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# NORTH SMITHFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## *Mammoth Mill Park clean up continues....*

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Volunteers partnered with the Blackstone River Valley Heritage Corridor and the NS DPW to clear trash, trees, and brush from the Mammoth Mill Park on Mill Street. The transformation is amazing!

There's still plenty of work left to do. For those who want to help, we plan to return at 9:00 am on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> (Presidents Day) to continue clearing and cleaning at Mammoth Mill Park on Mill Street.



See more about Mammoth Mills and the clean up on page 2....





The Mammoth Mill was a water-powered textile mill built in 1836 along the Blackstone Canal. It was once considered the largest mill in the United States. It was demolished in 1930 after a fire and the remains of the mill, including its foundations and stone arches, can still be seen today. NSHA hopes to clear trails and install informational signage throughout the property.



**Mammoth Mill around the year 1900**



## *Thank You*



We thank Eric Carnavale for donating two antique student desks for the Forestdale School!

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.

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

Please contact us at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) or call [401-651-6316](tel:401-651-6316)






## F. Foster Lincoln – Part 2

By Al Menard

Since the publication of the last newsletter, our research has turned up more photos of the works of F. Foster Lincoln. These examples show the range of the artist's style, his popularity with magazine readers and his success as a commercial artist. In addition, we were also able to locate a picture of the artist.




**F. FOSTER LINCOLN**

Mr. Lincoln has been chosen a member of this organization because of his unusual ability to make a figure composition that accurately combines class appeal with real illustrative value.

His work has long been popular with magazine readers of the country, and his entrance into the commercial field marks another point of advance in the progress of advertising artistry.

That this firm has been responsible for so many such introductions is mutually pleasing to our clients and ourselves.

**Louis C. Pedlar, Inc.**  
Counsellors in Art  
246 Fifth Ave., N. Y.  
Telephone Madison Square 511



**F. Foster Lincoln:** This ad was found in the magazine, *Printers' Ink*, May 6, 1920. Lincoln was one of a host of popular commercial artists who worked for this successful advertising art company. This is the only photo of Lincoln that we have been able to find.

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LIFE



OUR TEDDY



HISTORIC BOYS

CLEVER LITTLE HENRY FORD

**Historic Boys:** In 1918, Life Magazine produced a series of these satirical sketches of people in the news. This illustration shows Teddy Roosevelt with his “hot” air rifle. A big game hunter, he was said to be proud of killing at least eleven elephants. Also shown is Henry Ford. At that time in history, Ford Motor Company was also growing tomatoes, juicing them, bottling the juice, and selling it. Close observation of the signature shows that the initials A.C. are often found on F. Foster Lincoln's work. These initials belong to Arthur Crawford. Arthur made a good living by producing ideas for others to illustrate. An “idea man” could make a good salary in those days.



## From the Archives



**Horse Show Catalog Cover:** Lincoln did the cover art for the Official Catalog for the National Horse Show Association of America. This show was one of the “must attend” events for New York High Society. The President of the Association was Mr. Vanderbilt!



PROFIT AND LOSS

**Profit and Loss:** Another Arthur Crawford idea. In this illustration, Lincoln draws a commentary on the effects of the First World War on American society. Who really profited? And at what cost? The war may have helped the U.S. emerge as a world power, but it was at the cost of more than 100,000 Americans lives.



Tragic Moments  
When you realize that she is the author of the book you've just been roasting.

**Treasury of American Pen:** Using an interesting pen and ink style here, Lincoln, “the scourge and satirist of high society” amuses even us today as he illustrates an awkward moment. The text reads: “Tragic Moments” and the caption – “When you realize that she is the author of the book you’ve just been roasting.”



## *Fifty Years Ago*

This month's article was taken from the North Smithfield Heritage Association newsletter for January. It's a continuation of an article that was initially printed in last month's newsletter regarding the demolition of two old and historic homes in North Smithfield. The Hotchkiss-Thayer house was destroyed by a fire in 1972 which also claimed the life of its owner, Harold Thayer. *Coincidentally*, the Hotchkiss-Thayer house, came up this week while researching Bob Aldrich's ancestors who originally owned the home, see story and photo on the next page.

