



April 2025



# Did you mark your calendars?

We hope that you are ready for the reunion. We have some exciting events planned and good food to boot. Reconnect with your ancestors and their stories through reenactments, music, and much more. If you have ever thought about being part of the Henry Hendricks Organization (the people behind the scenes) this is your chance. We are looking for a new president and vice president. Elections will be held during lunch so get comfy.

Don't forget the sunscreen and hats. One of the events is the visiting of the Richmond cemetery where Drusilla Dorris and James are buried. During lunch the Mormon Battalion Association will be presenting an award to W.D. Hendricks.

The Daughters of the Utah Pioneers will have the Hendricks museum open offering another way to reconnect with our ancestors. The museum will be open 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

There are a couple of things we need you to do. First, plan to come and have fun with everyone. Second, on the back of the registration form near the bottom there are some food options to build a sandwich. We need you to fill this out for your family so we have enough food for everyone. If you plan to send in the registration form with your dues make sure to get it in early. If you plan to do the online option fill out the food part so you can easily transfer the information to the online form. There is an example of how to fill out the food form making it very easy.

If you plan on staying overnight there is information about lodging and camp grounds on the online registration. The QR code on page 5 leads to the online registration for the reunion at our website.

If anyone in your family has food allergies or sensitivities the Old Grist Mill can be contacted to answer any questions. Their phone number is (435) 799-3850. We hope that everyone can enjoy the lunch but we understand if you want to bring your own.

We promised more information in the last newsletter. Here is the schedule for the reunion.

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## From the President

Harold Hendricks

Greetings cousins.

We are eagerly anticipating our reunion coming up on August 2nd, 2025 in Richmond, Utah. This will be a chance to reconnect with cousins and make new connections with family you have not yet met. Richmond has a long history of Hendricks family community participation, both past and present, and makes a great location for our five-year reunion to honor our Utah pioneer ancestors and strengthen the other branches of our family organization. We are fortunate to have the James and Drusilla Hendricks Camp Relic Hall just next door to the church pavilion where the reunion will be held. This building is maintained by the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and has many interesting items related to the Hendricks family as they lived and worked in the community. It was in Richmond that our organization got its start through the reunions that were held there in the early part of the Twentieth Century. Over the decades we have fortunately been able to connect with descendants of Henry Hendricks throughout North America and discover other branches of the family who helped establish our great nation.

As you will read in this newsletter, the reunion will include a variety of activities for young and old. We will also be holding an election for new officers. This reunion will mark the end of my term as president of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization and I will now become the Chair of the board for the next five years. Our President-elect, Jill Thorson, would normally take on the role of president, but due to health reasons she will not be able to do so. This means that we will be electing a president and a president-elect at the reunion. Although these titles sound like they come with heavy responsibilities, they actually require only a few hours a year. The main responsibilities of the president is to coordinate the publication of the annual newsletter, conduct the two virtual meetings held each year, communicate with the board of directors on any pressing issues, and be the outward face of the organization. The president-elect's main responsibility is to oversee the reunion committee, which is held every 5 years. At the back of this newsletter you will find a roster of dedicated board members who do most of the "heavy lifting" of the organization which makes the job mainly one of delegation. If you have a desire to maintain the strong legacy of our pioneer ancestors, please consider placing your name as a candidate. Email me at [president@henryhendricks.org](mailto:president@henryhendricks.org) if you have any questions

or if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else to either of these important positions. This family organization has a very long history of service. It is important to keep it alive. I am looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our reunion in August.

## Letter From the Chair

Mellanee Kilpack

Dear Hendricks Cousins,

My time serving as Chairman of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization is drawing to a close. It has been an honor to serve on the Board for the past ten years. This experience has given me the opportunity to develop close, treasured bonds with so many of you wonderful Hendricks cousins.

I would like to acknowledge and thank everyone serving as officers and committee members in this organization. They contribute a great deal of time, talent, knowledge, and skill to its continuing success. I am also grateful to our Hendricks cousins who had the foresight to begin the Henry Hendricks Family Organization so many years ago, and for all of the Hendricks cousins who have worked to keep it going and growing over the years.

