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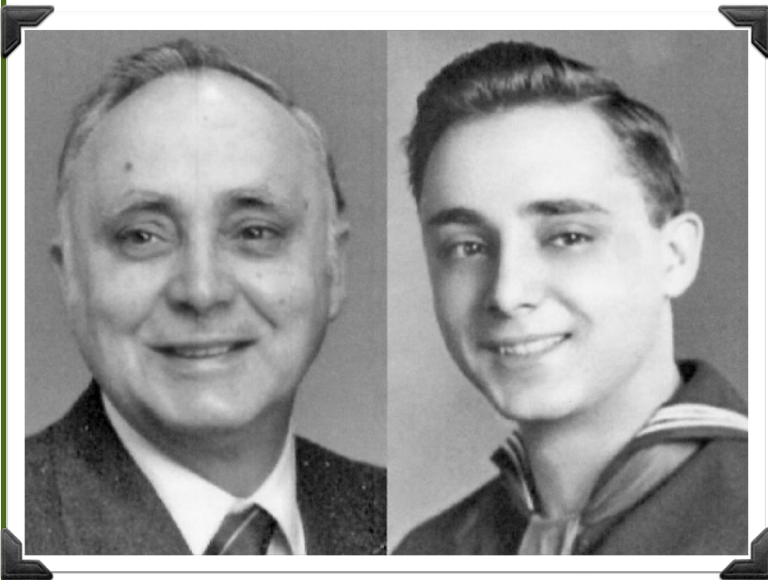
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A flag raising was held at the Memorial Town Building on Sunday, August 6, in honor of the late Carlo Mencucci, who received several commendations for his time in military service.

A short biography of Mr. Mencucci's life follows on the next page.....



Carlo Mencucci came to the United States from Italy in 1932 at the age of 8. He was drafted into the Navy at age 18, while still in high school and not yet a U.S. citizen.

Mencucci was part of the United States Naval Base Number 12 as a signalman. He participated in the Invasion of Normandy, landing on Utah Beach, having crossed the English Channel in a landing ship tank.

He received the WWII Victory Medal, the American Area Ribbon, the European-American-Middle Eastern Area Ribbon/1 Star and a commendation for meritorious services above normal duty while serving under NOIC-Utah Area in the Invasion of Normandy.

In 1950, Mencucci married Mary Urrico, and the couple moved to North Smithfield in 1957. The couple had 5 children; 4 daughters and 1 son. Those who knew him say he was known for stating that the three most important things in life was God, country and family. Mencucci died on December 19, 2014 at the age of 89.



Veterans Memorial Program

The NSHA offers to 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 the NSHA Flag. Please contact the NSHA to nominate a veteran.



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NSHA MEMBERS AND GUESTS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR:

BBQ



Party

HOTDOGS, HAMBURGERS, REFRESHMENTS
POTLUCK.. BRING A SIDE!

SATURDAY
SEPT 23
12PM

WOONSOCKET SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
144 LOG RD, HARRISVILLE, RI

*bring your lawn chairs,
canopies, and lawn games and
get ready for a cookout!*

RSVP TO
NSHA@NSHERITAGEASSN.COM BY 9/15

The rain date is Sunday, September 24th!



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 plan to complete the restoration of the historic Forestdale School this year. 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:

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

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.



L-R Assistant Principal Kim Rawson, student Sophie Grant and NSHA archivist, Al Menard.

Recently, the NSHA was the recipient of some North Smithfield High School memorabilia including the Class of 1969 tea service, photographs, newspaper articles, uniforms and much more. We thank the NSHS for entrusting us with this great material for our archives!

Also, Gail Denomme donated local political paraphernalia dating back to the 1980's.

Irene Nebiker donated a Thayer family album with photos dating back to 1928 depicting houses on Grange Road and other Primrose locations as well as deeds dating back to the 18th century.

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. **Important!** Please write the names on the back of your photos of all the people photographed. 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 [401-651-6316](tel:401-651-6316)



Time to Plant Your Daffodils

Join the The North Smithfield Heritage Association and your neighbors in planting our yards, street sides and public spaces with thousands of daffodils.

