

The following "biography" of Elizabeth Darby Mallory Hardie (m.7) was excerpted from

*John Hardie of Thornhill and His Family* by Lillian Galt Martin

Alva Hardie was married on 29 May 1866 in Talladega to Elizabeth Darby Mallory (called Lizzie or Eliza), born on 29 September 1845 at "Selwood," Talladega County, daughter of James Mallory and Ann Maria Darby Mallory.

After their marriage Alva and Lizzie Hardie lived first in or near Hazelhurst, Copiah County, Mississippi. Apparently he had been living there before his marriage.

Alva's first two children were born in Copiah County in 1867 and 1869. According to a June 1868 letter from his mother to her brother-in-law in Scotland, Alva was an elder in his church and his cousin James Spence was "merchandizing with Alva in Mississippi."

The family moved to New Orleans, where their third and fifth children were born in 1871 and 1875. (The fourth child was born in 1873 at "Selwood," Lizzie's family's home in Talladega County, Alabama.) In the early 1870s when the Alva Hardies lived in New Orleans, the Hardie family was well represented there, with John T., William, Alva, and Annie Eliza all living there with their families, their homes not far from each other in "Uptown" New Orleans.

he and his family were living in Dallas by September 1877, at the time of the final settlement of Alva's father's estate, and their last three children were born (in 1879, 1882, and 1885) in Dallas, where Alva Hardie was a cotton broker in the firm of Hardie and Kauffmann.

Beside their own eight children, Alva's sister Mary Isabella's daughter Isabella Bradford (Belle) (4.8) lived with them for a time in Dallas, after her parents' deaths. Belle was just two months younger than Kate (7.3), and "they were brought up like sisters." [AMM]

A letter from Chapman Bradford (4.2), Belle's older brother, written in July 1888, mentions his sister (then sixteen) and says: "Aunt Lizzie [Elizabeth Mallory Hardie] has been so greatly harassed that I fear she lets Belle and Kate do largely as they see proper." With eight children, plus Belle, Lizzie must have been kept busy!

Alva Finley Hardie and his wife Elizabeth Mallory Hardie had been married for almost 45 years when she died on 27 April 1911 in Dallas, at the age of 66. Alva Finley Hardie died eight years later, on 19 July 1919 also in Dallas, at 75. They were both buried in the Oakhill Cemetery there. Eight children:

- 7.1 John Hardie
- 7.2 James Mallory Hardie
- 7.3 Kate Hardie
- 7.4 Alva Hardie
- 7.5 Spence Hardie
- 7.6 Hugh Mallory Hardie
- 7.7 Leonard Adams Hardie
- 7.8 Elizabeth Mary Hardie