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THE JOHN HARDY-CHARITY O'DYER FAMILY

John Hardy, the progenitor of the North Carolina Hardy family, was born in England 7 October 1665, died in Chowan (now Bertie) County, North Carolina in 1739 (?). He was said to be the son of John Noble or Noble Worthington Hardy who was born in 1639 in Pembroke, Wales, moved to Dorchestershire, England. John Hardy married Charity O'Dyer, daughter of Gabriel and Mary O'Dyer who came from Cornwall, England to Maryland, and are said to have lived in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

John Hardy proved rights of importation in Chowan Court, 7 October 1695, for himself, wife and five children. (Saunders, "Colonial Records of North Carolina" and Hathaway, "North Carolina Genealogical Register," Vol. II, No.1, p 150) Proving these rights meant a grant of 50 acres of land for each person proven, which gave him 350 acres as a beginning of his land holdings.

There is some evidence that they lived in Maryland and Virginia before coming to Chowan. In Skordas, "The Early Settlers of Maryland" p 208: "Charity Hardy immigrated 1674, wife of John. A John Hardy of Virginia immigrated 1674, Liber 15, Folio 317." There may be a mistake in dates here. It is definite there were Hardys in Isle of Wight Co. Virginia. A George Hardy, born in 1633 in England, died 1693 in Virginia, son of John Hardy (1613-1670), who married in 1632 Olive Council. George came to Virginia ca 1650 before his parents who came by 1666. (Stella Pickett Hardy, "First Families of America"; Virkus, "Compendium of American Genealogy," Vol. 1 p 146)

Be that as it may, John Hardy and his family settled in the Chowan area, in what is now the Colerain community of Bertie County. There is a reference in Price, "Colonial Records 1697-1701" of John Hardy buying venison from some Indians.

The children of John and Charity O'Dyer Hardy were:

William Hardy born ca 1685 died ca 1760, married Edith Fewox (Fox)

Thomas Hardy

Mary Hardy married John Hinton of Edenton. The "News and Observer", June 7, 1964, had a feature article by Jane Hall which stated: "There has been a Hinton around and about these parts since 1730 when John Hinton of Chowan County acquired very large tracts of land on the Neuse River in what is now Wake and Johnston Counties." A granddaughter of John Hinton and Mary Hardy married Joel Lane, and lived on what is now Capitol Square in Raleigh. The city was built upon his plantation. (David L. Hardee, "The Eastern North Carolina Hardy-Hardee Family")

Jacob Hardy

John Hardy II, born ca 1690 died February 1719, was born in England and came with his parents to North Carolina when a small boy. He married Rebecca Byrd. He was well-to-do financially, was prominent in the affairs of the Chowan colony, and held many positions of public trust. He was named executor of many wills in Chowan, inventoried estates, served as road commissioner, juryman, etc. He was an officer of the Crown,

sheriff, 1710-1711. In 1711 he was a member of the House of Burgesses; was appointd Associate Justice of the General Court from 1716-1719; and was a vestryman in St. Paul's Parish, Edenton, North Carolina. (Saunders' Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol.23, pp. 121, 264; and Hathaway's Genealogical Register, Vol. 2, p.121). At the time of his death, he was living on what he called his "Manor Plantation", located in what is now the Colerain area of Bertie County. In his will written 19 January 1719 and sworn to before Charles Eden, he named his brothers William, Thomas, Jacob, his wife Rebecca, and his daughters Mary (to whom he left his Manor Plantation of 640 acres), and Elizabeth. He provided for an unborn child, but there is no record of one ever being born. His daughter Elizabeth married (1) Abel Croom, (2) Nathaniel Hill. Of particular interest is the fact that John Hardy was the executor of the will of John Byrd who died 13 September 1716, leaving three children: John, Richard, and Ann.

THE WILLIAM HARDY--EDITH FEWOX (FOX) FAMILY

William Hardy was born ca 1685 died ca 1760. He was the son of John and Charity O'Dyer Hardy. He was married by 1705 to Edith Fewox (Fox), the daughter of James and Ann Fox. William, also, was prominent in Colonial affairs. He was a cooper, registered mark a large "W". (Bertie County Book G p 322.) The making of barrels was a growing industry in the young colony where many were in demand for the exportation of whiskey, tar, pitch and turpentine. He owned land in Chowan County. (Deed of 7 September 1714 Book B p 85) William was named in his brother's will written 19 January 1719, proven 16 March 1719. John left William a five year old black horse, his best suit of clothes and his Buckaneer gun. Among the children of William and Edith Fox were these:

William Hardy II married Sarah Parrott
Edward Hardy
Jesse Hardy
Robert Hardy died 1779; married Agnes who died in 1783
Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy I born ca 1705 married Elizabeth Parrott

William Hardy II and Sarah Parrott Hardy named their first born, a son, Lemuel (Lamb) which created some confusion with his uncle by the same name. Names and incomplete data of the other children by this marriage are not included here.

THE LEMUEL HARDY-ELIZABETH PARROTT FAMILY

Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy born before 1711, possibly ca 1705, died 1750, is believed to be the son of William Hardy and Edith Fewox (Fox). In "Colonial Records" Vol IV by Price there is an account of a deed of 100 acres from James Fewox to William Hardie in 1705, July-August General Court. On page 180 same source William Hardie, wife Edie, acknowledged assignment of 220 acres to John Tarkington. James Fewox died in 1711 in Tyrrell County. In his will he mentioned his grandson Lemuel, son of his daughter Edith and William Hardie.

Lemuel Hardy married ca 1727 Elizabeth Parrott, the daughter of Francis and Frances Johnson Parrott. Francis and Frances Parrott had these children: Jacob, Susannah and Elizabeth Parrott. Frances Johnson was the daughter of Susannah Johnson who deeded property to her grandchildren about 1715. Francis Parrott was a Justice of the Peace from 1701 till 1711. After Francis Parrott died ca 1715 his widow married Martin Frederick Razor. They had two children, Christiana Razor and Edwin Razor. (Edwin Razor was one of the witnesses to the deed of land from William Hardy to his son Lamb, in 1750.) In 1722 Peter Osborn made a deed to Martin Frederick Razor and Frances Razor leaving property to Christiana Razor, only daughter of Martin Frederick Razor and Frances Razor. In case Christiana died without heirs, the property was to go to "two oldest daughters of Frances Razor, viz. Susannah and Elizabeth Parrott". (Book A p 10 Bertie County.) At a court held at Hon. Thomas Pollock's home in Chowan August 1717, Martin Frederick Razor petitioned that he be allowed to take up patents of Francis Parrott for 185 acres of land in Chowan which had lapsed for want of being seated in due time. It was granted. ("Colonial Records" Vol. 2 p 291, quoted in "The Hardy-Hardee Family" by Col. David L. Hardee page 277.) Lamb Hardy was the administrator of Frances Razor's will in 1748.

There is some question about whether Lemuel Hardy II who married Mary Sutton was the son of Lemuel I (Lamb) and Elizabeth Parrott, or was the son of William Hardy II and Sarah Parrott. Information collected for the J. Albert Hardy family had Lemuel II as the son of John Hardy II and Rebecca. But according to John Hardy's will, he left only two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary. (See above.) We are taking the position the Lemuel who married Mary Sutton was the son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Parrott.

Data from the notes of Elizabeth Hardy Jones, who was a first cousin of General Douglas MacArthur, gives his line as follows: ("The Hardy-Hardee Family" pp 18, 86)

John Hardy and Charity O'Dyer
William Hardy I and Edith Fewox (Fox)
Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy and Elizabeth Parrott
William Hardy and Sarah Sowell (Seawell)
Edward Hardy and Lydia Jarvis
Thomas Asbury Hardy and Elizabeth Margaret Pierce
Mary Pinkney Hardy and Arthur McArthur
Doughlas McArthur and Jean Faircloth

Elizabeth Hardy Hall, who married Carlton B. Jones, was the daughter of Lucy, a sister of MacArthur's mother, Mary Pinkney (Pinky) Hardy MacArthur. See "Raleigh News and Observer", March 8, 1942 for more details on General Douglas MacArthur's mother's family.

Among the children of Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy I and Elizabeth Parrott were:

William Hardy born 1729 died 17 December 1783; married 26 November 1751 Sarah Sowell (Seawell) who died in 1809
Lemuel Hardy born 20 May 1730 died January 1797; married in 1760 Mary Sutton
Benjamin Hardy born 1732 died in 1790; married Nancy Howell
Frances Hardy died 27 July 1802; married in 1756/7 Michael Capehart
Edward Hardy married 6 January 1765 Winifred Weston
Elizabeth Hardy married Thomas Speight
Jesse Hardy

The marriage bond of Edward Hardy of Bertie County, was signed by Wm. Hardy, son of Lamb, Lemuel Hardy and by Sarah Hardy with a mark. These were probably his brother and sister-in-law.

Deeds of interest:

Lemuel Hardy, first written Samuel crossed out to Lemuel, deeded to Edward Hardy for 75 pounds 250 acres Middle Branch Salmon Creek, 9 January 1769, witnessed by William Hardy, son of Lamb. (Page 198 of Deeds Bertie County 1767-1780 L-M) (Salmon Creek is shown on Price and Strother map of 1808, north of the mouth of the Cashie River, ENE of Windsor.)

Benjamin Hardy sold 500 acres on the west side of the eastern branch of Salmon Creek, Bertie County, to John Smith for 40 pounds proclamation money, 16 April 1768, witnessed by William, son of Lamb, and Lemuel Hardy. Proved in court on oath of Lemuel Hardy.

William Hardy to son William all his possessions in return for a living for himself and wife, Elizabeth, throughout their natural lives, 10 December 1767. Proved in court by oath of Lemuel Hardy.

Moses Mewborn to Thomas Mewborn February 1768. Proved in court by oath of Wm. Hardy, son of Lamb.

THE WILLIAM HARDY-SARAH SOWELL (SEAWELL) FAMILY

This family, although not in our direct line is included here, because it is better documented than Lemuel's due to extant wills and estate settlements. William was born in 1729 died 17 December 1783, the son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy. William married 26 November 1751 Sarah Sowell. He was a planter and a miller, his lands lying along Beaver Dam Swamp in NW Bertie County. His mother was still living when he wrote his will 6 December 1783. The will was approved by court February, 1784, and the division of his estate according to the provisions of his will in February 1794. His oldest son, Lamb, died in 1797; his will gives some additional documentation.

The children of William and Sarah Sowell Hardy were:

Martha Hardy born 17 October 1752; married 16 April 1770 Job Hunter, son of James and Sarah Hunter

Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy born 20 January 1755 died 1797; married 23 August 1790 Winifred Boswell. He was a school master, and left these children: Thomas, William P., and Elizabeth who married James Smith. Lamb's will was witnessed by Moses and Elizabeth Williams, his sister and brother-in-law and by his aunt Elizabeth Speight.

Elizabeth Hardy born 25 March 1757; married in October 1786 Moses Williams, son of Samuel and Mary Williams

Sarah Hardy born 12 April 1759; estate settlement of 1794 gives her husband as a Sutton

William Parrott Hardy born 15 September 1761; married Sarah Fleetwood, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fleetwood

Charles Hardy born 25 June 1765 died 1845; said to have moved to Fayette County, Indiana; married Mary

Edward Hardy born 8 or 17 March 1770 died 3 April 1837; married 23 December 1796 Lydia Jarvis who died 20 December 1807; married (2) 20 December 1808, Elizabeth Murden who died 11 September 1813; married (3) 24 September 1816 Dorcas Woodhouse, who died 11 December 1816; married (4) Mrs. Lydia Bray, widow of Thomas Bray. Edward Hardy, Douglas MacArthur's ancestor, was a Methodist minister, ordained by Bishop Asbury in 1793.

John Hardy born 13 June 1773 died 1854; married Elizabeth Ward, daughter of Thomas and Phoeby Ward, on 15 November 1798; moved to Lincoln County, Georgia; died in Russell County, Alabama

Benjamin Hardy born 21 or 31 July 1777/9 died July 1821; married Eleanor Ward, sister of Elizabeth Ward who married John. They are buried at Blackwater, between Edenton and Windsor.

THE LEMUEL HARDY II-MARY SUTTON FAMILY

Lemuel Hardy was born 20 May 1730 in Bertie County and died in January 1797 in Greene County, N. C. He was the son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy. He and his brother Benjamin sold their land holdings on Salmon Creek, Bertie County and moved to old Dobbs County in 1768/9, where they had large adjoining plantations on Bear Creek near Jason. Before coming to Dobbs, Lemuel served as a Justice of the Peace in Bertie County from 1750 to 1760.

There is a mention of him in the will of Governor Gabriel Johnston, 16 May 1751: "to wife Frances Johnston small plantation on Salmon Creek in the county of Bertie, which I lately purchased of Lamb Hardy)."

Lemuel Hardy II married in 1761 Mary Sutton, born 6 November 1747 died in 1800, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Chauncey Sutton. Mary was from a Quaker family who had settled in the Pasquotank area of old Albemarle. Mary's Mother, Elizabeth, was the daughter of William Chauncey and Deborah Symonds. Symonds Creek was one of the earliest Monthly Meetings of the Quakers. Mary's father, Thomas, was the son of Joseph and Parthenia Durant Sutton. Parthenia was the daughter of George Durant, one of the first settlers in Albemarle.

The Murphey Family letters quoted in "The History of Green County" by James M. Creech pages 674-677 establish the fact that Lemuel and Mary Sutton Hardy were settled in old Dobbs by 1770 and give some of the family connections with Murpheys, Aldridges, and Hardys.

Lemuel served in the American Revolution as a private. There is a family story that while he was away fighting, their older daughters were hidden in Bear Creek Swamp just south of their home when Cornwallis's British soldiers came through and camped in this general area. They were carried food and water and cared for by a faithful slave named Phoebe.

In 1790 Lemuel owned 20 slaves; he was among the top third of slave owners. He was a planter and a good thrifty business man. He owned and operated several water mills on Bear Creek. The list of taxables of old Dobbs County for the year 1769 included Benjamin, Lemuel, and Thomas Hardy, and Thomas Aldridge, and Drew Aldridge, constable. (The Hardy and Aldridge families later intermarried.) In 1780 the tax lists for Dobbs County were compiled in districts with the value of wealth in pounds. District 10 (from Snow Hill to the south as far as Wheat Swamp and west to Arba) included the name of Drewry Aldridge with 3,821 pounds. District 2 (vicinity of La Grange to Institute in Lenoir County and Jason in Green County) included Benjamin Hardy 2,229 pounds, Lemuel Hardy 10,401 pounds and Thomas Hardy 2,018 pounds.

On pages 616 and 617 of the 1800 census of Green County are the names of Lemuel Hardy, Sr., Sutton Hardee, Sr. Drury Aldridge, and Jeremiah Fields, the latter said to be an ancestor of Lucy Ann Fields who married Lemuel's great-grandson George Mewborn Hardy.

In 1896 (?) a grandson of Lemuel Hardy II, Jesse Hutchins Hardy, (son of Lemuel Hardy III), sold about 360 acres for $3600 to Richard Walters Sutton, Jr. who was married to Martha Ellen Hardy, a great-granddaughter of Lemuel Hardy II. This farm was originally a land grant from the King to Lemuel Hardy II. It was owned in 1894 by Harold Milton

Sutton, a nephew of Richard's. Harold's wife, Jane Elizabeth Mewborn, was also a descendant of Lemuel Hardy II.

Sources for the above and additional information are:

Creech, James M. "The History of Greene County"
Grimes, "Abstracts of Wills"
Lambert, Mary Weeks "Memories and Records of Eastern North Carolina"
Oliver, Marjorie Sutton "The Suttons of England and North Carolina"
Price, "Colonial Records 1670-1696"

There are several listings of the children of Lemuel Hardy II and Mary Sutton Hardy. The one in "The Suttons of England and North Carolina" seems to have more data. With a few changes it is as follows:

Sarah Hardy born 24 October 1761 died 12 February 1803; married Charles Tull, born 2 December 1753 died 8 December 1836
John Hardy born 1763; married Mary Taylor
Winifred Hardy born 29 June 1765 died 12 October 1841; married in 1781 Henry Best, Jr. born 11 April 1762 died 2 December 1839, son of Benjamin Best, Sr. and Margaret Williams Best (See "History of Green County" pp 342-345)
Sutton Hardy born 1766; married Martha Taylor; moved to Mississippi
Edith (Edey) Ann Hardy born ca 1768 died 1832; married in 1786 Drewry Aldridge, Jr. born 1766 died 1840, son of Drury Aldridge, Sr. and Mary Barrington
Thomas Hardy born 1769
William Parrott Hardy born 1771; married Cleopatra Parrott
Mary Hardy born 1773 died 1 June 1855; married Benjamin Best,Jr. born 1766 died 13 September 1850, son of Benjamin Best, Sr. and Margaret Williams
Martha Hardy born 1775; married a Mr. Taylor
Annie Hardy born 1776; married Pinckney Taylor, son of Wright and Rebecca Britt Taylor
Lemuel Hardy III born 3 February 1779 died 17 October 1846; married (1) ca 1800 Unity Taylor; married (2) in 1806 Annie Mewborn born 26 July 1787 died 30 April 1815, daughter of Parrott Mewborn and Lydia Howell Hardy Mewborn; married (3) in 1815 Patsy Mewborn, born 16 February 1796 died 16 February 1851, also a daughter of Parrott Mewborn
Elizabeth Hardy born 1780 died 1805; married John Wesley Gibbons
Nancy Hardy born 4 March 1782 died 22 December 1844; married in 1802 Lemuel Sugg, born 17 February 1778 died 14 December 1852, son of John Sugg and Elizabeth Murphey Sugg
Benjamin Hardy born 1784 died 1841; married Mary Edwards.

The children of Benjamin and Mary Edwards Hardy are listed below because of the close connection with the Lemuel Hardy III's family and the Mewborn family. (Sons, Lemuel E. Hardy and Jesse Hardy were witnesses to the will of Lemuel Hardy III in 1846).

Nancy Hardy married a Mr. Mc Daniel
Mary Hardy married Henry Edwards
Eliza Hardy married Abraham Hardy
Lemuel E. Hardy born 3 February 1809 died 16 June 1887; married Elizabeth Tyson born 2 September 1815 died 11 January 1874, daughter of Seth Tyson and Lanie Harper Tyson. This family is listed in the 1850 census of Green County, Tysons Marsh District, #510 with $4800 real estate, 12 slaves; in the 1860 census same area #148 with $9000 real estate and $8500 personalty. Their children were:
Mary E. Hardy born 10 January 1840/4 died 6 March 1893; married (1) John B. Sylivant, married (2) a Mr. Joyner
Annie Maria Hardy born 15 May 1846 died 4 January 1875; married 3 February 1870 Ivy R. Baker
Richard Henry Hardy born 22 December 1848 died 7 November 1919; married (1) Mary Louisa Mewborn born 5 December 1848 died 10 May 1902, daughter of George and Nancy Louisa Hardy Mewborn. Nancy L. was the daughter of Lemuel Hardy III and Patsy Mewborn Hardy. He married 2nd Polly Ann Britt.
Zilphia McLewean Hardy born 1 May 1851 died 9 December 1899; married John Council Parker, born 1 August 1844 died 31 August 1917
Lany Louisa (or Jane?) Hardy born 1 January 1854 died 4 March 1897; married 1872 Parrott Hardy Mewborn, son of George Mewborn and Nancy Louisa Hardy Mewborn. Parrott H. Mewborn was the brother of Mary Louisa Mewborn who married Richard Henry Hardy above.
Blany Harper Edward Hardy born 6 May 1857 died 8 June 1869
Jesse W. Hardy born ca 1811; married Laney Tyson born ca 1824. This family is listed in the 1850 census of Green County, Tyson's Marsh District #509 with $6000 real estate, five slaves; in 1860 same area #149 with $10,000 real estate and $20,000 personalty. Their children were:
Seth T. Hardy born ca 1841; CSA, 3rd Regiment Infantry Company A; entered 25 April 1861 died 11 September 1862 at Gordonsville.
Benjamin M. Hardy born ca 1844; CSA, 3rd Regiment, Company A, died 20 September 1861 at Camp Howe.
Jesse W. Hardy born ca 1845; married Lucetta Wooten. He died young leaving a son Clarence Lemuel Hardy, who was said to be the largest single tobacco grower in the world at one time. (See Colonel David Hardee, "The Hardy Family in the South and Southwest" p 49 and "The History of Greene County", James M. Creech p 626.)
Lemuel S. Hardy born ca 1851

(continuing the family of Jesse W.(1811-) and Laney Tyson Hardy:)

James M. Hardy born ca 1854
John T. Hardy born ca 1857
Monroe R. Hardy born ca 1859

Benjamin Hardy nothing known

William E. Hardy born 20 August 1816 died 15 March 1870; married Rosa Ellen Edwards, born ca 1825 died 1881. This family is listed in the 1850 census of Green County, Tyson's Marsh District #517 with $2500 in real estate; in 1860 same area #167 with $5500 real estate and $3500 personalty. Their children were:

Benjamin F. Hardy born ca 1840; CSA, entered 18 June 1863, 40th Regiment, Company F. He is listed among the surviving veterans in 1902 of Company A, 3rd Regiment.

Eliza Hardy born ca 1843

Laney Jane Hardy born ca 1845; married in 1863/5 Parrott Mewborn III, born 1834 died 1881, son of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Aldridge Mewborn. Laney Jane died in 1876 and Parrott married (2) in 1878 her sister, Winifred.

Zilpha E. Hardy born ca 1848

Nancy Susan Hardy born 13 November 1850 died 31 March 1902; married ca 1876 Richard Walters Sutton, Sr., his 2nd marriage.

Winifred Hardy born 1854 died 1879; married in 1878 Parrott Mewborn III. Winifred died at the birth of their daughter Ella Mewborn, who was raised by another sister Martha Ellen Hardy, who was married to Richard Walters Sutton, Jr.

Martha Ellen Hardy born 11 May 1859 died 26 October 1942; married 8 March 1881 Richard Walters Sutton, Jr., born 8 January 1858 died 13 November 1939, son of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill, his first wife.

Huldah Hooker Hardy born 26 April 1862 died 11 December 1928; married 23 November 1879 Alexander Richard Sutton, born 18 November 1860 died 6 December 1928, son of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill Sutton.

In addition to their own children Lemuel Hardy II and Mary Sutton Hardy raised Parrott Mewborn I, born 11 March 1765, son of George Mewborn and Mary Parrott Mewborn, both of whom died young. Parrott Mewborn I married Lemuel Hardy II's niece, Lydia Howell Hardy, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Howell Hardy. Lemuel Hardy III married two of the daughters of Parrott Mewborn I and Lydia Hardy Mewborn. Because of this connection the Benjamin Hardy-Nancy Howell family is included.

