

HENDRICKS HERALD

Message from the president

By Randy Wilson

What a wonderful reunion it was this year! The play, the Friday evening activities and the Saturday at the water park were all great. Somehow, when it was all over, I found myself serving as the new president of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization. After talking to people, giving it some thought and attending the recent board meeting, I have started to understand what the organization is all about, and I am excited about the plans that are in the works.

One of the main jobs of the organization is to thoroughly research the ancestry and first four generations of descendants of Henry Hendricks.

Though it may be only a few people who do the actual research, there are several good reasons to have an organization for this purpose. First of all, it allows the people in the organization to pool their resources—their time, money and talents, so that much more research

can be accomplished, without duplicating efforts by many people trying to do the same thing. In return, the organization shares the results of the research with everyone through books, CDs, the web site, and newsletters. The intra-family organizations are in charge of the descendants of each 4th-generation descendant of Henry Hendricks, and they can similarly benefit from the pooling of resources and sharing of information. The main organization helps to keep these efforts coordinated, and keeps a master database of all of the genealogical information.

Another job of the organization is to somehow keep track of descendants so that they can both help in the efforts and benefit from the results. In the past, there have been efforts to identify all of the living descendants and incorporate their information into a master database. There are already over 40,000 descendants of Henry Hendricks that we know of, and it has already become impractical to publish a book

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Family CD includes genealogy, more

By Harold Hendricks

—Release 2 of the Ancestry and Descendants of Henry Hendricks CD

Those of you in attendance at the Henry Hendricks

2000 reunion received a CD containing the ancestry and most of the descendants of Henry Hendricks, along with digital copies of various publications and some photos. We tried very hard to have a complete CD ready at that time, but it was just not possible. Missing from that first

CD were verified and corrected records for a large number of the descendants of William Dorris Hendricks. By early this year we will have another CD ready containing those portions of the data base that had not been verified, as well as a

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Happenings brings family together

By LeAnn Hord

Do you know who your Hendricks relatives are in your own home town? Is your children's school teacher a distant cousin? The Henry Hendricks Family Organization would like to help you get to know these wonderful cousins that just might possibly be your neighbors. An experimental regional open house was hosted in Arizona with 82 invitations sent to those living in Arizona. We received rave reviews and have requests for more of these gatherings.

We are very excited that the Henry Hendricks Family Organization will

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begin hosting regional open houses for all Henry and Sarah Thompson Hendricks cousins in January 2001. These will take place one weekend a month in selected areas, so that by the end of the year, twelve or more open houses will have been held. Organized under the direction of LeAnn Hord, intra-family coordinator, the Hendricks Happening will be an evening or early Saturday morning get together for socializing, meeting

new relatives, receiving updates of family history, and gathering names and addresses. If you would like to volunteer your home or local chapel to host an Open House in your area, please contact LeAnn, at 480-964-3145, or email her at LeAnn will coordinate arrangements and send out invitations. The following proposed schedule is very flexible:

January: Arizona
February: Provo-Orem; Salt Lake

March: Richmond; Lewiston
April: Idaho Falls; Blackfoot
May: Smithfield; Logan
June: Rexburg; Marysville
July: Boise; Pocatello or Swan Lake
August: California
September: Texas
October: Open
November: Open
December: Open

Details on these open houses will be posted on the Hendricks family website at www.henryhendricks.com as they become available.

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A need for willing hands and hearts

The Henry Hendricks Family Organization has accomplished some amazing things in the last several decades.

We should all remember those who have done the work so far with appreciation, and be willing to help out where we can. As long as there are enough volunteers with the right talents willing to help, the organization can continue to make

progress. If you are able to help in any of these positions, or (more diabolically) if you know of anyone in the family that you think would be a good candidate, please contact Randy Wilson at (801) 446-1697 or by e-mail at randy@axon.cs.byu.edu and we can discuss the possibility.

Treasurer: We need someone to take over as treasurer, preferably in the next few

months. We would like someone who has some accounting or business background, in order to make sure we continue to comply with IRS regulations as a non-profit organization, though they need not be a CPA. The treasurer is responsible to receive money for dues, donations and orders. He or she deposits the money in the HHFO bank account and produces a report every six

months for use in the board meeting.

Research Director: Mary Hart (of Salt Lake City) has been doing a wonderful job for a long time as the research director, and now it is time for someone else to start taking over. The research director would have the responsibilities of:

(1) understanding and cataloging Mary's

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Chairman calls reunion a winner

By DelLynn Leavitt

Dear Henry Hendricks Family Members:

The past year has been an eventful one for the Henry Hendricks Family Organization highlighted by the 2000 reunion that we had in Provo.

