



NORTH SMITHFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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NSHA Celebrates Heritage Day



Visitors enjoyed a Slatersville tour and presentation by the National Park Service.

After postponing Heritage Day events due to rainy weather conditions on Saturday, NSHA members and guests enjoyed a beautiful, but very hot day on Sunday, July 7th.

Heritage Day included a car and truck cruise, arts and craft vendors, a display of North Smithfield artifacts and antiquities, a Slatersville walking tour, and a tour of the Slatersville cemetery complete with re-enactors. Visitors also learned about cemetery restoration, the efforts of the NSHA Research Team and enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers and cold drinks too!

More photos on page 2.....



Car cruise



NS artifacts display



Gail Beringoff as Sophia Polk



NSHA volunteer-staffed hot dogs and hamburgers tent.

Slatersville cemetery tour re-enactors.



Ed Walker as Deacon Ansel Holman



Kathy Wilkins as Penelope



Lucille Denomme as Anna Andrews



Annual Appeal 2024



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

WAYS TO DONATE

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- 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/>

Make a 2024 donation: We appeal to the community to help fund our preservation efforts with a tax-deductible donation. We are now focused on the renovation of the main hall at the Memorial Town Building. When complete, it will serve as a museum and large group meeting room. Please help us restore one of Slatersville's most 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!**

Board Giving: The NSHA Board of Directors continues to set an example for the community by making meaningful donations in January to the NSHA. This year, their donations covered 16% of the organization's operating expenses.



Thank You



We thank Denis Chamberland for donating artifacts in memory of his mother, Constance. Antiques included a spinning wheel, school desks as well as assorted farm tools and household implements.



We thank RI D.E.M. and the RI Tree Council for giving us four more trees and we thank Ralph Amato for helping to plant them! We planted a new tree at the Memorial Town Building, Heritage Hall, and the Forestdale School as well as one at the Mammoth Mill Park.



We thank NS Library director, Sue Dubois for donating a KIC scanning machine that the library was replacing to the NSHA for our scanning needs. NSHA Archivist, Al Menard will be using it on a regular basis!



We thank Marc Rouselle for rescuing these plaques for us. The business that made them, National Marker, is moving to Florida and they were going to scrap them,



Thank You



We thank Senator Melissa Murray for securing a \$4,000 State of RI Legislative Grant to cover the final costs of phase 3 electrical work upgrades in the Forestdale Schoolhouse. We also thank Beth Faricy, NSHA Grant Coordinator, for her hard work to secure this and other grants.



We thank Glenn Dusablon Jr. for loaning his staging to us to facilitate renovations to the upstairs hall at the Memorial Town Building. Volunteers Ralph Amato, Jeff Keene, and Bob Mowry moved and assembled it.

We appreciate the opportunity to scan any photos or yearbooks from local schools that you may keep at home. Our oldest school newsletter dates back to the Kendall Dean School in 1946.

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 or call [401-376-2927](tel:401-376-2927)

The NSHA archives and the research center is open at the Memorial Town Building every Monday through 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.



From the Archives

Veronica Lincoln Hutton ***by Al Menard***



From Veronica Hutton's personal photo album, the Seth Allen Tavern as it looked in the early 1900's.

In an earlier edition of this newsletter, we traced the development of the Seth Allen Tavern, a structure constructed by Walter Allen in 1804. This Tavern has since become a recognized landmark in Union Village, North Smithfield.

In 1846, the Tavern was sold to Arnold Spear, and it subsequently came to be known as the Spear Tavern. Fast forward to 1902, the ownership of the tavern was transferred from the Spear family to William B. Lincoln. After relocating from Connecticut, William and his wife, Emma, transformed the tavern into a family home.

The Lincoln family, known for their lineage tracing back to Abraham Lincoln, Commodore Perry and Walter Browne, the inaugural mayor of New York City, was blessed with two children. Veronica, the firstborn, arrived in 1876, and a year later, Frederick was born. Frederick, professionally known as F. Foster Lincoln, emerged as a successful illustrator, renowned for his artistic contributions to short stories and national magazines. His life and achievements were highlighted in a previous edition of this newsletter.

Veronica was also talented, but in a different manner. From the tender age of two, she exhibited a natural affinity for music, playing melodies by ear on the harmonica. Her childhood was spent in New York City, where she attended a Brooklyn High School. She pursued her interest in music under the guidance of a European teacher. Later she continued her education at the Woonsocket Commercial School.



A photo from Veronica's personal photo album shows her at a well. Questions remain as to the function of that three-pronged wooden instrument.