However, the Henry Hendricks Family Organization wouldn't exist at all without help from all of you dear cousins who so generously provide funding through dues and other donations each year. You are the glue that holds the organization together. Thank you.

I hope as many of you as possible can join us at the Henry Hendricks Family Reunion this coming August. It will be a joy to see you, and have the opportunity to treasure our heritage together.

## Financial Report

Desiree' Frederick

Greetings family, the financial standing of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization for the year 2024-2025 continues to show support coming from the purchase of books. The family has seen a decline in the payment of dues. For the 2024 calendar year, the family organization received \$1,400, in dues and contributions, a decrease of \$345 from 2023 dues and donations collected.

Publications sold during the 2024 calendar year added \$280 to our available funds. Expenses for the 2024 calendar year were a total of \$2,389.50, which is a decrease of \$1,240.71 from 2023. The family engaged the services of a new printer for the newsletter and publications, which contributed to the savings, however credit card service fees and shipping costs continue to increase. We greatly appreciate your continuing support of our family organization to further the research of our ancestors and support this wonderful organization.

## Mormon Battalion Association Honors William Dorris Hendricks

Thomas Griggs

During the 2025 reunion The Mormon Battalion Association will be presenting a gravestone medallion honoring the service of William Dorris Hendricks. The presentation will be made by one of our cousins, Thomas Griggs, who is also an officer in the Mormon Battalion Association. He has provided this description of the Association's purpose and activities:

When the Mormon Battalion was organized in July 1846 Brigham Young said: "They will be held in honorable remembrance through all generations." The modern-day Mormon Battalion was organized in the late 1940's by David O. McKay, the president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Battalion today is striving to help keep that memory alive. The money we receive is dedicated to that purpose. Currently we are working with sister organizations such as: the National Mormon Trails Association, Mormon Trails Iowa, Mormon Trails Nebraska, Mormon Trails Wyoming, Utah and The Hand Cart Trail. Other organizations we work with are Oregon-California Trails Association, National Park Service, The Forest Service and, on occasion, the National Pony Express Association.

Currently we are working to restore the monuments in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Tragedy Springs in Amador County, California that deal with the Mormon Battalion.

We are also in discussions to have bills introduced in Congress to broaden the period of national historic significance of Mormon immigration under Brigham Young from 1846-47 to 1869 when the railroad came into Utah. This will help us get all the trails recognized nationally. The trails that legislation can help with are: The Mormon Battalion to and from San Diego, the Latter-day Saints who sailed on the ship Brooklyn that landed in San Francisco and then traveled eastward across the Sierras and Great Basin to Salt Lake City, and the Hand Cart companies.

We have had people go to Washington DC to do research at the National Archives for muster-in rolls, pension funds, and land grants. These documents either have been or are in the process of being digitized so we can share them.

We work closely with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Department, Kindex, and other organizations to help make these records available to everyone that is interested.

Some items we have commissioned to help honor these great men, women and children are:

Grave markers: One of these will be placed on the grave of William Dorris Hendricks in Richmond Utah 2 August 2025 as part of the Henry Hendricks reunion.

Our new logo depicting the soldier:

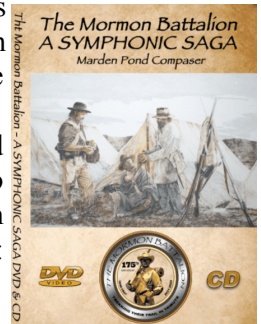


music and the spoken word. The DVD has pictures.

As chairman of the board and quartermaster I would invite all who are interested in the Mormon Battalion to join us. Our website is: [mormonbattalion.com](http://mormonbattalion.com)

For the commemoration of the 175th Anniversary of that historic march we had Grammy Award winning composer Marden Pond compose a symphony entitled: The Mormon Battalion a Symphonic Saga. It is on DVD/CD is 51 minutes

long with



## Living Cousin: Brian and Marlene Nielsen Swim

One of the exciting connections we made this year at RootsTech was meeting Brian Swim, a cousin who descends from Henry's son Abraham. The reason this connection is so interesting is that Abraham and most of his family moved from Franklin County, Kentucky to Jackson County, Missouri in 1829.

