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THE MOST
DISTINGUISHED
SURNAME
HENDEE

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ORIGINS

The surname is one of the many names that the Normans brought with them when they conquered England in 1066. The Hendee family lived in the place named Hendon, in Middlesex. The place-name is derived from an Old English expression that means at the high hill or in the valley with the deer. The place named Hendon is in the London Metropolitan area and is situated some seven miles north-west of Charing Cross.

ANCIENT HISTORY

Amongst the ancient surnames of England few have left their mark so indelibly on the pages of time as Hendee. Originally of the Norman race, the history of this family name entwines itself throughout the fabric of the ancient chronicles of England.

Careful examination of ancient manuscript reproductions such as the Domesday Book (compiled in 1086 by William the Conqueror), the Ragman Rolls, the Wace poem, the Honour Roll of the Battel Abbey, The Curia Regis, Pipe Rolls, the Falaise Roll, tax records, baptismals, family genealogies, local parish and church records, reveals the first record of the name Hendee in Middlesex. Alternatively, the family could have originated in Endon, a township, in the parish and union of Leek, N. division of the hundred of Totmonslow in Staffordshire. ^[1]

SPELLING VARIATIONS

Different spellings of the name were encountered in the archives, typically linked to a common root, usually descending from one of the Norman nobles at the Battle of Hastings, or one of the many noble Norman families who followed after the invasion. Through the centuries, the name Hendee could also be found spelled Hendon, Henden and Hendwnand these changes in spelling occurred frequently, even between father and son. Church officials recorded and spelled phonetically, based on the speaking voice of the name's bearer. It was not uncommon for a person's name to be spelled differently on the occasion of a person's birth, marriage and death. Sometimes one spelling variation clung to a particular branch of the family, or sometimes displayed a religious adherence, real or imagined, sometimes even to express a political alliance.

EARLY HISTORY

The surname Hendee is believed to be of Norman origin, a race commonly but mistakenly assumed to be of French origin. More accurately, they were of Viking origin. The Vikings landed in the Orkneys and Northern Scotland about the year 870 A.D., under their King, Sturgud the Stout. Thorfinn Rollo, his descendant, scion of an explorer clan who may well have visited North America, landed in northern France about the year 911 A.D. After Rollo laid siege to Paris, the French King, Charles the Simple, finally conceded defeat and granted northern France to Rollo. Rollo became the first Duke of Normandy, the territory of the North Men. Rollo married Charles' daughter and became a convert to Christianity. Descended from Rollo was William, Duke of Normandy who invaded England in 1066 and was victorious over the Saxon King Harold at Hastings in 1066 A.D.

William granted his Norman nobles much of the land of the vanquished Saxons for their assistance at the Battle of Hastings. Those estates still held by these families in 1086 were granted in perpetuity; hence, the name of the census was called the Domesday Book. This ownership would cause great conflicts amongst families, even amongst nations, for many centuries to come. About one third of England was granted to the church. Amongst these Norman nobles, one is believed to have been the patriarch of the Hendee family. Researchers suggest that during this era, the Hendee surname could be found in Middlesex. By the 14th century they had branched to Kent and had acquired a town mansion in London. Sir Edward Henden was Baron of the Exchequer of England in 1639. Meredith Hendwn acquired estates in Wales. They flourished on their estates, intermarrying with other distinguished families of the area.

EARLY NOTABLES

Notable amongst the family at this time was Sir Edward Henden.

LIFE IN IRELAND

During the 15th, 16th and 17th century England, Scotland and Ireland were ravaged by religious and political conflicts as first one element, then another, fought for control. This created the unrest that was to produce a great exodus, either voluntarily or by banishment, as first one side acquired control, then another. The tyranny assumed the profile of an inquisition, and many innocent men were either banished to the colonies, imprisoned or hanged, drawn and quartered. Alliances were all-important. Arranged marriages assured families of protection and influence in the right quarter. Family names were obliterated, names such as the Percys, the Nevilles and the Fenwicks, once the great clans of the north of England, were reduced to obscurity. Electing loyalty to the wrong side could cause disastrous results to the future of a whole family.