We have ordered TWO kinds of daffodils this year and both are superb naturalizers.

Dutch Master- yellow daffodil bulbs packaged in 50 count bags.

We're offering them to you at cost - \$20 per bag of 50.

Ice Follies- a white daffodil with yellow cup that fades to white packaged in 50 count bags.

We're offering them to you at cost - \$26 per bag of 50.

Beside this modest outlay, you will have to plant them in a site that offers full sun or partial shade. Most daffodils tolerate a range of soils but grow best in moderately fertile, well-drained soil that is moist during the growing season.

If you refrain from cutting the foliage until it naturally dies back, your daffodils will return year after year, offering an incredible return on your invested time and money.

If you'd like to donate a little extra, we'll use it to plant daffodils in public spaces.

Please contact me to order your daffodils or ask questions,
Ann Lilley, jslilley@yahoo.com or 401-556-0853.





From the Archives

Rev. Harvey M. Eastman – Minister and Much More By Al Menard



“It was said that Harvey was a tall, brooding fellow but behind the stern, brooding face, though, was droll and quick-witted spirit.”

Finally, the crazed man left the house, shooting towards the reverend and others who pleaded for him to put down his pistol. In response he fired his gun. So did the Reverend, whose aim was better. The valet lay dead.

Rev. Eastman was readily vindicated, and the death ruled “justifiable.” One can only imagine the emotions which must have overtaken the young minister. His strong faith surely helped carry him through the ordeal. And this inner strength would continue to serve the reverend throughout his remarkable life.

The Slatersville Congregational Church has brought several notable ministers to our town. One of the most remarkable was Reverend Harvey M. Eastman. Before coming to Slatersville, Rev. Eastman served in a small town in New Hampshire. The town was called Temple and it was there that a tragic experience occurred that would stay with Rev. Eastman for the rest of his life.

It was early March in 1909. A mile or so from the center of the town was the home of retired Brigadier General James Miller. His valet was drunk, and he “ran amuck” waving and shooting a gun at people. The general and his family fled the house and called for help. Eight men including Rev. Eastman responded with shotguns and revolvers. They surrounded the house hoping the valet would come out and surrender. He would not.



The story of the drunken valet ran in many newspapers throughout the country.



From the Archives



The Eastman family, c.1924. Standing: Walter, Rebecca, Robert, Harvey, William. Seated: Mary Rebecca, Agnes, Thomas, and the Reverend.

him to France as a Secretary. There, it is reported, he saw combat service in the French trenches with American troops while a chaplain for the YMCA. He is also said to have saved Franklin D. Roosevelt's Secretary of Interior, Harold L. Ickes when, under fire from German guns, he pulled a wrecked car from a ditch. One of the passengers was the Secretary of Interior.

Upon his return to America, Rev. Eastman found that his family was suffering. Firstly, most of the family were sick with influenza and secondly, the family finances were in shambles. Luckily, they all recovered from their illnesses. But to pay his bills, the reverend had to sell most of what he owned. Then, "two important things happened," according to his son, Harvey. The first was the creation of "Unkle Eph and Aunt Mary" and the second was that he was becoming well known as a public speaker.

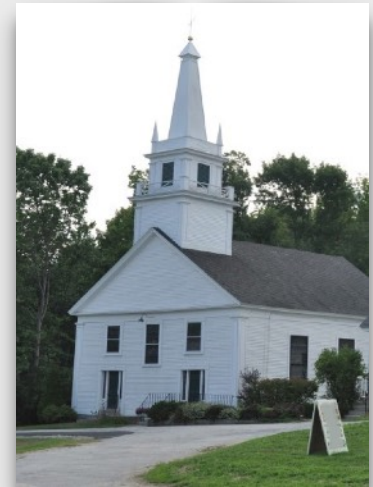
We will continue the extraordinary life of Rev. Eastman in our next newsletter.

Special thank you to Ted Horne, whose wife is a granddaughter of Rev. Eastman, for his help with pictures and information and to Gail Denomme for her research.

