

HENDRICKS HERALD

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From the President

by Lucy Peterson

Hello, Hendricks Cousins!

It is an exciting time when we are finding all this new genealogy! DelLynn has spent countless hours in our behalf researching our ancestors. His discoveries have changed much of what we thought we knew about our pedigree. You will love his article and will need to "keep tuned" as he continues this pursuit.

You might have noticed that no Hendricks Herald was sent out last spring. As you might guess, the major cost of our organization is producing and sending out the Herald. At the time, we felt that there was not enough urgent or significant news to warrant the cost. We will continue to evaluate sending each issue on the basis of the news and our finances. Dues are appreciated as that is what pays for the mailings.

And have you checked out the new website yet? It is being revamped and Greg has done an outstanding job with it. It continues to grow.

Remember to contact LeAnn Hord if you want to sponsor a cousins party. We had one in our area and they are great! Our books are still available and some of them are not so affected by the new research, so they are still great Christmas presents. Make checks for these items as well as dues to HHFO and send them to Myrna Olsen – or use Paypal on the website and then let her know what you ordered. See the list of officers for the address.

Of the things for which I give thanks this holiday, my ancestry and family are at the top of the list. I wish you all a wonderful holiday season.

Lucy Peterson

From the Archivist

By Harold Hendricks

With the launch of the new website some may wonder where the genealogy data is that was available on the old site. Due to privacy concerns voiced by a few of our family members, we have decided to no longer provide the family data on the website. Once DelLynn Leavitt sorts out the correct ancestry of Henry Hendricks we will probably publish that information online, and possibly provide the first four generations of Henry and Sarah's descendants, but for now much of the data is available publicly at sites such as new.familysearch.org or Ancestry.com. For those who are interested in the corrected family data and also for those who would like to update the latest generations, we offer access to our family database through Ancestral Quest. We feel it still useful to maintain an off-line database to preserve privacy and keep our records accurate as we understand the historical records. In order to do so we use the Ancestral Quest Collaborate option. If you would like to see the data, update family, or obtain a copy, please contact

me or LeAnn Hord and we will provide access to the data. You must own a copy of Ancestral Quest. If you need to buy it, contact us for a \$5 off coupon.

Because of the many changes being made to our former understanding of the ancestral lines of Henry and Sarah Hendricks through DelLynn's recent research, we are suspending the sale of the book that contained the older data. We will also be inserting addendum correcting some of the information in a few of the other publications. DelLynn's research is certainly exciting, but it negates some of what we thought we knew about our ancestors. Once he feels that we have a solid understanding of all these ancestral lines, we will publish a new book to replace the incorrect information. Until then, we must be patient.

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From the Research Director

by DellLynn Leavitt

In Search of Hendrick Hendrickson

One thing I have learned since I have been researching our Hendricks family lines is that all in all we know very little about these people. This became quite evident this past summer as it was suggested by Michael Morrissey, a frequent contributor of the Dutch Colonies Mailing List, that the Hendrick Hendrickson who married Helena Cortelyou was not the same Hendrick Hendrickson who was the son of Hendrick Willemsz and who was the father of our Hendrick Hendrickson Jr. b. 1706 and his sister Geesje Hendrickson. Although we have been unable to conclusively document that our Hendrick Hendrickson married Helena Cortelyou, what has become evident is that our Hendrick Hendrickson was married to a Trynetje/Catherine by whom they had a daughter Jannetje baptized in the Reformed Dutch Church of Brooklyn, NY 29 May 1705 (Brooklyn DRCR, p. 498 Bergen). There can be no doubt that this is our Hendrick as Claas Van Dyck, the husband of Hendrick's sister Francyntje Hendrickson, and Jannetje Van Dyck are listed as witnesses. Plus Willem Hendrickson, Hendrick's brother, and his wife Willemtze Lane had their son Johannes baptized the same day. Mr. Morrissey has suggested that our Hendrick Hendrickson and wife Trynetje were also the parents of Geesje Hendrickson who married Nicholas Van Brunt by providing us with a more complete list of their children. It was previously thought that Nicholas and Engeltje were the two oldest children of Nicholas and Geesje Van Brunt followed by Angenietje, Geesje and Hendrick Van Brunt. However Mr. Morrissey, referring to the will of Nicolaes Van Brunt dated 12 Apr 1760 found in the Genealogy of the Van Brunt Family by Tunis G. Bergen pp. 5-6, notes that Nicholas and Geesje also had children, Cornelius, Catherine, and Jonnetje. One needs to remember that it was a long standing Dutch custom to name the oldest children after their grandparents. So Cornelius was named after his paternal grandfather Cornelius Van Brunt, Hendrick was named after his maternal grandfather Hendrick Hendrickson while Trynetje was probably named after her maternal grandmother Trynetje the wife of Hendrick Hendrickson as well as her paternal grandmother Trynetje Bennet wife of Cornelius Van Brunt and Jannetje may have been named after her maternal great grandmother which I will detail later. And what about Engeltje whom we all thought was the oldest

