

HENDRICKS HERALD

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From the President

by Lucy Peterson

Greetings, Hendricks Clan,

Fall has arrived and it is time for our yearly printed newsletter. By this time next year, our reunion will be a memory. John has been working hard at getting all the details lined up. Be sure to save the dates: July 31-August 1.

DeLynn has been busy pursuing our research and we seem to have found the correct family for our Hendrick. It brings that destroyed cemetery to an even closer connection with us.

We wish to give a thank-you cheer to our treasurer, Myrna Olson, who has stepped down from that position after a decade of doing it. She agreed to stay on the board and still add her efforts to the organization in other ways. We want to welcome our new treasurer, Susanne Price. Susanne is a descendant of W.D. Hendricks and has an avid interest in family history. We are happy she said, "Yes!"

There are other articles of interest, such as one that refers to a study which showed how important knowing their family history is to the development of our children. Harold provided an interesting look at one of our Hendricks cousins. LeeAnn provided an update on the New Jersey cemetery situation. There is another article from Ashlee Roberts about replacing Rebecca Hendricks' gravestone.

We welcome any comments, suggestions, articles, etc. from all of you either by mail, email, phone or on the social media sites. We can use help in many areas if you are able to give a little time.

Have a great holiday season and make it the best year ever. Hoping to see you this summer,

Lucy Peterson

HHFO Publications and Research

If you don't have the HHFO publication, *The Ancestral Archive of the Hendricks and Dorris Families*, then you are probably making errors if you are editing family history information in FamilySearch or on Ancestry.com. DeLynn Leavitt, the HHFO Research Director, has made many research breakthroughs in the last decade that disputes the previous or undocumented research that has been handed down from the red and green Hendricks books. Some direct line and collateral family information for families such as Hendricks, Dorris, Frost, and Hinton surnames has been completely changed.

With Christmas just around the corner, you are invited to give 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. Glean stories and Dutch history to use for Family Home Evening, find interesting activities for Primary, or use the books for the Young Men Duty to God and Young Women Personal Progress. Learn how your favorite Christmas traditions were handed down from your Dutch ancestors. 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 *Memorandum of Monmouth* contain many family activities to learn about your Dutch family history and show you where to explore family history sites. 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.

To compare your genealogy records or add your family information to the HHFO database, you can obtain access and upload or download GEDCOM files right from your own home. The latest research is available to you with a click of a few buttons. To obtain login information and access, please contact LeAnn Hord at leann.hord@gmail.com or 480-964-3145.

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What are the Benefits of Knowing Your Family History? =====

By John Hendrix

To understand someone I believe it helps to have an understanding of their ancestry. Ancestors help to mold a person in the way he is raised, the values he incorporates into his life, and his expectations for what he hopes to achieve or do during his lifetime. This is most easily observable with parents and children. While children don't necessarily follow all of a parents teachings or values, their actions and behaviors are definitely influenced by them even if it is to rebel against them. While this influence is more subdued the further you go back in a person's ancestry, it can be observed in families that continually have material success or are good at certain things or have problems with certain things. Any way you look at it; I believe it can help you understand a person more fully if you understand some of their background and ancestry. Researchers have shown that you can tell a lot about a person and their potential from their ancestry. An article by Gregory Clark in the February 21, 2014 New York Times talks about some of that research.

Understanding your family history can be rewarding in finding out why and how your ancestors came to this country and how that affected your life and future prospects. What if your ancestors had opted to stay in a country that didn't offer the opportunities available in this country? What would you have been able to do with your life if you lived somewhere else? What sacrifices did your ancestors make so you could have the economic and religious freedoms that we enjoy today? Alex Haley said the following about uncovering one's family history:

"Young and old alike find that knowing one's roots, and thus coming better to know who one is, provides a personally rewarding experience. But even more is involved than uncovering a family history, for each discovered United States family history becomes a newly revealed small piece of American history. Stated simply: a nation's history is only the selective histories of all of its people. It is only through an unfolding of the people's histories that a nation's culture can be studied in its fullest meaning."

Beyond just gaining a better understanding of oneself and one's ancestors, some researchers have determined that children who have an understanding of their ancestry and learn about their parents, grandparents, great grandparents and hear stories about how they survived, failed or succeeded became more confident, resilient and able to overcome difficulties in life. Personally I think that is part of the reason why many Jewish families seem to have continued success in many of their endeavors since many or most Jewish families know their histories.

A Dr. Marshall Duke of Emory University, his wife Sara, and another researcher, Robyn Fivush tested the Hypothesis that "Children who know a lot about their families tend to do better when they face challenges". They found the answer to their question was a resounding "Yes".

They asked about their parents, terrible things that happened in their families, the stories of their own births. In all there were 20 questions which were followed up with taped conversations, and a battery of tests.

"Dr. Duke and Dr. Fivush asked those questions of four dozen families in the summer of 2001, and taped several of their dinner table conversations. They then compared the children's results to a battery of psychological tests the children had taken, and reached an overwhelming conclusion. The more children knew about their family's history, the stronger their sense of control over their lives, the higher their self-esteem and the more successfully they believed their families functioned. The "Do You Know?" scale turned out to be the best single predictor of children's emotional health and happiness.

