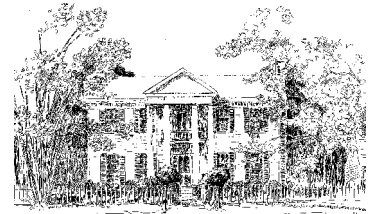




John Hardie
(1796-1848)

THE THORNHILL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Thornhill at Talladega, Alabama
Built circa 1835 by John Hardie

December 2002

2003 Annual Meeting and Hardie Family Reunion To Be Held in Austin, Texas April 25-27, 2003

The Annual Meeting of The Thornhill Foundation for 2003 and the Hardie Family Reunion will be held in Austin, Texas, over the weekend of April 25-27, 2003. Details will be mailed later, but please mark your calendars now to be sure we have a good crowd. Although we have met three times in El Paso, this will be our first meeting in the eastern half of Texas, so **please make plans to attend this meeting.**

The Annual Meeting hotel will be the **Crowne Plaza Austin Hotel**, formerly known as the Sheraton, at 500 North I-35, Austin, Texas, 78701. Tel. 512-480-8181, fax 512-457-7990. The room rate is \$99.00. **Please make your reservations directly with the hotel.** Rooms have been set aside for the "Thornhill Foundation/Hardie Family Reunion." Please do not delay; there are other groups, and the hotel may fill quickly. The Crowne Plaza Austin Hotel is situated one block from Austin's legendary 6th Street Entertainment District, near the Texas State Capital in the "Live Music Capital of the World." The Crowne Plaza Austin Hotel is also located "just minutes" from the Texas Governor's Mansion, Austin Convention Center, LBJ Library, The University of Texas, Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and museums and restaurants.

Members who want a little more luxury may prefer the Driskill Hotel, 604 Brazos Street, Austin, TX 78701. Tel. 512-474-5911, fax 512-474-2214. The Driskill will provide a "courtesy" rate of \$170.00 per night for people who identify themselves as part of the "Hardie Family Reunion." Reservations should be made as soon as possible because they are not holding any rooms. The Driskill is "just steps away" from the Governor's Mansion, Capitol Building, Convention Center, Town Lake and the Historic District, according to its brochure.

Contributions for 2003

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

Mary Jane Fenner Windes (6.3.2.1.1) was married on 9 March 2002 to Jeffery Charles Ingram, and they and her two children, Dorothy Sanders Windes and Darwin Fenner Windes, are living in the Bay Area of California.

Sarah Marie Hardie (2.2.1.2.3.1), daughter of Susan and Thornton Hardie, was married on 10 August 2002 to Earl Gatewood Davis, III at the Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. Sarah received a Bachelors degree in Art History from Southern Methodist University in 1999 and a Masters degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 2001. Gate Davis is the son of Earl Gatewood Davis, Jr. and Janet Harper Davis of Jackson, Mississippi. Gate and Sarah are living in Oxford, Mississippi, while he attends Law School at the University of Mississippi and Sarah works in the Public Relations office on campus.

Sarah reports that her sister, **Amy Winbourne Hardie** (2.2.1.2.3.2), is attending Baylor University in the class of 2004 and majoring in education.

George Anderson Hardie (1.2.3.2) died 12 June 2002 at his residence in Longview, Texas. He is survived by his wife, Billie Blalack Crowley Hardie, his son John David Hardie and three grandchildren as well as stepchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren. George Hardie was born on 27 March 1917 in Selma, Alabama, where his father was running a creamery. He received a B.A. degree from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University) in 1937 and an M.D. degree from the University of Virginia

Medical School in 1941, and he interned at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans in 1941-1942. During World War II he served in the United States Army from 1942 to 1946. He was a major in the medical corps and was on the headquarters staff of the Tenth Army during the Okinawa campaign. After his return from service he did post-graduate training at Johns Hopkins University from 1947 to 1949.

He was employed by Eastman Kodak Company and lived in Rochester, New York, from 1952 to 1966. He became medical director for Texas Eastman in 1966 and lived in Longview, Texas. He retired from full-time work at the end of 1982, but worked for Eastman part-time until 1987. Dr. Hardie's hobby was printing, and he had an old press with hand-set type. He was a member of the Texas Medical Association, The Longview Lions Club and the History Club. He assisted in founding the East Texas Council on Alcoholism, and he served as a board member until his death.