The Woonsocket Commercial School-
This business school was located at various places in Woonsocket. This photo shows the school when it was located at 87 Main Street. At one time it was located on Federal Street and also on Ascension Street.



This is one of the few pictures that include (Henry)Thomas, Veronica's husband. Before marrying, while still in England, Mr. Hutton was a "fashionable hairdresser," a job which required a seven-year apprenticeship!

Veronica became an accomplished musician. She taught piano and served as an organist in Woonsocket churches and at the Slatersville Congregational Church for an impressive span of 52 years. She generously devoted her time to performing at church events and took on the role of Sunday School teacher.

When she was forty, Veronica eloped with Henry Thomas Hutton. They were wed in the parsonage of the Slatersville Congregational Church. Mr. Hutton, who had emigrated from England, served as caretaker of the Union Cemetery for 21 years until his death in 1957 at the age of eighty-two. The couple did not have any children.

In 1965, the Woonsocket Call featured Veronica in an article entitled, "Mrs. Hutton Plays Piano On 90th Jubilee." As indicated, the blue-eyed nonagenarian played the piano for a few dinner guests. She also reminisced about her family and the history of her stately, elegant home purchased by her father over 60 years before. During the afternoon, the local radio station WWON played "My Fair Lady" in her honor. The day was remembered with many cards and flowers. She wore a corsage sent by her longtime companion Miss Ella Carpenter. Her cake featured nine candles, each one representing ten years.

Four years later, on August 19, 1970, Veronica passed away. Her funeral service was held in St. James Episcopal Church in Woonsocket with the Reverend George A. Harvey of North Smithfield officiating. She is buried in the family plot in Union Cemetery.

Having no immediate relatives, Mrs. Hutton left the Seth Allen Tavern to her longtime friend, Ella Carpenter.



Veronica is buried with her parents, William and Emma Lincoln and husband, Henry Thomas, in the family plot at Union Cemetery.



Veterans Memorial Program

On Saturday, July 6, 2024, VFW Post 6342 and the North Smithfield Heritage Association joined family and friends at the Memorial Town Building to honor David Schnorr.



David Schnorr

David Schnorr was born October 6, 1950, and raised in Slatersville, Rhode Island by his parents, Donald and Jeanette Schnorr. He graduated from North Smithfield High School in 1968. After high school, he worked for his father's company, Don Schnorr Excavating.

In 1969, David enlisted in the army and went to basic training in Fort Dix, New Jersey. From basic training, he was initially stationed in Fort Riley, Kansas, and then in Germany. In 1972 David was discharged from the army.

Subsequently, David became a North Smithfield police officer. In May 1973, he married Debbie Lightowler. They went on to have two children, Heidi and David Schnorr, who also were born and raised in North Smithfield. While bringing up his children, David coached his daughter's and son's soccer and hockey teams. David retired from the police department after 25 years of service to the town of North Smithfield. He then worked for Hood's Construction and later the resource recovery center in Johnston, where he retired. David has four grandchildren, Hannah, Ryan, Meghan, and Ryleigh who he loved dearly. He continued living in Slatersville right up until the time he caught COVID-19 in January 2021. David passed away on February 10, 2021.



**NSHA president, Rich Keene and Farrell McMillan,
Commander VFW Post 6342.**



Despite the rain, it was a beautiful ceremony.



Veterans Memorial Program

On Saturday, June 1, 2024, VFW Post 6342, Boy Scout Troop 1139 and the NSHA joined family and friends at the Memorial Town Building to honor Fred Carter. A short biography of Fred's life appeared in our May/June issue.



Fred Carter



Family and friends joined several town organizations at the Memorial Town Building recently to honor Fred "Freddie" Carter who died in Vietnam in 1967. We thank VFW Post 6342, Boy Scout Troop 1139 and NSHA volunteers for organizing the ceremony.

Veterans Memorial Program



The U.S. Flag will fly at the Memorial Town Building each month in honor of a deceased local veteran. We will conduct a 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 the VFW Flag. Please contact the NSHA to nominate a Veteran.

Congratulations!

The Chepachet Grange #38 recently held a Community Service Recognition Night. This night honors individuals in Glocester and surrounding towns for outstanding service. Ann Lilley was honored for her work on the town's community garden and her effort to "paint the town yellow" by making daffodil bulbs available to town residents at an affordable cost.

Freya Hainley, long-time member of the North Smithfield Heritage Association was also named Citizen of the Year.

Well done, ladies!



North Smithfield resident and Grange 2024 Agriculturist of the Year Ann Lilley, left, with Grange member, Irene Nebiker.