Harvey Morse Eastman was born on September 29, 1882, in Dennysville, Maine. His parents were Isaac S. and Carolyn J. Eastman. When he was 4 months old, the family moved to Minneapolis. There he attended the local schools. An eye injury sidelined his education and left him blind in one eye. It was not until he was 20 years old that he was able to complete his high school education. By this time, he had met Mary Rebecca Smith. In 1905 they were married in Chesterfield, MA. Their first child, Mary Rebecca called "Beck" was born in 1906. The Eastmans would have six other children.

After being ordained a minister in 1907, Harvey spent the next 10 years in Temple, before going to service the people of Colrain, MA where his family grew to five sons and two daughters.

During WWI, Harvey Morse was determined to help in the war effort. He had been refused admittance by every branch of service because of his blind eye. However, the YMCA, which supported soldiers in the field, agreed to send



In 1907 Rev. Eastman became minister for this Congregational Church in Temple, New Hampshire. He was there for 10 years.



Fifty Years Ago

The next section in the “A Road By Any Other Name” article originally published in the North Smithfield Heritage Newsletter, December 1973. Continued from last month’s reprint of “The Route of Great Road.”

This alternate road, like its “older” counterpart, was now commonly designated as the “old road” and the “new road”. Most of the “new road” is in North Smithfield and is known as Smithfield Road. It swings in an arc to the east before turning westward sharply to meet the old road in the West Acres area. The two routes are almost exactly the same length.

It is worth mentioning here that on the section of the great road called Old Louisquissett Pike near the Fogarty Hospital, there once stood a Six-Principle Baptist Church which had been established in the late 1600’s and was rather short-lived. When it was dismantled, according to one report, some of its timbers were used in the construction of another Six-Principle Baptist Church, the Elder Ballou Meeting House in Cumberland, near the Woonsocket line. This church, of which very little is known, may very well have been the first one north of Lime Rock.

The great road probably followed most of the present route of 146A from Park Square to Green Street in Slatersville with the exception of a relocation in Forestdale. Note, however, the ancient road was not so easily traveled. Years ago its hills were higher as you will discover as you see how much of today’s roadway is bordered by retaining walls where hills have been cut down. And low spots that are filled today were much lower (and wetter) then. That is not to say that the roadway of the 1700’s always followed the original contours- they were handier than we with pickax, shovel and teams of oxen- but rather that this work of construction and grading could not have been done quickly and would not always thought necessary until settlement and industry began to increase.

We can’t pause any length of time at Park Square. Park Avenue is a very new road and the area has no particular distinction until almost the turn of the century. The intersection with Providence Street and Farnum Pike (Greenville Road) , however is one of long standing. Today known as Union Square and formerly called Daily Hole, this turn to Providence Street was possibly one of the original access roads to the Falls, established by Richard Arnold, credited as the first white settler of Woonsocket. Here, we read, there were skirmishes between the whites and Indians during the King Philip War of 1675. Woonsocket historian, Dr. Alton Thomas, suggests that there was an earlier road than Providence Street in this same area but its route is very hard to discern.

Farnum Pike deserves more attention from researchers. Though obviously an ancient road as several 18th-century houses testify, we know all too little about its origin. Quite likely it was another unnamed route southward that opened up farm land in the decades following the original settlement of old Smithfield. Sometime later it was probably upgraded to become a turnpike. The alternate designation of Greenville Road has evidently not been too popular until more recent years.

Continuing from Union Square, the intersection of great road with South Main Street into Woonsocket is also of ancient establishment. The erection of the original Friends Meeting House in 1719 testifies to the importance of this crossroads. During the 1700’s this half-mile stretch of highway developed into a prosperous community known first as Woonsocket (though Woonsocket people like to dispute that claim today) and then as Union or Bank Village, following the establishment of the Smithfield Union Bank in 1805. The first Woonsocket post office was established here, and several private schools and inns added to the prestige of the community. The intersecting Pound Hill Road, earlier known as Chepachet Road was a post road from Connecticut to Boston and gave the area a measure of prosperity and notoriety until railroads and better routes diminished its importance.



Fifty Years Ago

Beyond Union Village, the great road must have provided tiresome traveling. Today the hills are steep, then they were higher still. The considerable knoll, now removed, used to cut across the highway in the area between St. Paul Street and the river.

