



# NORTH SMITHFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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## *Fall Family Fun!*



The NSHA will have three booths including informational displays for the Cemetery Team, the Archive & Research team. There will also be a booth for merchandise sales!



You are cordially invited to join us for a BBQ on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>



North Smithfield Heritage Association

# APPLE CRISP FESTIVAL & YARD SALE



Saturday, October 11 • 10 AM – 2 PM

**Rain Date: Sunday, October 12**

Clean, usable donations are being accepted.  
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**ENJOY APPLE CRISP, FIND TREASURES,  
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**190 School Street  
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**All Proceeds to Benefit NSHA**





# HERITAGE HALL RENTAL

Host unforgettable events in our stylish, flexible Heritage Hall—perfect for showers, parties, and meetings. Heritage Hall has two great options, both mobility friendly and fully stocked kitchens! The Upper Hall seats 69 and the Lower Hall seats 62.



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## *Thank You*



We thank Marcel Lebrecque for creating and donating 24 unique birdhouses to the NSHA for fundraising. The birdhouses are for sale for \$25 each at the Forestdale School. The Forestdale School is open every 1st and 3rd Friday from 1 pm to 4 pm and every 1st Saturday from 9 am to 12 noon.



We thank Alice (Lovell) Homer who recently donated an 18th-century musket that has been in her family for generations. NSHA archivist, Al Menard accepted the donation.



Sam Turco donated a display case for the museum and Bob Mowry helped with the transportation.



We thank Jon Peirce for making a set of legs for our old tabletop and a new chair rail for the stage at the Memorial Town Building.



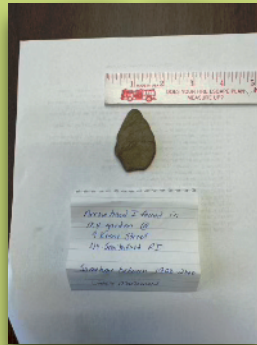
We thank NS DPW for helping to move display tables for exhibits in the new museum at the Memorial Town Building.



## Thank You



We thank Glenn Dusablon for recently donating many 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century artifacts.



We thank Jessie MacDonald for donating this arrowhead found at the southern base of Woonsocket Hill!



Jeanne Marion and Christine Dubois took advantage of bargain opportunities to purchase a new laminate flooring for the Memorial Town Building stage as well as two used mannequins for the museum. Jeanne, Christine and Martha Shean also modified new tablecloths for Heritage Hall.

The team appreciates 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 much of our local heritage!*** Please help us to preserve that heritage by allowing us to scan them to keep in our archives.

**Important!** Too many wonderful photos get thrown away because younger generations don't know who is in them or where the pictures were taken. Images of ancestors are then lost forever. 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 photos.

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

The NSHA Archives are located at the Memorial Town Building, 1 Main Street, Slatersville. Open every Monday through Wednesday from 10 am until 12 pm. The Archive Team continues to work tirelessly to manage our extensive archive collection. We welcome help from anyone with an interest.

## Thank You



Mowry Family 1954  
Standing: Emerson, Walter Sr, Richard  
Front kneeling: Robert, Walter Jr, Joseph



We thank Jennifer Mowry for allowing us to scan these two family photos taken in 1954 of her grandfather, Walter Mowry, and his children. They look like they were taken near his front porch. Walter (1865-1955) was born to Joseph Mowry in the house where Irene Nebiker now lives on Grange Road. When he married around 1900, he built his house and farm at 435 Greenville Rd (across the street from the high school). The house must have been crowded with all those kids! Maybe we should use a photo in the calendar!

Walter liked Francis Martin (Martin's Farm on Woonsocket Hill Rd). Francis ran a gas station in the small building across the street from Goodwin's Vegetable Stand. Francis wanted to build a larger building, so Walter sold/leased the land on the corner to him, where he built his new gas station. It's now the Keene-Brown Funeral Home.

Walter's family was quite upset with him for selling the land to Francis. As the story goes, Walter died intestate out of spite. His daughter Eleanor lived in the house until about the 1990s. It's been vacant ever since. The family settled ownership about two years ago. Stanley Zuba now owns the property. Many of Walter's children were WWII veterans. Doris, Walter, Joseph, Robert, Richmond, and Emerson all served in the Army or Army Air Corps. Most of them are buried in a family plot in the Union Cemetery.



