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Dear Family Members:

In August 1963, at a family reunion the genealogy book on Henry Hendricks was distributed. We were very pleased with the book and special thanks goes to Marguerite Hendricks Allen for all the many hours she put into the book in the past years.

At the reunion a new presidency and family committee were elected and the previous presidency of over 20 years was released with thanks and gratitude:

President.W. H. Hendricks
Secretary-Treasurer. . . .Russel Hendricks
Genealogist.Marguerite Hendricks Allen

Installed as the new presidency were the following:

President.Wilbur T. Walton
Secretary-Treasurer. . . .Robert Russel Hendricks

The following committee has been chosen by the presidency to assist in furthering the work:

Assistant Secretary. . . .Gayle Hendricks Elieson
Research. Robert Lewis Hendricks
Publications. Louis B. Cardon, Jr.
Family Representatives. . . Jack E. Hendricks
Typist. Bernice Watson Dean

At the present time we have \$214.00 available in our active research fund. We feel if we are to have sufficient funds to carry on with the work we wish to do, each family should be willing to contribute \$5.00 a year toward the research fund. If you wish, your contribution may be set aside for a specific line.

For those of you who are interested, a chart similar to that shown at the reunion will be available. This chart will show the genealogy of the ancestors and descendents of Henry Hendricks, from the fourth generation of descendents back as far as research goes, (Book of Remembrance size). If you wish a chart, please send \$1.00 to W. T. Walton, 909 Serpentine Way, Salt Lake City, Utah, or Robert R. Hendricks, 2635 South 18th East, Salt Lake City, Utah. Those who contribute \$5.00 will receive the chart free.

Each year we will notify you of new research that has been accomplished. Enclosed is information obtained through the Genealogical Society in Salt Lake City, Utah, to correct and extend the pedigree of Hendrick Henricksen and his wife, Aeltje Van Couwenhaven, involving the following families: Hendricksen, Laenen Van Pelt, Couwenhaven, Cool, Montfoort, Verplancken, Schenck, Wyckoff, VanNes, and Van den Burghgraeff. We hope this information will help bring you up to date on research that is in process. We need your support in this work. If you have any recommendations of things we could do as a committee in genealogical research or in any other way, please let us know. Please keep us informed of research you are doing personally.

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At present we have 80 books of the "Henry Hendricks Genealogy". These will be sold at \$15.00 each. Please contact Marguerite Hendricks Allen at 906 West 3rd North, Salt Lake City, Utah. If anyone has found errors in the book, please send corrections to the current family committee.

We would appreciate your advising us of any address changes of any members of your family, since we are very desirous of keeping our mailing list up to date.

We again ask for your financial assistance to carry on this great work.

Sincerely yours,

Your Family Officers

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Secretary-Treasurer
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Encl. noted

1. Hendricksen Family: Searches have been made on the Henricksen or Hendrickson line in an effort to obtain further proof of the parentage and ancestry of the Hendrickson family of Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey. From the pedigree chart you will note that Willem Hendricksen is the son of Jacob Hendricksen and Geesje Bartholds. Jacob Hendrickson's parents are stated to be a Hendrick Harmansz from Lent, Gelderland, Netherlands, who died during an attack of Indians in 1643 on Long Island, and Tryntie Herxker, daughter of Herk Siboutsz, who married second on 26 February 1645, Jeuriaen Simonsz Fradel. The children of Hendrick Harmansz as given through a Genealogical Society research are as follows:

1. Harmen Hendricksen, a Cooper, age 43 in 1655.
2. Grietie Hendricksen, who married Abraham Ryckeror Riker before 1648.
3. Geesje Hendricksen, also Harmens, married Joris Stevensen van Alst.
4. Jan Hendricksen, who married Styntie Jans.
5. Hendrick Hendricksen, called the soldier.
6. Jacob Hendricksen, who married Geesje Bartholds.

2. Van Pelt Family: In our genealogy book in the appendix the Van Pelt family is indicated to have come from the Netherlands. In further research there are indications that may be incorrect. The two brothers that came over on "The Rosetree" on 15 March 1663, signed their names Thys Jans Van Pelt and Jansen Lanen Van Pelt. Van Pelt can be translated as "from Pelt". This then could indicate that the two brothers were from Pelt, a place which is now the county of Luych, Belgium. This would indicate that their last name is Lanen and that they came from Pelt in Luych, Belgium. Many entries in the christening, marriages and death records of the area show families with the name Lanen. More research will be necessary to clarify this information.