Don and Kay Merrill and their committee did an outstanding job putting together a "best ever" reunion that was attended by over 200 family members who came from as far away as Conway, Arkansas and Edmonton, Canada.

The Friday night (July 7th) activities at the Eldred Senior Center included a pioneer treasure hunt that had the kids searching high and low for Hendricks memorial blocks, while the rest of us kids searched the walls of the Center for our 5th generation Hendricks Ancestor.

After a wonderful dinner we were entertained by a program MC'ed by Sharon Kartchner featuring door prizes and an interesting dramatization of William Dorris Hendricks by Mark Merrill.

We in the HHFO would like to thank all of those who helped make this reunion such a success

We then had a very short business meeting during which David Pincock of Rexburg, Idaho was elected as Vice President and Randy Wilson of Riverton, Utah was elected President in the place of Don Merrill who had asked to be released due to age and health considerations.

David Pincock is a descendant of Joseph Smith Hendricks and Randy Wilson is a descendant of William Dorris Hendricks.

Harold Hendricks then presented a very special video on the early Hendricks family of New Amsterdam.

All families who attended the reunion were presented with a Hendricks Family Genealogy CD by Brian Cooper which contains around 40,000 names.

On Saturday, July 8th, the family gathered at Seven Peaks Water Park and a hamburger dinner for a wonderful finale to a simply great reunion.

We in the HHFO would like to thank all of those who helped make this reunion such a success. Also this year Karla Hendricks Huntsman teamed up with Kim Yandow of the Deseret Dance Theater and many other talented artists to put the Drusilla Dorris Hendricks story into Music, Dance and Drama.

The incredible result was "Woman in the Wind," a major production that was so successful that it is now being considered by BYU as a part of their 2001 production schedule.

For more details on the 2000 reunion and the "Woman in the Wind" production check out

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our web site at www.henryhendricks.org.

Brian Cooper and Harold Hendricks have put a lot of time into the web site and it really is something to see.

Be sure to check out the hundreds of pictures which can be enlarged to amazing detail simply by a click of your mouse! It is exciting to see so many plans come into fruition.

As families grow larger and addresses change we need all the help that you can give us to update our mailing lists.

Please send all addresses to Harold Hendricks at 1384 W. 1460 N. Provo, UT 84604 or by e-mail Harold_Hendricks@byu.edu. You have a wonderful Hendricks heritage.

May God Bless you.
DelLynn Leavitt, Chairman

Family board hears range of issues

Following are the (unofficial, condensed) minutes of the Board Meeting of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization, held October 21, 2000 at Mary Hart's home.

In attendance were DelLynn Leavitt, Mary Hart, Harold Hendricks,

LeAnn Hord, Dennis Hendricks, Brian Cooper, Natalie Bergevin, Billie Bollwinkle, and Randy Wilson.

Dellynn Leavitt conducted and welcomed all there. A prayer was given by Dennis Hendricks. The minutes of the last meeting were read by DelLynn Leavitt. Financial data from Larry Hendricks was submitted and a report of income and expenses of Reunion was made. The board discussed the need to keep an eye out for someone who could be qualified to serve as a Treasurer to replace Larry Hendricks, who has asked to be released.

Mary Hart, the research director, gave her report. A year ago, she reported on a trip back east with Harold Hendricks and LeAnn Hord. One of the persons that helped us in North Carolina was John David Hendrix, a descendant of Albert

vacation and let us know what he finds. Mary showed a map of North Carolina showing where Henry and his son John had property, as well as the property that Abraham owned, where Mary and everyone visited.

included with the rest of our information. It has been very interesting, because it clarifies some of the questions we had about items in Drusilla's story. It also fills in a lot of detail welacked on Abraham Jr. and his children.

Peggy Cordener wasn't able to attend the board meeting, but has been doing research on New Jersey records, trying to identify the other daughters and brothers of Henry Hendricks and Sarah - also, where did Henry and Sarah go after they left New Jersey? It is on record that Albert and William joined the Revolutionary war from Frederick, Maryland, although there is no other record of them there. Ultimately they end up in North Carolina, but we don't know where they were in the meantime. The key to the question is probably land records, but we've

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Hendricks (brother of Abraham). John lives in Florida, and we have never met, although we have corresponded and talked on the phone. He sent us a photo of himself, in front of his "villa" in Italy. He was going to go to Monmouth County, New Jersey on

Barbara Brown, from Kansas City came to Utah a while back, and she has been doing good work on Abraham Hendricks, Jr.'s line, from which her husband descends. She gave us copies of all the information she had, but we still need to get her information

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spent hours and hours of time and spent tons of money without turning up the answer. DelLynn commented on how importance it is to attribute the sources and give credit to those who have done the work.

