



April 2021



*Announcement !
Virtual Cousin Gathering
Saturday, 15 May 2021*

Celebrate **World Family History Day** with us for presentations about our ancestors or to just meet and visit with cousins.

Time:
11:00 am - 5:00 pm MDT
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**Dutch Cookie Recipe:
Speculaas (ginger biscuits or ginger bread cookies)**

Speculaas spice blend:
cinnamon
powdered cloves
nutmeg
powdered coriander
allspice aniseed
powdered ginger
powdered cardamon
mace
season to taste.

1 cup flour (self-rising).
1 1/2 tablespoons speculaas spice
1/2 cup dark brown sugar

1/2 cup butter
2 tablespoon milk
slivered almonds

Mix the flour, salt, spices, sugar, and the butter in a bowl, using two knives to finely cut the butter into the mixture. Add the milk. Knead the mixture with cold hands until you have a firm dough. Wrap the dough in aluminum foil or clear plastic and let it cool in the fridge for 24 hours. Roll out the dough and cut the figures using a biscuit (cookie) cutter. If using a “speculassplank” dust it with flour and press the dough into the mold(s). Cut off any excess dough by running a knife across the edge of the board. Turn the board over in one movement so the figures fall out. Press slivered almonds in as decoration. Line baking sheet with parchment paper. Bake @ 350 degrees for approx. 15 minutes or until golden brown.

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From the President

by Harold Hendricks

It has been a challenging, difficult, and even devastating year for many of our cousins as we have experienced the ravages of disease and disasters. We mourn the loss of so many to COVID, especially those who are our cousins, and our hearts go out to those who have had financial reverses related to the pandemic and have suffered loss of property from the extreme weather. Yet, through it all, there has been much faith, love, and courage demonstrated by the care and concern of others. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to those who have suffered and express our gratitude for all who reach out to help.

As president of the organization dedicated to maintaining the history of our ancestors, I encourage everyone to record your experiences as you live through today's challenges, for today's current events are quickly tomorrow's history that will inform and encourage our children and grandchildren.

I would like to personally thank those of you who have supported the Henry Hendricks Family Organization this past year with dues and donations.

A year ago, we were quite concerned that larger than expected expenses would curtail our ability to provide information and maintain our website, but your generosity has allowed us to continue to maintain our website and fund the printing of this newsletter.

The pandemic has helped us innovate with virtual gatherings and we successfully held a virtual meet and greet during the RootsTech conference in February, which was also virtual, during which we were able to meet cousins and make new connections. We will be holding another virtual cousin gathering on May 15 during the World Family History Day. Details are in this newsletter, on our website www.henryhendricks.org, and our Facebook group, henryhendricksfamily.org. Join us if you can. We look forward to connecting and learning of your experiences this past year. Your suggestions on how we can better serve you are always welcome.

Please stay safe and continue to help those around you. We hope for a better year ahead.

From the Research Director

by DelLynn Leavitt

A lot has been written about our Hendrick Hendrickson and his two brothers Willem and Daniel. But the truth of the matter was that they had a sister named Francynje and four half siblings Johannes, Antje, Jacob and Albert Van Eckelen who were much older than they. It is not known if Jacob and Albert survived to adulthood but Johannes and Antje played a significant role in the life of the Hendrickson siblings after the death of their parents Hendrick Willensz and Geesje Bradt in 1677 at New Albany, NY. Johannes may have attended school at New Amsterdam on Long Island as a young man and Antje and her husband Johannes Kros lived at New Amsterdam after their marriage in 1685. Antje witnessed several of the baptisms of her Hendrickson half sibling's children.

