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This News is being brought to you in an effort along with the EFA, Inc. web site to keep you informed of activities of the Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc. We would appreciate your feedback. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

We also welcome your contributions of Endicott research material. Please review the *Newsletter Guidelines* on the EFA, Inc. web site prior to your submission for publication.

*Ancestor Spotlight*

**Elizabeth Cogan Gibson Endecott – Mrs. John Endecott**

The Cogan-Endecott connection begins with the marriage of Elizabeth Cogan Gibson from Chard, England, to Governor John Endecott of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. However, to appreciate the Cogan Family, we must first go much farther back in time and introduce a remarkable Welsh woman, Nesta ferch Rhys.

Nesta was born in 1073. Nesta's father, Rhys ap Tewdwr Mawr, also called Rhys ap Tudor Mawr, was a Prince of Deheubarth in West Wales and member of the Dinefwr dynasty. As the Princess of Dynevor (Dinefwr) Castle, Carmarthenshire, Nesta descended from a long line of royalty. According to Welsh oral history, Nesta's early ancestors range back to Urban, Tehvant and Coel Hen (Old King Cole) of early Christian times. She shares one of her ancestors, Anarawd ap Rhodri Mawr, with Henry VII, King of England and founder of the royal line of Tudor.

Nesta's father, Rhys ap Tewdwr Mawr, was killed by Henry I. Henry had numerous concubines and wives, so it is no surprise that he took the beautiful and noble twenty year old Welsh princess as his mistress. After Nesta had given him two sons, he gave her in marriage to one of his friends, Gerald of Windsor, a prestigious Norman knight and the constable of Pembroke. Gerald was Nesta's first husband, but not her last. Nesta's story is long and colorful and worth telling another time. Her life was filled with many and varied noteworthy husbands and lovers. Through her liaisons she became the progenitor of a large and far reaching family, whose exploits have touched history to the present day and connect her to the Endicotts centuries later.

The Cogan name originates from a location in Wales. An early baronial family in Glamorganshire, Wales, paid the earls of Gloucester the service of two knights' fees in return for their feifdom. What remains of this fief is the parish of Cogan, just a few miles south of Cardiff. It is a part

of the small seaside town, Penarth, which itself is a suburb of Cardiff. In 1803, Cogan village had twelve dwellings and a population of thirty-six. (I can't help putting this aside in, because it folds the family back and forth in strands of possible long standing relationships: One of the buildings in Cogan was a fine manor house called Cogan Pill, which was still standing as of 1996. Cogan Pill was built by a Sir Matthew Craddock. This Matthew Craddock died in 1531, but how much looking do you think it would take to connect him to the Matthew Craddock who was a part of the Massachusetts Company and the cousin of Governor Endecott's first wife one hundred years later?)

The Cogans around the mid 1100s belonged to one of the noblest of the Norman houses, and were landowners in Devonshire as well as in Wales. In the 1100s, Welch nobleman John de Cogan married Welch Princess Gledewis, daughter of Princess Nesta ferch Rhys Tewdwr Mawr and Gerald de Windsor. (By the way, Gerald's mother was Gladys, daughter of Llewellyn King of Powys.) Two of the sons of Gledewis and John de Cogan, are the earliest Cogans recorded in historical documents. They played a significant part of the Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland. The elder brother, Milo de Cogan, was born in Cogan, Glamorganshire, Wales, in about 1135. He became the right-hand man to Richard Fitzgilbert de Clare, the Norman Earl of Pembroke, better known to history as "Strongbow." As it turns out, many of the knights who took part in the Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland were Nesta's grandsons. Milo and his brother, Richard, along with a fellow knight Raymond le Gros (another of Nesta's grandsons), laid siege on Dublin on September 21, 1170, and took the city. Milo de Cogan was appointed military governor and Dublin became the capital for the Norman invaders. He and his brother remained there to defend Dublin with their troops while Strongbow and the other Norman knights went on to conquer Ireland.

King Henry II of England, granted Milo de Cogan a huge area of land in County Cork. In 1207, Irish land grants to Milo's brother, Richard de Cogan, further established the family territory. Before that, in England, Milo acquired the land of Bampton, near Tiverton, in Devonshire, when he married Christiana Paynel in about 1170. Chrisitana, born in 1154, was the heiress of the Bampton estate. Milo died in Bampton when he was 47 years old in 1182, and Christiana died in Bampton in about 1211. Some sources say that Milo and Christiana had a son, William; other sources say that William was their nephew. All agree there was a William de Cogan who was the castellan of Neath Castle in 1189. He also held the land of Cogan, Wales. This would indicate that he was a son of Milo de Cogan and Christiana. William de Cogan's son, Richard de Cogan, born around 1201, married Basilia de Ridelesford, sister of Walter de Ridelesford of Bray, County Dublin and Castledermot, County Clare. Basilia was the daughter of Walter de Ridelesford, another of the Norman conquerors of Ireland. Richard and Basilia had a son in about 1220, John de Cogan, who inherited the land of Cogan in Wales, and land in Huntspill in Somerset, Bampton, and Uffculme in Devon. He also inherited land from the Paynel family.

