

The following "biography" of Ella Frierson Hardie (m.6) was excerpted from

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

William Tipton Hardie was married on 20 January 1870 in New Orleans to Ella Frierson, born on 2 August 1848 in New Orleans, daughter of William J. Frierson and Leanora O. Dobbins Frierson. They lived in New Orleans in the Garden District at 1411 Jackson Avenue.



Ella Frierson Hardie (1848-1900), wife of William Tipton Hardie (#6), and their first five children: standing, Eben Hardie (6.3), William Frierson Hardie (6.1), and Robert Timmons Hardie (6.2); seated: Marion Meade Hardie (Meade) (6.4); and, in her arms: James Fellows Hardie (6.5).

William and Ella Hardie had eight children, seven sons and finally a daughter. One son died a child, and all of the other children worked for their father's companies, William T. Hardie & Co. or Williams-Richardson Co.

Ella Frierson Hardie died on 3 February 1900 in New Orleans. William Tipton Hardie died on 26 February 1926 in New Orleans.

An extract from *Presbyterianism in New Orleans and Adjacent Points, 1818-1930* (compiled by Rev. Louis Voss, D.D., Stated Clerk, published by the Presbyterian Board of Publications of the Synod of Louisiana, 1931) tells of William Tipton Hardie's death:

On February 26, 1926, at the age of eighty-five, William T. Hardie died in the city of New Orleans. While he was born in Talladega County, Alabama, Mr. Hardie had come to New Orleans when only seventeen years of age and, with

the exception of the four years of the civil war, when he was a member of the Washington Artillery, he had lived here ever since.

He was an honored member of the business world. As a cotton factor, as a bank director, as the head of Williams-Richardson Co., Mr. Hardie was esteemed not only for his judgment and business ability, but for his integrity and spirit of fairness to his fellow men. He was successful in business, but there was never a suggestion that his success resulted from dishonest methods.

...[He] was blessed by a family of six sons and one daughter, and yet, sorrow was mingled with joy, for Mrs. Hardie died in 1900, and before Mr. Hardie's own death, four of his own sons had preceded him to the grave. Two of the deaths followed illnesses of long duration, while two of them were distressingly sudden.

William Tipton Hardie and Ella Frierson Hardie had eight children:

- 6.1 William Frierson Hardie
- 6.2 Robert Timmons Hardie (Rob)
- 6.3 Eben Hardie
- 6.4 Marion Meade Hardie
- 6.5 James Fellows Hardie
- 6.6 Francis Gary Hardie
- 6.7 Benjamin Palmer Hardie (Palmer)
- 6.8 Ella Frierson Hardie