*~From page 3 of the January 1973 edition*

"The Hotchkiss-Thayer house, on the old Thayer estate once known as Locust Grove Farm, was one of the oldest houses in town. It was part of the North Smithfield landscape for more than 250 years. The eastern part of the house was built first and was used for Quaker meetings before the Friends erected the upper Smithfield Meeting house in 1719. This house was a good example of the early Rhode Island house type that evolved around a massive chimney. Usually in its initial stage of construction, the chimney was at one end of the house and as the need arose for more space, the house was enlarged and the chimney came to be in the center as was the case with the Hotchkiss-Thayer house. Other indications of the old age of the house include a massive stone chimney base, the huge fireplace in the keeping room, the worn stone steps leading to the basement, huge beams and vertical wall boards. A more "recent" feature was the handsome paneling in the room at the southwest corner of the first floor, a feature not commonly found in the more simple country houses. The stairway design was also very well done.

One of the early owners of the house was Thomas Aldrich who was born in 1750. His daughter, Joanna, married Edward Hotchkiss. The house remained in the Hotchkiss family until the early 20th century.

James Hotchkiss, son of Edward and the last of the family to own the house, was a highly educated man who later in life worked as a surveyor and as a caretaker in the Union Cemetery.

In 1909, Francis S. Thayer, a capable man and a popular figure, purchased Locust Grove Farm, so-named because of a nearby stand of locust trees. The Thayer family was in interesting one: well-educated and sensitive to life in all its forms.

Francis Thayer repaired and refurbished the old house, providing electric lights, city water, an up-to-date bathroom and an Arcola heating system which burned great wood blocks. With his money tied up in house improvements he couldn't afford, adjacent land was sold for house lots. Houses were developed along Williams Street where formerly all the land behind the cemetery was open and undeveloped.

Francis Thayer's primary interest was in the electrical field. In the 1880s, "he wired and equipped the trolley hangers on the first car in the world in Woonsocket." Appropriately enough, he was a passenger on the first run and later when the days of the electric street car came to an end, he was on the last car to run to Providence.

Considerable attention was also paid to working the farm. When the Thayer's bought the place it was already a fine orchard. Besides apples, the farm produced strawberries, rhubarb, asparagus and grapes. An attempt was made at raising hens commercially, but this venture was short lived as the hens rapidly succumbed to disease.





Although the farm, with its old farmhouse, barns and cultivated fields is now a part of history, it was and still is remembered fondly by Francis Thayer's children. Harold, an enigmatic person, who liked people in his own way, who wrote to lonely people during the war, and who liked sports and music, lost his life in the fatal fire this December."



## *Genealogy*



Lynne Pelletier met with Bob Aldrich to assist him with some family research. One of Bob's ancestors was Wellington Aldrich, who later sold his house on what is now Williams Street to the Hotchkiss family. They, in turn, sold it to the Thayer family who lived there until the house was destroyed by fire in the early 1970's.

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.



## *NS Historic Cemeteries*

The recent heavy winds and cold weather at the beginning of the month brought down a large section of this pine tree located in the Slatersville cemetery. The tree has been removed and luckily there were very few headstones damaged. The cemetery crew will start repairs when the weather warms up.



Cemetery team volunteers attempted to search for an unrecorded cemetery between Elizabeth Street and the railroad tracks. It is shown on old maps as being located by the old roundhouse and may have once belonged to St. Paul's Church. Unfortunately, the volunteers were unable to locate the cemetery. It was probably destroyed by nearby land development on Elizabeth Avenue.

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





## *Historic Cemetery of the Month*

Mowry-Smith Lot  
by Lynne Pelletier

This month's cemetery is the Mowry-Smith Lot, also known as Rhode Island Historic Cemetery #33. Located on Rankin Path, this cemetery is roughly 32 x 32 feet in size and it is enclosed by granite posts and iron rails. The oldest grave dates to 1835 while the most recent burial was in 1905.