"We were blown away," Dr. Duke said"

So how would I answer the title question; what are the benefits of knowing your family history? My answer would be, "the biggest benefit is knowing that you will be passing on to your children the knowledge of who they are, where they came from, that they can overcome obstacles, become successful and can make meaningful contributions to their family, society and the world".

¹New York Times, February 21, 2014, The Opinion Pages, Opinionator, "Your Ancestors, Your Fate", by Gregory Clark

²Foreword to *Ethnic Genealogy: A Research Guide*, published by Greenwood Press of Westport, Connecticut in 1983 and edited by Jessie Carney Smith

³New York Times, March 15, 2013, This Life, "The Stories That Bind Us", by Bruce Feiler

From the Research Director

by DelLynn Leavitt

THE THREE BROTHERS

The Historical sketch of James and Drusilla Dorris Hendricks as dictated by Drusilla after the death of her husband James in 1870 states: "*The Hendricks Family originated from Germany or Holland and of the High Dutch by Three Brothers who landed somewhere in the New England or New York in an early day of America's History. From there they wandered South till we find some of them in Kentucky.*" This statement is not only correct but it also eludes present day Hendricks family members how it took us 140 years to re-discover what we already knew! So who were these three brothers and what have we found out about them in recent years. We now know that the three brothers were; William Hendrickson b. abt. 1669 who married Willemptje Laen Van Pelt and died 1711, Hendrick Hendrickson b. abt. 1671 who married 1) Trynetje Van Dyke, 2) Helena Cortelyou, and died 1734 and Daniel Hendrickson b. abt. 1673 and who married Catherine Van Dyke and died 1727. We also know that they were the sons of Hendrick Williamsz and Geesje Bradt of New Albany. The three brothers were brought to Long Island New York by their step brother Johannes Van Ecklen around 1680 after the death of their parents in 1677 where they resided until around 1693 when they began to live across the bay in Middletown, Monmouth Co., New Jersey. One has to question how things became so mixed up when Drusilla Dorris Hendricks tried to set us straight clear back in 1870! However, It should be noted that almost every individual family of every generation of these Hendricksons had a Geesje, Francyntje, William, Daniel and Hendrick, so don't feel bad if you are already confused! The analogy of this confusion started very early as is shown as we examine our own Hendricks line. First off it should be noted that our Hendricks family also went by the surname variations of Hendrickson and Hendrickse at any given time.

In the *Henry Hendricks Genealogy* compiled by Marguerite H. Allen and published by the Hendricks Family Organization in 1963 p. 563 it indicates that our ancestor Hendrick Hendrickson b. 11 Nov 1706 was the son of William Hendrickson and Willemptje Thys Laen Van Pelt. Marguerite goes on to state that: "*William together with his brother Daniel and his wife Catherine (Van Dyke) left Flatbush and established homes in Monmouth, N.J. in 1692-3.*" This was the most widely accepted Hendricks ancestry at the time and thus was included as such by Mrs. Allen. It probably took its roots from George C. Beekman's *Early Dutch Settlers of Monmouth County New Jersey* published in 1901 p. 154 that lists Hendrick Hendrickson b. 11 Nov. 1706 as a son of William and Willemptje Hendrickson. However there is no extant documentation suggesting that William and

Willemptje ever had a surviving son named Hendrick and this connection was questioned by the research of Carol H. Cannon and Mary Lalene Hart as put forth in the HHFO Publication *The Henry Hendricks and Sarah Thompson Family* Second Ed. 1991 pp 11-14. Carol Cannon points out that there was a definite relationship between Hendrick Hendrickson b. 1706 and the Geesje Hendrickson who married Nicolas Van Brunt as Hendrick witnessed the 23 Apr 1732 baptism of Geesje's daughter Engeltie in the Freehold and Middletown Dutch Reformed Church in Marlboro NJ. Dutch baptisms were almost always witnessed by relatives and although William and Willemptje Hendrickson had a daughter named Geesje, she married Matthias Peterson Van Pelt which is well documented by the same Freehold and Middletown DR Church records. Beekman then goes on to confuse and contradict himself even more in the identification of this Nicholas Van Brunt throughout the book as Nicholas Van Brunt is another one of those names that was widely passed on from family to family. Helena Cortelyou's first husband was also named Nicholas Van Brunt who was an uncle (or something like that) to the Nicholas who married Geesje Hendrickson and they both named sons Nicholas Van Brunt who also named sons Nicholas and so on...so you can see the problem. Despite all of the confusion created by Mr. Beekman, a noted Long Island historian named Teunis G. Bergen, who lived on lands once owned by Helena Cortelyou, knew exactly who Geesje Hendrickson was as in the family history entitled, *The Bergen Family* p. 291 he gives us the following clarification: "*Nicholas (Van Brunt) m(arried) Geesje, dau. of Hendrick Hendrickson of the Narrows, New Utrecht, by a first wife, his second being Helena Cortelyou. Geesie survived her husband, who emigrated to New Jersey where he had numerous descendants... Adrian Van Brunt married Jannetje Hendricks who also may have been a dau. of Hendrick Hendrickson.*" Carol Cannon in her Hendricks research goes on to identify Hendrick Hendrickson b. 1706 also as a son of the Hendrick Hendrickson who married Helena Cortelyou noting the 16 July 1732 baptism of Albert Hendrickson as the son of "Hendrick **Hendrickse** Hendrickse and Aeltie Couwenhoven" in the Freehold and Middletown DR Church. All of these repeated names were very confusing to the early Dutch as well so when they inserted an extra name such as Hendrickse into a name it indicated that his father's given name was Hendrick to help identify which person was which. There were several Hendrick Hendricksons living in Monmouth Co., NJ in 1732 so for example on 4 June 1732 when "Hendrick **Danielse** Hendrickse" witnessed the baptism of his nephew Trynetje the daughter of Teunis De Nys and Fransyntie Hendrickse, **Danielse** was added to the name Hendrick Hendrickse by the scribe to clarify that this

