



# NORTH SMITHFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## Opening of the Union Bank

As dedicated NSHA members often do, Gail Denomme recently located an old newspaper article—this one describes the opening of “The Old ‘Smithfield Union Bank’” in 1805.



In May of that year, the first meeting of the directors of the bank was held in Peleg Arnold’s tavern off Great Road, in what was then Smithfield. The tavern, as well as the tavern that was first location of the bank, Walter Allen’s House (pictured here) were popular stopovers for those traveling between Providence and Worcester, Massachusetts.

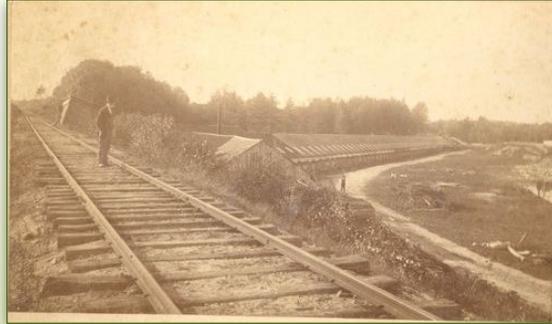
As the article explains, Arnold, who founded the bank and was its first president, himself served in the war as a lieutenant-colonel. He was also a member of the Continental Congress and later, an important early figure in the abolitionist movement. Eliab Wilkinson served as Smithfield Union’s first cashier.

Shortly after the Smithfield Union Bank was incorporated in 1805, the growing village became known as “Bank Village.” When the railroads made stagecoaches obsolete after 1830, the village became a backwater. In 1858, the bank moved to Main Street Woonsocket and was known as the National Union Bank. At some point after that, “Bank Village” became known as “Union Village.” *Interested in reading the article about the Union Bank? Email us! See page 16 for info.*

**Visit us on Facebook for updates throughout the month.**



## OCTOBER & NOVEMBER SPOTLIGHT: THIS LITTLE PIGGERY



NSHA recently found this photograph of Augustus E. Field and his Piggery when rumaging through old Follett Family papers. According to *History of Providence County*, Vol I & II (Richard M. Bayles ed.):

“Augustus E. Field came to North Smithfield in 1879. Mr. Field, in company with his son, George A., is in the piggery business, runs a farm of 300 acres, has 1,200 hogs, 10 horses, 5 yoke of oxen, 15 cows, 200 head of steers and 42 sheep.”

The Providence & Springfield Railroad ran its first passenger train from Providence to Pascoag in 1873. This route traversed the rural southwestern corner of town. The Primrose Station, built on Farnum Pike, gave its name to the neighborhood it served. Field's Station, near present Lake Bel Air, was named for the railroad stop; here, garbage was brought from the city to a large pig farm. The Field Farm was one of the largest commercial piggeries in Southern New England. Today, only the stone foundation of the piggery remains on the Gold Property on Mattity Road.

### Preserving NS History

Alice White has made remarkable progress with the conservation of our portraits of Thomas Dorr and his local supporter, Dr. Metcalf Marsh. You can notice a striking difference between the cleaned area and the existing area. Once she fills in the missing flecks of paint, they will look like new! Conservation of these two most valued local artifacts was made possible by historic calendar and merchandise sales! Together we can preserve much more!





# THE NORTH SMITHFIELD MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## “Memories of past years”

*by Michael J. Boday*

### **Movement Nine — “The First Years”**

During my tenure with the North Smithfield Junior High Band (note that, during the early 1970s, we had both a seven and an eight grade band), we had the opportunity to perform at many sites and for a variety of occasions. These instrumental exposures enabled our groups to develop into highly recognized ensembles.

One of our yearly performances was at the Rhode Island Music Educators’ Band Festival that was traditionally scheduled in April. Three college band directors, who offered an evaluation of each band’s performance, adjudicated this particular event. Their recommendations ranged from: “excellent balance and performance,” to “your conducting skills need much room for improvement.”