THE BENJAMIN HARDY-NANCY HOWELL FAMILY

Benjamin Hardy was born in 1732 in Bertie County, the son of Lemuel Hardy and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy. He died in 1790 in old Dobbs County, North Carolina. In 1753 he married Nancy Howell who was born in 1738. Benjamin furnished supplies and served in the Revolution, and held political positions at Colonial and State levels. He was a member of the First Provincial Congress held in New Bern, N. C. under Governor William Tryon and was verified 14 November 1766 as a duly elected member from Johnston County (later divided into Dobbs), served again in 1767, 1768, and 1771. Benjamin and his brother sold their lands on Salmon Creek in Bertie County ca 1768/9 and were granted lands on Bear Creek near the present Lenoir-Greene County lines.

The children of Benjamin and Nancy Howell Hardy were:

Susan Hardy born 1754; married John Herring, born 1748

Elizabeth Hardy born 1758 died 1816; married Thomas Dawson

Lydia Howell Hardy born 26 April 1768; married Parrott Mewborn, born 11 March 1765, died in 1807, son of George Mewborn and Mary Parrott Mewborn.

Their children were:

Annie Mewborn born 26 July 1787 died 30 April 1815; married 19 April 1806 Lemuel Hardy III, born 3 February 1779 died 17 October 1846, son of Lemuel Hardy II and Mary Sutton Hardy.

Hardy Mewborn born 7 August 1789; married Deborah Parrott, born 1796

Edith (Edey) Ann Mewborn, born 7 September 1791; married ca 1811 John Parrott Gray. Their son Parrott Mewborn Gray born ca 1812; married Elizabeth Sugg; and the son of Parrott Mewborn Gray and Elizabeth Sugg Gray, John Parrott Gray, became the ward of Parrott Mewborn II and later married two of his daughters.

Levi Mewborn born 9 September 1793; married (1) Deborah Parrott, born 1796; married (2) Susan Parrott

Patsy Mewborn born 16 February 1796 died 16 February 1851; married 1815 Lemuel Hardy III, widower of her sister Annie; his 3rd marriage.

Parrott Mewborn II born 1 January 1799 died 29 April 1864, was a Primitive Baptist minister. He married 27 November 1821 Mary Jane Aldridge, born 17 March 1802 died 19 July 1881, daughter of Drewry Aldridge II and Edith Hardy Aldridge. Mary Jane inherited Myrtle Bluffs. (See Creech's "History of Greene County")

(continuing the family of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Jane Aldridge)

Elizabeth Mewborn born 5 March 1801 died 1845; married ca 1824 Major Hardee, born ca 1806 died 7 April 1869, son of Joseph and Sarah Bright Hardee.

Lemuel Hardy Mewborn born 21 March 1803; married Louisa Kilpatrick

Lydia Mewborn born 9 August 1805 died 14 May 1846/7; married 5 November 1827 Bright Hardee, born 18 November 1802 died 12 November 1841, son of Joseph and Sarah Bright Hardee.

Anne Hardy married Jesse Aldridge born ca 1758, son of Drewry Aldridge, Sr. and Mary Barrington Aldridge. They had a son named Howell Aldridge.

LEMUEL HARDY III

Lemuel Hardy was born 3 February 1779 in old Dobbs County, now Greene County, North Carolina and died 17 October 1846 in the same area of southwest Greene County near the Lenoir County line. He was the son of Lemuel Hardy II and Mary Sutton Hardy, who had moved into this section from Bertie County by 1770. Lemuel III had many slaves and lands bordering on and/or including Groundnut Swamp, Goods Branch, Oat Marsh, Bear Creek, and the road leading from Snow Hill to La Grange, once known as Mosely Hall.

He was married three times and, according to his grandson Lemuel H. Hardy, had 18 children in all. Several children died in childhood; there are 15 listed by name. In his will which was written in 1844, proved in court 1846, he named these children: Martha Aldridge, Susannah Moye (apparently deceased), Lydia Daniel, Salley Dawson, Parrott M. Hardy, Anna (Hardy) Hardy, Unity Broom, Elizabeth Gibbons, Edith Barrow, Lemuel Hardy, Benjamin Hardy, Levi S. Hardy, and Jesse H. Hardy. Louisa and Nancy, minors at the time, were not mentioned by name, but the minor sons were. Lemuel also named his wife Patsy in his will. This will was burned in the court house fire of 1876, but a copy was certified by the court in 1885.

Lemuel Hardy III married (1) Unity (Eunity) Taylor and had one child:

Martha Patsy Hardy, born 1802 died 1 November 1864; married in 1818 John Aldridge, born 1795 died 1869; they lived in Greene County

Lemuel Hardy III married (2) 19 April 1806 Annie Mewborn, born 26 July 1787 died 30 April 1815, daughter of Parrott Mewborn I and Lydia Howell Hardy Mewborn. Lemuel and Annie had six children, two dying as infants:

Susannah Hardy born 9 December 1806, apparently deceased by 1844 when her father wrote his will naming her children but not her. She married Wyatt Moye. Elder Lemuel H. Hardy did not profess any knowledge of her children. In "The Eastern North Carolina Hardy-Hardee Family" p 34 Col. Hardee named one child Irvin (?) Moye who married Cicero Broome.

Parrott Mewborn Hardy, born 17 January 1810 died 29 September 1866; married (1) Louisa Truitt Daniel, born 30 May 1816 died 22 April 1840; married (2) in 1842 Sarah (Sallie) Aldridge, born 4 April 1818 died 4 July 1883. He had 13 children. (ibid pp 34, 35)

Lydia Hardy, born 12 March 1812 died 21 June 1845, married Justus Daniel, born 4 July 1807 died 24 January 1833. They had at least two sons, named in Elder Lemuel H. Hardy's family history: Parrott Mewborn Daniel, wounded severely in the Civil War Battle at Fort Harrison and died; and Andrew Jackson Daniel, who married Bettie Cromwell of Edgecomb County and had one daughter.

Sarah (Sallie) Hardy, born 2 August 1814; married Alexander Dawson; their seven children according to Elder Lemuel

Hardy were: Patsy, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, who married John Williams; Mary Parrott, who married John T. Daily; Huldah, who married Allen Barrow; Alexander J., who married a Miss Emery; Benjamin, who married a Miss Emery; and Sarah, who married a Sutton.

Lemuel Hardy III married (3) in 1815 Patsy Mewborn, born 16 February 1796 died 16 February 1851. She was a sister of his second wife. They had eleven children:

Annie Hardy, born 10 August 1816, married John Hardy

Unity (Eunity) Hardy, born 14 February 1818 died 23 October 1861 (or '71); married 1 October 1858 James Redmon Broome, a Methodist Episcopal minister, who had married previously May Hardy, a daughter of Lemuel and Annie, according to Elder Lemuel Hardy. (ibid p 45)

Elizabeth Hardy, born 15 December 1819 died 15 August 1885; married Henry Hardy Gibbons, born 1818 died 1887, "a very noted Methodist minister", and the son of John Wesley and Elizabeth Hardy Gibbons, a sister of Lemuel Hardy II; therefore Elizabeth and Henry Hardy Gibbons were first cousins. (Ibid p 45-47) Their daughter Betty Gibbons married William Francis Utley of Apex; their daughter, Elizabeth Hardy Utley married A. J. Fletcher. Colonel David Hardee in "The Hardy and Hardee Families of the South and Southwest" pg. 46,47: "Members of the Fletcher family are prominent and leading citizens fo Raleigh, Durham and Wilmington, N. C. where they own and operate radio and televisions stations."

Lemuel M. Hardy, born 17 March 1822 died 13 April 1863; married 20 February 1845 Temesia Ann Mewborn, born 20 November 1822, died 20 July 1904, daughter of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Aldridge Mewborn. They, also, were first cousins. Their five children are listed in the next section.

Edith Hardy, born 9 September 1823; married by 1844, Reuben Barrow. They had five known children: Mary Susan, married Nathaniel Brinson; John L.; Henry H., married Lucy Reed; Cornelia, married Samuel Brinson; Nannie, married George Brinson.

Louisa Hardy, born 5 November 1827; married after 1850 W. H. Cunningham, a Methodist minister.

Nancy L. Hardy, born 22 January 1830 died 29 November 1866; married 29 February 1848 George Mewborn, born 26 December 1824 died 3 November 1859, son of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Aldridge Mewborn. They, too, were first cousins. (ibid p 48 for their descendants)

Benjamin George Hardy, born 13 November 1831 died 8 June 1873; married (1) 23 March 1852 Mary Mewborn, born 11 March 1832 died 19 April 1864, daughter of Parrott Mewborn and Mary Aldridge Mewborn, his first cousin and the sister of

Temesia, who had married his brother Lemuel. After Mary died Benjamin married, 3 July 1864, the widow Temesia, whose five children called him "Pappy Ben". Mary left six children. This family is included in another section.

Levi S. Hardy, born 26 December 1833 died unmarried in 1850

Jesse Hutchins Hardy, born 6 September 1837 died 6 February 1895; married 19 July 1855 Martha Ann Stanton, born 25 March 1837 died 2 March 1895, daughter of Washington M. and Sallie May Stanton. (ibid pp 51, 52)

Some of this family is listed in the 1850 census of Greene County, Tyson's Marsh District. # 508: Patsy Mewborn Hardy, widow of Lemuel III, with Louisa, Benjamin George, Levi S. and Jesse H. still at home. In the same area of the 1860 census, Jesse H. Hardy is listed #150 with $6500 real estate and $15,000 personalty.

Other sources for the above information:

Hardee, Colonel David L. "The Eastern North Carolina: Hardy-Hardee Family"

Hardy, Elder Lemuel H. "Hardy-Mewborn Family History" copy in the appendixle Genealogy Library, Raleigh, N. C.

Oliver, Marjorie Sutton "The Suttons of England and North Carolina"

Personal observation by compiler in the Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Cemetery, near Aurora, and the Mewborn Cemetery near Jason

THE LEMUEL HARDY IV-TEMESIA ANN MEWBORN FAMILY

The eleventh child of Lemuel Hardy III, designated as Lemuel IV, was born 17 March 1822 died 13 April 1863. He was born and died in Greene County, N. C. On 20 February 1845 he married Temesia Ann Mewborn, born 20 November 1822 died 20 July 1904, the daughter of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Jane Aldridge Mewborn. They were first cousins; his mother Patsy Mewborn was the sister of Temesia's father. And Temesia's grandmother, Edith Hardy Aldridge, was the daughter of Lemuel Hardy 11.

After Lemuel IV died and was buried at Mewborn Cemetery near Jason in Greene County, Temesia married 3 July 1864 her husband's brother, Benjamin George, who had previously married her sister, Mary Mewborn, who died 19 April 1864, leaving six or seven small children. Lemuel and Temesia had five children. Shortly after their marriage Benjamin George served in the Civil War from October 1864 to July 1865. He died 10 January 1873 and is buried in the Mewborn Cemetery. About 1875 some of the family began moving to Beaufort County, and Temesia spent her last years with her children, principally George Mewborn Hardy and Patsy Hardy Riley. She is buried in the Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Sandy Grove, near Aurora. The epitaph on her tombstone reads:

"Our Mother
So true, so loving, so devoted
As a primitive Baptist
Faithful to every trust"

The children of Lemuel, IV and Temesia Ann Mewborn Hardy were:

Nancy Hardy, born 30 March 1848 died 1930; married 13 July 1865 Bennett Frank Aldridge

George Mewborn Hardy, born 3 February 1851 died 24 January 1939; married December 1870 Lucy Ann Fields, born 30 December 1850 died 1 June 1890, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Reynolds Fields; married (2) Agnes Mann, born 11 March 1873 died 3 December 1932, daughter of T. S. and Holland Mann. George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy had eleven children; he and Agnes had one, a son, Jimmy, who was born and died in 1891. They are buried at Sandy Grove.

Lemuel H. Hardy, born 17 March 1852 died 29 March 1930. He was buried at Atlantic, N. C.. He was a Primitive Baptist preacher and died in the pulpit. On 29 January 1874 he married Bettie John Hartsfield, born 1 June 1847 died 7 February 1925. Both were descendants of Parrott and Lydia Hardy Mewborn. They had two children. He married (2) Annie Isom. (q.v.)

Parrott Mewborn Hardy, born 22 September 1855 died 14 August 1919; married (1) Margaret Rowe, born in 1862 died in 1899, daughter of John T. and Penelope Ross Rowe; married (2) 1900 Martha Taylor Denny, born 3 December 1875 died 22 July 1940. Parrott

(continuing the family of Lemuel Hardy IV and Temesia Mewborn)

had ten children by his first wife and three by his second. He is buried at Sandy Grove.

Patsy Hardy, born 31 May 1858 died in 1944; married 18 December 1884 Elder Riley Adams, born October 1863. They had no natural children, but adopted a son. They are buried at Selma.

The above family is listed in the 1850 census of Greene County, Tyson's Marsh District #507. Lemuel is listed as having $2500 in real estate. In the 1860 census, same area, they are listed #151 with $5500 real estate and $12,000 personalty. Listed nearby #153 was the widow (?) Sarah Fields, day laborer with $30.00 real estate and $25.00 personalty, with three daughters, one of them Lucy, age 9. Sarah could not write; the girls were attending school. Temesia Mewborn's family is listed #493 in the same area in 1850; Parrott Mewborn credited with $3000 real estate. In 1860 same area, listing #163 Parrott Mewborn had $5000 real estate and $10,000 personalty.

In the 1850 listing of slave owners Lemuel IV was said to own 12 slaves; his mother Patsy, 29, including 2 females 80 and 98 years old. Parrott Mewborn had 16 slaves, including 2 males 84 years old.

EXCERPTS FROM HARDY FAMILY HISTORY

BY ELDER LEMUEL H. HARDY

In 1905, Lemuel H. Hardy, son of Lemuel IV and Temesia Mewborn Hardy, wrote a family history which is in the lateral file in the Archives in RAaleigh, N.C. The full history is reprinted with some minor changes later in this booklet. It is of interest to insert here what he wrote wrote of his parents: "Lemuel M. Hardy was the oldest son of Lemuel and Patsey Hardy. He was born 17 March 1822. He was of a weakly temperment (sic), but very lively in his disposition and was very fond of dancing. In his early manhood he experienced a change of heart and was received into the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Creek in Lenoir County. In the church he filled the office of both deacon and clerk for a number of years. He with his wife before his death moved their membership from Bear Creek to Mewborn's for convenience. He was a Democrat in politics and was a Justice of the Peace for a number of years. He bought the Thompsonian medical rights and practiced that line of medical rights when he was called on. He owned a good home and a number of slaves and when the question of abolishing slavery came up, he very strongly opposed it and became a strong secessionist in 1860. In the later part of the winter of 1863, he had an attack of typhoid fever but nearly recovered from that when on the morning of 13 April 1863 he died suddenly of some heart trouble.....Of his mother he (Lemuel V) wrote: "In early life she showed a very persevering turn and this disposition followed her as long as she lived. She was a great lover of home and family and saw much uneasiness if any of the family were out of place. She learned the trade of tailor and did much of that kind of

work; spinning and weaving was the way of finishing cloth in her early life and she did much of that with her own hands.... In September 1844 she professed a hope in Christ and was received into the fellowship in the church at Bear Creek and was baptised by her father. She continued henceforth in the faith as long as she lived in this world. Her mind proved to be spiritual and she acquired much familiarity with the Bible.....When father died he left an estate in land, negroes and stocks but was pretty heavily in debt. Mother then had to battle with the affairs of this life as she never had before and all the cares became hers but she had a loving father and an ever watchful God to guide her. In April 1864 her father was called home and she felt more desolate than before.....In July 1864 she was again married to my father's brother, Benjamin G. Hardy. He had six children, thus our family was doubled at once....No visitor could have known by the treatment we received but what we were all one set of children; also we had some of the children of one of our aunts and they too received the same treatment. My stepfather was also clerk and deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church.... he died... Mother was again left very desolate and had to battle poverty as she never did before but her God never forsook her....In 1875 it became necessary to sell our old homestead in Greene County and we moved to the eastern part of the state". (Beaufort County)

THE BENJAMIN GEORGE-MARY MEWBORN HARDY FAMILY

Benjamin George Hardy, the fifteenth child of Lemuel Hardy III and the son of Patsy Mewborn Hardy, was born 13 November 1831 and died 10 January 1873. He married (1) 23 March 1852 Mary Mewborn born 11 March 1832 died 19 April 1864, the daughter of Parrott Mewborn and Mary Jane Aldridge Mewborn. They were first cousins. He married (2) 3 July 1864 Temesia Mewborn Hardy, his first wife's sister and the widow of his brother, Lemuel Hardy IV. Benjamin George served in the Civil War from October 1864 to July 1865. He and his first wife are buried in the Mewborn Cemetery near Jason.

According to his nephew Elder Lemuel H. Hardy, he grew to be a good size man, about six feet high. He was received a member of the old school Baptist Church at Mewborn's Meeting House August 1852 and was baptised by Elder Parrott Mewborn. He, too, served as clerk and deacon of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mary Mewborn Hardy supposedly left six children, but there are seven listed in some sources:

Patsy Mewborn Hardy born 24 March 1853; married George Hardy

Mary Mewborn Hardy born 4 April 1854 died 8 June 1933; married 1871 Jesse Leonidas Mewborn

Benjamin George Hardy, Jr. born 24 March 1856 died 2 July 1910; married Mary Ellen Simpson born 1860 died 1951

Nancy Lemuel Hardy born 30 December 1857 died 3 July 1900; married 7 October 1876 John Riley Rowe born 3 January 1852 died 6 October 1899, son of John T. and Penelope Ross Rowe. John Riley Rowe and his father were both Primitive Baptist ministers and it is said that they were influential in persuading the Hardys to move to Beaufort County. There is a marker in Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church near Aurora in memory of John R. Rowe, their pastor and minister for 25 years. Nancy and John R. Rowe were married in Beaufort County by Elder Lemuel H. Hardy, her first cousin and step-brother. Two other cousins and step-brothers, George Mewborn Hardy and Parrott Mewborn Hardy, were witnesses along with a J. Y. Rowe. Most if not all of this family are buried in Sandy Grove Cemetery. Nancy and John Riley Rowe had six children:

Lula Lee Rowe born 19 August 1878/9 died 26 January 1908; married 1901 Hugh Ross

Ruby Rowe born 6 January 1882 died 21 April 1905; married 19 December 1900 Allen Albert Holadia, born 1878. Their son Carlton married Bertha Hardy, daughter of J. Albert Hardy, later divorced.

John Brinson Rowe born 6 January 1884 died 8 May 1863; married 3 January 1906 Charity Dorcas Purser

Mary Cecilia Rowe born 25 December 1886; married A T. Anderson

Lucy Vudolle Rowe born 23 October 1891

Benjamin Riley Rowe born 4 July 1897; married 1919 Lucy Elizabeth Lewis

Parrott Drewry Hardy born 30 October 1859 died 31 December 1935; married (1) Salome Gaskill who died in 1893, married (2) Nancy A. Jones; married (3) Mary Cayton Bennett; married (4) Sarah

Gaskill Parriss. One Mary S. Hardy born 7 July 1877 died 15 December 1908, wife of P. D. Hardy, was buried in White Hill Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery, by the Daughters of Liberty.

Lydia Unity Hardy born 25 March died 31 July 1882; married 11 November 1881 in Greene County Samuel Ferrell born 1858

Levi Jesse Hardy born 12 April 1864 died 6 January 1950; married (1) Rosemond Jones born 24 September 1865 died 10 April 1920; married (2) in 1928 Sarah F. Harris who died 12 October 1928. Levi Jesse had 8 or 9 children by his first wife and one by his second. They were:

Jesse Benjamin Hardy born 8 September 1889 died 1960; married 1929 Naomi Smithwick, daughter of Joseph and Emily Walker Smithwich, and the sister of Olaray Smithwick, who married Vera Hardy, daughter of J. Albert Hardy.

Lee Dewitt Hardy born 16 November 1891 died 1949; married in 1916 Madie Walker, born 1898 died 27 August 1987 buried St. Mary's Chapel Christian Church. Rosalie Hardy born 14 February 1930 was a daughter of Lee and Madie, not of Levi Jesse as on some lists.

William Riley Hardy born 19 September 1892 died 1967; married 1925 Estelle Walker

Montague Ernest Hardy born 6 November 1894; married in 1923 Martha Louise Swinson

Ida Mary Hardy born 13 May 1897; married in 1919 Alston B. Lamm

Ardell Hardy born 26 September 1899 died 12 March 1959; married in 1927 John Austin Deviny

Charlie Matthew Hardy born 26 August 1902; married 1924 Vivian White, daughter of George and Brittie White, and a cousin of the J. Albert Hardy children through their mother Maggie White Hardy

Lula Gertrude Hardy born 23 December 1904; married in 1928 Harold Cayton

Audrey Burl Hardy, son of Levi Jesse and his second wife, was born 13 September 1928; married in 1951 Elizabeth Smithwick

Sarah Hardy, died in infancy, placement unknown

THE GEORGE MEWBORN HARDY-LUCY ANN FIELDS FAMILY

George Mewborn Hardy born 3 February 1851 in Greene County, North Carolina died 24 January 1939 in Beaufort County, was the second child of Lemuel Hardy IV and his wife Temesia Ann Mewborn Hardy. He married in December 1870 Lucy Ann Fields, born 30 December 1850 died 1 June 1890, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Reynolds Fields. He married (2) Agnes Mann, born 11 March 1873 died 3 December 1932, daughter of T. S. and Holland Mann. George Mewborn Hardy had eleven children by Lucy Ann and one by Agnes, Jimmy, who died in 1891 in infancy.

After the death in 1873 of his step-father, Benjamin George Hardy, George Mewborn Hardy and his wife and children moved to Beaufort County from Greene where his family had lived since before 1770. Brothers Lemuel H., Parrott Mewborn Hardy and sister Patsy Hardy Adams and their mother Temesia also moved to Beaufort County. Lemuel Hardy, designated as the Vth, became a prominent elder in the Primitive Baptist Church and lived in several places; the others remained in Beaufort and are buried at Sandy Grove Primitive Church, except Patsy who married Elder Riley Adams and is buried at Selma, N. C.