The archivist, Harold Hendricks, gave a report, much of which is covered in the "Archivist's Message". The Reunion CD didn't have about 1/3 of the William Dorris Hendricks information, so we hired a couple of data entry people, and it has all been entered now. We are paying someone to go through stacks of family group sheets inherited from Dale Walker. We are finding that they are mostly updates to existing people. If the entry takes too long, we may consider hiring another data entry person to help.

We will now be releasing CDs on an annual basis, with release 2 to come out in January. Ultimately, we intend to have an on-line database with the ability to have multiple submissions, so that we can allow people all over to update their own family information. We will not delete data when it is superseded, but will keep versions archived. Access to information about living people needs to be protected.

The Intra-family Coordinator, LeAnn Hord, made a proposal to personally organize and hold area open houses for

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Hendricks family members to "find" members of the family and get them connected back to the organization. She proposed a once-a-month area open house that can be held at no cost in different areas of the country, held in private homes, with family members invited.

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Dennis reported on the happenings in the Joseph Smith Hendricks family. Progress being made on the compilation of a Joseph Smith Hendricks book, and they have had several successful reunions. The goal of having names, phone numbers, and birth-order codes should be pursued at the grassroots level of the family. Dennis hoped that by the next

meeting (in April 2001) he would have a list of the Joseph Smith Hendricks family to submit to the database.

The president, Randy Wilson, discussed operation of the newsletter, asked what the status was of all of Mary Hart's research notes, and discussed the possibility of eventually having the sources included in the computer database and linked to (and from) the individuals that they affect.

The board discussed the need for a research assistant to make sure that all of Mary's research won't get lost or buried. Carol Cannon is organizing her research work and is putting it on computer media. Ultimately, we need an assistant who can become the director.

The Kentucky Hendricks family was discussed. They have an annual reunion, which could be a contact point.

The closing prayer was given by Randy Wilson.

President

with all of those people in it, which is one reason that the information is now being made available on CD-ROM.

As the number of living descendants continues to grow exponentially, it also becomes increasingly difficult for the organization to keep track of all of the descendants, both in the genealogy database and on the newsletter mailing list. We are therefore starting to move towards having people take more responsibility for their own membership and information. The family organization web site at www.henryhendricks.org will increasingly become the "hub" of information, where members will be able to update information on their own close relatives, keep their own mailing address up-to-date, as well as view available information on the family.

We are considering starting an e-mail mailing list where those who are interested can participate in discussions about the activities of the family organization. We also may begin moving towards an electronic newsletter at some point (at least for those who would like to save the organization a few cents on theirs).

For now, continue sending your mailing list updates to Harold Hendricks as explained by DelLynn Leavitt in the Chairman's message, but be aware that we will likely be moving towards keeping track of that information on a web-driven database. These plans are still in the works, so if you have any thoughts or would be willing to help out with the development of a web-based database system, let me know at randy@axon.cs.byu.edu.

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number of updates in both genealogy and documents.

Specifically, the CD will contain:

- A menu viewable with any Windows or Macintosh web browser software.
- A web browser version of the ancestry and descendants of Henry Hendricks.
- A web browser index of all documents, photos, video clips and sounds.
- PAF 4.0 or higher installation program (Windows only).
- Adobe Acrobat Reader installation program (Windows and Macintosh) for viewing PDF documents.
- PAF 4.0 and GEDCOM files of the genealogical data.
- PDF files of HENRY HENDRICKS GENEALOGY,

THIRD EDITION, 1995.

-PDF files of HENRY HENDRICKS AND SARAH THOMPSON: FROM NEW AMSTERDAM TO NEW FRONTIERS.

-PDF files of "THE BLUE BOOK" the unpublished update of HENRY HENDRICKS GENEALOGY produced by Dale Walker.

-Scanned images of MABLE KNAPP'S BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE, "Red Book" photos, and other photographs and documents.

-Images, sounds, and video clips from the 2000 reunion.

We would like to make this CD available free to all who pay their tax-deductible dues of \$10 per family.

While producing this CD the question of privacy of information for living persons has arisen. In the past, we and other family organizations have published histories and genealogies containing the records of living persons. These publications were usually distributed within families, but often found their way into libraries of various kinds. With the increased use of computers, identity theft has increased, and there is concern that distributing a CD with the genealogy and vital statistics of about 45,00 individuals—most of them living—could bring potential problems. It is our hope that this CD would only be used by family members.

