

## Herman Husband [Marker] Moves West -- History Corrected

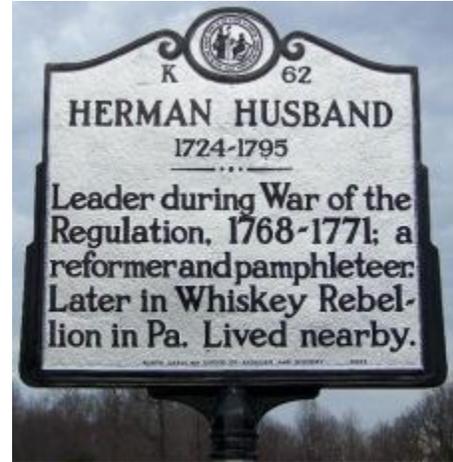
A marker honoring Herman Husband's contributions to the Regulator movement was erected in 1951 just south of Siler City on South Chatham Avenue at a point where that road crosses Love's Creek. According to the marker, Husband "lived nearby." In 2006, local historian Warren Dixon, Jr. made a case to the Highway Historical Marker Program that the marker should be moved to its correct historical location on Sandy Creek in what is now Randolph County. Mr. Dixon presented overwhelming evidence that, while Herman Husband did own land in Chatham County—and some of it on Love's Creek—he never lived in Chatham. At the same time, Dixon provided numerous references to Husband's residence on Sandy Creek in Randolph.

The Historical Marker Program agreed with Mr. Dixon's thorough analysis, and a new marker with the same information was erected in Randolph County in 2007. The Chatham County marker should have been removed at that time, but somehow the task failed to be completed until 2015—the last step in setting the record straight.

Even though he resided some miles west of Chatham County, Herman Husband played an important role in events that involved many Chatham families. You can learn more about Herman Husband on the [North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Program site](#).

Those interested in Mr. Dixon's meticulous documentation of the historical background for relocating the marker can see it in this file from the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker Program's [historical marker file K-62](#). CCHA applauds Mr. Dixon's determination to accurately represent the history of the area.

Interestingly, Mr. Dixon says he took no pleasure in requesting that the marker be moved from Chatham County to Sandy Creek in Randolph County. He explained that he grew up in sight of the Herman Husband marker on Loves Creek just south of Siler City. He could see the marker from his bedroom and he and his brother I tromped around the creek trying to find any sign of old Herman's house.



*The Herman Husband Historical Highway Marker in Randolph County. Located at Old Liberty Road and Ramseur-Julian Road.*