



NORTH SMITHFIELD HERITAGE ASSOCIATION

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****NEW****

Weekly Hotchkiss
Cemetery guided
walking tours!

**Every Saturday
through May!**

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Saturday, June 22, 2024

North Smithfield Heritage Association

Reluctantly presents

JOKES MY IRISH FATHER TOLD ME



Come join in the fun, as comedian Dave Kane brings you a laugh filled presentation of jokes, one liners and stories that celebrate the warmth and resilience of the Irish sense of Humor.

Location

Village Haven Restaurant
90 School St. North Smithfield, RI
North Smithfield Heritage

Family Style Chicken Dinner: 6:00 PM
Show to Follow
\$35

Order tickets at Eventbrite or pay via PayPal
or Venmo. Tickets also available
at Village Paint and NS Town Hall
For questions call: 401-376-2927
Or nsha@nsheritageassn.com

Proceeds to benefit the restoration of the upper hall, Memorial Town Building.



NS Historic Cemeteries

RI Historical Cemetery Awareness and Preservation Weeks 2024 will run from April 1st until May 31st this year. Join us in North Smithfield for a unique opportunity:

Hotchkiss Cemetery Tours

For the first time since Hotchkiss Cemetery was re-discovered, cleaned and repaired, the public can take a one-hour guided walking tour with some of the volunteers who made it happen.

Folks can learn about the lives of some of the oldest inhabitants of North Smithfield and Smithfield. Guides will explain the methods used to repair stones and reveal a few secrets about lost stones. Highlights will include visiting Veterans' graves, the discovery of the old town tomb and some sad stories that were almost lost to the past.

ONLY TWO TOURS LEFT!! Join us on either May 18th or May 25th. All tours will begin at 9:00 am. Participants may park at Union Cemetery. In case of rain, please check the NSHA Facebook page for cancellations.



NSHA cemetery team volunteer, Ed Walker, explains the process he used to clean and repair the grave stones in Hotchkiss cemetery.



Gail Denomme Berlinghof portrays Sophia F Polk, a very interesting woman who was a good shot with a rifle! Come to the tour to find out more of her story!



Recent tour participants learn about the grave of three-year-old, Joseph Greenhalgh. Joseph's headstone has a beautiful lamb sitting on top of it that was restored by NSHA cemetery team volunteer, Kim Walker.



Historic Cemetery of the Month

Hotchkiss Cemetery Part 2

by Lynne Pelletier

In honor of Rhode Island Historical Cemeteries and Awareness and Preservation Weeks in April and May 2024, we present a special in-depth look at the Hotchkiss Cemetery, located on Smithfield Road. Many who have driven by this wooded cemetery, right next door to Union Cemetery, have noticed and commented on the incredible transformation that has taken place over the last few years. Trees have been removed, poison ivy has been eradicated, brush and trash has been removed and the beautiful old headstones have been cleaned and repaired.

For the first time since Hotchkiss Cemetery was re-discovered, cleaned and repaired, the public can take a one-hour guided walking tour with some of the volunteers who have made it happen. Folks can learn about the lives of some of the oldest inhabitants of North Smithfield and Smithfield. Guides will not only explain the methods used to repair the stones, but will also reveal a few secrets about lost stones. Highlights will include Veterans graves from many wars including the Revolutionary War, The Mexican-American War, The Civil War, The Spanish-American War, World Wars I and II. Also, the discovery of the old town tomb and some sad stories that were almost lost to the past.

The remaining tours will be held on Saturday, May 18th and May 25th. The tours will begin at 9:00 am. Participants may park at Union Cemetery. In case of rain, please check the NSHA Facebook page for cancellations.

Here is the continuation of last month's story...

Hotchkiss Cemetery, Part 2

by Lynne Pelletier



Another interesting story involves a former local resident who moved to California seeking his fortune and was murdered for money. His gravestone is inscribed with the phrase “who was shot in San Francisco, Cal.”

Lyman Aldrich Mowry was born on April 16, 1819 in Smithfield, Rhode Island to parents Levi Mowry and his wife Alpha Aldrich. Levi and Alpha were the parents of 9 children and Lyman was the third child born to them.

Lyman married Mary Ann Walling on November 28, 1839 in Mendon, Massachusetts. They were the parents of 7 children. At some point after their marriage, Lyman and his family moved to San Francisco, California where Lyman was employed as a street contractor. It was said that he was well-known and well-liked.