Hendrick Hendrickse was the son of Daniel Hendrickson who married Catherine Van Dyke. Had our Hendrick Hendrickson b. 1706 been the son of William Hendrickson then he would have been listed as Hendrick Williamse Hendrickse in the baptism of his son Albert. Carol then goes on to cite that on the 9 Oct 1736 Hendrick Hendrickson Jr. of Middletown, Monmouth, New Jersey and John Deare of Amboy, Middlesex of New Jersey made application for the administration of the estate of Hendrick Hendrickson, late of Middletown (Unrecorded Wills and Inventories of Monmouth Co., NJ Administrative, Bonds, Ect. p. 173). In our previous reports in the Hendricks Herald we noted that the Hendrick Hendrickson who married Helena Cortelyou sold his Monmouth Co., lands situated in Freehold and that he was listed as living in Middletown in 1731 in one of these later land transactions (Monmouth Co., Deeds Vol. H, pp 57-58 FHL #0592648). So there is little doubt that this was the Hendrick Hendrickson who married Helena Cortelyou as the rest of the Hendrick Hendricksons were alive and accounted for in 1736 and that he defiantly had a son named Hendrick Hendrickson Jr. The only known Hendrick Hendrickson who had a father also named Hendrick at that time was our Hendrick Hendrickson b. 11 Nov 1706 who married Aletje Couwenhoven and who witnessed the 1732 baptism of Engelte Van Brunt the daughter of Nicholas Van Brunt and Geesje Hendrickson.

Carol Cannon citing several family histories, including some old articles in the NY Genealogical and Biographical Record suggested that Jacob Hendricks Hafte and Geesje Bartels *might* be the parents of the Hendrick Hendrickson who married Helena Cortelyou. *But* she then stated on page 17 of The Henry Hendricks and Sarah Thompson Family 1991 publication "That this Hendrick (son of Jacob Hendricks Hafte) is the same Hendrick Hendrickson who married Helena Cortelyou *has not yet been proven satisfactorily* and is, to date, the weak link in the chain," and yet somehow it became accepted as gospel fact that Jacobs Hendrickse Hafte was the father of our Hendrick Hendrickson Sr. Carol also stated that: "The largest problem with accepting this connection is the age difference between Hendrick, son of Jacob Hendricks Hafte, who was baptized 18 Feb 1679 and Helena who was born about 1665-1667 at the latest. This would put her about 13 to 15 years older than her third husband." *We now know through new research and DNA testing that this connection is not correct and that we are rather related to the family of William Hendrickson* who was the brother of Daniel Hendrickson according to the 1711 Monmouth Co. NJ Will of William Hendrickson as well as other documents. William Hendrickson is listed as the eldest son of Hendrick Williamsz in the 4 Dec 1677 minutes of the Court of Albany, Rensselaerwyck and Schenectady, (Vol. 2, pp. 282-283), when Storm Albertson and Harme Rutgers were granted the administration of the estate of Hendrick Williamse deceased. "Eldest son Wm. Hendricks" was granted the black cloth suit and a bridle while "Daniel Hendricks" was also granted a bridle. Storm