Manipulation of families known to be loyal to the cause of the party in power was the only way of survival, there being no standing army. Subjugation of Ireland became the objective of a succession of monarchs. Many families were freely "encouraged" to migrate to Ireland, or to the "colonies." Lands were granted free, or at nominal payments. Some families were rewarded with these grants of lands, others were banished.

In Ireland, settlers became known as the "Adventurers for land." The Irish settlers were generally of the Protestant faith who undertook to keep that faith within their families and among all those who worked for them. It was here that we found the name is well associated with Co. Armagh where the Hendron spelling is very popular. Looking at birth records from 1865, we find eight were registered at Lurgan, two in Co. Armagh and one in Co. Antrim. This spelling is generally felt to be relatively new to Ireland as no records are found of the name prior to the 19th century.

THE GREAT MIGRATION

But the New World beckoned and migration continued, some went voluntarily from Ireland, but most directly from England or Scotland, their home territories. Some clans and families even moved to the European continent.

SETTLERS

- George Hendee, aged 53, who arrived in New York in 1920 aboard the ship "France" from Le Havre, France^[2]
- Nellie E. Hendee, aged 57, who arrived in New York in 1921 aboard the ship "Olympic" from Southampton, England^[3]

As well as 25 more in the Appendix.

CURRENT NOTABLES

The trek from the port of entry was also hazardous and many joined the wagon trains to the prairies or over the Rockies to the west coast. The War of Independence found many loyal to the Crown making their way north to Canada, and becoming known as the United Empire Loyalists.

- William C. Hendee, American Democrat politician, Chair of Cape May County Democratic Party, 1913
- Lucius J. Hendee, American politician, Member of Connecticut State Senate 21st District, 1856; Connecticut State Treasurer, 1858-61
- Lloyd F. Hendee, American Democrat politician, Candidate for Michigan State House of Representatives 51st District, 1966
- Leonard Hendee, American politician, Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Hebron, 1823, 1825

