

Thornhill

A Home for all Hardies

In 1817 a young John Hardie crossed the Atlantic Ocean to seek his fortune in America. He arrived in New York Harbor, and eventually settled in Talladega County, Alabama. In 1835 John and his wife, Mary built a home for their family and named it *Thornhill* after his home in Scotland. There, the peaceful hill under the verdant trees became his final resting place. Over a hundred years passed before his descendant, Anna Meade Minnigerode, bought and restored *Thornhill* and established a gathering place for the descendants of John Hardie. Thornhill is now owned by the Greene family which treasures its rolling hills, green vistas, and stately architecture while graciously welcoming all Hardie descendants. It is a place where we can continue to gather and call *Thornhill* our "home".



Thornhill
circa 1835

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

Thornhill Foundation

The Thornhill Foundation is a non-profit Alabama corporation, set up by the descendants of John Hardie and Mary Mead Hall Hardie of *Thornhill*. As a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization, donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS Regulations.



Thornhill Cemetery circa 1936
Historic American Buildings Survey

Please consider the *Thornhill Cemetery Endowment Fund* in your will.

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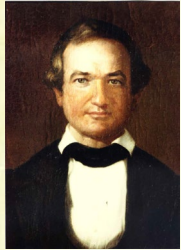
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Thornhill
Home of John and Mary Hardie
Talladega, Alabama

"Show me your cemeteries and I will tell you what kind of people you have"
 - Benjamin Franklin

Thornhill Cemetery History



*John
Hardie*

1796 - 1848

As the site for John Hardie's burial the family chose an area on a slight rise located approximately two hundred yards southwest of his home.

Daughter Annie Hardie Lewis inherited Thornhill, all but "one acre of ground, lying in front of present dwelling house and comprehending within its limits the family burying grounds" was set aside. As Thornhill was sold throughout the years, the cemetery was always reserved as a separate entity. Anna Meade Minnigerode transferred to the Thornhill Foundation the one acre parcel on which the cemetery was located and an easement to the cemetery from Alabama Highway 21. In 1985 Marilyn and Pat Greene transferred an acre to the Thornhill Foundation bringing the total

Thornhill Cemetery Today

Today, an iron fence encloses the original cemetery which is considerably smaller than two acres. The trees surrounding the Cemetery create the impression of the ruins of a cathedral with only the branches and sky for its roof. There is a profound sense of peace and dignity in the enclosure

The first person to be buried at Thornhill Cemetery in modern times was Anna Minnigerode in 1986. Since then there have been a number of burials including Pat and Marilyn Greene's Daughter, Marianna Greene Henry, and her daughter, Natalie.



*Anna Meade
Minnigerode*
1903 - 1986

There is currently space in the Cemetery for additional burials, and the size of the property deeded to the Foundation by Anna Minnigerode and the Greens makes future expansions of the Cemetery possible. Access to the Cemetery for burials is controlled by the Foundation for The Hardies, The Greens, and their related family members in accordance with its Rules of Administration. For these rules and other information including donation forms visit: thornhill.org.

Cemetery Endowment Fund Campaign for Perpetual Care

The purpose of the Campaign for Perpetual Care is to raise an endowment fund that will ensure the perpetual care of the Cemetery. Cemetery care is currently funded by the annual contributions of members of the Thornhill Foundation. The Thornhill Foundation is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and contributions to The Foundation are tax deductible in accordance with IRS Regulations.

To reach our goal of \$200,000 by 2017 in honor of the 200th Anniversary of John Hardie's arrival in America, we have established the following:



Recognition Categories

John Hardie Society	\$10,000 and up
Ancestor Society	\$5,000 to 9,999
Heritage Society	\$1,000 to 4,999
Cemetery Patron	\$500 to \$999
Cemetery Friend	\$100 to \$499
Cemetery Donor	\$50 to \$99

Please join us and send your tax-deductible check payable to **The Thornhill Foundation** to:

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Please note: "Campaign for Perpetual Care" on check.

"We Hardies are fortunate that at this time our family cemetery is lovely and well-kept, having not befallen the misfortune of disrepair of some family cemeteries holding ancestors of the past. As generations increase and the lives of family members take us away from the family home and cemetery, we must ensure the future perpetual care for the cemetery of our ancestors. Please help us in meeting our goal."

- Delia Hardie, President - Thornhill Foundation