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Words of Wisdom

by **Scott R. Herriott, President HHA**



Dear Cousins -

This is the 40th semi-annual issue produced by Ray Harriot, marking 20 years of service to the Herriott Heritage Association. His first issue was in December 1995 when he took over as editor from Virgil Herriott, who had been editor since the start of the association in 1985. The newsletter had been, well, a newsletter, mainly featuring news about the family and the activities of the association. Ray incorporated into his editorship the additional role of Family Historian and began writing articles that told stories of the Herriotts, Harriotts and Harriots that people had asked him about or that he had found in his research. Ray's genealogical investigations would either locate these people in the family tree or leave us with theories about how they might be related. His articles have been masterpieces of historical and genealogical work. As he told me recently, he thinks we have solved most of the "mysteries" that came our way, except the Big One: identifying the parents of our 1685 immigrant David Herriot back in Scotland.

Ray has informed the board that he will be stepping down as editor after this issue to give more time to his family and to other interests. No one will be able to fill Ray's shoes as editor and historian, but if anyone would like to volunteer to edit future issues of the newsletter, please contact me.

The HHA is grateful beyond words to Ray for his efforts of these past 20 years. Thank you, Ray, with all best wishes.

Scott

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***Have a great Summer!
Hope to see you in Colorado!***

Colorado Springs HHA Reunion



July 10-12, 2015

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Colorado Springs, CO 80919
Telephone 719-268-9990**

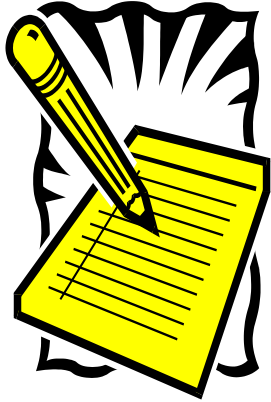
There is a lot to see and do in the Colorado Springs area, so you may want to make this a family vacation and do some white water rafting, museum exploring, horseback riding, go to top of Pike's Peak, or visit a ghost town. The best way to explore the area is on line at visitcos.com ...the Visitor Guide to the area and depending on your particular interests you can find a listing and web site for all sites in the Colorado Springs area. You also can call the Visitor Center at 719-635-7506.

The hotel we will be staying at is in the NW corner of the town with views of the mountains and is located about 5 miles from Garden of the Gods and across the road from the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. Those flying in will be about 17 miles from the main airport, so you should rent a car from the start as there are so many sites you will want to visit during your stay. One of the considerations in securing this hotel was that we all have large rooms with a small kitchen as well as a sitting area. The hotel rate for us is only \$119 +tax per night for the conference, they will honor that rate for 3 days prior to or after the conference. So consider the following activities:

- Ghost Town Museum
- Colorado Springs Pioneer Museum (free)
- Miramont Castle Museum
- National Museum of WWII Aviation
- Penrose Heritage Museum (free)
- Peterson Air & Space Museum (free)
- Space Foundation Discovery Center
- Colorado Mountain Brewery

We will be close to the town of Cripple Creek and there are some great roads to explore around this town and Leadville. Also consider checking out the Royal Gorge and the Great Sand Dunes.

Editor's Notes



I'd like to thank all of the wonderful people who contributed articles, ideas for articles, and pictures for this newsletter. The stories and anecdotes really make the *family* come to life.

Please continue to send articles, pictures, queries, etc. to the following:

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Also, remember that the newsletter is self-supporting, depending on paid subscriptions to cover the printing and delivery costs. Presently we have about 55 paid subscriptions... which leaves lots of room for growth. **Please Note:** The subscription rate has been raised to **\$15.00** for one year or **\$25.00** for two years effective 1 January 2007.

New Electronic Version:

Since most people now have high speed internet, we have decided to make an electronic version of the Herriott Herald available to those who would rather have it delivered to their computer mail box. This has several advantages. (1) It's cheaper for you! We have priced the electronic version at \$10.00 per year. (2) It's cheaper for us. We save the cost of printing, envelopes, and postage. (3) You receive it quicker. It no longer has a Post Office-induced delivery delay. (4) You get the Herald in living color. Printed versions are gray-scale.

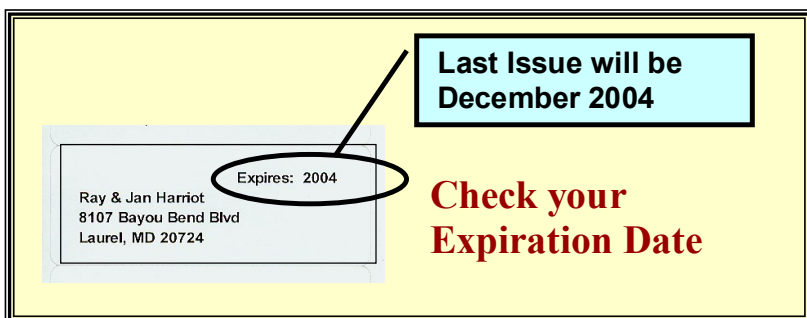
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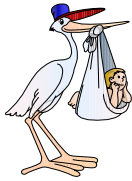
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Want to know when your subscription to the Herriott Herald expires? Just check your subscription label. In the upper right hand corner, you will notice a statement similar to "EXPIRES: 2004". That indicates your last issue will be the last issue (December) of the year noted — in this case 2004.



Round About the Clan

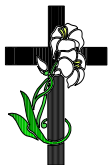
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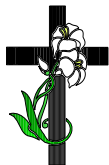
Katy Noelle Tippey was born on 16 December 2014 in Lexington, Kentucky to **Paul and Dawn (Harriot) Tippey**. Katy is the granddaughter of **Ray and Jan (Arsenault) Harriot**. She joins siblings **Kendra, Matthew, Ian, Sara, and Emma**.



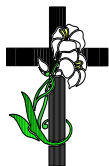
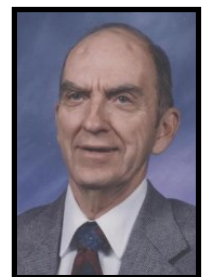
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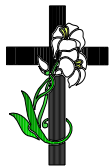
Geraldine (Herriott) Phillips, wife of the late **Richard Phillips**, died on 4 May 2015 in Edmond, Oklahoma. She was the daughter of **Robert Stanley and Louora (Kyle) Herriott** and sister of HHA Board Member **Bill Herriott**.



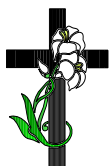
James Allan Herriott, husband of the late **Ruth Ann (Goodall) Herriott**, died on 19 March 2015 in Ames, Iowa. He was 83 years old. He was the son of **Cleon and Velta (May) Herriott**.