Lyman employed a laborer named John Blake to dig a cellar for him. It must have been a very large cellar because John Blake claimed that Lyman owed him about \$1,300 in wages.. John Blake claimed that he had given all of his earnings and all of his wife's earnings to Lyman for safe keeping but Lyman would not return the money. John and his wife had a new baby at the time and needed the money.

Conflicting accounts dispute the total sum of the money and the fact that Lyman said he would pay him but he couldn't do it at that time.



John was heard to say, “I will have my pay or his life,” but Lyman said this threat would not make him pay John any sooner. On a Sunday afternoon, John Blake walked into the office where Lyman worked and in the presence of 6 or 7 witnesses, shot Lyman twice. Lyman died the next morning from the wounds he suffered.

Lyman died on January 14, 1855 at age 36. On January 19, 1855 he was laid to rest at the Lone Mountain Cemetery in San Francisco. His grave here is a cenotaph, a memorial for someone buried elsewhere.

John was immediately arrested, tried, found guilty and sentenced to hang on May 25, 1855. On May 15, 1855, Governor Bugler extended executive clemency and reduced John’s sentence to two years in state prison due to the fact that John was said to be a “quiet, respectable and industrious man.” The story of the murder and subsequent trial was reported in both California and Rhode Island newspapers.

Come for a tour and learn more of the stories that we’ve learned about the individuals buried here at Hotchkiss. You will meet many individuals who lived interesting lives and died tragic deaths.

Now that the warm weather has arrived, cemetery restoration work has begun.



A volunteer has finished painting the cemetery shed.



Kathy works on getting the Sophia F. Polk stone into place.



Stephanie has been busy cleaning out the “no body” plot at Hotchkiss.



Volunteers search for veterans flag holders at Union Cemetery



Barbara St. Germain gives a headstone at NS a good scrubbing.



Veterans markers that have been restored.



Before and after cleaning at NS 22, the Richard Mowry Cemetery.



One of our newest cemetery volunteers, Gayle O'Donnell discovers how satisfying cleaning a very dirty headstone can be at NS 22, the Richard Mowry Cemetery.



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



Annual Appeal 2024

COMMUNITY ANNUAL APPEAL

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



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
or visit:
<https://www.nsheritageassn.org/>



Make a 2024 donation: We appeal to the community to help fund our preservation efforts with a tax-deductible donation. We are now focused on the renovation of the main hall at the Memorial Town Building. When complete, it will serve as a museum and large group meeting room. Please help us restore one of Slatersville's most historic buildings.

You may make a tax-deductible donation 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 Town 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!**

Board Giving: The NSHA Board of Directors continues to set an example for the community by making meaningful donations in January to the NSHA. This year, their donations covered 16% of the organization's operating expenses.



Thank You



We thank Bob Lafleur for donating a collection of NS High School yearbooks.



We thank Dick Potenza for donating this Hudson River school painting from the 1880's.



Bob also donated a spade used in 2007 for groundbreaking at the NS Middle School.

We also thank Nancy Joyce for adding to her previous donation of items belonging to her father Paul Joyce. Nancy mailed us sports team photos, 1950's class photos, graduation photos and newspaper articles.

We can't wait to scan these items and share them with you!

We appreciate the opportunity to scan any photos or yearbooks from local schools that you may keep at home. Our oldest school newsletter dates back to the Kendall Dean School in 1946.

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 or call [401-376-2927](tel:401-376-2927)

The NSHA archives and the research center is open at the Memorial Town Building every Monday through Wednesday from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Stop by and visit or contact us to make an appointment to visit on another day.



From the Archives

The Seth Allen Tavern By Al Menard



This undated photograph of the Seth Allen Tavern was found in our archives. The lack of electric poles and wires indicates that this photo was taken before 1889. Notice the lattice work and the light color of the building.

On page 10 of her book, *The Right to Crow; A Look at Rhode Island's Firsts, Bests, & Uniques*, Roberta Humble wrote; "The zapper may be good for keeping away mosquitoes, but in 1804, North Smithfield had the only tavern in the nation equipped with wire hooks on which bunches of asparagus were hung to catch flies – the Seth Allen Tavern."

The Seth Allen Tavern, on the corner of Great Road and Pound Hill Road, was built by Walter Allen, the father of Seth, in 1804. Walter was an influential master builder of the time. He was partly responsible for the distinctive colonial appeal of Union Village. He erected several of the largest and most beautiful of the older buildings. His rusticated doorways, pedimented porches and vaulted ceilings are still found in many of the homes in the neighborhood.

Walter lived in the large home he built across the road from where he would build the Seth Allen Tavern.