Abraham's sons James and Samuel stayed behind as they had both married sisters, Drusilla and Rebecca Dorris, who did not want to leave their aging parents. In Jackson County, one of Abraham's sons-in-law, Joseph Jones McCraw who had married Abraham's daughter, Sarah (Sally), had become one of the prominent settlers. When the county began to see an increasing number of Yankee settlers who belonged to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (commonly called the Mormons) overrunning the land, Joseph became alarmed and emerged as a leading voice against this group with their strange doctrines and Northern politics. He and his son William led the rioters that destroyed the LDS printing press and helped drive the newcomers out of the county in 1833.

That same year in Kentucky, his brother-in-law

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James had joined this new church and when James and his wife Drusilla left Kentucky and settled in Caldwell County, Missouri, there was a rift between the children of Abraham. Most of James and Drusilla's family and the children of their brother Sameul Hendricks followed the LDS pioneers to Utah while the descendants of Sarah and Joseph McCraw remained in Missouri. As the centuries progressed they scattered across the country.

Brian descends from Sarah and Joseph McCraw, but he had no knowledge of this family division when, as a small child, his family moved to Salt Lake City and soon became members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He later learned of this family division through family history research, it was not until RootsTech that he connected with our family organization. On March 28, 2025 I sat down with Brian and his sister, Marlene Swim Nielsen to learn more about their lives and family history.

Brian and his sisters Marlene and Kathryn descend from Sarah (Sally) Hendricks and Joseph Jones McCraw through Lucy Evaline McCraw, who married Peter Cummings. Lucy and Peter had a son named Joseph Green Cummings who married Mabel Ellen Oldham. Their daughter, Muriel Alice Cummings married Dene Elwin Swim. Dene worked for General Foods and was transferred to Salt Lake City where they met wonderful neighbors whose influence led Dene and Muriel to join the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Muriel's mother, Mable Ellen Oldham, descended from a family that had joined the LDS church in England, but because of ill health stayed in Quincy, Illinois and then moved to Atchison, Kansas, losing their connection to the Church. So, it was surprising for these new converts to discover the history of both lines and their connections—positive and negative—to the LDS faith, as nothing about this history had been passed down to them.

Limited space in this newsletter prevents a fuller description of this family and their experiences, but this QR code will link to the edited recording of the interview which lasts 28 minutes.



## Our “Would-be-Irish” Hendrick Hendrickzen Family

Del Leavitt

After at least twenty years of trying to distance our Hendrickson family from the Admiral Lambert Hendrickson line perhaps it is time to take a final look at it and hopefully discredit it for good. Henry B. Hoff,

former Editor of the New York Historical and Biographical Register and current Editor of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, called it a “fanciful ancestry” in one of his first published articles “The Origins of the Hendrickson Family of Monmouth County New York,” which appeared in New York Historical and Biographical Register in January of 1975. In this article Hoff traces our Hendrickson family from Kings Co., New York to the Albany, New York Hendrick Willemsz family disavowing the claim that Willem and Daniel Hendrickson were sons of a Hendrick Hendrickson g-grandson of Lambert Hendrickson. If one closely examines his evidence and understands the custom of Dutch Patronymics his research is quite convincing. But there were several Hendrick Hendricksons in the late 1600's and one who was intimately associated with the Monmouth County, New Jersey Hendrickson family and our Kings County, New York beginnings that seemed to go unnoticed by Mr. Hoff. Further research indicates that he was a brother to Willem and Daniel Hendrickson of Monmouth Co., New Jersey as George C. Beekman also maintained in the other half of his writings. He died in 1734 at age 60, 23 years after Willem and 6 years after Daniel Hendrickson and he was younger than both of them; too old to have been their son and too young to have been their father. Discovering this third brother ties in perfectly with what Drusilla Dorris Hendricks reported in her autobiography: That our family descended from three brothers who were in New York at an early date of American history.