3. Van Couwenhoven and Cool Families: The Henry Hendricks genealogy book shows Henry Hendricks mother as Aeltje Coouwenhoven. Following this line back to Wolfert Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven we ended at this point with no further information. Since then additional information has been found. It has been found that the parents of Wolfert Gerretse Van Kouwenhoven were Gerrit Wolfertsz Suype and Stintgen Robberts. They resided in the small town, Nykerk, in the province of Gelderland, Netherlands. The name "Van Couwenhoven" is probably derived from a farm house they owned located in the area between Nykerk and Amersfoort called "Hooghland". When our ancestor Wolfert Gerritsz married on 17 January 1605 in Amersfoort, province of Utrecht, Netherlands, he is recorded as residing in Hoogeland. He and his sons made several journeys to America during the period of 1624-1635 and finally settled at New Amersfoort, now called Flatlands, Kings County, New York.

The earliest known ancestor of the Cool family is Cornelis Lambertsz Cool who was still living on February 1643, when he signed a petition. He is the father of Aeltje Cornelis Cool who married Gerrit Wolfertsz Van Couwenhoven. No proof of the mothers name has been found. Further research is being continued.

4. Montfoort and Verplancken Families: At the present no further information on these families has been found. Research will continue to be performed.

5. Schenck Family: The Genealogical Society has questioned the authenticity of the history on the Schenck family, compiled by A. D. Schenck as appears on page 565 of the Henry Hendricks Book. The following are excerpts from a letter received from the Society.
- "The Schenck line on your pedigree chart is extended through a Martin Schenck, born 7 August 1584, son of Peter Schenck Van Nydeck and Johanna Van Scherpenzeel. This is found to be incorrect. We will quote here some correspondence between William J. Hoffman, a well known researcher, and a Mr. Verzyl in the Netherlands.
- 'Under date of 11 January 1937, I received in answer to my request for information, a letter from Mr. Verzyl of Venlo, Province of Limburg, Netherlands. He is a recognized authority on the history and genealogy of Limburg and especially of Venlo and vicinity where sevenum, the oldest seat of the Schenck Van Nydeggen genealogy which shows the American connection as the falsified genealogy of the American Schencks. He states that he made in 1927 a thorough search of the Sevenum Church records in which the baptism of the 14 children of Martinus Schenck have been entered between 1662-1678; Martinus marriage took place in 1661. Among these children is no Johannes of Roelof.'
- "Johannes or Jan Martensz Schenck, was a school master in New York. It would seem practically impossible that the son of a mighty Catholic nobleman, as was Martin Schenck, should be found in America as a simple reformed school-teacher.
- "This Johannes was the brother to, Roelof Martensz Schenck. Johannes and his wife, Magdalena de Haes, are found in the membership records of the Dutch Reformed Church on 5 December 1684 and 25 February 1685, respectively, with certificates from Middelburg province of Zeeland, Netherlands, a definite lead."
- From the above quotation it will be necessary to do a great deal more research on this line before anything of assurance can be stated.
6. Wyckoff Family: The Wyckoff pedigree which appears in our book, which was taken from "The Wyckoff Family in America," stands or falls with the connection of Claes Cornelissen, who married Margaret Vander Goes. He is stated to be the father of Pieter Claessen Wyckoff, our ancestor. You will note this information on page 575 of our genealogy book. As of this time there is no satisfactory proof of his relationship. Research is being continued to either prove or disprove this.
7. Van(N)es(s) Family: Additional information to be added to that on page 576 of our genealogy book is the parents of Maeyke Hendrickx Van den Burchgraeff, wife of Cornelis Hendricks Van Es. Her parents are Hendrick Adriaensz Van den Burchgraeff and Annetje Jans Van Laeckervelt. In the will of Annetje Jans, dated 12 June 1635, are this couple's children mentioned, Maeyke and Adriaen Hendrick Van den Burchgraeff.
8. Thompson Family: In further research there is a question to the authenticity of the parents of Thomas Thompson, father of Sarah Thompson. (See page 569 of genealogy book.) This research has come up with some information that leads us to believe that Thomas Thompson father is Henry Thompson. We will inform you as soon as we have proof of this information. At present we have not been able to find the surname of Agnes Thompson, wife of Thomas Thompson. Some research has pointed to the possibility that her surname may have been Bennett, but no proof of this is available at this time.

Other lines in which research is in progress is the Hinton, Dorris, and Frost lines. Information that is available on these lines is very sketchy and very little more can be done at this time.