He is also credited with building the handsome Joel Aldrich House and the Stephen Brownell House with its great carriage house on the property.

Aside from his expertise in building, Walter was a patriot. He was born in Sandwich, MA and at sixteen years old he became one of the original Minutemen who defended the city of Concord against eight hundred British soldiers in the first battle of the American Revolution in 1775. Ten years later he was building houses in Bank Village which soon became Union Village. It was there that his son Seth was born.

With the increase of traffic along the highway that was Great Road, Walter decided to build a tavern for his son, who was just coming of age. The inn soon became a busy stop for stagecoach passengers and a place to change horses, there being a large barn on the premises. According to the Rev. George Harvey, the competition was so brisk that the "owners of the Seth Allen Tavern and of the Aldrich Tavern across the way used to stand in the middle of the Great Road and flag down the travelers with alluring invitations of food and drink – all in the best tradition of American advertising."

General LaFayette once stopped at the inn and ordered a meal. He stayed overnight and ordered simply boiled eggs and baked potatoes for his dinner. It is reported that this was because he feared that he would be poisoned.



From the Archives

It is easy to imagine a horse-drawn carriage pulling up to this postcard-perfect inn to deposit the weary traveler. And one can almost hear the music from the upstairs ballroom that had a domed ceiling and a fireplace at each end. The ballroom had a spring floor that could hold a large number of people. Festive dances were the norm at this inn. And to add a little mystery, an upper room is said to have Masonic symbols on the ceiling.



Innkeeper Seth died at 51 in 1836 and his father survived him, dying in 1845. Walter is buried in the Friends Cemetery and Seth is buried across the street in Union Cemetery.

In 1846 the Seth Allen Tavern was sold and became the Spear Tavern. William B. Lincoln and his wife Emma turned the Spear Inn into their home in 1902. With them lived their son, F. Foster Lincoln, the famous magazine illustrator, and his sister Veronica (Hutton), who was the local church organist and historian. Much of the information for this article comes from notes left by Veronica Hutton.

Closer to today's version, this picture comes from a photo album that belonged to Veronica Lincoln Hutton. It was taken in the early 1900s. The Lincoln/Hutton family lived in this building for close to 70 years.



This is the Seth Allen Tavern today. The present owners are in the process of renovating the outside.



Veterans Memorial Program

VFW Post 6342, Boy Scout Troop 1139, and the NSHA will join family and friends at 10 AM on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the Memorial Town Building, 1 Main Street, Slatersville for a Veteran Memorial Flag Ceremony honoring Fred Carter (1947 - 1967).



Fred Carter

Fred Carter was born in Ayer, Massachusetts to Frederick Weir Carter Junior and Helen Louise (Davis) Carter, the second of seven children. In 1956, when he was 10 years old, his family moved to North Smithfield. He graduated from Halliwell School and went on to attend Mount Saint Charles Academy, graduating in 1964. In the fall of that same year, he entered the engineering program at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. However, in 1965, he was drafted into the army.

Growing up, Freddy enjoyed playing sports and as a teenager, he was a dedicated bodybuilder. During his summers off he also worked various jobs to save for college, including a summer spent working at Providence Granite Company with his father, who was a stonecutter.

On November 3, 1965, Freddy was drafted into the army and after basic training, he was assigned to Troop A, First Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, also known as the "Black Horse," as an armor reconnaissance specialist. He deployed to Vietnam on August 19, 1966. Tragically, at the young age of 20, Freddy was killed. He was a passenger in a military vehicle that hit a hostile landmine in Long Khanh, South Vietnam, now known as Dong Nai, Vietnam.

For his bravery and sacrifice, Freddy was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and several other service medals. His name is etched on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington D.C., Panel 14E, Row 014. He is buried in Slatersville Cemetery, alongside his brother Tom and his parents.

Freddie is survived by his three sisters, Helen, Ruth, and Lydia, as well as his brother Ron. He was also remembered by his late brother Chuck, who passed in 2020.



Veterans Memorial Program

The U.S. Flag will fly at the Memorial Town Building each month in honor of a deceased local veteran. We will conduct a 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 the VFW Flag. Please contact the NSHA to nominate a Veteran.

The next Veteran Memorial Flag ceremony will honor David Schnorr and it will take place on July 6, 2024. More information to follow.