NS Historic Cemeteries



NSHA archivist, Al Menard and NSHA cemetery team member, Ed Walker recently took advantage of a rainy day to research old Smithfield land evidence records. Records prior to 1871 are at the Central Falls City Hall.



NSHA cemetery volunteer, Kim Walker, gives Foster Mowry's headstone a gentle cleaning at NS 22, the Richard Mowry Cemetery.



NSHA cemetery volunteer, Lori Couture got an early start at Hotchkiss Cemetery on Smithfield Road during the recent hot weather.



Hotchkiss Cemetery is looking better than ever thanks to all the perennials that have been donated. If anyone has any more they would like to share please contact us!

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



Historic Cemetery of the Month

NS 42, 43 and 44
by Lynne Pelletier

The cemetery of the month story actually consists of three small lots all located in close proximity of one another. All three were transcribed together and all are located in the woods close to the intersection of Iron Mine Hill Road and Greenville Road just northeast of North Smithfield High School.

The first of these small lots is **NS 42, The Martin Chatman Lot**. It is approximately 20' x 25' in size and it is enclosed with granite posts, although the gate is missing. This lot contains the graves of six members of the Chatman family.

Martin S. Chatman was born in about 1806 in Rhode Island. He married his wife, Elizabeth Thornton on February 17, 1826 in Cranston, RI and together they had at least 10 children, 3 of who died under the age of 10 and are buried alongside their parents. Martin died at age 74 on November 16, 1881 and Elizabeth died of paralysis on October 14, 1887 at age 81. The sixth grave belongs to their daughter-in-law, Celia Sayles Chatman, who was born June 6, 1842 to parents, Benjamin Sayles and his wife, Delia. Celia was married to Amos T Chatman and she died of consumption on June 8, 1877 at age 35.



Elizabeth Chatman

NS 43 is an unnamed lot that includes the fieldstone graves of approximately 8 individuals. It is difficult to determine the exact amount and there may actually be more individuals buried here. Fieldstones were commonly used for grave markers in rural communities where individuals may have been too poor to purchase a carved headstone. Also, at one point in time, members of the Quaker faith believed that carved headstones were too “worldly” and preferred simple fieldstones to mark their graves.



Morton Mowry

The final lot in this group is **NS 44, The Morton Mowry Lot**. This small lot, just 10' x 10', is not enclosed in any way, but is the final resting place to Morton Mowry and his wife, Rachel.

Morton Mowry was born in Rhode Island on November 12, 1789 to parents Jeremiah Mowry and his wife, Elizabeth. According to the book *“The Descendants of Nathaniel Mowry of Rhode Island,”* by William Augustus Mowry, he was called “Major Morton” a title he received for serving in the local militia. “Major Mowry was one of the leading men of his native town for many years. A man of unusually good ability, a strong mind, a resolute will, enjoying public life. He was for a long period a member of the town council and filled other offices with credit to himself and satisfactions to the town. He was a man of industry and enterprise.” Major Morton served as a member of the town council from 1819-1826. He served as the president of the Smithfield town council from 1826-1829 and then again from 1835-1840. He also served on the Smithfield school committee from 1829-1831. Morton died of consumption on February 25, 1854 at about age 65.

Rachel Mowry Mowry was the daughter of “Judge” Daniel Mowry and his wife Catherine Steere. She was born on November 22, 1790 in Rhode Island. Rachel and Morton were the parents of two sons, Daniel and Joseph. Rachel died at age 79 of pneumonia on May 3, 1870.



Monthly Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, August 13, 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.

The Board of Directors recently appointed Sam Turco as the Assistant Corresponding Secretary and Jon Peirce to fill the vacant at-large board position.

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

Have you heard about or seen a ghost in North Smithfield? If so, we would like to document it. Please contact us to set up a visit. Kara Pressia is willing to help us with spiritual research and anyone interested in joining the Paranormal



Finance

We thank The Champlin Foundation for its \$25,000 grant to restore the upstairs hall at the Memorial Town Building.

We thank the town for appropriating \$20,000 to make further renovations at the Memorial Town Building.

We thank the NS Ambulance and Rescue Association Fund for a \$2000 grant to install fire safety equipment at the MTB.

In Memoriam

Sadly we report the loss of our friend and supporter, Ken Bianchi. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ken and his family

<https://www.holtfuneralhome.com/obituary/Kenneth-Bianchi>





50 Years Ago

These two excerpts were taken from the April and July 1974 editions of the NSHA newsletters. I thought it was interesting to see what an event like this would have been like. Wish we had a copy of the itinerary and more photos!

