be uprighted.



Footstone embedded in the tree



Left: Hezekiah's grave. Right: Freelove's grave.

The footstone belonging to Hezekiah's grave has become embedded in a large tree about 7 feet behind his headstone. Footstones are usually smaller versions in the same shape of the headstone and are set at the bottom of a person's grave opposite the headstone, with the body of the individual lying between the headstone and footstone like a bed. In most cases, the individual's initials are carved on the footstone. It will take some careful excavation to free Hezekiah's footstone and see if his initials are on the other side.



Freelove Harrington (or Herendeen) was born on May 23, 1732 to parents Elisha Harrington and Susannah Rutenberg. It is interesting to note that Freelove's maiden name may have been the same as her married name. Herendeen, Herendon, Harandine, Harrington, and Hareden are actually all spelling variations of the same name. Freelove and Hezekiah may have been related to one another and it was actually quite common for cousins to marry back in the day. Freelove died on June 16, 1791 at age 61. Freelove's headstone is in very poor condition. It has been broken into numerous pieces which have been stacked against one another. Some of the pieces were not visible and may have been buried over time. Her stone will take some time and puzzle-making skills to put it back together. There does not appear to be a footstone for Freelove's grave. It may be buried, missing or she may have not had one as not all graves did.

Freelove is referred to as "my beloved wife" in Hezekiah's will and he appointed her his executrix in his will. It was her role to make sure that the will was followed and that Hezekiah's wishes were fulfilled. Also, according to Hezekiah's will, the couple had 8 children; 2 sons and 6 daughters. Each child was named and bequeathed with something from their father. The sons received property, clothing, and farm equipment, while the daughters received household items.

Both Freelove and Hezekiah's headstones are topped with a carving known as a "death head or death's head." Symbols on gravestones were meant to remind the viewer of their own mortality or the passage of time. In this case, the cherub face with wings spread symbolized the soul rising to heaven and was indicative of the Herendeen's religious beliefs.



**Hezekiah Herendeen's headstone with "death head"**



**Members of the NSHA Cemetery Team recently attended a webinar about cemetery preservation presented by Historic New England. Members met at Heritage Hall and some even brought snacks from home to share!**



**NSHA Member, Kim walker is an avid metal detectorist. She recently found an old speaker cover in the woods near a house behind the Rustic Drive-In!**





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***Rent the newly renovated upper and lower halls!***

Visit the NSHA website for an application and rules: <https://www.nsheritageassn.org/general-3>

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



## *Preservation and Restoration*

### *Forestdale School (190 School Street)*



On November 18, 2023, NSHA held an Open House and Holiday Shoppe at the newly renovated Forestdale School. Visitors toured the school, shopped for holiday gifts and enjoyed the decorations and holiday music. Thank you to all who came out to visit with us!

Thank you all to our faithful volunteers who make events like this possible!

We are looking for members to help regularly open the building to the public. Please contact us if you can spare a couple of hours. Meanwhile, we will continue to open the building by appointment.



Louise wore a dress made by her grandmother, Filomena Laporte.



Lifetime members, Carol Drainville and Muriel Halloran, shop for gifts in the gift shoppe.



NSHS 1971 classmates, Martha, Carolyn and Jeanne



## *Maintenance*

### ***Memorial Town Building (1 Main Street)***



The Interlocal Municipal Trust paid a contractor to replace the office door and jamb. Renewal by Anderson replaced one of the remaining windows in the rear of the building. They will return shortly to replace the last one.



### ***Heritage Hall (101 Green Street)***

Just in time for the cold winter months, we have a new boiler at Heritage Hall. A local contractor gave us a significant discount to replace the failing system.



## **Veterans Memorial Program**



The NSHA, in cooperation with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will fly the U.S. Flag at the Memorial Building for a period of thirty days each month in honor of deceased local veterans. We will conduct a brief flag-raising ceremony in honor of the veteran as well as publish a brief biography of the honoree's military service in the NSHA newsletter. Families can use the honored veteran's Memorial Flag or a NSHA Flag. Please contact NSHA at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) or call [401-376-2927](tel:401-376-2927) to nominate a veteran.