For one particular performance, I decided to have my band play an arrangement that echoed the sounds of the old West, and featured the percussion section. One musical measure of the work called upon the bass drummer to heavily emphasize the beat to somewhat mimic a pending storm. Upon reaching that climatic point, the young drummer struck the bass with such great force that the mallet flew from his hand and sailed across the stage, landing in the lap of a startled visiting band member in the audience. Needless to say, the college adjudicators found this interpretation of the band piece “interesting.”

Traditionally, after performing our portion of the program at the Band Festival, we would listen to several of the other bands play. Then it was time to board the bus, read the comments from the college adjudicators, and find a local McDonalds to satisfy our young band members’ craving for food and merriment.

Performing at the Rhode Island Music Educators’ Band Festival became a long-standing tradition for the Junior High Band. Also, another yearly event was performing at the Midland Mall in Warwick during Music In Our Schools Week. This concert was not adjudicated like the Band Festival, and it was created to bring attention to music programs throughout the country. The band members enjoyed this particular concert because they were free to roam the mall in small groups after their performance.

One particular series of concerts that we participated in offered our junior high students the occasion to listen to, and self-evaluate, similar junior high symphonic groups. These exchange concerts, with bands from Burrillville, Barrington, Cumberland, and Ponagansett, assisted our groups in developing a more acute sensitivity for intonation, balance, posture, and a myriad of other musical traits.

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### NS Music History (continued from page 3)

The most unusual concert that brings back eerie memories was when we were invited to perform at the Gaspee Day Celebration in Warwick. (Note: At that time I was heavily involved with the Music Educators Association, and I was able to take advantage of that involvement in scheduling several concerts for a variety of events and ceremonies outside of our town.)

We arrived at our destination at the Gaspee Day Celebration in the early evening, as a cool breeze swept across the bay area, and the students quickly set up their band stands and percussion equipment. The band performed in superior fashion and was warmly applauded by the local and visiting crowd. Then we commenced to bring all of our equipment to a waiting bus as the sun slowly disappeared and the darkness began to invade the bay area. As we were loading the band equipment into the bus storage area, several local officials approached me and inquired, “How did a band from North Smithfield receive an invitation to perform at a Warwick event?” I avoided a direct reply to that particular question by recommending that they pose that question to their local band directors. I then quickly boarded the bus and did a quick head count and signaled the bus driver to start the engine.

Before the bus began to move, several rowdy, and I suspect inebriated, young men approached the bus and began to bang on the side of the bus. I signaled the driver to hasten our departure and we quickly disappeared into the night, heading for the more welcoming and safe village of North Smithfield. (Note: We never received another invite to the Gaspee Day Celebration.)

*Thank you to Michael Boday for sharing this fun story about the history of music education in NS!*



### NS MUSICIAN PROFILE: *Brian Rowe*

Brian A. Rowe, as the Director of Music at Mount St. Charles Academy, knows all about the importance of providing opportunities to young musicians to perform...even in a pandemic. In 2020, he and the school’s academic director of fine arts were featured in a *Valley Breeze* article about their efforts to keep the music playing during the pandemic;

Brian’s photo from that article appears here. Brian is a native of North

Smithfield and attributes his musical ability to the teachers within the North Smithfield School system. He began playing music at age 10 and quickly found a love for the clarinet. Through his middle school and high school years, Brian began performing in All-State groups and won seats in many local orchestras. He ranked #1 in classical clarinet and jazz double bass in Fall 2014 and was nominated to represent Rhode Island in the All-Eastern and All-National ensembles. He was President of the NSHS Band and received the Alfred Lague Memorial Award for outstanding musicianship and leadership. Brian graduated in 2015 from NSHS and graduated in 2019 with a degree in Music Education from the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY. Brian has since moved back to North Smithfield to continue playing music in the area and serve in his role at Mount Saint Charles Academy.



## Upcoming Events

Thursday, November 11, 2021 ~ 11 a.m.  
*VFW Post 6342 Veterans Day Ceremony*  
Scouters Hall  
All are invited to attend.