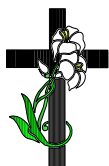
Clinton Herriott died on 6 April 2015 in Arkansas. He was the son of **Willis and Lyda (Halstead) Herriott**. He was predeceased by his wife **Sarah (Hill) Herriott** who passed away in 2007.



John Milton Herriott passed away on 26 February 2015 in Sarasota, Florida. See article later in newsletter.



John Harriott, son of **Peter and Mary Lou (White) Harriott**, died on 5 March 2015 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was 57 years old. He leaves behind wife **Angela** and children **Courtney, Bryan, and Kevin**.



Marilyn (Harriott) Raymond passed away on 26 May 2015. She was born on 25 July 1927, the daughter of **Roy and Martha (Gregson) Harriott**. She was the wife of the late **Oscar Raymond** and leaves behind a daughter **Mary** and son **William**.

Available from the HHA



The Herriott Heritage Association announces the second update to its DVD. The genealogy database contains over 21,000 more names than the version published in 2012 (now over 73,000).

This new DVD is a must for any Herriott/Harriott/Harriot family wanting to learn about their family roots... or extend the research that has been done by the HHA.

The cost of the new DVD is **\$50.00** — but the data it contains is priceless. The DVD will save countless hours of typing, searching, and downloading.

The book **Beyond Trabroun** has been completed and is now available both in print and CD format.

This book contains all you would ever want to know regarding Scotland and the Heriots families from 1400 to 1700. Now you can understand the trials and tribulations that your ancestors went through that shaped them as individuals. The book also corrects numerous errors that were included in Ballingall's Heriots of Trabroun and have been propagated through the years.

Only 100 copies of the book have been printed. It is in full color and contains many charts and diagrams. The CD should work in all Windows computers and contains all of the same information... and as a bonus all includes the two previous works by Ballingall for reference. It is completely menu driven.

The cost of the products is as follows:

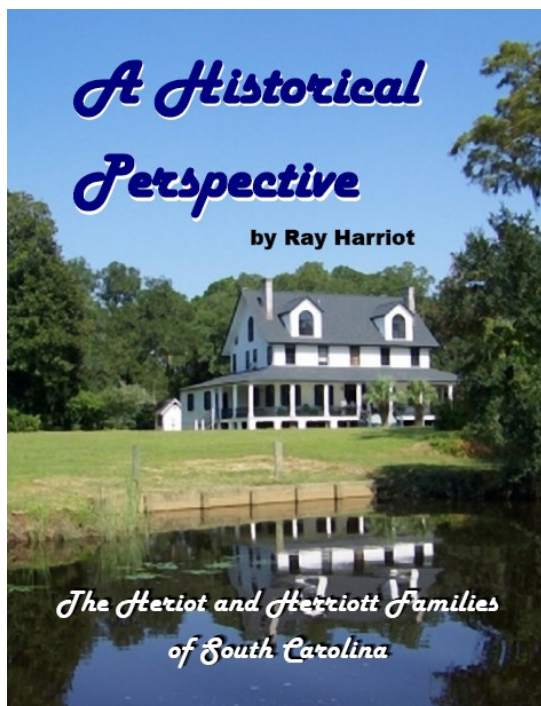
- ♦ The book is \$35.00 and includes shipping.
- ♦ The CD is \$19.95 and includes shipping.



Order by specifying your item and sending a check to:

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The Heriots and Herriotts of South Carolina



The Herriott Heritage Association has always had a close relationship with the Heriots of South Carolina. For many years we thought that we were connected back in Scotland since both families allegedly had ties to the family of George Heriot, jeweler to King James VI of Scotland.

The connection was also the impetus for the Herriott Heritage Association to move expand its focus from servicing descendants of David Herriott of New Jersey to servicing descendants of anyone with the surname, regardless of spelling.

This led to the establishment of the Herriott Surname DNA Project in 2009. It was hoped that this project would help us to connect the various lines. Though it has been very successful in connecting various lines, it has yet to pin point the Scottish line of our immigrant ancestor David.

At the 2012 HHA Reunion in New Jersey we had a request from William Herriott, a black attendee who traced his roots to the 1870's in South Carolina. He asked if we could help determine the line of his ancestor and contributed his DNA to the project. We were surprised when the results came back as a perfect match for the South Carolina Heriots. Subsequent research determined that William was a descendant of a South Carolina Plantation owner named Heriot and a female slave. The name migrated from Heriot to Herriott over the years.

In order to help this gentleman, I had to learn a lot about the various families... and also about the culture and environments in which they lived. It was truly fascinating. Both families grew up during a tumultuous time in our country's history. They experienced the French and Indian Wars, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, reconstruction, segregation, etc. ... and they saw it all from two different points of view—two different perspectives.

This book takes a look at both families from their respective points of view regarding the environment in which they lived. It is not judgmental. It attempts to present the facts in relation to people's beliefs at the time and the events which influenced them.

All these families should be proud of their heritage and the way their kinfolk have persevered. Regardless of their differences each line has done their best to strengthen the family ties over the years.

The book is available from Ray Harriot for \$40.00 (includes shipping). Only 100 copies have been printed so order yours now. The address is on Page 4 of the newsletter.



John Herriott, Veteran Circus Performer

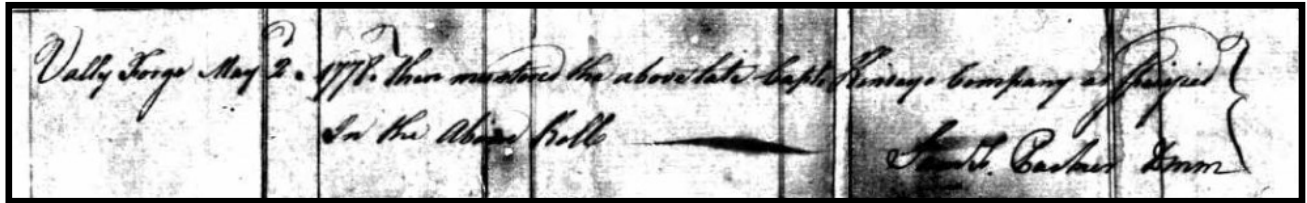
John Milton Herriott, third generation circus performer, passed away on 26 February 2015 in Sarasota, Florida. Born on 15 January 1931 to Milton Lindsay Herriott and Viola Engesser, he had been an animal trainer for almost 60 years.

He and his wife Ruth (James) Herriott performed at Circus World in Baraboo, Wisconsin from 1963-69 and again in 1980. John was a part of the Ringling Brothers Greatest Show on Earth. He performed at Shrine Circus and others. His wife and four daughters also performed with him. He was inducted in the Circus Ring of Fame on January 1, 2000 and in the Circus Hall of Fame in 2005.



