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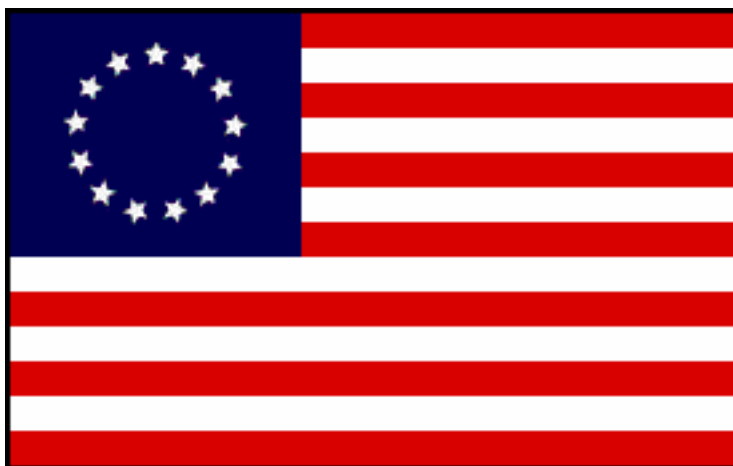
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*Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc.*

**Moses Endicott  
(American Revolutionary War Patriot)  
Memorial Services and Dedication**



Moses Endicott, American Revolutionary War Patriot, will be honored at 1:00 p.m. on June 6, 2004 at the Endicott MeetingHouse/Indian Creek Baptist Church, State Route 32 and 36 east of Cynthiana, Kentucky.

The Memorial Services and Dedication will coincide with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Endecott-Endicott Cousin Reunion from June 4-6 in Lexington, KY sponsored by the Endecott-Endicott Family Association, Inc. Descendants of Moses and other Cousins of the Association have arranged to honor the life of Moses and his contribution to the American Revolutionary War with this Memorial Service and Dedication.

Moses and these Cousins are direct descendants of Governor John Endecott, the First Governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony and the Father of New England. Moses is a 3<sup>rd</sup> Great-Grandson of Governor Endecott.

Moses Endicott was born on October 31, 1759 in Mount Holly, Burlington County, New Jersey, and son of Thomas Endicott born 1737 and Sarah Welsh. Moses married (1) Martha Hill in 1784 in Surry County, NC and (2) Wilmont Nation, widow of his Uncle Joseph Endicott born 1738.

Moses Endicott served in the American Revolution as a Private with the North Carolina Militia. Although the Quaker heritage kept most of the Endicotts out of the Revolutionary War, Moses was the exception. He volunteered in October 1777 to serve as a Minute Man from Surry County, NC. He served 3 months under Captain William Hardin in Colonel Joseph William's regiment of militia. From March 1778 to March 1779, he served under Captain William Underwood who commanded a company of horse in Colonel Benjamin Cleaveland's regiment of North Carolina troops engaged in expeditions against the Tories. From April 1779 to March 1780, they scoured the upper part of North Carolina for the purpose of checking the outrages of Tories and the influence of the British who made great efforts to seduce the people to the cause of Great Britain. In March 1780, he commenced a new service, the packing of lead from Chisler Mine on New River in Virginia for use of the Army under General Rutherford and later under General Gates. After the defeat at Camden, the lead packing was

stopped. He missed the Battle of King's Mountain because someone stole his horse. He proceeded there with an infantry company, but the battle was over before they arrived. In the Spring of 1781, he was with the militia at the famous Battle of Guilford Court House against the Army of Lord Cornwallis. This is the final battle portrayed in the motion picture, "The Patriot". Although the British held the field at battle's end, the general is reported to have said that, "another such victory would destroy the British Army."

Moses migrated to Kentucky in 1786, two years after he married Martha Hill. Moses died on May 8, 1834 and is buried in the Endicott Meeting House Cemetery. A brother of Moses, Samuel Endicott, was the first schoolmaster of Harrison County, Kentucky. The Endicott Meeting House is the oldest still in continual use church west of the Allegheny Mountains.

Expected to attend this Memorial Service and Dedication, in addition to descendants of Moses and Cousins of the Association, are members of the Endicott Meeting House/Indian Creek Baptist Church Congregation; representatives of the National and Kentucky Sons of the American Revolution (NSSAR/KSSAR); National and Kentucky Daughters of the American Revolution (NDAR/KYSAR); representatives from several area KYSSAR and KYDAR Chapters; the Kentucky SSAR Color Guard in period uniforms; the media; Harrison County Historical Society members; Cynthia and Harrison County officials and other friends of guest of the local area and out of state and relatives.

The descendants of Moses Endicott and dignitaries will conduct the Memorial Service, the unveiling of the Moses Endicott Memorial and placing of the wreath. Patriotic music by drum and fife is also being planned.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