## From the Archives

***This month we begin a series about some of the artifacts found in our archives. Soon many of our historical treasures will be available for viewing at our forthcoming museum in the Memorial Town Building.***

We begin with items found in the Dr. Metcalf Marsh collection. Dr. Marsh was a village doctor who practiced in the early 1800's. He loved to write poetry, paint, and have intellectual discussions as well as work on his medical studies. He aligned himself with the reformer, Thomas Dorr, and as a result of Dorr's incarceration, Marsh lost his practice and left Slatersville for a short time. Upon his return he started a family and lived on Mechanic Street.

Both of these artifacts were given to the Association by Mrs. Clara Marsh Syms, granddaughter of Dr. Marsh.



The initial item is a pair of spectacles known as a pince-nez, measuring 3 inches by 4 inches.

The pince-nez was a nineteenth century innovation that translates as 'pinching the nose.' Although pince-nez were used in Europe since the late 14th century, modern ones appeared in the 1840s and reached their peak popularity around 1880 to 1900.

The spectacles were designed to clip onto the nose. Sometimes it was too tight, and the wearer struggled to breathe. If it were too loose the pince-nez could fall off. So, for safety and security, they were often connected to the wearer's clothing by a cord or a chain to avoid them being dropped or lost.

The Marsh pince-nez have a C-shaped curved and flexible metal bridge which provides tension to clip the lenses on the wearer's nose. They were in wide use from the 1820s to the 1940s. An advantage of this variety was that one size would fit any nose. A disadvantage was that the bridges were subject to metal fatigue from flexing when repeatedly put on and taken off, so they would frequently break or lose their tension.

These spectacles were particularly popular in the late 1800s. They likely did not belong to Dr. Marsh but may have belonged to his son Metcalf, his daughter, or his granddaughter, as they were still fashionable during that period.



The second item is a beaded bag measuring 5 ¼ inches by 4 inches.

The beads used in this piece are very small, fine metal beads. This type of women's purse first came into popularity during the late Victorian era at the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Victorian fashion banished the pocket. The answer to this problem was a decorative, small bag used to carry the owner's private, intimate items. Hence the purse. Ariella Gunn states in her article, "In Pursuit of the Perfect Purse" that "While this beaded purse may strike some viewers as nothing more than a beautiful accessory, it played a central role in securing a Victorian woman a sense of privacy, independence, and security in public places that were widely viewed as the domain of men."

The beaded purse was an item that women could make at home. Handmade bags often showed off a woman's skill set to other women and to potential husbands.

This purse could have belonged to Rosina, Dr. Marsh's wife, but it is more probable that it belonged to Ellen, his daughter. Ellen worked in a hat factory and sewed clothes for extra income. She could have easily made this purse herself using available patterns.

## *Fifty Years Ago*

From the April 1975 edition on the North Smithfield Heritage Association newsletter

### The Old Aldrich Farm by Walter A. Nebiker

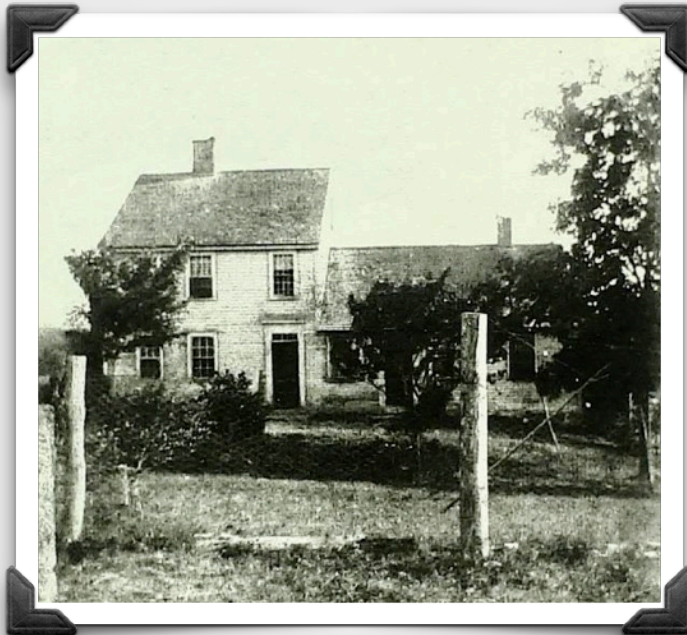
On the northern shoulder of Woonsocket Hill, on old Comstock Road, stand the ancient farmhouse and the small, closely-knit group of outbuildings which make up the old Aldrich Farm, today the residence of Betty and Batty Ewen.