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Saturday, November 13, 2021 ~ 10-4  
*NSHA Christmas Shoppe*  
Forestdale School  
190 School Street, N. Smithfield

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Sunday, November 14, 2021 ~ 9 a.m.  
*North Smithfield Heritage Hike:*  
*Primrose*  
Meet at NS Middle School Lot  
Not recommended for young children.  
Comfortable hiking shoes, bug spray, and water.

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Saturday, December 10, 2021 ~ 6 p.m.  
*NSHA Christmas Party*  
Heritage Hall  
101 Green Street, Slatersville  
Potluck dinner and Yankee Swap (\$10 value gift).  
Bring your favorite gift and BYOB.  
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

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Saturday, December 11, 2021 ~ 9 a.m.  
*North Smithfield Heritage Hike:*  
*Waterford*  
Meet at Firehouse Pizza Parking Lot  
Not recommended for young children.  
Comfortable hiking shoes, bug spray, and water.

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Tuesday, December 14, 2021 ~ 6:30 p.m.  
*NSHA Board Meeting*  
Memorial Town Building  
& Zoom Video Conference  
~ open to all members ~

*NSHA Christmas Shoppe*  
at the Little Red School House  
190 School Street, Forestdale  
Saturday, November 13  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come experience an artful display of the newest NSHA 2021 Christmas ornament commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Town of North Smithfield, the new 2022 Historic Calendar, and our three beautiful historic scene Jigsaw puzzles. Other available items include the *Images of North Smithfield* pictorial history book, 19th and 20th century Town maps, and many other wonderful gifts for your history-minded recipients. *See page 17 for more details.*

*NSHA*  
*Christmas*  
*Party*



We look forward to seeing our members and spouse or guest at the beautifully renovated Heritage Hall on Friday, December 10 at 6 p.m. to celebrate the holidays. Dinner is potluck, followed by a Yankee Swap. Bring a gift valued at \$10 to participate in this fun and cheerful event!



## NSHA Properties Update

### Forestdale School (190 School Street)

The painters finished painting the siding and trim! It looks amazing! We will now raise money to restore the window sashes, install emergency exit stairs and ADA ramp, and replace the roof and recreate the cupola that blew off in the 1938 hurricane.



The building is open from 10:00 to 2:00, the second and third Thursdays and Saturdays of each month.

### Memorial Town Building (1 Main Street)

The North Smithfield Land Trust, the VFW, and the NSHA Board of Directors meet in the beautiful Meeting Room at the Memorial Town Building. Visitors are always welcome! Pop in if you see a car in the parking lot or email [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) to make an appointment.

### Heritage Hall (101 Greene Street)

APG will fabricate and install custom storm windows for the stained-glass windows in the coming weeks. We also plan to move a fire alarm radio box here from the Memorial Town Building to allow the NSFD to monitor the fire alarm system.



## GETTING MOVING WITH NSHA!

### Successful September History Hike!

In September, our group began at the NS48 Oliver Smith Cemetery on Rocky Hill Road, followed a farm trail past a 19th century quarry to the remains of the Obedience Paine Farm, followed the “Great Stone Wall,” and ended at the William Mowry Farm and cemetery on Rocky Hill Road.

### Daffodils Around Town

Ann Lilley is seeking volunteers to plant several hundred daffodil bulbs in public places around town. Contact her to join in this annual fall tradition that yields beautiful spring flowers at [jslilley@yahoo.com](mailto:jslilley@yahoo.com).



### November Heritage Hike

This Sunday, November 14, at 9 a.m. we will meet at the Middle School parking lot on Providence Pike to start our tour of Primrose Historic District. We will visit Sheldon Four Corners, Andrews School, NS19 Othniel Mathewson Lot, old Woonsocket Hill Road, and the Joseph Mathewson Homestead. We suggest that group members wear appropriate hiking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing, and that they bring insect repellent and drinking water.



Othniel Mathewson Lot

*Photo credit: Rhode Island Historic Cemetery Volunteers*

### December Heritage Hike

On Saturday, December 11, at 11 a.m. we will meet at the Firehouse Pizza Restaurant on Great Road to start our tour of Waterford. We will tour the Mammoth Mills Ruins, Blackstone Canal, Waterford School, Waterford Train Station, Fountain, NS Airport, and Coblin Rock. This tour is not recommended for young children, and we suggest attendees wear comfortable hiking shoes and weather-appropriate clothing; also bring insect repellent and a bottle of water.