Daughters Cindy, Laura, Cristine, and Heidi continue the family's legacy by continuing their father's work in the circus. The show must go on!

William Harriott at Valley Forge



Listed among the soldiers present at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania on 2 May 1778 during General George Washington's brutal encampment was Private William Harriott. He is listed as a member of the 4th Regiment of New Jersey Infantry.

Private		Mar 1778
1 John Gannell	-	✓
2 John Gannell	-	✓
3 Henry Gannell	-	✓
4 Hugh Gannell	-	✓
5 John Gannell	-	✓
6 John Gannell	-	✓
7 John Gannell	-	✓
8 John Gannell	-	✓
9 John Gannell	-	✓
10 Wm Harriott	-	✓
11 John Gannell	-	✓
12 John Gannell	-	✓
13 John Gannell	-	✓
14 John Gannell	-	✓
15 John Gannell	-	✓

The Regiment was used to thwart British General William Howe's Philadelphia Campaign (1777-1778). General Howe landed his troops on the northern end of the Chesapeake Bay and advanced northward toward Philadelphia. General Washington prepared defenses against Howe's movements at Brandywine Creek, but was flanked and beaten back in the Battle of Brandywine. On 11 September 1777. After further skirmishes and maneuvers, Howe was able to enter and occupy Philadelphia. Washington then unsuccessfully attacked one of Howe's garrisons at Germantown before retreating to Valley Forge for the winter. The regiment later participated in the Battle of Monmouth.

Who was this William Harriott?

He was most likely born between 1750 and 1760 since he was of military age in 1778... and was only a private.

William is a good Harriott name for the Perth Amboy/Woodbridge Harriotts... but does not show up until the early 1800s. John Harriott and Hannah Field had a son William Harriott who was born about 1800. Other descendants also named a child William.

So again... who was this William Harriott?

The name and location is good... so we need to keep on looking!



Who Were David's Parents ?

New Jersey birth records indicate that an infant by the name of David Harriot died on 14 October 1865 in Metuchen in Middlesex County, New Jersey. He was born earlier in 1865 in Perth Amboy. His parents were listed as David Harriot and Sarah Ann. The question is who were these parents?

Sarah Ann Harriot mentioned in the record of David Harriot	
Name:	Sarah Ann Harriot
Gender:	Female
Husband:	David Harriot
Son:	David Harriot
Other information in the record of David Harriot from New Jersey Deaths and Burials	
Name:	David Harriot
Gender:	Male
Death Date:	14 Oct 1865
Death Place:	Metuchen, Middlesex, N.J.
Age:	0
Birth Date:	1865
Birthplace:	Perth Amboy, N.J.
Marital Status:	Single
Father's Name:	David Harriot
Mother's Name:	Sarah Ann Harriot
Indexing Project (Batch) Number: B07472-2 , System Origin: New Jersey-EASy , GS Film number: 584572 , Reference ID: v V p 372	

We do have a David Harriot, son of Ephraim Harriot and Mary Harriot, who was married to Sarah Edgar, but both of these were deceased before 1865... so it can't be them.

David Harriot and Sarah Edgar also had a son David, per bible records. However, we suspect that he died in infancy like the other children in the bible whom we have no later information.

We also have a David Harriot, son of Samuel Harriot and Sarah White of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. who was born in 1837. This is a possibility. We do not have him getting married until 1870 in New York City. He was from Perth Amboy and it is possible that he had an earlier marriage.

The latter would appear to be the prime candidate. His father Samuel Harriot died in 1854... and in 1860 his mother Sarah is listed in Perth Amboy as the head of household. Living with her are son James and son Warren and his family. There is no sign of David Harriot.

In 1870 David Harriot is living in New York City with his mother Sarah. They are living next door to Benjamin Thornall, a distant cousin who had strong connections to Perth Amboy and Metuchen. This is the same year that David Harriot marries Mary Moore, a marriage that did not last long. Thus it is very possible that David had a previous marriage... but where's the record?



Sarah Harriott

We have always known that Sarah Harriot (B: 1804), the daughter of James Harriot and Anna Van Nest of Somerset County, New Jersey, had married Benjamin Jones in Somerset County on 16 December 1824. Heretofore we had only identified one child, a son named John who was born on 8 October 1825. Recent information indicates there was also a daughter.

The Genealogical and Family History of the Wyoming and Lackawanna Valleys of Pennsylvania published in 1906 provides the biography of James Madison Fritz, a successful attorney who was born in Orangeville, Columbia County, Pennsylvania on 10 March 1857. He was the son of William Fritz, a merchant of that place, and his wife Margaret Jones.

The article goes on to identify Margaret Jones as the daughter of Benjamin H. Jones and his wife Sarah Harriott of New Brunswick, New Jersey... the latter being a descendant of David Harriott of Middlesex County who was born in 1718 and died in 1792. It then lists the parentage down to Sarah Harriott, including her siblings. All of the information is correct so the article has credibility.

After the death of his father William Fritz in 1864, his mother found it difficult to raise six children. In 1869 she relocated her family back to live with her kinfolk in New Brunswick, New Jersey. James M. Fritz worked various jobs until his mother died in 1875..

James returned to Pennsylvania and under the influence of a cousin entered the teaching profession. Several years later he went to law school, eventually graduating and becoming an attorney. He was admitted to practice in Columbia County in 1886. That was the same year he married Annie Stackhouse on 9 September.

1870 New Brunswick

	Heathie	20	F	br	at-Herome			
14	Lito Maryant	41	F	br	Benjamin Herome		200	Herome
	Emma	17	F	br	Milman			Herome
	Lilly	14	F	br	at-Herome			Herome
	James	13	M	br	at-Herome			Herome
	Maggie	10	F	br	at-Herome			Herome
	Carrie	7	F	br				Herome

Several of these children can now be traced to the present day.



Jane E. Harriott — Take Three

In the December 2011 issue of the Herriott Herald we indicated that we had received information from Tom Walden regarding his ggg-grandmother was Jane E. Harriott (1807-1867) of Brooklyn, New York... and suggested that she was the daughter of William Harriott, son of Israel Harriott.

In the June 2012 issue we recanted, declaring that William Harriott's daughter Jane E. Harriott had married James Hart Guion. We left the case open since locations and names remained good. We thought it very likely that Jane might be the daughter of Israel's son John Harriott, who died in 1829 as he had two unidentified daughters in the 1810 census.

In addition, Tom Walden provided some conflicting information. The identification of Jane E. Harriot as the wife of his ancestor Frederick Walden came from the marriage certificate of their son Robert Walden when he married Cecelie Johnston in 1898.