Bampton Castle is only six miles up-river from Tiverton; Uffculme is four miles east, and Chard is a whopping ten or eleven miles farther east. Huntspill is about thirty miles directly north of Tiverton and Bampton, on the shore of the Bristol Channel, and a perfect jumping off place to reach Penarth and Cogan, Wales, only about twenty miles across the water.

If William's grandson, John de Cogan, was descended from the Norman conqueror, Richard de Cogan, brother of Milo, why would he have inherited his great-aunt's Bampton estate? If John de Cogan was actually Milo and Christiana's great-grandson, then inheriting the Paynel land would make

more sense. Whether Milo or Richard de Cogan was John de Cogan's great-grandfather, makes little difference in our connection to Nesta. Both Milo and John were grandsons of Nesta ferch Rhys ap Tewdwr Mawr and Gerald de Windsor. And by 1591 the family was of still of sufficient importance as to be listed as chief gentry on the barony of Kinelea in Ireland.

A later generation links the Cogan to Nesta as well. Julianne de Cogan, born about 1210, married Maurice Fitzgerald, Baron of Offaly. Their daughter, Julianne FitzGerald, married a John de Cogan of Irish lineage. This source said that if you follow Julianne FitzGerald's line, she is related to Nesta several generations back, but I have not been able to find this data myself.

In 1336, a Sir Richard Cogan was granted permission to castellate Bampton Castle by Edward III. He was the fifth great grandson of Nesta and John de Cogan. Between Sir Richard's grandson, John Cogan, who was born in about 1376, and Nesta and John de Cogan of the 1100s, there is as plausible a lineage as one can hope to find when dealing with such ancient records. However, between that John Cogan and the John Cogan of Chard, who was Elizabeth Cogan Endicott's fourth great grandfather, there lie two questionable generations of John Cogan.

Prepare yourself for a few paragraphs reminiscent of Genesis.

Richard and Basilia's son, John de Cogan, born in about 1220, married Mary Prendergast in about 1242. They named their son John de Cogan, as well, when he was born on September 8, 1243. This John de Cogan married Julian Fitzmaurice in 1259 in Dublin, Ireland, and when he was 42 and she was 37 they became the parents of Thomas Cogan, who was born in Bampton, Devon, England, in 1286. Where as this is possible, they are a bit on the old side for the times to be having their first child.

This is the point where the information becomes questionable. According to records sited, Thomas Cogan married a young woman named Petronilla in about 1298 in Bampton. That would make Thomas around 12 years old. Thomas and Petronilla became the parents of Richard De Cogan on October 9, 1299, in Bampton, at the ripe old age of 13. Not impossible, but questionable. This is the Sir Richard to whom Edward III granted permission to castellate Bampton.

Richard De Cogan married Mary De Montagu, and when Richard was about 41 and Mary was about 33, they became the parents of William Cogan in about 1340, in Bampton. William Cogan married Isabel Loring in about 1370 in Chalgrave, Bedfordshire, England. William Cogan was 36 and Isabel was 32 when they had their baby John in about 1376.

This is a point of even more questionable information. According to the records sited, this John Cogan became the father of another John Cogan in about 1384. This makes the father, John, 8 years old when the baby, John, was born. Something is rotten in Devon, or at least in the Devonshire records. In addition, going forward, that John Cogan married Agnes Hylle in about 1395, in Spaxton, Somerset, England, at age 11 or 12. Then, when he was 14 years old and Agnes was 17, they had yet another John Cogan, who was born about 1398, in Chard, Somerset, England.

From John Cogan of Chard, to Elizabeth Cogan of Chard, most of the record is more believable. John Cogan married Annis de Chard, and when they were 30 and 24, respectively, they named their second son, who was born about 1428, Thomas Cogan. (Their first son was named . . . you guessed it . . . John, and their third son was William.) Thomas Cogan married Agnes Key in about

1450, in South Petherton, Somerset, England. In about 1460, when Thomas was 32 and Agnes was 30, they had William Cogan. William Cogan married Joan Selwoode in about 1491, in Chard. William was about 40 and Joan was about 37 when they had their second son, Nicholas Cogan, who was born about 1500. Nicholas Cogan, who lived from 1529 to 1545, was father to Philobert Cogan, 1563 to 1640. Philobert Cogan was Elizabeth Cogan's father. She was born in 1611. It is this Elizabeth who made the journey across the sea to the New World to become Governor John Endicott's wife.

### Cogans in America



How did the Cogans become a branch of our Endicott family tree? The story is one of early marriages, untimely deaths, and is a part of the Great Migration to the Americas. This could be a sketch of the ship "The Mary and John" on which two sisters, one married, one presumably widowed, came to America. Elizabeth and Mary Cogan left England as part of "The Great Migration."

