



# NORTH SMITHFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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The NS Parks and Recreation Department will hold it's annual *Spooky Spirits Night* from 4-8 pm on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Goodwin Brothers Farm, on Greenville Road. The event is co-sponsored by Goodwin's Farm, Wright's Dairy Farm and the NSHA. The event features free hayrides, hot apple cider, fortune-telling and more!



**The new 2024 NSHA calendars have arrived!**



These high-quality items feature beautiful images of local historic buildings and landmarks. You may purchase them for just \$10 each at the Memorial Town Building and coming soon to local retailers! We will mail them for an additional \$5 shipping fee or deliver them locally free of charge. Sales have been brisk so don't miss your opportunity to purchase this beautiful calendar!

### **Veterans Memorial Program**

The NSHA, in cooperation with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will fly the U.S. Flag at the Memorial Building for a period of thirty days each month in honor of deceased local veterans. We will conduct a brief flag-raising ceremony in honor of the veteran as well as publish a brief biography of the honoree's military service in the NSHA newsletter. Families can use the honored veteran's Memorial Flag or a NSHA Flag. Please contact NSHA at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) or call [401-651-6316](tel:401-651-6316) to nominate a veteran.





## Time to Plant Your Daffodils

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

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

**Dutch Master-** yellow daffodil bulbs packaged in 50 count bags.  
We're offering them to you at cost - \$20 per bag of 50.

**Ice Follies-** a white daffodil with yellow cup that fades to white packaged in 50 count bags.  
We're offering them to you at cost - \$26 per bag of 50.

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

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

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

Please contact me to order your daffodils or ask questions,  
Ann Lilley, [jslilley@yahoo.com](mailto:jslilley@yahoo.com) or 401-556-0853.





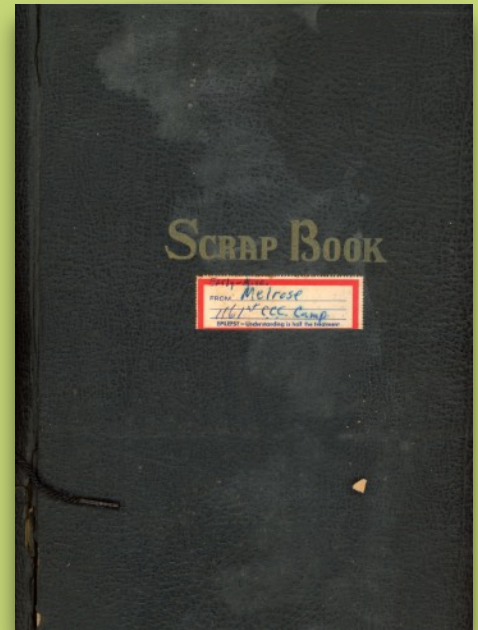


## *Thank You*



CT author and historian Marty Podskoch, Roger Haskell and Rich Keene

Thank you to Roger Haskell who donated a scrapbook that belonged to his grandfather, Captain Webster L. Simons. This album contains photos of the Civilian Conservation Corps and includes newspaper articles and flyers referencing the camp.



Thank you to an anonymous donor who donated this beautifully framed print of Slatersville dated 1894.

***Your family photos and old letters contain our local heritage!*** Please allow us to scan them to maintain a digital copy in our archives. **Important!** Please write the names on the back of your photos of all the people photographed and the location if possible. Use a pencil as ink may damage the photos. Too many wonderful photos get thrown away because younger generations don't know who is in them. Images of ancestors are then lost forever.