City of New York.
No. of Certificate, 544 and
were joined in Marriage
in the City of New York,
January 9th 1898
Signature of Minister of the Gospel, David O. Wheeler

Date of Marriage	Jan 9th 1898
Groom's Full Name	Robert F. Walden
Bride's Full Name	Cecelia Johnston
Age	63
Color	W
Single or Widowed	W
Birthplace	New York City
Father's Name	Frederick A. Walden
Mother's Maiden Name	Jane E. Harriott
Number of Groom's Marriage	3
Bride's Full Name	Cecelia Johnston
Residence	214 E 126th St
Age	54
Color	W
Single or Widowed	W
Maiden Name, if a Widow	Cecelia Seaman
Birthplace	New York City
Father's Name	William
Mother's Maiden Name	Susan Mullen
Number of Bride's Marriage	2
Name of Person performing Ceremony	Fields, Remond
Official Station	Pastor in Charge of the Church
Residence	153 East 112th St
Date of Record	Jan 11 1898

Jane's middle initial was E which added to the confusion.

We recently came by some information which I believe has solved this problem once and for all... and has helped us determine that Tom Walden is not a Harriott descendant - much to his chagrin because he and I have really enjoyed the dialogue the past few years.

We found the piece of information which solved the puzzle in the 15 January 1820 edition of the Ladies Literary Cabinet.

However he recently provided a marriage certificate from an earlier marriage to Kate Wood in 1881. This lists his mother as Ellen Riley.

Health Department of the City of New York.
RETURN OF A MARRIAGE.

1. Full Name of Groom, Robert F. Walden
2. Place of Residence, 842 - 8th Ave
3. Age next Birthday, 41 years,
4. Occupation, Sail Maker
5. Place of Birth, New York City
6. Father's Name, Fred. Augustus Walden
7. Mother's Maiden Name, Ellen Riley
8. No. of Groom's Marriage, 2nd
9. Full Name of BRIDE, Kate Woods
10. Maiden Name, if a Widow,
11. Place of Residence, 842 8th Ave
12. Age next Birthday, 26 years, -
13. Occupation,
14. Place of Birth, New York City
15. Father's Name, John Woods
16. Mother's Maiden Name, Susan Ann
17. No. of Bride's Marriage, 1

N. B.—At Nos. 4 and 13 state if Colored: If of other races, specify what? At Nos. 9 and 17 state whether 1st, 2d, 3d, &c., Marriage of each.

New York, August 4th 1881

We, the Groom and Bride named in the above Certificate, hereby Certify that the information given is correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Robert F. Walden (Groom.)
Kate Woods (Bride.)

Signed in presence of Mary Corbitt +
and

On Saturday evening last, by the Rev. Mr. M^cClay, Mr. George C. Harriott, to Miss Jane Riley, eldest daughter of Joseph Riley, Esq. all of this city.

in New York City from 1820 to 1825 after which he is no longer listed in the directory. Sometime thereafter his wife Jane (Riley) Harriott married Frederick Walden, a sail maker. It appears that George C. Harriot and Jane Riley had at least one child. In 1850 we observe Joseph R. Harriot (Joseph Riley Harriot, named after Jane's father?), a sailmaker, living in Brooklyn, New York... not far from the Walden's. It is very likely that Frederick taught his step-son the trade, just as he did with his son Robert Walden.

The 1860 census for Jefferson, Mahaska County, Iowa shows George Harriott, chair maker born in New York, living with his family.

3		David	12 M				Ken Cook		
4	24	Gerage C. Hammett		Chair Maker			Yemas		1
5		Mary	45 F		1500	\$0	Phio		
6		Arms	24 M	Fanner	400	300			1
7		Catharine	18 F				Arms		1
8		America	14				Mifgins		1
9		Franklin P.	7 M				Arms		1
10		Josephine	14 F						

This is where the Herriott Heritage Association DNA Project comes into play. We have tested descendants of George C. Harriott of Iowa and he is not connected in any way to the New Jersey Herriotts.

This may also suggest the connection of Christopher Harriott who is located in the 1850 census in Passaic County, New Jersey as being another son of George C. Harriott. In the DNA study Christopher's descendant was a good match with the descendant of George C. Harriott of Iowa. He was born in 1825 in New York and we know from the directory that George C. Harriott was still working there as a chair maker at that time.



Van Rensalaer Harriott

The last remaining mystery in Herriott Kith and Kin is the placement of Van Rensalaer Harriott of Mercer County, Illinois in the family tree. This has eluded us for over 20 years, even though at times we have gotten close.

We know that Van Rensalaer Harriott was born around 1831 in Sharon, Mercer County, Pennsylvania. This is a known “good” location for Herriott descendants as descendants of both the Asher and John Forman lines lived there during this period. We also know that Van R.’s DNA matches that of the New Jersey Herriotts as we tested a known descendant early in the DNA project. Van R. Harriott married Mary Frazier in Illinois in 1852 and they had several children. He had a “closeness” to Nathaniel Harriott, a descendant of John Forman Harriott, who is observed living near Van R. Harriott’s family in Viola, Mercer County, Illinois at various times in the mid-1800s. Van R. Harriott was also a witness to the will of Nathaniel Harriott’s wife Judith Hover when she died in 1865.

I have always thought that the key to connecting Van Rensalaer Harriott to the family tree were two key pieces of information:

- Van Rensalaer Harriott supposedly had a sister Ella who had married a Maxwell as a descendant had a picture ... and on the back was written “Van Rensalaer’s sister Ella Maxwell.”
- This appears to be confirmed in the 1880 census where “Ada Maxwell, age 11, niece” is living with Van Rensalaer Harriott and his family.

Harriott, Van R.	W. M. 45		
— Mary R.	W. F. 45	Wife	
— Lena	W. F. 18	Serv.	
— Ada	W. M. 12	Serv.	
Maxwell, Adas	W. F. 11	Niece	

I turned my efforts to trying to locate Van Rensalaer Harriott’s sister Ella and her daughter Ada Maxwell. I had looked for Ada before in Ohio where she was born in 1869 with no success. On Find-a-Grave.com I found the tombstone of an Adella “Ada” Maxwell who was born in 1868 and died in 1945. She had married Harrison Brown on 6 June 1894 in Mercer County.



I had always searched for Ada Maxwell in Ohio, not Adella... so I gave it a try. I did not find any in Ohio, but did locate an Adella Maxwell who was born in Ohio living in Mercer County, Illinois... very close to Van R. Harriott. She was living with her parents John H. Maxwell and Aletha. She has a sister Stratira. Also living with the family is Orrin V. R. Burr, age 12.

Could Alethea be Van R. Harriott’s sister? Note the V. R. as Orrin’s middle name. Two additional children George Maxwell and Hugh Maxwell were born in 1873 and 1876, respectively.