was the son of Albert Bradt who was also the father of Geesje Bradt, the mother of our Hendrick Hendrickson and who was the namesake of all of these Geesje's. And so Storm was known as Storm Albertse since his father as named Albert, but more often than not he was called Storm Van Der Zee since he was born during a terrible storm on the Atlantic Sea while his parents were sailing to this country. (It is interesting to note that Storm was never confused with anybody else!) Now Hendrick Hendricks is not mentioned in the Hendrick Williamsz estate settlement, but neither was Francyntje Hendricks who is also known to be a daughter of Hendrick Williamsz and Geesje Bradt as both she and our Hendrick named their oldest children Hendrick and Geesje after grandparents as was the Dutch custom. Francyntje Hendrickse was born abt. 1675 and married Nicholas (Claas) Van Dyke and died 25 Jan 1749/50 in New Castle, Delaware. Wilhem Hendricks and Antje Staats were the witnesses of the 15 Nov 1694 baptism of her daughter Geesje Van Dyke in the Flatbush Dutch Reformed Church of Long Island NY. Hendrik Hendrickse and Annetie Kros were listed as the witnesses of the 3 Apr 1698 baptism of Francyntje and Claas Van Dyke's son Hendrick in the Flatbush DR Church. Annetie Van Ecklen Kros was a step sister to William, Daniel, Hendrick and Francyntje from their mother Geesje Bradt's first marriage to Jan Van Ecklen. Not only were children almost always named after their grandparents in these early Dutch families but if the grandparents were already deceased, related name sakes were often called on to witness the baptism such as was the case with our Hendrick Hendrickse. As we reported in the last edition of the 2013 Herald Hendrick and his first wife Trynetje Van Dyke had a daughter Janntje baptized 29 May 1705 in the Brooklyn Dutch Reformed Church and Claas Van Dyke and Jannetje Van Dyke were the witnesses and on the same day, very next entry, Hendrick's brother William Hendrickze and Willemtz Lane had a son named Johannes baptized listing Stoffel Schar, Geesje Van Heckel, Antoni Rutgers & Antje Caros as the witnesses. So who were all of these people? Claas Van Dyke was the husband of Hendrick's sister Francyntje and Jannetje Van Dyke was probably the sister of Hendrick's wife Trynetje. Geesje Van Heckel/Ecklen was probably a daughter of William's older step brother Johannes Van Ecklen who brought the three bothers to Long Island while Annetje Caros/Kros as mentioned was William's older step sister who married Johannes Kros. As was suggested by Turnis G. Bergen this Janettje who was the daughter of Hendrick Hendrickson and Trynetje Van Dyke probably married Nicholas Van Brunt's younger brother Adriaen Van Brunt. So is there any evidence that ties our Hendrick Hendrickson to the other brother Daniel Hendrickson? As mentioned in previous Herald articles Daniel and Hendrick both witness a land transaction between David Stout of Monmouth Co., East NJ and Hendrick Van Dyke of Kings Co., Nassau Island NY dated 3 Apr 1701 and then on the 10 Nov 1705 Hendrick Van Dyke and his wife Jonica of Brookland Twp. Kings Co., Nassau Island NY sell this same land called Romanis on the Hopp Brook to Hendrick

Hendrickse of Monmouth Co., East NJ for L300. This land was apparently close to Daniel's lands as in a Monmouth Co., Commissioner's report found in the *History of Monmouth County New Jersey* dated 13 Oct 1713 it states: "The road is to be laid out from Chinquerors road by the corners of the fences of James Hubbard, and Cornelius Covenhoven, and running along Dr. Hubbards house and thence to the bridge on Hop Brook: and thence over the brook along the line between Benjamin Stout and Hendrick Hendrickson's to a valley near the end of it: then to Joseph Golden's southwest corner of his new field and following his and Obediah Bowne's line to gully: then rounding the hill to Mahoran Run, where the path from Daniel Hendrickson's to Hendrick Hendrickson's passes, and following the path to Daniel's line and then through his field, (HMCNJ pp. 375-376). Hendrick Hendrickson had married Helena Cortelyou by 1713 and was probably living on her lands in New Ulrecht on Long Island but he still owned lands on Hopp Brook. This is the last mention of Hendrick Hendrickson in Monmouth Co., NJ until 1718 when he and Helena's sons begin buying lands in Freehold. By 1731 Hendrick had returned to his lands on Hopp Brook where he died in 1734. So Hendrick Hendrickson and his first wife Tryntje Van Dyke had three known children: Geesje b. abt. 1703 who married Nicholas Van Brunt as mentioned, Jannteje who was baptized in the Dutch Reformed Church of Brooklyn 29 May 1705 and who married Adriaen Van Brunt as mentioned who was the

brother of Nicholas Van Brunt and Hendrick who married Aeltje Couwenhoven who was the daughter of Albert Couwenhoven and Neeltje Schenk. Hendrick and Aeltje had two sons; Hendrick (Henry) bapt. 20 Jan 1731 in the Freehold and Middletown Dutch Reformed Church in Marlboro who married Sarah Tomson 3 Apr 1751, and Albert who was baptized 16 July 1732 in the same church and who married Johanna Mills 3 Jan 1755. As Drusilla Dorris Hendricks stated, Henry and his wife Sarah moved to Frederick Co., MD, then to Rockingham Co., NC and then to what is now Simpson Co., Kentucky. With all of the repetitive names it is easy to see why there has been so much confusion in these early NJ Dutch lines, however, it seems that all of us lost track of the three Hendrickson brothers cited by Drusilla until recently. If I had more time and space I would map out a descendants chart to help keep all of these people sorted out, but then you probably wouldn't need me around anymore! I will prepare a chart for the next mailing as I relate more on the families of William, Daniel and Francyntje Hendrickson. Reporting all of this research in Hendricks Herald takes considerable money for printing and mailing fees and thus we have cut down our publication of the Herald to once a year except for on reunion years. We have considered just posting the Hendricks Herald on line but several of you have expressed an appreciation and a desire to keep receiving the Herald via mail. So once again we would like to thank you for your donations and support!