## NS 150th Anniversary 2021 Sesquicentennial History Book

Work on an updated town history book continues with author and retired *Providence Journal* reporter, John Hill. The book will focus primarily on the history since Walter Nebiker's *History of North Smithfield* was published in 1975; he plans to finish soon. The book will also expand on previous writings. We also plan to reprint the Centennial history book, and we welcome photos and newspaper clippings anyone may have for both! Please contact [nsha@nsheritageassn.org](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.org) if you can help provide source material such as newspaper articles, photographs, and/or personal memories.



## Contribute to the N.S. 150th Time Capsule Today!

Thank you to Bob Lafleur, for donating a campaign poster; Larry Smith, for donating a 2021 Pumpkinfest pin; and Gail Denomme, for donating a NS 125th Anniversary hat!! *Do you have any iconic items from the past 50 years that you would like to donate to the Time Capsule?* Contact us to arrange a drop off! We plan to seal the capsule in March 2022 then store it in our archives at the Memorial Town Building. Thank you for your support!

## NEW! The 2022 NSHA Commemorative Calendar

You can now purchase the stunning 2022 Historic Calendars for \$10 locally at Wright's Dairy Farm, Li'l General Convenience Store, Leeway Ace Hardware, and Village Paint. We thank our sponsors for their generous support! Calendars are also available online at [nsha@nsheritageassn.org](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.org), with payment via PayPal and free local delivery or \$5 for USPS delivery.





## *HISTORIC CEMETERY OF THE MONTH* **SLATERSVILLE CEMETERY**

*By Lynne Pelletier*

Slatersville Cemetery is located on Greene Street close to the heart of town and adjacent to Heritage Hall. This beautiful cemetery is well-kept and it is the final resting place of many of North Smithfield's distinguished residents. Also known as Rhode Island Historic cemetery NS003, the cemetery is roughly 4.3 acres and is enclosed with a chain link fence on 3 sides and a stone wall along the front. There are no gates at the three entrances but there most likely would have been at one time.

It appears that records for the cemetery begin in 1925 but the first known burial occurred in 1810. There are over 2,200 graves located here and most have inscriptions. The cemetery contains several large shade trees and one prominent gated wrought iron enclosure containing the graves of several members of Slatersville's founding Slater family.

This cemetery is a pleasant place to meander through as I quite often do. It is easy to recognize the many family names associated with history of North Smithfield. There are mill owners and mill operatives, politicians, physicians, farmers etc....just ordinary people and even entire families. Less well known however, are the stories associated with some of these individuals such as Albert Allen Mowry, the first town clerk of North Smithfield is buried here. For more about Albert A. Mowry, please see his story "The Mystery of the Letter" which appeared as the September Spotlight in Volume II, Issue 7 of the *NSHA Newsletter*.

Dr. Elisha Bartlett, born 6 October 1804 and died 19 Jul 1855, was a well-known physician and the first mayor of Lowell, Massachusetts. He was an 1826 graduate of Brown University and he was married to Elizabeth Slater, a daughter of John Slater. His former home still stands across from the Memorial Town Building. His large headstone is enclosed within the Slater family plot. Recently, his ornate headstone which had been broken for many years was repaired. Check out the photos of the repair included in this issue of the newsletter.

Among the graves of the Slater family, is a large headstone for industrialist John Slater and his wife Ruth. John was born in England in 1776 and he learned to be a millwright in a textile mill. When he and his older brother Samuel immigrated to America, they brought with them their knowledge of mill work and began their own mills. Samuel, also known as "The Father of the Industrial Revolution", started his textile mill in Pawtucket and not too long after John began his in what was then northern Smithfield. He founded the village of Slatersville and even donated a building for the Slatersville Congregational Church. Many of the Slater children and grandchildren are also buried close by.