The Great Migration was a movement of people from England to New England in the early 1600s. Thirty thousand emigrants made the voyage between the opening of the colony in 1628 and the English Civil War in 1642. The people who made the move were mainly from the English middle-class, wanting to find a place where they might live, worship, and raise their families without government harassment.

One of these middle class emigrants was a man named Roger Ludlow. Roger Ludlow was descended from royal lines, educated at Oxford and had studied law. In 1630 he became an assistant of the Massachusetts Bay Company and in the same year sailed to America. His first wife was Margaret Endecott, sister to our Governor John Endecott. She died prior to 1624, but Endecott remained in touch with his brother-in-law. After Margaret Endecott's death, Roger Ludlow married Mary Cogan of Chard, daughter of Philobert Cogan and Anne Marshall. Philobert and Anne were uncle and aunt to the Reverend John Warham, who became the minister on the Mary & John.

The well-known John Winthrop organized a fleet of eleven ships to carry immigrants from England to America. Winthrop, a Puritan lawyer, who had been educated at Cambridge, was granted a charter to create the Massachusetts Bay Colony. The first five ships sailed on April 8, 1630, from Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and arrived at Salem June 13 and days following. The other half of the fleet sailed in May and arrived at various dates in July. Altogether they brought about seven hundred passengers. John Winthrop, Thomas Dudley, Isaac Johnson and his wife Lady Arabella, sister to the

Earl of Lincoln, embarked on the flagship of Winthrop's fleet, the *Arabella*, named after the Lady Arabella Johnson.

Before John Endecott left England with the Massachusetts Company, he had lived in London and had married a lady of an influential family, Anna Gower. Anna was a cousin of Matthew Cradock, the Governor of the Massachusetts Company in England, (remember the builder of Cogan's Pill manor?). Anna Gower accompanied John to the New World, but unfortunately, she didn't live through the hardships of the first winter in New England and they had no children. Roger Ludlow and Mary Cogan Ludlow came to New England with John Winthrop's fleet on the ship *The Mary and John*. Mary's sister, Elizabeth Cogan Gibson, a twenty-two year old widow, accompanied them, probably as the intended bride of the widowed Endecott, as they were married in August of 1630. Elizabeth Cogan Endecott was able to withstand the hardships, and she gave her husband two sons.

I think of Nesta, centuries before, sending her grandsons off to Ireland to conquer that land, and imagine that she would have been proud of her descendants, sailing across the wide ocean to a new land and carving out a new country far from the familiar safety of old England. [1]

(Contributed by Kay Kole Leary)

*Did you know that --- historical facts*

1. Elizabeth Cogan Gibson and John Endecott were married on Thursday 18 April 1630 by Governor John Winthrop of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and a Mr. Wilson. [2]
2. Roger Ludlow was a brother-in-law of John Endecott. Ludlow owned the "Mary and John" that carried passengers on the Winthrop fleet, 1630 including widow Elizabeth Cogan Gibson. A few years later, Roger Ludlow m. Mary Cogan, sister of Elizabeth, who came on the "Recovery of London" in 1634 and unmarried. Elizabeth may have encouraged her sister to come to New England. [3]

#### *Recommended readings*

1. Roberts, Gary Boyd. *English Origins of New England Families from The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Second Series in Three Volumes, Volume I*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, Inc., 1985.
2. *Ancestry of Mary Cogan and Rev. John Warham and Possibly Eleanor Cogan*. [www.geocities.com/mbrani/cogan.html](http://www.geocities.com/mbrani/cogan.html) downloaded 15 June 2008.
3. *De Cogan and Goggin History*. <http://home.swbell.net/barney9/> downloaded 20 June 2008.

**Join the Endicott Research Forum at:**  
**[Endicott\\_Gen@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Endicott_Gen@yahoogroups.com)**

## Selected Endicott historical sites Weymouth Memorial



### Inscription

“In memory of RICHARD CLARK Captain and pilot of Weymouth, who in 1583 sailed thence to join Sir Humphrey Gilbert’s voyage of discovery to New Foundland and of JOHN ENDECOTT who on June 20, 1628 set forth from Weymouth in the ship *Abigail* on the expedition which led to the establishment of the plantation at Salem, Massachusetts.”

On June 2, 1914 Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain, a direct descendant of John Endecott, dedicated the Weymouth Memorial to these two pioneers. [4]

## Efa, inc. happenings

Greetings from Springfield, Missouri USA to all of our Endicott Cousins and friends.