In February, we plan to honor William Schnorr, a former resident who served during WWII.



## Conservation

### Grange Road Historical District



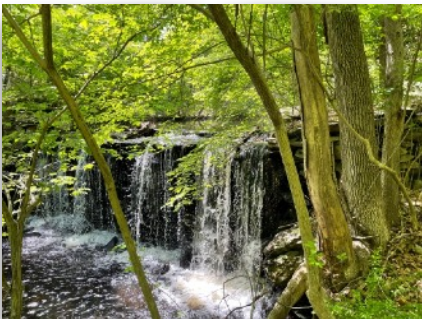
Runyon Heritage Associates completed its survey of properties on Grange Road that will facilitate an application to register the district on the National Park Service Register of Historic Places. The survey is a preliminary step towards a formal application. If approved, the designation would make listed historic properties eligible for the local Historic Buildings Tax Credit Program.

### **Heritage Walks 2024 Schedule:** Full schedule coming soon!

Heritage walks are held on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The locations are included in the walk descriptions. All walks meet at 9:30 am.

The next heritage walk will be on Saturday, January 20, 2024 and we will visit:

**Woonsocket Reservoir #3:** NS38 Oliver Smith Lot, Amasa Sweet Quarry, Great Wall, William Mowry Homestead, Obed Paine Homestead. Meet at NS High School Tennis Courts on Grange Road.



### **December Heritage Walk**

We recently conducted a driving and walking tour of Cherry Brook, our town's longest waterway. The group started at the source of the brook on Cranberry Lane and followed it to where it flows into Smith pond. Visitors then saw Todd's Farm and the Cedar Brook Cart Path before following the brook through North Smithfield, and then Fairmount in Woonsocket, where it empties into the Blackstone River.

### **Mammoth Mill Clean-Up**

On Monday, January 15, 2024, the NSHA will once again be holding winter clean-ups at the Mammoth Mill Park Site on Mill St. Volunteers are asked to meet on Mill Street at 9:00 am. Last year's clean-up brought out a crowd and was a great success! Please consider helping to preserve this historic park.





### NSHA Activities



## Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor

### *Champions of the Blackstone Awards Reception*

NSHA and Slatersville was recently well-represented at the Champions of the Blackstone Awards Reception which took place on December 4, 2023 in Whitinsville, MA.

Christian de Rezendes was honored with the John H. Chafee Heritage Award for his documentary, *Slatersville: America's First Mill Village*.

Several NSHA volunteers were also recognized for volunteering 250 or more hours of service.

They include: Rich Keene, Stephanie Maoz, Albert Menard, Kim Walker and Lynne Pelletier.



Christian de Rezendes, recipient of the John H. Chafee Heritage Award.



Volunteers-In-Parks award winners. NSHA represented by Stephanie Maos and Kim Walker.