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

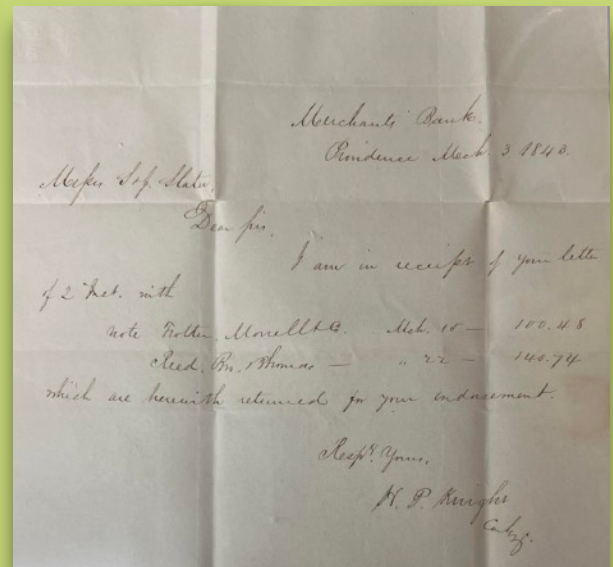


## Thank You



Ray Taylor and Sam Turco.

Thank you to the Taylor family of North Smithfield for loaning this framed print created by artist and illustrator, Frederick Foster Lincoln in 1914. He married a local woman named Alice Lothrop in Union Village and they lived in New York City initially. Later they moved to her parent's house on Morse Avenue. They are both buried in Union Cemetery.



Thank you to Sam Turco for donating this letter he found on eBay. The letter is addressed to S and J Slater from H. P. Knight. It is dated March 3, 1843.



Thank you to Janice Gosselin for donating these beautiful Fall wreaths for the doors at the Memorial Town Building.

The NSHA archives and the research center is open at the Memorial Town Building every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm or Tuesdays from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Stop by and visit or contact us to make an appointment to visit on another day.

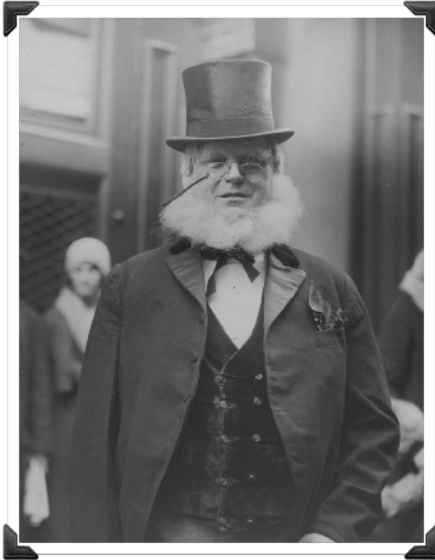




## *From the Archives*

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

*– continued from the September newsletter...*



**The Reverend would transform into the character of “Unkle Eph.” An old Yankee with a quick wit and fractured English. The “Unkle Eph” ads would appear in local newspapers until the year 1968, 11 years after the Reverend’s death.**

Upon his return from Europe after the war, Harvey found that the Eastman family was strapped for money. According to his son, two important things helped resolve this problem. The first began as a humorous letter written to a department store. Raymond’s of Boston was the type of store that sold anything and everything at really good prices. Rev. Eastman wrote a letter to the president of the store telling him how he had purchased a coat there and was very satisfied with the quality and price. He ordered two more. It was the tone and the words he chose that made his letter remarkable. The Reverend used a combination of fractured grammar and backwoods spelling reminiscent of an old Yankee farmer. Mr. Dorr, the store’s president, loved the style and he requested to use the letter in the store’s advertising. The Reverend was engaged to write weekly letters, and soon these ‘bits’ appeared in many New England newspapers under the title of “Doings in Smugginsville by Unkle Eph.”

Unkle Eph became a prime advertising element for Raymond’s of Boston. The Eastman’s had a new source of income and the characters of “Unkle Eph”, and “Aunt Mary” were born. Unkle Eph was a rustic bearded swamp Yankee who spoke in fractured yet clever phrases. His most famous phrase was the store’s slogan, "Where U Bot the Hat".

It was during this time that the couple and their six children moved to Greene St. in the quaint town of Slatersville, which would become their permanent home.

Rev. Eastman continued this “Unkle Eph” persona for many years. It was not until 1942 that Harvey was “publicly identified” as “Unkle Eph” and his wife Rebecca as “Aunt Mary.”