Fifty Years Ago

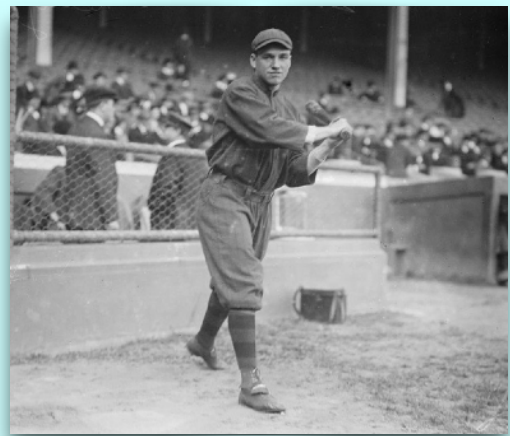
Last month we started a “Fifty Years Ago” story taken from the April 1974 North Smithfield Heritage Association newsletter edited by G. P. Moore. This story, written by Walter Nebiker, was entitled Panorama Explained, and it described the art work that once graced the back cover of the newsletter. Last month we included the first two buildings described in the article and how they look today. This month we finish up with the final four buildings.



3. **Connolly homestead, Sayles Hill Road.** A good example of the early, two-story center chimney house, a large farm house type common throughout Rhode Island. Many such buildings include an ell at one side, usually the right side as in this case. The drawing depicts the house as it was in the early 20th century when the ell had a jog in it. (Photo from the North Smithfield Centennial book, pg.23) Today the roof line is straight. This particular house was once the home of Joey Connolly, top hitter of the world champion Boston Braves of 1914. The dwelling symbolizes the individual house in the “country” during North Smithfield’s agricultural period. Sayles Hill, where the house is built, is the oldest settled area of North Smithfield, where Edward Inman and John Mowry went immediately after their purchase of a large tract of land in 1666.



Connolly homestead



Joey Connolly, of the Boston Braves abt. 1914



4. **Slatersville Mill, 1826.** Site of the first cotton mill built in Slatersville, about 1806, and destroyed by fire in 1826. This mill, an unusually large stone structure, once had an interesting clerestory monitor roof, which was later replaced with a low pitched roof. The projected stair tower, typical of mills, contains a belfry and a steeple. The old mill (pre-1826) was, in its time, one of the largest in Rhode Island. It helped transform the small settlement along the Branch River into a thriving manufacturing village.



The Residences at Slatersville Mill



The Slatersville Congregational Church

5. **Slatersville Congregational Church, 1838.** The first church of Slatersville, built in the Greek Revival style, matches the monumentality of the mills. Its site is grand, on a bluff overlooking the hills and dominating the lovely green with its old houses. The church and the area around it demonstrate the attention given by the early industrial leaders to aesthetics- to appearance and cleanliness- and a general concern for the visual and spiritual aspects of their communities.

6. **Late Victorian mansard-style residence.** This fine structure on North Main Street shows the changing styles and values in architecture over the course of time. Our first houses were straightforward buildings of simple design and plan. But beginning in the 19th century, more attention was given to style. This house reflects a vogue derived from the French architecture, notably the mansard roof, which was spreading across the United States at this time. The location of the house also reflects the outward movement and mobility of the American population, which was moving out of urban centers to suburbanization which snowballed in the mid-20th century. This particular house was once the residence of John F. Mansfield.



347 North Main Street



Monthly Board Meeting

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at Heritage Hall, 101 Green Street. Members are welcome to attend in person or via Zoom. Zoom information is included in the email notification.

Educational outreach



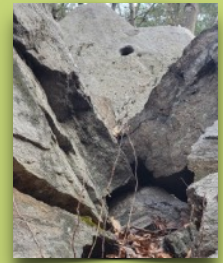
NSHA Seniors will make senior project presentations on Friday, May 17, 2024. NSHA members will join other community volunteers to serve as evaluators.

Research Team

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

The Research Team generally meets at 6:00 pm at Heritage Hall on the second Friday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2024.

Please contact NSHA if you'd like to participate!



Genealogy



Lynne has been exceptionally busy researching the biographies of people buried in the Hotchkiss Cemetery. Her work provides materials for the weekly tours in the cemetery.

Read the related story on page 2 for more information!

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 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.



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Visit the NSHA website for an application and rules: <https://www.nsheritageassn.org/general-3>

Call Jeanne at (401) 447-1801 to make a reservation or send an email to nsha@nsheritageassn.com



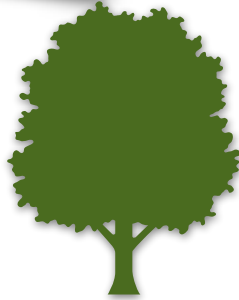
Preservation and Restoration



Forestdale School (190 School Street)

We're still waiting for RISE to schedule an energy audit at the school. We hope to qualify for a grant to install bulk insulation above the ceiling as well as new storm windows.

