

**Herriott Heritage
Association**



"A Stout Heart in a New Land"

Association By-Laws

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HERRIOTT HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

The Herriott Heritage Association, hereafter referred to as the HHA, was formed as a result of action taken by those present at both the 1985 and 1988 HHA national reunions. The following "Statement of Formation and Purpose" and "Bylaws" was adopted on July 23, 1988 and modified in July 2009:

STATEMENT OF FORMATION AND PURPOSE

Those who attended the 1988 National reunion of the descendants of DAVID HERRIOTT who arrived at "Amboy Perth", of "East Jersey" from Scotland in 1685 and other Herriott families presently associated ratified the formation of the HERRIOTT HERITAGE ASSOCIATION.

WE HEREBY DECLARE THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION IS:

To encourage interest in our heritage, to stimulate and assist researchers and other family members to gather and preserve historical, literary and genealogical materials pertaining to the extended family, hereby defined as descendants of people with the surname Herriott (or one of its many varied spellings), and to assist in expanding the fellowship among the family members.

WE ALSO DECLARE:

ARTICLE I

That at each national reunion those in attendance shall elect a Board of Directors who shall serve until the next such reunion; that vacancies occurring on the Board between reunions shall be filled by appointment by a majority of the remaining Directors;

ARTICLE II

That the Board shall adopt, and revise as needed from time to time, such by-laws, procedures and structure as it determines are needed;

ARTICLE III

That all other business and affairs of the Association shall be managed by the Board of Directors.

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BY-LAWS

In accordance with the statement of Formation and Purpose adopted by the descendants of DAVID HERRIOTT and other Herriott families presently associated, meeting in reunion at Pittsburgh, PA July 23, 1988, the Board of Directors on July 24, 1988 adopted the following By-laws. Expansion of the Association's scope has required that these By-laws be revised by the Directors at the April 29, 2008 Board Meeting to be ratified at the 2009 Annual Reunion. The revised By-laws are as follows:

ARTICLE I

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of at least six members with every effort being made to have to have these directors from each associated line. No line shall have two members unless each interested line shall have received one. Line is defined as a group of descendants tracing their ancestry to a distinct Herriott ancestor.

ARTICLE II

The Board shall cause a nominating committee to be formed who shall place in nomination at Association reunions the names of individuals who agree to accept the responsibilities of serving as Directors. This responsibility includes a willingness to contribute to the purpose of the Association including attendance at least some of the periodic meetings of the Board. Directors may be replaced and successors named between reunions by a majority of the remaining Directors when a Director is unable or unwilling to serve. The board shall have the power between reunions to create additional Director positions and to fill such positions by appointment.

The Board shall determine the officer positions, select the individuals to serve in those positions and fix their terms. These positions shall be: President, Joint 1st Vice Presidents, Joint 2nd Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, DNA Coordinator, Historian, Newsletter Editor and other Directors. All former members of the board are designated ex officio directors and invited to attend all board meetings. They shall have no vote but shall have all other privileges. Individuals serve at their own expense.

ARTICLE III

The presence of at least three Directors at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. Business may be transacted and decisions made by the Board by correspondence or by telephone conference call, provided that the Secretary shall furnish a copy of the minutes of such meeting to all Directors by mail immediately thereafter. The duties of individual officers and directors will be such as are agreed to by the Board from time to time.

ARTICLE IV

Meetings of the Board shall be at the call of the President or by any other two directors. Meetings will be held periodically, generally once a year, to attend to administrative details and advance the purposes of the Association and may be held at any location specified in the notice of call.

ARTICLE V

There shall be no Association dues, however, it is expected that fees will be charged to defray the expenses of Association services and activities such as reunions, newsletters, histories and etc.

ARTICLE VI

The Board may appoint from time to time, individuals or committees to assist in planning and carrying out Association activities. This includes establishing a network of reporters and researchers who will contribute to the fuller development of genealogical records of the descendants and to the exchange of information so that research can be expanded and data files established for reference purposes.

ARTICLE VII

The Board recognizes that this Association is comprised of volunteers with different levels of interest but who have evidenced an interest in the purposes of the Association and will endeavor to broaden communication and participation whenever possible. Since there is no membership per se, except attendance at the Association reunion, a general mailing list will be maintained for such notices by the Board Secretary.

The HERRIOTT HERALD newsletter will also be utilized for news and information exchange for those who subscribe to it. In addition, a Web Page shall be maintained at <http://www.herriottheritage.org/> and updated on a periodic basis, at least bi-annually. Those who participate in Association activities and services are vital to the development of interest and participation by others.

ARTICLE VIII

These By-laws may be repealed, amended, revised or altered by the Board of Directors at any duly held meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE IX

Reunions: Starting with the first HHA Reunion in Pittsburgh, PA, the HHA has conducted a Family Reunion every three years. The site is chosen by the HHA Board of Directors two years earlier and a Reunion Sub-Committee chosen. All attempts are mad to make these Reunions self-sufficient and available to all.

ARTICLE X

Donation Funds: The Herriott Heritage Association Fund was established by the board of directors in July 1989 to support the work and activities of your Association. It was created to encourage gifts that "honor" or "memorialize" family members. Donors are designated by two categories: **PATRONS** - gifts of \$100 or more, **CONTRIBUTORS** - gifts of less than \$100. Gifts in either category may be made IN HONOR or IN MEMORY of someone and acknowledgement notes (without stating amounts) are sent as directed by the donor. The Fund is maintained by the HHA Treasurer.

ARTICLE XI

DNA Project: The Herriott Surname DNA Project was launched at the HHA's 2007 Board Meeting and has proved to be a real asset in tying family lines together. Though the HHA contributed the initial funding to launch this effort to ensure its success, in 2008 it was voted that the HHA would only fund tests when it was in the best interests of the Association, i.e. had to benefit HHA efforts to either connect a high-probability line to the tree or prove our connection to Scotland. The initial Director of the DNA Project was James Heriot, M.D. A report on this project shall be submitted annually at the HHA Board Meeting.