Elder Lemuel H. Hardy wrote of his brother in 1905: "George Mewborn Hardy has been a farmer the most of his life, but has proved to be very proficient in teaching school. He has an English education, the most of which he acquired by hard study outside of the school room, and while he was teaching others. He has well filled the office of Justice of the Peace and committeeman of the public schools. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, has filled the office of clerk both of the church and the Association to which he belonged. He is also a very efficient deacon in the church. In early life he married Miss Lucy A. Fields, a poor but very industrious woman. She never made any outward profession of religion."

George Mewborn Hardy outlived both of his wives, spending his last years with his oldest son, Joshua Albert Hardy. His second wife was only a few years older than his oldest daughter still at home when they married. His children could remember him going off to Association with scarcely a thought of provisions left at home for his family, and of living in a very primitive house. A more pleasant memory is of him singing the hymns of the church with great gusto as he walked in and worked the fields nearby. His children were:

Joshua Albert Hardy born 20 September 1871 died 28 February 1947
Thomas Lemuel Hardy born 24 January 1873 died 30 September 1951
Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hardy born 6 June 1874 died 2 August 1946
Parrott Otho Hardy born 4 November 1875 died 4 June 1930
Sarah (Sac) Hardy born 5 February 1879 died 28 June 1956
Lucy Artelia (Teely) Hardy born 10 August died 23 May 1954
George Allen Hardy born 8 September 1882 died 19 October 1884
Nancy Hardy born 23 September 1884 died 10 November 1884
Patsy P. Hardy born 17 May 1888 died 28 May 1951
Ruth Hardy born 15 November 1887 died 22 September 1888
Levi Jesse Hardy born 23 December 1889 died 6 August 1980
Jimmy Hardy born and died in 1891

THE JOSHUA ALBERT HARDY-MAGGIE WHITE FAMILY

Joshua Albert Hardy born 20 September 1871 in Greene County, N. C. died 28 February 1947 in Beaufort County, N C. was the son of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy. He married 24 January 1894 in Beaufort County Mary Magnolia (Maggie) White born 6 August 1874 died 19 July 1958, the daughter of Edward B. White and Sidney Ann Rowe White. Joshua Albert, Maggie, and their parents are all buried at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, although Joshua Albert and Maggie joined the White Hill Free Will Baptist Church after they were married and had several children.

His uncle Lemuel H. Hardy wrote of him in 1905: "J. Albert Hardy is a prominent man in the management of the public affairs of his neighborhood and county. He is a Justice of the Peace." J. Albert was a farmer, a school teacher, compiled tax lists for Beaufort County, took the census in 1910 and 1920 for part of Beaufort County and was helpful to his neighbors in performing marriages, writing wills and deeds. He was noted for his excellent hand-writing, his love of learning, and basic medical knowledge in caring for and helping to raise all seven of their children. They were:

Leo Hartland Hardy born 1 December 1894 near Aurora, Beaufort County, N. C. died 29 July 1974 in a rest home at Keysville, Virginia; married ca 1920 Lillian Neal who died 1 January 1970. They are buried at Aspen, Virginia. He was a World War I veteran, went to a telegraphy school, and worked for the Norfolk and Western Railway. They had three children:

Leo Hartland Hardy, Jr. born 1922 died 1924

Morris Chapman Hardy born 27 November 1924 married ca 1949 Frances Markey. They live in Dinwiddie, Virginia, where he is retired from Norfolk and Western Railway. They have two daughters:

Freida Hardy born ca 1950, a teacher, married Dana Byrd, has two daughters:

Sara Lynn Byrd born September 1977

Meredith Chapman Byrd, born September 1981

Betsy Hardy born 1955, a nurse, married B. William Neville, has a son:

Christopher born January 1975

Carl Edward Hardy born ca 1931 died 1959 of a heart attack; married in 1957 Louise DeMott. He is buried at Charlotte Court House, Va.

Sidney Michael Hardy born 3 January 1897 died 29 May 1936 of pneumonia; married Eloise Armstrong who died 18 March 1936. Sidney was a mechanic. They are both buried at Havelock, N. C. They left two children, the girl raised by her Hardy grandparents and the boy by his maternal grandparents in Havelock:

Donna Margaret Hardy born 23 April 1928; married 4 September 1948 Lowell Eugene Harris, born 17 March 1919. He worked for Colonial Stores and then for Rosso and Mastracco, and

she as a secretary for the Norfolk Public School system.
They have two children:
Deborah Ann Harris born 9 August 1951
Donald Eugene Harris born 12 September 1953

Robert Hardy (no information)

May Agnes Hardy, born 23 November 1898 died 13 February 1980 of heart trouble; married 25 December 1919 (by her father) Raymond Gaskins born 10 September 1894, the son of Clem and Lovie Gaskins, died 30 March 1960 of lung cancer in Veteran's Hospital, Durham, N. C.. May taught school one year near Middlesex, N. C.. Raymond was a World War I veteran, a building contractor, and a Mason. They were both active members of the Free Will Baptist Church. They are buried at Ayden, N. C. They had three children, one son dying at birth:

Raymond Albert Gaskins born 1 July 1921 married 26 September 1947 Beatrice Loftin. He served in World War II in the Navy on a minesweeper. They live in Ayden, N. C. where he is a Free Will Baptist preacher. They have six children:

Raymond Albert Gaskins, Jr. born 3 January 1950, graduated Phi Beta Kappa, UNC Chapel Hill, medical degree from UNC, interned at Duke University, now practicing in Fayetteville; married (1) 16 June 1973 Kay Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frank Perry of Greensboro; divorced; married (2) in August 1978 Carolyn Long of Durham. They have three children:
Raymond Gaskins III, born 1 February 1980
Nicole De Haven Gaskins, born 14 November 1981
Ernest Roswell Gaskins, born November 1986.

Sue Gaskins born 8 November 1952; attended UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing, BS and MS from ECU Greenville, now nursing at Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville; married in 1973 Kenneth Edwards, retired from surveying because of health problems, graduate in business administration from ECU, now working in real estate. They live near Ayden and have a boy and a girl:
Jamie Edwards born 1974
Jessica Edwards born 20 April 1978.

Kathy Ann Gaskins born 25 February 1955; attended UNC Chapel Hill one year, transferred to Community College; married in 1974 Jones Walton Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gratz Spencer. They live in Swan Quarter, N. C. where J. W. works in the family business, Tiny Oaks Farm, Inc. They have two boys:
Chad Jones Spencer
Craig Spencer

Betsy Bea Gaskins born 27 January 1958; graduated from UNC School of Nursing, Chapel Hill; married 24 June 1978 Russell Wall McClaine, who works for an electronics company in Raleigh. She was a nurse at Pitt Memorial, then at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh.

Ruth Gaskins born 11 July 1960 in graduate school UNC Chapel Hill, working for Carol Woods Retirement Center, Chapel Hill.

Paul Joshua Gaskins born 1 October 1969, attending NCSU

Thurla Gaskins born 9 March 1923; attended business school in Norfolk, Virginia; married Ralph Harriman, a World War II serviceman who attended school after the war in Chicago, worked for Martin Aircraft; they were divorced in 1969. Since then Thurla has worked as a nursing assistant, presently working for the Police Department in Denver, Colorado. They had two children:

Larry Harriman born 3 January 1950; married 3 September 1983 Anna Marie Myers in Littleton, Colorado. Larry is in the trucking business.

Sandra Harriman born 22 September 1954; married in 1970 Michael Kelly; divorced; married 26 August 1983 Steven Joseph Harrison. Sandra is attending graduate school, hopes to go into veterinary medicine.

Bertha Temesia Hardy born 3 June 1902; married (1) Carlton Holliday born 3 January 1902 died 28 March 1963, son of A. A. and Ruby Rowe Holliday. They had no children and were divorced. She married (2) James Edward Maloney, born 3 December 1901 died 1 September 1958; he was in the U. S. Army from Rochester, N. Y.; they were divorced. She married (3) Sylvester Hassell Pulley, born 27 December 1909 in Tarboro, N. C., died 23 June 1966, buried in Norfolk. He was a foreman with the Ford Motor Company. Bertha had sons by her second and third husbands and is now living in Chapel Hill.

James Edward Maloney, Jr. born 26 May 1925 in Texas; served in World War II in the Marines; graduated UNC Chapel Hill with a Masters Degree; presently vice-president southeastern district American Express. He married 25 May 1955 Josephine Maria Francisca Vissy of Hungary. They are now living in Atlanta, Georgia and have four children:

Patricia Csilla Maloney born 24 June 1957; graduate University of Georgia, Masters degree in International Relations from George Washington University, now working for American Express in Phoenix

Mark James Maloney born 1 November 1958; graduate of University of Georgia

Kevin Michael Maloney born 29 May 1960

Colin Andrew Maloney born 27 September 1961; graduated from college in 1985; presently in the health activities field

Raymond Hassell Pulley born 15 March 1939 in Suffolk, Nansemond County, Virginia; graduate of William and Mary College; Masters degree from Emory University; Doctorate in history from the University of Virginia; has taught at UNC Charlotte, and Chapel Hill; presently at Appalachian State University, Boone, N. C. He married 1 August 1964 Judith

Poss born 23 April 1940, from St. Louis, Missouri, a graduate of Webster College, and a Fulbright scholar. She also received her Doctorate in history from the University of Virginia. She has taught at NCSU and at ASU, presently involved in long range planning for the administration, ASU. They live in Boone and have no children.

Vera Carolina Hardy born 13 February 1905 near Aurora; married in 1924 Olaray Smithwick born 31 May 1904 in Beaufort County, son of Joseph Benjamin and Emily Walker Smithwick. Olaray is a retired farmer. They live in a new home next door to the J. Albert Hardy homestead and have two children:

Okla Lucille Smithwick born 5 May 1925 near Aurora; married 15 January 1944 in Norfolk, Virginia, George Beaudry born 22 February 1921 in Southbridge, Massachusetts. He was in the Marines during World War II, afterwards graduated from MIT; has been involved in plant management in the New England states, retired from GKN, manufacturer of automobile parts in Mebane, N. C. They have two children:

Mary Margaret Beaudry born 29 November 1944 in Portsmouth, Virginia; graduate of Beaver College, Pennsylvania; worked at Naval War College, Newport, R. I.; married in February 1974 David Manchester, at that time a private pilot, now with the Air Force, in 1983/4 at Groton, Mass., serving overseas duty 1986/7 in Korea

Keri Anne Beaudry born 26 September 1960 in New Jersey; graduated Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts, majoring in merchandizing; was manager of clothing stores; married 31 March 1984 Leon A. Field in Chapel Hill. They are now living in Waldorf, Maryland where he is district manager of Hit or Miss. They have one child:

Stephanie Leigh Field born 4 December 1986

George Ray Smithwick born in January 1929 near Aurora; entered the Air Force in 1947; retired C. Master Sergeant; now living in Tacoma, Wash- ington; married in 1949 Mary Frances Hall of Longview, Texas, born 12 September 1932. She is employed as material specialist at McCord Air Force Base. They have four children:

George Ray Smithwick, Jr. born 14 December 1949; attended NCSU, entered military service, spent 4 tours of duty in Thailand, married a Thai woman, Puttah; he works for Alpha-Cine Motion Pictures; they have a son James Olaray Smithwick, born 5 April 1972

Nancy Joyce Smithwick born 27 April 1952 in England; attended beautician school in Texas; married Tony (Pires) Bagelio of Boston, Massachusetts, a musician; divorced. Joyce married (2) 9 October 1978 Gordon Thomas; they lived in Germany while he was in the Army; she now lives in Tacoma, Wa. Nancy and Tony had a son: Kristopher Antony Bagelio born 13 June 1972

Cathy Marie Smithwick born 31 July 1955; attended East Carolina University and the University of Washington, works for IRS

Jeffrey Wayne Smithwick born 13 January 1958; attended University of Washington; worked for Alpha-Cine Motion Pictures; he married in December 1978 Penny Weiss, and they have a son:

Phillip Daniel Smithwick born 15 April 1981

George Edward Hardy born 21 July 1906 near Aurora, N. C. In July 1924 he moved to Miami, Florida, where he was employed by "Mrs. Davis's Home Bakery". In January 1927 he moved to Rochester, N. Y. where he was employed by Eastman Kodak Co, Kodak Park Division for the next 40 years. During World War II he managed a restaurant near Kodak Park, working many hours each day to assist in the war effort. From 1950-54 he attended night classes at Rochester Institute of Technology in a succssful attempt to better his position with Kodak. He married 7 February 1930 Gertrude McAlpine; they had one child, and were divorced 1 July 1934. George was granted custody of their child. On 7 January 1946 George married Carmel "Peggy" L. Donevan, youngest daughter of William and Nellie Donevan of Rochester, N. Y. "Peggy" was employed by Eastman Kodak as an executive secretary. In August 1967 they retired from Kodak and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, later moving to Palm Harbor, Florida. Most of his daughter's family are now living in Florida, also.

Rita May Hardy born 6 March 1931 in Rochester, N. Y.; attended State University of New York at Brockport; married 22 July 1950 Mauro A. Panaggio, born January 1928. Mauro obtained a B. S. and M. S. degrees from State University of New York, where he has been a teacher and basketball coach. He has also been the Coach and General Manager of the Rochester Zenith Professional Basketball Team. Rita is a Realtor. They now live in Daytona Beach, Florida, where Rita is working for her son and Mario will be coaching basketball in season. They have six children:

Michael Joseph Panaggio born 4 June 1952; graduated from Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts and S.U.N.Y. with a B.S. He was employed as a Commodity Broker and Marketing Manager in Rochester and Daytona Beach; now president of U.S. Trade Distributors, Inc., operating out of Daytona Beach. Michael married 1 July 1977 Lorilyn Jean Hamlin, who also graduated from S.U.N.Y. with B.S. and M.S. degrees. She was a teacher in the Greece School District of Rochester. They have one child:

Jaclyn Christine Panaggio born 8 October 1981

Daniel Mauro Panaggio born 25 November 1954, graduated from S.U.N.Y. with a B.S. and obtained a M.S. from the University of Oklahoma. He is presently a basketball

coach at McQuaid Institute and a director of a Sports Medicine Clinic. He married 24 May 1974 Ellen Fisher, who graduated from Erie Community College, Buffalo, N. Y. They have four children:
Kathyrn Panaggio born 27 March 1974
Anne Panaggio born 6 February 1978
Mary Jo Panaggio born 15 February 1980
Daniel Mauro Panaggio, Jr. born 12 December 1981

Kathleen Mary Panaggio born 25 March 1956, graduated from S.U.N.Y. at Oswego with a B.S.; obtained her M.S. from San Diego State, California; now working for her brother Michael in Daytona Beach. She married in 1985 Frank Wise who is in construction. They have a son:
Christopher, born 10 December 1987

Thomas Anthony Panaggio born 3 March 1958 graduated from St. Bonaventure University, was a Commodity Broker with Bache, Halsley Stewart Co. in Rochester; now a vice-president with the family business in Daytona Beach, directing marketing, also into race cars.

James Angely Panaggio born 23 May 1959, attended Dartmouth College, Hanover N. H. and Providence College, Providence, R. I. He married 11 June 1983 Kay Vanderwert of Michigan, a graduate of a school in Memphis, Tennessee. They are studying for the ministry at a school in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have one child:
Mark Joseph Panaggio born 19 November 1986.

Mary Beth Panaggio born 4 June 1964; graduated from S.U.N.Y., taught school in Buffalo, N.Y.; now working for her brother, heading Passport International, a subsidiary of the family business. She married 16 May 1987 Daniel Hudak, of Czechoslovakian descent, from Erie, Pennslyvania. He is working for the Post Office in Daytona, Florida. They have a daughter:
Danielle Marie, born 26 October 1987

Albert Victor Hardy born 20 September 1913 near Aurora, N. C. He entered government service with the Weather Bureau after working in and managing grocery stores in Norfolk, Virginia. He joined the Navy pre-Pearl Harbor, as an aerographers mate, served overseas in North Africa, discharged in 1945; he rejoined the Weather Bureau, and went to college on the G.I Bill. He retired after 34 years with the Federal Government, and then five years as library assistant with the D. H. Hill Library, N C S U. He attended Guilford College, was a Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Florida State University, Tallahassee with a B. S. degree in 1948; M. S. from New York University in 1950. Albert married 24 November 1946 Jessie Davis, born 9 August 1913 in Statesville, N. C., daughter of Jesse Tilden and Lula Gaither Davis. She attended Mitchell College in Statesville, and Queens in Charlotte,

graduating from Appalachian State Teachers College, now A.S.U. She taught school in Statesville for seven years, and then was a weather observer for six years. They now live in Raleigh, N. C. and have three children:

Albert Victor Hardy, Jr. born 15 May 1948 in Tallahassee, Phi Kappa Phi graduate of NCSU, obtained a Masters Degree in computer science from UNC Chapel Hill. He was in ROTC in college, did two years of active duty and was promoted to 1st Lieut.. He worked for Systems Sciences, did research in bio-statistics and is now (1987) working in Educational Data for the University in Chapel Hill. Albert married 23 August 1975 Marilyn Louise Grubbs, born 11 December 1952, daughter of Dwight and Louise Cress Grubbs of Charlotte, N. C.. Marilyn graduated from UNC Chapel Hill, attended graduate school there, teaches in a private school. They have one child:

Joseph Paul Grubbs-Hardy born 23 July 1985

Julia Margaret Hardy born 14 July 1950 in Tallahassee, Florida; graduated UNC Chapel Hill with a B.A.; worked for Psychical Research Foundation in Durham, N. C., where she edited "Theta", obtained a Masters Degree from the School of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, is presently (1987) working on a doctorate in the history of religions at Duke University. She has been editorial assistant and teaching assistant for several of the professors at UNC Chapel Hill, and has taught Freshman writing at Duke.

Jane Carolyn Hardy born 12 April 1955 in Raleigh, N. C.; graduated from UNC Greensboro, N. C. in the School of Music, attended graduate school there; married 2 June 1979 William Harris Freeman, Jr., born 1 October 1950 in Verden, Oklahoma, son of Sadie and William Harris Freeman, Sr. of Greensboro. Bill attended UNC Greensboro, worked for electronic stores in Jacksonville and Raleigh. Jane Carolyn has been in the restaurant business since college days and is now (1987) a manager of a Shoneys in Raleigh. They have two children:

Christopher Neil Freeman born 24 May 1981 in Jacksonville, Florida

John Daniel Freeman born 24 January 1984 in Jacksonville, Florida

THE THOMAS LEMUEL HARDY_ELIZABETH FOREMAN FAMILY

Thomas Lemuel Hardy born 24 January 1873 died 30 September 1951, son of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born in Greene County, N. C. and died in Johnston County, N. C.. He married in Beaufort County, 2 December 1896 Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances Foreman, born in August 1877 died 17 October 1980; the daughter of James Patrick and Sarah Elizabeth McGowan Foreman. Bettie's sister, Brittie Foreman, married George White, brother of Maggie White, who married Thomas Hardy's brother, J. Albert Hardy.

After Thomas and Bettie had several children, three of whom died in childhood, they moved to Wake County about 1915, settling first west of Raleigh in the area of Blue Ridge Road, then they moved to near Wendell where he was a successful farmer. They were both active members of Corinth Baptist Church where they are buried in the church cemetery. Eight of their children lived to adulthood, and Bettie lived to be over 103 years old, living her last years with a daughter, Mildred, who with her husband had moved in with her. Tom and Bettie's children were:

Francis Seymore Hardy born 27 February 1898 died 26 August 1981; married Effie Thomas; he was retired from a career as a lab technician with the State Highway Department. He is buried in Montlawn Memorial Cemetery. They had three daughters:

Dorothy Hardy; married Thurman Pate of Zebulon, N. C., a farmer and tobacco warehouse owner. They have one son:

Thomas Pate; married Evelyn Little, both graduates of ECU; Thomas farms with his father; he and Evelyn have two sons:

Darrell Pate

Dale Pate

Cora E. Hardy; married Howard Alford; they live in Huntington, W. Va; he is retired from railroad work; they have two children:

William (Billy) Alford, graduate of Marshall University, W. Va.; unmarried, living in Tampa, Florida where he does illustrations for newspapers

Joan Alford, graduate of Marshall University; living in Nashville, Tennessee; married to Steven Boyle, who works for Nashville Cable Network

Janice L. Hardy died 1982; married Macon Martin, Jr.; they live in Burlington, N. C. where he works for Southern Bell. They had three sons a daughter, two grandchildren: Glenn Martin, all living in Burlington, N. C.:

Kenneth Martin

Steven Martin

Pamela Martin

Walter Mewborn Hardy born 29 December 1899 died 11 August 1921, accidentally killed while helping build a church on Blue Ridge Road; buried at Ephesus Baptist Church, Cary

Paul Foreman Hardy born 13 December 1901 died 20 May 1981; married Hettie Medlin, born 1906 died 23 March 1987; they are buried at Ephesus Baptist Church; he was a retired Baptist minister, living on Grand Avenue in Raleigh, where his hobbies were horticulture and golf; they had two children:
Gerald Hardy, died age three
Gilbertine Hardy; died age 34; married Willard Garner, a disabled war veteran, living near Wendell. They had three children:
Stanley Garner; married Susan _____; separated; he lives near Rocky Mount where he works with N. C. Wildlife; they have a daughter:
Jan Marie Garner
Bruce Garner; married Wanda Renfrow, who is a teacher's aid at Corinth Holder School; he is a graduate of NCSU; works with Lowe's. They have a daughter:
Kyla Garner
Rose Garner; married Gary Vaughn; they live in Charlotte, where she is a dental hygienist

Infant, unnamed died 18 December 1903, buried Sandy Grove Cemetery, Aurora, N. C.

