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Message from the President

Dear Cousins,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and looking forward to a pleasant summer of family gatherings and enjoyable activities. In this issue we are announcing the plans for our 2025 reunion, which will be held in Richmond, Utah. We invite anyone interested in assisting with the planning, or with ideas on activities and learning activities for the reunion, to volunteer a little time through the next couple of years so that we can maximize the time we have to learn about our ancestors and cousins, both those who will attend in person and through online connections.

Also, in this issue the spotlight of a cousin: Henry Hendricks, who became a noted artist and entrepreneur in early New Jersey, Daniel Hendrickson, b. 1723. Continuing our recent series of interviews with former HHFO officers, we learn about John Leslie Hendrix and his family line, again with an audio recording that you may hear online.

We hope you find the histories and information about our family and our ancestors interesting and useful. Our purpose as an organization is to help us remember the thousands of people who lived amazing and often unusual lives, providing us with a legacy of accomplishments and examples to help us live in our own unusual times. Please let us know how we can serve you better by commenting through our Facebook Group and Page, or through our website at hhfo.org.

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Cousin Spotlight: Daniel Hendrickson, Jr.

The extended family of Henry Hendricks includes many notable individuals. We are pleased to offer some extracts from recent published research on Daniel Hendrickson, one of Henry Hendricks's cousins.

Daniel Hendrickson Jr., an eighteenth-century entrepreneur from Middletown, Monmouth County, New Jersey engaged, in farming, shipping, milling, distilling, and many other business endeavors. He also became an author in print, a musician, a deacon in the Reformed Dutch Church, and a very versatile artist without formal training.

Daniel Hendrickson, Jr. was born on January 5, 1723, the youngest of 11 children of Daniel Hendrickson (1673–1728) and Catherine Van Dyke (1675–1744). The couple moved to Monmouth County from Flatbush, Long Island, where Daniel leased a farm of 104 acres in the section of Middletown Township, known later as the Holland Neighborhood, later to become Holmdel Township. Daniel Jr. subsequently took possession of the farm in 1698. It remained in the hands of his descendants until 1946.

Young Daniel Hendrickson was only five years old when his father died. He was therefore raised primarily by his mother, Catherine, perhaps assisted by older siblings still living at home. No information is available regarding what educational opportunities he may have been afforded. It is clear, however, that after taking over the farm in 1744, he possessed a high degree of business acumen. During his lifetime, Daniel expanded his real estate holdings from 154 acres originally to over 850, making him the largest landowner in Middletown Township at the time.

In addition to extensive farming, Daniel ran a tannery, and employed several cordwainers who made and sold commercial quantities of leather goods. He also bred and trained racehorses, and built a gristmill on Mahoras Brook. A distillery was set up in his front yard. As if all of this commercial activity was not enough, a brickyard and earthenware pottery were established on Waycake Creek, near the shore of Sandy Hook Bay. The brickyard manufactured roofing tiles.

On April 25, 1747, Daniel Hendrickson; his wife,
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Catherine; his oldest sister, Geesye Schenck; and youngest sister, Jannetje Covenhoven, joined the Reformed Dutch Church of Freehold and Middletown, now known as the Old Brick Church in Marlboro. This event proved to be a pivotal one in Daniel's life. From this time to his death Daniel was very zealous and active in church work. In his own home he conducted regular family worship by reading scripture and prayer, and when requested at the houses of his neighbors. Sometimes when the regular minister was absent or sick, he would conduct the services on Sunday from the pulpit.

Music represented another aspect of Daniel Hendrickson's personal interests. As one later family genealogist recalled: "He was possessed of a decided taste for music, as he had in the house, when pianos were scarcely known, a stringed instrument called a spinet, and also obtained for his personal use a large organ which he had placed in one of the rooms of his dwelling, and in order to accommodate the instrument then had the ceiling taken out and raised higher." The pipe organ, one of the first known in New Jersey, was installed in the house about 1755.

Daniel Hendrickson suffered from extreme corpulence toward the end of his life. "In person he was large and became very gross, so much it is said that the person who made his coffin remarked that it was large enough to contain 25 bushels." Daniel died suddenly on June 21, 1788, at the age of 65. "He had been down to the shore of the bay, and on his return when but a short distance from his home, the person who was with him got out of the conveyance to open a gate, and on his return found him dead in his seat." He was interred in the family burial plot on the homestead farm, his grave marked with a sandstone headstone ornamented with a winged carved angel head.

Daniel's legacy is that of one of New Jersey's earliest artists. A biography of Daniel Hendrickson written in 1879 by the Rev. Garret Conover Schanck (1806–1888) contained reference to his activities as an artist: "He had also 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 daughter of Governor Belcher, and also one of the Revd Mr. Erickson." The most dramatic of the portraits is that of his daughter Catherine, now in the collection of the National Gallery of Art in Washington, DC.

Daniel Hendrickson has emerged as one of the earliest artists identified to date who was a native of New Jersey. He also left behind a body of work that can be recognized today, and which was an outgrowth of his Dutch cultural heritage. Like many of his contemporaries, the Middletown painter applied his largely self-taught skills with a brush to a wide range of media, including portraits in oil on canvas, furniture decoration, architectural ornamentation, and

miscellaneous projects such as painting a tavern sign or his pastor's carriage.