The second important thing that happened to help with the Eastman’s financial troubles was that the Reverend’s fame as a speaker was spreading. He had become a popular after-dinner speaker known for his eloquence and ready wit.

For some twenty years he was also a correspondent for *The Woonsocket Call*. He edited a weekly column that combined humor and wisdom about the Slatersville “home folks,” writing under the byline of “Slatersville Sam.”



**An Annual sales stunt and Raymond’s in the early twentieth century was “orginashun day” ( the anniversary of the founding of the store) featuring the arrival of Unkle Eph and Aunt Mary from South Station in a hay wagon driven by oxen, along with his hillbilly band and various rural vaudeville characters, all from “Smugginsville.”**



## *From the Archives*



**What Reverend Eastman began as a camp for boys became a gathering place for local youth and adults alike. At one time, the Reverend and his wife lived at the camp during the summer.**

For some twenty years he was also moderator of the town of North Smithfield until 1950.

On April 3, 1957, Rev. Eastman passed away at the home he, his wife and friends had built on Old Great Road. He is buried in Slatersville Cemetery.

Carl W. Christiansen, a close friend of the Reverend, summed up his life as, "The husband, the father, the minister, Unkle Eph, Slatersville Sam the reporter, the Boy Scouts leader, the philosopher, the grandfather and, above all a legend for all time in this little village of Slatersville."

This remarkable man also belonged to the Masons, the Union Grange, and the Kiwanis Club. With all this going on he never lost sight of his ministry with the local youth and veterans. He is said to have written to all local veterans during the Second World War.

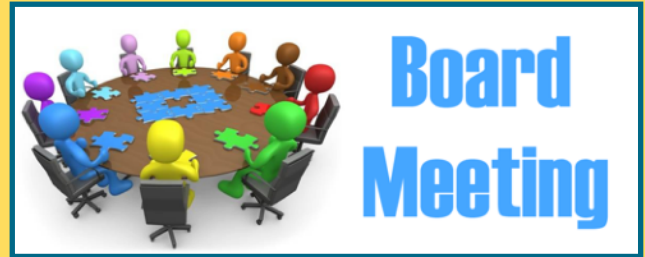
Rev. Eastman believed that the youth of the community were its most valuable asset. He was a member of the Boy Scouts for 32 years. He was a major supporter of the YMCA and at one time began a camp for boys that he called Camp Toonerville. It is said that Rev. Eastman would stand atop a boulder near the water to supervise the swimmers. This rock had been so identified with the reverend that when he died the stone was moved to the cemetery and used as his tombstone.



**As a remembrance of his vigilance as he watched over swimmers from the vantage point of this rock, it now stands as the Eastman tombstone in Slatersville Cemetery.**



The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at Heritage Hall, 101 Green Street. Members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Zoom information is included in the email notification.



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

### ***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***



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).

### ***Education***

Two NS High School seniors are working with the NSHA mentors to complete their senior projects. Ava has started to conduct oral interviews with lifetime local residents and Nick is conducting a survey of NS geological features.

We are currently looking for more residents to interview for Ava's project. If you grew up in North Smithfield and are interested in being interviewed **Please contact us at [nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com) or call [401-651-6316](tel:401-651-6316).**