Slatersville cemetery also contains the graves of veterans from many wars including the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. There is even an individual who fought in the Crimean War; John Daley was born in England in 1833 and he died on 5 March 1904 in New York but he is buried here in Slatersville. His headstone is inscribed with "A survivor of the Charge of the Light Brigade at Balakalava, Crimea."  
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### Slatersville Cemetery (continued from page 9)

There are over 40 Civil War veterans interred here including three who died while serving with the Union. They include Matthew McArthur Megget who died of typhus on 18 August 1862 in Tenleytown, District of Columbia at the age 24., John Taylor, who was serving as a Private with the Rhode Island Hospital Guards when he drowned when his boat capsized in Narragansett Bay on 24 October 1863, and finally, Edwin Tyler, who died after having been wounded at the Battle of Antietam on 13 October 1862. Edwin is buried in Antietam National cemetery in Sharpsburg, MD. His grave in Slatersville is actually a centotaph; a monument or memorial for someone buried elsewhere.

History is not limited to the distant past however. Also buried here are the remains of a young man who died while fighting in Vietnam; PFC Fredrick Carter born 22 July 1946 was killed in action on 12 January 1967 at age 20. Although this has been just a quick peek at some of the many veterans laid to rest here, there are so many more stories waiting to be discovered.

*Thank you, Lynne, for this wonderful story about our local historic cemetery!*

## North Smithfield Historic Cemeteries Update

- Our Gravestone restoration crews were busy again these past two months!
- On NS Clean and Green Day, crew cleared brush along NS7 Union Cemetery on Smithfield Road; cleaned NS19 Othniel Mathewson Cemetery on Providence Pike; and cleaned NS37 Old Aldrich Burial Ground on Smithfield Road.
- Kim Walker, Lynn Pelletier, and Barbara St. Germain, as well as members of the Smith Family continue to conserve gravestones at NS48 the Oliver Smith Lot on Rocky Hill Road.
- Ed, Kim, and Barbara St. Germain examined the NS49 Darius Mowry Cemetery on Pond House Road. The owner of the property agreed to let us restore and reset the stones.
- Ed Walker reset three fallen gravestones in NS7 Union Cemetery.



•Christine MacWilliams and her community service volunteers continue their remarkable restoration of the Quaker Church cemetery on Smithfield Road.

•Leaves are falling, and we need help to rake leaves in all our cemeteries before the snow flies! Please contact us at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) if you would like to help us restore dignity to these and other abandoned local cemeteries.



## NSHA Archives Committee Update

- We sincerely thank all who donated local relics, photos as well as those who participated in our oral interviews. Your memories contain our local heritage!
- Mike Sipala, now living in Barrington, allowed us to scan his scrapbook containing local sports articles from the 1960s; Diane Couture allowed us to scan scrapbooks from the Holy Ghost Festivals dating back to the 1950s; Armand Desmarais sent photos and newspaper articles about the NSPD in the 1970s.
- Oral interviews conducted: Irene Nebiker, Louise Vanhouwe, Gerard Boudreau, and Muriel Halloran. We sincerely thank all who donated items and who assisted with the ongoing oral interviews; we can only preserve of our local history with your support!
- We seek information and photos for all NS veterans. Please contact us at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) if you have a veteran's information, or if you will allow us to scan old family photographs, historic images, and documents, or if you would like to donate an artifact or volunteer as part of the NSHA Archives Committee.

### NSHA EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

- In September, we conducted a field trip to the Blunders with Kim Rawson's NS High School Social Studies class. We discussed local geography, local native American history at Nipsachuck, and interaction with English settlers thru the King Philip's War.
- In October, we conducted another Primrose field trip for Mrs. Rawson's 9th and 10th grade class. We discussed local geography and the history of Native Americans in North Smithfield.
- Hannah, a Lincoln HS junior, will conduct research on historic buildings on Eddie Dowling Highway to satisfy community service requirements for the National Honor Society.

### NSHA MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

The town improved security at two of its buildings this month. New residential security and fire alarm systems were installed at the Memorial Town Building and at the Forestdale School. The modest expense protects the substantial investment the town has made in both buildings recently.