Sarah Elizabeth Hardy born 28 November 1904 died 13 February 1907, buried at Sandy Grove Cemetery

Dallas Langston Hardy born 28 December 1906 died 11 January 1982; married Lura Truelove; he worked for many years for Royal Bakery and other bakeries; she for the bakery department of Colonial Stores. They lived on Quail Drive in Raleigh and had three children:
Elizabeth (Betty) Hardy; married Paul Hamrick, a postal service employee; they live in Forest City, N. C. and have four children:
Richard Hamrick; married Betty Cordelle; he is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill; they live in Atlanta, Georgia where he works for E. H. Hutton Investment Co.; they have two children:
Richard Cordelle Hamrick
Hope Elizabeth Hamrick
Roger Hamrick; married Kathy Campbell; he is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill; they live in Wilmington, N. C. and have two children:
Richard Lee Hamrick
Robert Paul Hamrick
Jan Hamrick; graduate of UNC, Chapel Hill; married Mark Edwards; they live in Wilson, N. C. where she works for Tanner Fashions, and he for NCNB
Paul Hamrick, Jr. married 21 November 1987 Ada Hanley; they live in West Palm Beach, Florida where he works for the Treasury Department

Dallas L. Hardy, Jr. (Andy); married Roxie Thomas; they live in Wilmington, N. C., where he is self-employed and she works with the Department of Social Services; they have two children:
Karen Hardy, graduated from UNC Wilmington
Joel Hardy, works with his father

Ronald M. Hardy; graduate of Wake Technical College; married Carol Clark; they live in Wilmington where he works with Business Machines; they have a son:
Derrick Hardy

Dora Fields Hardy born 28 August 1909; married Gene Spivey, an independent grocer; she worked at Grants and then with him; now retired, living on Glascock Street in Raleigh; noc

Mildred Gray Hardy born 8 March 1912; married Walter Doan who died in March 1981; he was a farmer, but was crippled with arthritis many of his later years; they lived at the Thomas Hardy homeplace taking care of her parents until they died; they had two children:

James E. Doan; works with the N. C. Department of Corrections; married Alice Price, a secretary with the Redi-Mix Concrete Co. They live near Wendell and have two sons:
Perry Doan; graduated from Wake Technical College; was an officer with the Zebulon Police Department, now with the Raleigh Police Department; married Deborah Harrell from Perquimans Co.; they live in Zebulon, N. C.
Louis Doan; attended UNC Wilmington; unmarried; lives in Atlanta, Georgia where he is Chapter Leadership Consultant for Chi Fraternity

Carol Doan; works for an insurance company; married Larry Woodward, a landscaper; they live near Wendell and have two children:
Larry Woodward, Jr.
Carol Elizabeth Woodward

Roy Hardy born 27 March 1914 died 18 May 1914; buried Sandy Grove Cemetery

Infant, unnamed; born 25 July 1916 died 15 August 1916

Eula Elizabeth Hardy born 2 April 1918; married Charles Harris; he is a farmer; they live near Wendell and have three children:

Judy Harris; married Wyatt Eason, a farmer; they live near Wendell and have 2 children:
Sharon Eason; married Ted Baker; they both work for Telecommunications
Neil Eason married Wendy Earp; he is self-employed in construction in Wendell, N. C.; they have a son:
Wesley Neil Eason

Kay Harris; married Carl Denton; divorced; she works for Telecommunications, has a son:
Ruffin Denton
Barbara Harris; works for First Union National Bank in Raleigh; married Jimmy Alford; he is e self-employed; they have a son:
Darrell Alford

Wright Lupton Hardy; born 19 March 1921; retired from Colonial Stores; married Jane McCarthy; they live on New Road in Raleigh and have three children:
Gayle Hardy; married Michael Franks, who is a captain in the Raleigh Fire Department; she works for the motor pool NCSU and is a musician at Hollands United Methodist Church; they have two children:
Lisa Michelle Franks attending Wake Technical College
Scott Patrick Franks is a senior at Garner Senior High
Thomas Hardy; graduate of UNC Chapel Hill; married in 1983 Zoeé; he is a Program Administrator for the Center for Population and Family Health at Columbia University in New York; they live in White Plains, N. Y.. Zoee is a Nurse Specialist with Maternal and Child Health; she had two children by a previous marriage:
Jeannine, a Sophmore at Cornell University in 1988
Steven, a Junior in High School in 1988
Larry Mark Hardy; graduate of Wake Technical College; was department manager at K-Mart; married in the fall of 1986 Kathryn Lee Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duffy L. Paul; she is also a graduate of Wake Tech and was a secretary at the Wake County Alcoholism Information Center. They were attending ASU, Boone, N.C. 1987/88.

THE ELIZABETH HARDY-JOSHUA WARREN FAMILY

Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hardy, the third child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy was born 6 June 1874; died 2 August 1946; married 23 December 1891 Joshua Warren, born 8 December 1870 died 14 July 1906 of TB. They are buried at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. They had two children:

Ernest D. Warren born 2 August 1899 died 29 September 1919 of TB

Lucy M. Warren born 10 October 1901 died 12 March 1985; married 27 September 1927 Joe Smithwick, born 15 October 1898. They had one child:

Sybil Lois Smithwick born 9 April 1931; married (1) 24 December 1949 Lemuel Moye Broome, who died 22 January 1975; married (2) 6 October 1978 Benjamin C. Williamson, retired U. S. Air Force, then became Postmaster at Edward, N. C. They live near Aurora, N. C. Sybil and Lemuel Broome had two children:

Donald Ernest Broome born 6 May 1955; works with Greenville Utilities; attended East Carolina University at Greenville, N. C.; married 10 August 1980 Dawn Ann Cayton, who also attended East Carolina; she works with the Environmental Department of the City of Greenville and they have two children:

Derek Jackson Broome born 25 March 1982

Drake Cayton Broome born 16 June 1986

Rita Marie Broome born 4 August 1959; was a graduate student at UNC Chapel Hill in medicinal chemistry; married 6 June 1981 John Albert Ray, a chemist at Research Triangle Park. Rita died of cancer in 1984.

PARROTT OTHO HARDY-IDA HODGES

Parrott Otho Hardy, the fourth child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born 4 November 1875, died 4 June 1930; married 1 November 1907 Ida Hodges, born 30 March 1881, died 9 July 1967, the daughter of William Hodges. He was a farmer and they had no children.

THE SARAH HARDY-ROBERT ALLIGOOD FAMILY

Sarah (Sac) Hardy, the fifth child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born 5 February 1879, died 28 June 1956; married (1) 27 April 1904 Robert Eugene Alligood, born 20 July 1867 died 10 August 1931; married (2) J. R. Exum. They are buried at Black Creek. According to her uncle Lemuel Hardy, she was a teacher at some time in her life. She and Robert Alligood had six children:

Ottis L. Alligood, born 6 September 1905 died 27 June 1924, unmarried

Allen J. Alligood, born 21 February 1907 died 20 March 1983; married Elsie Sheppard; they live near Washington, N. C. and have two children:
Mildred
David

Irene E. Alligood, born 1 July 1909 died 15 February 1978; married James Carlton Bridgeman, who died 8 June 1985; they lived near Washington, N. C. and had five children:
James
Cecil
Velma
Billy
Steve.

Daisy E. Alligood, born 30 April 1913, died 1 August 1987; married Clifton Daniel; they lived in Wilson, N. C. and had two children:
Joyce
Bobbie Jean Godwin of Route 5 Wilson.

Lucy M. Alligood, born 18 July 1915; married Cleatus Carawan of Washington, N. C., who died 26 November 1981; they had two children who were still-born.

Ruth M. Alligood, born 29 April 1918, died 10 February 1919

THE LUCY ARTELIA HARDY-BARNEY CAYTON FAMILY

Lucy Artelia (Teely) Hardy, the sixth child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born 10 August 1880 died 23 May 1954; married 17 December 1905 Barney West Cayton, born 25 November 1875 died 7 June 1936. They are buried in the Cayton Family Cemetery near Edward, Beaufort County, N. C. They had three children:

Chestine West Cayton, born 11 July 1910 died 2 October 1930, of complications following surgery for appendicitis.

Hazel Artelia Cayton, born 19 October 1912; married 24 December 1930 Johnnie Thomas Boyd, born 12 March 1911, died 12 June 1979 of a heart attack. They had three children:

Chestine Gray Boyd, born 9 March 1932 in Beaufort County; married 10 March 1951 Margaret Dearborn Butt of Aurora, born 19 October 1933 in Morehead City, N. C. Chestine is an agent with the IRS; they live in Greensboro, N. C. and have three children:

Connye Marie Boyd, born 24 September 1952 in Beaufort County; married 24 December 1971 James Rowan Dillon, Jr. is a graduate of UNC Greensboro and works for Southern Bell Telephone Co. They have two children both born in Greensboro, N. C.:

Brian Patrick Dillon, born 30 November 1972 Meredith Kristina Dillon, born 14 September 1977

Donald West Boyd, born 15 April 1954; married 16 April 1977 Patricia Marie Bare; Don is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and works for Air Products and Chemical Co., Personnel Manager Western Region; Patricia is Secretary of Marketing for Parker-Hannifir, Los Angeles. They have two children both born in Irvin, California:

Caroline Morgan Boyd, born 17 October 1982

Richard Andrew Boyd, born 1 March 1985

John Scott Boyd, born 10 February 1960 in Greensboro, N. C.; graduated NCSU; married 19 June 1982 Victoria (Tori) Jane Lingle, also a graduate of NCSU; both are engineers with the shipyard in Virginia. They have a daughter:

Jennifer Leigh Boyd, born 2 March 1985

Nelda West Boyd, born 22 April 1938 died 17 August 1940 of leukemia

Barbara Reynolds Boyd, born 31 May 1941 in Beaufort Co.; married 13 June 1965 Delano Reese Wilson of Winterville, N. C., born 31 August 1937 in Pitt Co. Barbara is a Business Education Instructor, Pitt Community College, Greenville, and Delano is a History Instructor and Chairman of the Secretarial Education Dept. at Ayden-Grifton High School, Ayden, N. C. They have two children:

Marjolein (Marti) Denise Wilson, born 21 July 1968; student at East Carolina University

Barbara Dell Wilson, born 23 January 1971

Robert Browning Cayton, born 15 March 1919 died 30 May 1965, killed in an automobile accident, buried at Cayton Cemetery; married 23 December 1937 Rowena Pauline Hollowell, born 9 May 1922. They have three sons:

Darrell Browning Cayton, born 5 February 1941; attended NCSU and East Carolina College at Greenville; married 14 October 1961 Peggy Joyce Walker, born 27 February 1941. Darrell works for Texas Gulf as a foreman in the Dredge and Reclamation Department; and his wife is a Junior Accountant for the same company. They have two children:

Darrell Browning Cayton, Jr., born 7 October 1962; graduated UNC Chapel Hill and from Campbell University Law School, Buies Creek

Joyce Ann Cayton, born 1 August 1967; attended UNC Chapel Hill; married 1 April 1987 Raymond Evans Philbeak, born 19 June 1967; he also attended UNC Chapel Hill

Carl Delray Cayton, born 3 November 1943; graduated East Carolina University; employed at Texas Gulf, Lee Creek, as a Buyer in the Purchasing and Warehouse Department; married 7 July 1968 Billie Annette Holliday, born 2 January 1948, graduated UNC Wilmington, now employed as a Registered Nurse at Beaufort County Hospital, Washington, N. C. They have two children:

Carl Delray Cayton, Jr., born 1 February 1972

Wendy Cayton, born 11 February 1974

Robert Burns Cayton, born 1 March 1951; graduated Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C. and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; is a minister at Reelsboro Christian Church, Reelsboro, N. C.; married 24 June 1984 Debra Rose Jones, born 20 February 1952; graduated Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C.; now employed as Acquisition Librarian at Craven Pamlico Carteret Regional Library, New Bern, N. C.

THE PATSY HARDY-WILLIAM RICHARD LEE FAMILY

Patsy Penelope Hardy, ninth child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born 17 May 1886 died 28 May 1951; married 19 January 1908 William Richard Lee born 19 March 1884 died 21 December 1932, son of George Washington Lee and Winifred Lee. They are buried in the Lee Cemetery near White Hill Free Will Baptist Cemetery, near Aurora, N. C.. They had six children including an unnamed infant boy who died at birth:

Alice Winifred Lee, born 1 July 1910; married 20 April 1938 George Allen Boyd, (his second marriage) born 10 May 1883 died 24 December 1940. He ran the saw mill. He and Alice had two children. Alice married (2) 21 April 1946 George Bryan Rowe, born 16 August 1903 died 9 February 1973. They had one child.

Inez Maxine Boyd, born 5 November 1939; married 12 April 1958 William Earl Kinnion born 25 January 1934. They own and operate a camp ground near Aurora, and have one child:
William Patrick Kinnion, born 25 December 1968

George Allen Boyd, Jr. born 1 June 1941; married 5 September 1964 Betty Lou Flemming, born 26 February 1944. He works for Texas Gulf and they have two children:
Gregory Allen Boyd, born 25 June 1969
Genna Ann Boyd, born 29 June 1976

Opal Lee Rowe, born 21 October 1947; married 20 January 1967 Larry Carlton Banks, born 7 February 1948. He is a construction worker and they have one child:
Larry Carlton Banks, Jr., born 28 July 1967

Blanche Lee, born 24 April 1912; married 23 October 1937 Beverly Floyd Cox, who died 21 July 1974, the son of Joseph Thomas and Lucy Bennett Cox. Floyd worked with Standard Oil Co. Blanche lives near Aurora. They had three children:
John Bennett Cox, born 17 August 1938 died 2 May 1939

William Beverly Cox, born 23 January 1940; married 30 July 1961 Joann Wesley Hollowell, daughter of George and Vida Hollowell. William Beverly is an educator with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and his wife is a teacher in Virginia Beach. They have two children:
Cynthia Ann Cox, born 21 January 1964
William Beverly Cox,Jr., born 10 September 1967

Owen Lee Cox, born 20 July 1941; married 24 December 1973 Ricki Dettori, daughter of Joseph and Virginia Dettori. He is a banker at Altamonte Springs, Florida and she is a nurse. They have three children:
Donna Deer Cox, born 5 October 1966
Joseph Lee Cox, born 3 September 1976
Amy Elizabeth Cox, born 5 June 1980

Richard Desmond Lee, born 13 July 1914; married 3 July 1954, Alma A. Disler, born 3 September 1915 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Richard served 4 years in the U.S. Navy during World War II

and 20 years in the Active Naval Reserve, during which time he was recalled to Active Duty for the Korean Conflict. Retired as of June 30 1972 from the Department of Defense as a Computer Systems Analyst. Alma graduated from the Scranton Conservatory of Music and Marywood College, Scranton, Pa. She taught piano, and supervised music in several Lackawanna County Schools. She retired from the District of Columbia Public Schools System as a Music Consultant in 1975. They live in Cape Coral, Florida, and have one child:

Deborah Anne Lee, born 23 October 1957; married 17 August 1980 Michael J. Sullivan. Deborah graduated from Andrews University in 1980, and then taught school in Lowell, Massachusetts. She lives in Dunstable, Massachusetts and is now employed by Wang Computer Laboratories, Inc. in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Beatrice E. Lee, the fifth child of William Richard and Patsy P. Hardy Lee, was born in Beaufort County near Aurora, N. C. 27 February 1919; married 14 November 1944 William Earl McKoy, born 8 December 1919 in Wilmington, N. C., son of Thomas Edgar McKoy, Sr. and Maggie Brock McKoy. Beatrice is a registered nurse, a graduate of Taylor Hospital, Washington, N. C., and was on the staff at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, N. C. for 25 years until her retirement in 1984. Earl served in the Army during World War II, and was a sales representative with McKoy Dry Goods in Wilmington, retired in 1984. They had six children:

Patricia Jean McKoy, born 26 March 1946 in Wilmington, N. C., is a registered nurse, a graduate of Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, N. C., and has been on the staff and worked at various units at New Hanover Memorial Hospital, Wilmington since 1967. She is presently working in the Holding and Observation Unit there.

Sylvia Lee McKoy, born 6 September 1948 in Wilmington, N. C.; married 2 March 1968 James Albert Ponder, Jr., born 6 July 1948 at Carolina Beach, N. C., son of James Albert Ponder, Sr. and Edna Klutz Ponder. Sylvia is a homemaker and also is presently employed part time at Sunbeam Bakeries in Wilmington. Jimmy attended college at UNC Wilmington, served in the army six years and is now co-owner of Quality Fleet Business in Wilmington. They have three children:

Jenny Rebecca Ponder, born 15 June 1971
Ann Elizabeth Ponder, born 17 June 1973
Jeremy Wayne Ponder, born 2 November 1976

William Thomas McKoy, born 19 March 1951 in Wilmington, N. C.; married 10 June 1972 Marian L. Cater, born 9 September 1950 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, daughter of Wilbur and Dorothy Ayers Cater. Tommy attended Massillon Bible College in Canton, Ohio, and is now working with Harris Insurance Services, as director of agents in Wilmington. Marian is a graduate of Clarion State College in Pennsyl-

vania. She has taught at Wilmington Christian Academy, and is presently doing some substitute teaching there. They have three children:
Bradley Allen McKoy, born 30 September 1974
Amy Beth McKoy, born 25 September 1978
Heather Lynn McKoy, born 31 July 1984

Margaret Sharon McKoy, born 8 May 1956 in Wilmington; is a graduate of Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga and has been teaching at Wilmington Christian Academy since 1978. She is active in the deaf ministry in Grace Baptist Church in Wilmington. She went from this church as a summer missionary to Ponape, an island in the group of the Carolines in 1985, and is now with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. She is preparing for a return to Ponape as a full time missionary.

Infant child, a girl, born and died 10 July 1958

Anna Lorraine (Lorri) McKoy, born 28 March 1962 in Wilmington, attended Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga and is a teacher at Wilmington Christian Academy. She is also active in the choir, the Pathfinders and other ministries at Grace Baptist Church, Wilmington.

Irma Ruth Lee, the sixth child of William Richard and Patsy P. Hardy Lee was born 30 March 1923 near Aurora; married 2 May 1942 Jerry Myrs Mayo, born 21 March 1919 near Aurora, died 16 June 1972, age 53. He was the son of Jerry Myrs Mayo and Mary Hudnell Mayo, and was employed by the Federal Government for 20 years. They had three children:

Barbara Ruth Mayo, born 6 August 1946 near Aurora; attended East Carolina University; married 1 August 1965 Charles Daniel Page, born 20 August 1946, Wilson, N. C., son of Charlie Edgar Page and Emily Lucille Morgan Page; retired from the U.S. Air Force, currently employed by U.S. Postal Service. Barbara is Admissions Technician at Wilson County Technical College. They live in Stantonsburg, N. C. and have three girls:
Susan Denise Page, born 6 August 1968 in Selma, Alabama
Shannon Leigh Page, born 25 October 1970 in Hampton, Va.
Sherry Elizabeth Page, born 6 August 1972 in Hampton, Va.

Phyllis Lee Mayo, the second child of Irma Ruth Lee Mayo and Jerry Myrs Mayo, was born 21 October 1953 in Baltimore, Maryland; graduated from Atlantic Christian College, attended UNC Chapel Hill, got her Masters Degree in religious education and church music from Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.. She was commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary to Tokyo, Japan. After a period of time, she changed her career goals. At the present time (1987) she is Activities Director/ Social Worker at Stewart Health Center Springmore Retirement Community, Raleigh, N.C.

Teresa Lynn Mayo, the third child of Irma Ruth Lee Mayo and Jerry Myrs Mayo, was born 13 March 1957 in Clinton, N. C.; married 14 October 1978 Ralph Dawson Webb, born 24 April 1955 in Macclesfield, N. C., son of Henry Ralph Webb and Hilda Tugwell Webb. He is a graduate of Durham Technical College and is, in 1987, Director of Respiratory Therapy at Heritage Hospital, Tarboro, N. C.. Teresa is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., and is employed with Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company in Rocky Mount, N. C. They live in Macclesfield and have two children:

Jason Myrs Webb born 25 April 1982 in Wilson

Dana Erin Webb born 8 February 1986 in Wilson

LEMUEL H. HARDY

Lemuel H. Hardy was the third child of Lemuel M. and Temesia Ann Mewborn Hardy. He was born the 17th of March 1853 died 29 March 1930. He married in 1874 Bettie John Hartsfield, who was born 7 June 1847 and died 7 February 1925. Both were great-grandchildren of Parrott and Lydia Hardy Mewborn. Lemuel H. Hardy was a Primitive Baptist preacher and died while preaching in the pulpit. He is buried at Atlantic, N. C.

In 1905 he wrote a Mewborn-Hardy Family History which was placed in the lateral file, Genealogy Library, Hall of History, Raleigh, N.C.. The following is a transcription of his work, with some minor changes, such as added punctuation, a very few corrections in spelling, and listing of some names for clarity, rather than continuous in paragraph form. Names, initials, words in parenthesis are the editor's for explanatory purposes. A few paragraphs have already been used as a preface of this booklet.

A HISTORY OF THE HARDY-MEWBORN FAMILY

BY

ELDER LEMUEL H. HARDY

In preparing and writing the history of the Mewborn family, I feel the task is too great for such an imperfect and illiterate a person as I am. I feel that I cannot do justice to such a great and important task, let my desires be ever so great. My greater desire is that the truth may be written and preserved into book form, that our children may know in generations to come of what nationality they are and who their ancestors were and (their) religious belief(s). Not that any of them have ever gained any great notoriety or applause as to worldly honors on the one hand or of the law degenerated or criminals on the other hand. They have ever chosen the middle road, as we might term it, of life preferring to gain their living by honest labor, their bread by the sweat of the face.

We feel the subject is great, great beyond our power or ability as I have heretofore stated. It is our desire that the truth and only the truth may be written for nothing but the truth will do us or any one any good. We in writing may miss something, as we cannot get historical facts in every instance. If we do, I hope the reader will attribute it to the head and not of the heart, for we are very imperfect beings. We further desire that none of the family shall be left out, nor any favoritisms shall be shown towards any one member of the family above another. If there is any left out, it shall not be my fault for I have exhausted all the power or means I have to reach every one.

In writing of our ancestors we will have to rely somewhat upon traditions, that is what has been handed down by members of the family from one generation to the next generation, as well as (upon) records that we have been able to find in the office of the Secretary of the

State, also in the offices of the Superior Court and Register of Deeds, Bertie County, N. C.....

Lemuel Hardy was the 3rd son of Lemuel and Mary (Sutton) Hardy, his wife. He was born in 1779 in the southwest corner of Greene County, North Carolina. His father was of Huguenot extraction but later of German descent.(??) When he had grown up, he built and settled one half mile of his father's homestead but in Lenoir County. He first married Eunity Taylor, who died leaving one daughter:

(Martha) Patsy, who married John Aldridge. Her descendants live in Lenoir and Pamlico Counties.

Lemuel then married Anna Mewborn, daughter of Parrott and Lydia (Hardy) Mewborn, who bore him six children:

Parrott Mewborn Hardy, named in honor of his mother's father. He settled not far from the old Mewborn homestead. His first wife was Louisa (T.) Daniel. She bore him two sons: Stephen P. and John L. After the death of his first wife, he married Sarah Aldridge, who bore him Mary (A.) who died unmarried; Susan (E.), married James Becton; Martha, married Thomas H. Hart; Parrott M.,11 married Susan (M.) Larouque; William A. (Alexander) married (1) Annie J. Larouque; Lemuel M. married Louisa Emory; (Levi) Sutton died unmarried; James (R.) married Barbara Wiggins.

