



# THE THORNHILL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



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## 2001 Annual Meeting Held in New Orleans

The Annual Meeting of The Thornhill Foundation and the Hardie Family Reunion were held over the weekend of June 22-24, 2001, in New Orleans Louisiana.

Lou and Don Hoffman invited all the reunion attendees to an elegant cocktail party at their home in the Garden District in New Orleans on Friday June 22, 2001. Hardies newly arrived from out of town enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres while they made plans for dinner later in the evening. The Annual Meeting and the reunion dinner were held Saturday, June 23, 2001, in the upstairs room of the historic Napoleon House Bar and Café in the French Quarter. On Sunday, Ruth Hardie and Eben and Linda Hardie hosted an exquisite Brunch at Ruth's beautiful home on State Street. Many of Ruth's grandchildren and great-grandchildren made their appearance at the brunch. This gave us all an opportunity to visit before we went our separate ways.

Among those participating in our reunion activities were Catherine and Hunter Babin, Bettina Belan, Darwin Fenner, Lydia Hardie, Chris and Darlene Hardie, Delia Hardie, Linda and Eben Hardie,

Mary Cecile Duncan Fife (4.3.2.3) was born 27 June 1924 in Wallis, Texas, and died 27 January 2000 in Abilene, Texas. She spent her early years in Tucson, Arizona, and attended the University of Arizona. She married Clyde Lee Fife,

Jennifer and Scott Hardie and their children, Peggy Hardie, Lou and Don Hoffman, Louise and Ted Martin, Charlotte Menville, Alice and Alex Rainold, Helen Shaw, and Laura and Sonny Shields, all from New Orleans. Others attending were Jim Fenner from Asheville, North Carolina; Kitsie Garland from Richmond, Virginia, with her two children; Susan and Al Goetze from Grand Cayman, BWI; Marilyn and Pat Greene from Talladega, Alabama; Robin Griffiths from Incline Village, Nevada; Charlene and Dutch Hardie from Tequesta, Florida; Connie and Cliff Hardie from Wilmington Ohio; John Hardie from Dallas, Texas; Tom Hardie from Chicago, Illinois; Carmen and Tuck Hardie from Moorestown, New Jersey; Jessica Kimbrough and Alix and Bill Hardie from Mobile, Alabama; Ann Kimbrough and Liz Weeks from Fairhope, Alabama; Deanna and Hardie Kimbrough from Thomasville, Alabama; Renata and Charles Marchal from Boissise le Roi, France; and Helen and Bill Smith from Winter Park, Florida.

During the business portion of our meeting, our directors were reelected, and the directors reelected our officers and committee Jr., and they moved to Abilene in 1951 where she served as a Deacon and a member of the choir of the First Central Presbyterian Church for 48 years. Survivors include her husband; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lee and

chairs. The names and addresses of our current directors appear on page 3 of the Newsletter.

## Family News

### Deaths

William Tipton Hardie II (Bill, 6.3.3) was born 13 July 1911 and died at his home in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 5, 2001. Bill was a lifelong resident of New Orleans and was retired president of Hardie's Wagner Marine Supplies. He had graduated from Columbia Military Academy and Tulane University. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou (Peggy) Hardie; two daughters, Delia Lane Hardie and Kay Hardie Powell; two sisters, Charlotte Menville and Flora Fenner; and many other relatives.

Grace Hardie Bell Davies (Hardie, 1.2.4.2) was born 14 November 1917 in Glen Ridge, New Jersey, and died 20 May 2001 in California. Hardie Davies was educated at Les Fougères in Switzerland, Hollins College, and Katherine Gibbs School. For many years she and her husband had lived in Poway, California. She is survived by her husband, Charles W. Davies; two sons, Charles W. Davies, Jr. and Paul Hardie Davies; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Todd Bicknell of Dallas; two grandchildren, Russell Todd and Elizabeth Cecile Bicknell; two brothers, J. Russell Duncan of Palm Beach, Florida, and Bradford Duncan of Honduras; and numerous other relatives.