In 1770 or thereabouts, Israel Aldrich began acquiring land here and in 1779 got a small parcel of land with a dwelling house, probably the central part of the house as it exists today. Israel bought more land, extending his farm to the north to the Branch River, and acquiring in the process the privilege of building dams along some small streams to irrigate his fields.

Israel died in 1813 and is buried in the family burying ground; his headstone is the first one inscribed. Earlier ones are uninscribed, as was the tradition among Quakers of the time.

After Israel's death, his nephew, Olney, took an active role in the affairs of the farm. About 1814-1815, a large addition was made to the west end of the house- the 2 1/2 story part on the left side- and more land was bought. Probably during this time the wood shed and corn crib were built- the wood shed on a small stone foundation on the ground, but the corn crib raised above the ground on flat pieces of rock to prevent entry by rodents.

By about 1850, the farm was at its largest size. There were 70 acres of improved and 30 acres of unimproved land on the farm, with four milch cows, one horse, two working oxen, another cow and two swine. The farm produced 100 bushels of Indian corn, 100 pounds of Irish potatoes, one bushel of peas and beans, 160 pounds of butter and 17 tons of hay. There was also an orchard.



**The Old Aldrich Farm, circa 1900.**

A newly proposed railroad, the "Air Line," took a large tract of land along the river in 1853, when the line was first planned. It was not until the early 1890's however, that the railroad was actually built.

Olney Aldrich's wife, Catherine Mann Aldrich, became owner of the farm upon the death of her husband in 1860, and in 1873, the farm went to Henry Aldrich, her son. Throughout the 19th century the farm remained a small-scale operation of a diversified nature and was, in this way, typical of other local farms.

When Henry died in 1899, his daughter, Emma F. Aldrich, inherited the farm. Her daughter, Esther L. Aldrich, married Harry Isenor, who came to work on the farm in 1901, and they went to Woonsocket to live. In 1907, they returned to the farm to stay, and Harry Isenor purchased half the stock. An agreement was made for use of the house; three rooms were retained for Emma and Myron Aldrich, and the sitting room, a parlor, was used by both families.



## *Fifty Years Ago*

In 1912, during a long dry spell, the barn which then had a square silo, burned and was replaced by the present barn. Shortly after, a carriage shed was built to replace the old one which stood across Comstock Road from the house. In 1929, Esther L. Isenor acquired the farm and ran the place during the Depression years. In 1940, Battye Ewen and his wife Bessie, Esther's daughter, came to the farm. By this time it had ceased to be a working farm.

During the last two decades the farm has been reduced in area, first by the North Smithfield Expressway, in 1958, and in 1971 by the Industrial Highway linking the Expressway with the Slatersville Industrial Industrial Park. The new highway separated the upper farm from the lower part and destroyed the old garden and blueberry patch, filling in several acres of land with sand, gravel and rocks.

The house itself has been slow to yield to modern improvements. There is no central heating system. Most of the heat is supplied by a kerosene/gas stove in the kitchen, supplemented by a wood stove in the living room and in really cold weather, by an electric heater, but, as is common to old farmhouses, the occupants never feel quite comfortable on the coldest days. Water is supplied by a gravity feed line, the water coming from a spring on the hill above the house- it has served faithfully since 1899. The use of the outdoor privy, amongst the lilacs, another old tradition, was a holdout against progress for a long time, but in 1971 it finally capitulated to indoor plumbing. Last year the old wood shed was removed, having fallen victim to the years, but the west end, containing a small tool shed, was saved.

The old Aldrich Farm today is a 200-year-old living history lesson, an interesting, picturesque collection of farmhouse and outbuildings which are a good representative example of a part of our New England landscape.