We also thank the NS Fire Department for donating a Knox Box for the Forestdale School. Larry did a great job with the installation. The Fire Department can now gain access to the building with a key rather than braking open our new custom-made door!

Currently, Larry is building new bookshelves at the Memorial Building to store deed books dating back to 1871.



# CONTRAST IN TIME: 1955 CEMETERY STORY

Thank you to Gail Denomme for finding this story from page 8 of *The Woonsocket Call and Evening Reporter* on Saturday, December 3, 1995. It tells the story of the challenges posed when a two-century-old "lost" cemetery was located during the Nike site project. Enlarge the article to read the story. Thank you, Gail!

## Contrast In Time

### 200-Yr.-Old Cemetery Moved Intact From Area Nike Site

**By MARTIN S. BANDER**  
NORTH SMITHFIELD—The problem posed by a two-century old "lost" cemetery on the futuristic Nike site here has been solved. The burial ground has been moved lot by lot some three miles to Union Cemetery.

The family cemetery was located on the launcher site off Pound Hill Road. So well did trees and thick underbrush hide it that no one knew the cemetery existed until a government-employed surveyor stumbled across it while doing preliminary work on the Nike site.

Even after the Nike project was well under way, men working daily within 100 yards of the cemetery were unaware of its existence. From appearances the burial ground had been neglected for at least several decades.

**Statutes Followed**  
The cemetery lies partly in the path of the proposed access road to the launchers. Its presence prevented workers from building the road.

Moving the graveyard proved quite a problem. The law very carefully prescribes rules to be followed.

The Egidio DiPardo Funeral Home which won the contract had some 30 single-spaced typewritten pages of rules to adhere to.

Each of the 36 graves was dug individually by hand. Angelo DiPardo, who supervised the task, was surprised to find the remains of

persons buried about 150 years ago largely intact.

**New Caskets Used**  
In every instance the remains were placed in a new casket, marked with a nameplate and transported by hearse to Union Cemetery. There, S. Burton Mowry, Union Cemetery caretaker, helped supervise the reburials in stone vaults.

All the headstones, regulations being followed, were replaced over the new graves. Many of the stones consist of nothing more than small unmarked rocks.

At its original location, nine graves were enclosed by a fence made of pipes on three levels. Seven of the graves within the enclosure lay side by side. The remaining two inside the fence were together in a corner.

The fence, including its cement posts, was dismantled, then reassembled at Union Cemetery. The nine graves were replaced within the enclosure in their same relative positions.

**Duplicate Of Original**  
The other 27 graves which were outside the enclosure at the launcher site, were also replaced outside the fence at Union Cemetery.

A casual observer would find the cemetery in its new location almost a duplicate of the original. The main difference lies in the neatness of the new site itself, which, of course, has no trees or brush.

Before the cemetery was moved, permission was obtained from the only known living direct descendant,

Richard H. Usher, of Bristol, Mass. of the persons buried in the cemetery were members of the Southwick family which figured prominently in the history of this area.

The ~~only~~ Southwicks to live in Greater Woonsocket were Daniel and Ruth (Shove) Southwick. The couple bought 200 acres of land from Benjamin Taft after coming to what is now Uxbridge in 1742.

**Family Branches Out**  
From that time, the Southwick family branched out over several towns in this area. Some descendants still reside in the area. Besides Southwicks, the cemetery contains several Ushers and Immans, who apparently married into the Southwick family.

The earliest marked grave is that of a Mrs. Freelove Usher who died in 1808. She was born in 1756.

The last person buried there was Eber Southwick who died Nov. 5, 1856, 87 years after he was born.

There is some evidence that the cemetery dates back to the 1700's. In that period monument stones were expensive and seldom used. Many of the remains dug from graves with unmarked stones seemed considerably older than those of persons buried there in the early 1800's.

Regardless of its antiquity, it is certain the cemetery has passed through a time much different from the age of the Nike.

