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Endicott Heritage Trail

This e-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 – THOMAS ENDICOTT, THE PIONEER PATRIARCH

Thomas Endicott was born on March 27, 1737 In Burlington County, New Jersey. He was the eldest son of six children born to Joseph Endicott (1711-1748) and his wife Anne Gillam (1715-1773). Thomas was a 4th generation grandson of John Endicott (1588-1665), the First Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

On June 19, 1759, Thomas married Sarah Welch (1742-1790) in Burlington County, New Jersey, and they made their first home at Mt. Holly. There, they had their first two sons, Moses (1759-May 8, 1834), and Joseph (1761-1827). Then the family began to show its pioneer spirit.

First they wandered into Virginia where they founded Endicott, Virginia. By the summer of 1775, they had moved South into North Carolina and were living on Endicott Creek in Surry County. Along the way, four more sons were born – Aaron (1764); Barzillai (1766); Thomas (1771); and Samuel (1775).

During the Revolutionary War, the family added two more sons, William (1778), and John (1781), and supported the rebellion against Great Britain. The oldest son, Moses, was a member of the North Carolina Militia (1777-1781) and fought in the famous Battle of Guilford Court House against Lord Cornwallis. The rest of the young family remained on their farms but provided food and other supplies to the rebels. Thomas was compensated for this support after the war ended. Shortly after, a final child and only daughter, Nancy, was born (1783).

By 1786, the Endicotts were on the move again. Thomas Endicott and his family traveled along the Wilderness Trail and through the Cumberland Gap into the lands that would later be called the Bluegrass Region of Kentucky. They eventually settled in the Indian Creek area of Bourbon (later Harrison) County.

The most lasting legacy of the Thomas Endicott family while in Kentucky is the Endicott Meeting House. In 1790, Thomas, his sons, and some of their neighbors, built a church just East of present day Cynthiana, where they could all come to worship God and thank him for the bounty of the lands they now owned. This church remained in service into the 21st Century and, as of 2006, is the oldest church West of the Allegheny Mountains in continuous service. Many of the Endicott family are buried in its churchyard including Moses Endicott. It is also the presumed resting place of his mother, Sarah Welch.

In 1811, Thomas Endicott, always the pioneer, along with two of his sons, Aaron and Thomas Jr., rode to the West and ventured into the new rich fertile lands along the Wabash River in Indiana. This was a hard trip for a man now 74 years old. Upon their return to Kentucky, they had stories to tell about the rich land just 200 miles to the West, but it took several years before the family moved. The reason for this was a new conflict with England – the War of 1812.

Toward the end of the war, on October 4, 1814, Thomas married his second wife, Susannah Turner Young. Soon after, they had a son whom they named Absalom (1815). Thomas was 77 years old.

With the war over, the Endicotts in Harrison County had not forgotten the stories brought back by Thomas Endicott about the land in Indiana.

In 1815, a company of families from the vicinity of Cynthiana, Kentucky moved to Posey County in the far Southwest corner of Indiana. “It was on the first day of September 1815, that Joseph Endicott, eldest son of Moses Endicott and grandson of Thomas Endicott, left Harrison County, Kentucky for Posey County, Indiana. The colony of forty-four persons, of which he was a member, divided into two companies, a part of the men traveling by land with horses, wagons, and cattle. The women and children, with men enough to man the boats, embarked at Augusta, Kentucky and traveled by the Ohio River, landing at Diamond Island, later known as West Franklin, from which point the journey was continued by land. It was not until September 25th that they arrived in Posey County.” Along with Joseph were his wife and five small sons.

Later, two more sons of Moses, Jesse James Endicott and John A. Endicott came to Posey County. Nancy Endicott Forrest and her children came with them.

Shortly after the family arrived in Indiana, old Thomas Endicott, now 80 years old, brought his new wife and young son to settle in Indiana. He bought land and lived near his family who had preceded him. The Endicott land is now in Robb and Smith Townships of Posey County.