Francynje may have been the oldest of Hendrick Willemze's known children judging by the date of her marriage. She married Claus (Nicholas) Thomasse Van Dyke 4 June 1692, some five years before her other full siblings started to marry. Claus was a first cousin to Catherine and Trynetje Van Dyke who married the Hendrickson brothers, Daniel and Hendrick. The four

Hendrickson children all show up in Flatbush, Kings Co., NY after their half-brother Johannes Van Ecekelen became the Flatbush Reformed Church Schoolmaster in 1692. The old term Schoolmaster may be somewhat misleading, as not only was he in charge of teaching the Reformed Catechisms to the children of the church's parishioners, but he was also in charge of facilitating the baptisms and marriages for the Flatbush Church as well as recording the events. Johannes later became the King's Co., NY recorder before he died in 1699 when his wife Trinetje paid for a Church Shroud for his funeral. The renting of a "shroud" from the local Church was common practice of the day and as far as I have been able to determine the shroud was placed over the coffin and probably had some kind of a symbolic connotation to Christ's death and resurrection.

Before he died Johannes Van Eckelen and others had been commissioned by several of the Flatbush families to find lands in Pennsylvania that they could jointly purchase so they could re-establish a Reformed Church community there. In 1694 they bought lands that

From the Research Director continued

later became part of Delaware. Iris Gates describes these lands as nearly uninhabitable as they were swamp and marsh lands that they probably planned to drain and reclaim, as was prevalent in Holland. Many of these lands remained in the possession of Johannes. After Johannes died his son Johannes Jr. inherited some of these lands and eventually moved to Kent Co., Delaware where he became a land agent. A few members of the Hendrickson and Van Dyke families bought land from him including Claus Van Dyke who moved to Delaware around 1720. A website devoted to real estate in New Castle Co. DE, gives a bit of history on the Van Dyke family in St. George's Hundred: "One of the oldest families in the Hundred is the Van Dykes. They bought land in "Dutch Neck," known as Berwick, about the year 1715; also 200 acres on "Doctor's Swamp" in 1719, then owned by John Van Heklen, being patented in 1675 to Ann Whale. Gov. Nicholas Van Dyke was born in "Berwick" in 1740." Gov. Nicholas Van Dyke, first Governor of Delaware, was Francynje's grandson having been named after her husband Claus. The Berwick Van Dyke family became one of Delaware's leading families intermarrying with the Du Pont and the Bennett families.

Hendrick Hendrickson's older brother Johannes Van Eckelen was a friend of Helena Cortelyou who was also a member of the Flatbush Dutch Church. She sponsored the 3 Apr 1698 baptism of Johannes' youngest child Helena Van Eckelen while she was the wife of her second husband Denys Teunissen. Denys died in 1705 leaving Helena with 8 children 3 of which were under 10 years. Hendrick Hendrickson's wife Trynetje Van Dyke died about the same time leaving Hendrick with 3 children all under 3 years old! Hendrick and Helena were probably married around 1708 when they draw up a prenuptial agreement stating that all of Helena's lands inherited from her father, Jacques Cortelyou, would go to her children. Jacques was a man of many talents who was brought over in 1652 as a Schoolmaster for the children of Cornelis van Werckhoven, one of the City Founders of Old Utrecht, who had been commissioned to plant two new Dutch Colonies. When van Werckhoven returned back to old Utrecht in 1654 he left Cortelyou in charge, who then surveyed and laid out the town of New Utrecht.

Jacques' lands were just north of Ft. Amsterdam from which he ran a ferry over to Staten Island. After Hendrick and Helena were married, they ran the ferry for a number of years. In 1716 they sold the ferry to one of the local blacksmiths. The land description in the deed is rather interesting: "A certain tract or piece of land next adjoining upon the Hudson's River on the Eastside thereof on the Island of Nassau in Kings County