There are 13 burials here and 7 with inscriptions. This cemetery needs restoration work as the majority of the stones have been moved from their original positions and now lean against the granite posts. Why were the stones moved and who moved them? While someone may have had good intentions, it will make restoration work more difficult in the future.



Augustus Larned Mowry was born in Smithfield on October 28, 1828 to Dan Mowry and Betsey Jeffers. He married Adeline Frances Ballou on January 3, 1851 and they had at least 9 children. Augustus was a farmer and he helped to run his father's store. He died on September 14, 1864 at age 36. His wife, Adeline Frances Ballou Mowry was born November 13, 1832 in Smithfield to Dennis Ballou and Hannah Barnes. She died at age 72 on July 27, 1905.

From the Smith family we first have Ephraim Smith. Ephraim was born in 1791 to Elijah Smith and Mary Smith. He was the husband of Elizabeth Inman and they were the parents of at least 5 children. Ephraim died on April 4, 1854 at about age 63. Elizabeth Inman was born in about 1790. Her parentage is unclear. She died on October 14, 1848 at about age 57. Ephraim Smith Jr. was their son and he was born in 1822. He died young, at about age 27, on June 12, 1850.

Also buried here was Abby Smith, the daughter-in-law of Ephraim and Elizabeth. Abby was born in 1812. She married Harris Jackson Smith in 1841 and had 1 son named Henry. Abby died at age 32 on December 29, 1844.

There is very little information about the last 2 individuals buried with the Mowry and Smith families including how they are connected. Sary Taft may have been a sister of Elizabeth Inman. Sary was born in 1792 and she may have been the wife of Sweeting Taft. Sary died on August 11, 1835 at about age 42. Finally, all we know about Rachel Bowdish is that she was born in 1756 and she died on March 29, 1849 at about age 93.



## *February Spotlight*

This month in honor of February being Library Lovers Month we treat you to an article written by Mary Foley Potenza, founder of the Forestdale Library, with an introduction written by her son, Richard Potenza.

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### SALUTE TO LIBRARIANS!

by Richard Potenza

The North Smithfield Heritage Association is blessed with committed members who value and love history, preservation, restoration and legacy traditions. In pursuing accurate data of bygone eras, historians seek out assistance from our partners in this discovery process: librarians.

The American Library Association has designated February 2023 as “Library Lovers Month”. This is an opportunity for NSHA members to congratulate our local library professionals. We readily acknowledge their ongoing contributions, and appreciate librarians’ efforts in improving our historical research.

We celebrate the contributions of local library stalwarts: the iconic Doris Chapdelaine and current director of the Woonsocket Public Library, Leslie Page; Louise Hamlett, Carol Brouwer and current director Sue Dubois of N.S. Public Library; Sandra Mundy, retired director in Harrisville; Mary Foley Potenza of former Forestdale Library; and all the current library staffers in the N.S. public school system. All of these commendable individuals have demonstrated a lifelong passion for literacy and learning.

My personal love of reading started young: visits with my mother to local libraries seeking age appropriate reading materials. Over the years, wherever I travelled, library visits have been enjoyable. Each library has its own personality and mystique, I believe.

My mother was a teacher here in N.S. elementary schools for many decades. I laugh to recall that I grew up learning early on about vowels, consonants and syllables!

Because of the recognition of libraries this February, I’ve reflected upon my Mother’s founding of the Forestdale Library back in 1938 when she was age 24. Its site was in the front room of the beloved “Red Schoolhouse”, a building undergoing current renovation. NSHA member Louise Van Howe was a pupil of my mother, and can recount details of those earlier years.

The Library is long gone, but its impact upon local children over the years has made for pleasant recollections.



As our tribute to our librarian partners in historical research, my mother’s account of the inception of the Forestdale Library follows. Please enjoy reading about those days, while remembering the old adage that books “can take us to a place we’ve never been before”.