— Wilber	4	m	w				
7 Maxwell John H	30	m	w	Land Lord of Land	750	Q	
— Althea B	32	f	w	Keeping house		Yll	
— Statina	4	f	w			Q	
— Adella	2	f	w				
Burr Orrin V B	12	m	w			All	

1870 Census for Viola, Mercer County, Illinois.

Name:	Althea B. Maxwell [Althea B. Burr]
Birth Date:	9 Dec 1835
Birth Place:	Pennsylvania
Death Date:	25 Jun 1916
Death Place:	Monmouth, Warren, Illinois
Burial Date:	27 Jun 1916
Burial Place:	Viola, Ill.
Death Age:	80
Occupation:	At Home
Race:	White
Marital Status:	W
Gender:	Female
Father Name:	Burr
Mother Name:	Keziah McDowell
FHL Film Number:	1530921

The short answer to this is “Yes,” but she is more correctly his half-sister. Notice that Aletha’s death record indicates that her father’s surname was Burr. At first I thought this was confusion caused by the fact that her first husband was Joseph Burr... and her children grew up with a half-brother named Orrin Van Rensalaer Burr. However, the surname Burr is referenced on all of Aletha’s marriage records as well.

The marriage certificate of John Maxwell to Aletha on 8 September 1864 in Wayne County, Ohio shows that she was Mrs. Aletha Burr. The “Mrs.” is critical as this indicates to me that she was already married. None of the adjoining certificates used this term. It would also explain son Orrin V. R. Burr who was born in 1858, six years before this marriage. Aletha and John Maxwell were divorced (between 1876 and 1880) while the children were still young.

When Orrin V. R. Burr marries for the second time in 1898 in Wisconsin, he lists his parents as Joseph Burr and Aletha Burr. Was the mother’s surname a mistake (really Harriott) or a coincidence (she was a Burr who married a Burr)?

This information did allow me to locate John and Aletha Burr and their son Orrin living in Salt River, Missouri in the 1860 census. Something must have happened as Mrs. Aletha Burr marries John H. Maxwell in Wayne County, Ohio four years later.

 Orin Van Burr mentioned in the record of Orin Van Burr and Anna M. Sterling	
Name:	Orin Van Burr
Spouse's Name:	Anna M. Sterling
Event Date:	12 Jun 1898
Event Place:	Marquette, Wisconsin
Father's Name:	Joseph Burr
Mother's Name:	Althea Burr
Spouse's Father's Name:	H. C. Sterling
Spouse's Mother's Name:	Jennie Sterling

Oh, the witness on Orin V. Burr's first marriage to Hester Teresa Hogg in 1875 in Viola, Mercer County, Illinois was Jesse Harriott, his alleged cousin, son of Van Rensalaer Harriott. So there is a connection, but how... as it does not appear to be through the father. So I turned to the mother who was listed as Kezia McDowell in Aletha's death certificate.

Kezia McDowell was born around 1810. the youngest daughter of Robert McDowell and his wife Hannah Roberts of Mercer County, Pennsylvania—the same place that Van Rensallaer Harriott was born. It was said that Hannah Roberts was of Dutch descent... a possible explanation for the name Van Rensallaer. Kezia's father Robert McDowell died in a gunpowder explosion in 1813 during the War of 1812. Online McDowell genealogies have very little information on Kezia except "she married a Harriot." and later "married a Buss." I believe the latter is a garble for "Burr" and tends to support the conclusion that Van Ransalaer Harriott and Aletha Burr were half-siblings. Some genealogies say the person was Henry Burr.

So now the question becomes “Which Harriot did Kezia McDowell marry?”

In 1810 Robert McDowell and his family, including Kezia, was living in Shenango, Crawford County, Pennsylvania.

William McGinnis	1	1	"	"	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Robert McGowell	2	1	3	"	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
John Thompson	1	"	1	"	"	1	1	"	1	"	1

Located on the next page is the family of Sidney Herriott.:

John Lehmann	2	"	1	1	"	2	"	"	1	"	"	"
Ldney Kaniott	3	"	1	1	"	1	2	"	1	"	"	"
Total	5	"	2	2	"	3	4	"	2	"	2	"

Thus, it is very likely that these two families knew each other.

Kezia McDowell had to have married a Harriott prior to 1831 (when Van Rensalaer Harriott was born) and a Burr prior to 1835 (when Aletha Burr was born). Years ago I had tried to locate a Harriott family in Mercer/Crawford County that had an unconnected male and female (Van R. and Aletha). Now I knew it was very possible the two were not living with each other.

I returned my focus to Francis B. Herriott, son of the above Sidney B. Herriott, who was born in 1803. We know that Francis B. Herriott owned land in Shenango, Crawford County in 1833. This is an indication that he may have been married at the time as it was unusual for young single men to own a farm. This property would have been obtained, most likely from his father, sometime after 1830 (as he was living with his father during the 1830 census). Francis B. Herriott sells this land in 1838 and moves to Mercer County, Pennsylvania where he marries his cousin Caroline Harriott.

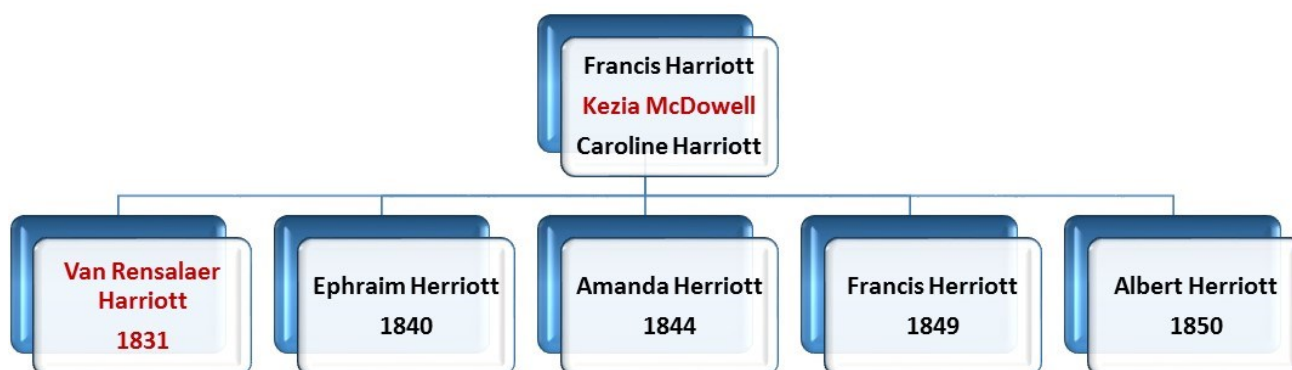
Francis B. Herriott is located in 1840 living in Mercer County near Caroline's siblings James and Nathaniel Harriott.