daughter named after Helena Cortelyou? Well according to the Dutch experts the English equivalent of Engeltje is Anna and has nothing to do with Helena and thus Anna and her husband, Cornelius Wincant, are also named in the 1760 will of Nicholas Van Brunt. Another interesting thing about the 1760 Monmouth Co., NJ will is that Nicholas names the Executors as "son, Hendrick, my son-in-law Albert Schenck, and my friend, Tunies Denice". Tunies Denice was a son of Helena Cortelyou by her second husband Denise Tunissen and would have been a half brother to Nicholas Van Brunt's wife Geesje Hendrickson and thus a brother-in-law to Nicholas if Helena Cortelyou was indeed the mother of Geesje Hendrickson! Yet Nicholas instead refers to him as a friend.

It is also doubtful that Helena Cortelyou could have been the mother of our Hendricks Hendrickson Jr. who married Aletje Couwenhoven. According to an article written by Helen Lincklarn Fairchild entitled Tunise Denise of Freehold, New Jersey 1704 - 1797 featured in the New York Genealogical and Biographical Record No. 49 p. 354, it states that Tunis Denise was born the 15 June 1704 while our Hendrick Hendrickson Jr. was born 11 Nov 1706 providing little time, (1 year, 5 months and 14 days), for Hendrick to have remarried Helena Cortelyou and had a child with her even if his wife Trynetje died shortly after the baptism of her daughter Jannetje the 29 May 1705. And if there is still any doubt about who was the mother of our Hendrick Hendrickson Jr. and his sister Geesje, p. 355 of the same record provides us with an extract of an agreement that states the following: "1717, Aug 15. I Hendrick Hendrickson, of New Utrecht in Kings County, yeoman, am bound unto Jaques Teunissen of Town and County aforesaid in 400 pounds, the condition being if Hendrick Hendrickson conveys to Jaques Teunissen all the right and title which by certain letters of Patent the said Hendrick Hendrickson now hath in and to certain ferry at the Narrows between Nassau Island and Staten Island at the decease of his now wife, (Helena) or when her youngest son called Teunis Teunisen shall attain to the age of twenty one years, this obligation to be void." As has been mentioned Teunis as well as Jaques were sons of Helena Cortelyou and her second husband Denys Teunisen who later in life went by their Dutch Patronymic Denys. So this agreement clearly states that Tunis Denys b. 15 Jun 1704 was Helena Cortelyou's

youngest son and not Hendrick Hendrickson Jr.! Helena had inherited from her father, Jaques Cortelyou, a prime tract of land called the Narrows along the Hudson River from which he operated a ferry to Staten Island. It was Helena's wish that her sons all receive a portion of this inheritance. In a work named Reminiscences of New Utrecht and Gowanus p. 39 it details a document made by Helena Hendrickson which refers to a pre-nuptial agreement made between her and Hendrick Hendrickson: "April 4th, 1708. Helena Hendrickson writes a paper in which she states that her son Jacques Denyse and her son-in-law, Hendrick Van Louwres, shall take the administration of her personal estate which properly belonged to her, pursuant to the agreement made between her and her then husband, Hendrick Hendrickson. She decrees that all her children shall have equal portion, also her son Nicholas Van Brunt, deceased, whose heirs shall have one equal share of her personal estate. Signed the 27th day of October, 1726. By HELENA HENDRICKSON, her mark H." This agreement, dated 4 April 1708, was probably made around the time they married which would have been some time after our Hendrick Hendrickson Jr. and his sister Geesje were born.