commonly called The Ferry at the Narrows on Long Island side. Beginning at the Southwest part of the wharf thereon standing & from there running East 3 chains 24 feet up the hill to a cherry tree not on level by navigational measure, from thence Southeast by South 5° Southerly 3 chains to a great stone marked H. From thence Northeast by 5° East 3 chains 12 feet to another great stone marked with H. From thence North by West 5° Westerly 3 chains to another great stone marked with H. From thence in a straight line to the South side of the house to sd. Cherry tree... the piece of ground is part of that tract of land which was conveyed to Helena Tunisen, who is now the wife of Hendrick Hendrickson, by Jacques Cortelyou by deed dated 20 Day of September AD. 1707." So, Hendrick and Helena were married between 20 Sep 1707 and 4 Apr 1708 when they draw up the prenuptial agreement. It is interesting to note that the blacksmith sold the land back to Helena two days later! It seems evident that Hendrick and Helena liked to put their mark on things. Hendrick's mark was HH and Helena's was a single H. After Helena's death Hendrick moved back to Monmouth Co., NJ where he purchases several parcels of land with Helena's sons before his death in 1734. For more information on the Hendrickson family, I suggest you buy the book, *The Hendrickson Family of Middletown, NJ*.

Financial Report

by Desiree' Frederick

The financial standing of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization for the year 2020 has continued to decline in the dues and other revenue streams such as the purchase of books and other donations that supports newsletters publications and website presence. In 2020, the family organization received \$4,945.04 in revenues and spent \$3,393.40 on expenses. The funds were spent as follows: \$1,470.33 Newsletter, \$122.02 postage, \$38.80 credit card fees; \$1,275.00 Website. The family organization shares the cost of maintenance of the website. Our commitment to maintain a web presence is supported through your annual fees and donations. Our current funds will be depleted by the end of next year after paying the website maintenance and the publication of this newsletter. Your continuing support of our family organization is necessary to continue to further the research and support this wonderful organization.

LIVING COUSIN SPOTLIGHT: Rodney Dale Walker

Our living cousin spotlight for this issue is Rodney Dale Walker, one of the founders of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization. Dale will be 80 years old this year. He was born September 18, 1941, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He is the son of Rodney Wilson Walker and Georgia Hendricks. Georgia is the granddaughter of William Dorris Hendricks, who was the grandson of Abraham Hendricks, the eleventh children of Henry Hendricks, our common ancestor. Both of Dale's parents were deaf, his mother Georgia having lost her hearing



Rodney Dale Walker and wife

due to a childhood infection. His father graduated from Gallaudet College in Washington D.C. While growing up, Dale learned to communicate with his parents using American Sign Language (ASL).

Dale served a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in So. California as one of the first ASL signing missionaries. In 1966, Dale married Venece McKinney and they have ten children. Their daughter Desiree' Walker Frederick is currently serving as the treasurer for HHFO.

Dale recalls: *"I grew up in Salt Lake City in a house across the street from what is now Trolley Square. When I was young my mother would often point out the location where my great-grandfather William Dorris Hendricks and his parents, James and Drusilla Dorris Hendricks lived. This is at Sixth North and Third West. The corner lot belonged to W.D. and just east of that is where James and Drusilla lived. On the next block south was the warm springs where the LDS Nineteenth ward church building is today. When they built the [meetinghouse] they had to fill in the warm springs and they piped the water [north for a swimming pool]. Drusilla's vocation was to run a boarding house. She had a boarding house in Nauvoo for the temple builders. [In Salt Lake] Drusilla ran a boarding house, and that's where [her son] William Dorris met Mary Jane Andrus [while] she was boarding there and later married her. That's how [Drusilla] was able to sustain her family as James was [partially paralyzed from the wound he received in Missouri.]"*