We thank our kind neighbor, Michael McAssey, for his kind offer to repair the Memorial Picket Fence.



RI D.E.M, in conjunction with the RI Tree Council, donated 7 trees as part of a special Arbor Day program. NSHA volunteers planted three small trees at the three historic buildings that we maintain: The Memorial Town Building, Heritage Hall, and the Forestdale School. We will pick up four larger trees on May 18 to plant at those buildings as well as the Mammoth Mill Park.



We thank Ralph Amato for his help planting trees at the Forestdale School and Heritage Hall.



Our Director of Maintenance is temporarily out of action while he recovers from a recent medical procedure. Please contact Charlie at 401-741-8022 if you can help with some light maintenance.

We are also looking for someone who can cut the grass at the Gideon Sayles Lot on Sayles Hill Road.

We need members to help open the Forestdale school to the public.

Please contact us if you can spare a couple of hours a month. Meanwhile, we will open the building by appointment.



Events & Activities

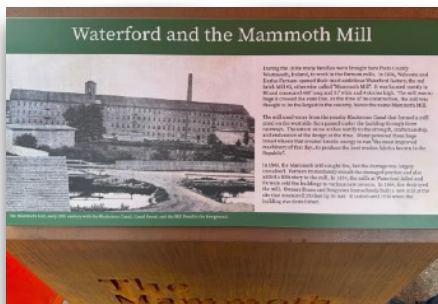


Memorial Day Parade

The LeClair Kozlik Logan Bassett VFW Post 6342 will hold its annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024. We will step off from Brigidos Market at 10:30 am and march down Main Street. We will conduct a Memorial Ceremony in front of the old Town Hall at 11:00. After the ceremony, we will continue down School Street and end at the Pavillion behind Lindy's in North Smithfield. The Scouts, the NS High School Band, Police and Fire Departments, Town officials, and Veterans will participate. Everyone is invited to attend. Following the end of the parade there will be a free collation.

Mammoth Mills Cleanup and Sign Unveiling

On April 27, in conjunction with NS Clean and Green Day, volunteers picked up trash and cleared trees and underbrush at the Mammoth Mill Park on Mill Street as well as along the Blackstone Canal on Canal Street. The park looks amazing! RiverzEdge Arts Project in Woonsocket donated a new wayfarer sign. Friends of the Blackstone, NSHA Volunteers, and Town officials will unveil the sign at 4 PM on Wednesday, May 22, 2024.



The new wayfarer sign at Mammoth Mills Park.



We thank Ralph Amato and Steve Biron for digging a trench and creating footings for the new sign.

Heritage Day Craft Fair and Car Cruise

Save The Date!

Returning this year on Saturday July 6th, join us for crafts, cars, food and fun!
More information to come.....



Heritage Walks and Tours 2024 Schedule

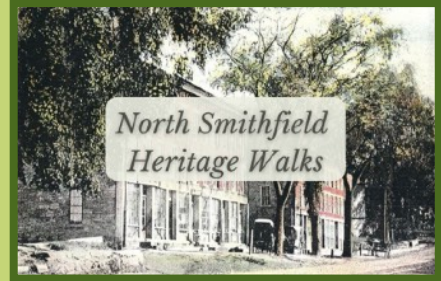
All NSHA Heritage Walks and tours start at 9:30 am.

Please see the individual walk description for the meeting place.

Tours are generally rain or shine unless there is a downpour or blizzard when we start.

Participants are encouraged to wear long pants, use insect repellent, and bring water.

See NSHA Facebook Page Events or contact nsha@nsheritageassn.com for more information.



May 25: Waterford: Coblin Rock, Mammoth Mills Ruins, Blackstone Canal, Waterford School, St. Paul's Church, Waterford RR Station, RR Fountain, Covered Bridge Site. Meet at Fire House Pizza parking lot, Great Road.

June 22: Union Village: Great Road, Pound Hill Rd, Union Cemetery. Meet at Union Cemetery, Smithfield Road.

July 13: Slatersville: Main St. Green Street, Slatersville Mills, Centennial Park. Meet at the Memorial Town Building, 1 Main Street.

August 17: Wesquidomsett: West Farm, NS 60, NS24, Tyler Mowry House, NS 32, Old Sayles Hill Rd, Rustic Drive-In, Milk Can, Paine Mill. Meet at Aldi's parking lot at Dowling Village.