Photo dated April of 1973.



## *NS Historic Cemeteries*



Thank you to all who have left donations of perennials at the Memorial Town Building for planting at the Hotchkiss Cemetery.

Your donations of Gerber daisies, irises, hostas and day lilies are very much appreciated!

Thank also to Stephanie Moaz for transplanting them.

*Anyone who is thinning out perennials and would like to donate, may leave them at the Memorial Town Building.*

**Thank You!**



Thank you to Kathy Wilkins, Stephanie Maoz and Janet Robidoux for painting the fence at Hotchkiss Cemetery



Work is progressing on a new Ash Garden for the scattering of cremations at Hotchkiss Cemetery on Smithfield Road.



Nice job, Ed Walker! Ed built this fence around the Bradford Lot in Hotchkiss Cemetery. Ed worked hard to make sure the fence is historically accurate for the time period..



## *NS Historic Cemeteries*

Work also continues at NS 22, the Richard Mowry Lot off Greenville Road in North Smithfield.



**Bob McDonald and Bob Hanson surveying what needs to be done next. The Saturday team has been so helpful to us!**



**Gene Baillargeon preparing a firm and level foundation for a base.**



**Kim Walker, Ginny Heffner, Lynne Pelletier, Barbara St. Germain and Gayle O'Donnell are proud of raising "Mother" Lucretia Mowry's headstone.**



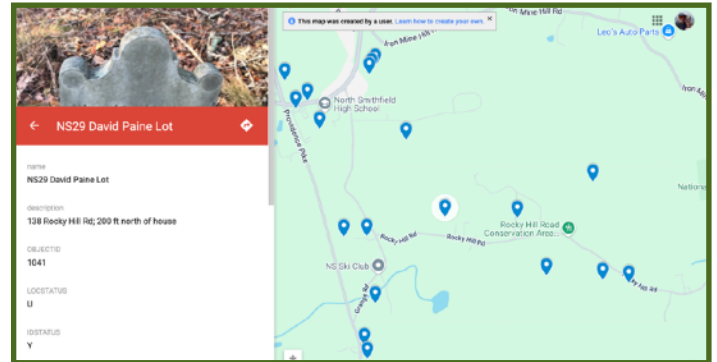
**Raising a headstone to it's proper position on its base.**

## Historic Cemetery Of The Month

### NS 29, The David Paine Lot by Lynne Pelletier

Located at pole #10 on Rocky Hill Road, the David Paine lot contains five graves: including four fieldstone-marked graves and one beautifully inscribed headstone. The location of the cemetery is in the western most corner of a field and behind a home. The cemetery, which has no boundary markers or enclosures, is roughly 25' x 40' and is well maintained.

The inscribed headstone marks the grave of David Paine who was born in about 1792 and who died on April 15, 1827 at age 35 years, 9 months and 14 days. Unfortunately, there aren't many records about David's life. David was the husband of Sarah Smith whom he married on February 8, 1818 in Smithfield. According to the marriage record, David was the son of Joseph Paine and Sarah was the daughter of Rufus Smith. Together they had one child; a daughter named Julia Ann (or Julianna) Paine in 1818. Sarah lived for another 38 years after the death of her first husband and she married again in 1831 to James Phetteplace. They had many children and Sarah is buried with her second husband in Lincoln.



### Did you know?

Recently a newsletter reader asked me about including a map of the all the cemetery locations featured in the newsletter. While this may not always be possible due to space restrictions, readers always have the option to find the specific location of a cemetery on our NSHA website. To access this informative database, which include not just cemetery locations but other points of interest around town, please visit our website at <https://www.nsheritageassn.org/>.

At the top of the home page choose the preservation button. Next, choose Historic Cemeteries and then, view map. Once the page opens, you will see a column on the left with a list of locations around town. If you highlight the box next to a location it will appear on the map to the right. To view just the cemeteries, click on the NS Cemeteries button and a drop down menu of all the cemeteries will appear. Choosing a particular cemetery will open a detailed description of each cemetery including a photo, the location, and a link to the Rhode Island Historic Cemetery Commission's database. Driving directions can be accessed by clicking the directions button under the photo. \*Note that many cemeteries are located on private property and therefore permission may be required to access them.