Dale's father also had a love of family history

and genealogy and instilled in him a love for family history. As a child, Dale went on long trips with his parents searching out relatives and gathering family history stories. Attending Hendricks family reunions was one of his family traditions. Through these experiences Dale developed a strong desire to associate with his extended family and make lasting connections. At one of the reunions, Dale received a copy of Marguerite Allen's book published in 1963, *A Record of The Ancestry and Descendants of Henry & Sarah (Thompson) Hendricks of Monmouth Co., New Jersey, Henry Hendricks Genealogy (1730-1963)*—also known as the "Red Book". During the 1969 while attending the William Dorris Family reunion, Dale came to realize that there should be a way to bring other Hendricks family groups together for reunions and yet maintain their common ancestor identity. It occurred to Dale to combine the multiple Hendricks small group families into a larger combined Henry Hendricks Family Organization based on the families listed in Marguerite Allen's book. At a joint reunion in 1971 in Richmond, Utah, with the William Dorris Hendricks and Joseph Smith Hendricks families, Dale proposed the idea of a Henry Hendricks Family Organization that would include all the descendants of Henry Hendricks. Those in attendance agreed with this proposal and voted to draft a constitution to form the Henry Hendricks Family Organization. At the next reunion, held in 1976, the draft of the constitution was ratified. Dale took on the responsibility of drafting the documents to gain the Henry Hendricks Family Organization a non-profit status. Dale attended many board meetings as the family archivist and with that responsibility he started gathering the research notes and other items that were being discussed by the board. These articles were compiled and published to the family members in a semi-annual newsletter which Dale titled the "Hendricks Herald".

We greatly appreciate Dale's foresight in bringing together those who would organize this family organization and launch the newsletter that has been published for over 45 years. This interview has been edited and paraphrased to fit our newsletter space, but a fuller audio version is available in the Media Gallery at our website, <https://hhdha.org/henry-hendricks-familyorganization/hhfo-archive-2/> Or, use this code:



Ancestor Spotlight: William Dorris Hendricks

William Dorris Hendricks, son of James and Drusilla Dorris Hendricks, was born 6 November 1829 near Franklin, Kentucky.

When William's father was injured in the battle of Crooked River by the mob on 25 October 1839, he became an invalid for the rest of his life and William, at nine years of age, assumed the responsibility



William Dorris Hendricks

of caring for the family. Like other pioneers they had a difficult time and suffered the added hardships of mob violence.

On 17 March 1839 they left Missouri for Nauvoo, Illinois. Here William hauled rock and worked on the temple. He became a member of the Nauvoo Legion and played the fife in the band. The Hendricks family left Illinois after a stay of seven years and started on their way to the Rocky Mountains. William joined the Mormon Battalion, being one of its youngest members, and left for Mexico on 16 June 1846. He was a private in Company D.

After returning to the Salt Lake Valley, William built a house in the fort wall for the family. He married his first of five wives, Mary Jane Daley Andrus on 12 March 1851. The ceremony was performed by President Brigham Young at the Warm Springs bath house, north of Salt Lake City. They were the parents of eleven children. It was 4 August 1851 that he took Alvira Lavona Smith as a plural wife. William Dorris Hendricks built the first bridge over City Creek in Salt Lake City and served under Col. W. H. Kimball in the Walker Indian War of 1853. He built the first bath house at the Warm Springs and lived there with his wives Mary Jane and Alvira.

In the year 1860 he moved with his wives, children and parents to Cache Valley and assisted in the settlement of Richmond, where he became its first mayor in 1864 and served two terms. In 1877 the Lewiston Utah Ward was organized, and William Dorris Hendricks was called as a counselor. When called to Lewiston, he took up some land; and Alvira, his second wife lived on one section, and Almira the third wife lived on another.

In 1884 a call came to him to be President of the Oneida Stake in Southern Idaho. He moved his second wife, Alvira, to Oxford, Idaho, for one year. Because of the crusade against the Mormons due to polygamy, he was obliged to move Alvira back to Richmond and Mary Jane to Oxford.

In April of 1887 William left Utah by team for Mexico. At this time he married Christine Olsen, and she went to Mexico with him. Later his wife Alvira and her family were sent for, and they arrived in Mexico on 23 June 1889. Several trips to Utah were made during his exile in Mexico. In 1889 he was released from the Presidency of the Oneida Stake. After the Church issued the Manifesto, his families moved back to Richmond from Mexico in April 1892. William was then sustained as patriarch of the Benson Stake.

