



The Herriott Heritage Association is indebted to the efforts of A. Dean Herriott of Dewey, IL whose tireless efforts beginning in 1982 led to its founding.

His search of census records, church records, local histories, tax records, military records, bible records, cemeteries, old family records and correspondence was unending. When traveling, he liked to look for the family name in the telephone directory and then make a call, either to contact a known family member or to gather information in an effort to expand the family tree. He probably knew, at least by name, and was in contact with more members of the extended family than any other person.

His leadership resulted in the reunion in Lexington KY in 1985 commemorating the 300th anniversary of the arrival in America of David, the immigrant. He, his wife Ruth, and Scott Herriott, then a student at Stanford University, "got the ball rolling." Scott is the current President of the HHA.

One of Dean's dreams was to see a written record of the family's history. Another dream was to inspire and motivate a lot of other people to get interested in the family's history and to share the results of their research. This DVD continues in his tradition.

INTRODUCTION

HERRIOTT HERITAGE ASSOCIATION



The Herriott Heritage Association was formed as a result of action by those present at both the 1985 and 1988 national reunions.

STATEMENT OF FORMATION AND PURPOSE

We, who are attending 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, 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 fellowship among the descendants.

The HHA's first President was Virgil Herriott.

One of the ways that the above purpose is fulfilled is by periodically publishing a compilation of known descendants of the progenitor, David, complete with historical facts about the family. The first edition was published in 1985 and was distributed at the first HHA National Reunion, commemorating the 300th anniversary of the arrival of our immigrant ancestor.

The second edition was published in 1988 and distributed at the second National Reunion, held near Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, July 22-24, 1988.

The primary responsibilities for publishing the first two editions were assumed by the following persons:

- Dean Herriott
- Marylouise Sator
- Scott R. Herriott
- Virgil H. Herriott
- Jo (Mrs. Carroll) Herriott

The third edition was published in 1991 and distributed at the third National Reunion, held at Des Moines, Iowa, August 2-4, 1991.

The fourth edition was published in 1994 and distributed at the fourth National Reunion held at Marion, Ohio, July 29-31, 1994.

The fifth edition was published in 1997 and distributed at the fifth National Reunion held at Champaign, Illinois, July 25-27, 1997.

This sixth edition was published in 2000 and distributed at the sixth National Reunion held at Brookings, South Dakota, July 28-30, 2000. This is the first edition that provided the option of obtaining particular lines, as well as the complete edition. In addition the format was changed to the Modified Register System.

- George Ephraim Herriott Jr. assisted with the third through sixth editions by creating, updating and printing the computer listings of names and the index.
- Ray Harriot also assisted with the sixth edition. He was responsible for the format change and much of the new information.

The seventh edition was published in 2003 and distributed at the seventh National Reunion held at Branson, Missouri on August 8-10, 2003. This was the first edition to be published only in electronic format—a Compact Disk (CD). The size, over 32,000 names, made a printed version cost-prohibitive. The individuals in the family tree are completely hyper-linked which makes it extraordinarily easy to traverse.

- Ray Harriot was responsible for the format change and much of the new information. The seventh edition, the electronic version, was solely the work of Ray Harriot.

The year 2006 was an exciting year for the Herriott Heritage Association. Gerry Rankin was elected our new President and the Association headed in a new direction. Rather than focusing entirely on descendants of David Herriott, the HHA expanded its focus to include all individuals with surname. Descendants of the South Carolina Heriots were added to the Board of Directors and one, Jim Heriot, headed the newly established DNA Project. Ray Harriot expanded his research to include Scotland.

The eighth edition was published in 2006 and again was published on a CD.

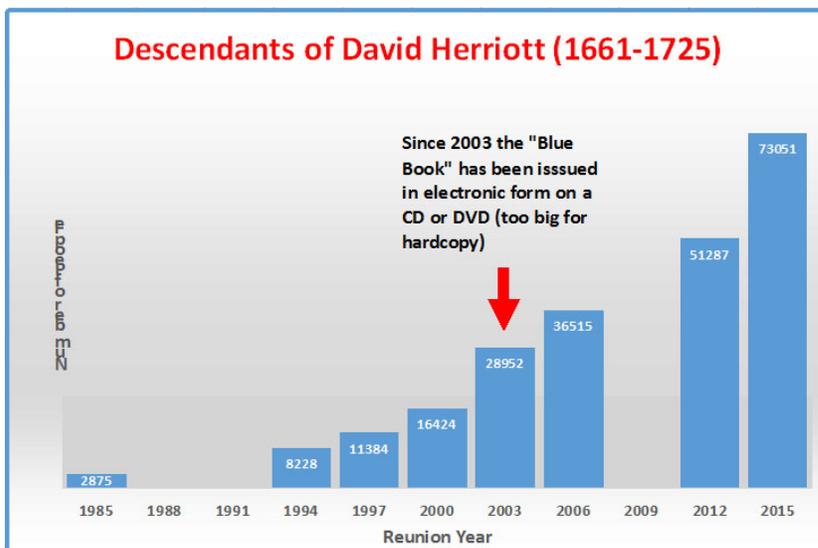
- Ray Harriot was again responsible for this update.

In keeping with its new focus, the HHA held its first ever International Reunion in Edinburgh, Scotland. It was attended by both the New Jersey and South Carolina Herriots/Heriots from the United States and several Herriotts from Scotland and England. Due to the extensive planning that went into this reunion, no new CD was issued. Scott Herriott who assisted A. Dean Herriott in his initial research work was elected the new President.

During the ensuing years the HHA has maintained its international focus, hoping that this will enable us to identify the family of our immigrant ancestor and to better understand the relationship of all the various Herriott (regardless of spelling) families around the world who share a Scottish connection. There has been so much learned that it called for a major update to our CD... so much so that it is now a DVD.

This, the last edition, was published in 2015.

- Ray Harriot was responsible for the update.



Today the descendants of David Herriott and Helen Campbell are in excess of 73,000.

The DVD contains many of the original documents upon which our analysis was based.

It also contains insight into the DNA Project and much of the Scottish research that has been done in the last several years.

Each edition is not an end in itself, but a new beginning – in the sense that now there is a collective printed record from which family researchers can elaborate upon and continue our history with a degree of direction. We hope that publication of this material will cause new information to surface thus enabling periodic updates. We solicit and invite submissions of data and documents so that the records can be as accurate and complete as possible.

So we have come a long way since the early days of the Herriott Heritage Association in 1985 when a handful of dedicated researchers spent countless hours visiting courthouses, writing letters, and combing official documents to piece together our heritage. The first compilation of ancestors presented in 1985 contained no more than a few thousand people. Many of the relationships had still not been proved and there were several errors. However, these individuals planted the seed for things to come and the HHA owes them a lot.

Finally, we apologize for our omissions and errors. We are not professionals but did our best.

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A Prayer for Genealogists

Lord, help me to dig into the past
And sift the sands of time
That I might find the roots that made
This family tree of mine.
Lord, help me trace the ancient roads
On which my fathers trod
And led them through so many lands
To find our present sod.
Lord, help me find an ancient book
Or dusty manuscript
That's safely hidden now away
In some forgotten crypt;
Lord, let it bridge the gap that haunts
My soul when I can't find
The missing link between some name
That ends the same as mine.

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