However, nobody knows better than I that family history can be really repetitive and even dull so why not put a few Double Dutch Admirals and Early New World Explorers in the line just to liven things up a bit! So... what of the claim that we tie into Admiral Lambert Hendrickson's family. Well there really was a Lambert Heinrichzoon who was an important Rotterdam Skipper and player in the 80 Years War according to John Motley's United Netherlands vol. IV.

Admiral Lambert did have a son named Cornelius. There was a Cornelius “Hendrickson” who really did explore the early New Jersey coast in a yacht named the Onrust, (not Onrest), in 1615 before he went back to Utrecht where he died in 1650 according to Wikipedia. Unfortunately even after extensive searching I have been unable to verify any of the names and dates of Cornelius Lambertson Hendrickson's family or his son Daniel on the WieWasWie Dutch web site, (that includes all of the Dutch Reformed Church records in the Netherlands), in any spelling combination or Patronymic uses of the names, but let's not let that stop us...

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**Back to our Roots in Richmond, Utah**  
**Henry Hendricks Family Organization**  
**August 2, 2025 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration includes lunch catered by Old Grist Mill**

**EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE DUE BY JUNE 15, 2025:**

Attendees x \$15 each    Total Number \_\_\_\_\_    Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATION FEE DUE BY JULY 15, 2025:**

Attendees x \$20 each    Total Number \_\_\_\_\_    Total Amount \_\_\_\_\_

- Please make checks payable to and mail to  
**HHFO % Desiree Frederick 6767 West 8305 South, West Jordan, Utah 84081**
- Payment required by above due dates to validate Early Bird and Pre-Registration
- Online registration and credit card through PayPal treasurer@henryhendricks.org
- Cash, check and credit card payments will be taken for walk-ins at the registration table.
- Late registration fee \$5/person will be charged after July 15, 2025

**DUES AND PUBLICATIONS**

Annual Dues (\$20 per household. Any contribution would be greatly helpful). \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Anthology of Henry H. Hendricks(on) and Sarah Thompson \$55 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Memorandum of Monmouth and Notes on North Carolina \$45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Netherlands Album \$45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Ancestral Archive of the Hendricks and Dorris Families \$55 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

NEW!! WD Hendricks Book, 3rd Edition \$45 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Prices include shipping and handling. Please allow 3-4 weeks for delivery    TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_



If you would prefer to register online, use this QR code to go directly to the reunion information page on our website at <https://hhdha.org/2025-reunion/>. Information on lodging options is also available there. Online payment can be made through PayPal.

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### “Design Your Own” Picnic Sandwich

The lunch is being ordered from the Old Grist Mill. The dues on the registration form will cover the food and additional items such as ice, cups, and drink. If you want something different to drink such as pop or juice you are welcome to bring enough for your family. If there are any questions regarding food allergies or sensitivities the Old Grist Mill can be reached at (435) 799-3850.

Please indicate how many of each item below and return with mailed-in or online registration. Ex: if you have 5 people in your family and one wants sourdough and the rest want white bread. You would put a 1 for sourdough and a 4 for white. Same for the choice of meat, cheese, and cookie. This is to give us an idea of how much of each item we need to have at the reunion.

Bread: White \_\_\_\_\_ Wheat \_\_\_\_\_ Sourdough \_\_\_\_\_

Meat: Turkey \_\_\_\_\_ Ham \_\_\_\_\_ Peanut Butter & Jelly \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie \_\_\_\_\_

Cheese: Cheddar \_\_\_\_\_ Swiss \_\_\_\_\_ Provolone \_\_\_\_\_

Cookie: (these are homemade not store bought) Chocolate Chip \_\_\_\_\_ Oatmeal Raisin \_\_\_\_\_