*The following is one of many pleasant memories of thirty one years of teaching that I would like to share with you.*

My first years of teaching after Rhode Island College were at Forestdale School, (later to become Eleanor Howard Kindergarten), a one room school with four grades (1— 4) in the same classroom. I was the sole teacher in the building, an antiquated structure having no indoor plumbing, a three-hole outhouse, a stove in one corner, no telephone, and possessing a floor so cracked that the dirt cellar could be glimpsed down below. It was a cold, drafty environment at least six months of the year. Improvements were initiated in the second or third year of my time there with the construction of two lavatories in the basement, a single pipe hot air furnace and a partially cemented cellar floor. At the side of the classroom a small sink with cold water was installed; it seemed a huge improvement from the pail, dipper and hand-pumped water from the backyard well. The year was 1938, by the way, and not 1838, believe it or not.

But my pupils and their parents were interested, helpful and supportive, so my nine years there proved to be a delightful educational experience for me.

Pupils had no easy access to any library, as the nearest one was located inside the old Union Village School, a facility I attended while growing up there and much loved. I wanted a library on the same idea for my Forestdale students. Moving forward, I obtained permission from my superintendent, Phebe Hendricks, who thought it was a splendid but tremendous undertaking for a single teacher. I scheduled a planning session with parents and was pleased with the substantial turnout. Their encouragement gave me at age twenty four the courage to move on. Our team organized at-home card parties and bingo games with donated groceries as prizes. (This was the Great Depression, remember, so food was welcomed. )

Some of the fathers helped by building shelves on three sides of a small room to the rear of the classroom. Included were James Lavalle, an excellent carpenter, businessman Steve Abrants, postmaster Arthur Stokes, attorney James Greene and others. Lumber was donated by Amos Lunn, whom I convinced that our library was surely a worth cause. When the shelves were completed and stained, Russell Halliwell donated funds for the purchase of library furniture, all of which was later relocated to Kendall-Dean School.

Mothers collected books from friends and relatives. Financial donations were received from the Branch River Wool Combing Co. and the Kendall Co. Books were donated by the Providence Athenaeum and loaned by the R. I. State Library Association. All raised monies were targeted for the purchase of new books, which I was able to buy at discount after persuading various book dealers. I'll never forget the pleasant fragrance of new books as I opened the boxes.

Our efforts paid off! The Community Library of Forestdale opened in the Spring of 1938. The pupils, parents and I were very excited.



A young Mary Foley enjoying a book



Proof that such a library could be created and sustained resulted in funds being allocated by the Town each subsequent year for the purchase of new books. I served for six years without salary, keeping the facility free of charge to all. Two evenings per week, including summer, I returned to the library so that adults and students could enjoy its treasures. This was a project of love for all concerned, every penny going for new books and library supplies. My sister Agnes, in high school at the time, volunteered many unpaid hours checking, cataloguing and repairing books.

Unfortunately the library ceased to exist after I left teaching temporarily to raise my new son, Richard, born in 1945. By that time the library had approximately 1500 volumes and were distributed to Union Village and Slatersville branches. Some books were first editions that had been donated and later sent to the Slatersville branch.

This is one of many fond memories of teaching in a one-room school. Other recollections include happy times at school parties, programs and pageants, with some classes conducted outdoors on warm days. But most of all I remember with great affection the wonderful interested parents and pupils who shared with me those simple and happy years——gone but not forgotten!

Mary Foley Potenza February 1975



*The Woonsocket Call- 1938*





### ***Ghosts and Paranormal Activity***

The team will investigate its first ghost report this week on Greenville Road! We also received reports of a ghost at a building on Providence Pike, one on a house on Woonsocket Hill Road, one in the woods off Woonsocket Hill Road and one on Log 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](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com).

### ***Help Needed***



Winter is here! We need to shovel sidewalks at Heritage Hall and the Forestdale school after every storm. Contact us if you'd like to help!