Susan (Susannah) Hardy married Wyatt Moye. I do not know about their children if they had any. (She was deceased by 1844 when her father wrote his will.)

May married Redmond Broom, who was a minister of the M. E. church. If she bore any children by Mr. Broom I do not know. (May also is not named in her father's will. James R. Broom later married May's half-sister Eunity Hardy.)

Lydia Hardy married Justus Daniel. She bore him Parrott Mewborn Daniel who was wounded severely in the Battle at Fort Harrison below Richmond and died. Andrew Jackson Daniel married Bettie Croomwell of Edgecomb County and she bore one daughter. (Lemuel H. Hardy may have confused these two sons of Lydia and Justus Daniel.)

Sarah Hardy married Alexander Dawson: Patsy died unmarried; Elizabeth married John Williams, Mary Parrott married John T. Daily; Huldah married Allen Barrow; Alexander J. married a Miss Emery; Benjamin married a Miss Emery; Sarah married a Sutton. (Were Patsy, Elizabeth, Mary, Huldah, Alexander, Benjamin and Sarah children of Sarah and Alexander Dawson?)

After the death of his wife Annie, Lemuel Hardy married her sister Patsy Mewborn. She bore him eleven children as follows:

Elizabeth married H. H. (Henry Hardy) Gibbons, who was a very noted Methodist minister. She had a number of children.

Eunity Hardy became the 2nd wife of Redmond Broom and bore him Elizabeth who married a Mr. (R.C.) Redford; Hattie married a Mr. (A. M.) Carr; Henry H; Lemuel; I do not know who they (the last two) married. (According to Colonel David Hardee in "The Hardy-Hardee

Family in the South and Southwest" page 45, Henry H. Broome married Edith O. Aldridge and Lemuel Moye Broome married Helen Hooker.)

Edith married Reuben Barrow; their daughter Mary Susan married Nathaniel Brinson; John L. I do not know who he married; Henry H. married Lucy Reed; Cornelia married Samuel Brinson; Nannie married George Brinson.

Louisa Hardy married W. H. Cunningham, a Methodist minister.

Nancy L. Hardy married George Mewborn. (He was the son of Parrott and Mary Aldridge Mewborn.)

Lemuel M., the oldest son of Lemuel and Patsy Mewborn Hardy, was born 17 March 1822. He was of a weakly temperment but very lively in his disposition and was very fond of dancing. In his early manhood he experienced a change of heart and was received into the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Creek in Lenoir County. In the church he filled the office of both deacon and clerk for a number of years. Before his death, he and his wife moved their membership from Bear Creek to Mewborn's for convenience. He was a Democrat in politics and was a Justice of the Peace for a number of years. He bought the Thompsonian medical rights and practiced that line of medical rights when he was called on. He owned a good home and a number of slaves. When the question of abolishing slavery came up, he very strongly opposed it and became a strong secessionist in 1860. In the later part of the winter of 1862/3, he had an attack of typhoid fever but nearly recovered from that when on the morning of April 13th 1963, he died suddenly from some heart trouble. His remains now rest in the family burrying grounds near Mewborn's Meeting House in Greene County.

Lemuel M. Hardy married Temesia Ann Mewborn, the oldest child of Elder Parrott Mewborn and Mary Aldridge Mewborn. She was born the 20th day of November 1822. In early life she showed a very persevering turn and this disposition followed her as long as she lived. She was a great lover of home and family and saw much uneasiness if any of the family were out of place. She learned the trade of tailor and did much of that kind of work. Spinning and weaving was the way of finishing cloth in her early life and she did much of that with her own hands. I do not know the date of her marriage to our father but probably some time in 1845. (It was 20 February 1845.) In September 1844 she professed a hope in Christ and was received into the fellowship in the church at Bear Creek and was baptised by her father. She continued in the faith as long as she lived in this world.

Her mind proved to be spiritual and she acquired much familiarity with the Bible and often talked well thereon. Mother often took, sometimes one then the other of her children with her when she went to her secret prayer unto God. We all ought to think of her and of her very worthy examples which she set before us. The faith and doctrines of her Primitive Baptist Church were the most precious of all things in this world to her.

The fruits of her marriage to my father were five children of whom I will write further on in this sketch. When father died, he left an estate in land, negroes and stocks, but was pretty heavily

in debt. Mother then had to battle with the affairs of this life as she never had before and all the cares became hers but she had a loving father and an ever watchful God to guide her. On April 29th 1864, her father was called home and she felt more desolate than before, but her appeals unto her God continued by day and by night.

In July 1864 she was again married to my father's brother, Benjamin G. Hardy. He had six children, thus our family was doubled at once. I have often thought of that family. No visitor could have known by the treatment we received but what we were all one set of children. Also we had some of the children of one of our aunts and they, too, received the same treatment. She bore no children by her second husband. My step-father was also clerk and deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church. He died the second Sunday in June 1873 and mother was again left very desolate and had to battle with poverty as she never did before but her God never forsook her. During her widowhood from the death of both my father and my stepfather I never knew her to eat at her table without returning thanks to God and asking Him for continuance of His mercies to us. These are pleasant memories to all of her children.

In 1875 it became necessary for us to sell our old homestead in Greene County. We moved to the eastern part of the state. Mother died on the 20 day of July 1904. Her remains rest in the cemetary at Sandy Grove Meeting House in Beaufort County where she last held her membership. Thus ended the life of a great woman, a mother in Israel.

(It would be interesting to insert here a paragraph which Temesia wrote in a letter to Elder P. D. Gold, asking him to publish in the "Zion's Landmark" a letter she had just received from her son Elder Lemuel H. Hardy. She wrote:

"I received this good and to me very precious letter from my son, Elder L. H. Hardy, on yesterday and wishing to see it in the dear Land Mark, I send it to you. It is at your disposal, if you see proper to publish it, may it comfort some dear mother in Israel as it has comforted me.

"I have just turned in my eightieth year the 20th of November, and so far my health is as good as I could expect it to be at my age. I feel that goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life. I have had many troubles, trials, and conflicts by the way, but the blessed Lord has brought me safely through them thus far. He has blessed me with good kind children and grandchildren that are very kind to me and care for me in my old age; and I hope the Lord will bless them all, and my dear great-grandchildren with grace sufficient for their day. Some of my children live some distance from me, but through the blessings of the Lord we can hear from each other by letter. I do receive some good preaching letters from my dear son, Elder L. H. Hardy. I read them and feast on them. May the Lord bless him in his labors, and you, brother Gold; you both have many trials, but I hope the Lord will sustain you both by his grace.

"With love to yourself and family, I remain,
Your little sister in hope,
T. (Temesia) A. (Ann) (Mewborn) Hardy
Idalia, N. C. 12-7-1901")

Her oldest child Nancy was born March 30, 1848. She married Bennett F. Aldridge but she bore no children. Her religious faith is with the Primitive Baptist, but she has never united with the church. She is a very useful woman as a nurse in cases of confinement of her neighbor women and sometimes exercises the office of midwife. She is of a very motherly disposition. Her husband is a mechanic. He is also a Primitive in faith. He is a Republican in politics.

The second child, George Mewborn Hardy, was born February 3, 1851. He has been a farmer the most of his life, but has proved to be very proficient in teaching school. He has an English education, the most of which he acquired by hard study outside of the school room and while he was teaching others. He has well filled the office of Justice of the Peace and committeeman of the public schools. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, has filled the office of clerk, both of the church and the Association to which he belonged. He is also a very efficient deacon in the church. In early life he married Lucy A. Fields, a poor but very industrious woman. She never made any outward profession of Religion. (The children listed below were named in 1905 before their families were completed.)

Their oldest son is J. Albert Hardy, who is a prominent man in the management of the public affairs of his neighborhood and county. He is a Justice of the Peace. He married Maggie White and they have five children.

The second child of George M. and Lucy F. Hardy, Thomas L. is not a prominent man in his neighborhood but devotes his time to farming and home affairs. He married Bettie Foreman and they have four children living.

Their third child Mary E. (Lizzie) married Joshua H. Warren. They have two children.

Their fourth child P. (Parrott) Otho is unmarried.

Their fifth child Sarah T. (Sac) married Robert Aligood and has two children. In her young life she experienced a change of heart and became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and has continued in that faith. She was also a teacher in the public schools.

Their sixth child Lucy A. (Teely) married Barnie Cayton. They have no children.

Their seventh child Patsey P. married William Lee.

Their eighth child Levi J. (Jesse) lives with his father.

George Mewborn and Lucy A. Fields Hardy had several children who died in infancy. (After) Lucy died George married Agnus Mann, a Primitive Baptist. She bore him one child: James T., but he died in infancy.

The third child of Lemuel M. and Temesia A. Hardy is Lemuel H. He was born on the 17th day of March 1853. Like his other brothers he grew up amid the wild company of a steam-mill life. He felt the sting of conviction for sin in his early

life, but was very wayward. At the age of seventeen he gave himself over to dancing and card playing to try to put out the burning fire of conviction within. This proved to be but adding fuel to fire and it burned the hotter. He received a hope in Christ on the 3rd day of June 1873 and on the 4th Sunday in July he was baptised into the fellowship of the Primitive Baptist Church at Mewborn's Meeting House by Elder S. Pate. The next June he began to exercise in the gospel ministry but was closed up at each effort until January 1876, he was with the church on Goose Creek Island when the door of liberty was opened to his comfort and to the praise of the Lord. He visited and preached for several churches and two of them, Hunting Quarter and North River in Carterett County called for his ordination. At the second call the church at Milton, now Bethel, in Pamlico County ordered the Ordination. This took place on the first day of July 1877; the same day he baptised his youngest sister Patsy. In August following he accepted the call from Hunting Quarter and North River.

On the 29th day of January 1874 the Lord gave him a blessed companion in the person of Miss Bettie J. Hartsfield, (born 17 June 1847 died 7 February 1925) who has been a great burden bearer in the family. Her great-grandmother was sister to his grandfather Elder Parrott Mewborn. To them were born two children: Rebecca T. (born ca 1874 died 1960/1) who married (1) Harvey F. Glancy; they had three children, one of whom died; the other two were W. L. Glancy and Pearl Glancy, who married Virgil H. Mewborn, lives in Kinston and has one child. Rebecca Hardy married (2) Benjamin Parrott Mewborn and (3) Ambrose Fulcher. Lemuel H. Hardy, [VI] the son of Lemuel and Bettie J. Hartsfield, married Minnie F. Frederick, lives in Reidsville, holds a position with the Southern Railway Company and has several children. (One of whom was Lemuel Hardy [the VII], who married Nannie Small and they had Lemuel Hardy [VIII] who was born in 1926 and accidentally killed in 1943, thus ending the direct line of Lemuel Hardys. Another son of Lemuel H. [VI] and Minnie Frederick, Nash Eugene Hardy, Sr. married Siddie Mae Holland, and had a son Nash Eugene Hardy, Jr. born 25 April 1928, who was written up in "N. C. Lives" by William Powell.)

After the ordination of Lemuel H. Hardy, he lived for two years in Beaufort County, but because of the ill convenience of getting to the churches which were under his care, he moved to Carteret County; thus he was separated from all his people except his wife and children. In 1880 he led in the ordination of his uncle Elder D. A. Mewborn at Hadnots Creek in Carteret County. After this he moved to Newport and served six churches which were in the most part prosperous.

In the year 1882 he was persuaded to accept the Democratic nomination to the State Legislature. He made a joint canvass of twenty-five speeches with his competitor and was elected and served in the Legislature of 1883. After this he withdrew from politics in a public way and choosed (sic) rather to suffer afflictions with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. After this he suffered much persecution from his brethren but the Lord kept him and would not let any wicked hand be laid on him. He accumulated some property in Newport but was compelled to make a sacrifice of it. In 1893 he became pastor and Post Master at Newport and served two years but being very strongly endorsed to move up the country he resigned as Post Master and as pastor of the six churches under his care and in November he moved with his family to Durham. Soon the pastorial field began to open up there and he began the services of several churches. In all, he has served sixteen churches: in Carteret, Beaufort, Person, Durham, Caswell, and Rockingham counties, North Carolina and one in Virginia. At the time of this writing he is serving five churches, one of which is in Beaufort, two in Carteret and one in Caswell and one in Rockingham.

He has no worldly cares except his family, but has given himself to the ministry of the Word and is a witness that they that seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness shall have all of the things of this world to be added to them.

When he lived in the bounds of the White Oak Association, he served there ten years as clerk of the Association. In 1906 he was chosen Moderator of the County Line Association. That Association then dissolved into two associations and he was chosen Moderator of the Upper County Line again and served for several years.

During his ministry he has travelled in the State of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. He has averaged about one hundred and seventy-five sermons per year for twenty-seven years, the most of which have been in pastorial service. In his early ministry he walked on the average of fifteen hundred miles per year besides his other travels, but latterly he does not walk but little. He has travelled many thousand miles in the ministry in a single year but never asked any person for a cent nor so much as hinted to any one that they ought to pay him for his ministerial service. For two years he has been in position to accept the place of state senator of Rockingham County but has refused the offer because his ministry requires his time.

The fourth child of Lemuel M. and Temesia A. Mewborn Hardy is Parrott M. Hardy. He was born September 1855. He had a

mechanical mind and was inventive, but he met a serious accident by fire and got broken up in his line of work. He was never in any public life. He married Miss Maggie Rowe who bore him 1st Effie P., who married Hertford Gardner, they have three children; 2nd Bertie C. married Miss Glenmore Fredrick, they have four children; 3rd Dan C. who married Miss Pauline Lane, they have three children; 4th Emma G, married William Herring and they have several children; 5th Clinton R, married Gertrude Stephens; 6th Joseph B., married Annie Bell; 7th Hugh P.; 8th Robert L; 9th Alden; 10th Clyde. Maggie died and Parrott married Miss Pattie Denny of Person County. She is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. She bore him two children, the first died in infancy, the second is named Earl D. (He had two more children by his second wife:Lottie May and Elsie Grey. (ibid 62-68) Quote from his grand-niece, May Hardy Gaskins: 'Parrott Hardy, although rather improvident, was a good family man, helped take care of the children to the extent of sitting with them on the 'women's' side in church even though the men made fun of him for doing so.')

The 5th child of Lemuel and Temesia A. Hardy is Patsy. She was born on May 31 1858. The Lord blessed her with a good hope in His holy name and it was my pleasure to baptise her on the very day of my ordination. In September 1884, in company with my dear wife, I baptised Riley Adams and afterwards (18 December 1884) married him and my sister. They have no child but have raised an orphan boy to be a young man. Brother Adams is now a licensed minister and a member of the church in Raleigh. They live at Wake Forest which is the head-quarters of the Missionary Baptist Church in this state but they remain true to the faith once delivered to the church (Primitive).

Benjamin George Hardy, the second son of Lemuel and Patsy Hardy was born November 13, 1831 and grew to be a good size man, about six feet high. He married Mary Mewborn on the 23 day of March 1952 and they lived happily until her death which took place on the 19 day of April 1864. On the 3rd day of July of the same year 1864, he married Temesia A. Hardy and they lived happily until his death which took place on the 8th day of June 1873. He was received a member of the old school Baptist Church at Mewborn's Meeting House in Greene County, N. C. at their August meeting 1852 and was baptised by Elder Parrott Mewborn; chosen clerk of the church September meeting 1860 and deacon June meeting 1864.

(Among the children of Lemuel and Patsy Mewborn Hardy not listed by Elder Lemuel H. Hardy were: Annie born 1816; Louisa born 1827; Levi S. Hardy born 1833 died 1850; Jesse Hutchins Hardy born 1837 died 1895.)

"The Raleigh News and Observer" carried this obituary of Elder Lemuel H. Hardy with the dateline Kinston, April 3, 1930. The headline read, "PRIMITIVE ELDER DIES IN HARNESS", sub-title: "He had repeated a thousand times the injunction 'Love one another'".

"'I have preached the truth -- I know I have preached the truth.' With these words the venerable Elder L. H. Hardy fell dead in the pulpit of the little Primitive Baptist church at Loris, S. C. last Saturday. The 77 year old minister was pastor of several scattered congregations in this State and South Carolina, one of them located here. His local parishioners today heard of his dramatic death and said they were glad Elder Hardy had died in that fashion. "He wanted to die in the pulpit, preaching the 'living word'", they said.

"For more than 55 years the preacher made the rounds of his charges. He preached 10,000 sermons to congregations from Florida to Canada. He was not an orator in the accepted sense, but his voice had great carrying power, his words were carefully chosen and he knew the Bible as few men have known it. His was one of the kindest of faces. He repeated a thousand times the injunction, 'Love one another'.

"The story of his funeral came up from the little coast town of Atlantic last evening. All business was suspended for the services. The schools were closed and the pupils attended the funeral. Practically the entire population turned out. Three of his brotherhood, veteran ministers like himself, conducted the services. A few years ago there were a score of Primitive Baptist preachers between the ages of 75 and 95 in this part of the State. Most of them have died. They preached for the most part in little frame churches scattered over the countryside, some of the meeting houses more than a century old.

"It was nothing for Elder Hardy to travel several hundred miles to fill an appointment. One of his charges was at Reidsville, in other times a day's journey at least from his Core Sound home. He lived in Atlantic 54 years. He was loved as few have been loved in the "banks" country.

The body of the aged minister lies in the community cemetery in the outskirts of Atlantic. Yaupons and oaks will shade his resting place. Upkeep of the grave will be a community obligation, assumed as fully by Methodists and Missionary Baptists and others as by the people of the veteran's own flock. 'Flock' was one of his favorite words. 'In reality, am I not their shepherd?' he was wont to ask."

COPY OF THE WILL OF JOHN HARDY

According to Colonel David Hardee the will of John Hardy (1690-1719) "is among the most eloquent testaments in Colonial records." It reads, in part as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen. I, John Hardy of Chowan in the Colony of North Carolina, being weak of body but of perfect sound mind and memory, praise therefor being given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following. This is to say first and principally, I commend my soul to the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits, death, and passions of my savior Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness for all of my sins, and to inherit everlasting life, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors herein named, and as touching the disposition of my temporal, which it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose as followeth:

"Item: I give unto my loving brother William Hardy one black horse of five years old, and the best suit of clothes I have, also my Buckaneer gun.

"Item: I give unto my brother Thomas Hardy one hundred acres of land out of the tract where he now dwells, on the upper side of the line joining to Lewis Davis, beginning on the Poccasin then running up to the head of the line, and one grey broad clothe coat.

"Item: I give unto my brother Jacob Hardy one grey drugget coat.

"Item: I give unto Kathrine Stancil, widow, one cow and calf.

"Item: I give unto Richard Pickering, one mare two years old.

"Item: I give .....All Johnson....John Butler a certain debt of 22 pounds for which I have his land mortgaged, and I do herby give him the said debt and discharge the said mortgage.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Elizabeth Hardy.....lands [several tracts naming patent dates]

"Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Hardy, this my Manor Plantation, where I now dwell containing 640 acres....patent bearing date November 11, 1707

"Item: I give and bequeath to my well-beloved wife Rebecca Hardy.....Now in case my wife Rebecca should be with child, and deliver in nine months from date hereof, then in such case being a son, I give him the Manor Plantation...and being a daughter....

"Item: To Elizabeth....5 negroes [called by name]

"Item: To Mary....4 negroes [called by name]

"Item: To my wife Rebecca...4 negroes and 1/2 of two others

"Item: Of my moneys in England, divide among wife and children share and share alike

"Item: cattle, horses and sheep....

"Lastly: Rebecca Hardy, Executrix, Bro William Hardy, Thomas Pollock, Jr. and Major Robert West, Executors.

"In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my seal, Jan 19, 1719, and in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King George of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King and Defender of the Faith.

*Contained in three sheets of paper.

John Hardy (Seal)

*Signed, sealed, declared and published as my last will and testament in the presence of

Holbrook
Lawrence Sarton
John Luerton Sarton

Sworn to before Charles Eden [Governor of North Carolina] by John Holbrook on March 16, 1719.

COPY OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM HARDY

This William Hardy was the son of Lemuel Hardy and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy, and was the brother of Lemuel Hardy 11. William was a planter and a miller; he married Sarah Sowell. His will was written 6 December 1783 approved by court in Bertie County, N. C. February 1794, and the division of his estate occured in 1794 according to the provisions of his will.

"In the name of God Amen. I, William Hardy of Bertie County in the Province of North Carolina, a Miller, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, I thank the Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this to be my last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following: that is to say, I recommend my Soul to the Almighty God that gave it, beseeching his Most Gracious Acceptance of it, and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executozzrs; And as touching my worldly affairs I order and dispose of them as follows:

"First, I will and positively order that as soon as may be, all my Debts may be paid. Then as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me with I desire to Dispose of it in the following manner, to wit:

All my Personal Estate. I will that it all should remain together without any Division for and during the term of ten years after my Decease to raise my children and school them; But in case my wife Marries or dies in this time; If she Marries then to be divided one third part to her, and the other two thirds to be Equally divided among my Children. And my Land and my Mill: I will that it be equally Divided among my six sons as near as Possible According to Value, only contriving it so that my youngest son Benjamin should have the place where the Houses stand and houses, Reserving the use of the shed room of my new house that has a chimney to it to my Daughter Elizabeth till she marries. Let it be remembered that nothing herein contained shall debar or hinder my wife with the consent of my Executor from lending to any one of my Children that shall marry within the term of ten years any thing they shall stand in need of not Exceeding what may be thought to be their Dividend.

And concerning my Land: if any of my sons should die before they come to the age of one and twenty years, or before they have any heirs, then his part of the Land to be divided among my Surviving Sons. At the end of ten years, if no division before then, all to be divided except my Land, the one third part to my wife, and the rest to be divided among my children, each one that has had anything the same to be allowed for in their Legacy Agreeable to my Books. As to my land I desire that my wife should live upon it with her family, during her natural life or Widowhood; and if my mother has a mind at any time in sickness or health to come and live with my wife and family it is my desire that she should. Let it be understood that it is my desire that my Daughters should have a proportionable part of my Estate, though they have no land, with my sons in Consideration of the Land.

Item, and lastly I do Constitute and appoint my Brother Edward Hardy, Sr., my Brother Jesse Hardy, my son Lamb Hardy and my son William Parrott Hardy Executors and my wife Sarah Hardy Executrix of this my last Will and Testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this 6th day of December Anno Domini 1783.