## *Fifty Years Ago*

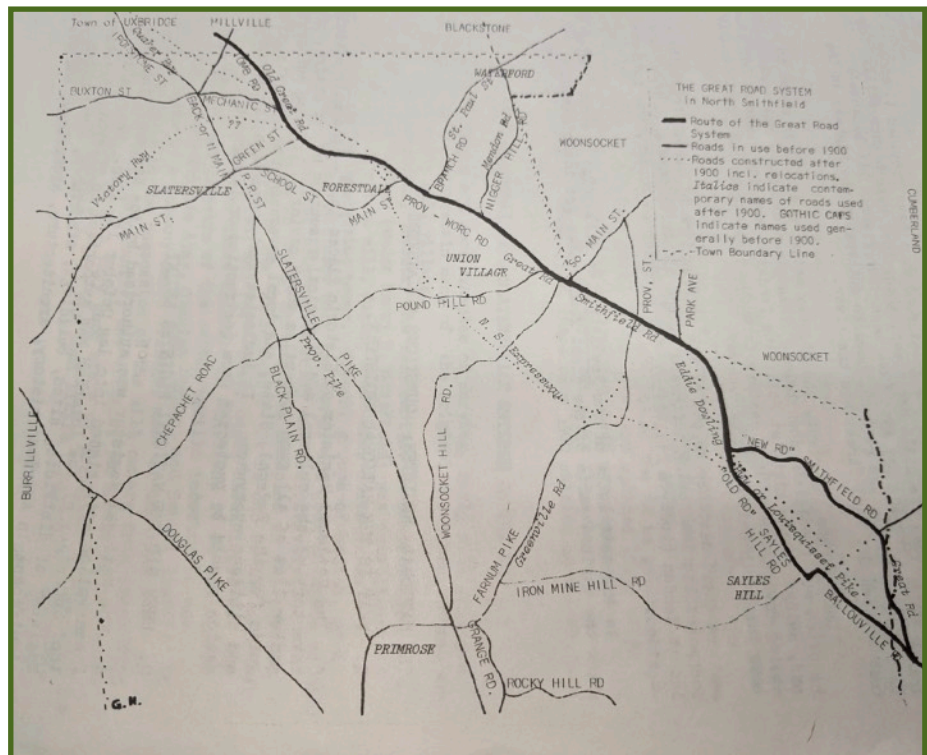
This latest section of the very long article “*A Road By Any Other Name*” by George A. Harvey comes from the February 1974 Heritage Association newsletter. We began publishing segments of this article back in May and if you missed any parts you may catch up by visiting the newsletter section of our website.

“What’s in a name?” Shakespeare asks in *Romeo and Juliet*. “That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” Ah yes, but don’t let that other name be daisy, or phlox, or hollyhock, or else the world will be confused as it searches for the fragrant rose. A name, after all, may be only identification, but when it comes to roads, identification is what matters. If we don’t distinguish our highways, then the traveler is forever confused. And even after he has finally found his way through a maze of roads, he cannot easily guide someone else through the same labyrinth unless he uses labels.

This bit of prose is intended as apology for a town (probably typical of many in rural New England) that has never thought seriously enough about its street names. Consequently hundreds of people live along the great road system in North Smithfield- our oldest highway- and yet their house deeds (except for the newer dwellings) breath nary a word about Great Road. That eight mile route has been called -or sworn at- by at least seventeen different designations, many of which are intended for only some small section.

Why the confusion? Rural towns never felt compelled to be as organized and structured as their city neighbors. Indeed, towns like North Smithfield long continued as collections of villages and neighborhoods that had a remarkable degree of autonomy into the twentieth century. Schools and highways were maintained within the local precinct. Attempts to organize and regularize all the parts were revisited. Perhaps the continuation of two independent fire companies in North Smithfield exemplify this ancient trait.

To this day, the town of North Smithfield has not taken any action to recognize the names of streets and highways that existed prior to the institution of the zoning ordinances. Consequently, Ironstone Street may be called Quaker Highway, an Uxbridge name; part of North Main Street has been designated as Central Street, a Millville name, on the town highway map; Victory Highway generously spills far out of bounds encroaching on sections of Great Road, even while Great Road fights back and tries to usurp parts of Victory Highway. Is the Beef Barn in Union Square, or Daily Hole, or Riendeau Square or Hosee Wales Corner?





## *Fifty Years Ago*

With all this as prelude, let's get to the matter at hand: the names, both old and new, that have been used in the great road system. None of them has been officially accepted by the town fathers, so judgements of "right" and "wrong" must be made carefully and sparingly. We'll start at the southern end, just over the Crookfall River in Lincoln.