### ***Annual Appeal 2023***

***We appeal to the community to help fund our preservation efforts. Please donate today by mail, Pay Pal 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 Street during our normal business hours.***

***Any amount helps enormously!***

***Individual NSHA board members started the 2023 Appeal by donating \$1,650 thus far. We thank them for their leadership and generosity.***



## *Maintenance*

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



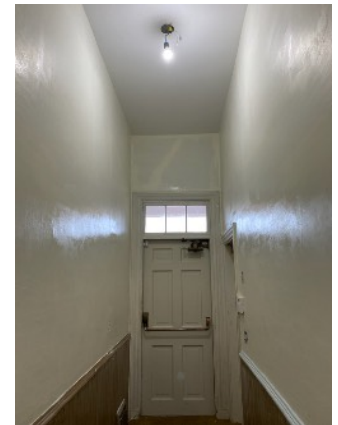
We are thrilled that NS DPW workers have demolished most of the office partition walls and suspended ceilings on the second floor of the Memorial Town Building. Soon we will start to paint the walls and ceilings and refinish the floor. We welcome any help anyone would like to provide!



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



Our volunteers have begun to paint the ceilings and walls in the hallway and kitchenette at the Forestdale School. Others have boxed up books and artifacts in the library to allow renovations to proceed. The electrician will soon finish phase 2 of the project to rewire electrical circuits in the building. We hope to restore the ceilings in the library and other hallway soon.



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



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

See our website at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) for an application and rules







## *Indigenous Ceremonial Stone Features*

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



The team meets at 7 pm every other Friday night at the Memorial Town Building. Attend in person or via Zoom!

The next meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>.

The next research team walk will take place on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

In case you missed any of season one's episodes they can be streamed at [RIPBS.org](http://RIPBS.org)



## BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Hall. Members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom.



## Education

NSHA volunteers partnered with the Woonsocket Veterans Memorial Museum volunteers to create a Civil War display for NS Middle School history teacher, Valerie Carnavale, and her 8th grade history students. The displays were a great hit with the students!







## *Conservation*

### *North Smithfield Parks and Recreation conservation walks*

The North Smithfield Parks and Recreation director, Kate Pasquariello, announced that the department will offer guided weekly hikes in three local conservation areas starting at 9:30 am on Saturdays. The family-oriented hikes will follow well-defined trails at a leisurely pace stopping occasionally at scenic overlooks. Trails are 2-3 miles long and take 1.5-2 hours to finish. Hikes will cancel in the event of steady rain or heavy snowfall. Hikers should wear long shirts and trousers, preferably hiking shoes, use insect repellent and bring a bottle of water. In the event of snow covered trails, hikers should wear slip-on ice grips or snowshoes.

Due to the extreme cold on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, the Wunnashowatucket walk was rescheduled to Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. Hikers enjoyed views of the Blackstone Gorge and High Rocks.



The next walks will take place on:

**Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:** Booth Pond, Pine Hill, Souza Farm. Meet at Aldi's parking lot at Dowling Village at 9:30 am.

**Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>:** Audubon Fort Wildlife Refuge: Meet at 1455 Providence Pike, North Smithfield. Meet at the trailhead at 9:30 am.

**Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>:** Wunnashowatucket: Old Harkness Rd, High Rocks Gorge. Park on Martha Rd and meet at 9:30 am.

The schedule repeats the first, third, and fourth Saturday of each month. For more information, contact volunteer guide, Rich Keene, at [rfkeene6@gmail.com](mailto:rfkeene6@gmail.com) or program director Kate Pasquariello at [kpasquariello@nsmithfield.org](mailto:kpasquariello@nsmithfield.org).



## *NSHA Activities*



On January 26th, NSHA hosted a history night presentation by Alexa Wallace. This well-attended event taught us about the vital roles that women played in the home, on the farm and in industry during the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

A large group took advantage of unseasonably warm weather to hike through the area around the Woonsocket Reservoir #3 on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. We thank the city of Woonsocket water department for giving us special permission to examine the many historic sites.



The next history walk will take place on Saturday, March 11th in the Union Village Historic district. Meet at 9:30 am at the white office building in Union Cemetery on Smithfield Road.

### *Did you know?*

The NSHA continues to work with the Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council to extend its greenway and bike path into North Smithfield.



## *Mystery Photo*



Does anyone recognize the individual in this very old tintype photograph? Tintypes were type of photograph printed on thin metal such as tin or iron. Tintype photography was very popular in the 1860's and 1870's although they continued to be produced until the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Member Beth Faricy found this one tacked to the underside of the paymaster's desk in the Forestdale School and it is very fragile. Who is this mystery man?