Historical Bicycle Tour (April 1974)

A bicycle tour of the town, a “first” ever, we believe, will take place on Saturday, May 18, 1974. Anyone interested in participating in the bicycle excursion should be at the Slatersville Common in front of the Congregational Church at 10 o’clock in the morning. The distance to be covered is estimated to be 15-20 miles, with a rest stop for refreshments near the half-way mark. Cyclists will be given an itinerary of the route which will point out some of the many features of natural, cultural and historic interest to be seen: these include old houses, stone walls, old burying grounds and our historic villages- Slatersville, Union Village and Forestdale.

There are no time limits on the trip. In fact, the tour will be appreciated at a leisurely pace, with frequent stops to photograph or just enjoy. Bring cameras and wear comfortable clothes. If you like, you may bring your lunch and stop at one of the lovely spots along the way, or lunch can be purchased at Union Square, along the route or at nearby Park Square. Perhaps instead of stopping at Union Square, you would prefer Daily Hole, Riendeau Square or Hosee Wales corner? (Note: you may remember that these are different names for the same location as we learned in the “A Road By Any Other Name” article about Great road that we published in past newsletters!)

Bicyclists Tour The Town (July 1974)

On Saturday, May 18, 1974, a group of ten people met at the Slatersville Green and took part in a historical bicycle tour of part of North Smithfield. Riders travelled south along Black Plain Road and Providence Pike to the Smithfield town line, and then pedaled to the Bailey’s place where Abner and Vera provided very welcome refreshments. After a brief rest, the cyclists proceeded north along Grange Road and Greenville Road to Union Square, where they headed west through Union Village and Forestdale on their return to Slatersville, completing a round trip of about 12 miles in approximately 2 1/2 hours.

The weather was fine and the pace of travel was good, adding to the enjoyment of the ride. Perhaps the greatest pleasure of all was being able to SEE things close at hand that are usually not seen when traveling by automobile and by being able to exchange greetings with people along the way, an experience which has long since gone out of style in America.

A map the route, which was provided to the cyclists, provided a detailed and informative itinerary.



Cyclists on Grange Road
passing Abner Bailey’s house.



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



Preservation and Restoration



Forestdale School (190 School Street)

Despite numerous calls, we are still waiting to hear from RISE to schedule an energy audit at the school. While we wait, we've installed a new exterior faucet and fixed the door lock on the girl's side door.

Heritage Hall (101) Green Street

A new replacement dishwasher was recently installed in the kitchen at Heritage Hall, something vital to our renters!

We also made repairs to some exterior siding that had become loose.



Memorial Town Building (1 Main Street)

We've installed a new outside faucet at the Memorial Town building. We hope to start interior renovations to the main hall on the second floor later this month. (see photo on page 5)

We are still looking for volunteers to help open the Forestdale School to the public. Please contact us if you can spare a couple of hours a month. Meanwhile we will open the building by appointment.



Please contact Charlie at 401-741-8022 if you can help with some routine maintenance at our buildings.



Events & Activities

The NSHA recently held a Heritage Dinner at the Village Haven restaurant. Members enjoyed a delicious family-style chicken dinner and the comedy of Dave Kane. Members also had the opportunity to win wonderful raffle prizes donated by local businesses and enter a “split the pot” raffle.

We thank Elaine and Larry Smith for organizing this fun event!



Elaine made sure each table got dessert!



Louise, Mike and Al await their meal.



Delicious cookies for dessert.



Members look over the assortment of raffle prizes.



Events and Activities

Calling All Sponsors

North Smithfield Heritage Calendar



We are currently seeking sponsors
for our 2025 Calendar production!

With the help of sponsors,
calendar sales promote local
historic preservation efforts.

Inquire at
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Events and Activities

Research Team



This stone chamber is located in North Smithfield.

There are three extreme views as to the nature of Stone Chambers. One is the conventional view that they are just colonial-period root cellars. A second is the speculative view that they were built as an extension of the same Neolithic culture that built passage tombs and "beehives" in Ireland. A third is that the chambers are part of Native American spirituality, a New England version of the Kiva. There is enough variety among the chambers in New England to support any one or all of these views.

The Research Team continues to locate and document local colonial, indigenous and other historical stone features. The team generally meets at 6:00 pm at Heritage Hall on the second Friday of each month.

Please contact NSHA if you'd like to participate!

Heritage Tours



Unfortunately, monthly Heritage Tours have been cancelled for the rest of the year due to a lack of participation. We hope to conduct quarterly tours in the future.





Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park
& ValleyCAST Present:

WORLD WAR II COMES TO THE VALLEY

Saturday, August 17, 2024

Runs 1 PM - 5 PM

50 Douglas Rd., Whitinsville, MA

Event Schedule

Tables, Exhibits, and Activities (1-5 PM):

Dennis H. Rice Community Plaza

Springfield Armory National Historic Site

International War Museum

Baker Co. 121 & 3-5-0 Girls

Battleship Cove

Special Talks and Screenings

GB & Lexi Singh Performance Center

1:30 PM: Screening of "The War Years"

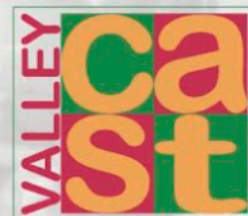
Christian De Rezendes, creator of *Slatersville*

2:30 PM: Lecture on War in the Valley

Blackstone River Valley National Historical Park

3:30 PM: Lecture on the Draper Corporation

Linda Hixon, Hopedale Women's History Project





Events and Activities

Foraging Hike

Saturday, July 20, 2024 at 9:30 am.
Details below.....



Embark on a fascinating journey through the hidden wonders of the forest in our mushroom foraging class where discovery awaits at every turn. Join us as we delve into the enchanting world of nature's bounty, learning to identify not just mushrooms but also a plethora of edible plants, berries, and medicinal treasures that flourish within the woodland embrace.

Under the dappled canopy, we'll unravel the secrets of the forest floor, uncovering an array of mushrooms with unique shapes, colors, and flavors waiting to be discovered. As we wander through the lush undergrowth, you'll learn to distinguish between the delect edibles and the mysterious fungi best left untouched.

But our exploration doesn't stop there – immerse yourself in the aromatic scents of wild herbs, the vibrant hues of ripe berries, and the healing properties of medicinal plants that have been used for centuries. Expand your knowledge of nature's pharmacy and forge a deeper connection with the earth as you discover the rich tapestry of flora that surrounds us.

Whether you're a seasoned forager or a curious novice, this class offers a blend of adventure, education, and appreciation for the natural world. Come with an open mind and a spirit of exploration as we venture into the heart of the forest to uncover its hidden treasures.

Meet at the Forestdale school, 180 School Street, Forestdale, RI.

Our foraging excursion will be 2-2.5 hours. Wear comfortable hiking shoes. Bring insect repellent.



Events and Activities



Friends and family pitched in to help Wayne and Diane Martin get the first cut of the season into the barn. They operate the last farm in town that still has free-ranging cattle.



Workers dismantled the Slatersville water tower. When the town connected the Slatersville water system to the Industrial Park Water system, this tower became obsolete. The current tower replaced a wooden water tower that survived into the early 1980's.



A family of geese enjoying Arnold's Pond on Milton Avenue.



July/ August Mystery Photo

This edition's mystery photo comes from Veronica Hutton's personal photo album from the early 1900's. (See the related ***From The Archives*** story on page 5.)

Does anyone recognize this church? We are wondering if it is local.

Unfortunately, Veronica did not include any identifying information. Can you help us?



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!

May/June Mystery Photo



Solved!

Quite a few readers identified the individuals in mystery photo from May/June.

From left to right: Mr Paul Joyce, Mr Lawrence Masse, Mr Phillip Lemieux, Mr. Owen Sherry and Mr Mike Hession from Mack Buick in Woonsocket. The car was a donation to the Driver's Ed program at the high school.

In the background of the photo is the old Martin's Garage.



NSHA Merchandise

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



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, 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 [401-376-2927](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

~ We welcome new members: Ron Cloutier, Winfield Harlow and Mark Laprade

~ Our membership now stands at 162 including 40 life members and 6 students. Some members live as far away as NH, CA, WA and AR.

~The NSHA relies heavily on membership dues to pay operating expenses. Your \$20 annual dues also allow us to conduct vital preservation activities. Annual dues were due on January 1, 2024. There are still 37 members in arrears and will lose their membership status. Members in arrears or with expired memberships can renew at any time.

If you are not sure of your status, please contact us.

~We always welcome new members! You can become a member by filling out an application found on our website: <https://www.nsheritageassn.org/membership> as well as paying the \$20 dues. Seniors over 75, high school students and full-time college students pay no dues.

~You may pay membership dues online via the PayPal Giving Fund, or Venmo, by mail to P.O. Box 413, Slatersville, RI 02876 or in person on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the Memorial Town Building. You can also drop off a check in our mailbox in the rear of the Memorial Town Building.

We thank our members for their vital support!

You Can Help!!

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

Join: Membership costs just \$20 each year!

Share: Only shared history can preserve our heritage!

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



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Facebook followers:1388

We thank Julie Tilley for making posts to all of our social media platforms,

We continue to see steady follower growth!

Website visitors: 319 site sessions in last 30 days.

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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