Once across the river, the highway ascended a hill in order to avoid the often wet floodplain down below. This piece of road- still named Great Road, swings to the right at Felix the Trader's barn and rises rather steeply passing several large 19th-century farmhouses before ending precipitously above the North Smithfield Expressway.

A short distance beyond at the intersection of Green Street, the great road makes its last swing northward at the old brick tavern to the Massachusetts line at Mendon (today's Millville). From border to border, the road covers 6 miles.

In the next issue of the newsletter, we will learn how the various parts of the great road system got their names.



The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 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 Nominations Committee invites members to volunteer for positions on the Board of Directors starting in January 2024. The Corresponding Secretary and Assistant Corresponding Secretary positions will both be vacant at that time. Duties include sending digital welcome letters to new members and digital thank you letters to donors.

In Memoriam

Sadly, we report the passing of our member, Allan Gardner. He was a strong advocate for NSHA preservation efforts and videotaped numerous oral interviews. He was well-liked and respected by all who knew him. You may read Allan's obituary here: <https://www.providencejournal.com/obituaries/ppvp0562363>

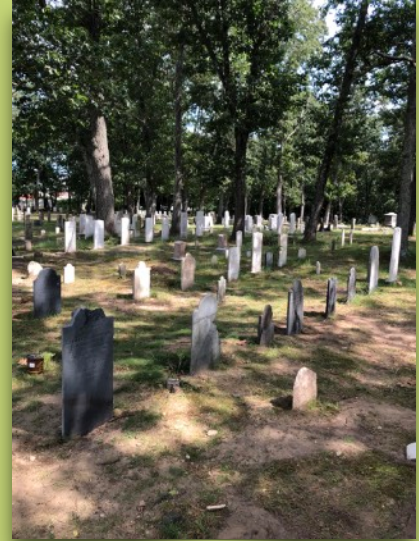




NS Historic Cemeteries

Help beautify the Hotchkiss Cemetery

If you are thinning out your perennials, please consider donating some to the Hotchkiss Cemetery next to 105 Smithfield Road. You may leave the perennials at the entrance to the cemetery or drop them off at the Memorial Town building.



Our cemetery teams are busy with their restoration work. Steve Biron helped to look for an old tomb while Ed Walker and Stephanie Moaz reset more gravestones in Hotchkiss Cemetery. Paul Collamatti continues to keep the grass trimmed.

Bob Hanson finished NS 16, the Nichols Lot, on Douglas Pike and began to clear NS 22, the Richard Mowry Lot on Greenville Road.

Denis Chamberland continues to maintain NS 24, the Gideon Sayles Lot on Iron Mine Hill Road and Anthony Chernasky maintains NS 5, the Israel Aldrich Lot on Industrial Highway.

Kim Walker, Barbara St. Germain, Audrey Godin, Julie Tilley and Lynne Pelletier continue restoration work at NS 09, the Capt. Luke Phillips Lot on Pound Hill Road. See more photos on the next page...

We'd like to thank Ann Lilley for her generous donation of daffodil bulbs that will be planted at multiple cemetery locations around town. Watch for a "Beautify Cemeteries Planting Weekend" when we will be looking for volunteers to help us plant the bulbs!