*We hope you enjoy exploring our town's historic features with this valuable resource!*





# Veterans Memorial Museum

**One of the Largest  
Collections of  
Veterans Artifacts from the  
Revolutionary War to  
our Current Military.**

*Visit the Museum & our Library  
Tuesdays & Saturdays  
10 am to 4 pm  
Other days by appointment  
for group visits.*

**78 Earle St., Woonsocket, RI  
401-222-9025**



**[www.VeteransMemorialMuseumRI.org](http://www.VeteransMemorialMuseumRI.org)  
\$5.00 Entrance Fee  
Free Entry for Veterans & Children**



#### **Veterans Memorial Program**

Nominate a deceased local veteran to honor at the Memorial Town Building. The VFW and the NSHA 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. Family or friends may contact the NSHA to nominate a veteran. [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com)

## Monthly Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at Heritage Hall, 101 Green Street. Members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. See the meeting email for instructions to join via Zoom.

## Research Team

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

Ron Lapierre is the RI Coordinator for the New England Antiquities Research Assn. (NEARA)

The Research Team generally meets at 6:00 pm at Heritage Hall on the second Friday of each month. ***Please contact NSHA or just show up if you'd like to participate!***

## Genealogy

Would you like help to conduct research on your family tree?

Lynne Pelletier has extensive experience and access to several databases. Please contact [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) to coordinate an appointment.



## Ghosts and Paranormal Activity



Kara Pressia, a local spiritual medium continues to help with spiritual research. Have you hear of about or seen paranormal activity 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).



***From award-winning film maker, Christian de Rezendes:***

“To subscribe to the NEW Slatersville: America's First Mill Village - ONLY Youtube channel, this is where you go!! Our Breaking Branches channel has over 2,200 subscribers, but we are now moving all our Slatersville followers to a channel dedicated solely to the series and its outreach. So I invite you to join us here to keep up with our Q&A panel videos, press links and more

Thank you. “

<https://www.youtube.com/@SlatersvilleAFMV/videos>

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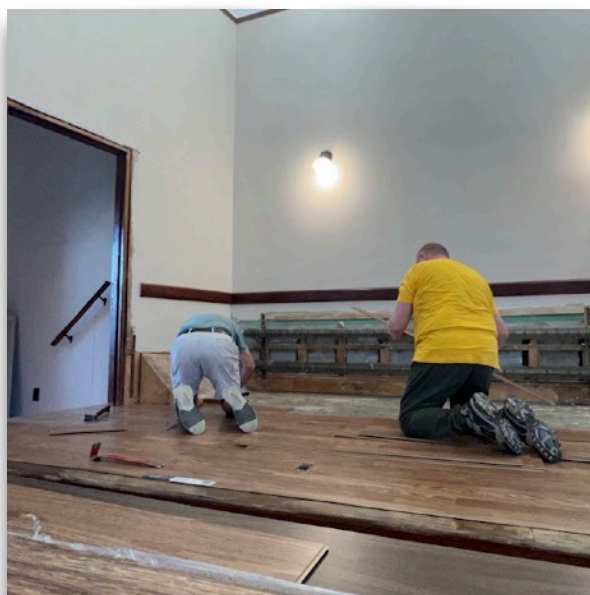
## *Preservation and Restoration*

*Please contact Charlie Dubois at 401-741-8022 if you can help with routine maintenance!*



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

Stage restoration is almost complete! Renewal by Anderson will replace eight 2nd-floor windows next week.



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



Advanced Comfort Systems installed a new heat pump to provide HVAC service for the lower hall. R & R Painting will start painting the exterior this week!

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



Wifi now available via hotspot!

## *Preservation & Restoration*

### *The Dorr Rebellion Flag has returned home!*



**Maria Vazquez (textile conservator) and Patrick Donovan (Executive Director of the Varnum Armory, East Greenwich, RI) with the Dorr Rebellion Flag.**

In 1841, RI was the only state of the original 13 colonies to still function under its colonial charter of 1663. Only male property owners could vote. The Dorr Rebellion began in 1842 when Thomas Dorr, a leading advocate for universal male suffrage, became frustrated with the lack of support for a state constitution.