This Newsletter – *Our Endicott Heritage Trail*, we hope you will find informative. It is an effort to keep you abreast of some of the Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc. happenings and to provide you with some additional information on the research and the preservation of the rich Endicott heritage.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Endicott Cousins Reunion

Fourty-four Endicott Cousins, guests and friends gathered at Historic New Harmony, Posey County, Indiana for the bi-annual reunion. The gathering enjoyed the treasurers and history of New Harmony. Many activities were conducted including the ice breaker wine sampler provided by the New Harmony Wine Society; the Endicott Gen with the sharing of research and new discoveries being made; the Endicotts War of 1812 Roundtable discussing the War of 1812 and our six Endicotts who served in the second war with the British; the Banquet; a live auction and the Endicotts War of 1812 Memorial Service and Dedication at the Poseyville Cemetery in Poseyville Cemetery. For a complete report, visit the EFA, Inc. web site at [www.endecott-endicott.com](http://www.endecott-endicott.com).



Endicott Cousins at the Endicotts War of 1812 Memorial

This issue of the Newsletter is being mailed out to all of our Active and Associate Members in good standing. It is also being sent to some "Friends of the EFA, Inc." Please pass it along to members of your family and others who are interested in our Endicott Heritage.

Let us hear from you!!!!!!

## A. New Board of Directors Members

Recently joining the EFA, Inc. Board of Directors is:

Carmen Izzo – Illinois

Kay Kole Leary - Washington

Susan Luebbermann - Arizona

## B. Membership

In January, 2008 the EFA, Inc. reached another milestone with the 100<sup>th</sup> member since our Founding Day of June 1, 2002. As of June 7, 2008 our membership has grown to 121, an 864 % increase. The membership represents 33 states, Canada and England.

Since the January, 2008 Issue of the *Endicott Heritage Trail*, we would like to WELCOME among our ranks the following NEW members:

1. Herbert Endicott Anderson (IA) – Descendant of Thomas Endicott b. 1737 NJ
2. Nelda Westfall Feagley (IN) – Descendant of Thomas Endicott b. 1737 NJ
3. Carmen Izzo (IL) – Descendant of Joseph Endicott b. 1738 NJ
4. Micki Tracy Maris (TX) – Descendant of Thomas Endicott b. 1737 NJ
5. Richard Trask – Danvers, MA Archival Center – Descendant of Capt. William Trask, Muster Master for the East Regiment of the militia of the MBC
6. Myron Westfall (IN) – Descendant of Thomas Endicott b. 1737 NJ
7. Maureen Hyde (Canada) – Descendant of Emily Forster Endicott b. 1827 IN
8. Orville Endicott (Canada) – Descendant of Joseph Endicott b. 1738 NJ

Note: The Editor apologizes for incorrectly showing (in the January issue of *Our Endicott Heritage Trail*) new member Dorothy Smith White. It should have been Doris Matthews White of East Boston, MA. Sorry, Doris.

If you have not renewed your 2008 membership dues -- [\*\*PLEASE DO SO TODAY!!!!!!\*\*](#)

**EFA, Inc. Membership Policy:** “After June 15 of each year, those who have not renewed their annual membership, will be placed in the In-Active (I) status. These In-Active members will no longer be entitled to membership benefits as described in the EFA, Inc. by-laws (Article III c 1-6) and below. Membership benefits will be re-instated upon payment of annual dues.”

Be sure to submit your change of address and/or change of email address to the EFA, Inc. Treasurer, **Cindy Endicott Levingston** at [levingston@sbcglobal.net](mailto:levingston@sbcglobal.net) Cindy maintains our membership database.

**Special Note: SHARE THE TRADITION!!!!** Since many of us are in the senior/retirement category or soon to retire group, we have found time through the years, to pursue our family heritage. As we continue in our quest to learn more about our rich Endicott heritage, it becomes time to **SHARE THE TRADITION** with your adult children and grandchildren. How about surprising them with a gift membership to the Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc.? Then, encourage them to help you out in your research efforts. Also, encourage them to get involved in the EFA, Inc. What better way for you to **SHARE THE TRADITION!!!!**

**Active Membership Benefits:**

- a. EFA, Inc. Membership Card**
- b. Access to the restricted members ONLY access link on the EFA, Inc. web site (Password required)**
- c. EFA, Inc. semi-annual newsletter *Our Endicott Heritage Trail***
- d. Voting privileges in matters coming before the Association**
- e. Increased access to Endicott Cousins with a common ancestry**
- f. Membership discounts at the Endicott Store**
- g. Eligibility for the EFA, Inc. Awards Program**
- h. One hour of “free” look up research in the Endicott Archives/Library**

**1. Treasurer’s Report as of June 15, 2008**

The balance in the EFA, Inc. account maintained at Unified Banking in Lexington, KY is \$5,888.40. Since our Founding Day on June 1, 2002 the total income of the EFA, Inc. is \$31,280.35. with total expenses of \$26,781.95 Categories of income and expenses are as follows:

Membership/ General Fund	\$ 5,618.60
General Expense	\$(1,412.46)
Total Membership General Fund	\$ 4,206.14
Moses Endicott Memorial Fund	\$ 1,034.70
Reunion 2004	\$( 11.25)
Endicott Perpetual Calendar Project	\$(2,248.76)
Thomas Endicott Memorial/Enhancements and 1812 Memorial Fund	\$ ( 242.78)
Back Home Again in Indiana 2006 Reunion	\$ 1,399.63
2006 Endicott Christmas Ornament	\$( 121.90)
Endicott Mugs	\$ 108.95
Endicott Pear Tree Project	\$ 868.00
Reunion, 2008	\$ 760.37
Endicott Lapel Pins	\$ 165.00

Balance \$5,888.40

Copies of the financial reports are available upon request by contacting the EFA, Inc. Treasurer. They may also be viewed on the EFA, Inc. web site in the Members ONLY Access link.



