

Hendricks George

George Hendricks was a native of Botetourt County, Va. When 14 years old he ran away from home and accompanied Daniel Boone to Kentucky in February, where in 1778, he was captured with Boone and other salt makers at the Blue Licks (Kentucky). Hendricks went to live with the Shawnee at the Pickaway towns, where he was adopted into the tribe. He attempted to escape while the warriors were absent during their siege of Boonesborough in 1778. Hendricks was met by the Shawnee party on their return, recaptured and severely punished at the Pickaway towns. "The Kickapoo rescued him, and carried him to the Wabash (Indiana), where he was sometime later purchased for \$100 by Isaac Zane. Hendricks worked for Zane until he had repaid his purchase price, and then was allowed to return to Kentucky with Capt. Abraham Chapline."

Moravian Missionary, John Heckewelder, penned a letter to Genral McIntosh and Col. Daniel Brodhead on 21 March 1779 about the pending potential attck on Ft. Laurens by several warriors gathering in the Delaware capitol of Coochacking (Coshocton). Heckewelder referenced Hendricks in his letter that was taken to Ft. McIntosh in the "pad of a Moravian Indian's saddle." The missionary wrote, "A Young Man whose name is George Hendricks and who was taken Prisoner last year by the Shawenese at Kentuck, when a boiling salt, and some time after had made his escape, but was retaken by the Mingoese, and now brought by them to fight against Fort Laurens..."

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