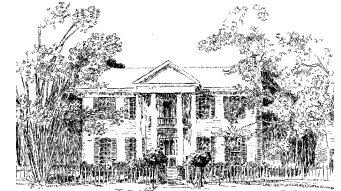


John Hardie
(1796-1848)

THE THORNHILL FOUNDATION

NEWSLETTER



Thornhill at Talladega, Alabama
Built circa 1835 by John Hardie

Fall 2003

2004 Annual Meeting At The Beach

The Board of Directors has set the 2004 Annual Meeting of The Thornhill Foundation and the Reunion of the Hardie Family for the weekend of April 23-25, 2004 in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Our reunion hotel will be the **Gulf State Park Resort Hotel**, 20115 State Highway 135, Gulf Shores, AL 36542. **Please make your reservations now directly with the hotel** at 1-800-544-4853 or 251-948-4853. Be sure to tell the reservations clerk that you are with the "Thornhill Foundation" group. Check the website under "Gulf State Park" in the Lodging section at www.dcnr.state.al.us/parks/state_parks_index_1a.html. Single rooms are available for \$70.00 per night plus tax. Larger rooms with kitchenettes are available for slightly more, and adjoining rooms can be connected to form "suites." This hotel is uniquely located in the center of a 2.5 mile stretch of unspoiled and otherwise unoccupied beach. The facilities are perfect for children. We'll have further information in the Spring, but **make your reservations now!**

Contributions for 2004

Included with this Newsletter is our solicitation for your annual contribution to The Thornhill Foundation. While this contribution is not a condition of membership for descendants of John Hardie and Mary Mead Hall Hardie, it does provide us important funding for maintenance of the cemetery, as well as our Newsletters, Annual Meetings, publications and other activities.

Family News

Frances de La Rosa (4.9.1.1.4) writes that her brother **Thomas Ralston Long IV, "Ralston, Jr." (4.9.1.1.1)**, served in Iraq with the 1208th Quartermaster. He was stationed at the Talil air base near Nasariyah, and his unit is responsible for water purification and distribution. Ralston was called up from the Army National Guard in Lineville, Alabama. In a letter

received by Frances, Ralston writes:

"You asked if I had experienced the market in Nasariyah. Yes, It was full of Iraqis with AK47's I did my best not to get shot, and was successful. The market in Basra was worse."

"You asked if I have eaten any Iraqi food. No. I have not had the opportunity, and would be hesitant even if I did. Some of the people here are very nice, but some want to kill us any way they can, and the food would be a good way."

"You asked about the weather. Last week it peaked at 154 degrees where I work. The wind was blowing constantly for three days and it was like a blast furnace. Whenever the wind blows, there is dust, and the wind blows all the time. It has averaged around 140 for the last several days, but today I don't think it got over 120. It is usually about 100 in our tent (8 guys) around midnight. One night it dropped to 85 around 4 p.m. and we almost froze - mainly because we are soaked with sweat and the wind was blowing. I don't sleep under anything, but I do have my uniform on. I have only seen rain once since I got here. I found a little root that I watered for two months, and it looked like it was going to make it - had green leaves sprouting - going to be a bush I think, but a tank ran over it, and it is no more."

Ralston returned to Fort Benning, Georgia, for treatment of injuries received in the course of his work, and his return to Iraq is not yet decided. Meanwhile Frances' paintings were included in an exhibit entitled "*Voices Rising: Alabama Women at the Millennium*" sponsored by the Alabama Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts. The exhibit wrapped up its tour of Alabama in October with a conference in Mobile attended by Frances and her husband Fernando la Rosa.

Dr. Wynne Snoots writes that his son **Wynne M. Snoots, Jr. (7.3.2.2.2)** is living in Houston, Texas. Wynne is a managing director of EnCap Investments L.L.C. which was founded in 1988. For the six months prior to joining EnCap in January 2001, Wynne was one of three partners of Paradigm Development & Trade, Inc., a private company focused on generating and monetizing exploration prospects located along the Gulf Coast of Louisiana. For the two years prior to his involvement in Paradigm, Wynne Snoots served as president of Magellan Exploration, LLC, a private portfolio company. He previously spent seven years with

Enron Capital & Trade Resources (ECT) in the Producer Finance group, most recently as a vice president. Wynne began his career as a petroleum engineer with Texas Oil and Gas Corporation. He received a Master of Business Administration from The University of Texas at Austin and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Oklahoma. Wynne is a member of the Independent Petroleum Association of America and the Houston Producers' Forum. Wynne Snoots is married to Patricia Ann Moore.

Thomas B. Lanaux (1.7.1.3.1.3) has moved back to New Orleans. He and his wife Cherith lived in San Francisco for nine years until 1999 when they moved to New York City. He is involved in digital design, and his company, Lanaux Design & Illustration contracts with users on both coasts.

Alice L. Rainold (1.7.1.3.2) writes that her husband, Alex retired from the Air Force as a Lt. Colonel in November 2003 having served both on active duty and in the reserves since May, 1972. He spent his last five years on active duty and was Commanding Officer of a 377-man Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Alice and Alex's daughter, **Nina Martin Rainold (1.7.1.3.2.1)**, received a degree in Communications from Boston University in May 2003, and then moved to Manhattan where she is a Public Relations Representative for Penguin Books. Their son, **Alexander E. Rainold III (Zandy) (1.7.1.3.2.2)** graduated with honors from Jesuit High School in New Orleans in 2000. Zandy is at Louisiana State University in the class of 2004 where he majors in Accounting. Zandy is on the Dean's list and is a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

Newton G. Hardie (1.2.7.2) and his wife Nell brought their children together for a reunion at Hilton Head, South Carolina, in July. Newt and Nell are living in Spartanburg, Carolina. Son **David Hardie (1.2.7.2.1)**, his wife Marissa and their two children are living in Chappaqua, New York. Daughter **Lynn Springfield (1.2.7.2.2)**, her husband Mark Springfield and their child are living in Raleigh, North Carolina, where Mark's legal practice is limited to alternative dispute resolution. Newt and Nell's daughter **Sue Cate (1.2.7.2.3)**, her husband Charles Cate and their child are living in Columbia, South Carolina. Charlie is a Sales Director for Navisys, Inc., a company headquartered in New York City that supplies organizational and managerial computer software to the life insurance and annuity industries. **John T. Hardie (1.2.7.2.4)** and his wife Adrienne are living in New Haven with their three

children.