### *1. The "old road" going over Sayles Hill, from Reservoir Road to West Acres*

This stretch of highway paralleling route 146 is probably the oldest segment of the great road system in this town. Accounts dating to the 1740's when highway districts were first established call this "the old road" to distinguish it from "the new road" round the hill. Sometimes, the lower portion of the old road became known locally as Ballouville Road. Both lower and upper sections of the old road were referred to as the "old Providence Road" in the 1873 town tax book which lists boundaries of the newly formed highway districts. In deeds we find it named "the road over Sayles Hill" which led to the simplification, Sayles Hill Road. The lower Ballouville Road is now labeled Old Sayles Hill Road, and it is no longer a through way.

A mention should be made here of the "**1895 Atlas of Surveys**" published by Everts and Richards. A useful, volume, it nevertheless contains some errors in highway names. For example, Iron Mine Hill Road is called Sayles Hill Road. Because this atlas is used as a basis for highway names on North Smithfield's plat maps, some of these errors now live on to cause confusion.

### *2. The "new road" circling eastward around Sayles Hill, from Reservoir Road to West Acres*

In the Town of Lincoln, the great road is well defined and the town has proudly marked its various sections. One such sign appears on route 146 opposite Reservoir Road where the "new road" begins. This name may confuse us, however, for Great Road is not the ancient name. This new road around Sayles Hill, constructed possibly as early as 1720, was the easier and therefore preferred route of the two. Even in 1873, the town of North Smithfield avoids any proper name, listing it simply as the road "from the Booth Pond (near Park Square) southerly, to the Crookfall River..." No mention of the name Great Road, so it is surprising to find that the "**1895 Atlas**" declares that Great Road extends from Park Square to the Crookfall River. West of Park Square through Union Village, the map bears no road name at all. Whether the map makers were accurate or not we cannot say, but we are sure that the North Smithfield end of "the new road" has commonly been known as Smithfield Road at least since the turn of this century.

### *3. From West Acres to Park Square*

We have now arrived at one of the most often relocated and most frequently renamed sections of our route. The earliest records simply know this section as a portion of the Providence-Worcester road, or the lower Mendon Road. This was sufficiently adequate for two centuries. In the 1800's, about the time that Woonsocket was chartered as a city, the name Smithfield Road came into use for a section west of Park Square toward Union Village. It appears that this name was quite naturally extended east and south of Park Square to West Acres and then over "the new road". Smithfield Road, as it was then, all the way from the Crookfall River to South Main Street at Union Village. Again we need to note that the troublesome "**1895 Atlas**" uses the name Great Road south of Park Square, but we have no other reference to corroborate that designation.

**Next month: Louisquissett Pike and Route 146**



## ***NSHA Visitors***



**These Smith family cousins from RI and PA met for the first time last month to view ancestral burials in local historic cemeteries. Rich Keene provided the guided tour.**



**Also, just last week, another cousin named Martha Matthews from Yakima, Washington, visited the Memorial Town Building to tour the archives and meet with Al, Lynne and Rich. Martha has spent many years researching her Phillips ancestors and she was thrilled to share all of her genealogical research with us.**