Here Thomas spent his old age among friends and relatives until his death on 22 January 1831 at the age of 93. A life well lived is the definition of a successful life. By any measure, Thomas Endicott had a successful life. His two wives, first Sarah Welch and then Susannah Turner Young, gave him ten children including nine boys. From these children came many more children who moved across America in the following century

and have produced thousands of direct descendants of this noble patriarch. His pioneering spirit is a great tale of the settling of the American continent. He traveled so far and did so much in a single lifetime. He is a man who his descendants can look back to and be proud.

The foregoing presentation was written by **Lieutenant Colonel Teddy H. Sanford, Jr.**, 1st President of EFA, Inc. and **Lieutenant Colonel Gordon S. Harmon**, 2nd President of EFA, Inc.

DID YOU KNOW THAT? — HISTORICAL FACTS

- Thomas Endicott was a slave owner.

The Pennsylvania Gazette reported in April, 1763 that “In gaol, Philadelphia, runaway servant Jane Radcliffe from Thomas Indicutt, living near Mt. Holly, New Jersey came and get her or else she will be sold for 8 months keep” (Contributed by **Kyle Elwood**)

Source: New Jersey Archives S. IV 24 Newspaper Extract. *Penna. Gazette*. V.24 p.165 April 1763. (e-mail Kyle Elwood 4.22.02)

- Thomas Endicott supported the American Revolution

Our Endicott Cousin, **Berniece McGlasson** discovered a great find in the North Carolina Archives. The records of the archives contain information on Thomas Endicott and the Revolutionary War in that the following information is recorded in Volume A, Amount: 11 pounds was paid to Thomas Endicott. An analysis of other information shows that reports number 42-45 is not dated. However, Report #41 is dated April 1782 on page 208 and Report # 46 is dated June, 1783 on page 274. Our report of interest # 44 falls in between these dates and closer to the later than to the former. These reports are compilations of monies owned to various individuals for services during the Revolution. Note that “7848” might refer to a number within report #44 which would indicate that the reports are quite extensive and probably accounts for why they took several years to compile. Reports # 41, 42, 43, 44, and 45 took 66 pages to record and then report # 46 begins on page 274. The conclusion is that not only did Thomas Endicott have a son in the Revolutionary War, but the family was in support of the Revolutionary cause. (Contributed by **Berniece McGlasson** and **Teddy H. Sanford, Jr.**)

Source: State of North Carolina, Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History. Volume A, Reports number 42-45.

- The Burial of Thomas Endicott is at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Smith Township, Posey County, Indiana.



While the tombstone of Thomas Endicott has not been located, 2005 resulted in significant research. The conclusions -- based upon a number of historical references and actual "boots on the ground" research in Posey County, Indiana -- is that he is buried in the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Smith Township. The details, analysis and hypothesis for this conclusion are contained in the article --- *Thomas Endicott, The Pioneer Patriarch*.

Ed Tracy (TX) and Gordon Harmon (MO) at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

A special recognition is given to Cousins **Bob Endicott (IL)** and **Allen Wiggins (IN)** for their invaluable assistance in conducting this important research on the burial of Thomas Endicott.

RECOMMENDED READINGS

A. *Thomas Endicott, The Pioneer Patriarch* by Gordon S. Harmon and Teddy H. Sanford, Jr.

A research article has been completed on *Thomas Endicott, The Pioneer Patriarch*. This has resulted in a comprehensive compilation of previous research and also original research. An extensive review was conducted on available information on Thomas Endicott (1737-1831) to include his life and that of his family in New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky and Indiana. The article includes 59 pages, numerous photographs/images and 147 source citations. A copy of the article may be obtained by contacting the undersigned.

B. *The Endicotts of Indiana*

Mabel Nisbet McLaughlin wrote in the March, 1933 Issue (29) of the *Indiana History Magazine* an article on our *Endicotts of Indiana*. It features the Endicott pioneers of Posey County. Mabel traces our Endicotts from John Endecott arriving in Naumkeag (Salem, MA) in 1628 and the Endicott migrations to New Jersey, North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana and beyond. Of particular interest is her presentation on Joseph Endicott b. 1784 and Rebecca Casey and their family and related surnames.