Chips and Condiments will be provided on the side

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Let's pick up the line with this Hendrick Hendrickson b. 1636 who immigrated to New Amsterdam with his wife, Jane Lutgut/Luitgirt both from Ireland (or some Island) in Westphalia on the ship Rosetta in March of 1663. He is, after all, listed as the father of Daniel and Willem Hendrickson in our fanciful family tree. Well, except it was the ship Rooseboom and his name was listed as Hendrick Hendricksen from Westphalia (which would be the German Spelling of the name), plus he is listed as arriving alone with no wife and no family! ([www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/nnship26.shtm](http://www.olivetreegenealogy.com/ships/nnship26.shtm)) Now... If he were a son of Daniel Hendrickson he would have been known as Hendrick Danielson at least on some records even if he had an established surname of Hendrickson. So we are not off to a good start... It also states in our colorful history that Hendrick was listed as a soldier for Peter Stuyvesant in 1664 which might explain what really happened to the Hendrick Hendricksen from Westphalia. If he were a Dutch Soldier then on the 6th of September, 1664 when the Dutch surrendered and Col. Richard Nicolls took command of New Amsterdam for the English, Hendrick probably would have marched right down Beaver Street with Gov. Stuyvesant and the rest of his forces and boarded the ship Gideon and sailed back to Holland...end of story!

Well so much for our exciting family history. But wait it gets better... Shortly after this there was an Oath of Allegiance that was administered in October of 1664 and a "Hendrick Hendrickzen van Irland" is on the list of those who stayed behind and took this oath. (<http://genealogy-quest.com/record-collections/naturalization-records/1664-new-york-oaths-allegiance/>)

Now any unimaginative person without a fanciful genealogy to embellish would tell you that this Hendrick was an Irishman from Ireland who had a father named Henry. But remember we are trying to make our family history more exciting. So...even though Irland is the Dutch spelling of Ireland... perhaps this Irland was a heretofore lost and forgotten hamlet in Westphalia or maybe he lived on an Island (as the other versions of our fanciful family history try to claim) right in the middle of the Rhine River! I mean "Irland" could easily be mistaken for "Island" and maybe Hendrick van Irland was from an Island in the region. I think I saw a couple of Islands on Google Images of the North Rhine River so who knows.

Of course we would need a good story to go along with this...like maybe he was an Irish Fisherman that got terribly lost at sea and ended sailing up the Rhine until he crash landed on a deserted island in Westphalia that he named Ireland after his homeland because he missed his

family so much. Hey, we could make a best-selling novel out of this or maybe even a sensational streaming series! Anyhow, Hendrick must have married Jane Luitgirt sometime after he arrived in New Amsterdam, well... except Luitgirt really is not a known surname that brings up any possibilities when researched. So it has been suggested that perhaps the name was really Suitgert. Well, that... isn't much better. But she was married now so let's not let her name bother us.

So what do we know about Jane Hendrickson – not a lot. Like Hendrick Hendricksen she seems to be missing from any public record if she ever existed at all. Maybe she followed him back to Holland in 1664. So that brings us rather full circle back to Hendrick Willemsz and his wife Gesseltje Bradt from New Albany, as the real research seems to establish. What about Jacob Hendricks Hafte you ask? You would think that with three sons and one daughter in our Monmouth County, New Jersey, Hendrickson clan that we know to be siblings, that at least one of them would have named a child Jacob if Jacob Hendricks Hafte was their father, according to staunch Dutch naming traditions. But not one Jacob exists in the whole lot for at least three generations! Plus Dr. Andrew A. Hendricks former President of the New York Holland Society and descendent of one of these brothers, Willem Hendrickson, has tested his Y-DNA against the Y-DNA from the Jacob Hendricks Hafte family, determining no relationship exists between the two families.

Well darn, I was hoping that at the least we might have a Dutch Admiral to admire or an Irish line or two to tout about in our Hendricks line...but wait, wasn't our Dorris family Irish...or were they really from Greece?

## A Step in the Dark Leads to Light at RootsTech Cousin Party!

LeAnn Hord

This year at RootsTech in Salt Lake City, Utah, our family organization had a presence within the LDSAFA booth and our President, Harold H. Hendricks, our Treasurer, Desiree Frederick, and LeAnn Hord helped staff it. Harold is now the secretary of the LDSAFA.

Prior to RootsTech, I talked to Harold about taking a chance to host an HHFO cousin party at RootsTech. We decided to be flexible and try to use the space we saw on the Expo Hall map with 3 tables and chairs adjacent to the LDSAFA booth. The week prior, Desiree' and I sent out over 300 email invitations via the RootsTech chat to descendants of Abraham Hendricks hoping for the best.