In an attempt to try to determine if our Hendrick Hendrickson and the Hendrick Hendrickson who married Helena Cortelyou could be documented as being two different people living at separate places at the same time I developed a rather detailed time line of every mention of any Hendrick Hendrickson in Monmouth Co., NJ or Long Island NY. The surprising thing I found was that there is little indicating that there were two separate Hendrick Hendricksons. Like his brothers Willem and Daniel, Hendrick is found forging the expanding frontiers of Monmouth Co., NJ while still frequenting the old established lands of Brooklyn where established church, civic and chivalric opportunities abounded. By 23 Sep 1692 Daniel Hendrickson had purchased lands named Strawberry Fields situated in Middletown from William Whitlock. The History of Monmouth County New Jersey by Franklin Ellis p. 82 includes Daniel and Hendricks Hendrickson on a list of Monmouth Co., Settlers that frequent the public records between 1690 and 1700. Hendrick is specifically noted to have served on the Grand Jury and participated in a coroner's inquest called to view a corpse that had been tossed up by the sea on the beach at Sandy Hook. 3 Apr 1701 Daniel Hendrickson, Adrian Bennet and Hendrick Hendrickson witness a land transaction as David Stout of Monmouth Co. sells a tract of land on the Hopp River to Hendrick Van Dyke of Nassau Island. 29 May 1705 Hendrick and

his brother Willem Hendrickson have their children baptized in the Dutch Church at Brooklyn. 10 Nov 1705 Hendrick Van Dyke and his wife Jonica of Brookland sell land to Hendrick Hendrickse on the Hopp River in Middletown near the land of Daniel Hendrickson. 1 July 1706 Hendrick Hendrickson of Middletown sells part of his land on the Hopp River to Jarat Schank. It has been suggested by some that Hendrick may have remained in Monmouth Co., NJ, but, George C. Beekman in his Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth Co., NJ p 148, provides us with the follow observations: **"After [the] above dates [1706] no Hendrick Hendrickson is named on our public records as resident until Daniel's oldest son (also named Hendrick) arrived at age. Hendrick Hendricks was a widower and married again about 1706 Helena Cortelyou the widow of Nicholas VanBrunt and Dionyse Denyse. After this marriage it is said that he lived with his wife on lands at New Utrecht, L.I. which her father, Jacques Cortelyou, had devised to her."**

As I previously stated, the marriage of Hendrick Hendrickson, probably took place around the 4 Apr 1708 when the pre-nuptial agreement was made between her and her third husband. The following records provide us with a small glimpse of Hendrick and Helena's life in New York: 22 Sep 1709 Hendrick Hendricksen and his wife Elena witness the Port Richmond Dutch Church baptism of Elena the daughter of Abraham Van Tuil. Abraham Van Tuyl married Helena's oldest daughter Femmetje Denys around 1705. 9 Nov 1710 Peter and Jaques Corteltou petition for rights to Ferry across the Narrows to Staten Island and petition against granting the same rights to Hendrick Hendrickson. 27 Mar 1717 Ferry privileges given to Hendrick Hendrickse and Isaac Hansen to Ferry from Long Island to Staten Island for 21 years. 22 Sep 1717 Hendrick Hendricksen and his wife witness the baptism of grandson Denys Vanderbilt the son of Jacob and Neeltje in the Dutch Church at Gravesend. Jacob Vanderbuilt married Helena's second oldest daughter Neeltje Denyse around 1712. By 1718 Hendrick seems to have tired of his long dispute with Helena's brothers Jaques and Peter Cortelyou over the right to run a Ferry across the "Narrows" and he begins to purchase lands in Monmouth Co., again. On April 18, 1718 Hendrick bought a farm of 250 Acres for 350 pounds in Monmouth Co. from Abraham Emans and by 1720 had bought several other tracts of land with Helena's sons situated in the Freehold Twp. of Monmouth Co. On the 10 Oct 1720 Hendrick Hendrickson of New Utrecht and Helena sell to Jaques Denys "all that certain dwelling

house and land at a place called Nyack, then in possession of Hendrick Hendrickson bounded south by the land of Jacques Corteljau and Peter Corteljau, east by the woods of New Utrecht, north by the land of William Burkaloo and Mary (Cortelyou) his wife, west by the Salt Water River, as it was laid out by said Peter Cortelyou and surveyed by said Peter Cortelyou date of August, 1706". Despite all of this buying and selling Hendrick seems to have remained on Long Island as on the 29 Apr 1724 Hendrick Hendrickse witnesses the sale of land to Joseph Hageman Jr. from Claas and Fransyntye Van Dyke as they prepare to move to Delaware. Shortly after Daniel Hendrickson died in Jan 1727 Hendrick Hendrickson makes Jacques Denys his lawful attorney. The papers are dated 28 Apr 1727 and signed by his mark. This was often done when one was preparing to move to a new locality and by 31 May 1731 the Hendrick Hendrickson who was married to Helena Cortelyou is listed as living in Middletown, Monmouth Co., NJ as he sells the farm in Freehold to Tunis Denys on Cooper's Brook. It is presumed that Helena had passed away by 1730 although there is no documentation for this event. One of the reasons that Michael Morrissey thought that the Hendrick Hendrickson who married Helena Cortelyou was a different individual from our Hendrick Hendrickson was that he thought that Helena's husband only owned land in Freehold and never lived in Middletown. So this deed is of particular interest because it defiantly belongs to the lands bought from Abraham Emans in Freehold in 1718 and it names Hendrick Hendrickson from Middletown as he sells these lands to Tunis Denys, Helena's youngest son. It seems from this and other deeds that Hendrick had disposed of all of his Freehold Twp. lands and was living on the lands on the Hopp River in Middletown that he still owned and had lived on before the death of his first wife Trynetje and where he died in 1734. On the 3 June 1734 Hendrick Hendrickson, Nicholas Weycoff and Robert Dodsworth inventory the estate of Hendrick Hendrickson of Middletown listing Hendrick Hendrickson Jr. as the Administrator of the estate.