EFA, INC. HAPPENINGS

A. Know YOUR Board of Directors

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Teddy H. Sanford, Jr. (Kentucky)

Edward J. Tracy, Jr. – Legal Advisor (Texas)

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Scott Endicott – Webmaster (California)

B. 2005 Membership

As of December 31, 2005, we have 83 members representing 29 states, Canada and England. This is a 589 % growth since our Founding Day of June 1, 2002 with 14 Charter Members.

Since the May, 2005 Inaugural Issue of the *Endicott Heritage Trail*, we would like to WELCOME among our ranks 11 NEW members. They include: **Susan Grover** (CO) – direct descendant of Joseph Endicott b. 1784; **Dr. James Pierce** (IN) – direct descendant of Joseph Endicott b. 1784; **Rick Short** (MA) – direct descendant of John Endicott b. 1772 Salem, MA; **Harriett Endicott Pearson** (MN) – direct descendant of _____ Endicott ; **Marilyn N. Becky** (MD) – direct descendant of _____ Endicott ; **John Dakin** (KS) – direct descendant of _____ Endicott ; **Dallas “Lee” Endicott** (NC) – direct descendant of Samuel Endicott b. 1759 VA; **Wilbur Harold Lemasters** (WA) – direct descendant of John B. Endicott b. 1797; **Bernice McGlasson** (IL) – direct descendant of Joseph Endicott b. 1761; **Linda Messmer** (IN) – direct descendant of Thomas Endicott b. 1737 NJ; and, **Lillian Treadaway** (AR) – direct descendant of James William Endicott b. 1849.

In addition, we WELCOME among our ranks 4 NEW Associate Members in our Partnership Program. They include the **Colonial Dames of America and XVII Century Chapters** – **Thomas Spriggs, Sr.** (Evansville, IN); **Rebecca Nurse** (Napa, CA); **Napa** (Napa, CA) and **Equality State** (Wyoming).

Two of our early members of the EFA, Inc. have passed on. We will truly miss them. They were continued supporters of the Association and provided a great deal of research on the Endicott surname. They were **Grace Goodall** (FL) and **Kathryn Brown Midyett** (MO). They have been approved by the Board of Directors as “In Memoriam” members.

2006 Membership renewals were mailed out in December, 2005. If you have not renewed your 2006 membership dues -- **PLEASE DO SO TODAY!!!!**

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 Cindy maintains our membership database.

C. 2005 Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2005

The balance in the EFA, Inc. account maintained at Unified Banking in Lexington, KY was \$ 1,229.09 at the end of 2005. Since our Founding Day on June 1, 2002 the total income of the EFA, Inc. was \$ 14,753.67 with total expenses of \$ 13,524.58 Categories of income and expenses are as follows:

Membership / General Fund	\$2,664.86
General Expense	(\$618.10)
Total Membership/General Fund	\$2,046.76
Moses-Endicott Fund	\$1,034.70
Reunion 2004	(\$11.25)
Calendar Project	(\$2,675.26)
Thomas Memorial	\$950.00
<i>Back Home Again in Indiana</i> 2006 Reunion	\$210.14
2006 Endicott Christmas Ornament	(\$326.00)
Balance	\$1,229.09

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 Access ONLY link.

D. IRS Final Ruling – Tax Exempt 501 c 7 Status

The EFA, Inc. obtained its 501 c 7 tax exempt status notification from the IRS on December 19, 2005. This along with our Incorporation in the Commonwealth of Kentucky (June 8, 2004); By-laws and Articles of Incorporation completes the official family association organizational structure. The 501 c 7 ruling does not qualify for tax deductible donations and memberships made by individuals.

E. MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the 3rd Endicott Cousin Reunion, 2006

ENDICOTT COUSINS TO GATHER IN NEW HARMONY, INDIANA

Endicott Cousins from around the United States will be “*Back Home Again in Indiana*” as they gather for the 3rd Endicott Cousin Reunion in New Harmony, Indiana on June 7-11, 2006 at the New Harmony Inn.

