

HERRIOTT HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

The Herriott Heritage Association has been formed as a result of action taken by those present at both the 1985 and 1988 national reunions,. The following "Statement of Formation and Purpose" and "By-laws" have been adopted:

STATEMENT OF FORMATION AND PURPOSE

July 23, 1988

We who are attending this 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 do hereby ratify 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 family, and to assist in expanding the fellowship among the descendants.

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 bylaws, procedures and structure as it determines needed;

ARTICLE III

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

HERRIOTT HERITAGE ASSOCIATION 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 hereby adopts the following bylaws:

ARTICLE I

The Board of Directors shall be comprised of at least six members with every effort being made to have at least one director from each of the "lines" headed by a grandson of DAVID of "Amboy Perth" plus one from the Scotch-Irish line.

ARTICLE II As amended

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 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, 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. Periodic publication of available data and revisions and updates thereof will be undertaken.

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. The HERRIOTT HERALD newsletter will also be utilized for news and information exchange for those who subscribe to it. Those who participate in Association activities and services are vital to the development of interest and participation by others.

ARTICLE VIII

These bylaws may be repealed, amended, revised or altered by the Board of Directors at any duly held meeting of the Board.

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PAST REUNIONS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A national Herriott tricentennial reunion was held at Lexington, Kentucky August 1-4, 1985. Plans for it were developed to commemorate the 300th anniversary of the arrival in "East Jersey" of David Herriott from Scotland.

It was the first "national" reunion held since 1915 when the last of a series of annual reunions were held in Illinois. They apparently began in 1900 and some attendance records still survive. They were attended by family members from the Ephraim, Andrew, Asher, John F. and Belfast lines who then resided as far away as Iowa, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Missouri, West Virginia and Michigan. They were discontinued at the time of World War I.

In November 1982, A. Dean Herriott and Scott Herriott sent a letter to all of the Herriott names they had found from across the country including all of the other then known living descendants of David Herriott, the immigrant, inquiring as to interest in a national reunion. Carroll F. Herriott, TX, Marylouise Sator, AZ and Virgil Herriott, SD all became active members of the "project."

Distribution of a book, *A FAMILY NAMED HERRIOTT*, relating to the family's history and a listing the lineage of all those then known, became a major project for the reunion. The book sparked a great deal of interest by those who saw it. Ever since that reunion, new information about family lines has been coming in requiring a new revised edition for the next national reunion held in 1988. A revised third edition was prepared for distribution at the 1991 reunion. A fourth edition will be distributed at the 1994 reunion.

The 1985 reunion was attended by approximately 170 family members from 22 states. Most of the people were "strangers" to each other when they arrived but that quickly changed as they became acquainted with their newly found "cousins."

Lexington was chosen as the site partly because it was near the area where Herriotts from the Ephraim line had migrated west from Virginia to settle. They had been joined by a few from the Andrew line from Pennsylvania.

It was a great reunion, largely because of the detailed planning put into it by Dean and his wife Ruth. A family history session, a "mixer" to help people get acquainted, several tours, a banquet with entertainment by Scottish dancers, time for church and lots of time for "just visiting," all were provided on the agenda.

At the banquet it was recommended that an administrative board be selected to provide the leadership for continuing the work of the past and implementing future activities including a newsletter. The name Herriott Heritage Association was chosen and the board was instructed to develop plans for a continuing organization and for holding future reunions. The coat of arms design used on the book was selected as the one the Association would use in its works.

The possibility of a group tour to visit Scotland in search of "footprints" left there by David, the immigrant, was discussed.

At the conclusion of the banquet, presentations were made to Dean and Ruth for their inspiration and leadership for the event.

Those selected as members of the administrative board to serve until the next reunion were:

Virgil H. Herriott, (And) President
Scott R. Herriott, (And) Vice President
Martha Herriott Swift, (Belfast) Secretary/Treasurer
A. Dean Herriott, (Eph) Editor
Jo Herriott (And), Historian/Co-Editor
Clayton Herriott, (John F.) Trustee/Consultant
Evelyn Pinkham, (Ash) Trustee

Paul E. Herriott, Jr. was appointed from the John F. line following the death of Clayton Herriott in 1986.