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The article contains photographs of Daniel's portraits, many of his other works, as well as his homestead and tombstone. To read the article in its entirety, go to

<https://njs.libraries.rutgers.edu/index.php/njs/article/view/265> or scan this QR code.



LIVING COUSIN SPOTLIGHT

Our living cousin spotlight for the 2023 newsletter is focused on John Leslie Hendrix, who served as the Vice President of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization from 2013 to 2015 and as President for a short time before being called on a mission. During his term of office he oversaw the 2015 reunion held in Farmington, Utah. John descends from Henry Hendricks through Henry's eleventh child Abraham.

Henry was born in 1790 near Little Buffalo Creek, Rockingham County, North Carolina. When he was 20 he lived in Warren County, Kentucky where he married Margaret Barnett. Henry's family followed the westward migration to western Missouri. In 1830, while in Jackson County, their seventh child James B. Hendrix was born. The family began spelling their name with an "x". They also moved south to Cass County, Missouri, where James married Angeline Mills. Their second child, William George Hendrix is John Leslie Hendrix's great-grandfather. William George lost his eyesight and both his arms in a coal mining accident a few years before Cora Inez Bailey, William's 2nd wife, divorced him, and moved to California where she lost contact with all Hendrix relations. William was the father of four boys. The third was Emery Virgil Hendrix, born 17 April 1889, in Clinton, Missouri.

John knew little about his grandfather, Emery Virgil, who died five years before John was born. When John was 16, he began to be interested in family history and began to visit with his grandmother, Dorothy Marie Kimball Hendrix, who was able to tell him about his grandfather's life. John recounts in his autobiography what his grandmother told him. The following quotes are from his autobiography:

"Grandfather [Emery Virgil] Hendrix left home to be on his own at the age of 14 [but] did go to San Diego with his

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mother. I do not know much about his life up until the time he met my grandmother, Dorothy Kimball. I believe my father told me grandfather Hendrix had served in the Navy... If he did serve, it would likely have been...sometime prior to ... World War I.”

“At the time my grandfather met my grandmother, she was still living in South Dakota near her birthplace. He was traveling around the country on a motorcycle and met her at a restaurant where she was a waitress. They met sometime in the fall of 1912.”

“While Emery had a very limited education, he was very smart and taught himself higher mathematics. My father told me that when he was in college and just learning calculus and trigonometry, my grandfather was able to help him solve problems and showed him advanced solutions using a slide rule. For someone who left home at 14 and never returned to school, having such knowledge is remarkable.”

“Apparently his talents were recognized very quickly, because at a very early age he rose up within the ranks of the department that developed water for the county of Los Angeles. He eventually played a major role in the construction of additions to the Los Angeles Aqueduct that still provides much of the water to Los Angeles.”

John’s father, Leslie (Les) Virgil Hendrix, was born October 18, 1920 in San Diego, California. He spent his early years in Wilmington, but because his father was often away for long periods of time he began to get into trouble.

“He was sent to Bishop, California for his high school years...near where his father, Emery, was working on a major water project...in the High Sierras...and [Les] took advantage of the location by making and setting up a portable rope tow ski lift...on Mammoth Mountain, near the current ski resort.”

Les attended Los Angeles Community College, majoring in engineering. WWII interrupted his studies and he enlisted in the Navy on January 22, 1942. He served on four different ships in the Atlantic and the Pacific. He returned home after the war ended and married Anna Marie Ozebek on December 30, 1945. Almost a year later he was discharged from the Navy and they settled in West Los Angeles. He began his career as a plumber working his way up from repairs to large construction projects.

“... I [John] came along...on August 1, 1948. It was shortly after this time that my mother started having severe mental problems and was eventually admitted to the Camarillo State Hospital [where she remained for the rest of her life.] From that point on, our immediate household consisted of my father, my brother and me.

“We seldom went to school on Fridays. Dad would take time off from work, and our little family would go places for three-day weekends.” These weekend trips took John to many places in the West and Mexico. These trips came

mostly to an end when John entered high school, where he began to take his studies seriously and joined the tennis and cross country teams.

He graduated in 1966, as the Vietnam war was ramping up. John enlisted in the Air Force he was trained on the Minuteman III missile system and was assigned to the Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota.

“There was a lot to learn about the missile systems...I would read the manuals when we were on standby. For that reason, I became very knowledgeable about the systems. My superiors recognized my abilities and ended up promoting me as fast as possible. I ended up being promoted to staff sergeant when I was 21 years old. The base newspaper did an article about the fact that I was one of the youngest staff sergeants in the USAF...I was made a crew chief.”

After completing his four year commitment to the Air Force, John was called on a LDS mission to the northern part of Texas. John attended Brigham Young University where he studied accounting and finance. He also met the love of his life, Susan Laurie Johnson, from Prescott, Arizona. They were married August 29, 1974 in Manti, Utah.

