HENDRICKS HERALD

June 1999

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

We had an excellent Henry Hendricks Family Board meeting this April past as we planned out the direction the organization would take in the year 2000 and beyond. Our Vice President, Dr. Don Merrill, reported on his committee's plans for our upcoming Y2K Henry Hendricks Reunion. It will be an event that you and your family will not want to miss! We discussed expanding the Hendricks Herald and what it could become with just a little help from some of you. Our Research Director, Mary Hart, announced that she had found a very qualified Dutch Researcher who has made notable progress on our Hendricks lines. It was also decided that we start researching some of the allied lines. Harold Hendricks, our Archivist, made a motion that we dress up our web site. He also proposed that we extend a call to Brian Cooper as a Family Computer Specialist, and a call to LeAnn Hord as an Intra-Family Coordinator, both to serve on the Board. LeAnn will be working with the numerous intra-families. I am very pleased with the efforts that have been made the past few months.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

HENDRICKS HERALD NEWSLETTER EDITOR

We would like to improve the quality and substance of the Hendricks Herald Newsletter from the basic information sheet you are holding in your hand to a more interesting publication with articles, photos, and biographies that will be useful to the family. If you have a knack for writing, editing and desktop publishing and would be interested in becoming the new editor of the Herald, please contact DelLynn Leavitt, 250 Dunbar Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83402, (208) 522-8470, or Joyce Burnett, 233 Taft, Pocatello, ID 83201, (208) 232-6719, email: hornblower@ida.net. The newsletter is published each May and November. Although you would be welcome to spend as much time and effort as you wish, we anticipate that the position would require about 20-25 hours per issue. If you are unsure about being the editor perhaps you would be interested in contributing articles, biographies or reports. The more people involved, the better the publication will be.

INTRA-FAMILY REPRESENTATIVES

If your branch of the family is not being represented at the semi-annual board meetings, please consider volunteering for the position. The duties would include attending the board meetings held each April and October in Salt Lake City and working to organize the sub-family groups within your intra-family. Intra-family organizations are typically represented at the fourth generation, or in other words the families of Henry Hendricks' greatgrandchildren. Please contact LeAnn Hord, 1728 North Chestnut, Mesa, AZ 85213 (602) 964-3145, e-mail: leann.hord@juno.com, if you are interested.

HISTORIAN/BIOGRAPHER

We are also looking for someone who would like to write a history of the family, the family organization, and biographies of many of our ancestors. The materials would be used in the newsletter, publications, and the web site.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

As always, anyone who could meet regularly with Mary Hart at her home in Salt Lake City to assist in research, letter writing, data compilation and library searches would be greatly appreciated.

WEBMASTER/WEB DEVELOPER

Some of the younger generation might be interested in service to the family organization by assisting with the Henry Hendricks Family Website. We have big plans to improve the site with not only genealogical information, but photo galleries, QuickTime VR images, directories, and interactive forms for updating and adding family information. sound like something fun to do? Contact Harold_Hendricks@byu.edu or (801) 375-7884.

Sincerely,
DelLynn W. Leavitt
Acting Chairman/President

FROM THE PRESIDENCY

We are making big plans for the Henry Hendricks Family Organization in the year 2000. Please review the enclosed brochure. If you are interested in attending that reunion, please let us know by answering the questions in the brochure. Send your answers to Don Merrill, 3586 North 180 East, Provo, UT 84604. We'll need to know approximately how many people to plan for, before we can

figure the exact costs. Those who indicate an interest will receive additional information in the mail, including information about hotels, motels, and campgrounds.

M. Donald Merrill, Vice President 3586 North 180 East Provo, UT 84604 (801) 229-1705 e-mail: donm@fiber.net

FROM THE ARCHIVIST:

Release 3.0 of the Henry Hendricks ancestry and descendants to the fourth generation will be available soon. This update will include new information on the FROST ancestry as well as LDS ordinances performed during the past year. To obtain PAF 2.3, PAF 3.0 or GEDCOM files of this data use the form at the end of this newsletter for a diskette, or check the Website:

www.henryhendricks.org for download files.