In 1987 a group of eight "kinsmen" traveled to England and Scotland. Part of their time was spent at Newbattle Abby just southeast of Edinburgh where they studied a bit about Scottish history and were introduced to the archives in Edinburgh where they searched for the "footprints" of the immigrant David and his family. They concluded their searching by engaging a professional researcher to continue the work and that report is found in the Herriott book.

Those who made the trip to Scotland were:

Paul and Ruth Herriott, (JFO.), Cincinnati, OH
Ned and Lola Thomas, (AND) Cambridge, OH
Doris and Bill Smith, (AND), Alameda, CA
Virgil and Ruth Herriott, (AND), Lake Norden, SD

One of the highlights of the trip was meeting Ella Herriott and part of her family who lived in and near Edinburgh. While we do not know how they connect to the family tree, they surely do. Other highlights included visiting the Parish and village of Heriot (although there is no evidence that any Herriotts ever

lived there) and visiting the Heriot Hospital, a charitable institution for the education and welfare of fatherless boys, founded by George "Jinglin' Geordie" Heriot after his death in 1624.

By popular request, a second national reunion was held at Bridgeville, PA, southwest of Pittsburgh, on July 22, 23 and 24th, 1988. The site selected was near the area where Andrew and his family settled about the time of the Revolutionary War.

A format similar to that of the 1985 reunion was followed. There were 103 from 16 states in attendance. Tours included visiting cemeteries and sites of the homes of early Herriott families. At the banquet a formal statement of Formation and Purpose and the initial By-laws for the Association (set out above) were adopted. A new blue hard cover (3 ring binder) edition of "A Family named Herriott" book was distributed for the first time. It was thus referred to as the Blue Book.

The number on the board of directors was expanded to include spouses when electing directors and to represent additional lines. Those elected were:

Virgil (AND) President, and Ruth Herriott,
Ephraim and Karen Herriott (EPH), 1st Joint V. Presidents
Lola and Ned Thomas (AND), 2nd Joint V. Presidents
Martha Herriott Swift (BEL), Secretary, and Dean Miller
Dean, (EPH), Treasurer/Editor, and Ruth Herriott
Jo, Historian, and Carroll Herriott (AND)
George and Mary Ruth Mach (ADH)
Paul and Ruth Herriott (JFO)
Marylouise Sator, (ASH)

Following the death of Dean Herriott in 1991, Gerry Rankin, (JFO & AND) was appointed to the Board.

The third national reunion was held at Des Moines IA on July 29-31 1991. Approximately 100 attended with attendees from states from all regions of the country. The general format of prior reunions was followed with the addition of the "Herriott Olympics," primarily for the younger generation. Revised copy for the book "A Family named Herriott" was distributed.

At the 1991 reunion, the Mach's, Paul and Ruth Herriott, Marylouise Sator and Ruth (Dean's widow) chose not to be re-elected to the board. New directors elected were:

William K. (Bill) and Betty Herriott (ASH & JFO)
Gerry and Marie Rankin (JFO & AND)
Helen & Edwin Clawson (EPH)

At the board meeting following the reunion, the board amended the by-laws to designate all former directors as *ex officio members*, invited to attend all board meetings but without vote.

Doris Smith was appointed to the board in June 1992.

As the reunion site has changed each time, we have had many new attendees at each reunion with a strong following of the faithful being at all sites.

The board of directors has met annually since 1985 to take care of administrative details including making plans for finances, the newsletter, reunions and efforts to coordinate and collect the results of further research.

The semi-annual newsletter, began by Editor Dean Herriott in 1985, has nearly about 60 subscribers and is essentially self-supporting. A subscription form is included on this disc.

The reunions have been self-supporting except when more copies of the second edition of "A Family named Herriott" book were printed than were sold. The sale of crafts and other donated items at the reunions has been an important source of income.

While members of the board serve at their own expense, there are costs for many activities. As noted in the by-laws, there are no membership fees.

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.

A form which can be used for making contributions is included on the disk.