Wm Hardy

Signed, sealed, declared as
pronounced in the presence of us
Thomas Johnson
Abraham A. Lee (his mark)
Stephen Lee

The following is a copy of the court proceedings in connection with the will of Lemuel Hardy 111, who died in 1846. The original will was destroyed in a court house fire in 1876.

SUPERIOR COURT

Greene County
North Carolina

Jesse H. Hardy, Temasia (sic) Hardy
Nancy Aldridge, G. M. Hardy
L. H. Hardy, Parrott Hardy
and Patsy Hardy
To
The Court

The petition of the plaintiffs respectively represents unto the Court

1 That sometime during the year 1846, Lemuel Hardy, Sr. late of the county and state aforesaid, died domiciled in said county of Greene, first having made and published as his last will and Testament in words and forms as follows, viz: a copy pf which is unto annexed marked "A" and made part of this petition

2 That in November 1846, said last will and Testament was duly proved, recorded and the Executrix Patsy Hardy duly qualified before a Court of competent jurisdiction in Greene County, a copy of all of which is hereunto annexed marked "B" and made a part of this petition

3 That said Patsy Hardy as Executrix took charge and settled the estate of her testator Lemuel Hardy Sr. dec. upon the terms and conditions as set forth in last Will and Testament

4 That in March 1876, the Court House together with all the records of Greene County was burned including the said last Will and Testament of Lemuel Hardy, Sr. a certified copy of which Will and Testament is unto attached

5 That James Williams, the clerk of the Court before which said Will and Testament was proved and recorded and whose certificate is attached to said copy of said Will and Testament, is dead

6 That under said last Will and Testament Lemuel Hardy, Benj. G. Hardy, Levi S. Hardy and Jesse H. Hardy were the sole legatees to whom the lands of Lemuel Hardy, Sr. dec. descended under said last Will and Testament of said Lemuel Hardy, Sr. dec. and that Levi S. Hardy died without leaving an issue of his body and his interest in said lands descended to your petitioner Jesse H. under said last Will and Testament and that your petitioner Jesse H. Hardy sometime in the year 1860 purchased of said Benj G. Hardy his interest in said lands c.....ed under said last Will and Testament of Lemuel Hardy, Sr. dec. and that Lemuel Hardy one of the heirs under said Will died intestate sometime during the year 1863 without having made and published a last Will and Testament, and his interest descended to his widow Temasia Hardy, and his children Nancy Aldridge, G. M. Hardy, L. H. Hardy, Parrott Hardy and Patsey Hardy and that they are all of full age

Wherefore your petitioners pray, that said certified copy of said last Will and Testament with the certificate thereto attached be

admitted to probate and that the same be treated in all respects as the original and for such other and fuller orders as the Court may deem proper.

Arthur Spruill
atty for plaintiffs

Greene County Superior Court

Jesse H. Hardy one of the petitioners being duly sworn says that the facts set forth in the above petition are true of his own knowledge and those not of his own knowledge but are information he believes to be true

Jesse H. Hardy

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27 day of June 1885
D. W. Patrick CSC

Greene County — Superior Court
Jesse H. Hardy et als — Judgment
to
The Court

On this the 27th day of June 1885 came before Mr. D. W. Patrick Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the county of Greene Jesse H. Hardy, G. M. Hardy, Parrott Hardy et als by their attorney at law and in fact Arthur Spruill and offered for the purpose of being recorded in my said office a paper writing purporting to be a duly certified copy of the last Will and testament of Lemuel Hardy dec late of this county.

And upon the evidence, it appearing to my satisfaction that said Lemuel Hardy died leaving a last Will and Testament and that it was duly admitted to probate in the County Court of said county of Greene at November term 1846 and recorded in the Office of said court Book of Wills letter L Page 185,6,7,8,9 and that said paper writing now offered to be recorded is a true and correct copy of said Will and Testament from the record of said court and that the same is genuine and duly certified by the proper officer of said court and that the original Will was destroyed by the burning of the Court House of said county.

It is now on motion of Arthur Spruill Attorney ordered that said paper writing as a right ought to be recorded and filed among the records of this officer as his Will.

D. W. Patrick
Clerk Superior Court

COPY OF THE WILL OF LEMUEL HARDY 111

In the name of God Amen I Lemuel Hardy Sen. of the County of Greene and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory though weak in body, Blessed be God for the same, considering the mortality of my body knowing that it was once appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. First I recommentd my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it nothing doubting but at the General Resurection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as to my earthly substance that the Lord hath pleased to bless me with I give and dispose of in the following manner:

Item 1st I give unto my Daughter Martha Aldridge all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increse from the time of her having possession thereof and to her and her heirs forever.

Item 2nd I give unto my grandchildren, the children of my daughter Susanna Moye, all the property that I have heretofore put into the hands of Susanna Moye and the increase from the time of her taking possession thereof to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give unto my daughter Lydia Daniel all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her having it in possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item 4th I give unto my daughter Salley Dawson all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her having possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item 5th I give unto my son Parrott M. Hardy the land and plantation whereon he now lives, it being the land I bought of Moses Shirly, and what other property that I have heretofore put into his hands and the increase from the time of his having possession thereof to him and his heirs forever.

Item 6th I give unto my daughter Anna Hardy all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her having possession thereof to her and her heirs forever.

Item 7th I give unto my daughter Unity Broom all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her taking possession thereof and also three hundred dollars or a nigro girl valued at that sum. I leave it discretionary with my Executors which to give to her and her heirs forever.

Item 8th I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Gibbons all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her taking possession thereof to her and her heirs forever.

Item 9th I give unto my daughter Edith Barrow to (two) nigro boys, one named John and the other Robin, one horse, bridle and saddle and one bedstead and furniture and some other articles too

tedious to mention which I shall put into her possession soon to her and her heirs forever.

Item 10th I give unto my wife Patsy Hardy one nigro man, Willis, one woman, Dolly, and their eight children: David, Seman, and Wincy, Caty, Bob, Bright, Grace, Chelly and their further increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item 11th I lend unto my wife Patsy Hardy all the rest of my lands and plantations during her natural life or widowhood with this encumbrance that she settle Lemuel, Benge G and Levi S to the best advantage on a part of the land that I shall give them hereafter at their arriving to lawful age or marriage, also my stock of nigroes and stock of every description, household and kitchen furniture, my still, blacksmith and plantation tools and all other articles of property that has not heretofore been mentioned with this encumbrance that she raises and schools her children and give them off to them in proportion to what there is in stock as they arrive to lawful age or marriage to them and their heirs forever.

Item 12th I give unto my son Lemuel Hardy all the land lying on the north side of Goods Branch Beginning at the mouth of said branch and running up said branch to a pine at the head of the pond then with a small stream near an East course to Groundnut Swamp and then up said swamp to Benjamin Hardy's line then with his line to the beginning, two nigroes, Raleigh and Rubin, the horse he calls his, a bridle and saddle and such other property as he will need to begin to keep house with to him and his heirs forever.

Item 13th I give unto my son Benjamin G Hardy all my land east of the road Beginning in Goods Branch and running with Lemuel's line to Malachi Fields line then with his line to and down Groundnut Swamp to Wooten's line and with his line to the road then to the beginning to him and his heirs forever.

Item 14th I give to my son Levi S Hardy all land west of the road and South of Oat Marsh and Goods Branch including my home plantation with all its conveniences together with my mill and all its appertences with this encumberance that Parrott, Lemuel and Benjamin have the privilege of Grinding products, provided they will help keep the mill in good repair, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 15th The aforementioned property both personal and perishable that is lent to my wife Patsy Hardy shall or must be divided as near equal between my five youngest children as is convenient as they arrive to lawful age or marriage, as was above mentioned, to them and their heirs forever.

Item 16th My will and desire is that if either of my three sons Lemuel, Benjamin or Levi should die leaving no issue lawfully begotten of their bodies that my youngest son Jesse H Hardy have one of the lots of land that I have set apart or given to them in some of the above items in this will in this manner viz: If Lemuel should die, Benjamin shall have the lot set apart for Lemuel and Levi to have Benjamin's lot, and Jesse H Hardy, my

youngest son, to have the home lot that I gave to Levi; or if Benjamin should die. Levi to have Benjamin's and Jesse to have Levi's lot, the home lot. Now if more than one or any one of them should die after the lands are placed and allotted in this manner leaving no issue as above stated, his lot to be divided among or between the ones surviving, so as to keep the land among the boys is my object.

Lastly I institute nominate and appoint my wife Patsy Hardy and my trusty friend Parrott Mewborn whole and sole executors to this my last Will and Testament revoking disannulling and making void all other former wills and testaments heretofore made and ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of October 1844.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us who in the presence of each other and in his presence have subscribed our names

Lemuel E. Hardy Lemuel Hardy Sr.

Jesse Hardy

THE MEWBORN FAMILY

The North Carolina family of Mewborns began with Thomas Mewborn. He was born in England in 1668 the son of James Mewborn, Sr., who also had sons James Mewborn, Jr. and John. Thomas came to America and settled in Bertie County. He bought land from Samuel Paget in 1729 on Queen Anne's Creek and Chowan River. He died in 1749. His wife Eleanor is listed in his will dated February 23, 1749 along with their children: Moses, Nicholas, Joshua, John, George, Thomas and Mary.

George Mewborn sold his land in Bertie County and moved to Dobbs County 10 miles west of Kinston of Falling Creek now Lenoir County and near the present community of Institute. He married Mary Parrott, the daughter of Jacob and Martha Fewox Parrott. The Parrotts as well as the Suttons were located in the Falling Creek of Lenoir County. All were leading families and were in horse and buggy distance of each other and they were closely intermarried.

George and Mary Mewborn had one son, George Parrott Mewborn, born 11 March 1765 in the present Lenoir County. Parrott was orphaned early in life and his wife's uncle, Lemuel Hardy 11 and his wife Mary Sutton helped rear him. Parrott Mewborn married Lydia Hardy, the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Howell Hardy. Parrott and Mary had nine children: Annie, Hardy, Levi, Patsy, Parrott 11, Edith, Elizabeth, Lemuel Hardy, and Lydia.

These children intermarried with the Hardy, Parrott, Gray and Aldridge families and their children did the same; this accounts for the close ties among these families.

Parrott Mewborn 1 born 11 March 1765 married Lydia Hardy, born 26/8 April 1768, daughter of Benjamin Hardy and Nancy Howell; had the following children:

Annie Mewborn born 26 July 1787 died 30 April 1815 married 19 April 1806 Lemuel Hardy born 1779

Hardy Mewborn born 7 August 1789 died in 1815, age 26 married Deborah Parrott born 1796, a cousin. Their grand-parents were George Mewborn and Mary Parrott Mewborn. After Hardy Mewborn's death, his widow married his brother Levi as his first wife.

Edith Mewborn born 7 September 1791 married John P. Gray born 1786; their son Parrott Mewborn Gray married Elizabeth Sugg, and their son John Parrott Gray born 1837 became the ward of Elder Parrott Mewborn 11

Levi Mewborn born 9 September 1793 married (1) Deborah Parrott born 1796, his brother Hardy's widow; married (2) Susan Parrott

Patsy Mewborn born 16 February 1796 died 16 February 1851, married 1815 Lemuel Hardy born 1779

Parrott Mewborn 11 born 1 January 1799 died 29 April 1864; married 27 November 1821 Mary Aldridge born 17 March 1802 died 19 July 1881

Elizabeth Mewborn born 5 March 1801 died 1845 married ca 1824 Major Hardee, born 1806(?) died 7 April 1869, the son of Joseph and Sarah Bright Hardee

Lemuel Hardy Mewborn born 21 March 1803 married Louisa Kilpatrick

Lydia Mewborn born 9 August 1805 died 14 May 1846/7; married 5 November 1827 Bright Hardee born 18 November 1802 died 12 November 1841, son of Joseph and Sarah Bright Hardee

Parrott Mewborn 11 born 1799 married 27 November 1821 Mary Aldridge born 1802, daughter of Drewry Aldridge and Edith Hardy; had the following children:

Temesia Ann Mewborn born 29 November 1822 died 20 July 1904 married 20 February 1845 (1) Lemuel Mewborn Hardy born 17 March 1822 died 18 April 1863; married (2) July 1864 Benjamin George Hardy

George Mewborn born 26 December 1824 died 3 November 1859 married 29 February 1848 Nancy Louisa Hardy born 21 January 1830 died 29 November 1866

Joshua Mewborn born 18 April 1827 died 29 January 1907 married 11 October 1853 Winifred Wooten born 17 April 1831 died 25 January 1903. He served in the Civil War 1861-1865, Co. F 40th Regiment

Nancy Mewborn born 18 July 1829 died 4 May 1864 married 3 or 31 August 1856 John Parrott Gray born 8 February 1837 died 31 August 1896.

Mary Mewborn born 11 March 1832 died 19 April 1864 married 1852 Benjamin George Hardy born 13 November 1831 died 8 June 1873

Parrott Mewborn 111 born 1834 died 1881 married (1) 1863/5 Laney Jane Hardy born 1845 died 1876, married (2) 1878 Winifred Hardy born 1854 died 1879, both daughters of William E. and Rosa Hardy. He served in the Civil War,Junior Reserves

Edith Ann Mewborn born 12 October 1836 died 2 March 1915 married 1865 John Parrott Gray born 8 February 1837 died 31 August 1896. He had previously married her sister Nancy Mewborn.

Drewry Aldridge Mewborn born 14 June 1840 married 17 January 1867 Peniah Adelaide Dixon born 3 October 1848 died 30 September 1937. He served in the Civil War and was a Primitive Baptist minister. Peniah was the daughter of Richard and Mary Barrington Sugg Dixon, and the granddaughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Aldridge Sugg, and the great-granddaughter of Drewry Aldridge 11 and Edith Hardy.

Levi Jesse Hardy Mewborn born 1842 died 1926 married Ruth C. Whitted born 1845. He served in the Civil War Company F 4th Regiment.

Lydia Jane Mewborn born 1844 died 1874 married William C. Whitted born 1839

The connection between the Hardys, Mewborns and Rowes in addition to that noted above came about through the marriage of Nancy Lemuel Hardy, daughter of Benjamin George Hardy and Mary Mewborn, to John Riley Rowe, born 3 January 1852 died 6 October 1899, the son of John T. Rowe and Penelope Ross Rowe. Both John T. and John Riley Rowe were Primitive Baptist preachers and it is said that they were influential in

persuading the Hardys to move to Beaufort County. There is a marker in Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery near Aurora in memory of John Riley Rowe, their pastor and minister for 25 years. Nancy and John Riley Rowe were married in Beaufort County by Elder Lemuel H. Hardy, her first cousin and step-brother. Furthermore, John Riley Rowe and Sidney Ann Rowe (White), the mother of the wife of Joshua Albert Hardy (Maggie White), were brother and sister.

There is a collection of print-outs gathered at the Mewborn Family annual reunions held the third Sunday in April at the Mewborn Primitive Baptist Church near Jason. In 1970 Mary Mewborn Hardy was honored. The speaker of the day was a grandson, the Rev. Charlie H. Mewborn, son of Jesse Leonidas Mewborn and Mary Mewborn Hardy Mewborn. Five of the grandchildren besides the speaker were present that day. Among them were Lucy Rowe of Rocky Mount, age 78, Cecilla Rowe Anderson, age 84, Nannie _____, age 90, and Rachel Tayloe of Goldsboro.

The write-up about Mary Hardy Mewborn states that "the same year Mary and Benjamin George were married, they were received members of the church at Mewborn Meeting House and were baptised by her father Elder Parrott Mewborn 11. She was a faithful member and a firm believer in Christ up to her death. Benjamin became a deacon and clerk at Mewborn Meeting House. It is said that the old Dick Sutton home place, was the home of Benjamin George Hardy and Mary Mewborn Hardy, this being Benjamin's share of his father's land. (See will of Lemuel Hardy 111.) He was the son of Lemuel Hardy and Patsy Mewborn They were first cousins, as Patsy Mewborn was sister to Parrott Mewborn 11.

Mary died during the Civil War, leaving behind a husband and six small children, the oldest being eleven years old and the baby a few days old. After Mary's death, Benjamin married Temesia. She had 5 making a total of 11, ranging in age from 16 to a few months old. Think of Temesia; in April 1663 after a lengthly illness, she lost her husband Lemuel Hardy, leaving her with 5 small children. Then in April the 19th, 1864, her sister Mary died, then 10 days later on April 29, 1864, her father passed away, then 6 days later she lost her sister Nancy Mewborn Gray. In July of the same year she married Benjamin and in October he was called away for duty in the war, leaving her with the 11 children to feed and care for until his return July 1, 1865, and to add more to all this, she had four brothers that were also in the Civil War away from home, not knowing if they would ever return home alive."

THE ALDRIDGE FAMILY

Thomas A. Aldridge married Mary Smith.

Drury Aldridge, Sr., son of Thomas and Mary Smith Aldridge, married Mary Barrington; they had eight children:

Mary Aldridge born ca 1751, married John Murphey of the Bear Garden in Greene County

John Aldridge born 1754, served in the Revolution from Dobbs Co.

William Aldridge born ca 1756, married Elizabeth Smith, also served in the Revolution

Jesse Aldridge born ca 1758, married Anna Hardy, the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Howell Hardy, they were the parents of Howell Aldridge

Meg Aldridge died as a child, drowned in pond on the plantation

Martha (Patsey) Aldridge born ca 1762, married John Suggs, Jr.

Thomas Barrington Aldridge born 1763 married Nancy Turner. (Their children raised by Drew, Jr.)

Drury Aldridge, Jr. born 1766 died 1840 married (1) in 1786 Edith (Edey) Hardy born ca 1768 died 1832, daughter of Lemuel and Mary Sutton Hardy; Drury married (2)a Sutton of Bucklesberry

The children of Drew, Jr. and Edith H. Aldridge:

Drewry Aldridge 111 born ca 1800, married Anna, moved to Georgia and Texas

Mary Jane Aldridge born 17 March 1802 died 19 July 1881, married 27 November 1821 Parrott Mewborn 11, born 1 January 1799 died 29 April 1864, son of Parrott and Lydia Howell Hardy Mewborn

Elizabeth Aldridge born 1804 married Josiah Sugg, her first cousin, son of John Sugg, Jr. and Martha (Patsey) Aldridge Sugg.

Thomas Aldridge born 1811 married Mary Edmundson

Edith Ann Aldridge born 1817

In "The History of Greene County" by James M. Creech there are numerous references to the Aldridges, Suttons, Mewborns, and Hardys. One of the more interesting sections concerns the Aldridge family found on pages 325 ff. The plantation manor of Drury Aldrige, Sr. was Myrtle Bluffs, and Drury Aldridge called his place Drewfields. Martha Sugg Dixon, a granddaughter of Patsey Aldridge Sugg wrote about these two places. The following are excerpts from that book:

"Drew and Mary Barrington Aldridge lived near Jason. Their home was the Bluffs on Drew Creek. It was a large Dutch house painted yellow with four rooms and a hall on the first floor and three rooms and a hall on the second floor. A large porch stretched across the front of the house with the left corner walled in to form an office. Grandpa Drew was a county justice and he and some of the bench held court in this room when the weather was such that they could not reach the old Court House. Grandma Patsey told of playing in this room while court was in session with Justice Drew presiding in his turban, dressing gown and slippers while passing a long stemmed clay pipe amongst his peers. But

at the main sitting of the court and for formal occasions, he wore a great wig and full scarlet robe with a little collar like a priest's.....

"Justice Aldridge was quite a botanist and collector of plants. His gardens, or as he called them, his park, was the largest and most beautiful in the county. My father often said he didn't know what Heaven would be like....but if the southern part of Heaven was not as beautiful as the Bluffs, then he would turn around and come back. The lane up to the house was lined with myrtles and dogwood, which in any season made a lovely picture. In the spring, the dogwoods bloomed snowy white, in the summer the myrtles bloomed a delicate pink and in the autumn, the leaves of the dogwood were red and those of the myrtle a bright yellow. Green lawns were planted beneath these trees and large flocks of sheep were kept grazing there, kept out of the orchards on either side by high rail fences. The lane dipped down to a small creek and then up again before reaching the house. This creek was dammed up to form a large pond and was spanned by a lovely wooden bridge. This pond was called Meg's Hole after a young daughter of Justice Aldridge drowned there as a child. This pond was surrounded by a myriad of shrubs and bushes brought from near and far and laid out so that in every season there was a warmth of colors and hues. All these gardens were laid out not in the rigid formal patterns so popular at that time, but more like an English park. In fact, it was used by the people of the neighborhood as almost a public park for gatherings and promenades. Many an arbor dance, camp meeting and fish feast were held in this lovely spot. The Justice also laid out a race course on the banks of Hullets Creek to which the general populace of the Tysons Marsh and Bear Creek communi- ties repaired. There were a number of small amusements and rides built into the park for the children and a small herd of tame deer. It was a great treat for all the children to be allowed to feed these animals with salt and fruit.....

"The park at the Bluffs was inherited by Drew, Jr. and kept up with some improvements until the war. The Judge's wife (Edith Hardy, Temesia Newborn Hardy's grandmother) is remembered as a very haughty woman with a flare for stylish dress and abundant jewelry. She was from a fairly well off family near New Bern (?) but most of the Judge's family felt that he had married beneath him. It was said that when she walked about the plantation or town, she was accompanied by a small Negro boy, who held a parasol over her in imitation of the English nobility, and a Negress who carried a basket with her keys, fan, shawl and other needed items. Her nickname Jezabell was given to her for more than one reason.

"Most of the home plantation was heired by Drew Aldridge, Jr., who lived in the old house before building his own. His new house was on Tysons Marsh in what was called the Drewfield and his nephew Howell Aldridge, son of Jesse and Anna Hardy Aldridge, moved into the old place. Drew, Jr. raised not only his family but that of his brother, (Thomas Barrington Aldridge), to the number of thirteen children. So he needed a much larger house. It was a large two story house with eight rooms and large double porches on the front and back.

Late in life, Drew, Jr. married as a second wife, one of the Suttons of Bucklesberry. The marriage turned sour and a mutual dislike

grew between one another. Drew, Jr. built a small four room wing to the side of his house where he installed his wife, which he ever after called the "Rookerie". The only door into the house had a table placed in it so that he could sit at one end of the table and she at the other with the family in between. But she would never again enter the main house nor he the wing. If he wished to converse with her, he would write a note, place it on a tray and have it carried by a servant to the "Rookerie". Mrs. Aldridge would read it, write her answer and have it returned in the same manner.