## ***Research Team***



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

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



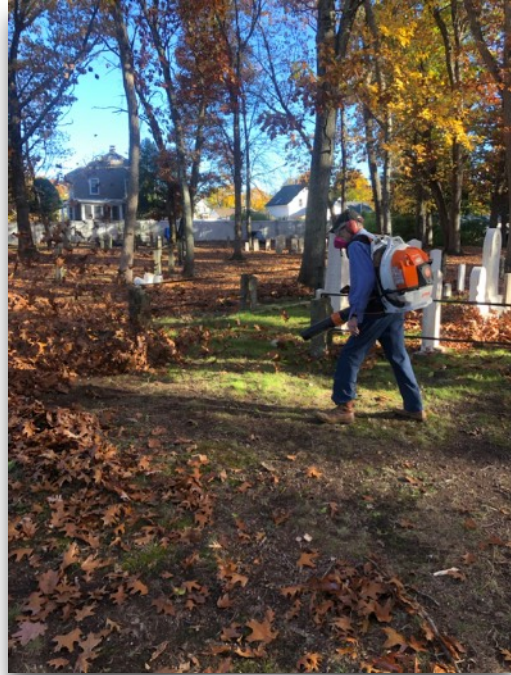


## *NS Historic Cemeteries*



**Teams are currently working in these cemeteries:**

NS05- Israel Aldrich Lot on Industrial Hwy.  
NS09- Capt. Luke Phillips Lot on Pound Hill Rd.  
NS22-Richard Mowry Lot on Greenville Rd.  
NS24-Gideon Sayles Lot on Iron Mine Hill Rd.  
NS31,36,37- Hotchkiss Cemetery on Smithfield Rd.



Our cemetery teams have been busy with their restoration work. As the weather cools, the teams will soon suspend their gravestone conservation work and transition to fall clean-up work. Please contact NSHA if you'd like to help!

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





## *Historic Cemetery of the Month*

NS #39, The Aldrich Burial Ground  
by Lynne Pelletier

The cemetery of the month for October is the Aldrich Burial Ground and it has a sad tale to tell. Originally located in Park Square, approximately where Stop and Shop is now, this family burial lot was the final resting place for at least 20 members of the Aldrich family.

On August 12, 1958, the entire cemetery was dug up in order to make way for the construction of the North Smithfield Shopping Center. Unfortunately, the individual graves or headstones that were said to be there were not transferred to Union cemetery. Instead, the 22 skulls and bones that were removed were interred in a common grave with one grave marker. No names were included on this marker.

According to research done by Mrs. Emma B. Shaw, who describes the location of the cemetery as "This cemetery, as one turns going north from Louisquissett Pike to go to Union Village, is off on the left on a knoll. There is a tall tree standing alone and under this tree are the following stones, also many not marked." The individuals that were known to be buried here include 3 young adults and 4 children. The adults were Rueben Aldrich, aged 23, Simeon Aldrich, aged 21 and Levi Aldrich, aged 19. The children included Hannah Aldrich, aged 7, Lydia Aldrich, aged 2, Walter Aldrich, aged less than 1 year, and J S Andrews, aged 7 months.

On August 4, 1958, a photo appeared in *The Woonsocket Call* with the caption "CHECKING 200 YR OLD TOMBSTONES. S. Burton Mowry, superintendent of Union Cemetery, checking headstones of Aldrich Family Cemetery in North Smithfield where skeletal remains, some 230 years old, are being moved to make way for the North Smithfield Shopping Center in an area behind Park

Square Diner. Remains to be buried in a common grave at Union Cemetery." The photo, which couldn't be reproduced here due to the quality, clearly shows the headstone for Hannah Aldrich so it is curious as to why the headstones were not also transferred along with the remains.

I could not find the answer as to why this removal was done the way it was. It seems sad and even disrespectful that the individuals buried here not only lost their original resting place but also their individuality. The marker for this cemetery stands on the the left side of Union Cemetery close to the Hotchkiss Cemetery. There is a sign marking the location of the flat grave marker, but it easy to miss. Earlier this year, NSHA cemetery team member, Stephanie Maoz, gave the stone a good cleaning and removed the over-growth of grass around its edges. It looks so much better now!







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[nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com)





## *Preservation and Restoration*

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



Martone Inc. framed the base for the new cupola and started to frame the new emergency exit stairs.

They also began to strip and replace the roof on the school house.



The classroom now has a new sheetrock overlay and new lighting and electrical circuits. The painter will paint the walls and ceiling this week and then when that is finished another contractor will start to refinish the wood floors next week.

We hope to hold an Open House and our Holiday Shoppe event on Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>!



## *Maintenance*

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

The Interlocal Municipal Trust paid a contractor to repair the office door and jamb. A local contractor also repaired large holes in the upstairs hall. This will mitigate heat loss during the heating season. Charlie also repaired the damage to the vault that was damaged by a leaking heating pipe in the upstairs hall.