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

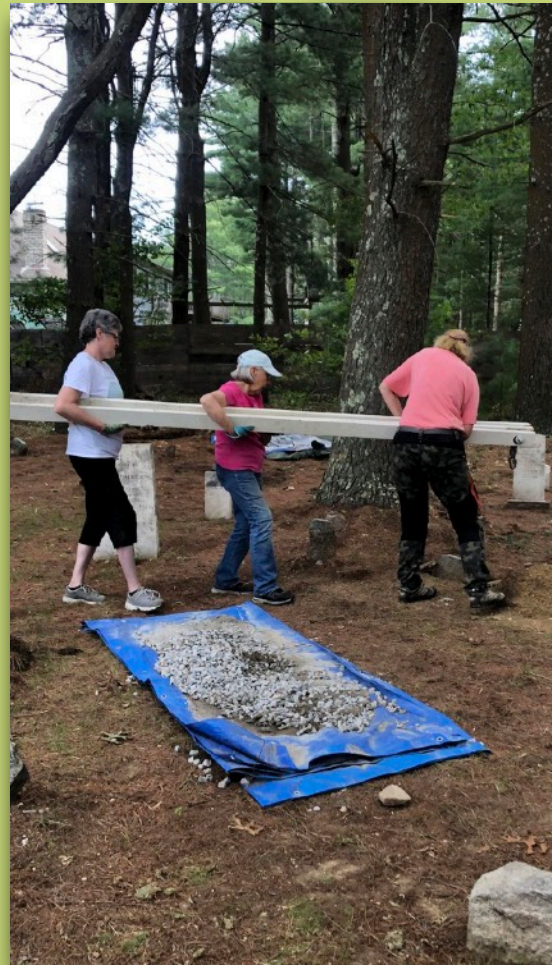


NS Historic Cemeteries

Recently, Ed Walker demonstrates the use of the tripod and hoist to lift large, heavy gravestones that have sunken into the ground at the Capt. Luke Phillips Lot on Pound Hill Road. Pictured below is the headstone for George W. Phillips, a Civil War veteran.



Ed Walker demonstrates how to position the headstone.



Kim, Barbara, and Lynne move the tripod to the next headstone that needs to be raised.

Are you interested in learning how to preserve historical cemeteries? Please contact NSHA if you'd like to help out!



Historic Cemetery of the Month

The Aldrich-Staples Lot
by Lynne Pelletier

The Aldrich-Staples Lot, or NS 54, was originally known as lost cemetery NS 515. It was described as being located somewhere on Providence Pike and being near an old house near a school. It was found in 2015 by David Laroche at the corner of Providence Pike and Bourget Court. The cemetery lies on a small rise between Bourget Court and a driveway. It is easy to drive by this cemetery without noticing it because it is a little difficult to see from Providence Pike although a historic cemetery sign has been erected there.



This very small cemetery is only about 20' x 20' and it is overgrown with brush and trees. Two beautiful carved slate headstones are currently visible but there may be more undiscovered burials here.

The oldest grave belongs to Nancy Aldrich who was born in about 1775 and died on September 5, 1827 at age 53. It has proven difficult to identify who this specific Nancy Aldrich was as there were many women with the same name who lived during the same time period. Was Aldrich her maiden name or her married name? Her gravestone gives no indication.

Her epitaph, still legible after almost 200 years, does not indicate whether she was a wife or mother. It is from a hymn called "Why Do We Mourn Departing Friends?" written by Isaac Watts in 1707.

"Why do we mourn departed friends
Or shake at death's alarms
'Tis but the voice that Jesus sends
To call them to His arms."

One interesting fact, Nancy's headstone was originally recorded as being in NS 05, the Israel Aldrich Lot, but in the 1970's the stone was recorded as lying down in this lot. Since research has shown that there were multiple women named Nancy Aldrich in the same time period that this Nancy Aldrich lived, NS 05 may contain the grave of one of those other women.

The next grave belongs to Mary Staples, the wife of Nathan Staples. Mary died on April 13, 1840 at age 67 years, 6 months and 13 days. Though her specific birthday is not listed on her headstone, it can be calculated to October 31, 1772. I was unable to determine Mary's parents or the date of her marriage to Nathan. Mary and Nathan did have at least 2 children, Thomas Newell Staples born in 1802 and Martha born in 1805. The epitaph on Mary's headstone is also very legible. It reads:

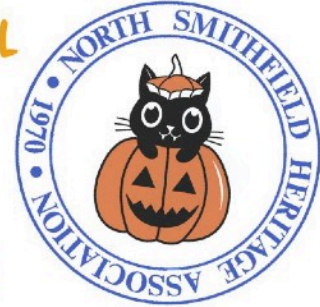
Farewell, dear mother, fare thee well,
A long adieu we bid to thee;
'Tis hard to look upon thy grave
And think that thou no more canst be.