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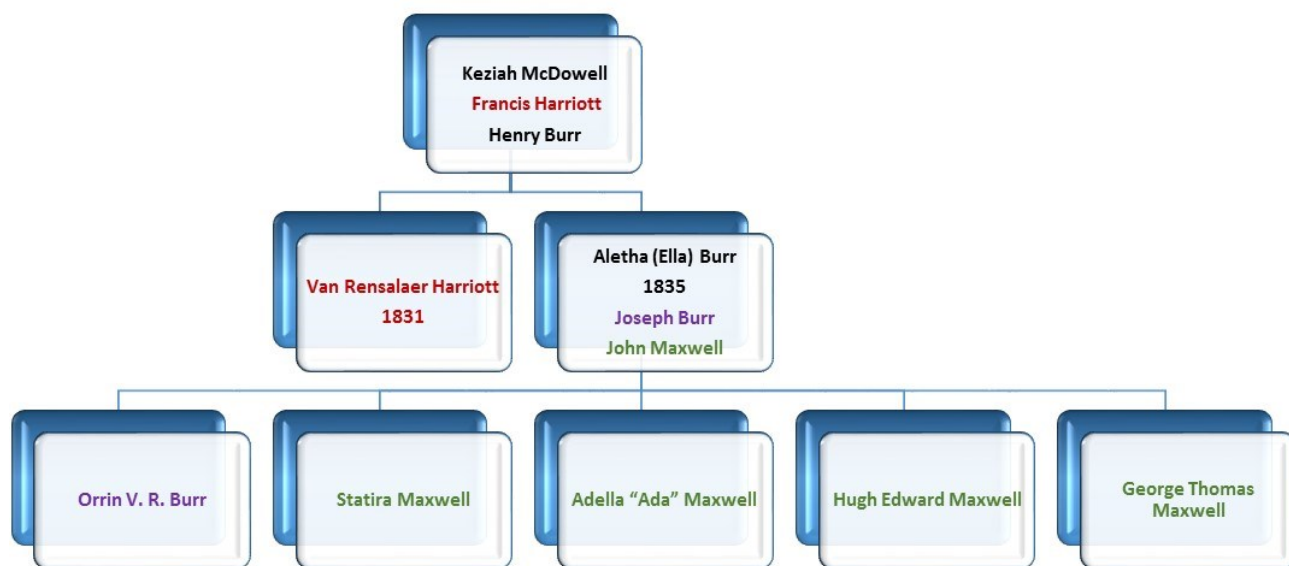
It should be noted that the census lists 2 males under the age of 5... and at most Francis and Caroline should have only had one (Ephraim) at this time. Though the age is slightly off, the second male could have been Van Rensalaer Harriott. Also note that they are living right next to Nathaniel Harriott who emerges as a very close friend of Van Rensalaer Harriott.

Francis B. Herriott and family left Mercer County, Pennsylvania for Union County, Ohio... and later many of them settled in the area around Peoria, Illinois... very close to where Van Rensalaer Harriott settled.

Thus it appears that Van Rensalaer Harriott is connected as follows:



As for his half-sister Aletha (Ella) Burr Maxwell... she is not a Harriott/Herriott descendant... but gets the credit for helping us solve this mystery.



Though this is not 100% conclusive, the new evidence suggests that it is correct. Thus, we can tentatively make the connection pending any additional information that proves otherwise.



Who was Hiram Harriott ?

I recently came across the record of Hiram Harriott who enlisted in the US Army in 1840 at the age of 23. Evidently the Army was recruiting soldiers to fight in the Indian Wars in Florida. The record indicates that he was born in 1817 in Groveland, New York. We have no Hiram Harriott in our database; however we do have several Harriott families living in Groveland, New York in 1820. So who was this Hiram Harriott?

Joshua	25	hazel	dark	dark	5	9 1/2	Groveland	Farmer	31	Canandaigua
Hiram	23		auburn	light	5	5 1/2		Blacksmith	12	New York
			blue	brun	reddy	5	7	Ireland		

The records for Fort Madison New York indicate that recruit Hiram Harriott was present during May 1840 with the 8th US Infantry Regiment. He was listed as a Private and his status was "rejected." He was again listed in June 1840 as a "rejected recruit." at which time he was discharged.



Perhaps he had "behavioral issues" as we next see Hiram Harriott listed as a prisoner in Auburn Prison in New York in 1845. In December of that year he received "3 blows" for "talking and denying it." Auburn Prison was the place that originated the "Auburn System" of punishment for inmates. Prisoners worked during the day in groups and were kept in solitary confinement at night, with enforced silence at all times. The silent system evolved at Auburn during the 1820s. It promised to rehabilitate criminals by teaching them personal discipline and respect for work, property, and other people.

Note: And today's prisoners complain when the air conditioning is broke, the TV in the lounge is broke, or they don't get to spend enough time in the gym.

Sherman Beckett	179	m	Laborer	I
Hiram Harriet	27	m	Laborer	I
Susan	19	f		

This is likely the Hiram Harriet who is located in Barre, Orleans County, New York in the 1850 census. He is married to a woman named Susan. We find no further record of him.

The last we see of Hiram Harriott is when he appears on the voter registration rolls for Sonoma, California from 1866 to 1871.

John Wright									
Joseph Harrist	3			1	1	1			1
Henry White				1		2	1		
John Harrist	3			1		1			1
William Barnes	1	1				1	1	1	1

Living with father Joseph Herod and his wife Rachel however is another male between the age of 26-44 and three males under the age of 10 and one female under the age of 10. The male is obviously Joseph's son John Harriott who marries a woman named Belinda around 1830. John would have been about 33 years old at the time of this marriage which opens the possibility that he had an earlier marriage... and after the death of his wife moved in with his parents to help raise the children.

- Besides Hiram Harriott, we have another Harriott who could be a child. That would be the Samuel Harriott, born about 1813 in New York, who married Mary Harriott Weeks, daughter of Obadiah Weeks and Jerusha Herriott. Samuel Harriott is located in Groveland, New York in the 1840 Census.

- once in Conesus with his wife and family (where he is listed as 53 years old). This would make him born in 1797, probably a bit young to have fathered Samuel in 1813.

Almonda "	2 "			
John Mariot	53 m	Laborer		Penn
Lydia "	43 p			NY York
Jane "	13 "			"
Joseph "	17 m	Dr		"
Mary "	11 p			"
Louisa "	7 "			"
Emily "	3 "			"

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Delop	12	m				
Obadiah Weeks	36	m	/		1500	Maf
Amacha	51	H				Pa
Wily	14	m				NG
John Harris	57	m	/			Pa
Roll' March	25	m	/		1800	NG

- Samuel Harriott's son George Harriott, by his first marriage, enlisted in the Army in 1862 from Barre, New York... the same location that Hiram Harriott was last located in 1850.