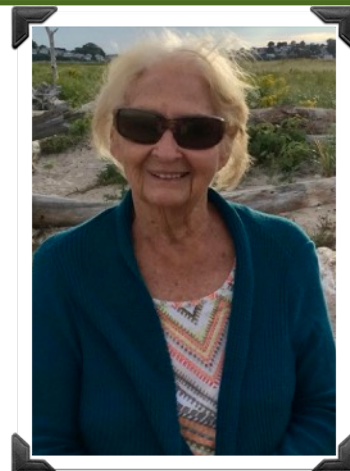
### **Heritage Hall (101 Green Street)**

Charlie's volunteer painting crew repainted the lower halls and bathrooms last month. The building has never looked better!

## *In Memoriam*

Sadly, we report the passing of our member, Claire Woodworth. She was a NSHA charter member. You may read Claire's obituary here:

<https://www.holtfuneralhome.com/obituary/Claire-Woodworth>





## *Conservation*

### **2023 North Smithfield Heritage Walks**

Heritage walks are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The locations are in the descriptions below. All walks meet at 9:30 am.

#### **Heritage Walks 2023 Schedule:**

**November 18:** Woonsocket Hill: Mowry Fire Tower, Philip Mowry House and NS47, National Grid stone features. Meet at the NS Middle School parking lot.

**December 9:** Cedar Brook Legacy: Todd's Farm and Cedar Brook Cart Path. Meet at NS High School Tennis Courts on Grange Road.

Next year's schedule coming soon!

### **Grange Road Historical District**



Runyon Heritage Associates completed its survey of properties on Grange Road that will facilitate an application to register the district on the National Park Service Register of Historic Places. The survey is a preliminary step towards a formal application. If approved, the designation would make listed historic properties eligible for the local Historic Buildings Tax Credit Program.

### **Slatersville Dorr Rebellion Flag**

Conservation work on the Slatersville Dorr Rebellion Flag is ongoing. Maria Vazquez, Royal Conservation textile conservator, continues to replace missing fragments from the unique 1842 artifact. Funding from a June Rockwell Levy Foundation grant is funding the conservation work.







## ***NSHA Activities***

### **NSHA Fall Equinox Cookout**

On Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, rain did not stop NSHA members from holding the first annual Fall social potluck cookout at Heritage Hall. Members enjoyed wonderful food and a giant game of Jenga after the meal.



### **October Heritage Walk**



On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, the NSHA offered a driving and walking tour of Wesquidomsett Hill, now known as Sayles Hill, where the first white colonists settled into what is now North Smithfield. Participants viewed the graves of John and Mary Mowry who both died of small pox on July 7, 1690, an abandoned portion of Old Sayles Hill Road that brought the first settlers into North Smithfield and historic buildings on and around the hill.



**The Great Pumpkin Festival** took place on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. NSHA volunteers staffed two booths containing merchandise, archive material, local research and cemetery information. We made many new friends as we explained our preservation activities and sold over \$300 of merchandise! Thank you to all who helped out to make this a successful event!

### ***SAVE THE DATES!!***



**Saturday, November 18, 2023-** *Open House and Holiday Shoppe* at the Forestdale School 10 am-3 pm, come see all the renovations we've made and get a start on your holiday shopping with wonderful NSHA merchandise such as ornaments, calendars, jigsaw puzzles, books, map, and cozy North Smithfield throws.

**Friday, December 8, 2023-** *NSHA Holiday Potluck Dinner* at Heritage Hall at 6 pm. Enjoy a variety of delicious food, good company and a Yankee Swap gift exchange. More info to come!





## Upcoming Events

The public is invited  
to attend a special  
*one-time only*  
preview screening  
of a new chapter  
in the story of...