## **D. What's New on the EFA, Inc. Web Site**

[www.endecott-endicott.com](http://www.endecott-endicott.com)

### **1. Members ONLY Link**

If you have not yet received your password for the Members ONLY link, please contact Gordon S. Harmon. The Members ONLY area includes the EFA, Inc. Membership Report, Treasurer's Report and all of the issues of the Newsletter – *Our Endicott Heritage Trail*.

### **1. Endicott Store**

Visit the Endicott Store on the web site. Here you will find the Endicott Perpetual Calendar; Endicott Christmas Ornament; Endicott Coffee Mug; Endicott Note Card Collection – A Motif by Vanelda Mellblom and the Endicott Pear Tree. The Endicott Lapel Pin will be appearing soon. (Order yours while supplies last). Each of these items may be ordered by visiting the Endicott Store and would make a wonderful gift idea for ANY occasion.

## **Special Discounts for Members of the Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc.**

The EFA, Inc. is offering a special discount for members, in good standing, of the Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc. This offer is on our Endicott Store at the EFA, Inc. web site: [www.endecott-endicott.com](http://www.endecott-endicott.com)

### **1. Endicott Perpetual Calendar**

The Perpetual Calendar is \$32.50. For a limited time only, the Calendar is being offered to Members at a discounted rate of \$25.00 including shipping (23% discount). For non-members of the EFA, Inc., the rate continues to be at the full price of \$32.50.

### **2. Endicott Christmas Ornament, 2006 (A Collector's Item)**

This Collector's Item will be at a discounted price of \$7.50 (25% discount) + shipping. For non-members, the full price remains in effect at \$10.00 + shipping.

For a detailed description of the Perpetual Calendar and the Christmas Ornament, visit the Endicott Store at [www.endecott-endicott.com](http://www.endecott-endicott.com)

## **E. Meet a Member of Your Board of Directors – Featuring Edward Tracy, Jr.**

Ed Tracy has served on the Board of Directors since June, 2004. A native of Fort Worth, Texas he attended Balliol College at Oxford, England and King's College in Cambridge. He received his BA at



the University of Texas in Arlington and attended Baylor University Law School where he was the Editor of the Baylor Law Review. He practices law in Newton, Texas. Previously, he served as Presiding Judge, County Attorney and District Attorney. Ed is active in community organizations where he is a certified boxing coach and co-founder of the Newton Gym and Boxing Club. He is a member of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution and the Winthrop Society. Ed and his wife Sherrie have two children. Paul is a recent graduate (2008) of the United States Air Force Academy and Courtney Jane Tracy is a 2007 graduate of the South Texas Law

School in Houston, Texas. She was sworn in as a new attorney in Austin, Texas in November, 2007.

### *Governor John Endecott's burial: mystery resolved*

For many years there has been considerable misunderstanding and disagreement on the exact resting place of John Endecott, the Puritan and First Governor in the Massachusetts Bay.

Research at the New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, MA in February, 2006 discovered new definitive proof of his burial. This research article includes some background on his burial; the King's Chapel and Granary (South) Ancient Burial Grounds of Boston; previous prevailing views; new primary evidence on the Governor's tomb and some history of the ownership of this tomb from the Governor's death until more recent times. Included are sketches drawn to scale of the Governor's exact tomb location. This fascinating discovery is carefully documented historically and shows how any researcher can go directly to the Governor's tomb.

This Volume XVI.2 of the Endicott Research Series is completed. It includes 7 pages with images and 23 source citations. The cost is \$ 8.50 + \$2.00 postage. Please submit a check in the amount of \$10.50 and your copy will be mailed upon receipt of payment.