On the first day, none of the 3 tables were set up. I

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found someone in charge, and he put in a request to the setup crew. Friday, we had a table. I was able to find a spot to hang the HHFO banner close by and put the handouts I brought on the table. A few cousins stopped by during the 3 days and we met some great relatives who are doing wonderful things. Highlights include:

- Family stories were shared about our first immigrant ancestor, Hendrick Willemsz, Abraham's story, life events and timeline of James and Drusilla and their trek from Kentucky to SLC. We also shared the lessons we can learn from their experiences.
- Met descendants of Abraham's daughter, Sarah (Sally) Hendricks, who married Joseph Jones McCraw.
- Met 2 descendants from James and Drusilla Hendricks's daughter, Tabitha Catherine Hendricks who married William Van Noy.
- Greeted and listened to presentations by Randy Wilson, Robert Raymond, and Evan Lee Hendricks, HHFO cousins who work at FamilySearch.
- Mormon Battalion Board Chairman and Quartermaster, Tom Griggs, gave the HHFO a new plaque to add to the headstone of William Dorris Hendricks and he will attend the HHFO Reunion on August 2 to conduct the ceremony to place it.
- Linda Griggs, Secretary for the Mormon Battalion Association (MBA), the Mormon Trails Association Wyoming Utah (MTAWU) and the Mormon Trails Association (MTA) will work to add GPS markers on the trail designating places where the Robert Pierce Pioneer Company camped. James and Drusilla Hendricks and their family were members of this company.
- We learned that through the years, RootsTech staff designated an informal space in the lobby close to the elevators for families to gather. However, it has not been utilized. When Harold brought the head of FamilySearch over to our table to show them what we were doing, he thanked us for a visualization of how to better make an area work for families to gather. We are crossing our fingers and hoping RootsTech will create a space in the future for ours and other families to host cousin parties.
- One of the biggest lessons I have learned while working on family history through the years is that oftentimes when you are pushed to do something you can't always quite see your

way forward. However, with a willing heart and a step in the dark, the spirit will lead you one step at a time to accomplish the task for which you are prompted, and you will be guided to the right resources as you move forward, or they will come to you. It becomes an amazing experience to know you are an instrument in the Lord's hands and that he knows you and can trust you to do his bidding. Following the promptings of the spirit is ALWAYS important to do.

## History of Richmond, UT

In 1855 Mr. John Bair and Nels Empy with others decided to make a journey into Cache Valley and look it over. When they arrived in the Valley they were impressed because of the many springs and streams of water and heavy growth of grasses and other features which would make this section a good place to live. They concluded then to take up some land claims when the proper time arrived.

In July 1859, Mr. Bair, with several others, decided to locate near the stream now known as City Creek in Richmond. They commenced to build some log cabins near a large spring later called the Brower Spring. They went back for their families in the Salt Lake Valley and in the fall of 1859, the settlement of Richmond was founded. The first log houses were built by Moroni Cole and John Bair on the bank of the creek on the west side of the present state highway. Other log houses were built near the Bower Spring. Being the farthest settlement north and quite a distance from Maughan's Fort and Logan, the settlers at Richmond had to take extra precautions against Indian attacks so a temporary fort was constructed near the Bower Spring.

Since the settlers did not arrive early enough in the season to plant crops, there was no harvest for this year. Some arrived in October and there was not much time to prepare for winter. Cottonwood logs along High Creek and Cherry Creek and pine logs near the foot of Mount Nebo were obtained to build the log houses and furnish fuel. Some of the families lived in dugouts until the next year when they had more time to build log houses. The winter was a rather severe one with much snow and there had to be the best of cooperation among the little colony in order for all to survive until the next season.

In the spring of and during 1860, there was an influx of settlers at Richmond among which were our ancestors W. D. Hendricks, Joseph Hendricks, and W. T. Van Noy.