So to the question I have purposely avoided throughout this rambling review of the life of Hendrick Hendrickson. Who was his wife Trynetje and what do we know about her and her family? Experts seem to think that she was probably a Van Dyke of the same line as Daniel's wife who was also named Trynetje Van Dyke. Due to the 29 May 1705 Brooklyn Dutch Church baptism of Jenetje Hendrickson it is thought that she was probably named after her grandmother. Michael Morrisay suggests that perhaps she was the daughter of

Hendrick Janse Van Dyke and his wife Jannetje Hermanse Van Borkaloo which is not only very possible but is very interesting because Jannetje Van Borkaloo's brother William married Maria Cortelyou the younger sister of Helena Cortelyou and they lived right next door to the Helena and Hendrick Hendrickson on the "Narrows" on lands devised to Maria by her father Jaques Cortelyou. The noted historian Tuenis G. Bergen, (who lived on lands that bordered the Cortelyou lands in what is now Bay Ridge in the 1800s), seemed to think that the Trynetje who married Hendricks Hendrickson was the daughter of Achias Janse Van Dyke and his wife Jannetje Lambertse who was baptized 17 Oct 1680 at the Dutch Church at New Utrecht (see Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island New York p. 333). William B. Aitken in his work Distinguished Families in America Descended from Wilhelmus Beekman and Jan Thomasse Van Dyke p. 227 also lists Hendrick Hendrickson as the husband Trynetje the daughter of Achias Van Dyke and his wife Jannetje Lambert. Then on page 230 he adds the following: "The farm at Bay Ridge which he (Achias Van Dyke) occupied at the time of his death was sold in 1708 by his heirs to Hendrick Hendrickson." I am not sure that it would be grammatically proper to insert an explanation mark into a quote or I would have! It was also a common practice to sell the lands of a parent to one of the children which would seem to substantiate that Trynetje was a daughter of Achias Van Dyke. A search has been made of the Kings Co., NY Grantee and Grantor Indexes with no success in locating the Land Record. It may have been an unrecorded Deed or perhaps it was recorded on a municipal level. It is very possible that Hendrick moved to New Utrecht in 1706 to care for Trynetje's aging father or so Trynetje's parents could care for her orphaned children. Either way our Hendrick would have been in the right place at the right time to meet the widowed Helena Denys and by the 4 Apr 1708, when he made the pre-nuptial agreement with her, they were married. We are in the process of trying to collect the original copies of these and other records so we can conclusively determine if our Hendrick Hendrickson married Helena Cortelyou and who the parents of his wife Trynetje might have been.

Don't Miss The Latest Family History Publications and New Research

If you don't have DeLynn's new book, *The Ancestry of James and Drusilla and Samuel and Rebecca Hendricks*, then you are probably making errors in newFamilySearch if you are editing and clearing temple names! Collateral families such as Dorris, Frost, and Hinton have many research breakthroughs that dispute the undocumented research that has been wrongfully copied for generations.

With Christmas, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, and Father's Day coming soon, you should consider giving gifts that last and satisfy the curiosity of where did I come from and why do I do the things I do. Purchase a family history publication and put your priceless family heritage stories within reach of your children and grandchildren. Use these priceless histories in Family Home Evening lessons, quote them in your Young Women activities, or use them for Priesthood meetings or the Young Men Duty to God program. Don't forget, family gatherings are a great time to share the testimonies and faith promoting incidents from your diligent ancestors and you may change a child's life by helping them learn where they received their character traits and family values.

Titles such as *The Netherlands Album* and *Memo of Monmouth* have many family activities to do to learn about your Dutch family history. Explore and learn to read copies of original documents from Henry Hendricks and Sarah Thompson's pedigree in the Anthology book and read Drusilla's story over and over to remind your family to hold on during the rough times.

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