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HENDEE FAMILY

The earliest ancestor known is Richard Hendee/Hendy born about 1610 was said to have fled to America to escape the Huegenot persecution. One history says that he migrated from Normandy, France to England and then to Boston. Richard was one of the original proprietors of Norwich, CT in 1660. He was a ship carpenter by trade and worked on vessels at New Longdon, CT, and Newport, RI. About 1665 he purchased a mill from John Elderkin on the Menunkatesuck river at Killingworth, Middlesex, CT. He died there on August 4, 1670.



Richard married Hannah Elderkin b. 1634. Their children:

Jonathan Hendee

Hannah Hendee d. 1641, m. January 14, 1685 to Samuel Belding of Wethersfield.

Ensign [Richard Hendee, Jr.](#)

There was at one time a Hendee Reunion Organization, Genealogy and History Committee based out of Portland, Michigan. The Historian/Secretary, (Lee W. Hendee) wrote a letter in 1959 to Cora Sand, daughter of [Benjamin Glass](#) and Emily Hendee requesting information and asking her if she would like to purchase a book. It is unknown whether Cora replied and no other correspondence has been found. I was able to get a copy of the book but it doesn't answer the mystery of our own Hendee connection (see below). However, DNA tests have proven that we are definitely descended from the Hendee family. The Hendee Reunion Organization hosted reunions almost every year for some time. Grace, Edna, and Cora Glass attended two of the reunions between 1948 and 1950 in Michigan. Their mother was Emily Morgan Hendee, daughter of Samuel Charles Hendee and Mary Eliza Mathews.

Our branch of the family thought there was money or land to be inherited in France as supposedly the Hendee family was nobility. There was a coat of arms that was lost during WWI. I have never found mention of Hendee or Hendee Hall anywhere in France. I have a letter from Laura Edith Holliday (Sister Edith Constance) Convent of the Transfiguration, Glendale, Ohio and these are her notes:

Laura Edith's great-nephew was Frederic Holliday Mott and her grandmother was Laura Hendee (Elizabeth Laura Hendee). Hugh Keating McCorkle, Laura's sister Josephine's grandson inherited the family home and contents in Canaseraga, NY and moved them to his home in Portland (Michigan?). Laura had an uncle named Homer Holliday. Hugh was 19 years old and prisoner of war in German camp when his grandmother died. Lawyer handled estate and no knowledge of where family crest went. It was 9" x 12" greyish blue and had lions on it she remembered.

As I have mentioned earlier, the Hendee family has been in America for many generations prior to Charles's birth, so I doubt there were any riches to be inherited.

One descendant, Lee Wayland Hendee worked tirelessly to collect Hendee family information and produced a huge family history book.

Please visit the Hendee Family website "[Our Family History: Genealogy of the Hendee Family](#)" for more information on the Hendees. They have an excellent database to help you find your ancestors.

The above information was taken from several sources including [genserv.com](#), [genforum.com](#), and the LDS site, [familysearch.org](#). Individuals whose information was on these sites were:

(Holliday) [Tracye Nachele Brewer](#)

(Hendee) [George Walter Gildersleeve](#)

(Ellsworth/Hendee) [Paul Ellison](#)

(Hendee) [David and Jane Sencer](#)

(Hendee) [Robert Reynolds](#)

(Hendee) [Janis De Lay](#)

[Rick Sullivan](#) re: Elizabeth Wheelock-Joshua Hendee

My gggg grandmother was Anna Hendee, daughter of Richard Hendee and Hannah Pierson. She was born in 1784. Married Esau Rich. Daughter was Sarah Ann Rich

Sarah Ann Rich m. Luman Peck
Adelaide Victoria Peck m. Balfour Mills
Arthur Rich Mills m. Julia Dole
Balfour Dole Mills m. Lenora Marleah Green
Bernard Arthur Mills m. Louise Jean Yanda
Melissa Jane Mills

Richard Hendee, born 1743 in Ct, died 1794.

Melissa
Buffalo, NY

I am a descendant of Harriet Hendee. She married my ggggrandfather Ira R. Blackmer. Her parents were Abner Hendee and Polly Atwood. I know she had a brother Frank that married a Elizabeth_____. Harriet was married to Ira for a very short time. He left her and she married Andrew Mead. The location is Newark, Wi. and Beloit Wi. [Melissa's email is no longer valid]

[Mark Pettit](#)

If any of the above emails are now obsolete, please let me know so I can remove them.

George Hendee and Indian Bicycles and Motorcycles

George M. Hendee, son of William Goodell Hendee, was the owner of Hendee Manufacturing and invented the Indian Motorcycle. You can read more about George here: [Wikipedia.org article on George M. Hendee](#)

George was inducted into the [United States Cycling Hall of Fame](#). He compiled an unbelievable string of undefeated victories in national high wheel bicycle races at the end to the 19th century. Training requirements led him to attach a motor to a bicycle so his coaches could keep up with him and this eventually led to his co-founding the "Indian Motorcycle Company" [yes, the spelling is correct].

[A Tribute to the Life and Careers of George Mallory Hendee](#), a book by his niece, June Hale Cook begins with family, on to his bicycling career, motorcycle career and the Shriners Hospital, with sections about his overseas YMCA work during WWI, marriage, photos of his mansion and farm called Hilltop.

June was very close to George Hendee and spent a lot of time with him at his home and farm as a child. George had no children of his own. June inherited many wonderful old pictures from George's life as well as interesting information on his Hendee ancestors and relatives.

You can order the book directly from the publisher via Internet at the following site:

<http://www.acenturyofmotorcycling.com/shop/>

Resources

[Our Family History, Genealogy of the Hendee Family](#) is an excellent site on Hendees.

Another [Hendee Website](#)

[U.S., Sons of the American Revolution Membership Applications, 1889-1970](#)

[Images of America, Around Pittsford](#) by Peggy Armitage for Pittsford Historical Society, Inc.

[History of the Town of Pittsford, Ot.\[VT\]](#), with Biographical Sketches and Family Records by AM Gaverly



Other sites of interest:

- [Olin Family Society](#)
- [Olin Family Society Facebook Site](#)
- [MacGillivray Clan Facebook Site](#)
- [Spencer Historical and Genealogy Society \(SHGS\)](#)
- [SGHS Facebook Site](#)

Thank you for checking out my site! Anything on this site is free for you to reference or use in your own research. Almost everything I have collected over the years is already on my website. In the last couple years I have spent more time filling out my [ancestry.com](#) tree and will try to continue to update this site based on that research. My ancestry user name is rootie22 and my tree is public.

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Looking for photos of your ancestors? Try these cool sites:

<http://www.deadfred.com/>

<http://www.cyndislist.com/photos/lost-and-found/>

<https://familysearch.org/blog/en/find-photos/>

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