- Harold Hendricks, Archivist

KENTUCKY HENDRICKS CLAN (JOHN THOMPSON AND TABITHA DORRIS FAMILY)

Our reunion is set to be held at Greenbo State Park on August 6-8, 1999. We have reserved 30 rooms at a cost of \$59.36 for single occupancy, \$69.96 for double occupancy, \$5.30 per each additional adult. Ask about Senior Discounts (over 62). The park lodge has only 36 rooms and camping available. There are still rooms available, but not many. Please do call immediately. 1-800-325-0083.

Milly Claypool, Hendricks Clan News, 4990 Newbolt Road, Owensboro, KY 42303, 502-684-8719; Millyfarm@aol.com

WILLIAM DORRIS HENDRICKS FAMILY:

(The son of James Hendricks and Drusilla Dorris Hendricks)

All descendants are welcome and encouraged to come to our reunion to be held July 31, 1999. Time is 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Meet at the East pavilion of Zollenger Park, 200 West Center Street, Providence, Utah. The park is about 2 miles South of Logan on Hwy 165 (Hyrum Road), turn East at the traffic light or Maverik Station on 1200 South, the park is about 1½ miles on the right or south side of the street.

You'll enjoy lunch because you get to bring your own. There will be books to buy and games to play. The park has playground equipment, tennis courts, ball diamonds and a volleyball spot. Oh yes, and restrooms. The pavilion has electricity, water and tables. Joan Smith is preparing an excellent

program and exhibits. Remember you don't have to be a Hendricks to come.

- Tad Hendricks, President

JOSEPH SMITH HENDRICKS FAMILY

We're excited about the materials and down payments we have received so far on the Joseph Smith Hendricks Book. We've had progress, but don't procrastinate. If you have not yet responded and are having trouble writing your short history, we have a questionnaire that you can fill out. To get one, contact your family representative or one of the presidency (addresses below). Additionally, your deposit of \$25.00 will ensure that we print enough books the first time. Please send all money to Shirley Pincock, address below.

The Joseph Smith Hendricks Family Reunion will be held on Friday and Saturday, August 6th and 7th, 1999. Our Theme is *Families Are Forever*. It will be held again at Downata 4 Seasons Resort, 25900 S. Downata Road, Downey, ID. 83234. We have again reserved six (6) RV Hook-up/camp sites, nos. 20 through 25, for Friday night. The small pavilion has been reserved for Friday night and Saturday. The campsites are right next to the small pavilion.

The cost of a campsite is \$15.00. If you want one of these already reserved campsites held for you, please contact Joyce Burnett, address below.

We would encourage you to use the campsites we have already reserved. However, there are Tepees (\$20.00), Bed and Breakfast Rooms (\$65.00 -\$125.00), and Ranch Houses (\$160.00 -\$275.00) available. If you wish to reserve one of these other campsites or facilities at Downata, you can contact them at (208) 897-5736.

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BRIEF HISTORY OF THE HENDRICKS FAMILY

Henry Hendricks was born in 1730 at Middletown, Monmouth, New Jersey, son of Hendrick and Aeltje (Couwenhoven) Hendricks. He married Sarah Thompson, and they lived at Middletown Point until 1761 when the sixth of their twelve children was born. Three of Henry's sons fought in the Revolutionary War and enlisted from Maryland and then from North Carolina. Early in the 1800s, the sons of Henry and Sarah began disposing of land in North Carolina to move west. Through research, Henry's son, William, was found to have migrated to Ohio, while sons, Henry, Johannes, Albert, James, and Abraham settled in Simpson County, Kentucky.