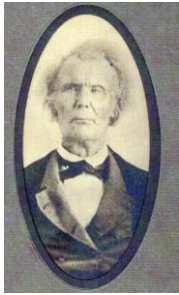
**Since research was completed on the definitive proof of Governor John Endecott's burial, efforts have been undertaken to contact local, state and national governmental leaders in the Boston, MA area. Contact has been made with the Office of Boston Mayor Dan Marino; Office of the Massachusetts Governor Patrick Duvall and with US Senator Edward Kennedy's office in Boston. Some have expressed support and an interest in helping determine the best course of action for the appropriate marking of Governor John Endecott's tomb at the ancient Granary Burial Grounds. While there are indeed some obstacles, efforts to insure the appropriate marking and the historically correct burial location of the Massachusetts Bay first Governor is well worth the undertaking. Further reports and any progress will be reported in future issues of *Our Endicott Heritage Trail*.**

***The continued placement of the marker at the King's Chapel by the City of Boston is historically inaccurate. For generations, many have believed that to be the true burial site of Governor John Endecott.***

**Furthermore, while an interpretative marker at the Granary Burial Ground shows Governor Endecott in Tomb# 189, there is no connection between this interpretative sign# 5 and tomb # 189. Tomb # 189 remains unmarked even as #189.**

**GSH**

### Selected Endicott ancestors photograph



John A. Endicott [5]  
b. 1789 m. Nancy Adair  
Served in Capt. James Coleman's  
Company, Col. Johnson's  
Regiment, Kentucky Mounted  
Militia. Battle of Thames, War of  
1812.  
d. Grant Co. WI in 1874  
Photo Courtesy of Ray Webber  
and Ed Tracy

**Volume III, *Endicott Ancestors Photograph Collection*, of the *Endicott Research Series and Documented Records Collection* is planned for 2009. If you would like to have your Endicott ancestors included, please send a photograph or jpeg to Gordon S. Harmon by September 1, 2008 the following information:**

**Full Name(s)**

**Date/Place of Birth(s)**

**Date/Place of Marriage**

**Date/Place of Death(s)**

**Location of Burial(s)**

**Credit will be given and shown for each submission to be included in Volume III.**

### **Visits and pilgrims to our ancestral homeland**

#### **in Chagford, Devon, England**

This is the final (Part III) series of Sam and Martha Endicott on their trip to their ancestral homeland.

“We made arrangements to call on Catherine at Gidleigh Park, and we made plans to share any genealogical information that any of us had. It turned out that much of her information about the very early Endicott family corroborated that which we had. We were unable to determine exactly where her family branched off, but it is obvious that it must have been before 1628, when John Endecott set said

for the New World. Perhaps with the material we left for her, she may be able to determine just when our families parted.

In addition to her genealogical material, Catherine supplied us with local maps and information which proved to be invaluable to use as we roamed around the byways of this sparsely populated country side. We found more cemeteries where distant relatives were buried, and it was interesting to see on the tombstones the same given names that our family continues to favor today. James, William, Robert, John, Thomas. Common names, it is true, but we have stayed with them somehow. She told us how to find Middlecott House, where John Yendecote had lived as long ago as 1448. We doubt that it is that same building, although it did appear to be quite old, and it seems now to be a working farm. No one was at home when we were there, but it was marked by a signpost, so there was no doubt as to where we were.

Much of the land in this area is known as “The Moors”. It is high, open wasteland covered by a layer of peat. Very little grows on the moors other than heather. Black laced sheep graze everywhere and there are also wild horses roaming the area. There are quite a few pre-historic monuments or altars, smaller than but similar to Stonehenge (which we passed both going and coming from this area). The villages and the farms are, of course, found in the river valleys, not on the desolate highlands. The moors do have a strange and fascinating beauty, however and it is easy to see why they play such a major role in England’s literature.

We were very content with our trip to our original homeland. We felt we learned a lot about the sort of people our ancestors were and the area in which they lived. Naturally, we did not go that far without seeing some other things of interest to us. We took the trip to Plymouth, visited Exeter and, finally, spent a week in an apartment in London where we enjoyed all the sights and sounds of one of the world’s major cities, but that is another story.” (Courtesy of Cindy Endicott Levingston)

*Just for kids*

See if you can match the correct photograph/image with the individual names given. This is for kids 18 years of age and younger, but adult help is allowed. It’s a good lesson in some early Colonial figures. The first correct answer received from one 18 years or younger will receive a gift from the Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc. Contact the Editor for submissions of answers.



- 1. Governor John Endecott   2. Governor John Winthrop   3. Governor John Winthrop, Jr.  
(First Governor of Connecticut)**

Research Trip - Boston/Danvers, MA - February 20-24, 2006

The primary purpose of this research trip was to continue the research on John Endecott, The Puritan First Governor of the Massachusetts Bay – Colonial History Revisited. This is a continued study to conduct a critical and objective historical review of primary and secondary source documents and references on the early colonial writings and the Colonial Revisionists writings of John Endecott and the Puritans.

During this research trip, a few new discoveries were made in the New England Historical and Genealogical Society.