In 1842, Dorr supporters elected a new "People's Party" government with Dorr as the governor as well as a state constitution that challenged the "Charter" government. Dorr militia units tried and failed to take control of the State Armory in Providence. The state militia was called out to confront the Dorrites. Support for Dorr's armed resistance melted away. In 1843, Dorr was arrested, and the Charter government proposed a state constitution that included male suffrage except for the Narragansett Indian Tribe.

Dr. Metcalf Marsh of Slatersville was a staunch Thomas Dorr supporter. Shortly after the NS Heritage Assn was formed in 1970, his descendants donated many artifacts, including the "Slaterville Suffrage Association" flag, a self-portrait, and a portrait of Thomas Dorr, as well as scores of letters of correspondence between the two men. The flag is probably the only one in existence.

Four years ago, the NS Heritage Association sent the two portraits to a nearby conservator and had them framed. Three years ago, the NSHA sent the badly deteriorated flag to a fabric conservator at the Varnum Armory, where it was conserved and has been stored awaiting completion of the new museum at the Memorial Town Building. Last year, local furniture maker and NSHA volunteer

Jon Peirce built and donated a custom mahogany display table for the flag. Restoration of the second-floor museum is now almost complete. NSHA volunteers transferred the flag to the Memorial Town Building, where it will be on permanent display.



**side 1**



**side 2**

Notice the spelling of Slaterville and the 13 stars with one clouded representing the lack of a state constitution.



## Events & Activities



Some members of the cemetery team took a well-deserved day off recently to enjoy lunch at the Coast Guard House. L to R- Ed Walker, Denis Chamberland, Ginny Heffner, Gayle O'Donnell, Kim Walker, Janet Robidoux and Rich Keene



National Park Service Ranger, Allison Horrocks, gave a wonderful walking tour of Slatersville village in July. Participants learned about the early and unique history of the village as well as how the Slaters blended their Congregationalist religion into the daily lives of their mill workers

The National Park Service will conduct another Slatersville tour on Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 11 am. The tour will last one hour and participants will explore the country's first company town with a park ranger and filmmaker Christian de Rezendes. This tour will focus on the history of Slatersville in the 20th century, from the early postwar period through the Vietnam War. Meet at 101 Green Street, North Smithfield, RI. Please use the large parking lot next to North Smithfield Town Hall at 83 Green Street.



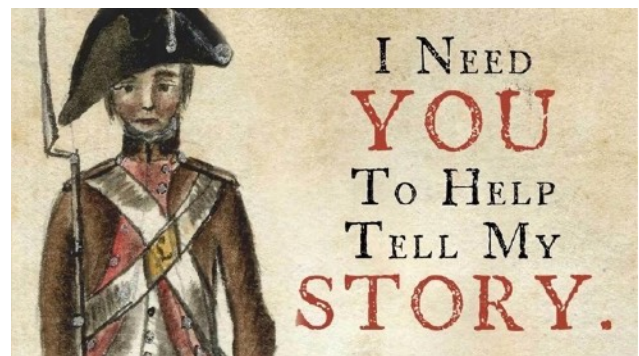
**NSHA Archivist, Al Menard, transcribing a Revolutionary War Pension file.**



We thank National Park Service Rangers Allison and Jillian for offering the recent Revolutionary War pension records transcription event at Heritage Hall! The event was part of the NPS's efforts to celebrate our nation's ongoing 250th anniversary.

In all, 17 people from across northern Rhode Island attended, including many NSHA volunteers. Participants learned how to access the records online and how to transcribe the records from cursive to text making them searchable for genealogists and historians. Trained volunteers can continue their work from home.

We will hold three more transcription events on Wednesdays at 6 pm at Heritage Hall, 101 Green Street, Slatersville. The dates will be October 1, November 5 and December 3. The public is invited to help transcribe these handwritten records. Please bring a lap top if possible.





