

“Our Old Kentucky Home”

2nd Endecott-Endicott Cousin Reunion

June 4-6, 2004

Lexington, KY

Endicott Cousins gathered in Lexington, Kentucky at the Ramada Inn Conference Center for the 2nd Endecott-Endicott Cousin Reunion. Forty-eight Cousins attended representing 18 states (Missouri, Kentucky, Michigan, Louisiana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Indiana, Florida, Kansas, Tennessee, Minnesota, Oregon, Oklahoma, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Texas) and Canada. Some early arrivals came on June 3 to help complete the plans for the Reunion. While most came by car, several arrived at Bluegrass Field with an Endicott welcoming committee at the airport to greet them and provide transportation.

By Friday afternoon, most of the Cousins had arrived in time to join in the hospitality room to register, pick up their welcome packets, Cousin Reunion t-shirt orders and to get acquainted. The sharing of Endicott research notes and antidotes began in earnest. The Charles D. Endicott family of Tipton County, IN was in full force with four generations of Cousins. Sue Endicott Alexander of Lexington, KY provided food snacks and Cindy Endicott Levingston of Howell, MI provided soft drinks and bottled water donated by Coca-Cola. Several of the items, which had been donated for the Silent Auction, were on display as well as memorabilia of an Endicott interest. That evening, the Endicott Cousins enjoyed a leisurely dinner at the Siege's Restaurant. The getting acquainted time and sharing of Endicott research continued into the evening. Most everyone agreed, even though many had never met, that we had known each other for a long time.

On Saturday, the Cousins participated in a wonderful Kentucky style breakfast buffet provided by the Ramada Inn Conference Center. All events for Saturday, June 5 were held in the Kentucky Room.

After breakfast, the first Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc. (EFA, Inc.) **Board of Directors meeting** was held with 6 Board members present, EFA, Inc. members and other Cousins attending. The Board Meeting was the first since our **Founding Day** of June 1, 2002 and was presided over by Gordon S. Harmon, President -- of Springfield, MO. (Agenda and Minutes are available). A summary of action taken included:

1. Presidents Report

a. **3rd Endecott-Endicott Cousin Reunion** to be held on **June 9-11, 2006 at the New Harmony Inn in New Harmony, Posey County, Indiana.** Other known Endicott Reunions will be contacted and encouraged to join us in our Cousin Reunion. Those known Endicott Reunions are:

1. Wichita based Endicott Cousins meet biannual. They had their reunion in Corpus

Christi, TX in June 2004.

2. Drumright, OK based Endicott Cousins. They had had their reunion in Drumright, OK the first weekend in June 2004.

b. Articles of Incorporation submitted to the Commonwealth of Kentucky Secretary of State. (Approved June 8, 2004) (0587865.09).

c. EFA, Inc. By-laws approved by the Board of Directors on July 27, 2003.

d. Gordon Harmon challenged each present to recruit two new EFA, Inc. members within the next two years prior to the 2006 Endicott Cousin Reunion.

2. Treasurer's Report. This report (July 15, 2002-June 1, 2004) was presented by Cindy Endicott Levingston and approved. The Operation Moses Endicott income and expense report was presented. The bank balance ending on June 1, 2004 for the EFA, Inc. was \$2,762.60. Discussion was held on developing the **Endicott Store** with payment for items through PAYPAL on the EFA, Inc. web site at www.endecott-endicott.com. This project will include several resale items to include an **Endicott Calendar, Moses Endecott Memorial Services and Dedication Video**, and some selected **Endicott items with the family crest**. Cindy Endicott Levingston has assumed the role of the EFA, Inc. Treasurer after Susan Endicott Potter had to step down due to other commitments. Susan was acknowledged and thanked for her work and dedication as the EFA, Inc. Treasurer for the past two years. All of the transitional activities to the new Treasurer were completed on June 3 at the Unified Bank of Lexington, KY. (All bills were paid prior to departure from Kentucky)

3. Membership Report. Rebecca Given Wilson of New Orleans, LA gave this report. Rebecca provided a summary of the membership development plan. (Copy available upon request) As of May 31, 2004, the EFA, Inc. membership totaled 46, a 70% increase since the Founding Day on June 1, 2002 with 14 Charter Members. After much discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved to increase the membership dues to \$20.00 per year with one category of Family (residing within the same household). A motion was also made, seconded and approved to appoint Joan Endicott as a Honorary Lifetime member. She is the wife of charter member Charles Duncan Endicott who passed away in the Spring, 2004. Other ideas were discussed for membership development. The Membership Committee will review and recommend to the EFA, Inc. Board of Directors other categories for memberships and other ideas for membership development.