"Drew, Jr. gave the old place to his daughter Polly (Mary) Mewborn, wife of Parrott Mewborn II although Howell Aldridge continued to live there. When the Yankee armies invaded the county, the Drewfields was burned, but the nurse at the Bluffs told the Yankees that Master had fled and the house was now hers, in hopes that the house would not be destroyed. Her ruse saved it from the torch but not the vandals. The Yankees, thinking that valuables were hidden there, much despoiled the interior. All the first floor rooms were wainscoated and the entire fireplace walls were panelled. All of this was torn out by the soldiers looking for valuables. Many of the floor boards were also taken up and much plastering knocked out. The park was used as a camp ground and almost totally destroyed. Old Mr. Howell died a refugee just before the close of the war but his family returned to the Bluffs. But because of the type and extent to the house, his family nor any other ever lived again at the Bluffs."

Another interesting passage containing references to the Mewborns and the Hardys is found on pp 244-249 in an account by Mrs. Winnie Aldridge Sugg, entitled "My Personal Experience of War". She wrote:

"Mother seemed to think that we had fared worse than anyone else. In the afternoon she took me over to our nearest neighbor's, Mrs. Mewborn, (this was Nancy Hardy Mewborn, wife of George Mewborn (he died in 1859), whose house is still standing on the farm of Mrs. Harold Sutton, a grand-daughter) who was a widow with a large plantation. When we arrived, the same yankees (who had just looted their plantation) were looting her plantation.....Mrs. Mewborn's brother, Mr. Ben Hardy, was very sick and we went every day to inquire of her how he was and to offer what help we could give. (The writer may have confused Ben Hardy with Lemuel Hardy who was very sick and died in April of 1863; Ben Hardy's wife, Mary Mewborn, sister of George Mewborn, died in April 1864, apparently of complications following childbirth.

"We found Mrs. Mewborn greatly distressed one day because she was not allowed to go see her brother. There were pickets on the road and the army was camping at Mr. Hardy's house.....On arriving at the house, (the house was located near the Greene-Lenoir County line, some two miles pass Jason).....

In a latter part of Creech's History of Greene County, we find another reference to the Hardy brothers and Jason in a section intitled "Reminiscences" pp 629 ff: "We then come to a place they call Jason... ....over there is the resting place of the Hardy brothers, who came from Bertie County and settled here; Lemuel Hardy, Jr. became a large land owner in this section, and married Mary Sutton. Brother Benjamin Hardy

was politically minded and held many offices at Colonial and State levels--a member of the first Provincial Congress held at New Bern, N. C., under Governor William Tryon and verified November 14, 1766. Both served in the Revolution, Benjamin as a Captain and Lemuel as a Private. Benjamin married Nancy Howell. Both of these Hardy brothers have many descendants living in Greene County today--see their graves over there on Bear Creek, near Jason."

A section of letters pp 674ff, composed mostly of letters from the Murphey-Aldridge families, has one of a happier note and of particular interest to the Hardy-Mewborn family. It was written at the Beare Garden, dated September 10, 1770, by Gale Murphey:

"Dear Brother

"We got here last evening & are in good health altho' much fatigued. The season has started off better than any I can remember. Papa alllowed us to go to the festivities at Walnut Creek (Walnut Creek Court was a few miles NW of present day LaGrange, once called Mosely Hall.) for the opening of the courts & we did have a high ole time. A dinner & ball were held at the courthouse--about 40 or 50 attending--a sparkling company. Madame Sasser as usual outdid all there. Papa entered his horse Marc Antony in the heats but lost to Major Croom's filly Royal Flush. Abe Shepherd's horse Donegal won the second heat and Billy Sutton's horse Jupitar the last. The tract was some muddy which Pa accounts for Marc's bad showing. Went home with Lam (Lemuel) Hardy for two days of marryment (sic) and then came home. Mary Mewborn (Mary Parrott Mewborn, widow of George Mewborn) and sister Caswell and family came with us to attend church. Revd. Miller also accompanied us and on Monday Papa threw a Birth Day ball for Mama....This morning came Mr. Dick Caswell and invited Papa to go down to Newbern for the opening of the Government House because he is the Surveyor and one of the chiefest men in these parts. I am so excited. Papa is allowing me to go along and meet the Governor. Mama says she does not much care for him but that his Lady is quite a charming person.....

Other pages of interest in "The History of Greene County" by James. M. Creech are tax lists on pp 112-123, 129-131; list of voters pp 131-135; early Greene County censuses pp 155-161, 162-171, 144-149; war records 198, 201, 224, 229, 237, 250; owners of slaves 265; schools and or churches 174, 525,526, 598.

THE SUTTON FAMILY

Although the Suttons intermarried with the Hardys to a great extent as itemized in detail in "The Suttons of England and North Carolina" compiled by Marjorie Sutton Oliver of La Grange, N. C., the George Mewborn Hardy family's only direct connection with the Suttons was through Mary Sutton who married Lemuel Hardy 11.

Mrs. Oliver writes: "Our first Sutton ancestor in America was George who was born about 1620, died 12 April 1669 in Perquimans County, N. C., where he had moved 1668. He married 16 March 1636 Sarah Tilden, baptised 13 June 1613 died 20 March 1677 also in Perquimans. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia Huckstep Tilden, of Tenterdon, Kent, and later of Scituate, Massachusetts. She lists their children as follows:

Nathaniel Sutton born ca 1637 died 29 December 1681; married 12 August 1668 Deborah Austin (Astine), in Nansemond County, Virginia before coming to N. C. They were Quakers soon after arriving in Perquimans County, so their records are found in the Monthly Meeting minutes. Nathaniel's will was probated 12 March 1682. Their children were: George, Joseph, Rebecca and Nathaniel, Jr.

Joseph Sutton born 6 August 1673 died 18 January 1723; married 18 June 1695 Parthenia Durant born 1 August 1675, daughter of George and Ann Marwood Durant. Their children were: George, Thomas, Joseph, Christopher, Elizabeth, Parthenia, and Sarah.

Thomas Sutton born 15 March 1699 married Elizabeth Chauncey born 8 December 1701 died 1740 (?), daughter of William Chauncey, Sr. and Deborah Symonds of Pasquotank County. Their children were: Thomas, John, Elizabeth, William, Parthenia, George, Judith, Joshua, Jasper, Sarah, and Mary born 6 November 1747 died in 1800, married Lemuel Hardy, Jr.

So there we have the connection with the Hardys and the Suttons. Perhaps the best known of all these names in other circles is that of George Durant because of the first recorded deed in North Carolina. It was made to George Durant 1 March 1662 by King Kilcocanen, King of the Yeopin Indians for a tract of land in the present Perquimans County. There had been some grants before this date, for this deed refers to previous sales, but this was the first recorded one. George Durant's Bible is in the North Carolina Archives, and a copy of the Bible record is in the State Library. George Durant was born 1 October 1632 died 1692 married 4 January 1658 Ann Marwood who died 22 January 1694, the daughter of John Marwood who came to Virginia in the Globe in August of 1635.

There is another slight connection with the Suttons through the Symonds in this compiler's family as the Symonds were neighbors of her Quaker Trueblood ancestors. Jeremiah Symonds was the guardian of the

children of the immigrants, John and Agnes Trueblood, who died in 1692 shortly after their arrival in the colonies.

Another interesting family connection, although quite remote is the Chauncey family. Mary Sutton Hardy, wife of Lemuel Hardy II, was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Chauncey Sutton. That line has not been verified all the way back to Charles Chauncey but we know that Charles came to New England in 1637, settling at Scituate, Massachusetts, the same area as the Sutton family. Charles was born 5 November 1592 at Yardly, County Hertford, son of George and Agnes Welch Chauncey. He received his A.B. degree from Trinity, Cambridge, his A.M. in 1617, and B.D. in 1624. He became the second president of Harvard, which was founded in 1636. He married in 1630 Catharine Eyre, daughter of Robert and Ann Still Eyre. Their children were: Sarah born 1631, Isaac born 23 August 1632, Ichabod born 1635, Barnabas born 1637, Nathaniel and Elanthan, twins born 1639, Israel, and Hannah. All the sons were said to have become ministers. Down the line about two generations we have:

Hannah born ca 1667 (her guardian was Matthew Toler) married Thomas Burnby
Edmund
William Chauncey died 28 February 1749, married 2 November 1700
Deborah Symonds, born 1683, daughter of Jeremiah Symonds
(born ca 1655 died 13 February 1715), daughter:
Elizabeth Chauncey born 8 December 1701, married ca 1720
Thomas Sutton, born 15 March 1699 died 3 February 1750.
Elizabeth and Thomas Sutton had eleven children:
Mary Sutton born 6 November 1747 the last known child

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THE ROWE FAMILY

As far as it is known, this family has not been documented, and it is of interest principally only to the Joshua Albert Hardy family. Maggie White, the daughter of Edward and Sidney A. Rowe White, married Joshua Albert Hardy. Family tradition says that her White ancestors came from Hyde County; the Rowes seem to have been long time residents of Craven and Beaufort Counties. Apparently they were small land owners with little education, but were law abiding and had a strong sense of family obligations and a love of the church.

As has been previously stated, it was most likely the Rowes who were responsible for getting the Hardys to move from Greene down to Beaufort County. John Riley Rowe, a Primitive Baptist minister, married Nancy Lemuel Hardy, the daughter of Benjamin George and Mary Mewborn Hardy. He was the minister of Sandy Grove, and a marker in the cemetery there says the church is in memory of their pastor, minister for 25 years. John Riley and Nancy Lemuel Hardy Rowe's daughter, Ruby Rowe, married Allen Albert Holadia, who married (2) Ruth Rowe, daughter of Benjamin David Rowe.

John Riley Rowe was the son of John T. Rowe, also a minister. Maggie White's mother, Sidney A. Rowe, was a sister of John T. Rowe. The lineage of this family in so far as we have information is as follows:

Asa Rowe born ca 1804, still living in 1880; in 1850 he was living in Beaufort County, the South Creek district, #1622, a farmer with $500 real estate; married to Fanny _____, born ca 1805, illiterate; all children were attending school. In the census of 1860, #259, he reported $1000 real estate and $400 personalty. The tax lists of Beaufort County 1860-1866 lists him with 160 acres value $1500 plus 127 acres value $127 total $1627. In addition to his children, there were John Lane born ca 1846 and George Lane born ca 1849, listed as apprentices and James Lane born ca 1854. In 1880, Richland township W. #220 he was listed with a new wife, Ann, born October 1825, a grand-daughter Mary F. Rowe born ca 1868; Ann and the grand-daughter were illiterate. Also in the household was George Riley Lane, a grandson born February 1863, listed as farm help. George attended school.

The children of Asa and Fanny Rowe were:

John Thomas Rowe born 26 November 1829 died 27 May 1902 married (1) Penny Ross born ca 1828; married (2) 26 April 1895 Mary Dowty, born May 1847

Henry W. or C. Rowe born 30 August 1832 died 23 February 1905; married Mathilda _____ born 9 February died 15 August 1893

Sidney A. Rowe born 17 October 1834 died 18 February 1904; married (1) _____ Stephens, had son William ("Buddy") Stephens; married (2) Edward B. White born 22 February 1842 died 10 July 1923

George R. Rowe born ca 1835/9; listed in his father's house in census of Beaufort County 1850 & 1860; in tax lists of 1860-1866 as having no property; no further listing found

David Rowe born ca 1842

Anne Rowe born ca 1843; married (1) George Riley Lane born ca 1849; married (2)_____Broome; son by first marriage: George Riley Lane,Jr. born 14 February 1863 married 1891 Tryphena born November 1877. Beaufort County 1900 census Idalia #421 names two girls: Lora born May 1892, Cora born August 1895. George R. Lane died 31 July 1933 and Tryphena in 1955. They are buried at Sandy Grove (?). Also in the house hold in 1900 was Ann Rowe, born October 1825. She was probably the widow of Asa, his second wife.

Jesse Rowe born ca 1846, apparently deceased by 1860

John Thomas Rowe, son of Asa and Fanny Rowe, was a Primitive Baptist minister, lived in the Richland township, South Creek. In the 1850 census he was listed as a laborer with no real estate; in the tax lists of Beaufort County 1860-1866 he was listed with no property. Living with the family in 1860 was a "Bathy" (Bethania) White who may have been a sister of Edward White. The children of John T. and Penny Rowe:

Belinda ("Lindey") Rowe 1850

John Riley Rowe born 3 January 1852 died 6 October 1899; buried at Sandy Grove; married 7 October 1876 Nancy Lemuel Hardy, born 30 December 1857 died 3 July 1900, daughter of Benjamin George and Mary Mewborn Hardy; the marriage was performed by Elder Lemuel H. Hardy, her first cousin.

Joshua T. Rowe born ca 1857/8, became a minister and moved to Baltimore

Maggie Rowe born 1862 died 1899; buried at Sandy Grove; married Parrott Mewborn Hardy born 22 September 1855/6 died 25 November 1919. Their children are listed in the Hardy file.

Benjamin David Rowe born 22 December 1862 died 25 November 1913; buried at Sandy Grove; married Mary Ann Dowty born 9 October 1866 died 23 February 1929. Ben Dave had a daughter, Ruth, who married A. A. Holadia, his second wife. (She was Albert V. Hardy, Sr.'s first teacher, and she was very much in favor of his older sister, Bertha, marrying Carlton Holadia, son of A.A. Holadia.) Ben Dave was also the executor of his brother, Jesse Lawrence's will.

Jesse Lawrence Rowe born 12 March 1867 died 8 August 1901; buried at Sandy Grove; married Florence West born 10 October 1871 died 22 January 1916; they had six children: William born 1899; Louisa born 1891; Joshua born 1892; Milan born 1894 died 31 August 1978 in Raleigh, (leaving four daughters: Frances Vandiver, Lois Wheeler, Eleanor Hailey and Jean Dodd;) Layuna born 1897 and Joe Vance Rowe born in 1901.

The children of John Riley and Nancy Lemuel Hardy Rowe were: (information from Mewborn family records)

Lula Lee Rowe born 19 August 1879 died 26 January 1908;

married 1901 Hugh Ross
Ruby Rowe born 6 January 1882 died 21 April 1905; married 19 December 1900 Allen Albert Holadia born 1878
John Brinson Rowe born 16 August 1884 died 8 May 1963; married 3 January 1906 Charity Dorcas Purser (Dollie C.)
Mary Cecilia Rowe born 25 December 1886; married A.T. Anderson
Lucy Vudolle Rowe born 23 October 1891
Benjamin Riley Rowe born 4 July 1894/7; married 1919 Lucy Elizabeth Lewis

Henry W. Rowe, born 30 August 1832 died 23 February 1905, son of Asa and Fannie Rowe; married (1) Elizabeth; (2) Mathilda _____, born 9 February 1849 died 15 August 1893; married (3?) to Maina (Annie?) born May 1852. They are buried at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. In the 1860 census Durham Creek district, a Henry Rowe was listed #258 next to John T. Rowe, #257, his brother, and on the other side his parents, #259, Asa and Fannie, with siblings George, David and Ann still at home. In this 1860 census Henry was married to an Elizabeth, age 20, and was listed as a laborer. In 1870 Richland township Henry was listed #347 near but not next to his brother, John T., #351, with children James, born ca 1863, and Frances, born ca 1869. They were listed as illiterate with $160 real estate. In the 1880 census Richland township W. Henry W. Rowe was listed #219, with a new wife, Matilda J. born 1849, with children: Armand J. age 8 and William Y. or G. age 2, next listing to his father #220. The 1900 census Richland township, #354, names him as married two years to a Maina (Annie?) born May 1852. There is a grave near the graves of Henry and Matilda of an Annie Rowe born 15 March 1852 died 4 November 1932, and two graves of a Billie and Mollie Rowe, no dates, who could be one or both of the children listed in the 1880 census.

Henry W. Rowe's children according to the census:
James Rowe born 1863
Frances Rowe born 1869
Armand J. Rowe born 1872
William Y. or G. Rowe born 1878
David Rowe born 26 June 1884 died 2 October 1957; married 28 January 1905 by J. A. Hardy, J.P., Emma B. Hunnings, born 21 March 1888 died 10 April 1976. They became parents of Charlie Rowe who married Juanita Smithwick, sister of Olaray Smithwick, who married Vera Hardy.
Hugh Rowe born April 1890

Sidney A. Rowe, born 17 October 1833 died 18 February 1904, the daughter of Asa and Fanny Rowe, married (1) _____Stephens, who was killed in the Civil War. They had a son William (Buddy Bill), a veteran of the Spanish-American War of 1898, who is buried in the National Cemetery in New Bern. She married (2) in 1867 Edward B. White, born 22 February 1842 died 10 July 1923, son of Patrick and Mary White. Patrick White's family is listed #1607 in the 1850 census in the South Creek District, Durham community, not far from the Asa Rowe family, #1622. The White children were John age 20, Joshua age 18, Bethania age 15,

Edward age 8, Penny age 6. Patrick was a laborer, the children were not attending school at that time.

Edward B. White enlisted from Beaufort County 25 June 1861 for the war. He was wounded in the head and hand at Seven Pines 31 May 1862; reported absent on detached service from December 1862 through August 1864. (Jordan, N. C. Troops Vol IV, p 103) Moore's roster places him as a private Co. I, Reg. 4. He may or may not have been a member of the Pamlico Rifles which according to C. Wingate Reed in the "History of Beaufort Co." on page 180 states: "The Pamlico Rifles were recruited in the spring of 1861, and their officers commissioned in May of that year.....The men and officers of this company came mainly from Richland township. This company was assembled at a camp on South Creek. It was assigned as Comp. I, 4th Reg. N. C. Inf. It participated in the Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks), and the Peninsula Campaign, sharing in the heavy casulties of the regiment."

In the 1870 census Richland township Edward was listed #216, as illiterate, working on a farm, with his wife Sidney, a young son, Asey, and Mary Dunn, age 16, a white servant. No estate listed. They were living not far from Joshua, Isaiah, Lewis, and Mary Roe, #203-207, relationships not yet established.

The children of Edward B. and Sidney A. Rowe White were:

Asey (Asa) White born 24 March 1870 died 15 September 1920; married 1st (by George Mewborn Hardy) 14 February 1892 Caroline Mason born 9 February 1872 died 29 September 1899; married (2) Mollie Beacham. They had a son, Robert White, born ca 1813. They are buried at Sandy Grove. In 1900 after the death of his first wife, Asey was living with his parents and the children by his first marriage who were:
Lily White born January 1893
Joshua White born September 1894

George White born 13 July 1872 died 22 December 1934; married (by John R. Rowe) 7 December 1898, Brittie Foreman, born 28 May 1882 died 13 July 1943, the daughter of James Patrick Foreman of Carteret County and Sarah Elizabeth McGowan of Hyde County. Brittie was the sister of Elizabeth (Bettie) who married Thomas Lemuel Hardy. The Foremans are listed #369 in the 1880 census of Hyde County, Currituck township with children: Charles V.(?) age 6, Elizabeth age 2, John S. 4 months. Sarah died shortly after the birth of Brittie, is buried at Grantsboro and the Foreman children were raised by the William Hodges, parents-in-law of Otho Hardy. In 1900 George and Brittie and little Nina were living with his parents #433 as were the widowed Asa and his children. The children of George and Brittie Foreman White were:
Nina White born November 1899; married Ardrey Lane, son of John W.and Betty Elizabeth Scott Lane, who were married 11 February 1875.
Fanny White born 1902 died 1 August 1987; married (1) Luther Rowe, son of Calvin and Mollie Rowe; (2) Jatha Ferrell
Vivian White married to Charlie Hardy
Earl White

John White moved to Rocky Mount, died there
Doris White died of whopping cough
George White born ca 1913 died ca 1923 of acute appendicitis
Iris White married _____ Mullins, lives in Chula Vista, California
Esther Ruby White married _____Fox lives in Buffalo, New York

Mary Magnolia (Maggie) White born 6 August 1874 died 19 July 1958, daughter of Edward B. and Sidney A. Rowe White; married 19 January 1894, Joshua Albert Hardy, son ofGeorge Mewborn and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy. Maggie and J. Albert Hardy's children are found in the Hardy file.

Lillie White born 23 August 1878 died 12 October 1884. Most of the Whites are buried at Sandy Grove.

Some Rowes not as yet identified as being relatives of Asa Rowe, born ca 1804, the earliest direct ancestor traced, were at the least close neighbors of Asa and his descendants. Some of them are buried near the Wall home on Walker Road and some in the Rowe Family Cemetery off Walker Road, near Small, Beaufort County. Some of those buried at the Rowe Cemetery off Walker Road are these, the first eight buried all in one row:

Joshua L. Rowe born 25 October 1893 died 28 April 1963
Amanda C. Rowe born 29 November 1885 died 8 April 1947
Mary M. Rowe born 24 May 1855 died 5 September 1934
John S. Rowe born 26 February 1855 died 3 January 1918
Amanda, wife of Carawan Rowe, (married 21 December 1853) born 16 June 1836 died 28 March 1916
Carawan Rowe born 20 July 1823 died 1 September 1906
Henry C. Rowe born 26 April 1879 died 6 January 1958 wife Susan E. Cayton born 17 April 1889 died 26 December 1958
Isaiah born 8 September 1835 died 14 September 1919
Clarrisa M. (Margaret) (wife of Isaiah) born 21 November 1842/5 died 6 February 1883
J. W. Rowe born 12 February 1877 died 24 December 1929
Willis Rowe born 26 January 1814 died 10 February 1876 wife Elizabeth born 7 May 1820 died 2 May 1847

There are two marriage bonds in Craven County records of a Willis Rowe, both married to Elizabeths, one dated 9 March 1839 to Elizabeth Barrington, the other dated 13 August 1939 to Elizabeth Rowle.

Some more early marriage bonds, Craven County, were:
Robert Roe, 1782, Elizabeth Hartley; Joshua Roe, Bondsman
Joshua Roe, 1784, Sarah Rigbey
Benjamin Roe, 1783, Lucinda Holland
John Roe, 1784, Chloe Speight, William Speight; Bondsman
Edmund Roe, 1791, Jane Hilly
Jeremiah Roe, 1812, Milly Gatlin, Abner Gatlin; Bondsman
Noah Roe, 1818, Patsy Touten, Jeremiah Roe; Bondsman
Jesse Roe, 1819, Alsey Stilly, Jeremiah Roe; Bondsman
Asa Roe, 1817, Sally Edwards; Johnston County

Joshua Rowe, born 20 July 1822/3 died 13 May 1914, is buried near the Wall home on Walker Road, near Small. In the 1850 Beaufort County census, Durham Creek township, he is listed #1546, age 27, with a woman named Mary, age 60, (his mother?), a boy, Isaiah age 15, and a girl, Lucinda, age 17. These children are too old to have been his children. In the 1860 census Durham Creek district, the listing, #235, was the same; he was living near John T., Henry W. and their father Asa Rowe, #'s 257, 258, 259. By the 1870 census, #203, Richland township, Joshua had apparently married Amanda, age 22, and had a son John, age 1. Amanda was born 6 January 1848 died 17 September 1934; she, too, is buried near the Wall home on Walker Road. In 1880 Joshua was listed #215 in Richland township, still near Henry W., #219 and Asa Rowe, #220. In addition to son John he had Willis C., age 10, Isadell, age 8, Mary C. age 8, and Cora May, age 5. This Willis married 8 January 1896, Margie Dowty, age 17, daughter of Isaac Dowty, marriage performed by John R. Rowe. They became parents of Alton Rowe of Ayden, friend and neighbor of May Hardy Gaskins.