Edward Francis Sowers, surviving husband of Mabelle Hardie Sowers (2.2.1.4), died 16 June 2000 in Texas. Ed was a decorated bombardier in World War II and had retired from dentistry. His wife had died in 1970. Ed Sowers is survived by eight children, and numerous grandchildren.

Mina Gary Armstrong Stebbins (Gary) died 26 September 2000 at age 85. Gary was a descendant of James Isbell, an early resident of Talladega who founded the Isbell National Bank. James Isbell was also the father of Margaret Discretion Isbell, who married Joseph Hardie. James Isbell and Joseph Hardie together founded the City National Bank in Selma. At the Hardie family reunion in Birmingham in 1997, Gary shared some of her collection of Hardie memorabilia with us, especially her copy of Joseph Hardie's account of his experiences in the Civil War. She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Gary Stebbins Pepper.

### **Marriages**

Nancy Ellen Hardie (7.1.3.1.2) was married 31 July 1999 to Lloyd E. McDaniel. She works as a Head Start coordinator for Key West, Florida, and her husband is an electronics technician with Lockheed.

Laura Franklin Shaw (1.7.1.4.4) was married on 26 February 2000 to Lloyd Noble Shields at the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, Louisiana, and Laura and Sonny live in New Orleans. Laura is the daughter of Helen Hardie Martin Shaw and the late Morgan L. Shaw.

Elizabeth Clarke Martin (1.7.1.2.1.2), the daughter of Ted and Louise Martin, was married on 17 June 2000 to Peter Thomson

Benjamin Lee Knaupe (2.2.1.1.1.1.2) was born on 14 June 2001 in Austin, Texas. He is the second child of Allison and Greg

Richards at St. Patrick's Church in New Orleans Louisiana.

On 7 April 2001 Christopher S. Hardie (6.3.1.1.4) was married to Darlene A. Hill at the St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, Louisiana. Chris is the son of our director, Eben Hardie Jr. (6.3.1.1).

Albert Nicholas Goetze (4.11.3.4.1), the son of Albert and Susan Goetze (4.11.3.4), was married on 21 April 2001 to Amanda Adams Eckels in Memphis, Tennessee. Nick and Amanda are living in the Washington, DC area.

### **Births**

Colston Hane Rienhoff (4.8.1.1.1.1) was born on 17 November 1998 to Dr. & Mrs. Hugh Young Rienhoff, Jr. in San Carlos, California.

Justin Varner Bloss (2.2.4.2.2.1) was born 15 June 1999 to Wendy and Leigh Bloss, the son of Margaret Varner Bloss, in El Paso, Texas.

Carolyn Duncan Patterson (4.3.2.2.1.2.1) first child of Joanne Case and William O. Patterson was born 2 September 1995. Their second child, William Stuart Patterson (4.3.2.2.1.2.2) was born 9 December 1997.

Matthew Charles Hardie (7.4.5.3.1), the son of Charles and Mary Beth Hardie, was born 31 December 2000 in North Carolina.

Robert Henry Collins, IV (4.10.2.1.1.1), son of Thomasene and Stephen G. Collins, was born 4 April 2000.

Melvin William Burger Mathes IV (6.3.1.1.2.1), first child of Bill and Marion Hardie Mathes, was born 15 August 2000. Bill and Marion have a mortgage business Knaupe, and the grandson of our director, Bill Hardie (2.2.1.1.1) of El Paso, Texas. According to Bill, Benjamin will be attending the

called Nassau Mortgage, and they are licensed in 38 states. They are available to family and friends who want to refinance an existing home or buy a new home. Their web site is [nassaumortgage.com](http://nassaumortgage.com), and their e-mail address is [mmathes@nassaumortgage.com](mailto:mmathes@nassaumortgage.com).

Kenneth Thomas Charbonnet, Jr. (1.10.1.1.2.2) was born on 29 September 2000 to Kenny and Laura Babin Charbonnet in Memphis Tennessee.

Sarah Elizabeth Train (4.12.2.1.1.2) was born 2 March 2000. She is the second child of John K. Train IV (Jay) and Jayne Crocket Train. Jay and Jayne's first child is Sarah Elizabeth Train, born 31 January 1998. Jay's sister Judy and her husband Brendon Kane have one child, Catherine Susan Kane (4.12.2.1.3.1), born 30 May 1998.