4. EFA, Inc. web site Report. In the absence of Scott Endicott, webmaster of La Habra, CA, Gordon Harmon presented his report. Items covered included:

a. The EFA, Inc. new domain name of www.endecott-endicott.com that went online July 1, 2004.

b. EFA, Inc. ownership and copyright.

c. Features unique to the EFA, Inc. web site.

d. Problems encountered and resolution.

5. Awards Committee Report. In the absence of Melody Harrison Decampo of Yonkers, NY, Gordon Harmon presented the criteria for **the EFA, Inc. Awards**

Program and the process that was conducted for receiving nominations. It was announced that the **Governor John Endecott Award** and the **Charles M. Endicott Memorial Award** would be announced and presented at the banquet that evening.

6. **Moses Endecott Memorial Service and Dedication (June 6, 2004)**. Teddy H. Sanford, Jr. of Radcliff, KY, discussed the plans for the June 6 event to honor the life of Moses Endecott, Patriot of the American Revolution, at the Endecott Meeting House set to begin at 1:00pm. The schedule for workers to set up for the event was discussed as well as the time for church services at the Meeting House..

7. **Other**

a. Gordon Harmon reported that the **Endicott Pear Tree Project** is expected to kick off in the Fall, 2005. Cheryl Taylor of Beaverton, OR has agreed to head up this project.

b. It was announced that Mel Endicott would conduct the **Elusive Samuel Endicott b. 1769 VA Workshop** following the Board of Directors meeting.

Following the Board of Directors Meeting, Mel Endicott of Bronson, KS presented his research results on the Elusive Samuel Endicott b. 1769 VA. Mel assisted by his daughter Alecia Taylor of Ponca City, OK City gave an excellent, well prepared and documented presentation. Their diligent research has now proven the connection of Samuel Endicott as a son of Joseph Endicott b. 1738 NJ who were both sons of Thomas Endecott b. 1737 NJ who married Sarah Welch. There were several Samuel Endicott descendants in attendance who were thrilled to have finally found the connection to their Endicott Cousins and to Governor John Endecott, the First Governor, Massachusetts Bay Colony.

Then, and a surprise for all, was with the unexpected arrival of Cousin Edward J. Tracy, Jr. of Newton, TX -- a descendant of Moses Endecott.

The Cousins then participated in the **Endicott GenJam**. Cousins were given the opportunity to present their Endicott lines and address any specific "brick walls" in their research. Several presentations were made and a lively discussion ensued on each as the Cousins provided help on the research interest and problems of the respective Endicott lineage presentations. Also, discussions were held on the wife's lines that married into our Endicott male line. This included discussion on Sarah Welch, wife of Thomas Endicott b. 1737 NJ.

The Kentucky room was adorned with wonderful Endicott family history displays and memorabilia brought by many of the Cousins from around the United States and Canada. James Robert Endicott and Bob Endicott, both of Carmi, IL and others brought many great Endicott artifacts and historical documents to share with the Cousins.

Other Cousins on Saturday afternoon enjoyed touring Lexington, KY and the vicinity.

On Saturday evening, the **Endicott Cousin Banquet** was held with 43 attending. A cocktail hour was provided prior to the banquet to coincide with the Silent Auction. Endicott Cousins had donated 28 items with a total dollar value of \$510 for the **2nd**

Silent Auction -- many of which were of Endicott interest and of a general genealogy interest. Also, the excitement was shared, as we all watched the Belmont Stakes with a potential Triple Crown Winner. The results were that a Lexington, KY horse won by half-a-link. Obviously, it was an exciting time in and around Lexington, the Horse Capitol of the World.

Teddy Sanford served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Cousin Reunion Banquet. Cindy Endicott Levingston gave the Invocation. After his welcoming remarks, Teddy read a welcome letter from the President, Lexington Convention and Visitors Bureau. Gordon Harmon presented Teddy and his wife Jeannie a gift basket prepared by Two Lous of Jackson, TN on behalf of the EFA, Inc. for recognition of his work and inspiration on the Cousin Reunion and Operation Moses Endecott. Gordon Harmon read a greetings letter from Edwin Endecott of Warwickshire, England.