Octavia Hoffman (1.10.1.2.2.2), daughter of Katherine and **Richard Hoffman (1.10.1.2.2)**, was born on August 14, 2003, in Arlington, Virginia. Richard has completed his first year as an associate at the law firm of Wilson, Sonsini, Goodrich & Rosati. He graduated from the University of Virginia law school in 2002.

In July 2003, **Frank Hardie (1.6.2.2.3)** left his job as a recruiter for Youth Villages in Memphis, Tennessee, and enrolled in the Master of Fine Arts program in creative writing at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Deaths

Donald James Nalty, husband of **Elizabeth Shaw Nalty (1.7.1.4.1)** died at home Tuesday night, August 12, 2003, of complications from Parkinson's disease. He was 69. Survivors include his wife Elizabeth Shaw Nalty, four children: Donald J. Jr. and Morgan Shaw, Elizabeth Nalty Smither and Helen Nalty Butcher, and nine grandchildren; his sister Joy N. Hodges of Alexandria and brother Paul A. Nalty. Donald was retired as a Vice Chairman of Hibernia National Bank. Funeral mass was held on Thursday, August 14, 2003 at 2:00pm at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, followed by a private burial.

Nina Martin Williams (1.7.1.3) died Wednesday August 27, 2003, at Poydras Home in New Orleans, Louisiana. She was 87. Nina Williams was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and lived in Metairie and New Orleans most of her life. She was a retired administrator for Ochsner Clinic. An optimist's optimist, she was a tireless advocate of New Orleans and its people. She loved people and they loved her. She attended Louise S. McGehee School until her family moved to Bay St. Louis, MS where she graduated from St. Joseph's Academy. She attended Mary Baldwin College. Nina was a member of the Orleans Club, the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Louisiana, Le Petit Salon, and the Friday Afternoon Club. She was a member of the Poydras Home Board of Managers for almost a decade and also served as its President as well as President of the Poydras Home Auxiliary. For a number of years she served as Secretary on the Board of the Boulogny Foundation. Survivors include her daughter, Alice L. Rainold and her son, Michel E. Lanaux, her sister Helen M. Shaw, and her brother Fontaine Martin., eleven grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren. A memorial service was held at

Poydras Home, in New Orleans on August 29, 2003.

Hardie Family Web Sites

Two members of The Thornhill Foundation have set up web sites describing our family's activities. Chris Hardie has established **thehardies.com** with great pictures and important information. Ted Hardie has set up **thornhill.org** with family histories, Foundation information, photographs of our reunions, and copies of old Newsletters. Please visit these web sites and give us your reaction.

John Hardie Supplement On Line

We continue to work on the supplement to Lillian Martin's book, *John Hardie of Thornhill and His Family*, and the current version of the Supplement is available for review at the Foundation's website, **thornhill.org**. To access the web page containing the supplement, you must enter: "*****" as User and "*****" as password. This will provide some privacy for the information, although most of it has already been published in book form.

The information is organized by generation, just as the original book was organized. Please review the entries for you and your families and send additions and corrections to:

W. H. Hardie
134 Myrtlewood Lane
Mobile, AL 36608-1432

After a reasonable time for comments we will evaluate alternatives for publishing the supplement. Thank you for your participation in this project.

Civil War Book On Line

The second edition of the book, *Brothers in Arms: The Hardie Family in the Civil War*, is now available on line at the thornhill.org website. No password is necessary to access this history of John Hardie's sons and son-in-law in the American Civil War.

John Hardie's Brothers and Sisters

John Hardie was one of eleven brothers and sisters, and Lillian Martin's book contains a section listing them with some of their descendants. One of our projects is to expand this brief outline into a genealogy for each of the brothers and sisters who married and had children. You will find the current results of that project on our web site at **thornhill.org/siblings**. Please give us any

information you may have to complete the family history.

Thornhill Cemetery Endowment Fund

The Board of Directors created the Thornhill Cemetery Endowment Fund. When this fund has reached a sufficient amount, its income will be used to create an endowment so that the income will insure continued care for the cemetery. Therefore, if you wish to make a gift in addition to your annual contribution, you may choose to designate it to the Thornhill Cemetery Endowment Fund. Donors of Memorial Gifts may wish to make their gifts to this permanent fund. Memorial Gifts may be sent to the Chairman of the Memorial Gifts Committee:

William H. Hardie, III
432 Laurel Creek Boulevard
Moorestown, NJ 08057-3968

Memorial gifts are recorded in the records of the Foundation, and acknowledgments of the gift are sent to the family of the person honored by the gift.

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. Please help us if you or members of your family have moved.

Address changes may be sent by U.S. mail:

Bill Hardie
134 Myrtlewood Lane
Mobile, Alabama 36608-1432

or by e-mail:

whardie@zebra.net

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

Lost Hardies

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

William B. Acker (1.12.1.1.1)
James Reardon Sharp (7.8.1.1)
Elizabeth Sharp (7.8.1.1.2)
Michael Shane Reardon (7.8.2.1.2)

Many thanks to those who have helped in the past!