## January Mystery Photo Identified



Last month's Mystery Photo was kindly donated to us by Dan Lamoureux. It is a photo of his kindergarten class in 1969 at the Forestdale School. All of the students were identified except for the last little boy in the top row.

Ellie Morrissey was the first reader to identify the boy in the green shirt as Steve McKenzie. Ellie also verified that information with Marc Rousselle who confirmed him as Steve McKenzie. Looks like we know who he is now!

We were also notified by a reader that Mrs. Sharkey was actually known as "Miss Sharkey."

**Grade:** Kindergarten 1969  
**School:** Forestdale Little Red Schoolhouse  
**Teacher:** Mrs. Sharkey

		Mrs. Sharkey	John Vadenais	David Royer	Dan Lamoureux	Marc Rousselle	Steve McKenzie	
John Schwegler	Ed Renaud	Norman Lamoureux	Mark Gelinas	Deb Bailey	Mark Dumachelle	Steve Millette	Gary Santucci	Douglas Palardy
		Gayle Cormier	Sharon Laquerre	Susan Turgeon	Joyce Contildes	Laura Orlando	Diane Marceau	

Do you have any photos you would like to share with NSHA? If so, please contact us to make arrangements to scan your photo. Maybe we can solve a mystery together!



## NSHA Merchandise

**This month's featured item remains the NSHA 2023 Calendar.**

It is still available for just \$10 at Village Paint, Leeway Ace Hardware, Wright's Dairy and Li'l General Convenience Store! You can also purchase them at the Memorial Town Building, the Forestdale School, and our online store.



*Scenic 2023 Heritage Association Calendars now available \$10 each at the following locations:  
Li'l General, Leeway Hardware and Village Paint*



**Slatersville  
Congregational  
Church  
Ornament!**

Cost is \$15.

The new Wright's Farm 252-piece puzzle. Cost is \$20. Puzzles are available for purchase at the Forestdale School, The Memorial Town Building and Wright's Dairy Farm.



View our entire inventory at the **NSHA On-line shop** at [www.nsheritageassn.org](http://www.nsheritageassn.org).



## ***Membership***

~2023 Annual Dues are due on **May 1** each year. We thank the **169 members** who have renewed. Members in arrears can still renew by mail, via PayPal Giving Fund, Venmo or Tuesday mornings at the Memorial Town Building.

~Your \$20 annual dues allow us to conduct vital preservation activities. Seniors over 85 and full-time students are still free. If you are not sure of your status, please contact us.

### **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](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 [401-651-6316](tel:401-651-6316).





## *Development*

### *The North Smithfield Heritage Association Fund*

#### **Background**

The NSHA created this RI Foundation endowment fund in 2021 with personal donations made by its Board of Directors and a corporate grant from Amica Mutual Insurance Company.

#### **Purpose**

The Fund establishes a perpetual investment that grows every year to help fund NSHA preservation projects and activities.

#### **Tax Benefits**

Your donation is tax-deductible.

In addition to cash, the Foundation accepts gifts of securities, real estate, and other personal property, which may help you avoid capital gains taxes on appreciated assets.

#### **Free legal assistance**

Receive legal assistance with trust or bequest language; charitable annuities; charitable remainder trusts;

Contact

Kelly Riley

Donor Services Administrator

401) 427-4028

[kriley@rifoundation.org](mailto:kriley@rifoundation.org)

Make a tax-deductible donation to this RI Foundation managed fund that will grow perpetually.

The NSHA can use a portion of the fund each year for preservation activities.

Gifts can be made to the Heritage Association Fund in two primary ways:

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



## Outreach

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

Facebook Page Followers: 1,140

Website: 392 interactions in last 30 days

NSHA Newsletter Subscribers: 1,175

[nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto: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!**



We still need a volunteer to repost Facebook posts to our Instagram and Twitter accounts. Can you help?

Visit our **Facebook Page** to learn about our events and activities. Get acquainted with some of our members and supporters. Like and share with friends and family!  
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