## *Events & Activities*



**We thank National Park Service Rangers Allison Horrocks and Mark Mello for conducting a hugely successful Ranger Walk of the Smithfield Friends Meetinghouse and cemetery recently in Union Village. Over 50 people participated! Those who attended learned about the 320-year history of the Quaker Congregation in Union Village and the prominent roles many local Quakers played in the community and society.**

**We thank the NS Fire and Rescue Department for giving us access to the newly restored 65 ft Mowry Fire Tower on Woonsocket Hill Road!**



**The view south along Rt 146 to Providence**



**The view west to Burrillville including Troutbrook Solar Array and Holliston Sand**



## *Conservation*



NSHA volunteers maintain the Mammoth Mill Park. Future grants and donations will allow us to purchase more signs, benches and picnic tables!

### *Heritage Walking Tours*

We will resume walking tours in local conservation areas this coming Saturday.

**September 13- Lake Belair Gold Property.** View the town's newest conservation area and historic cemetery. Meet at 10 am at Overlea Road opposite Lake Belair.

**October 18- Reservoir Three Tour.** View the great wall, the ruins of Obed Paine Farm and a 19th century quarry. Meet at 10 am at NS High School parking lot.

**November 8-Wunnashowatuckquet Conservation Area.** View Harkness Hill and the Blackstone River. Meet at 10 am at the NS Fire Station 675 St. Paul St.

**December 13- Forte Wildlife Refuge.** See the remains of an 18th century homestead and native ceremonial stone features. Meet at 10 am at the Refuge parking lot, 1453 Providence Pike, North Smithfield



## *Mystery Photo*

### *May/June Mystery Photo*

Last edition's mystery photo had readers guessing the location of this street scene. A cupola in the background of the photo led readers to guess that this may be Ridge Road looking toward where Country Way now intersects. Other guesses include Green Street, Main Street or School Street.



### *September Mystery Photo*

This photo comes from the Mundy collection and Mr. Tim Mundy is pictured. It appears to be a presentation of some type. When and where was this taken? Does anyone recognize the other individuals pictured? What was the occasion? If you have an idea, please contact us at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com)

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



## NSHA Merchandise



We offer a wide range of merchandise including calendars, books, maps, puzzles, ornaments, birdhouses and much more! Get 2025 calendars at a 50% discount!

Visit our Gift Shop at the Forestdale School from 1 pm- 4 pm every first and third Friday and from 9 am until 12 pm every first Saturday.

Also visit our online store at <https://www.nsheritageassn.org/shop>. We will deliver locally for free!



2026 calendar will be coming out soon!



## *Development*



## COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL

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

### WAYS TO DONATE

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- Mail check payable to NSHA to P.O. Box 413, Slatersville, RI, 02876
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- Call 401-447-6394 to arrange doorstep pickup



For any questions or inquiries please email:  
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### *The North Smithfield Heritage Association Fund (Endowment)*

Estate planning? Need to make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA?

Make a legacy donation to the NSHA to avoid paying higher taxes. The RI Foundation manages the endowment fund, helping it to grow every year.

Click on the link for more information:

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### ***You Can Help!!***

**Join:** Membership costs just \$20 each year! *No commitment required!*

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

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

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



## Membership

We welcome new member: Bob Azar

Our membership now stands at 222 including 42 life members and 6 students. Some members live as far away as NH, CA, WA and AR. Your dues help significantly to fund our local preservation activities!

We thank our wonderful members for their vital support! You can become a new member by filling out an application at :<https://www.nsheritageassn.org/membership>

Seniors over 75 and students pay no dues.

\$20 Annual Dues were due on January 1, 2025. Your dues help significantly to fund our local preservation activities. **33 members have not yet renewed their dues.** We value your support. Please renew today! Former members can renew their membership at any time.

We thank the members renewed their 2025 membership dues! **If you are not sure of your status, please contact us ASAP.**

See payment options below.

### 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.
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3. **Give cash or check.** Make checks payable to “NSHA”. Note “Dues, Annual Appeal or Merchandise” on the memo line.
4. **Mail Checks** to NS Heritage Assn, P.O. Box 413, Slatersville, RI 02876.
5. We will also pick up payments and deliver purchases at your door if you live locally. Contact [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) or call [401-376-2927](tel:401-376-2927).



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**Followers: 1,513**

We thank Julie Tilley for making posts to all of our social media platforms, We continue to see steady follower growth!

**Website:** 240 site sessions in the last 30 days.  
**NSHA Newsletter Subscribers:** 1,618

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