Hendrickson Family Burial Ground Reconstruction

By Hendricks Family Association, A New Jersey Nonprofit



Before 2010 Destruction



After 2010 Destruction

To date, the cemetery reconstruction is still on hold pending settlement. In the meantime, the Board of Trustees has been working to generate the reconstruction list of headstone sizes, colors, inscriptions, and placement. HHFO researcher, DelLynn Leavitt, and archivist, Harold Hendricks, have been working with the Trustees to check and double check family history records to identify names, dates and burials in the cemetery. The HFA is grateful to have members of the HHFO organization contribute to this important work including a donation of \$500 towards the 2014 summer landscape maintenance.

In the process of identifying burials in the cemetery, a US Radar survey showed there are 99 burials and 98 graves; one grave contains a mother and baby. In a 300-year-old cemetery, many of the earlier graves and headstones have been lost and are no longer marked. Several historical lists and photos have identified 75 of the 99 persons buried.

After a great deal of study and research, DelLynn Leavitt, the HHFO research director, was able to identify Hendrick Hendrickson who married Aeltje Couwenhoven as a brother to Willem, Daniel, and Francyntje, sons of Hendrick Willemsz (Please see DelLynn's research article about the three brothers in this newsletter.) This is a great breakthrough due in part to being able to identify a unique and prominent signature mark made by Hendrick Hendrickson on land and other early historical records. DelLynn has positively identified one of the headstones in the Hendrickson burial ground from one of the historical cemetery lists as the one belonging to this Hendrick Hendrickson. This is a very exciting find and one of the earliest burials. We will be more than happy to be able to reconstruct this marker in the Hendrickson Burial Ground.

From the Archivist

By Harold Hendricks

Our ancestor, Henry Hendricks, had a cousin who became an artist of some renown. One of his portraits is found in the collections of the National Gallery of Art. Daniel Hendrickson, first cousin once removed from Henry, was the eleventh and youngest child of Captain Daniel Hendrickson and Catharine Van Dyke. Captain Hendrickson was the brother of Henry's grandfather, Hendrick Hendricks. This Daniel Hendrickson Jr. was born on 5 February 1723, making him three years younger than Henry. When Daniel was four years old, his father, Captain Daniel Hendrickson, a farm owner, physician, and at one time High Sheriff of Monmouth passed away. His father's several properties were divided among his sons and Daniel inherited the homestead farm, on which he lived his entire life. Daniel's hobbies were painting and music. The biography given of him at the website of the National Gallery states:

Hendrickson's primary occupation was that of a farmer, and, like his father, he amassed a large amount of property. In addition to practicing agriculture, he is recorded as having run a tannery, a cordwain business, a brickyard, a redware pottery, and a distillery. He was also involved in shipping brick and agricultural products from Monmouth County to New York City.

Music and art seem to have been recreational activities for Hendrickson. He had a spinnet in his house and, according to Reverend Schenck, a descendant who wrote a brief biography of Hendrickson in about 1870, "obtained for his personal use a large organ" for which he had his ceiling raised. About his art Schenck wrote: "He had an unusual genius for painting as without any known instruction and in a creditable manner he executed life-size portraits in oil of himself, several of his family, of a dau. [sic] of Gov. Belcher and also one of the Rev. W. Erickson now in the possession of the author." Of these, only a portrait of his daughter Catharine, owned by the National Gallery (1953.5.45), and a self-portrait have been located. Another painting, attributed to him by family tradition and exhibiting stylistic similarities, is a portrait of a man thought to be Pieter Luyster, a neighbor and friend of the artist. In addition to painting portraits, Hendrickson is believed to have done some decorative painting of furniture and walls.

(http://www.nga.gov/content/ngaweb/Collection/artist-info.6393.html?artobj_artistId=6393&pageNumber=1)

Recently, another of Daniel's paintings was re-discovered: a portrait of his son Hendrick Hendrickson. This caused quite a stir among the art historians of the Monmouth area, with the former Director of the Monmouth County Historical Association, Joe Hammonds, exclaiming, "This is the most exciting discovery made in local painting in 30 years or more!!!" Mr. Hammond catalogs Daniels work thus:

1. A portrait of the artist's daughter Catherine, now at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC. [The portrait of Hendrick] most closely resembles this one, which also features birds and trees in the background. But instead of a candlestand, it uses a silver vase full of carnations as a prop. The portrait of Catherine measures 48 high by 37 wide.
2. A portrait of the Rev. Reinhart Erickson, minister of Old Brick Reformed Church in Marlboro, NJ. Hendrickson and Erickson knew each other well. This portrait had been owned in the 19th century by the Rev. Garrett Conover Schanck, a family genealogist who married a great-grand daughter of the artist.
3. A lavishly painted interior door from the Covenhoven House in Holmdel, NJ. Daniel's wife Catherine was born and brought up in this house. The door was removed from the house and sold in the 1930s [and has since been given] to the Museum of American Folk Art.
4. A lavishly painted interior door now at the Rutgers University Zimmerli Art Gallery. . .