Thus the evidence is pretty convincing that both Samuel Harriott and his brother Hiram Harriott were sons of John Harriott of Groveland, New York by his first marriage to an unknown woman.

Margaret Herriott and Joseph Drake

Sometime around 1860 Margaret Herriott, the daughter of John Herriott and Elizabeth Overstreet, married Joseph A. Drake in Johnson County, Indiana. We have had this union identified since the early days of the Blue Book. However, what we didn't know and I suspect Margaret didn't know at the time is that she was marrying a relative — a half 3rd cousin, 1X removed to be exact

It was very unlikely they knew as they both arrived in Indiana via circuitous routes. Margaret was born in Indiana, the child of her father's second marriage. Her father John Herriott was born in Washington County, Pennsylvania and had emigrated to Indiana around 1830, shortly after his father's death. John's parents were George Herriott and Elizabeth Webster. George Herriott was not originally from Pennsylvania. He was born in 1765 in Maryland to Andrew Herriott and Hester Walker and the family relocated to Allegheny County, Pennsylvania around 1790... and then some branches relocated to Washington County. Of course, Andrew Herriott was originally from Woodbridge, New Jersey—the son of David Herriott and his second wife Ursula Foreman.

As we learned recently, David Herriott was first married to Elizabeth Lockhart who appears to have died shortly after the birth of a daughter Eleanor. The latter married Samuel Crow in Woodbridge, New Jersey and had several children. One of those children Elizabeth Crow married Joseph Drake and the family relocated to Licking County, Ohio. Their son Lewis Drake married Mary Evans Russell around 1790 and they lived in Warren County, Ohio. Their son Joseph Drake who was born in 1798 married Clarissa Beach who died a few years later. He then married Larcey (Lucy) Beach, Calrissa's sister, and the family moved to Indiana. Their son Joseph Drake was born in Shelby County, Indiana in 1834... and around 1860 married Margaret Herriott.



John Harriot of Bridgewater

I thought it would be interesting to take a look at John Harriot, the son of John Harriot and Rachel Wilson Harriot of Bridgewater, Somerset County, New Jersey, as there is still a little uncertainty regarding his family.

John was one of the executors of his father's will in 1825, along with his brothers Alford and Robert. He received two horses, a wagon, some property, and the family bible. The will also mentions John's sisters Mary Kline, Phebe, and Rachel.

John Harriot was born in 1780 and in 1806 he married Hannah Fields in the Bound Brook Presbyterian Church. He and his family were very active in this church where John served as an elder. Many of their children were baptized there and several were married there as well. This is fortunate since early New Jersey census records did not survive... and Bound Brook Church kept good records.

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In 1830 John and his family is observed living in Bridgewater, Somerset County, New Jersey. Living with him are one male 5-9, one male 20-29, one male 50-59, one female 40-49, and one female 70-79. The last three are easy — John, his wife Hannah, and his mother Rachel (who did not die until 1837). The second male is most likely Henry who was born around 1805 and did not marry until 1832. The youngest child is either John Alfred Harriott who was born in 1818 and should be in this census (he didn't die until 1843) or William Harriott, an unassociated Harriott.

In 1846 John and Hannah Harriott sell land to Ruth Harriot, widow of their son Henry, for the sum of one dollar. Henry Harriot married Ruth Voorhees in 1832 and died in 1846. Evidently this is John and Hannah's way of providing for their son's wife and possibly an unidentified child as Henry and wife Ruth are identified in the 1840 census for Warren, Somerset County as having a male between 5-10 years of age.

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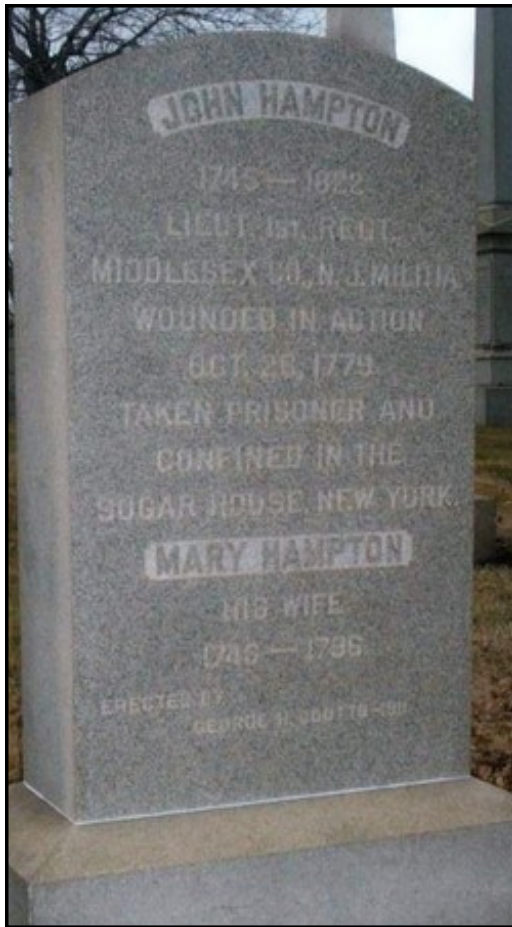
Later Hannah Harriott's grandchildren Robert and Hannah Schenck are observed living with her..

09	Harmon	69	M						
	Harmon	69	M						
	Robert H. Schenck	23	M						
	Harmon	18	M						



Mary Harriot, Wife of John Hampton

*We know that **Mary Harriot**, daughter of **George Harriot**, was married to **John Hampton**... however we know little more. When were they married? When did he die? Did they have any children?*



Mary Harriot was born on 31 August 1751. She is buried in the First Presbyterian Church Cemetery where she is referred to as the relict of John Hampton.—“Mary Hampton, relict of John Hampton and daughter of George and Mary Harriot, died January 25, 1833, in 82nd year.” It does not appear that her husband is buried with her.

The only John Hampton who is buried in the First Presbyterian Cemetery was the John Hampton who died “25 April 1816 in his 31st year.” This would make him born in 1785 and too young to be Mary’s husband. Also, Patty Myers’ book, *Ancestors and Descendants of Lewis Ross Freeman*, states that this John Hampton was married to Mary Ilsley (Inslee) who was born in 1746. It also states that Mary’s sister Agnes (Nancy) Ilsley married James Hampton, allegedly John’s brother. This makes sense since a James Hampton and Nancy Hampton are buried next to John Hampton in the Presbyterian Cemetery, the latter most likely being their son (named after James’ brother).

