

OTHER EARLY HERRIOTT'S IN AMERICA

While doing research on our family, we find references to others of the same name. We list some of them here to illustrate what you can find as you search early records.

DAVID HERRIOTT, PIRATE--The book, *THE PIRATES' WHO'S WHO* by Phillip Gosse, published in 1924 includes one David Herriott. It states that Herriott was the Master of the "Adventure", from Jamaica¹, taken by Captain Teach, alias Blackbeard, in 1718. He joined the pirates, and later when Major Stede Bonnet, another famous pirate, separated from Blackbeard, he took Herriott to be his sailing master. Herriott was taken prisoner with Bonnet and his crew of the Royal James by Col. Rhet at Cape Fear, North Carolina, on September 27, 1718. Herriott and the boatswain, Ignatius Pell, turned King's evidence at the trial of the pirates held in Charleston. On October 25, Bonnet and Herriott escaped from prison, in spite of the fact that the latter had turned King's evidence. David Herriott was shot on Sullivan Island a few days later.

A novel *Lusty Wind for Carolina* by Inglis Fletcher published by the Blakiston Company of Philadelphia, reported to be historically correct, includes a reference to David Herriot of the ship Royal James and his encounter with Stede Bonnet. You might find it in a book store selling old out-of-print books.

SHOCKED? A Herriott pirate? Don't be. For those who might be shocked by such findings attached to the HERRIOTT name, we quote Thomas Fuller (1608-61):

"He that has no fools, knaves, or beggars in his family must have been begot by a flash of lightning!"

No doubt there is a modern version of this! Reality does exist!

Where did this David Herriott come from and did he leave any descendants? It is interesting to note here that a Samuel Herriott of New Jersey was owner of a sloop named Adventure in 1708. Was the *Adventure* on which David Herriott was Master in 1718 the same one owned by Samuel Herriott in 1708? We have not yet linked the above Samuel Herriott to our family.

EDWARD HERRIOT, former Premier of France. David Herriott of our Scotch-Irish cousins had visited with the Premier and was told they were related. Possibly this is through three Herriott (sp) brothers who purportedly went to France between 1095-1270 with one of the brothers remaining in France. We cannot verify this.

¹was it the Caribbean Island or Long Island, NY?

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THOMAS HARRIOT, was born in Oxford, England, 1560, died in London 1621. He was a philosopher, navigator, mathematician, and astronomer. Sent out by Sir Walter Raleigh in 1585, he spent a year on Roanoke Island as surveyor and historian. Thomas never married and had no issue.

EARLY HERRIOTT IMMIGRANTS (various spellings)

Records show that in addition to our David, others bearing the surname immigrated to America. Our research discloses the following, some of whom are reported on in more detail earlier.

EDUARD HERROTT, age 35, listed aboard the ship "Constance" bound for Virginia, October 24, 1635, from London. Nothing further is known of Eduard.

AMBROSE HARRIOTT (d 1685) came from Scotland to Baltimore in 1673. Letters dated 1922 and 1923 by his 5th Great-Grandson, A.L Keith, states that Ambrose Harriott had one son, Oliver who died in 1750. Oliver sired two sons: Richard who died in 1777 leaving no sons but a daughter, Sarah; and William of whom nothing is known. It appears that Ambrose's surname materialized no further. A. L. Keith in his letters uses the spelling HERRIOTT. Sarah, daughter of Richard, was A. L. Keith's Great-Great Grandmother.

THOMAS HERIOTT, of England whose destination was Pennsylvania in 1682, was widely "acclaimed" as the progenitor of the early Herriott's in America. NOT TRUE, he died enroute to America without issue. A copy of his will made on board ship is available.

JOHN HERIOTT, father of Thomas, had purchased 5,000 acres from William Penn. Thomas, (above) with his sister MARY HERIOTT and her husband Dennis Rochford were sent to America to take possession of this purchase. With Thomas's death, Mary and Dennis inherited the whole and subsequently lost the entire parcel. The Rochford children totaled seven -- two dying on the ship coming to America, the other five eventually being left with little or nothing of the original estate. Nothing further is known of this family.

WILLIAM HERRIOT, age 22, from Gorbals, Glasgow, to New York or Georgia was listed on the ship "Christy", 1795

JAMES (JOHN) HERRIOTT, from Belfast, Ireland, late 1700's. We know nothing of his descendants after 1884 in Xenia, Ohio.

WILLIAM JOHN HERRIOTT, from Belfast, Ireland, arrived at Boston, MA 1867. William John is the progenitor of the branch we identify as BELFAST (Scotch-Irish). William John's grandfather (William) was a brother of the above James (John).

THE HERIOTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ROGER HERIOT, 1769-1849, immigrated to Charleston, South Carolina. He was a brother of George Heriot, Deputy Postmaster of Canada 1799-1816. Their father was John Heriot, Sheriff Clerk of the County of East Lothian and his wife Marjory.

ROBERT HERIOT, 1739-1792, and **WILLIAM HERIOT**, 1745-1807, (brothers) both immigrated to Georgetown, South Carolina. Robert immigrated in 1759 and William in 1769. They were sons of James Heriot and wife Janet of Castlemains. They were first cousins of John Heriot, Sheriff Clerk of East Lothian.

GEORGE HERIOT of Haddington came to Georgetown, South Carolina in 1765. He was a son of George and Mary (Tannoch) Heriot and a brother of John Heriot, Sheriff Clerk of East Lothian.

These SC immigrants descended from George Heriot of Longniddary who was of the Traubroun family (see Scottish History Section).

The South Carolina census of 1790 shows George, Robert and William Herriot.

Writer Caldwell Woodruff, M.D., in the *Heriots of Scotland and South Carolina* (1939), details the above family information. His works can be found in the Library of Congress and in some Genealogical Libraries. He also authored 1912 and 1937 editions.

We have been in contact with descendants of those South Carolina Heriots. Any relationship to these families would be in Scotland.