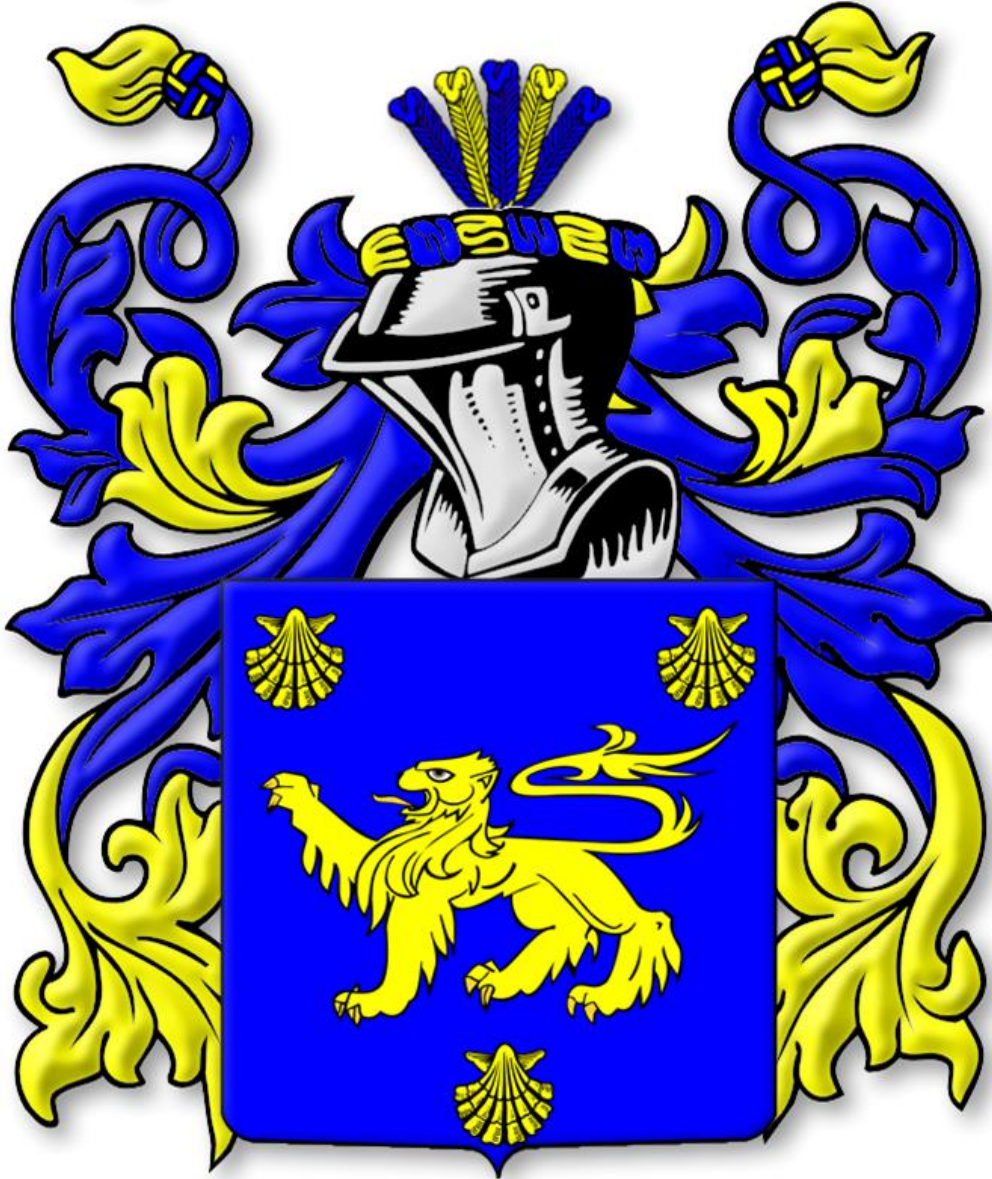
- Kirby Hendee, American Republican politician, Member of Wisconsin State Senate 4th District; Elected 1956; Delegate to Republican National Convention from Wisconsin, 1960
- Joseph B. Hendee, American Democrat politician, Candidate for Presidential Elector for Michigan, 1916
- George Whitman Hendee (1832-1906) American Republican politician, Member of Vermont State House of Representatives, 1861; Member of Vermont State Senate, 1866; Lieutenant Governor of Vermont, 1869-70; Governor of Vermont, 1870
- Horatio S. Hendee, American politician, Prohibition Candidate for U.S. Representative from New York 23rd District, 1886
- Ariel Hendee, American politician, Member of New York State Assembly from Ontario County, 1835
- Amos A. Hendee, American politician, Member of New York State Assembly from Livingston County 1st District, 1853
- Abner Hendee, American politician, Member of Connecticut State House of Representatives from Hebron, 1821; Member of Connecticut State Senate 21st District, 1839-40

As well as 30 more in the Appendix.

HISTORIC EVENTS

There are 1 historic event entries in the Appendix.

The Ancient Arms of



Hendee

SYMBOLISM

INTRODUCTION

The practice of representing people with symbols is ancient, and in England this habit evolved with feudal society into a system of distinctive devices on shields. The heralds developed an extensive armory that had the important function of distinguishing members of the upper class from each other, whether at court or on the battlefield. Since then, heraldry has grown into a complex field with many rules and a terminology that requires some knowledge to interpret.



An Achievement of Arms such as the Hendee arms depicted on the left typically consists of these parts: the Escrolls, displaying the family motto and name, the family crest (if any) seen above the helmet, the actual Coat of arms (also known as 'arms,' or 'the shield'), the Helmet depicted below the crest, the Torse on top of the helmet, and the Mantle draped from the helmet. Each of these elements will be described below. Supporters were a later addition to the Achievement; they are somewhat rare, and are usually personal to the grantee.



The mantle was spread over and draped from the helmet and served as a protection, 'to repel the extremities of wet, cold, and heat, and to preserve the armour from rust.' The numerous cuts and slits suggest that it had been torn and hacked on the field of battle. The style or design of the mantling is up to the individual heraldic artist, and it is usually depicted in the main color and metal from the shield. The helmet (or Helm) varied in shape in different ages and countries, often depicting rank. The Esquire's Helm, as depicted here, is generally shown silver, with a closed visor and facing to the dexter (its right). On top of the helmet is a Torse or wreath which was formed by two pieces of silk twisted together. Its purpose was to hold the crest and mantle on the Helm.