Abraham, the youngest son of Henry, married Charlotte Hinton, and bore ten children. Abraham's third son, Samuel, married Rebecca Dorris, while his tenth son, James, married Drusilla Dorris. Cousin, John Thompson, son of Johannes (Abraham's brother), married Tabitha Dorris, older sister to Rebecca and Drusilla. Sometime after Abraham's wife, Charlotte died, the hue and cry came that the state of Missouri was a garden of Eden, so in 1829, Abraham moved to Jackson County with eight of his ten children and their families. Samuel and James were remained in Kentucky close to their wives' relatives.

Mormon Converts

A few years after Abraham's family moved to Missouri, the Mormon Elders arrived in Simpson County, Kentucky. Samuel and Rebecca insisted that Drusilla go hear the Elders preach because she had read so much and could catch their errors in the scriptures. Drusilla's sister, Tabitha, and some of the neighbors were baptized. Drusilla felt she needed to wait until James was ready, and in March of 1835, James and Drusilla were baptized. It wasn't long before the newly baptized members were persecuted and had no society except the few saints in the Branch. James and Drusilla joined the saints in Clay County, Missouri in May of 1836, after the death of Drusilla's parents. Tabitha Hendricks (Drusilla's older sister), stayed in Kentucky. Even though her husband never joined the church, several of the children did. Tabitha remained faithful to her new religion throughout her life.

A week after the arrival of James and Drusilla Hendricks in Missouri, some of James' family members, including his father, Abraham, came for a visit. James and Drusilla accompanied them on the return trip home partly to satisfy Abraham and partly to satisfy their own curiousity to see Independence, Missouri where the Center Stake of Zion should be. As they traveled, they were overtaken by Reverend I. McCoy, the Baptist preacher who was at the head of Jackson County's mob, also heading for Independence. As the only Mormon of the group, James was warned to be wary even though he was unharmed at that time. In a Bates County, Missouri history, it is recorded that a brother-in-law and nephew to James were in the party that drove the Mormons from Jackson County in 1833 and helped destroy the Mormon printing press in Independence, Missouri. (Family researchers had some notable experiences while trying to find the genealogical records for these Missouri family members.)

James and Drusilla Hendricks

The James and Drusilla Hendricks story vividly captures the trials and joys of the early Saints as Drusilla nursed her husband--shot in the neck and paralyzed at the Battle of Crooked River--removed to Nauvoo with five small children and her invalid husband, creatively bartered a living to sustain independence and a livelihood, built a beautiful home in Nauvoo, and followed the voice of the Lord to allow her sixteen-year-old son, William, join the Battalion. Even though they were among the poorest of the saints, James and Drusilla, with their four children arrived in the Salt Lake Valley as a member of the first large company of saints, on October 4, 1847. William joined his family ten days later and helped build a log home in the fort wall. He built the first bridge over City Creek, and helped his family build the Warm Springs Bath

House in Salt Lake. Even though he was crippled, James involved himself in political matters, served as a justice of the peace, and was called to be the first Bishop of the Nineteenth Ward in Salt Lake. Ward records of October 13, 1857, note that a Relief Society organization was formed with Drusilla Hendricks as president.

Following Joseph Smith Hendricks, and upon the advice of President Brigham Young, all of the Hendricks families and plural wives moved to Richmond, Utah in 1860. William Dorris became the first mayor and established numerous businesses as well as assisted in the colonization of Cache Valley. Catherine Van Noy, the second daughter, lived in Richmond close to her parents, and her husband engaged in business with William Dorris. Third daughter, Rebecca and her husband Samuel Roskelley, along with his plural wives, helped colonize Smithfield, Utah. Samuel Roskelly was made the first Bishop and then mayor, in addition to the many offices he held in various companies. Rebecca, with her big house, entertained visiting apostles and other dignitaries. The wives were good managers and considered the waste of time a very grave thing. Joseph Smith, blessed and named by the prophet whose name he carries, moved to the Snake River country in Idaho and established the town of Marysville.

