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## **SCOPE AND CONTENT STATEMENT**

Hendricks gave this speech in 1847 to the Union Literary Society of Hanover College at the graduation exercises of the society. The subject of his remarks is the “influence of the landed system of a country upon the freedom of its institutions.” He covers the feudal system and how land and agriculture have played a role in the development of American institutions.

## **BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT**

Abraham W. Hendricks was born in Ligonier, Pennsylvania on Oct. 12, 1822. He enrolled at Hanover College in 1838, but it appears he didn't graduate. Hendricks is the cousin of U.S. Vice President and Hanover alumnus Thomas A. Hendricks. Abraham Hendricks was a member of the Indiana state house of representatives in 1853 and was a candidate for justice of the Indiana state supreme court. Hendricks served as a major in the Union Army during the Civil War. He spent the remainder of his life as a lawyer in Indianapolis and died there on Nov. 25, 1887.

## **PROVENANCE**

The speech was donated by Victor K. Hendricks, a grandson of Abraham W. Hendricks, in the early 1990s.

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