VISIT THE NORTH SMITHFIELD
HERITAGE ASSN BOOTH

NORTH SMITHFIELD GREAT PUMPKIN FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 9/16, 11-5
NORTH SMITHFIELD
HIGHSCHOOL GROUNDS

Visit our booth at The Great Pumpkin Fest from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm on the North Smithfield High School grounds. See displays by our Archive, Cemetery and Research Teams. Buy our amazing local merchandise!

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 is trying to coordinate investigations on Green Street and Great Road.

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.



HERITAGE HALL

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CHAIR LIFT ACCESSIBLE



Heritage Hall Rentals (101) Green Street

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



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:



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.

Next year's schedule coming soon!

Grange Road Historical District

The town Council hired Runyon Heritage Associates to survey properties on Grange Road to facilitate an application to register the road on the National Register of Historic Places. The designation will make some historic properties eligible for the local Historic Buildings Tax Credit Program.





Maintenance

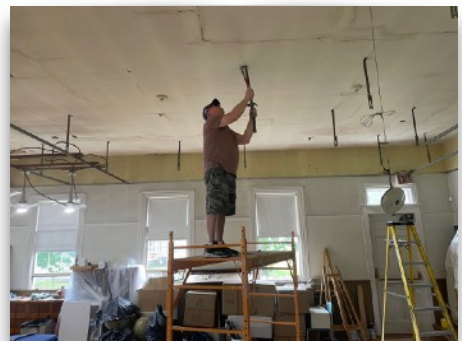
Forestdale School (190 School Street)

The NS Heritage Assn. thanks the NS Ambulance Assn. for its continued support and generosity for the restoration of the Forestdale School. We plan to dedicate the most recent NSAA \$2,000 donation towards replastering the ceilings and walls of the two bathrooms and boys' hallway.



(L-R) Charlie Dubois (NSHA), Paul Wright, Denise Guernon, Robert Guenon, (Back) Brian Vanhouwe.

Volunteers removed the suspended ceiling in the classroom to facilitate upgrades to the lighting circuits and renovations to the classroom ceiling. In the bathroom area, Allard Reconstruction repaired part of the sill and structural framing members destroyed by water and carpenter ants. They also installed new maple floorboard in the two bathrooms to replicate the original boards that were rotted. Debug Pest Control will eradicate the ants and continue a quarterly inspection and treatment program.



We are still waiting for Martone Construction to begin its roof and stair work at the Forestdale School. Meanwhile, we plan to install new lighting and electrical circuits in the classroom next week and renovate the ceiling and walls after that. We hope to hold an open house in November.



Maintenance



Memorial Town Building (1 Main Street)

Workers recently replaced two windows in the Memorial Town Building that were damaged by a car fire last fall. The new windows nearly replicate the original 1923 windows. Two more matching windows are on order.

The Rhode Island Interlocal Municipal Trust, the town's insurer, paid a local contractor to repaint the rear entrance that was also damaged during the fire.



Heritage Hall (101 Green Street)

We opened the ceiling in the lower hallway to allow Crown Plumbing to repair two leaking pipes. Johnny's Plastering repaired the damage to the ceiling and walls. Then NSHA volunteers painted the hallway and bathrooms. It looks amazing!

Education



NSHA member, Julie Tilley, has agreed to mentor NSHS Senior Class of 2024, Ava Zajac, with her senior project to videotape oral interviews with residents. We encourage "older" residents to share their memories about growing up and living in North Smithfield thereby preserving our local history for posterity.



Research Team

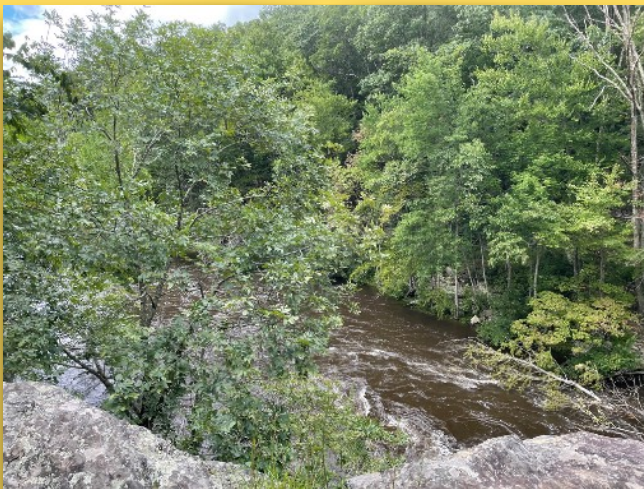


The old Tupperware hydro electric power plant



The Research Team continues to locate and document local colonial and indigenous stone features. Members recently searched the Blackstone River near Wunnashowatucket, the place where the Branch River and the Blackstone Rivers converge.