1. Bible of Joseph Endicott (1711-1749) and Anne Gillam

In the NEHGS Archives are the Mary Lovering Holman *Endicott Papers*. [1] Excellent quality photographs (5"x 7") of the cover and one paper of this Bible were discovered in these *Endicott Papers*. This Bible is the Bible referred to in *Some Descendants of John Endecott, Governor, Mass Bay* by Mabel McFatridge McCloskey [2]. The notation of this Bible as shown by Mabel is as follows:

"Bible of Joseph Endicott, published in 1735 Edinburg, Scotland. (In 1942 in possession of Charles F. Endicott, Indianapolis, IN formerly of Danville, IL). Quote: ---it records also the names of Joseph, Samuel, Barzillai and Sarah". [3]

2. Burial of Governor John Endecott

See *Governor John Endecott's Burial: Mystery Resolved*. © (Volume XV.1 Endecott-Endicott Family History Research Series and Documented Records Collection.

Trip to Danvers, MA

I was met at the Danvers train station by Endicott Cousin Rick Short.

a. Endicott Cemetery

The cemetery has recently undergone a major clean up and some repair of the stones and fence (painted) by Alex Swift of Danvers who undertook this project as a community service project for his Boy Scout Troop 16 Eagle Award. Also, the trees and overgrowth were trimmed in the Russell's Cemetery immediately next to the Endicott Cemetery. It looked really good. In the direct words of Alex --- "I like history. I like to visit historical sites. I wanted to treat the cemetery as a sacred place. It should be respected". [4] However, there are no signs marking the Endicott Cemetery and the approach to it has a lot of trash. There was a homeless person living right next to the cemetery. The overall responsibility for the Endicott Cemetery is with the Danvers Historical Preservation Committee.

Part II of the research trip will appear in the January, 2009 issue of *Our Endicott Heritage Trail*.

*Salem, MA City Council Recognizes the Salem Common*

From the Salem Gazette – December 20, 2007 – Kristin D’Agostino)

**SALEM** - The City Council voted earlier this month to recognize Salem as the birthplace of the country’s National Guard.

In a moving ceremony, outgoing Ward 4 Councilor Leonard O’Leary, a veteran, read a motion written by the Second Corps of Cadets Veterans Association outlining the history of the American militia and linking it to Salem where the East Regiment held its first drill in 1636 on the Salem Common.



Although the American militia was not formally called the National Guard till 1916, the U.S. National Guard’s heritage can be traced back to 1636 when the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony organized the militia into three groups — the North, South and East regiments — to increase its effectiveness in battles against the Pequot Indians. All males between 16 and 60 were obligated by law to serve in the militia and defend their communities, owning arms and participating in nightly guard details and weekly drills. These militias set the standard for others that cropped up across the country after the

United States were formed.

Since 1785 Salem has been honoring its military past by having annual musters complete with uniformed soldiers, cannons and bugle calls, which symbolize the weekly drills soldiers used to have to prepare for battle.

The Second Corp of Cadets Veteran Association is a group made up of both veterans and active duty soldiers who serve in the U.S. and overseas. First created in 1785, the group works to raise awareness about the nation’s military history, celebrate its pride and support soldiers presently serving.

When the council voted unanimously to recognize Salem as the National Guard’s birthplace, a proud smile spread across the faces of one uniformed Cadet veteran.

As people stood to their feet to applaud, he declared to an audience member, “You’ve just witnessed an important moment in history!”

From the Salem Gazette Guestbook:

Gordon S. Harmon (President, Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc.)

This is great news that the Salem City Council recognized this historical event. Our direct Endecott ancestor, Governor John Endecott was the Colonel of the East Regiment in Salem. He was the first Sergeant Major General in Colonial America. As, you know, he was responsible for the cutting of the Kings Ensign from the colonial flag. This bold action, viewed by some, was the first action some 100 years before the American Revolution. Thanks to the City Council for this historical recognition of the

Colonial Militia and the home of the National Guard of America. Our hats also go off to the Salem Rotary Club for the placement of the memorial marker in Salem Common. Thank you.

### *Update - Endicott pear tree project*

Phase I of the Endicott Pear Tree Project is well underway with the successful grafting of scion wood (genetic clones) of the famous Endicott Pear Tree planted ca. 1633 by Governor John Endecott in Danvers, MA. Cousin Cheryl Taylor of Oregon (a professional walnut tree grower) and in cooperation with Oregon State University, reports that the young trees are doing well in her tree nursery. She has consulted with Dr. Post of Oregon State University and it has been recommended that the trees not be shipped until the spring of 2009. Currently, interest has been shown for 83 of the trees. However, for those who have not ordered as of the publication of this newsletter, they will be included in Phase II of the Endicott Pear Tree Project. Those who have made payment will receive priority in the Spring, 2009 shipments. With each order, planting instructions along with a copy of the research article – *The Endicott Pear Tree* will be included. It is the responsibility of each of us who have ordered, to determine the planting conditions in our respective geographical regions. A historical plaque (garden ornament) is offered with the tree. This will be at an additional cost of \$19.00. The cost of the Pear Tree is \$20.00 + COD. For anyone who does NOT want COD as a method of shipment, they should make special arrangements direct with Cheryl Taylor. If you have yet to order your Pear Tree, please do so now. We are excited in that several of the pre-orders have expressed interest in plantings in their respective state and local botanical gardens. Among other locations of the plantings will be at the Endicott Meeting House in Harrison County, Kentucky; the Rebecca Nurse Homestead in Danvers, MA; and the Endicott Summer House in Danvers, MA.