The **Governor John Endecott Award** was presented. A speakerphone was set up and coordinated to make the presentation due to a time zone difference while the recipient was at work. Gordon Harmon placed the call. Cindy Endecott Levingston read the award purpose, the submission for the nomination and presented the Award via the speakerphone to Kyle Elwood of Salem OR.

Governor John Endecott Award

Presented to

Kyle Elwood

for

*Excellence in genealogy research
and who provided significant contributions
to Endecott-Endicott research during the previous two years*

**Presented by the
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During the 2nd Endecott-Endicott Cousin Reunion
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**Signed
Gordon S. Harmon
President, EFA, Inc.**

With the speakerphone, attendees were able to hear Kyle accept this award and Kyle was able to hear the appreciation of his Endicott Cousins by a sounding round of applause.

Bob Hughes of Jackson, TN, the **Guest Speaker**, was introduced along with his wife Betty. Bob is a National Trustee, Sons of the American Revolution; President of the Hughes Families and Related Surnames International, Inc. and active in several Tennessee Chapters of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Bob gave an excellent presentation on the ***Southern Campaign-The Road to Yorktown***. His ancestor, Patriot Captain William Martin, fought at Guilford's Courthouse on March 15, 1781 as did our Moses Endecott, Pvt., North Carolina Militia. After, Bob's remarks, he presented Gordon Harmon a Charter Membership with the General Joseph Martin, Chapter (Cumberland Gap) Tennessee Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Joseph Martin was a brother to William Martin. Gordon Harmon presented a gift basket to Bob prepared by Two Lous on behalf of the EFA, Inc. in appreciation for his attendance, his presentation and his advise and participation in the Moses Endecott Memorial Service and Dedication taking place the next day.

The **Charles D. Endicott Memorial Award** was then presented by the Charles D. Endicott family from Tipton County, IN. Four generations, 10 family members, of the Charles Endecott family were present and came forward to make the presentation. Ashlee Shirley, granddaughter of Charles Endicott and representing the Charles Endicott family, spoke about her grandfather. Ashley read the award purpose and submission for the nomination. It was presented to Teddy H. Sanford, Jr.

Charles Endicott Memorial Award

Presented to

Teddy H. Sanford, Jr.

for

***Significant contributions to the Endecott-Endicott
Family Association, Inc. during the previous two years.***

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**Signed
Gordon S. Harmon
President, EFA, Inc.**

Cindy Endicott Levingston recognized Cousin Dave Blackledge of Carlise, PA and his wife, Nan, on the day of their 51st wedding anniversary. She also gave a toast to all of the Endicott Cousins present and to those who were not present.

At the conclusion of the Banquet, several announcements were made in preparation of the **Moses Endecott Memorial Service and Dedication** on Sunday. The Silent Auction was concluded with Endicott Cousins picking up and paying for their successfully bided items. The Silent Auction raised \$331.00 for the EFA, Inc.

On Sunday, three different groups proceeded to Cynthiana, KY and the Endecott Meeting House. The first group was a group of volunteers, as a work detail, to meet volunteers from Cynthiana and to set up for the event to honor the life of Moses Endecott and his contribution to the Revolutionary War. The second group attended the morning worship services at the Meeting House and the third group came for the Dedication.

Photographs of the Moses Endecott Dedication can be viewed at:

<http://www.edtracy.com/Resume/MosesEndicott/index.htm>

Courtesy of Cousin Edward J. Tracy, Jr.

Mayor Virgie Florence Wells of Cynthiana, KY, read a proclamation declaring June 6, 2004 as **Moses Endecott Day**. This proclamation is available in the historical files and archives of the EFA, Inc. It is also available in the archives of the City of Cynthiana, KY. It can be viewed at

http://www.cynthianaky.com/cityhall/Proclamations/Moses_Endicott_Day.htm

At the end of the day, several Endicott Cousins stopped by to see the burial site in Cynthiana, KY of Samuel Endicott b. 1775, a brother of Moses Endecott and the first school master of Harrison County, KY in 1802.

Until we meet again,

“Back Home Again in Indiana”

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New Harmony Inn

June 9-11, 2006

Respectfully submitted by:

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June 29, 2004