In addition, Mr. Hammond states "that the MCHA also owns a green-painted chair decorated on the splat with flowers that appear to be by Hendrickson as well."

If you happen to travel to Monmouth County, stop by the MCHA and take a look at the chair. You can also see Daniel's home (greatly remodeled) near the northwest corner of Holland Road and Laurel Ave (NJ 52), Holmdel, New Jersey.

Turn the Hearts of the Children . . .

By Ashlee Lewis Roberts

The last few years I have taken my children to Cache County over Memorial Day weekend to visit the graves of many of our ancestors. The trip gets bigger every year and it has become a tradition that my children look forward to. We decided to conclude our 2013 trip by visiting two ancestors at the Salt Lake City Cemetery. One of the ancestors was my Great Great Great Grandmother, Rebecca Hendricks Lewis. When we arrived at the plot, as documented on findagrave.com, there was no headstone or marker of any kind. Just to make sure we were in the right place, we read every headstone on that block, but with no luck. I knew right then I was going to get her a headstone. I wish to share the story of how, with the help of friends and strangers, Rebecca's headstone came to be and to share some of the blessings that came from remembering her.

That very night when I returned home from Salt Lake, I got on the internet and did a simple search for "Neriah Lewis Rebecca Hendricks Lewis" and found a blog: ourfamilyheritage.blogspot. Someone had left a comment on the blog a year earlier stating that his daughter had discovered that Rebecca Hendricks Lewis didn't have a headstone. He said that they wanted to provide one. This confirmed my discovery and the project began.

Within a day or two I was in contact with Denise Smith, the man's daughter. She is a descendant of Rebecca's son, Benjamin Marion Lewis. She told me she had already been collecting donations from her extended family and that she would be willing to combine her funds with whatever I was able to collect. Without a headstone, and without any available photo, we were afraid Rebecca would be forgotten.

I called the Salt Lake City Cemetery and verified that Rebecca Hendricks Lewis is buried in plot C 8 8 4W. They said that only the plot owner can add a headstone. Since she died in 1854, and since I am her great great great granddaughter, I was given permission to move forward.

I was feeling such a sense of excitement that we could honor Rebecca's life in this way! I didn't want to be selfish and be the only one who got to have those feelings. I wanted my extended family, descendants of Rebecca's oldest son, William Hendricks Lewis, to have the opportunity to show their love too. I felt like by honoring her, we would, in a way, be honoring all of our pioneer ancestors who sacrificed so much because of their testimony in the Savior and in His restored gospel. I sent an email to each member of my extended family on my Dad's side to get the word out and to ask for donations.

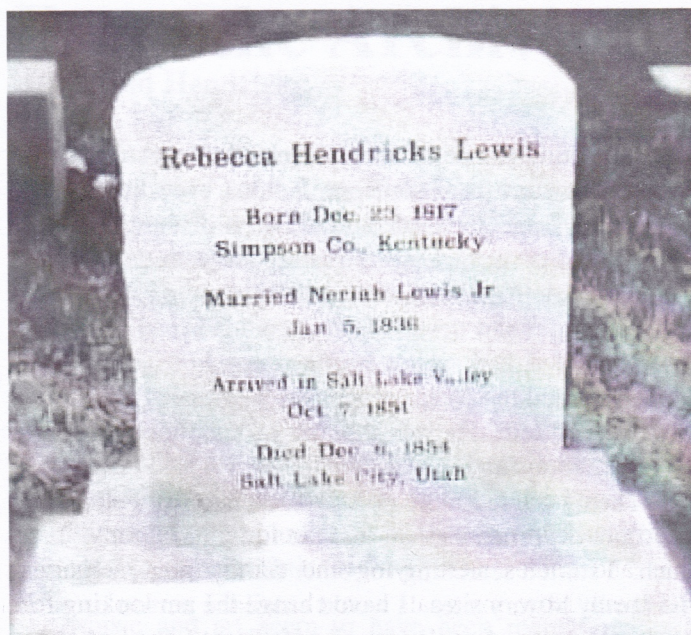
I soon began to receive mail from my relatives. Going to the mailbox each day was so exciting! Aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings began to respond almost immediate-

ly. Interestingly, one of the first checks I got was for a rather large sum from someone I didn't even know. My email had been forwarded, and very distant relatives, people I had never met, were trusting me with this project. Included with that check was a brief history of Neriah and Rebecca that I had never seen! I couldn't read the pages fast enough! I had such a strong yearning to know them better. I called the writer of the check to thank him and to introduce myself. He was the first of many new friends I would meet during this process.