A diligent and dedicated student, John graduated with both a bachelors and masters degree in August of 1977. He was recruited by Price Waterhouse and joined the Dallas, Texas office as an auditor. John was soon offered a position as controller of a very large oil and gas company, followed by offers to be the chief financial officer of several well-known companies over the rest of his career. John and Susan have two sons, Benjamin and Matthew. John and Susan currently live in Provo, Utah and have five grandchildren.

To hear John tell more about his life and adventures, you may listen to a 20 minute interview by scanning this QR code.





Olivia "Dollie" Leibowitz, of the Town of Newburgh, entered into rest on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. She was 106. Daughter of the late Pleasant and Woodie (Miller) Hendricks, she was born August 1, 1916 in Milwaukee, WI, and moved with her family to Nashville, TN early in life.

She met and married Harold Leibowitz in 1944 in Tennessee and they relocated to Newburgh in 1946. Olivia was a retired Administrative Secretary for St. Luke's Cornwall Hospital, Newburgh, where she continued to volunteer after retirement. She was a longtime member of the Moulton Memorial Baptist

Church where she served as the Church Clerk for 30 years and was President of its Beta Eta Society.

Along with her husband, she volunteered with the YMCA and Habitat for Humanity, among others. For her 105th birthday, Olivia was honored at a party held at the Desmond Center where the Town Supervisor declared the day as "Dollie Leibowitz Day." Her advice to the crowd was "Be kind to people. Love people. I would like to see our world come back to love and respect of mankind."

Survivors include her sister, Edna Weinheim of New Windsor, niece, Carolyn Pacenza of New Windsor; nephew, Stephen (Barbara) Weinheim of Willow Springs, N.C.; and many nieces and nephews, great nieces, nephews, and great-great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband Harold Leibowitz in 1990; her brothers, Pleasant G., John, Paul, and Harry Hendricks; niece Linda Spreer and nephew Sidney Weinheim.

Visitation for family and friends will be from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, April 8, 2023, at the Moulton Memorial Baptist Church, 54 Old Little Britain Road, Newburgh, NY 12550.

A service will be held at 12:00 noon at the church. Burial will follow at Gardnertown Cemetery, Newburgh, NY.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Olivia's name can be made to the charity of one's choice.

Arrangements are under the care of White, Venuto and Morrill Funeral and Cremation Service, 188 N. Plank Road, Newburgh, NY 12550

Financial Report

By Desiree' Frederick, Treasurer

Greetings family, the financial standing of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization for the year 2022 continues to show support coming from the purchase of books. The family has seen a decline in the payment of dues. In 2022, the family organization received \$3824.94, a decrease of \$1624.78 from 2021 on total revenue. Expenses in 2022 were \$2942.47 which is a decrease of \$277.14 from 2021. The expenses were from printing, credit card service fees and the rise of shipping costs. Last year the decision to switch our website host to X-Mission has been a blessing. We have reduced our web hosting fees by \$1275.00 annually. X-Mission hosts our websites at no charge because of our non-profit status. We greatly appreciate your continuing support of our family organization to further the research of our ancestors and support this wonderful organization.

SAVE the DATE

for the

2025

Henry Hendricks family reunion



When: Aug 2, 2025

Where: Richmond, UT



We are excited to announce that our next Henry Hendricks Family Reunion is going to be held in Richmond, Utah in 2025. We plan to make the day interesting as well as fun for your entire family.

This is a wonderful family tradition. It is a time to discover our family ties, to reminisce with the cousins we know and have an opportunity to meet new ones. There will be something for everyone young and old so please make it part of your 2025 summer plans.

We will have more information in the next newsletter and on our Facebook page.

Hope to see you there!

HENDRICKS FAMILY HISTORY BOOKS

The Ancestral Archive of the Hendricks and Dorris Families

Price: \$55

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: \$55

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: \$35

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: \$25

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: \$25

Compiled by LeAnn Hord

Publication date: 2005; 2nd Printing: 2010

Pages: 113; Library Quality Hardbound, Color Pictures.

It is best to call ahead to have this publication reserved.

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.

WD Hendricks Book, 3rd Edition

Price: \$45

Revised by Harold Hendricks

Publication date: 2022; 3rd printing

Pages: 67; Softbound, printed on demand.

Third edition of the biography of William Dorris Hendricks with supplemental histories and accounts of his life and accomplishments. Updated to include biographies of his wives.

HENRY HENDRICKS FAMILY ORGANIZATION DUES and PUBLICATION

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.

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Anthology of Henry H. Hendricks(on) and Sarah Thompson \$35. (sample research documents from Henry Hendricks Pedigree) \$ _____

Memorandum of Monmouth and Notes on North Carolina \$25 (Directions and information for family sites and historical homes in NY, NJ, NC) \$ _____

Netherlands Album \$25 (Dutch History, Christmas Traditions, Recipes, Shoe/Hat Patterns, FHE/School Reports info) Best to call ahead to reserve this book. \$ _____

The Three Brothers and Their Sister \$55 \$ _____

The Ancestral Archive of the Hendricks and Dorris Families \$55 (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) \$ _____

History of James and Drusilla Dorris Hendricks \$45 \$ _____

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