Samuel and Rebecca Hendricks

Samuel and Rebecca Hendricks were the parents of twelve children in Kentucky. Upon the birth of her thirteenth child, both Rebecca and the new baby died from smallpox. Grief stricken, Samuel moved with the children who were not married, to Louisiana. His second daughter, Rebecca, who was married to Neriah Lewis in 1836, lived in Illinois. In 1843, Neriah rode horseback to Louisiana and brought Rebecca's three youngest sisters, Elizabeth, Sarah and Tabitha, to live with them. The winter of 1843 was a hard one and this family suffered a great deal. During the cold winter, Aunt Drusilla and David Lewis came to see the family. They told them about the gospel and soon the Lewis family joined the saints in Nauvoo. Two of Samuel and Rebecca's sons, Allen and Josiah, also joined the saints in Council Bluffs, Iowa to travel west. Allen and his wife died enroute to Salt Lake, leaving four orphan children whom Josiah cared for until they reached the Salt Lake Valley. Josiah married Sarah Potts and then helped settle Logan, Utah.

Of the four daughters of Samuel and Rebecca Hendricks who came west, Tabitha Hendricks married Thomas Edwin Ricks of Rexburg, Idaho prominence. Elizabeth Hudson Hendricks, was an oculist and practiced general medicine in Salt Lake City. She married Isaac Grundy who worked as a stone cutter and facer on the Salt Lake Temple. Lewiston, Utah is named after William Hendricks Lewis (Samuel's grandson). Sarah, married and then returned to her father's home in Louisiana.

John & Tabitha (Dorris) Hendricks

Affectionately called, "Uncle John," Captain John Thompson Hendricks was honored and revered by all whose pleasure it was to know him. He was a patriot, and fought in the Battle of New Orleans. On returning home, he built a home for his new bride where they lived together for more than 72 years, rearing ten children. Well and favorably known, John and Tabitha obliged strictly to the Golden Rule and were perfect examples of generosity and benevolence. Tabitha was the first Hendricks family member to join the LDS church. She had the blessing of seeing her children's children to the fourth generation and left about one hundred descendants. Tabitha died in full assurance of the faith she held so dear and was widely known and loved by the people of the country where she had spent a long and useful life.

John & Ruth Hendricks (Hendrix)

In about 1830 when the Abraham Hendricks family migrated to Missouri, John began spelling his surname "Hendrix" and continued using that spelling throughout his life. All but one of his sons and their descendants perpetuated this spelling. He emigrated from Missouri to Texas in 1845 where he helped lay the bounds of Grayson County and dug the first well. The first session of Court was held under an elm tree on his place and justice was administered there with all the formality and impressiveness that now attends judicial proceedings. John and Ruth were the parents of sixteen children; she preceeded him in death by ten years. John went to his grave at peace with God and all mankind. At the age of 94, he left countless friends and not one enemy.

Hendricks Legacy

There were few aspects of the growth of Utah and Idaho in which James and Drusilla's and Samuel and Rebecca Hendricks' children did not take part. Hendricks family members were prominent colonizers who received contracts and built major portions of the railroads in Utah, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming and Montana; engaged in farming and stock raising, and started mills, banks, and

other successful businesses. Stalwart in the LDS church, the Hendricks' men and women accepted church callings, serving many years as Bishops, Stake Presidents, Relief Society Presidents, etc. Today, the Hendricks family influence extends all over the world, and includes family members such as Wilfred Griggs, BYU professor in ancient history, distinguished worldwide for his translations of ancient records, and for his archeology work in Egypt.

Henry Hendricks Family Organization

From the seven members of the James and Drusilla Hendricks family who arrived in Salt Lake, there were ninety-three descendants at the time of Drusilla Hendrick's death. In 1907, the James Hendricks Camp of the Daughters of Utah Pioneers was organized in Richmond, Utah. To continue wonderful family traditions, and further family research, the grandchildren and great grandchildren of James and Drusilla established the Henry Hendricks Family Organization. This organization continues to conduct family business and unite family members through its Board of Directors and Intra-Family Organizations. The family has identified more than 40,000 descendants and is one of the largest organized pioneer families who continues to hold family reunions on a large scale as well as smaller reunions of the various family branches. One of the goals of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization is to purchase the James and Drusilla Hendricks brick home in Nauvoo, Illinois and to restore it. Thus far, the owner has not allowed the family to purchase it.