George Hardie was married, first, on 8 November 1943 in Camp Adair, Corvallis, Oregon, to Dorothy Elizabeth Leach, born on 3 May 1917 in Exeter, New Hampshire (daughter of John David Leach and Blanche Lovell Hood Leach, of Topsam, Vermont). She died on 3 January 1981 in Longview and was buried at Pine Hill Cemetery in Auburn, Alabama. They had one son, John David Hardie.

George Hardie was married, second, on 26 March 1983 in San Augustine, Texas ("in the oldest Presbyterian church in Texas"), to Billie Ethelyn Elliott Blalock Crowley, born on 25 March 1930 in Mount Vernon, Illinois (daughter of William James Elliott and Mildred Alice Barefield Elliott). She had been married, first, on 30 August 1950, to Joe Blalock (who died in 1966), and had five children of that marriage. Billie Elliott Blalock was married, second, on 26 May 1970 to H.W. Crowley, who died in 1981.

Jane Barkley Acker (1.12.1.1) died on 16 February 2002 in Houston, Texas.

Charles F. Martin (1.7.1.2.3) writes that his son **Ethan Martin** (1.7.1.2.3.1) has moved to Denver Colorado where he is working at Strand Associates as an aviation consultant. His Daughter **Amy Martin** (1.7.1.2.3.2) is living in Minneapolis and working for the Faegre & Benson law firm in their personnel recruiting department.

William Drennen Meade (4.11.2.2.2.2) the second child of Jenny and Trip Meade (4.11.2.2.2) was born 23 September 2002 in Overland Park, Kansas. There

are photographs at www.geocities.com.tripstermeade.

Evelin and T. Carter Ross (1.7.1.4.2.1) traveled to Scotland in October, 2002, and Carter has shared their impressions of the visit to the Saline Cemetery:

From Edinburgh we headed over the Firth of Forth and up to Saline to try and find the graves of John Hardie, Isabelle Cousin Hardie, Joseph Hardie and Marion Messar Hardie (the parents and grandparents of John Hardie of Thornhill). Coming into Saline there are signs pointing to the cemetery, but they led us to a modern one, causing some confusion. After driving along most of the roads of the town looking for an older graveyard, we stopped at a general store to ask for directions. The woman who ran the place suggested we try asking at the post office, which was closed. However, two older women outside the post office directed us down the lane opposite the post office: "Big iron gates on the right, just past some cows." Sure enough, over a small creek and past a kirk that had been converted into a house or business on the left, there was the graveyard. Finding the graves was a bit harder than expected, but we found both the John Hardie and Isabelle Cousin grave and his parents (JH & MM), and Evelin took pictures. John's grave was about even with the entrance to the graveyard and about three-fourths of the way in. As we had been warned, the stone was quite weather damaged, fallen over and hard to read. I felt like we should do something to tidy up the site, but I'm not exactly sure what. The other grave site (John's parents) was about two-thirds of the way up toward the back of the left-hand side of the cemetery, with the inscription facing the back of the yard. It had a date of 1791 on it. The cemetery itself is on Bridge Street, which is opposite the post office.

In addition to the Hardie graves, Evelin took shots of two other graves with interesting skull and crossbones designs and of one that had interesting Masonic symbols on it. She also took a wide shot of the cemetery, in case our close-ups aren't of Hardie graves.

One curious thing: A lot of the gravestones were marked with "3 rooms." It didn't seem to be confined to one part of the cemetery or to one age of graves; and we have no clue what it means ... something to look into further.

A second curious thing: On and off all morning we had rain, but almost only while driving. We

stopped three times in Saline to walk around and each time the rain paused for us whenever the car stopped and promptly restarted as soon as we were safely back inside. Curiouser and curiouser

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 have been working on a supplement to Lillian Martin's book, *John Hardie of Thornhill and His Family*, and the current version of the Supplement will be 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.

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:

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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)
Bradford W. Pippin (4.12.1.3.1)
James Reardon Sharp (7.8.1.1)
Elizabeth Sharp (7.8.1.1.2)
Marshall Harrison Smith (7.4.4.2.1)
Michael Shane Reardon (7.8.2.1.2)

Many thanks to those who have helped in the past!