### *Some more Endicott land deeds*

#### *Birchwood*

“There is a necke of land lyeing aboute 3 myles from Salem, cont aboute 300 ac of land, granted to Capt Jo: Endicott, to enjoy to him & his heires for euer, called in the Indean tongue Wahquainesehcok, in English Birchwood, bounded on the south side with a river called in the Indian tongue Soewamapenessett, commonly called the Cowe Howse Ryver; bounded on the northside with a river called in the Indean tongue called the Ducke Ryver; bounded on the east wth a river leadeing vpp to the 2 form ryvers, wth is called by the name of Wolleston Ryvr; bounded on the west by the maine land. [6]

Mayo [7] further describes this tract of land granted to John Endecott by the Massachusetts Bay Colony General Court (July 3, 1632) that it laid in the present town of Danvers, once known as Salem Village. It was during the time (1632-1644) that it became known as the “Orchard Farm”. It is here where the historic Endicott Pear Tree thrives to this day.

### *New Feature - Endicott Cousin Lineages*

As a new feature in *Our Endicott Heritage Trail*, we will be showing in this and future newsletters the lineages of Endicott Cousins. If you would like to have your lineage published, please submit it to the Editor. This newsletter will begin with two Endicott Cousins growing up in White County, IL and have similar and close family connections ---- Rebecca Given Wilson and Cindy Endicott Levingston.

Rebecca Given Wilson (Virginia)	Cindy Endicott Levingston (Michigan)
Nancy Grace Higginson m. Harry Opal Given	Leslie David Endicott m. Still living
Rebecca Grace Endicott m. Samuel Jefferson Higginson	Leslie David Endicott Sr. m. Mary Spencer
Jesse David Bright Endicott m. Catherine Jane Ogden	Jesse David Bright Endicott m. Catherine Ogden
James C. Endicott m. Mary Nesbit	James Casey Endicott m. Mary Nesbit
Joseph Endicott m. Rebecca Casey	Joseph Endicott m. Rebecca Casey
Moses Endicott m. Martha Hill	Moses Endicott m. Martha Hill
Thomas Endicott m. Sarah Welch	Thomas Endicott m. Sarah Welch
Joseph Endicott m. Ann Gillam	Joseph Endicott m. Ann Gillam
Joseph Endicott m. Hanna Gossling	Joseph Endicott m. Hanna Gossling
Zerubbabel Endecott m. Mary Smith	Zerubbabel Endecott m. Mary Smith
Governor John Endecott m. Elizabeth Cogan	Governor John Endecott m. Elizabeth Cogan

Comparing the most recent 4 generations of Rebecca and Cindy, they are 1<sup>st</sup> Cousins three times removed (1c3r). It is known that their common ancestor, Joseph Endicott (1784-1867) and Rebecca Casey are both buried at the Endicott Cemetery on Joe Seibert’s farm near Poseyville, Indiana. The descendants of Joseph and Rebecca removed across the Wabash River from Posey County, Indiana to White County, Illinois where today many descendants of Joseph and Rebecca still reside.

**A sample of what historians have said about John Endecott**

- Endecott himself embodied the three outstanding features of the new company: a Devonshire background, a London foreground and a Puritan attitude towards matters ecclesiastical. [8]
- The much honored John Endecott came over with them, to governor, a fit instrument to begin this Wilderness-work, of courage bold, undaunted, yet sociable and of a cheerful spirit, loving and austere. [9]
- It was well for Mr. Endecott that he possessed an ardent and sanguine temperament, which nothing could daunt ----but such was the energy and firmness of his character, aided, no doubt, by a religious enthusiasm. [10]

**2008 ----- Celebrating the 380<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of John Endecott in Naumkeag (Salem, MA), 1628**

We request your contributions to “Our Endicott Heritage Trail”. Please review the Newsletter Guidelines on the EFA, Inc. web site at [www.endecott-endicott.com](http://www.endecott-endicott.com). Your contributions should be submitted 60 days prior to publication dates of January 1 and July 1.



### Genealogy Quote:

“Family faces are magic mirrors. When we look at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future.” Gail Lumet Buckley

COMING SOON in future Editions of *Our Endicott Heritage Trail*

- Zerubbabel Endecott’s Medicinal Recipes
- Endicott Rock

**Please send YOUR contribution to be included in a future issue of the Endecott-Endicott Family Association Newsletter. Please see the Newsletter Guidelines on the EFA, Inc. web site and in this issue.**

Until we meet again on the *Endicott Heritage Trail*-----

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