

The following "biography" of **Leila Hardie Moore (1.11)** was excerpted from

John Hardie of Thornhill and His Family by Lillian Galt Martin

1.11 **Leila Hardie** was born on 2 September 1875 [1871?] in Pass Christian, Mississippi. She was married on 22 January 1895 in New Orleans to Robert Moore, born on 22 September

1869 in Liverpool, England, son of David Moore and Jane Duckworth Moore, of Liverpool. They lived in New Orleans, not far from other members of the Hardie family: her parents, her two sisters Helen Hardie Baldwin and Isabelle Hardie Barkley, and her brother Lewis Hardie, and their families. Some of her grand-nieces and -nephews still remember "Aunt Lola" [pronounced "Loll-a].

Mrs. Robert Moore Jr. (married 1.11.2) wrote (in 1984):

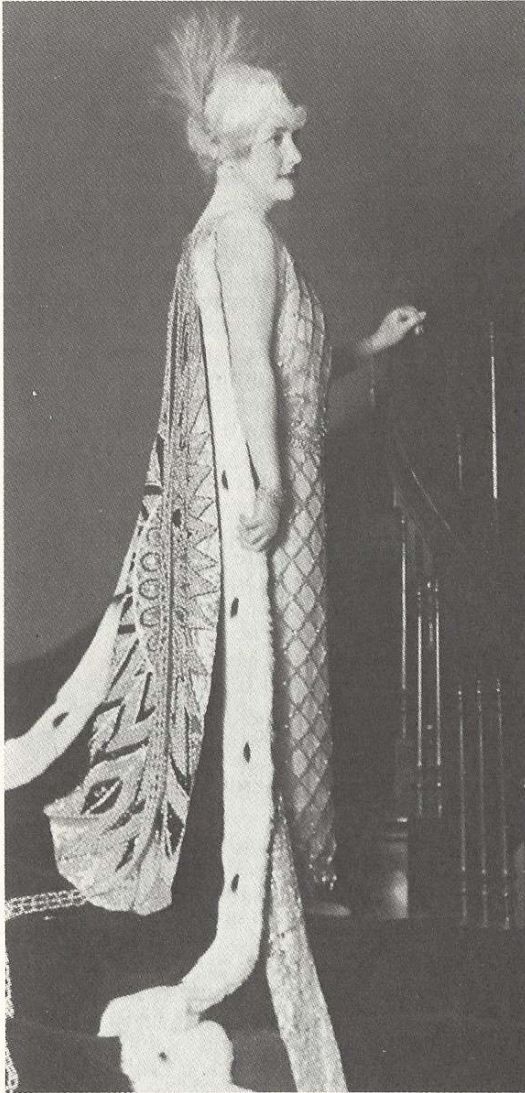
"The old bachelor uncle Robert Moore came to New Orleans, probably from Liverpool, and was in the cotton business. He in turn sent for his nephews, one at a time, to decide which one he would make his heir, as he never married. After trying out four, he decided on the last one, Robert, to inherit his fortune. Robert came to New Orleans and fell in love with the beautiful Leila Hardie.

"Robert Moore Sr. took over his uncle's cotton business. When I knew him he lived [after his wife Leila's death] at the St. Charles Hotel, of which he was president. He also had a home in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Also a large estate in New London, Connecticut. They travelled to Europe each year and had a place at Marlow."

Francis Gary Moore remembered (in 1986): "My father was an ardent golfer, playing an excellent game, almost to his death. He was Connecticut State Champion. He helped build a famous golf course at West Hampton, Long Island, the National Golf Course. He was just as enthusiastic a fisherman. He was an investment banker in the very old firm of Moore, Hyams, Inc."

Leila and Robert Moore lived in New Orleans, where she died on 2 December 1943. Robert Moore died on 15 February 1948 in New Orleans. They were buried in Metairie Cemetery.

An editorial from the New Orleans Item newspaper for 17 February 1948, headed "Robert Moore, Sr." reflects on his "... long career of exceptionally useful and constructive citizenship ... Although active as a leader in business and financial circles as long ago as when he headed a



Leila Hardie Moore (Mrs. Robert Moore) (1.11) (1875-1943) as queen of the Mystic ball in 1924.

commercial water-supply company before the establishment of our Sewerage and Water Board, Mr. Moore was still a force in the local business world at 78, a few weeks before his death.

"Diverse and absorbing as were his activities in the world of trade, they were leavened by a winning personal charm which, throughout his life won and held a host of devoted friends...He was [a member of] the Boston Club...for more than 50 years."

Four children:

1.11.1 Isabella Moore

1.11.2 Robert Moore Jr.

1.11.3 Leila Hardie Moore

1.11.4 Francis Gary Moore

[Information from Mildren Bone Barkley (married 1.11.2) and Mary Fitz Willetts Moore (married 1.11.2).]