These Cousins are descendants of John Endecott, the First Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1628.

The Endicotts were early Pioneers in America and have left their legacy in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Indiana and beyond.

Thomas Endicott, the Pioneer Patriarch, along with members of his family, migrated from Harrison County, KY to Posey County (Smith Township) ca. 1817. He died in Posey County in 1831.

Many events are being planned to include independent family/genealogy research in and around Posey County; visits to cemeteries where Endicotts are buried and Endicott land holdings; an Endicott Golf Scramble; tours of New Harmony and Carmi, IL; a Wine Sampler; presentations on Thomas Endecott (The Pioneer Patriarch) and the Endicott's participation in the War of 1812; an Endicott GenJam (Cousins sharing their Endicott genealogy); a Banquet and the Thomas Endicott Memorial Service on June 11, 2006.

Anyone interested in attending any or all of these events, may contact the undersigned. The Registration Form is available at the EFA, Inc. web site www.endecott-endicott.com Go to the EFA, Inc. Information link, 3rd Cousin Reunion.

F. THOMAS ENDICOTT MEMORIAL SERVICE AND DEDICATION - JUNE 11, 2006

Thomas Endicott will be honored with a Memorial Dedication and Service on June 11, 2006 at 1:30pm at the Poseyville Cemetery, Poseyville, Posey County, Indiana. This will coincide with the 3rd Endecott-Endicott Cousin Reunion. We hope that you will be able to attend this historic event.

Be an important part of this project to honor one of our Endicott ancestors by making your pledge today to help offset the cost of the memorial. Your participation, in this way and by your attendance is a great way to not only help out YOUR family association, but to be actively involved in this significant historical project.

G. What's NEW on the EFA, Inc. Web Site

www.endecott-endicott.com

1. Additional Research References

The EFA, Inc. web site continues to grow in some valuable research references. We invite you to check out some of the premiere and quality research that has been conducted by various Endicott Cousins and others by visiting the Endicott Related Sites link. We welcome your comments, suggestions and contributions. Contact **Gordon S. Harmon** at gsharmon10@hotmail.com.

2. Member Access ONLY

EFA, Inc. members in good standing may access the Members ONLY link on the home page of our web site. If you have not received your log in password from our webmaster, please contact **Scott Endicott** at herculean67@hotmail.com

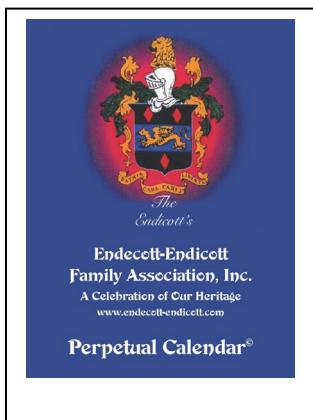
3. Guestbook

When visiting the web site, please sign the Guestbook. Lets us hear from you and what you think about the site. We welcome your ideas for improvement and yes, even constructive criticism. Together, we can continue to make this a web site one in which we can all be proud.

4. Endicott Store

A new feature that has recently been added for our membership and others interested in the Endicott surname is the Endicott Store. The items that may be found there are below with a brief description. Other items will be added over time. If you have an idea, please let us know your thoughts. The items available now include:

a. Perpetual Calendar



Several Endicotts have been honored with the design and printing of a Perpetual Calendar by the Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc. (EFA, Inc.) These Endicotts honored--resided at one time--and thru migrations--in Massachusetts (1600s), New Jersey (late 1600s-1700s), North Carolina and Virginia (mid-late 1700s), Kentucky (late 1700s--1800s) and beyond in the United States. They are all descendants of our first Endecott immigrant in 1628, Governor John Endecott, the First Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. (See Vol. 1. No. 1., May 2005)

Copies of the Endicott Perpetual Calendar are still available.