### Friends List Layman As Worship Speaker

UNION VILLAGE — Willard Weare, a layman from the Worcester Friends Meeting, will speak during the 11 o'clock worship hour tomorrow morning in the Society of Friends Meeting House, Smithfield Rd.

Bible school will meet at 9:45 to



ORIGINAL CEMETERY

... A section of an old cemetery found on the Nike site in North Smithfield. Picture was taken after land was cleared and before cemetery was moved to Union Cemetery.



DIGGING NEW GRAVES

... Angelo DiPardo, extreme left, and Burton Mowry, next to DiPardo, supervise the transfer of bodies from Nike site to Union Cemetery.



SAME CEMETERY BUT . . .

... This old cemetery was moved lot by lot three miles from the Nike launcher site to Union Cemetery, North Smithfield. Arrow shows one of gravestones replaced outside of enclosure as was the case at the original location.



## Ways to Support NSHA Today!

### Corporate Giving Campaign

Letters went out to local businesses who have not had the opportunity to support our historic preservation activities. We certainly appreciate any support you can provide as a business or employee!

### \*\*Payment Options\*\*

PayPal Giving Fund:

- search for [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com),
- select “Donation”
- enter purpose for payment on memo line

Via cash or check:

- Make checks payable to “NSHA”
- Note either dues, annual appeal, or merchandise on the memo line.
- Mail Checks to NS Heritage Assn, P.O. Box 413, Slatersville, RI 02876.
- We will also pick up dues at your door if you live locally.

### NSHA MEMBERSHIP

NSHA welcomes new members Monica Budzyna, Jody Leclair, Bill Staples, Alivia Verasammy, and George Hemond! We thank all our members for everything you do to support our historic preservation efforts! Your \$20 annual dues allow us conduct our many preservation activities and events. We thank all who recently renewed your membership for this year. If you are not sure of your status, please contact us. *Want to join?* Seniors over 85 and students are still free. See above for dues payment options!

### NSHA GOALS

You can still help NSHA in 2021! Your tax-deductible donation funds a host of local preservation activities and events. We want to fund four projects this year:

- Create a display case for the historic Slatersville Grenadiers Flag used during the 1842 Dorr Rebellion.
- Conduct archeological studies of Native American ceremonial sites in the Nipsachuck area town
- Restore the Forestdale School
- Replace the Cupola on the Heritage Hall on Green Street.

### 2021 Annual Appeal

Those who want to make personal donations can still make tax deductible donations. See payment information on the left! Thank you!

### Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a part of Amazon that allows you to shop as well as generate a corporate donation for The NSHA. Simply create an account on Amazon Smile (<https://smile.amazon.com>). Choose The North Smithfield Heritage Association as the charity that will benefit from your purchases at no extra cost to you. Make sure you go to the AmazonSmile website to shop! (<https://smile.amazon.com>) Thank you!



## Get Your NSHA Merchandise!

Did you know that NSHA offers a wide variety of items that make perfect gifts for yourself or loved ones? And the best part: All profits support our preservation efforts!

- *NSHA's brand-new 2022 Historic Calendars are available for \$10.*
- *NSHA Puzzles feature images from two town farms (Martin's and Gardner's) as well as an image 19th century Main Street Slaterville. They are available in two different sizes (524 or 1014 pieces) and cost \$20 each.*
- *NS 150th anniversary Commemorative Ornaments: These beautiful Christmas ornaments (shown here) feature the Town Crest with a banner that reads "1871-2021" and cost \$15 each.*



### *Where and How to Purchase NSHA Gifts:*

- Our gift shop at the **Forestdale School** offers calendars, ornaments, maps, books, and other items that reflect our local history. Besides the NSHA Christmas Shoppe on Saturday, November 13, the gift shop opens the second and third Thursday and Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To make an appointment on other days, contact Louise at 401-769-8177.
- Limited items are available at **The Budding Violet at Red White & Brew Coffeehouse** on Great Road.
- Limited items are also available at the **Memorial Town Building** at 1 Main Street. Call 401-447-6394 for an appointment.
- Visit our **online shop** on our website, [www.nsheritageassn.org](http://www.nsheritageassn.org). Pay by check or PayPal Giving fund. Make checks payable to "NSHA." Orders ship immediately upon payment. The shipping fee for a single item is \$5. Multiple or large items require an adjusted rate. Local delivery to your door is free. Contact [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com). Thank you for your support!