Family members who lived in the west contacted members of the Hendricks family in Kentucky. These relatives contributed valuable information to the book that was published in 1964, and a first joint family reunion was held in Kentucky in 1976. In 1999, there will be another first, a reunion held in June for the Hendricks and Hendrickson families of Monmouth County, New Jersey in conjunction with the 300th anniversary of the Old Brick Church. This church was originally built on Hendrickson Hill in 1699 and these families were part of the spiritual life of this church.

Research is continuing on direct line and allied families of Henry Hendricks. The resultant temple work, involving intra-families not previously identified, and finding and adding descendants past the fourth generation is generating a lot of excitement in conjunction with the grand reunion that is being planned by the Henry Hendricks Family Organization in Provo, Utah on July 6-8, 2000.

DID YOU KNOW?

- * There are over 39,000 descendants of Henry Hendricks in the HHFO data files which extend down to the ninth generation?
- * The Henry Hendricks Organization Board Members are comprised of an executive board plus representatives from each of the fourth generation families?
- * There are 172 children in the fourth generation of Henry Hendricks.
- * Of those 172 children we know that 123 may have descendants.
- * Of those 123 who may have descendants, the HHFO has identified 39,000 descendants from 42 of the different family branches down to the ninth generation.
- * There should be 42 Board Members representing the family branches that are in the data base.
- * There are descendants from 81 family branches that need to be found and linked to Henry Hendricks.
- * Henry Hendricks descendants have now reached past the twelfth generation.
- * Those in the tenth generation were born in the 1950s and 1960s. Do you have records for the sixth to tenth generations?
- * If you have a family organization or reunions, we would like to know about them. Please contact one of the board members and let us know.

WHAT'S NEW? WHAT'S NEXT?

In the last couple of decades, the fourth and fifth generations of Hendricks relatives carried the workload of family history for the Henry Hendricks Family Organization (HHFO). We are all grateful for the valiant lives of our ancestors and for those who have diligently recorded and published their histories. There is a myth that all the work has been done and there isn't anything the younger relatives need to do. Take a moment to answer ten questions:

Who is responsible for recording your family history?

2. Is someone else working on it?

Will your children and grand- children know the stories of their parents, grandparents and great grandparents?

Do you have names, dates, and places re-

corded?

- 5. Do you have pictures, stories, or special keepsakes?
- Is family history to be worked on after you've raised your children and can hardly see or do anything else?
- Is your fourth generation branch of the family represented in the Henry Hendricks Family Organization? Do they attend the semi-annual Board Meetings?

Is your branch of the family organized and do they hold reunions?

9. Do you know your cousins and attend appropriate reunions?

10. Are there things you can be doing now, without too much time involvement?

The histories and family records of the fifth, sixth and later generations of Henry Hendricks are becoming lost and unrecorded. Do you have any of these in your possession? Do you know someone who does? There are a lot of records that need to be gathered. The torch is being passed, are you helping to carry it?

Your assignment: Simply check your family records to see if you have histories, pictures, and corrected family group sheets of your parents, grandparents and great grandparents. If you do, please contact LeAnn Hord by phone, mail, fax, or e-mail with the following information:

Your name, mailing and e-mail address, phone and fax number.

The name of your parents, grand-parents, great grandparents, and how related to Henry Hendricks (if known).

3. A brief description of what you have available, i.e., histories, family group sheets, names,

addresses, etc.

- 4. What family reunions are being held and at what level. Please include date and place of next reunion.
- 5. What level of involvement you would like to
- 6. If from the Joseph Smith Hendricks branch, please send in a 500-word history of your immediate family (with photo) by December 1, 1999, so you won't be left out of the book that is being published this January.

7. Send any of the above information to:

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Come, help the good work move along, put your shoulder to the wheel.

> LeAnn Hord Intra-family Coordinator

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