MOTTO

The motto was originally a war cry or slogan. Mottoes first began to be shown with arms in the 14th and 15th centuries, but were not in general use until the 17th century. Thus the oldest coats of arms generally do not include a motto. Mottoes seldom form part of the grant of arms: Under most heraldic authorities, a motto is an optional component of the coat of arms, and can be added to or changed at will; many families have chosen not to display a motto.

The coat of arms displayed here for the surname Hendee did not include a motto.

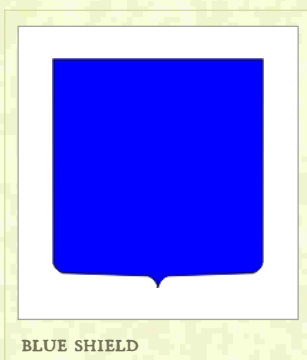
SHIELD

Shields (or Escutcheons) at first were painted simply with one or more bands of color or 'ordinaries'. Later, the ordinaries were used in conjunction with other figures or symbols. The Coat of Arms for the surname Hendee can be described as follows:



HENDEE ARMS

A blue shield with a gold lion passant between three gold escallops.



BLUE SHIELD

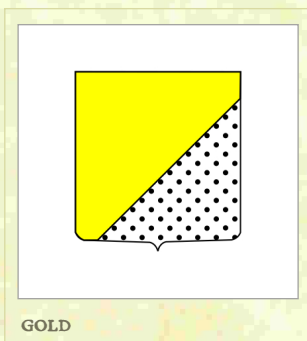
Azure (derived from the French word for "blue") represents the color of an eastern sky on a clear day. It also corresponds to the metal tin. The word, "azure" was introduced from the east during the Crusades. It signifies piety and sincerity, and is equated with autumn. In engravings it is represented by horizontal lines.

Symbolic Virtues: Blue denotes calmness and power of reflection. It infers nobility of the soul and signifies Loyalty, Justice and Courage. The color has also long been associated with purity and love, since the times when brides wore blue ribbons to the chapel.

Precious Stone: Turquoise

Planet: Jupiter

Obligations: Help for the servant



GOLD

"Or" (from the French word for gold) is the tincture of Gold, or in heraldic terms "or," was considered the noblest color.

One of only two metals used in heraldry, it exceeds all others in value, purity and finesse. It represents the light of the sun, and was once borne only by princes. Gold is said to gladden the heart and destroy all works of magic. It is also associated with excellence and achievement, and the bearer surpasses all others in valor.

It is represented on coats of arms by the color yellow, and in engravings by a dotted pattern.



LION PASSANT

A lion passant is one that is walking to the dexter (its right), with the dexter (right) fore-paw raised. The lions of England are passant guardant.

The lion has always held a high place in heraldry as the emblem of deathless courage, and, hence, that of a valiant warrior. It is said to be a lively image of a good soldier, who must be "valiant in courage, strong of body, politic in council and a foe to fear." Through the somewhat dubious legend of their compassion, lions also came to symbolize Christ. As one medieval author asserted, "they prey on men rather than women, and they do not kill children except when they are very hungry." The lion, with such repute of its noble nature and having the position and title of king of the beasts, is naturally one of the most common heraldic symbols on the continent of Europe. The winged lion is the emblem of St. Mark.

THREE

"Three" devices, beasts or ordinaries of the same have a special significance in heraldry.

First of all, there is the obvious reference to the Trinity in the design that would signify observance of the Christian doctrine.

Secondly, with many Arms it brings balance that is steeped in tradition. To better understand this latter scenario, we must look at the evolution of shield in personal armory. Kite shields that were the most popular from the the 10th-14th century evolved into Heater shields that had flat tops c. 1250. This was the time of heraldry's beginnings and when "three" objects were used for balance in each corner of the shield.

Later, with the advent of the "chief," "chevron" and "bend" three devices brought balance to these ordinaries too.



ESCALLOPS

The Escallop is one of the most widely used heraldic symbols in all countries.