Jackson Ellis Kimbrough (4.10.1.3.2.3) was born 23 January 2001. He is the son of Brad and Jill Kimbrough of Birmingham, Alabama. Brad and Jill's other children are Julia, age 5, and Hardie, age 2 ½.

Garrett Patrick Griffiths (1.6.2.3.2.5) was born 29 July 2000 in Corpus Christi, Texas, to Hugh (1.6.2.3.2) and Laura Griffiths. Hugh's sister, Jennifer (1.6.2.3.1) and her husband John Ezell adopted two girls in Russia on 25 April 2000. Julia Anne Ezell (1.6.2.3.1.3) was born 29 March 1995 in Obluchye, Russia, and Anastasia Morgan Ezell (1.6.2.3.1.4) was born 12 May 1996. They are natural sisters as well as adoptive sisters. Julia and Anastasia will join John and Jen's two boys, Richard and Andrew, in Mountain View, California.

University of Texas at Austin. Allison and Greg have another son, Ely William Knaupe, born 9 September 1998.

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Matthew Charles Hardie (7.4.5.3.1), the son of Mary Beth and Charles Alva Hardie, Jr. (7.4.5.3), was born on 31 December 2000 in North Carolina.

Sadie Ann Kimbrough, daughter of Jessica and Will Kimbrough (4.10.1.2.2) was born 17 June 2001 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Thanks to Jenny Meade we have a wealth of information about her family. Jenny is Jennifer Anne Bryant, and she was married to Joseph Hardie Meade, III (Trip, 4.11.2.2.2) at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, on 21 October 1995. Jenny is the daughter of Anne Elizabeth Shaver and Dennis Franklin Bryant, and she was born 11 March 1972 in Arcadia, California. Trip and Jenny are living in Overland Park,

Peter Smith (7.4.4.1) and his wife Chen Liang-Hsia are

Kansas, and they have one child, Andrew Hardie Meade, born 27 July 2000.

Trip's sister, Anna Nabb Meade (4.11.2.2.1) was married in October 1994 to Jeff Todd Harris in Birmingham, Alabama, at Independent Presbyterian Church, and the Harris are living in Broomfield, Colorado. They have two children; Nicholas McNabb Harris born 30 April 1997 and Samuel Isaiah Harris born 12 November 1998. According to Jenny, another child is expected.

Trip and Anna's parents, Hardie (4.11.2.2) and Alice Meade are still living in the Birmingham area.

### Other Family Activities

Brooke Hardie (2.2.1.1.1.2), the second child of our director continuing their odyssey by sailboat in the eastern

Bill Hardie in El Paso, has followed in the footsteps of her father and grandfather to join the bar and practice law in Texas. Brooke received her undergraduate degree in 1995 from the University of Texas in Austin and went on to law school at the University of Houston where she graduated in 1999. After passing the Texas bar examination, Brooke Hardie joined the Dallas law firm, Hermes Sargent Bates, L.L.P. as an associate. She is concentrating in litigation, primarily products liability and other torts.

In October 2000, the City of Talladega honored the late Gordon Minnigerode as one of the "Outstanding Talladegans of the Centuries; 1834 - 2000". Gordon was the husband of the late Anna Meade Minnigerode (4.11.1). Anna and Gordon were married 22 August 1938 in Singapore where Gordon was stationed as a member of the United States Foreign Service. Gordon's service took him and Anna to San Jose, Costa Rica; London, England; Amsterdam, Holland; Karachi, Pakistan; Cairo, Egypt; Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika; Port Elizabeth and Cape Town, South Africa; and Washington, DC. Anna and Gordon purchased Thornhill in Talladega in 1959 and lived together there until Gordon's death on 18 February 1978 in Talladega. Anna died 26 August 1986.

In its 15 January 2001 issue, *People* magazine featured the Marianna Greene Henry Special Equestrians Program with prominent photographs of our directors, Pat and Marilyn Greene. The indoor arena, which is adjacent to Thornhill, is the site of the hippotherapy program of the Alabama School for the Deaf and Blind.

Mediterranean.

