



June 2026

From the Chairman

Harold Hendricks

With this newsletter we look back with gratitude for all those who assisted with our reunion in Richmond, Utah in August. We especially thank Jill Thorson and her family along with our past Chair, Mellanee Killpack, for their efforts to put together all the details complicated by a last minute change of venue. Although there were some less than ideal conditions, we were grateful to have found a building so close to our original location that could accommodate us. We had a large turnout with some very good presentations by LeAnn Hord, Kent Hendricks, Karla Huntsman, DelLynn Leavitt and others. We were very grateful for the James and Drusilla Hendricks Camp of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers for their extra effort to provide access to the Relic Hall during the reunion. We appreciated the children's activities provided by Natalie Bergevin and Dawnelle Thomas and the cemetery reenactments by Lucy Peterson and her family.

We were greatly honored to have members of the Mormon Battalion Association, led by our cousin Tom Griggs, place a medallion on the monument to William Dorris Hendricks in the Richmond Cemetery. And of course, thank you to all who attended and helped celebrate the memories of our ancestors and renew connections with cousins. Photos and videos will be available at our website at <https://hhdha.org/2025-reunion/> along with other past memories.

As I take my place as the Chairman of our board of directors I thank our retiring officers, Mellanee Killpack, Jill Thorson, and Susanne Price for their many years of service. I look forward to serving with our new President, Lucy Peterson, and Vice President, Anita Kent, along with the continuing board members to continue the work of sustaining this important family organization. I encourage you to let us know how we can best serve you in your efforts to remember our honored ancestors and strengthen our cousin connections. We always need volunteers so don't hold back your talents and come have fun with us as we work together.

From the President

Lucy Peterson

Hello, Dear Cousins!

This year we have been gearing up for the celebration of 250 years since Declaration of Independence was passed and signed. It seems to have turned our thoughts even more to our ancestry in appreciation, in awe, in reverence. I, for one, am overwhelmingly grateful to those who established this country and participated in whatever way in its formation.

In a similar way, I am drawn to every ancestor for their lives, their strivings, their successes, their fortitude, and the ways they faced and worked through difficulties. They may have lived in revolutionary times or colonial times or pioneer times or the roaring twenties. They laid the foundation for the life I was given. And I am thankful.

This is an especially good year (though no excuse is really needed) to remember those who paved our way. We can read about them, share their stories and celebrate their accomplishments. We are blessed to have a plethora of information available to us. We have printed books for purchase that tell their stories. Check out the website and stories from past newsletters. Talk to other family members. Find out all you can about them. Do some service in their honor. Make them a part of your life today! We can all be inspired and made better by remembering the past!

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Roots Tech 2026

LeAnn Hord

What started as one woman's impromptu table display at RootsTech 2025 blossomed into something far bigger in 2026 — and our little family organization was right at the heart of it.

RootsTech, now the largest genealogical conference in the world, took notice of the buzz that LeAnn Hord generated at last year's event and responded in a big way: FamilySearch expanded the Society Pavilion in the exposition hall, opening it up to family organizations like ours for the very first time. It's safe to say LeAnn's grassroots effort planted a seed that bore real fruit.

This year, our Treasurer Desiree' Frederick rose to the occasion, creating a polished, eye-catching display that stopped conference-goers in their tracks. For three full days, Desiree', LeAnn, Lucy Peterson, and Harold Hendricks staffed the table — greeting strangers, sharing stories, and watching something magical happen over and over again.

The secret weapon? A QR code linking visitors to a relationship finder. Time and again, someone would pause, scan the code, and look up in surprise — "Wait... I'm a cousin?" Most were distant, yes,

but cousins all the same. The delight on their faces never got old. The table became a natural gathering point for descendants of Henry and Sarah Hendricks who happened to be wandering the expo floor, turning chance encounters into genuine family reunions. The Henry Hendricks Family Organization has come a long way from one borrowed table and a hopeful heart. And if RootsTech 2026 is any indication, we're just getting started. **We'll be back in 2027** — and we can't wait to see who else we find.



Rootstech 2026. Harold Hendricks, LeAnn Hord, and Desiree Frederick.

Hendricks Patriots

DeLynn Leavitt

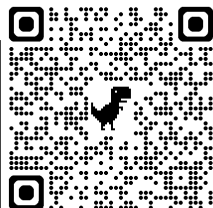
We are coming upon our nation's Semi-quincentennial anniversary this July 4th and it should be noted that at least three of Henry Hendrick's and Sarah Thomson's sons served in the Revolutionary War. John Hendricks, William Hendrickson and Albert Hendricks. Albert's Pension Records give us the greatest insight as to these terms of service where he states that his first enlistment was in 1771 in Frederick Co., Maryland for 2 or 3 months. This was probably for the local Militia as the Revolutionary War had not yet started. However, short sprints of duty were highly encouraged as protection from the French and Indians.