Before the days of heraldry the symbol was the emblem of St. James, the patron saint of pilgrims and consequently the escallop became a badge worn by all pilgrims attached to hook or hat and "became such a distinguished ensign that Pope Alexander the Fourth allowed it to none but pilgrims who were truly noble." (Wade)

The Escallop was introduced into armory to signify a soldier who had made long journeys or voyages to far countries, borne considerable naval command, or gained great victories.

"The shell of a sea-fish, used to decorate the palmers on their way to and from Palestine; frequently used as a charge in heraldry. " (Grant)

It is an emblem of safe travel and is found on the shields of many families during the time of the Crusades. Because its shells, once separated, can never be rejoined, the escallop is also an emblem of fidelity.

THE CREST

The Crest was worn on top of the helmet, and was usually made of wood, metal, or boiled leather. It provided the double advantage of easy identification and the addition of height to the wearer. If a family had no crest, and many chose not to, plumes (feathers) were often displayed instead.

CONCLUSION

APPENDIX - NOTABLE LIST

NOTABLES FOR THE SURNAME HENDEE

- William C. Hendee, American Democrat politician, Chair of Cape May County Democratic Party, 1913
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- George Whitman Hendee (1832-1906) American politician, 26th Lieutenant Governor of Vermont (1869-1870), 32nd Governor of Vermont in 1870
- George M. Hendee (1866-1943) American co-founder of the Indian Motorcycle Manufacturing Company
- J. C. Hendee, American author
- Barb Hendee, American fantasy author, wife of J.C. Hendee

SURNAME VARIANTS OF HENDEE

- John Endean (1844-1925) Cornish settler and gold miner in Australia in 1863, but left for California in 1864, and then settled on the Coromandel Peninsula, New Zealand in 1870 for the gold rush there
- Russell Endean (1924-2003) South African cricketer who played in 28 Tests from 1951 to 1958

- Craig Thomas Endean (b.1968) Canadian retired National Hockey League left winger who played two games for the Winnipeg Jets in the 1986 season
- William Phillips "Bill" Endean (1884-1957) New Zealand lawyer and politician, member of the Reform Party and later the National Party
- Barry Endean (b.1946) English footballer who played from 1968 to 1977
- Joseph William Hendren O.F.M. (1791-1866) English Roman Catholic bishop
- John Crowther Hendren (1897-1964) American professional NFL football player who played from 1920 through 1921
- Robert Gerald Hendren (b.1923) former American NFL football offensive tackle
- Denis Hendren (1882-1962) English cricketer and umpire
- Elias Henry "Patsy" Hendren (1889-1962) English cricketer who played 51 Test matches
- Harry Hendon Ph.D., Principal Research Scientist with the Bureau of Meteorology in Australia
- Julia Hendon, of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Gettysburg College
- Rickey R Hendon, American elected to the Illinois State Senate in the 5th legislative district in 1992
- Robert Hendon, Manufacturing Executive in Washington
- Ian Hendon (b.1971) English professional footballer
- William Martin Hendon (b.1944) American author, POW/MIA activist, and two-term Republican U.S. Congressman for North Carolina
- Louis Hendin, American politician, Workers Candidate for New York State Assembly from New York County 8th District, 1928; Candidate for New York State Senate 22nd District, 1930, 1932^[4]
- William McK. Hendren, American Republican politician, Candidate for U.S. Representative from Kentucky 6th District, 1966^[4]
- H. H. Hendren, American politician, Mayor of Sacramento, California, 1954-55^[4]
- John H. Hendren, American Democrat politician, Missouri Democratic State Chair, 1949^[4]

APPENDIX - HISTORIC EVENT LIST

USS ARIZONA

The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor began shortly after 8.00 local time on the 7th December 1941, the aircraft deployed from six aircraft carriers struck the Pacific Fleet as it sat in the harbor, and the USS Arizona was one of these ships defending Hawaii. The Air raid alarm started on board at 7.55, shortly after 8.00 ten Nakajima B5N torpedo bombers started their attack with several near misses as small ricochets' they struck USS Arizona in the vicinity of Turret II believing to have penetrated the armored deck near the ammunition magazines, causing the forward magazines to detonated and create a cataclysmic explosion, causing 1177 of the 1512 crewmen aboard the USS Arizona to lose their lives. There is memorial in place in Pearl Harbor across the ships sunken remains which includes a shrine room listing the names of the lost crew members.