Details on the Calendar and cost are shown on the EFA, Inc. web site. We believe that the Calendar is an Endicott collectible and can be enjoyed and used year after year.

You will find in the Calendar many of our Endicott ancestors and their life events to include births, marriages and deaths. Other significant events such as dates of land deeds are included. Also, there are numerous Endicott historical dates. In addition, you will find many *Did You Know Facts* on our Endicott heritage.

b. Endicott Coffee Mug

The EFA, Inc. has ordered Endicott Mugs from Dryden Pottery of Hot Springs, AR. www.drydenpottery.com. Dryden Pottery, a premiere pottery company, has been in business since 1946. This item is also available in the Endicott Store. The personalized hand made Endicott mug is made in quartz crystal in glaze and is 3” wide and 4” high. Pre-orders are being taken for the 3rd Cousin Reunion in June, 2006. The cost per mug is \$22.95 + shipping and handling.

c. 2006 Endicott Christmas Ornament



The 2006 Christmas ornament is 3 ¼” round shatterproof with a gold rope included. Ornament pre-orders are also being taken for the 3rd Cousin Reunion. Cost per ornament is \$5.00 + shipping and handling. We plan to make an Endicott Christmas ornament each year, thereafter creating an assortment to adorn any Endicott Christmas Tree. Start your collection and add to your heritage that you proudly display each Christmas Season

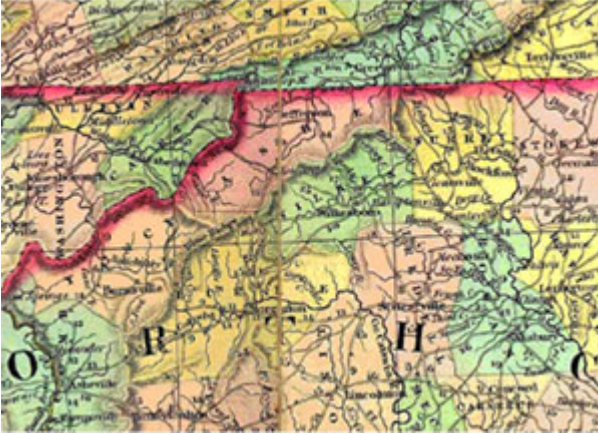
The mugs and ornaments will be available during and after the 3rd Cousin Reunion while supplies last. Any one or all of these Endicott items would make a great gift for any occasion to share your Endicott pride and heritage with members of your family.

ENDICOTT RESEARCH COLLECTION SERIES

The Endecott-Endicott Research and Documented Records Collection Series is a work in progress. It will become a XVII Volume series when completed. To date, Volume I (*The Endecott-Endicott Family History 1327-2002* © www.winthropsociety.org/harmon.htm>) and Volume II (*Our Endicott Legacy – An Inventory of Historic Sites, Place Names and Objects* ©) are available. Volume III (*Endicott Ancestors Photograph Collection* ©) is currently being done and is anticipated to be completed in the Spring, 2006. Details of each Volume completed are available on the EFA, Inc. web site.

SOME ENDICOTT LAND DEEDS

A. Thomas Endicott b. 1737; Joseph Endicott b. 1738 and Samuel Endicott b. 1769

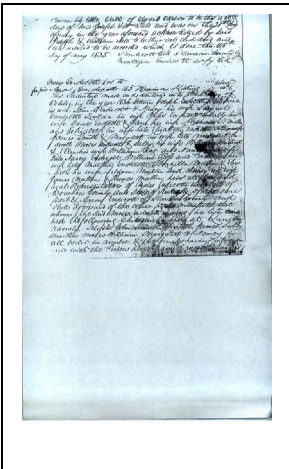


Thomas Endicott entered his land of 105 acres on Crab Creek on January 2, 1785 in Wilkes County (formed from Surry County in 1777). Living near him was Joseph Endicott, his brother, who was born in 1738. Also living in this area was Joseph's son, Samuel Indecott who was born in Virginia in 1769. Samuel Indecott sold 100 acres of land on July 10, 1788 for the consideration of 50 pounds to William Connelly in Wilkes County. This land transaction was

witnessed by Joseph Indecott with his seal and the seal of Samuel Indecott. Thomas Endicott had an additional 100 acre tract of land that he had purchased on July 10, 1788 located on Brushey Fork of the Little River.