Then I came across the tombstone to the left from Alpine Cemetery in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Most of the online genealogies indicate that Mary Ilsley (Inslee) who married John Hampton was born in 1746.

John Hampton who served in the Middlesex Militia under Col. Webster, was disabled by a wound and then lived in Woodbridge Township and was entitled to a pension. Mary A. Wheaton, daughter of the pensioner makes an oath he died on 30 August 1822. Administration of the estate was granted to George Hampton.

Note that the tombstone that was erected in Alpine Cemetery was done so in 1911 by George Hampton Coutts, a descendant of the Revolutionary War Veteran. John Hampton and his wife Mary (Inslee) Hampton are actually buried in New Brunswick, New Jersey in Three Mile Run Cemetery. Her Revolutionary War veteran husband is buried next to her. Also buried in Three Mile Run Cemetery is their daughter Catherine (Hampton) Plum wife of Henry Plum.

This information is critical to determining that we have the right John Hampton.... As confirmed by the following documentation — a request in June 1805 that John Hamilton, father, be awarded the guardianship of his three minor children: Mary Ann Hampton, Fanny Hampton, and George Hampton.



*Mary Ann Hampton Fanny
Hampton and George Hampton } Application for a guar-
Minors above the age of fourteen } -dair
years - - - - -
On petition of the said*

The people that supported this request were Jonathan Inslee (father of his deceased wife Mary Inslee who died in 1796) and Henry Plum (husband of his daughter Catherine Hampton).

My guess is that prior to this time John Hampton, being a single farmer, was unable to care for the children and they were cared for by someone else. However, if he had remarried he would have then been able to care for his children.

We know that Mary Harriot did not get married until after 1788 as she is referenced as Mary Harriot, daughter of George Harriot, in the 1788 roster of members of the First Presbyterian Church of Woodbridge. Most likely her marriage occurred around 1805 when she was 54 years of age.

She and her husband apparently raised the children in Perth Amboy, but when John Hampton died in 1822 he was buried in New Brunswick alongside his first wife... and when Mary (Harriot) Hampton died in 1833 she was buried with her family in Woodbridge.

The children of John Hampton who were raised by him and Mary Harriot remained in Perth Amboy. They are shown living together in 1850 in Perth Amboy

Samuel Davis	21	dc	Barber		New Jersey
Elizabeth	23	71			"
George Hampton	62	71	Farm	5000	"
Mary A. Morten	64	71			"
Fanny Hampton	62	71			"

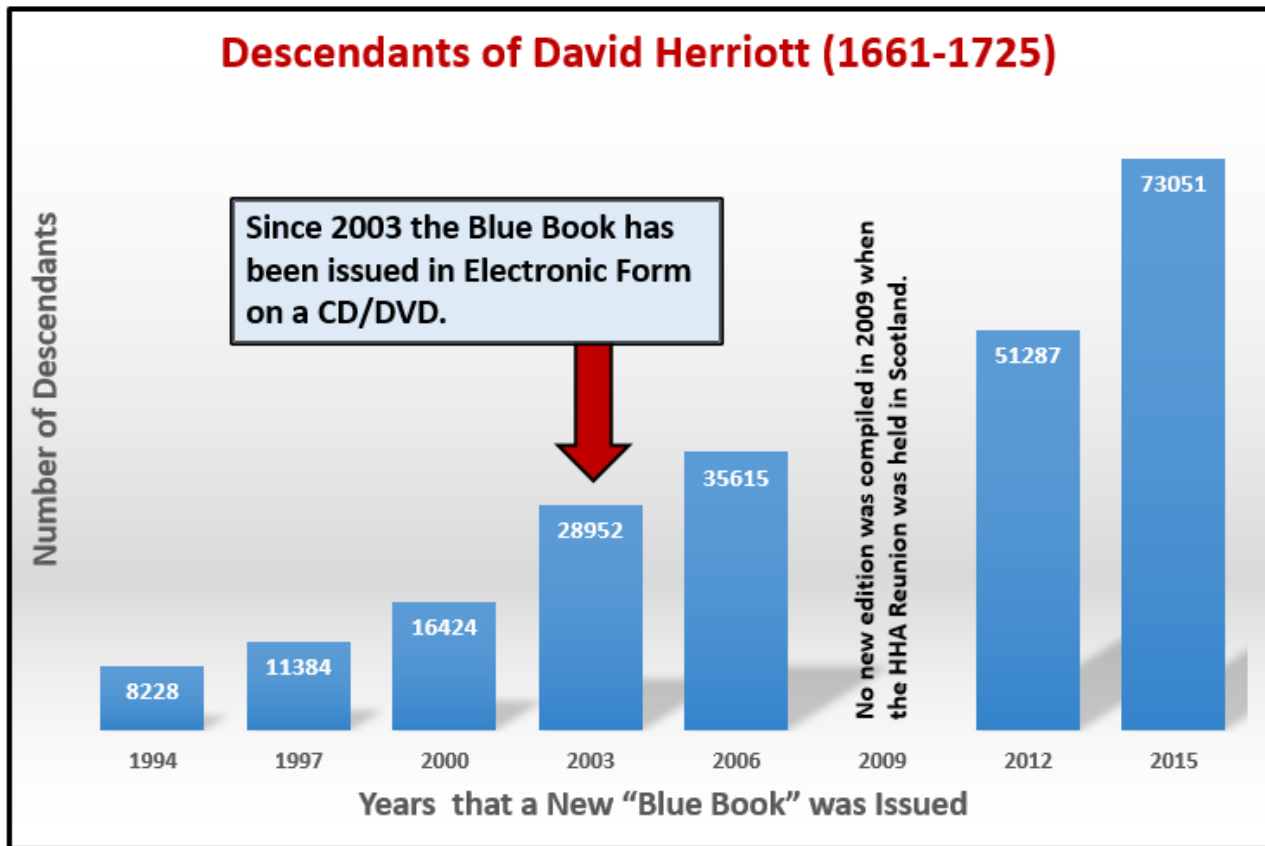
It is very possible that George Hampton may have been named after Mary Harriot’s father George Harriot, as the families appear to have been very close. George and John were both officers during the Revolutionary War. George Harriot’s son Ephraim Harriot named a son Hampton Harriot in 1805, perhaps commemorating the marriage of John Hampton and his sister Mary.

Mary A. Hampton married Richard Wheaton and they had a daughter Fanny Hampton Wheaton who married George M. Coutts. They were the parents of George Hampton Coutts who erected the tombstone in Alpine Cemetery that started this whole exercise.

We can now answer the riddle of Mary Harriot and John Hampton.



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10:00am

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