SURNAME VARIANTS OF HENDEE

- Mr. Robert M. Hendon, American Chief Gunner's Mate working aboard the ship "USS Arizona" when she sunk during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor on 7th December 1941, he survived the sinking^[5]

APPENDIX - SETTLER LIST

AMERICAN SETTLERS

- George Hendee, aged 53, who arrived in New York in 1920 aboard the ship "France" from Le Havre, France^[2]
- Nellie E. Hendee, aged 57, who arrived in New York in 1921 aboard the ship "Olympic" from Southampton, England^[3]

SURNAME VARIANTS OF HENDEE

- William Endin, who arrived in Virginia in 1652^[6]
- Susan Hendon who settled in Maryland in 1729
- John Hend, who arrived in Maryland in 1743^[6]
- Thomas Hend, aged 25, who landed in New York in 1812^[6]
- William Hend, who arrived in Arkansas in 1842^[6]
- William Hendren, who was on record in Philadelphia in 1845
- Jacob Hend, aged 20, who landed in Missouri in 1846^[6]
- William Hendon, who arrived in Allegany (Allegheny) County, Pennsylvania in 1866^[6]
- William Harry Endean, who landed in New York in 1870^[6]
- Annie Endean, aged 19, who arrived in New York in 1892 aboard the ship "Indiana" from Liverpool, England^[7]
- Charles H. Endean, aged 21, originally from St. Columbia, England, who arrived in New York in 1920 aboard the ship "Royal George" from Southampton, England^[8]
- Albert Endean, aged 41, originally from Walford, England, who arrived in New York in 1921 aboard the ship "Celtic" from Liverpool, England^[9]

AUSTRALIAN SETTLERS

SURNAME VARIANTS OF HENDEE

- Jane Endean, aged 23, a servant, who arrived in South Australia in 1854 aboard the ship "Standard"^[10]
- Mr. Henry Endean, (b. 1843), aged 20, Cornish labourer, from Lands End, Cornwall, UK travelling aboard the ship "Shackamaxon" arriving in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia on 3rd September 1863^[11]
- Mr. William Endean, (b. 1842), aged 23, Cornish gardener departing from Liverpool on 11th July 1865 aboard the ship "Duke of Newcastle" arriving in Hobsons Bay, Port Phillip, Victoria, Australia on 20th October 1865^[12]
- Mrs. Louisa Endean, (b. 1843), aged 22, Cornish domestic servant departing from Liverpool on 11th July 1865 aboard the ship "Duke of Newcastle" arriving in Hobsons Bay, Port Phillip, Victoria, Australia on 20th October 1865^[12]
- Miss Edith Endean, (b. 1864), aged 1, Cornish settler departing from Liverpool on 11th July 1865 aboard the ship "Duke of Newcastle" arriving in Hobsons Bay, Port Phillip, Victoria, Australia on 20th October 1865^[12]

NEW ZEALAND SETTLERS

SURNAME VARIANTS OF HENDEE

- Miss Bessy Endean, (b. 1856), aged 20, Cornish servant departing on 24th June 1876 aboard the ship "Waitangi" arriving in Lyttelton, Canterbury, New Zealand on 16th September 1876^[13]
- Mrs. Ann Endean, (b. 1854), aged 22, Cornish settler departing on 14th April 1876 aboard the ship "Camperdown" going to Marlborough, New Zealand arriving in port on 4th July 1876^[14]
- Miss Emily Endean, (b. 1874), aged 2, Cornish settler departing on 14th April 1876 aboard the ship "Camperdown" going to Marlborough, New Zealand arriving in port on 4th July 1876^[14]
- Mr. George Endean, (b. 1873), aged 3, Cornish settler departing on 14th April 1876 aboard the ship "Camperdown" going to Marlborough, New Zealand arriving in port on 4th July 1876^[14]
- Mr. Jeremiah Endean, (b. 1852), aged 24, Cornish labourer departing on 14th April 1876 aboard the ship "Camperdown" going to Marlborough, New Zealand arriving in port on 4th July 1876^[14]

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