In January 2001, the Birmingham

Museum of Art opened a unique exhibition showcasing the talents of Alabama women artists. Entitled "Voices Rising: Alabama Women at the Millennium," the exhibit will tour the state of Alabama until October 2003. Among the artists whose works are included is Frances Long de la Rosa (4.9.1.1.4), originally from Uniontown, Alabama. Frances and her husband Fernando now make their home in Macon, Georgia, where she is an art professor at Wesleyan College.

Liddie Lund (2.2.1.3) wrote to report a mini-reunion of thirty-eight Hardies in El Paso, Texas, on 27 April 2001. It would be wonderful if such local gatherings were instituted among other Hardies.

Mary Elizabeth Kimbrough (4.10.1.2.1) is another artist in the family, and her work was profiled in a recent issue of the *Mobile Register*. Mary Elizabeth's ceramics are featured in galleries and shops in Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Colorado. When she's not working in clay, Mary Elizabeth teaches drawing and design at the University of South Alabama and Spring Hill College and pottery classes at the University of Mobile. Her work is "whimsical and light" according to admirers. Her objects are often oddly shaped and always have vibrant colors.

Arden Huff (4.12.1.21) married Reynolds S. Cheney, III in November 1991. Arden is employed in Columbus by Collins and Huff, Interior Design, and Reynolds Cheney is employed by SunTrust Bank, also in Columbus. Arden's brother Jimmy Huff (4.12.1.2.2) graduated from the Medical College of Georgia with a Masters degree in Physical Therapy, and he is employed by Hughston Hospital in Columbus, Georgia.

Rebecca C. Hardie (9.7.1.2), an assistant U.S. Attorney in San Francisco, was honored by then-Attorney General Janet Reno for the successful prosecution of an illegal arms case.

Renick Hoover Smith (2.2.5.1.1.1) assisted family and friends of the new President who stayed at the Marriott for the inauguration in January this year. Renick's brother Brad Smith (2.2.5.1.1.3) finished his freshman year at Washington & Lee University this Spring.

### **Highway 21 Project**

Many of our members received letters from Alabama Governor Don Siegleman in response to our concern over the widening of Alabama Highway 21 in front of the Thornhill Cemetery. While it seems impossible to block it entirely, the project has been altered sufficiently to spare all but a slice of the Thornhill property near the entrance. The cemetery should be unaffected. Our thanks to all of you who wrote the governor.

### **Hardie Family Website**

Chris Hardie is building a website for the Hardie family, and we'll have information soon about the address. You'll be able to read excerpts from Lillian Martin's book, *John Hardie of Thornhill and His Family*, and we'll have the latest versions of the genealogical supplement for all the Hardies in the book.

### **Our Mailing List**

Our mailing list is vital to our ability to keep in contact with the far-flung Hardie family. Thank you very much for your help in keeping the list current. Although we do use the list to solicit contributions from our members, we send the Newsletter to all Hardie family members, whether or not they contribute.

This year we've added a

number of younger Hardies to the list by giving them their parents' addresses. We hope to keep track of them as they go off to college and careers. Please help us if one of your children has moved.

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If you would like a copy of our mailing list, direct your request to our editor at the same address.

### **Lost Hardies**

Despite our care in keeping the list current, we do lose a few Hardies from time to time. If you can supply addresses for any of the following, please send them to our editor:

Jane Barkley Acker (1.12.1.1)  
Reynolds B. Acker, Jr. (1.12.1.1.2)  
William Barkley Acker (1.12.1.1.1)  
Robert A. Chenoweth, Jr. (7.3.2.1.3)  
Piero Corigliano (1.9.2.1.1)  
Simonetta Corigliano (1.9.2.1)  
Heather Francina Harris (2.2.8.4.1)  
Bradford W. Pippin (4.12.1.3.1)  
James Reardon Sharp (7.8.1.1)  
Susan Sowers Pingleton (2.2.1.4.3)

Thanks for your help!

### **Annual Meeting at Thornhill in 2002**

The directors of the Foundation have accepted the invitation of Pat and Marilyn Greene to have the annual meeting at Thornhill in 2002. We'll have more details later.