The team meets at 7:00 pm at Heritage Hall on the second Friday of each month. Contact us if you'd like to join us!





NSHA Events

August Heritage Walk

On August 12th, this group of hikers enjoyed the beautiful weather as they learned about the ancient legacy of Native Americans in the Nipsachuck area of North Smithfield.



September Heritage Walk

Recently, a small group conducted a Heritage walk in the Wunnashowatuckt Conservation Area. They walked along the old Harkness Road to the Blackstone River. Then followed the river past Rolling Dam and the High Rock gorge to Wunnashowatuckt, the place where the Blackstone River meets the Branch River. We thank Kelly Gallagher for pointing out various plants and trees along the way.

October Heritage Walk

On Saturday, October 14th, we will offer a driving and walking tour of Wesquidomsett Hill, now known as Sayles Hill, where the first white colonists first settled in what is now North Smithfield. Attendees will view the graves of John and Mary Mowry who both died of smallpox on July 7, 1690, the abandoned portion of Old Sayles Hill Road that brought the first settlers into North Smithfield and historic buildings on and around the hill. Meet at 9:30 am at Aldi's parking lot in Dowling Village.



July/August Mystery Photo Identified



Once again, we have been able to identify the individuals and the event thanks to social media. Lisa Doherty states “I was given these names by a member of the Class of ’98. Tina Nickels, Sara Desrochers, Tina Lafreniere, Amanda Rouette (not sure how to spell her last name) and Linda Cimino.”

Linda Cimino added “I remember this photo and game! It was taken in the the state semi-final game held at RIC in March of 1997...we won and advanced to the State Championship. Thanks for sharing. In addition to the players above are assistant coach Greg Johnson in the red and Head Coach Sean Reddy in the blue.”

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!



Mystery Photo



A close up of the inscription on the center of the platter. Each piece is also inscribed with 1969.

We are honored that the North Smithfield High School recently donated this beautiful silver tea service commemorating the Class of 1969.

Since we know who donated this tea set and that it commemorates the Class of 1969, we'd like to know more about its origins. Why did the Class of 1969 donate such a special gift? We are hoping that members of the Class of 1969 would be willing to share its story with us.



Development

The North Smithfield Heritage Association Fund

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.

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>



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.



North Smithfield Heritage Calendar 2024



Joseph Moore House - 101 Great Road
This 2 1/2-story, Italianate brick-and-stone house was built in 1851. A massive, two-story porch highlights the front entrance. The paired windows have deep, bracketed lintels and lowered sills. The house, once widely recognized by a picket fence, was the last of the large, architecturally significant 19th-century dwellings built in Union Village.
Image by Elizabeth Stearns

2024 NSHA Calendar

The NSHA calendar team has submitted the 2024 calendar to the printer. These high-quality items feature beautiful images of local historic buildings and landmarks. Calendars will go on sale at the Great Pumpkin Festival on September 16, at NS High School.



Membership

We welcome new members Carol Landry, Gary Narodowy, Christopher and Natasha Gomez, Jeff Nelson, Kelly Gallagher and Kristen Milewski.

~Your \$20 annual dues allow us to conduct vital preservation activities. Seniors over 75, high school students and full-time college 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 192 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

We continue to see growth in our social media platforms!

Facebook Page Followers: 1,244

Website: 323 interactions in last 30 days

NSHA Newsletter Subscribers: 1,321

Instagram Followers: 270

nsha@nsheritageassn.com



We now have a Venmo account that you can use to make dues payments, donations or to purchase merchandise.

Instagram (nsha1970) Please follow us!



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