THE MUSEUM OF  
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VETERANS DAY  
SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 11, 2023  
1:30PM

Followed by  
Filmmaker Q&A  
Free Event  
**Seating Limited**  
Register at  
[RIHS.simplotix.com](https://rihs.simplotix.com)

Photo: Herbert LeClair  
in Slatersville, early 1940's.  
Courtesy The LeClair Family



Episode 7

## The War Years

A  
CHRISTIAN DE REZENDES  
PICTURE



## VETERANS DAY 2023

On Saturday, November 11th at 1:30PM, join us for a special preview screening of **SLATERSVILLE Episode 7: The War Years** at the **Museum of Work & Culture** in Woonsocket, RI.

**THE EVENT IS FREE  
SEATING IS LIMITED  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**





## *Development*

### *The North Smithfield Heritage Association Fund*

Estate planning? Make a tax-deductible legacy donation to this RI Foundation managed fund. Your donation earns interest every year. The NSHA only uses a portion of the earned interest each year for preservation activities. Your donation therefore, continues to grow in perpetuity, increasing the interest that the NSHA can use each each year for historic preservation. Click on the link for more information: <https://rifoundation.org/giving/funds?q=north+smithfield+heritage+&s=3>



### *NSHA Merchandise*

Our wide range of merchandise that includes calendars, books, maps, jigsaw puzzles, ornaments and so much more! View our entire inventory at the **NSHA On-line shop** at [www.nsheritageassn.org](http://www.nsheritageassn.org).

We will deliver locally for free!

### *September Mystery Photo*

The Class of 1969 silver tea service mystery photo unfortunately did not bring many responses to the call for more information about its origins. Dick Potenza kindly called June Couture who said she remembers the tea set well. She stated that it was supposed to be used for VIP Receptions for guest speakers at graduation ceremonies but apparently the practice was discontinued. We thank Dick and June for this helpful information.





## *Mystery Photo*

This month's mystery photos show what appears to be high school students posing for a group photo. Based on the clothing and hair styles, it may have been taken in the 1970's. We do not know the location of the photo, who these young people were or why they formed the numeral '8'. If you recognize yourself, a friend or family member or you know anything about this event, please contact NSHA.



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!





## COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL

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

### 2023 INITIATIVES

- ✓ Complete restoration of Forestdale School interior
- ✓ Cemetery restoration
- ✓ Historical artifact acquisition & preservation

### WAYS TO DONATE

- Scan QR codes for PayPal or Venmo
- Mail check payable to NSHA to P.O. Box 413, Slatersville, RI, 02876
- Drop off at the Memorial Town Building
- Call 401-447-6394 to arrange doorstep pickup

For any questions or inquiries please email:  
[nsha@nsheritageassn.com](mailto:nsha@nsheritageassn.com)  
or visit:  
<https://www.nsheritageassn.org/>



We appeal to the community to help fund our preservation efforts. We plan to complete the restoration of the historic Forestdale School this year. Please donate today to help us finish this project.

Send donations via mail, PayPal Giving Fund, or Venmo. Or you can simply drop off your donation or pay with a credit card at our headquarters at the Memorial Building, 1 Main St. during our weekday morning business hours:

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

We will also pick up donations at your door! **Any amount helps enormously!**





## Membership

*We welcome new members Jeff and Kristen Nelson and Bob MacDonald.*

~Your \$20 annual dues allow us to conduct vital preservation activities. Seniors over 75, high school students and full-time college students pay no dues.

**We thank the 203 members who joined or renewed this year!** ~Annual Dues are due on **January 1, 2024.**

Those who recently renewed are good for the calendar year 2024.

Members in arrears or with expired memberships can renew at any time. If you are not sure of your status, please contact us.

~You can become a member by filling out an application found on our website:

<https://www.nsheritageassn.org/membership> or you may pay by mail, via the PAYPAL Giving Fund, or M, T, W mornings at the Memorial Town Building.

### 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).



## Outreach

We continue to see growth in our social media platforms!

Facebook Page Followers: 1,263

Website: 275 interactions in last 30 days

NSHA Newsletter Subscribers: 1,361

Instagram Followers: 273

[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!**



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