September 28: Nipsachuck Legacy: The Blunders, Nipsachuck National Battlefield & Black Plain Hill Stone Landscape, Three Dog Site, NS57. Meet at the NS Middle School Parking lot, Providence Pike.

October 19: Pound Hill Road: Smithfield Union Bank, NS8, Aldrich Farm, Staples Farm, Staples School, Nike Site, Nike Site RIANG, NS55, Landfill.

November 16: Woonsocket Hill Road: NS19, Mathewson Homestead, Follett Farm, Philip Mowry House and NS47, Mowry Fire Tower, Martin Farm, Wright's Farm, Meet at the NS Middle School parking lot.

December 21: Woonsocket Reservoir #3: NS48 Oliver Smith Lot, Amasa Sweet Quarry, Great Wall, William Mowry Homestead, Obed Paine Homestead. Meet at NS High School Tennis Courts on Grange Road.

Finance

We thank the NS Budget Committee and Town Administrator for their recommendations in support of NSHA budget requests for FY25 and look forward to continued support from the Town Council as the new budget now move through their review process. Funds earmarked for NSHA would help us begin restorations to the Memorial TownBuilding (MTB) and support our continued historical and heritage activities in Town.

In addition, we are pleased to report that two of our recent grant applications have been approved:

1. We thank the NS Ambulance and Rescue Association Fund for their generous \$2,000 donation to help upgrade the fire safety and electrical systems at the Memorial Town Building; and,
2. We again thank Senator Melissa Murray for her continued support for our restorations in the Forestdale Schoolhouse with a \$4,000 grant to cover the costs for the final electrical upgrades to that building.

Our Application to the Champlin Foundation is still under review.

Unfortunately our applications to the 1772 Foundation and Rhode Island Council for the Humanities were not approved.



In Memorium

Sadly, we report that passing of NSHA member, Paul Hazard. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

https://www.valleybreeze.com/obituaries/paul-r-hazard-north-smithfield/article_00ddedfc-fc09-11ee-92c5-b3c75604bdf1.html



May/June Mystery Photo



This photo comes to us from the Paul Joyce collection donated to us by Paul's daughter, Nancy. Who are the men in this photo and what is the occasion? If you have any ideas, please contact us!



April Mystery Photo



Kendall-Dean 8th Grade Graduation-June 22, 1956

Thank you to Linda (Hare) Rawlings for identifying the members of the 8th grade class in this photo!

Top Row: L to R: Robert Pouliot, J. DiChristofero, Cassie Rosetti, Dennis Piette, Nestor Zatonsky
5th Row: Richard Pinocci, C. Dubois, Cynthia (Hatch) Brueck, Frances DuRocher, A. Quinley
4th Row: Lorraine (Bouchard) Brown, Margaret Bourget, Alphonse Salembier, Richard Dumaine, P. Quinley?
3rd Row: Carol (Middleton) Wright, Linda Migneault, Carol Curliss, Stuart Cohen, Richard Havunen, Raymond Archambault
2nd Row: Dennis Cabral, Douglas Cates, M. Blanchard, Carol McLaughlin
Front: Fred West, Eva (Depointe) Heroux, Craig Overton, Andrea (Wronoski) Cartwright, Linda (Hare) Rawlings, Paul Joyce

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!



NSHA Merchandise

Our wide range of merchandise includes calendars, books, cozy throws, jigsaw puzzles, ornaments and so much more! Free local delivery!



View our entire inventory at the **NSHA On-line shop** at <https://www.nsheritageassn.org/shop>

NSHA Payment Options

- 1. PayPal Giving Fund:** search for 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 or call [401-376-2927](tel:401-376-2927).



The North Smithfield Heritage Association Fund

Estate planning? Need to make a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA? 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>



Outreach

~ We welcome new members: Tony Deller, Dan & Janice Andrews, Nicholas Hardiman, Kelly Costello, Bob Laprade and Gavyn Bowlby

~ The NSHA relies heavily on membership dues to pay operating expenses. We thank our members for their steadfast support! Our membership now stands at 212 including 28 life members and 6 students. Some members live as far away as NH, CA, WA and AR.

~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 **168** members who joined or renewed this year!

~There are **45** 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>

~You may pay membership dues online via the PayPal Giving Fund, or Venmo, by mail to P.O. Box 413, Slatersville, RI 02876 or in person on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at the Memorial Town Building. You can also drop off a check in our mailbox in the rear of the Memorial Town Building.

You Can Help!!

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