## NSHA NEWS!

### Historic Residence Tax Credit Ordinance

The Town Council read proposed amendments to our town ordinance at its last meeting. The changes give local jurisdiction for the program to the NS Historic District Commission. They also expand the definition of “Historic Residence” to include barns and certain historic commercial buildings. A public hearing and second reading will take place at the council’s next meeting on November 15th.

### Malavery House Local Historic District (22 Grange Road)

At its November 15 meeting, the Town Council will consider a request by the NS Historic District Commission to create a local historic district for this 18th century house, which was built in about 1720 by John Mowry’s granddaughter, Experience, and her husband John Malavery. For a time, the house served as a stagecoach stop on the Old Oxford Turnpike from Providence to Oxford, MA. Currently it is one of the oldest houses in town; it is owned by Irene Nebiker.

### North Smithfield Spooky Spirits Night a Spooktacular Success!



An estimated 700 people enjoyed food trucks, warm cider, hayrides, and local vendors and other events at this wonderful community event on October 23 at Goodwin’s Farm. We thank Goodwin Brothers’ Farm, Wright’s Farm, NS Parks and Recreation, NS DPW, NS EMA and a small host of volunteers for their support! See you for more spooky fun in 2023!

### Stone Features Origin

Our GoFundMe campaign raised enough money to fund the last of three soil samples taken by the New England Antiquities Research Association (NEARA) from stone features found on property on Rocky Hill Road.

The property contains the highest concentration of stone features found anywhere in North Smithfield. Luminescence tests will determine the date and origins of the features. Preliminary results indicate that the features date to 1630, plus or minus 120 years. Further testing will narrow the range. Thank you to all who donated to support this scientific study!



## Help Promote Local History!

Visit our North Smithfield Heritage Association Facebook page to learn about our events and activities and get acquainted with some of our members. Then be sure to share with friends and family! @northsmithfieldheritage

Also, visit our website to view past newsletters and see information about our organization as well as our many ongoing historic preservation activities.  
[www.nsheritageassn.org](http://www.nsheritageassn.org)

Most importantly, share this newsletter with family and friends! To join our mailing list, contact us via email at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) or text 401-447-6394.

## Genealogical Research Available

Lynne Pelletier, author of our recent cemetery stories, continues to generously offer to help conduct research on family ancestry trees. Lynne has extensive experience and access to several databases. If interested, please email NSHA to coordinate an appointment with Lynne, at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com).



## Win a One-Year Free NSHA Membership!

We will hold a special drawing at our Annual Meeting for those members who recruit a new member the preceding year. The winner will receive a free 2022 membership!

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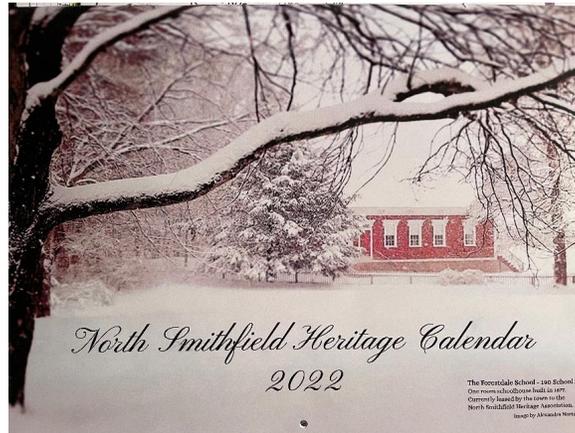
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Give the gift of history. NSHA has a variety of historical gifts sure to please those history buffs.

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# **Holiday Shoppe**

## **NS Heritage Association**

**Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 4 pm**

**Little Red Schoolhouse, 190 School Street, Forestdale RI**

**All proceeds go to support NSHA's numerous preservation activities.**

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