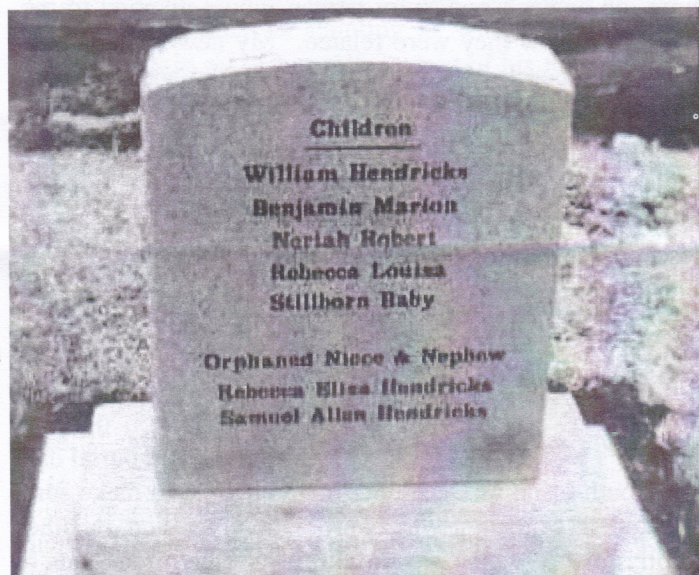
Then I wanted more people to be involved! Rebecca had more descendants than just the few I had been able to reach. I started searching for other family blogs, websites, and family history sites. I would email the person listed as the source and tell him/her about the project. Communicating with these people was turning in to a full time job as each and every person would respond to me, telling me how they were related. My new friends and I had a common love of our common family and it brought us together. Unfortunately I was unable to find any descendants of Neriah Robert, Rebecca's third son. I didn't know about the Hendricks Family Organization until all was said and done with the headstone.

Meanwhile, Denise Smith and I were busy researching Rebecca's life to make sure we had it exactly right before it was set in stone. Her death date was a mystery to us because there are two different death dates listed all over the internet. We needed to know which one was correct. Denise was able to find on the Utah Division of State History's website that Rebecca's death date and burial date were both listed as December 6, 1854. Just to make sure, I asked a woman in my ward who lives and breathes family history where we should look. She directed us to the Family History Library in Salt Lake. Denise was able to verify there that December 6 was the actual death date. The information was documented in the SLC death records- transcribed and put on microfilm. She also learned the cause of Rebecca's death. Rebecca died during childbirth, and her baby (since there is no record of it) was stillborn. The record stated cause of death as "child bed." When I heard this I was extremely sad. I don't know how I thought she must have died, or how it would have been any better, but this news made me hurt. I was mourning her death, and mourning for her husband and her children. We listed her fifth child on the back of her headstone.

Before her untimely death, Rebecca helped raise two of her brother's children. Her brother and his wife, who weren't members of the church, died on their journey west, and Neriah and Rebecca took in Rebecca Eliza Hendricks and Samuel Allen Hendricks. Through my emails to



Front of Headstone



Back of Headstone

complete strangers, I met a man who is a descendant of Rebecca Eliza Hendricks. He expressed his sincere gratitude to Neriah and Rebecca because he felt that, without their influence and guidance, his great great grandmother wouldn't have been the woman she was. With his permission, we added the two orphaned children to the list of Rebecca's children on the back of the headstone. They are listed separately as niece and nephew, but I feel having this information on the headstone helps to convey the eternal significance of Rebecca's love and selflessness. And I know that the descendants of those two children are very grateful to her.

This same contact made me aware of a new book that was almost ready to be published to which he had contributed. The book was 20 years in the making,

commissioned by Lewis descendants and written by historian William G. Hartley. Since everyone who had donated to the headstone was a descendant of Neriah Lewis and Rebecca Hendricks Lewis, I made them aware of the book and was able to help distribute nearly 50 copies.

Once my kids were back in school I had the time to go to Salt Lake to order the headstone and to meet Denise. As I communicated with those donating, the general consensus was, "If we are going to do this, let's do it right." We chose a beautiful, tall, classic headstone that was placed in late November 2013. Engraved on it is the following:

Front:	Back:
Rebecca Hendricks Lewis	Children:
Born Dec. 23, 1817	William Hendricks
Simpson Co., Kentucky	Benjamin Marion
Married Neriah Lewis Jr	Neriah Robert
Jan. 5, 1836	Rebecca Louisa
Arrived in Salt Lake Valley	Stillborn Baby
Oct. 7, 1851	
Died Dec. 6, 1854	Orphaned Niece & Nephew
Salt Lake City, Utah	Rebecca Eliza Hendricks
	Samuel Allen Hendricks

My patriarchal blessing says that I "will have a rich desire to seek after my kindred dead." And I do. It is a feeling I can't explain, and I LOVE my ancestors. I stay up late at night searching for their stories and downloading their pictures. I love learning everything I can about them. My children know their ancestors' names and their stories, and those stories will live on. Those who visit Rebecca's gravesite will read her story there, and she will live on. She will not be forgotten. I can't wait to meet her again someday!