### *November Mystery Photo*

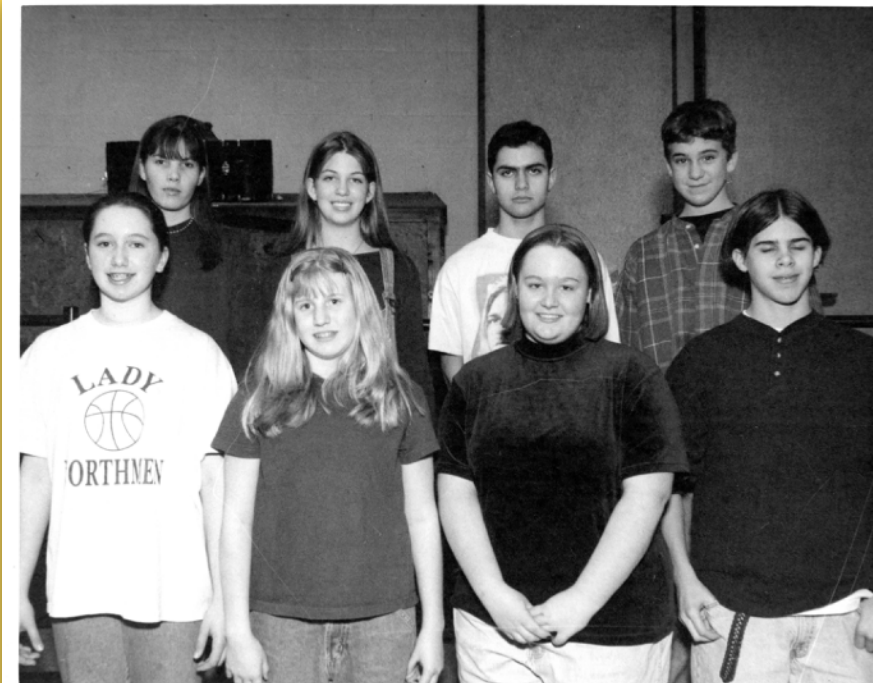


Our mystery photo has been identified! NSHA member, Jeanne Marion was recently given some Halliwell School yearbooks and while thumbing through them she found our mystery photo.

The photo was originally taken for *The Woonsocket Call*. It was found in the 1960 Halliwell School yearbook, class of 1960. It may have been from a Harvest Dance. The individuals pictured include:

Left to Right: Kevin Smith, Rebecca Jones, Joseph “Jay” Freitas, Richard Hathaway, and Mary Beth Dereniuk.

### *December Mystery Photo*



This group photo was included with a donation from North Smithfield High School. Unfortunately, there are no names written on the back. Does anyone recognize these students or know what group they might have belonged to? Please contact us with any information.

The NSHA often receives photos without any type of identification which is why we post them here. Please help us to identify them for our archives!



### ***NSHA Merchandise***

Finish your holiday shopping with some local merchandise!

Our wide range of merchandise includes calendars, books, cozy throws, jigsaw puzzles, ornaments and so much more! Free local delivery!

***We have just one Forestdale School ornament left and the horse-drawn school bus has sold out!***



View our entire inventory at the **NSHA On-line shop** at <https://www.nsheritageassn.org/shop>

### ***NSHA Payment Options***

1. **PayPal Giving Fund:** search for [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto: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](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) or call [401-376-2927](tel:401-376-2927).



### ***The North Smithfield Heritage Association Fund***

Estate planning? Need to make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA? Make a tax-deductible legacy donation to this RI Foundation managed fund. Your donation earns interest every year. The NSHA only uses a portion of the earned interest each year for preservation activities. Your donation therefore, continues to grow in perpetuity, increasing the interest that the NSHA can use each each year for historic preservation.

Click on the link for more information:

<https://rifoundation.org/giving/funds?q=north+smithfield+heritage+&s=3>



## Outreach

### ***Annual Dues are now due for 2024!!***

~ The NSHA relies heavily on membership dues to pay operating expenses. We thank our members for their steadfast support.

~Your \$20 annual dues allow us to conduct vital preservation activities. Seniors over 75, high school students and full-time college students pay no dues.

~We thank the 81 members who joined or renewed this year! ~Annual Dues are due on January 1, 2024. Those who recently renewed are good for the calendar year 2024.

~Members in arrears or with expired memberships can renew at any time. If you are not sure of your status, please contact us.

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

<https://www.nsheritageassn.org/membership> or you may pay by mail, via the PAYPAL Giving Fund, or M, T, W mornings at the Memorial Town Building.

~We welcome new members: Anne Bolduc and Jerilyn Caya

**Website visitors: 252 site sessions in last 30 days**

**NSHA newsletter subscribers:1,424**

Visit our website! Read past newsletters, learn about our organization as well as our many ongoing historic preservation activities. <https://www.nsheritageassn.org/>

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***Please follow us!***

**Instagram followers:280**

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[www.facebook.com/](http://www.facebook.com/)

**Facebook followers:1295**



### ***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:** Only shared history can preserve our heritage!

***Most importantly, share this newsletter with family and friends!***