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We do not plan on posting the complete genealogies contained on the CD on publicly accessible web pages on our own web site, or on any other commercial or public web database (i.e. FamilySearch.org, Ancestry.com, etc.). We will instruct all who receive the CD to not do so either. We invite your input on the following questions:

-Should we no longer release a CD or other computer files containing information on living persons?

-Should we simply list the names of living persons without data?

Please let us know through phone, mail or e-mail how you feel about these issues.

—The Henry Hendricks Family Organization Website
We continue to improve

our website www.henryhendricks.org, and hope to provide more resources there as time goes on. We have begun to put image resources there such as Mable Knapp's Book of Remembrance. If you have photographs, scrap books, documents, etc., that you would like to add, please contact me.

We plan on eventually providing a dynamic database that will be password protected. This will allow family members to update themselves their own data and that of close relatives. This will greatly decrease the workload of the Archivist and others who have heretofore spent great efforts gathering family group sheets and other information. With the ever-increasing data it makes sense to automate this process. We

hope to have this service running within the next year. If any of you have database and web security experience and would like to assist in this program, please contact me. We are also looking for web designers and a new webmaster. If you have the time, please consider helping.

—Henry Hendricks
Reunion 2000

Even if you were not able to attend the reunion held in Provo, Utah last July, you may join us in spirit by the magic of video.

Thanks to Bruce Merrill and others we have created 1 hour VHS video of highlights of the reunion held at the Eldredge Center on Friday, and at Seven Peaks on Saturday. The \$7 price covers cost of production and mailing.

Dues and donations

For certain projects that require more time than volunteers can provide, the organization sometimes hires help, using funds from the dues and donations. For example, the CD-ROM given out at the reunion did not have all of the William Dorris Hendricks

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Workers

research records as well as other past work; (2) directing research efforts by others, including genealogists the organization hires to do some of the work; and (3) organize new research as it comes in and get it to the archivist. They would also be welcome to do as much hands-on research as their schedule would allow.

Historian: The organization has never had a historian, but one has been needed for some time. The historian would be responsible for writing and keeping a history of the organization itself and, more importantly, for encouraging others within the intra-family organizations to write their own family histories.

Data Entry: We could also use help with data entry, web-based database development, web design, and keeping track of mailing addresses for the newsletter. And remember, donations help us hire people to do things when volunteers don't have the time, and that helps everyone, too.

Dues

information entered yet, and some college students were hired to do the rest of the entry and verification in order to complete that process. We also hire genealogists to do research in behalf of the organization, and the newsletter costs several hundred dollars twice a year.

Last year we sent out over 2000 newsletters, had over 200 people attend the reunion, and had just over 20 people pay their dues. So to help remind people to contribute, this year we are sweetening the deal by sending you a free updated CD-ROM when you pay your tax-deductible dues for the 2001 year.

Mail to: Larry R. Hendricks, 2373 South Bountiful Blvd.

Bountiful, UT 84010

Dear Larry,

Please credit us with the following donations:

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Henry Hendricks & Sarah Thompson Family \$15 \$ _____

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William Dorris Hendricks Book, 2nd Edition, \$20 \$ _____

Hendricks Family Reunion 2000 video, \$7 \$ _____

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\$ _____

(All prices include shipping & handling. Allow 3-4 weeks for delivery).

Send the CD, book(s), and/or video to:

Name: _____

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Fax or e-mail: _____

Play spins tale of Drusilla Hendricks

The play "Woman in the Wind: Drusilla's Story" tells the inspiring story of the life of Drusilla Dorris Hendricks.

Many members of

the family were able to see the first performances of this play during the week of the Hendricks Family Reunion in July 2000 or at a repeat perfor-

mance in the fall.

For those who missed it or would like to see it again, the play is scheduled to be performed Thursday-Saturday, March 29-

30, 2001 at the Villa Theatre, 1254 S. Main, Springville, Utah (a few minutes south of Provo).

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On Thursday and Friday, performances will be at 7:30 p.m. On Saturday there will be a special "Ladies Night Out" performance at 6 p.m. (during the priesthood session of LDS General Conference). Tickets may be obtained by calling The Villa Theatre at (801) 489-3088.

Tickets are \$8 for the General Public with a \$1 discount for Hendricks family members. There will be a special rate of \$30 per family. (No children under 5, please). This and other future performances of the play will also be announced on the family's website at www.henryhendricks.org.



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