What I would still love to know:

1. Is there a picture of Rebecca out there somewhere? Does someone reading this letter have one? In all the family books it simply states "no photo available." In September 2013, someone added an image to her name on familysearch, but that same image is connected to the name Rebecca Hendricks Roskelley on other websites.
2. Does anyone know where her daughter, Rebecca Louisa, is buried? I thought she may be buried in the Richmond Cemetery near her father, but haven't had any luck finding her.

Also, I'd like to ask a favor. If any of you have access to change Rebecca's death date on any of the sites where it is listed incorrectly, please take the time to do it. Thank you!

To Be or Not To Be ... Forgotten

by LeAnn Hord - Intra-family Coordinator

How do you think you would feel, to die and realize that no one remembered you? In the story of *The Christmas Carol*, Scrooge enjoyed reliving the past memories of his childhood, but it was the realization that he would die an ignominious death, that no one would care if he lived or died, that made him change.

Our early pioneer ancestors understood how important it is to remember our relatives. It was so important to them that Drusilla Hendricks left a list of names of the parents, cousins and other relatives for which her family performed temple work. James and Drusilla understood and wanted these family members to be remembered. They wanted their loved ones to not be forgotten. 133 years later since Drusilla was laid to rest, I understand, too.

The Old Testament tells us to be forgotten is the worst thing that can happen to you. Job 18:17 tells us, *His remembrance shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.* In Deuteronomy 32:26, we read, *I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men.* Also, in Psalms 34:16, *the face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.* Apparently, to be forgotten is a curse. Malachi 3:16 tells us, *then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name.* When you remember relatives who are about to fade into obscurity, their names are written in the *Book of Remembrance.*

The older genealogy binders were titled, "Book of Remembrance."

A couple of weeks ago, my daughter and I were scanning photos from an old family album. We were so excited to find pictures of five young sons of our ancestral grandparents tucked behind and in between pages such that we had to tear the pages to

get to them and almost missed finding them. No longer will these young men be obscure and missing from our book of remembrance. Why was I so happy to drive 1200 miles to try to find one more child I thought was missing on a family record? Or why did I fly across the country to find a way to help reconstruct a 300-year-old cemetery? I didn't want these precious relatives to be forgotten. No one should be forgotten. I even have to admit, I don't want to be forgotten.

I have been doing genealogy for over 50 years. I used to look back in time, as far as I could go, while my great aunts and uncles were dying and taking their memories with them. Now, my goals have changed. I am looking for the descendants of my great-grandfathers. I used to hope for royal connections, but that is not my motivation any more, no one is going to forget the prominent and famous ancestors, the ones everyone knows about, such as James and Drusilla Hendricks. Their temple work was done by themselves and has been repeated dozens of times since. If you think you are done with nothing but dead ends and the temple work done years ago, stop looking backwards and start looking sideways. If you seek out your own-the descendants of your great grandparents-the close ones-your kinsmen-your cousins-you will find them, the ones who are fading away, and you will bring them to life by the act of letting them be remembered. Write their stories, digitize their photos.

The internet, Facebook, and other social media was invented so you could search for your cousins and relatives across the globe. Computers were invented so you could store thousands of pictures and memories and share them with others. Books were invented so our names could be written in them. In 1999 at the launch of FamilySearch, President Hinckley stated, *"The Lord has inspired skilled men and women in developing new technologies which we can use to our great advantage in moving forward this sacred work."*

Elder W. Grant Bangerter of the First Quorum of the Seventy said, "Your genealogy has not all been done. My own grandparents performed all the temple work for their deceased relatives fifty-five years ago. Since that time our family has discovered sixteen thousand others." Those weren't ancestors-those were cousins. Searching for cousins develops a different set of genealogical muscles. So, I encourage you to start looking sideways for your cousins by using social media, the FamilySearch or Ancestry descendency tools and start exercising those new muscles.



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Call for Publications for the 2015 HHFO Reunion

For distribution at the 2015 HHFO Reunion on July 31-August 1, 2015, we would like to gather histories of the children of James and Drusilla Hendricks and of Samuel and Rebecca Hendricks to make available to family members. Samuel and James Hendricks are sons of Abraham Hendricks and Charlotte Hinton. These two brothers married two Dorris sisters, Rebecca and Drusilla, and 11 children from these two families traveled west with the Mormon pioneers. These ancestral men and women were equally diligent and helped colonize Utah and Idaho starting towns, building railroads, businesses, mills, banks and Ricks College as they faithfully fulfilled the duties of their church membership.

We are requesting that descendants from each of these branches assist us in collecting and digitizing these histories. Perhaps you have photos, documents, letters, and certificates you could share to add to previously collected stories. We are not requesting that any of these objects leave your home, but are requesting that you call LeAnn Hord to make arrangements for us to come to your home to digitize these articles if you need assistance. We will take photos or scan the objects and make 2 copies of the items, one to leave with you and one to include in these histories. The owners will be given credit for the items they digitize and share in this project.

With so many new online resources available, many new records have become available. We can learn a lot from collateral histories and other information and records. Start digging and you will be amazed by what you will turn up about your ancestors and cousins! Please contact LeAnn Hord at 480-964-3145 or leann.hord@gmail.com.

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