With the arrival of spring and the new settlers, the land was broken up and prepared for planting. When

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president Brigham Young of the L.D.S. Church and his associates visited Richmond, he said the people were too scattered and advised them to construct a fort where they could live closer together and protect themselves against the attacks of the Indians. "As you now are," he said, "a few Indians could make a raid some night and kill half of you off before the other half would know about it." The temporary fort at the Brower Spring was therefore moved to where Center Street now is and extended on both sides of this street. This was the main street in the fort. A public corral was also built where horses and cattle belonging to the settlers were guarded every night so they could not be taken so easily by the Indians. The fence for the corral was a strong high one, made of poles placed close together between sets of strong posts. Being one of the frontier settlements, the settlers had to exercise the utmost vigilance to protect their livestock and their lives, from the Indians.

The Richmond Ward was organized in the spring of 1860 with Thomas Tidwell as bishop. Very shortly Mr. Tidwell was succeeded as bishop by Marriner W. Merrill who served for a number of years before becoming an apostle and one of the leading men of the L.D.S. Church. He took much interest in all civic matters and public improvements and did a great deal towards the up building of the settlement.

It was not long before the settlement was incorporated with W. D. Hendricks as the first mayor. He held this position for several years and was one of the leading citizens to promote home industries and public improvements so the little colony would be as self-supporting as possible and make the town a good place in which to live. A militia was organized with Thomas Whittle as major, W. C. Lewis, as captain of the minutemen and Richard Prater as bugler. R. N. Lewis was appointed as the first marshal.

The first public building in the little settlement was a combination meeting and schoolhouse. This was built of logs hauled from Mount Nebo in the spring of 1860 and located a short distance east of the present opera house building. Here the first day of school was held with Henry Standage and D. P. Rainey as teachers. John Robinson was in charge of the first Sunday school. Prior to the construction of the log meeting house, all the meetings were held in the homes of the settlers. In 1864 a larger house about forty feet by sixty feet was built of adobes and this took the place of the log house. For a number of years it became the community center for all the public meetings, schools and entertainment.

Until a road was constructed in High Creek Canyon, most of the logs for the building of the houses, especially

in 1860, were secured from a dry pine grove north of the summit of Mount Nebo, just east of Richmond. At the foot of the mountain is a cold spring and here a supply was taken by the men for the steep and arduous climb to the summit and return. The dry pine logs were dragged to the summit where the descent had to be made. At this point the mountain was so steep that several drags of trees and brush had to be made and hitched together and fastened to the logs so they would not slide over the oxen. This was a dangerous operation and several oxen were killed. The place became known as the "Ox Killer." It was a great relief when the tired mountaineers and oxen reached the spring at the foot of the mountain and could have a cold drink and a rest. Very shortly the construction of the road in the High Creek Canyon was commenced. Due to the crude implements it was a difficult task, and became a community project.

Very early in the settlement the spirit of enterprise and building up home industries took hold of some of the leading citizens and they began at once to locate water and power sites. High Creek was much more suitable for such purposes as it had more water than City or Cherry Creeks. Among the first industries was a shingle mill built by W. D. Hendricks northeast of the settlement. Mr. Hendricks also built a gristmill on the same creek just above the present settlement of Cove. He also installed a carding machine in connection with the gristmill.

These were two important industries for the settlers providing convenience for them. Previously they had to go to Logan or Salt Lake Valley for their grists or to have their wool carded. As early as 1860 Mr. W. D. Hendricks and W. T. Van Noy operated a sawmill by horsepower and sawed a few thousand feet of lumber. Mr. Hendricks, through his leadership and enterprise, helped to furnish employment for the local people. In 1863 Henry Gibson, W. C. Lewis and others built a sawmill in the High Creek Canyon and at this mill. From this mill, much of the lumber used in the settlement and neighboring towns was sawed.

Daney Walton and Andrew Walton, two good mechanics, built one of the first threshing machines in the valley. They made a cylinder with strong wooden cogs made from maple and this threshed the grain from the sheaves and the straw was carried away by a carrier. Thomas Tittensor and Thomas Griffin were expert mechanics. Mr. Griffin built the first miniture steam engine.

Just how Richmond received its name is not definitely known but some believe that it was named in honor of Apostle Charles C. Rich, while others think that the rich deep soil in this particular section might have suggested the name.

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