Source: North Carolina State Archives. Thomas Endicott Deed No.865, Grant No. 862 Book 66: 398. Raleigh.

B. Moses Endicott b. 1759



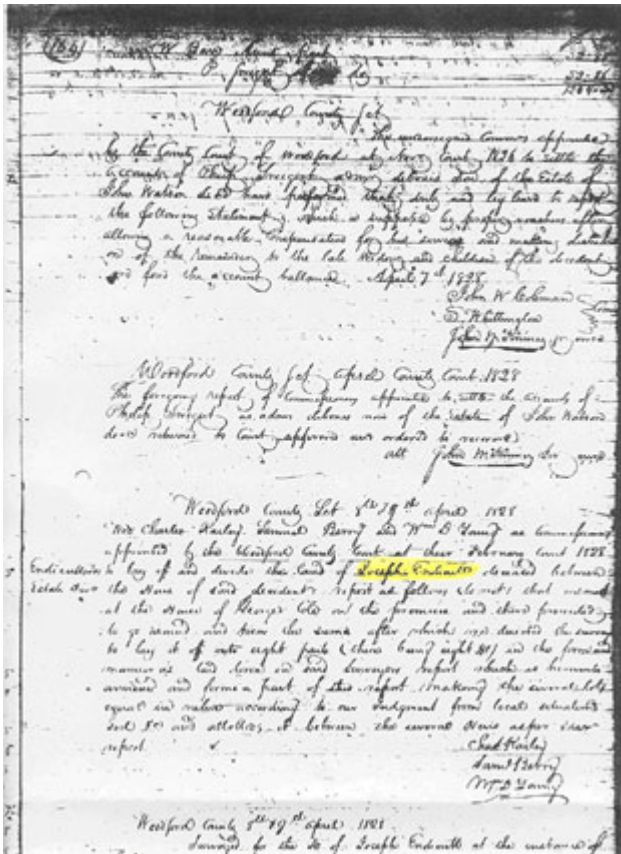
When Moses Endicott died in 1834, he did not leave a Last Testament and Will, but there exist his Estate Deed. (Image-Part I) This document is a valuable genealogical tool in that it names his wife and children and related surnames. It is located in the Harrison County Courthouse Recorder's Office in Cynthiana, KY.

A special thanks goes to Cousins **Ed Tracy** (TX) and **Ray Webber** (CT) for sharing this important Endicott document.

To be continued-----

Source: Harrison County Recorder's Office Cynthiana, Kentucky.

C. Joseph Endicott b. 1761



Joseph Endicott b. 1761 NJ and of Woodford County, KY was the 2nd son of Thomas Endicott. According to **Mabel McCloskey McFatrige in *Some Descendants of John Endecott, Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony*** - Joseph of Woodford County came to Kentucky in 1786. He appeared on the Kentucky tax list of 1787. He continued on the Woodford County tax list until 1828 when his estate was settled. A special thanks goes to **Cousin Gloria Lupinsky** for sharing this important Endicott document.

To be continued -----

Sources: Woodford County Record's Office Book H: 164. Versailles, Kentucky.

McCloskey, Mabel McFatrige. *Some Descendants of John Endecott, Governor, Mass Bay Colony*. Reprinted (Salem, MA: Higginson Book Company, 2002).185.

(More Endicott Land Deeds to come) – Watch for the July, 2006 Issue of the *Endicott Heritage Trail*.

Genealogist: One Who Irritates the Living and Disturbs the Dead

Lets all remember what John Winthrop said about John Endecott on Endecott's cutting of the King's ensign – *“The only difference between him and others was, he manifested his opinions by his acts, while they, with more prudent and safety, retained theirs in secrecy.”* ----

Until we meet again on the *Endicott Heritage Trail*

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