On December 8, 1774 an act was passed in Frederick Co., to prepare for the worst, a revolution! The act enabled citizens to start organizing companies for military use. It stated that all companies should start drilling enlisted volunteers between the ages of 16 and 50. These companies were called "Flying Camps" as they were to assemble on a moment's notice and "fly" with all possible haste to wherever they might be needed. I assume this was by horseback as this was the fastest form of transportation at the time.

By June 1776, General George Washington appealed to the Continental Congress for more troops. Maryland responded by organizing the "Maryland Flying Camp" which numbered 3,400 militia troops. The Flying Camp was then authorized to join the Continental Army, and assigned to fight beside troops from Delaware and Pennsylvania in the area of operations stretching from Maryland to New York. General Washington liked the concept of the Flying Camp and wanted a 10,000 man strategic mobile reserve. Under the command of Brigadier General Hugh Mercer, of Virginia, the flying camp was to be composed of militia units from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. Headquartered in Perth Amboy, this force would be expected to perform a number of vital functions in New Jersey while Washington's army was preoccupied with the defense of New York. The duties would include guarding the vulnerable Jersey coast, protecting the Continental Army's supply lines, suppressing roving bands of Tories and acting as a ready reserve should Washington have need of reinforcements.

Albert Hendricks states that he was enlisted twice during this time serving in New Jersey. This last

Try the puzzle game! Scan the QR code below to play the puzzle game we featured at the RootsTech 2026 table.



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.

**HENRY HENDRICKS FAMILY ORANIZATION
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Hendricks Patriots Continued

enlistment included the battles of White Horse and Germantown. These Colonial troops from Maryland eventually became known as the "German Battalion." By 1780 John, William and Albert all appear on the Colonial Troop Muster rolls for Maryland. Albert's Pension application goes on to state he served a fourth tour of duty in Charleston, South Carolina where he was captured which would have been in the spring of 1780. The Brits had landed a force of 8,500 troops and 14 warships led by Sir Henry Clinton and Gen. Charles Cornwallis Feb 1, 1780 and they had little trouble capturing Charleston. The British captured some 5,266 prisoners, 311 artillery pieces, 9,178 artillery rounds, 5,916 muskets, 33,000 rounds of ammunition, 49 ships and 120 boats.

Following the surrender, the captured ordnance was brought to a powder magazine. A Hessian officer warned that some of the guns might still be loaded, but he was ignored. One prematurely fired, detonating 180 barrels of powder, further discharging 5,000 muskets in the magazine. The accident killed approximately 200 Brits and destroyed six houses. During their surrender the American forces were denied the "honors of war" by Gen. Clinton and Gen. Cornwallis which in turn caused General Washington deny the same to Cornwallis' army during its surrender at the siege of Yorktown stating that "The same Honors will be granted to the Surrendering Army as were granted to the Garrison of Charles Town."

On June 5, 1780 Clinton sailed back to New York City, believing his presence necessary to defend against a potential French-American attack, leaving command of the southern theater to Cornwallis, with orders to reduce opposition in the Carolinas then head back to New York as soon as possible. Though the effects of the surrender at Charleston were substantial, the British error in strategy soon became apparent as no popular uprising of Loyalists took place. Instead, resistance in South Carolina degenerated into a period of chaotic guerilla warfare in the outlying areas much like the movie "The Patriot."

Albert goes on to state that his final enlistment was Apr 28, 1781 from Salisbury NC in which he served as a Corporal and Sergeant fighting in the Battle of 96. In 1935 John Brockett Hendrix related this about his great-grandfather, Albert Hendricks: "At the age of sixteen Albert left home and volunteered as a soldier in the army of George Washington and fought through the revolution. After being in the army two years he came home on a visit. He had managed to save \$200 from his salary which he left with his father for safekeeping. At

the end of two more years he came home again and asked for his money. His father said "Why no, son, that money is mine. You are not 21 yet, and you and your money both belong to me." Albert had \$200 more so he took it to an old German lady and left it in her care. At the end of the war he returned home and went to see her. She came running out to meet him and said, "They killed my man but I still have your money."



American Revolutionary War Soldiers

William Hendrickson also served as a Corporal in the Maryland Militia starting in August of 1777 for 10 weeks. We owe these Patriots a debt of gratitude for their service and commitment.

Financial Report

Desiree' Frederick

Greetings family, the financial standing of the Henry Hendricks Family Organization for the year 2025 continues to show support coming from the purchase of our wonderful publications. The family has seen a significant decline in the payment of dues. For the 2025 calendar year, the family organization received \$2,929.59, in dues and contributions.

We appreciate the generous support from those family members who have continued to sustain our family organization. Publications continue to be the main fundraiser for the organization adding \$3,800.00 to our available funds. Look for the our new pamphlet offerings on page 4 to add to your collection of family research information. Expenses for the 2025 calendar year totaled \$6,010.57, which included costs for the August HHFO Family Reunion. Due to ongoing economic strain on material costs for printing and USPS has recently added a fuel surcharge as well as increased rates for shipping, it is now necessary to increase the cost of our publications and add a surcharge for shipping going forward on some of our publications. We greatly appreciate your continuing support of our family organization.

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