The remaining years of his life were spent in Richmond and Lewiston, Utah. W. D., as he was called, loved a good time, and he was a very kind but stern man. He frequently played his violin for socials and dances. Thirty-two of his forty-two children survived him, and all who grew to maturity were offered an education. Seven of his sons filled LDS missions. As one of the great empire builders of the West, his church, state, family and friends all have reason to honor and respect him. William Dorris Hendricks died 6 May 1909 at Lewiston, Utah, and was buried at Richmond, Utah.

For more information check out our tree on family search.

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HENDRICKS FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS

The Ancestral Archive of the Hendricks and Dorris Families Price: \$50

Author: DeLynn Leavitt

Publication date: 2015; 4th Printing: 2017

Pages: 226; Softbound, Color Pictures

Over the last decade or so a number of important corrections have been made and new information has been found, which is now included.

The Three Brothers Price: \$50

Author: DeLynn Leavitt

Publication date: 2015; 2nd Printing: 2017

Pages: 322; Softbound, Color Pictures

This book updates all the research information previously published in the Hendricks Herald and ties the family of the three Hendrickson brothers, Willem, Daniel, Hendrick and their Sister Francyntje and families together.

Anthology of Henry H Hendricks(on) and Sarah Thompson Price: \$50

Compiled by LeAnn Hord

Publication date: 2005; 2nd Printing: 2010

Pages: 382; Library Quality Hardbound;

The ancestors of Henry and Sarah come to life with a time line and copies of original documents from each of the families in the Henry Hendricks pedigree. There is no better way to understand the movement of our Hendricks family and to learn some of the stories.

Memorandum of Monmouth and Notes on North Carolina Price: \$40

Compiled by LeAnn Hord

Publication date: 2005; 2nd Printing: 2010

Pages: 170; Library Quality Hardbound.

To better understand our Hendricks family, and get a first-hand observation of their surroundings, lives, culture, food, clothing, and places of abode, take time to visit these wonderful places. Learn about the New Netherland Museum and the replica of Henry Hudson's ship, the Half Moon, commissioned by our Hendricks cousin, Dr. Andrew Hendricks.

The Netherlands Album Price: \$40

Compiled by LeAnn Hord

Publication date: 2005; 2nd Printing: 2010

Pages: 113; Library Quality Hardbound, Color Pictures.

The story of the Utrecht Dutch Settlers and how they left their mark on the United States. Find maps, recipes, and fun and interesting facts about Dutch culture including the true story of Santa Claus. Peruse these pages, cook up a fun treat, and enjoy learning more about our intriguing Dutch heritage and its important influence on each of us. Be able to see, touch, smell, and feel those who have gone on before.

History of James and Drusilla Dorris Hendricks

Price: \$45

Compiled by LeAnn Hord

Publication date: 2002; 3rd Printing: 2010

Pages: 95; Softbound, Color Pictures.

The autobiography of Drusilla Dorris Hendricks is a gem among autobiographies of early members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Permission has been granted from the Museum of Art at Brigham Young University to reproduce several paintings from the C.C.A. Christensen Collection of the Museum.

Commemorative Cemetery Rededication Price \$10

Commemorative booklet distributed at the Hendricks(on) Burial Ground Re-dedication ceremony. Includes history and timeline of the cemetery, list of burials, photos, map. Purchase the companion book Descendants of Daniel Hendrickson for more information about the Daniel Hendrickson descendants.

Descendants of Daniel Hendrickson Price \$10

This excerpt is taken from the genealogy publication of Dr. Andrew A. Hendricks distributed in 2010 at the Hendricks(on) Family Association reunion and is meant to be a companion to the Commemorative Cemetery Re-Dedication Book.

"Thanks to all of you who support the Henry Hendricks Family Organization newsletter, website and research efforts with your dues and contributions. Without your help, none of these things would be possible." Mellanee Kilpack, Chairman

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The Three Brothers and Their Sister	\$50	\$ _____
The Ancestral Archive of the Hendricks and Dorris Families (The most up-to-date research on the ancestors of James/Drusilla and Samuel/Rebecca Hendricks. Changes most of the information for direct line and collateral families since the Red and Green Books)	\$50	\$ _____
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