Isaiah Rowe, born 8 September 1835 died 14 September 1929, living in the household of Joshua in 1850, was listed #206 in 1870 near Joshua #203 in Richland township. He was married to Clarrisa Margarett, age 25. She was born 21 November 1842 died 6 February 1883. They are buried in the Rowe Cemetery off Walker Road. In the 1870 census they had three little girls, Mary born 1864, Bettie born 1867 and Nancy born in 1870. In 1891 Isaiah, age 57, married Sophia C. Lewis, age 42.

Possible brothers of Joshua, born 1822/3, were Robert born ca 1816, Lewis, born ca 1819, and John G. Rowe, born ca 1826. There was also possibly a daughter, Mary, but this has not been verified. She was born ca 1818, and in 1870 was living in the household of William Caton. Robert Rowe, age 34, born ca 1816, wife Nancy, age 34, is listed #1536 in the 1850 census Durham Creek, Beaufort County near Joshua Roe, #1540. Robert and Nancy's children were Mary, born ca 1837; Lewis, born ca 1838; (Margaret, born 1843?); William K., born ca 1845; Thomas, born ca 1847; Joshua, born 1849/50, Catharine, born ca 1852, Lewis born ca 1855, Martha born ca 1858. The first Lewis, born ca 1838 may have died and another boy born ca 1855 was named Lewis. Also in the household in 1850 and 1860 Susan Buck, born ca 1795; and in 1850 William Barrow, born ca 1840, and Sidney Barrow, born ca 1845.

Lewis Rowe, born ca 1819, wife Levicy, born ca 1822, was listed #205 in the 1870 census Richland township near Isaiah and Margaret, #206, and Joshua, #203, and not far from Edward and Sidney A. Rowe White, #216.

John G. Rowe, age 24, born ca 1826 and wife Lucretia, age 30 are listed $1520 in the 1850 census of Beaufort County, Durham Creek district, not far from Robert, #1536 and Joshua and Mary, #1540. John G. and Lucretia had these children: Noah, born ca 1844, George born ca 1846, Susan born ca 1848, Absolom born ca 1852, John (S.?) born ca 1855, and Mary born ca 1857. By 1860 Susan and Lucretia had died. The family was listed #247, still in the Durham Creek district near Martha (Patsy), #243, the widow of Noah, and Jeremiah #244, age 38.

This Noah and Patsy Tuten were married in 1818, and by 1860 she had $200 in real estate, 4 slaves and $5000 personalty, by far the more wealthy of the Rowes.

In 1880 Noah D. Rowe, age 35, (born ca 1844, son of John G. and Lucretia) was listed #157 in the Richland W district, married to Hannah (C. Bland; married 26 March 1866). Their children were: John D. age 12, George L, age 10, Sarah E. age 8, William H. age 5, Melissa C. age 1

John S. Rowe born 26 February 1855 died 3 January 1918, son of John G. and Lucretia Rowe; wife Mary M. born 24 May 1855 died 5 September 1934 are buried in the Rowe Cemetery off Walker Road.

Jeremiah Rowe in 1850 was listed #1632 in the Beaufort County South Creek district Durham community, not far from the Asa Rowe family #1622. He was age 57, blind, a Baptist minister. His wife, Binah, was 56. In the household was Amos Tuton, 14, and Henry C. Paris, age 21.

A Jeremiah Roe was bondsman for the marriage of Noah Roe and Patsy Touten in Craven County 24 February 1818. The widow of Noah Rowe, Patsy, age 49, was listed in 1850 #1495 with a Milly age 34, and Mary age 8. (A Jeremiah Roe married 29 January 1812 Milly Gatlin in Craven County.) In 1860 Martha (Patsy) Rowe was listed #243 near a Jeremiah age 38, listing #244. He was married to Drucilla, age 38, with a son, Calvin, age 2. A marriage bond for Jeremiah, age 19, and Drucilla Holton, also 19, was issued in Craven County 26 January 1841. This Jeremiah could have been the son of Noah and Patsy Tuten and the grandson of the Jeremiah born in 1793. By 1870 Jeremiah was dead, and the child, born ca 1858, Calvin, was listed as Caroline, age 11.

A Jeremiah Roe listed #108 in the 1860 census Beaufort South Creek district age 60 (born ca 1800) is probably neither of the above. He was listed as a shop keeper with wife Patsy, age 40, Serena Blan, age 13, Norman age 8.

A Willis Rowe, born 26 January 1814 died 10 February 1876 and his wife Elizabeth born 7 May 1820 died 2 May 1847 are buried in the Rowe Cemetery off Walker Road. Could he, too, have been a brother of Robert, Lewis and Joshua and John G. sons of Mary, born in 1790?

Due to the difficulty in reading tombstones and censuses, some names and dates may be incorrectly recorded.

GEORGE MEWBORN HARDY

ANTECEDENTS

AND DESCENDANTS

PREFACE

"In preparing and writing the history of the family, I feel the task is too great for such an imperfect and illiterate a person as I am. I feel that I cannot do justice to such a great and important task, let my desires be ever so great. My greater desire is that the truth may be written and preserved into book form, that our children may know in generations to come of what nationality they are and who their ancestors were and (their) religious belief(s). Not that any of them have ever gained any great notoriety or applause as to worldly honors on the one hand or of the law degenerated or criminals on the other hand. They have ever chosen the middle road, as we might term it, of life preferring to gain their living by honest labor, their bread by the sweat of the face.

"We feel the subject is great, great beyond our power or ability as I have heretofore stated. It is our desire that the truth and only the truth may be written for nothing but the truth will do us or any one any good. We in writing may miss something, as we cannot get historical facts in every instance. If we do, I hope the reader will attribute it to the head and not of the heart, for we are very imperfect beings. We further desire that none of the family shall be left out, nor any favoritisms shall be shown towards any one member of the family above another. If there is any left out, it shall not be my fault for I have exhausted all the power or means I have to reach every one.

"In writing of our ancestors we will have to rely somewhat upon traditions, that is what has been handed down by members of the family from one generation to the next generation, as well as (upon) records that we have been able to find....."

The Elder Lemuel H. Hardy

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THE JOHN HARDY-CHARITY O'DYER FAMILY

John Hardy, the progenitor of the North Carolina Hardy family, was born in England 7 October 1665, died in Chowan (now Bertie) County, North Carolina in 1739 (?). He was said to be the son of John Noble or Noble Worthington Hardy who was born in 1639 in Pembroke, Wales, moved to Dorchestershire, England. John Hardy married Charity O'Dyer, daughter of Gabriel and Mary O'Dyer who came from Cornwall, England to Maryland, and are said to have lived in Westmoreland County, Virginia.

John Hardy proved rights of importation in Chowan Court, 7 October 1695, for himself, wife and five children. (Saunders, "Colonial Records of North Carolina" and Hathaway, "North Carolina Genealogical Register," Vol. II, No.1, p 150) Proving these rights meant a grant of 50 acres of land for each person proven, which gave him 350 acres as a beginning of his land holdings.

There is some evidence that they lived in Maryland and Virginia before coming to Chowan. In Skordas, "The Early Settlers of Maryland" p 208: "Charity Hardy immigrated 1674, wife of John. A John Hardy of Virginia immigrated 1674, Liber 15, Folio 317." There may be a mistake in dates here. It is definite there were Hardys in Isle of Wight Co. Virginia. A George Hardy, born in 1633 in England, died 1693 in Virginia, son of John Hardy (1613-1670), who married in 1632 Olive Council. George came to Virginia ca 1650 before his parents who came by 1666. (Stella Pickett Hardy, "First Families of America"; Virkus, "Compendium of American Genealogy," Vol. 1 p 146)

Be that as it may, John Hardy and his family settled in the Chowan area, in what is now the Colerain community of Bertie County. There is a reference in Price, "Colonial Records 1697-1701" of John Hardy buying venison from some Indians.

The children of John and Charity O'Dyer Hardy were:

William Hardy born ca 1685 died ca 1760, married Edith Fewox (Fox)

Thomas Hardy

Mary Hardy married John Hinton of Edenton. The "News and Observer", June 7, 1964, had a feature article by Jane Hall which stated: "There has been a Hinton around and about these parts since 1730 when John Hinton of Chowan County acquired very large tracts of land on the Neuse River in what is now Wake and Johnston Counties." A granddaughter of John Hinton and Mary Hardy married Joel Lane, and lived on what is now Capitol Square in Raleigh. The city was built upon his plantation. (David L. Hardee, "The Eastern North Carolina Hardy-Hardee Family")

Jacob Hardy

John Hardy II, born ca 1690 died February 1719, was born in England and came with his parents to North Carolina when a small boy. He married Rebecca Byrd. He was well-to-do financially, was prominent in the affairs of the Chowan colony, and held many positions of public trust. He was named executor of many wills in Chowan, inventoried estates, served as road commissioner, juryman, etc. He was an officer of the Crown,

sheriff, 1710-1711. In 1711 he was a member of the House of Burgesses; was appointd Associate Justice of the General Court from 1716-1719; and was a vestryman in St. Paul's Parish, Edenton, North Carolina. (Saunders' Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol.23, pp. 121, 264; and Hathaway's Genealogical Register, Vol. 2, p.121). At the time of his death, he was living on what he called his "Manor Plantation", located in what is now the Colerain area of Bertie County. In his will written 19 January 1719 and sworn to before Charles Eden, he named his brothers William, Thomas, Jacob, his wife Rebecca, and his daughters Mary (to whom he left his Manor Plantation of 640 acres), and Elizabeth. He provided for an unborn child, but there is no record of one ever being born. His daughter Elizabeth married (1) Abel Croom, (2) Nathaniel Hill. Of particular interest is the fact that John Hardy was the executor of the will of John Byrd who died 13 September 1716, leaving three children: John, Richard, and Ann.

THE WILLIAM HARDY--EDITH FEWOX (FOX) FAMILY

William Hardy was born ca 1685 died ca 1760. He was the son of John and Charity O'Dyer Hardy. He was married by 1705 to Edith Fewox (Fox), the daughter of James and Ann Fox. William, also, was prominent in Colonial affairs. He was a cooper, registered mark a large "W". (Bertie County Book G p 322.) The making of barrels was a growing industry in the young colony where many were in demand for the exportation of whiskey, tar, pitch and turpentine. He owned land in Chowan County. (Deed of 7 September 1714 Book B p 85) William was named in his brother's will written 19 January 1719, proven 16 March 1719. John left William a five year old black horse, his best suit of clothes and his Buckaneer gun. Among the children of William and Edith Fox were these:

William Hardy II married Sarah Parrott
Edward Hardy
Jesse Hardy
Robert Hardy died 1779; married Agnes who died in 1783
Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy I born ca 1705 married Elizabeth Parrott

William Hardy II and Sarah Parrott Hardy named their first born, a son, Lemuel (Lamb) which created some confusion with his uncle by the same name. Names and incomplete data of the other children by this marriage are not included here.

THE LEMUEL HARDY-ELIZABETH PARROTT FAMILY

Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy born before 1711, possibly ca 1705, died 1750, is believed to be the son of William Hardy and Edith Fewox (Fox). In "Colonial Records" Vol IV by Price there is an account of a deed of 100 acres from James Fewox to William Hardie in 1705, July-August General Court. On page 180 same source William Hardie, wife Edie, acknowledged assignment of 220 acres to John Tarkington. James Fewox died in 1711 in Tyrrell County. In his will he mentioned his grandson Lemuel, son of his daughter Edith and William Hardie.

Lemuel Hardy married ca 1727 Elizabeth Parrott, the daughter of Francis and Frances Johnson Parrott. Francis and Frances Parrott had these children: Jacob, Susannah and Elizabeth Parrott. Frances Johnson was the daughter of Susannah Johnson who deeded property to her grandchildren about 1715. Francis Parrott was a Justice of the Peace from 1701 till 1711. After Francis Parrott died ca 1715 his widow married Martin Frederick Razor. They had two children, Christiana Razor and Edwin Razor. (Edwin Razor was one of the witnesses to the deed of land from William Hardy to his son Lamb, in 1750.) In 1722 Peter Osborn made a deed to Martin Frederick Razor and Frances Razor leaving property to Christiana Razor, only daughter of Martin Frederick Razor and Frances Razor. In case Christiana died without heirs, the property was to go to "two oldest daughters of Frances Razor, viz. Susannah and Elizabeth Parrott". (Book A p 10 Bertie County.) At a court held at Hon. Thomas Pollock's home in Chowan August 1717, Martin Frederick Razor petitioned that he be allowed to take up patents of Francis Parrott for 185 acres of land in Chowan which had lapsed for want of being seated in due time. It was granted. ("Colonial Records" Vol. 2 p 291, quoted in "The Hardy-Hardee Family" by Col. David L. Hardee page 277.) Lamb Hardy was the administrator of Frances Razor's will in 1748.

There is some question about whether Lemuel Hardy II who married Mary Sutton was the son of Lemuel I (Lamb) and Elizabeth Parrott, or was the son of William Hardy II and Sarah Parrott. Information collected for the J. Albert Hardy family had Lemuel II as the son of John Hardy II and Rebecca. But according to John Hardy's will, he left only two daughters, Elizabeth and Mary. (See above.) We are taking the position the Lemuel who married Mary Sutton was the son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Parrott.

Data from the notes of Elizabeth Hardy Jones, who was a first cousin of General Douglas MacArthur, gives his line as follows: ("The Hardy-Hardee Family" pp 18, 86)

John Hardy and Charity O'Dyer
William Hardy I and Edith Fewox (Fox)
Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy and Elizabeth Parrott
William Hardy and Sarah Sowell (Seawell)
Edward Hardy and Lydia Jarvis
Thomas Asbury Hardy and Elizabeth Margaret Pierce
Mary Pinkney Hardy and Arthur McArthur
Doughlas McArthur and Jean Faircloth

Elizabeth Hardy Hall, who married Carlton B. Jones, was the daughter of Lucy, a sister of MacArthur's mother, Mary Pinkney (Pinky) Hardy MacArthur. See "Raleigh News and Observer", March 8, 1942 for more details on General Douglas MacArthur's mother's family.

Among the children of Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy I and Elizabeth Parrott were:

William Hardy born 1729 died 17 December 1783; married 26 November 1751 Sarah Sowell (Seawell) who died in 1809
Lemuel Hardy born 20 May 1730 died January 1797; married in 1760 Mary Sutton
Benjamin Hardy born 1732 died in 1790; married Nancy Howell
Frances Hardy died 27 July 1802; married in 1756/7 Michael Capehart
Edward Hardy married 6 January 1765 Winifred Weston
Elizabeth Hardy married Thomas Speight
Jesse Hardy

The marriage bond of Edward Hardy of Bertie County, was signed by Wm. Hardy, son of Lamb, Lemuel Hardy and by Sarah Hardy with a mark. These were probably his brother and sister-in-law.

Deeds of interest:

Lemuel Hardy, first written Samuel crossed out to Lemuel, deeded to Edward Hardy for 75 pounds 250 acres Middle Branch Salmon Creek, 9 January 1769, witnessed by William Hardy, son of Lamb. (Page 198 of Deeds Bertie County 1767-1780 L-M) (Salmon Creek is shown on Price and Strother map of 1808, north of the mouth of the Cashie River, ENE of Windsor.)

Benjamin Hardy sold 500 acres on the west side of the eastern branch of Salmon Creek, Bertie County, to John Smith for 40 pounds proclamation money, 16 April 1768, witnessed by William, son of Lamb, and Lemuel Hardy. Proved in court on oath of Lemuel Hardy.

William Hardy to son William all his possessions in return for a living for himself and wife, Elizabeth, throughout their natural lives, 10 December 1767. Proved in court by oath of Lemuel Hardy.

Moses Mewborn to Thomas Mewborn February 1768. Proved in court by oath of Wm. Hardy, son of Lamb.

THE WILLIAM HARDY-SARAH SOWELL (SEAWELL) FAMILY

This family, although not in our direct line is included here, because it is better documented than Lemuel's due to extant wills and estate settlements. William was born in 1729 died 17 December 1783, the son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy. William married 26 November 1751 Sarah Sowell. He was a planter and a miller, his lands lying along Beaver Dam Swamp in NW Bertie County. His mother was still living when he wrote his will 6 December 1783. The will was approved by court February, 1784, and the division of his estate according to the provisions of his will in February 1794. His oldest son, Lamb, died in 1797; his will gives some additional documentation.

The children of William and Sarah Sowell Hardy were:

Martha Hardy born 17 October 1752; married 16 April 1770 Job Hunter, son of James and Sarah Hunter

Lemuel (Lamb) Hardy born 20 January 1755 died 1797; married 23 August 1790 Winifred Boswell. He was a school master, and left these children: Thomas, William P., and Elizabeth who married James Smith. Lamb's will was witnessed by Moses and Elizabeth Williams, his sister and brother-in-law and by his aunt Elizabeth Speight.

Elizabeth Hardy born 25 March 1757; married in October 1786 Moses Williams, son of Samuel and Mary Williams

Sarah Hardy born 12 April 1759; estate settlement of 1794 gives her husband as a Sutton

William Parrott Hardy born 15 September 1761; married Sarah Fleetwood, daughter of Henry and Sarah Fleetwood

Charles Hardy born 25 June 1765 died 1845; said to have moved to Fayette County, Indiana; married Mary

Edward Hardy born 8 or 17 March 1770 died 3 April 1837; married 23 December 1796 Lydia Jarvis who died 20 December 1807; married (2) 20 December 1808, Elizabeth Murden who died 11 September 1813; married (3) 24 September 1816 Dorcas Woodhouse, who died 11 December 1816; married (4) Mrs. Lydia Bray, widow of Thomas Bray. Edward Hardy, Douglas MacArthur's ancestor, was a Methodist minister, ordained by Bishop Asbury in 1793.

John Hardy born 13 June 1773 died 1854; married Elizabeth Ward, daughter of Thomas and Phoeby Ward, on 15 November 1798; moved to Lincoln County, Georgia; died in Russell County, Alabama

Benjamin Hardy born 21 or 31 July 1777/9 died July 1821; married Eleanor Ward, sister of Elizabeth Ward who married John. They are buried at Blackwater, between Edenton and Windsor.

THE LEMUEL HARDY II-MARY SUTTON FAMILY

Lemuel Hardy was born 20 May 1730 in Bertie County and died in January 1797 in Greene County, N. C. He was the son of Lemuel and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy. He and his brother Benjamin sold their land holdings on Salmon Creek, Bertie County and moved to old Dobbs County in 1768/9, where they had large adjoining plantations on Bear Creek near Jason. Before coming to Dobbs, Lemuel served as a Justice of the Peace in Bertie County from 1750 to 1760.

There is a mention of him in the will of Governor Gabriel Johnston, 16 May 1751: "to wife Frances Johnston small plantation on Salmon Creek in the county of Bertie, which I lately purchased of Lamb Hardy)."

Lemuel Hardy II married in 1761 Mary Sutton, born 6 November 1747 died in 1800, the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Chauncey Sutton. Mary was from a Quaker family who had settled in the Pasquotank area of old Albemarle. Mary's Mother, Elizabeth, was the daughter of William Chauncey and Deborah Symonds. Symonds Creek was one of the earliest Monthly Meetings of the Quakers. Mary's father, Thomas, was the son of Joseph and Parthenia Durant Sutton. Parthenia was the daughter of George Durant, one of the first settlers in Albemarle.

The Murphey Family letters quoted in "The History of Green County" by James M. Creech pages 674-677 establish the fact that Lemuel and Mary Sutton Hardy were settled in old Dobbs by 1770 and give some of the family connections with Murpheys, Aldridges, and Hardys.

Lemuel served in the American Revolution as a private. There is a family story that while he was away fighting, their older daughters were hidden in Bear Creek Swamp just south of their home when Cornwallis's British soldiers came through and camped in this general area. They were carried food and water and cared for by a faithful slave named Phoebe.

In 1790 Lemuel owned 20 slaves; he was among the top third of slave owners. He was a planter and a good thrifty business man. He owned and operated several water mills on Bear Creek. The list of taxables of old Dobbs County for the year 1769 included Benjamin, Lemuel, and Thomas Hardy, and Thomas Aldridge, and Drew Aldridge, constable. (The Hardy and Aldridge families later intermarried.) In 1780 the tax lists for Dobbs County were compiled in districts with the value of wealth in pounds. District 10 (from Snow Hill to the south as far as Wheat Swamp and west to Arba) included the name of Drewry Aldridge with 3,821 pounds. District 2 (vicinity of La Grange to Institute in Lenoir County and Jason in Green County) included Benjamin Hardy 2,229 pounds, Lemuel Hardy 10,401 pounds and Thomas Hardy 2,018 pounds.

On pages 616 and 617 of the 1800 census of Green County are the names of Lemuel Hardy, Sr., Sutton Hardee, Sr. Drury Aldridge, and Jeremiah Fields, the latter said to be an ancestor of Lucy Ann Fields who married Lemuel's great-grandson George Mewborn Hardy.

In 1896 (?) a grandson of Lemuel Hardy II, Jesse Hutchins Hardy, (son of Lemuel Hardy III), sold about 360 acres for $3600 to Richard Walters Sutton, Jr. who was married to Martha Ellen Hardy, a great-granddaughter of Lemuel Hardy II. This farm was originally a land grant from the King to Lemuel Hardy II. It was owned in 1894 by Harold Milton

Sutton, a nephew of Richard's. Harold's wife, Jane Elizabeth Mewborn, was also a descendant of Lemuel Hardy II.

Sources for the above and additional information are:

Creech, James M. "The History of Greene County"
Grimes, "Abstracts of Wills"
Lambert, Mary Weeks "Memories and Records of Eastern North Carolina"
Oliver, Marjorie Sutton "The Suttons of England and North Carolina"
Price, "Colonial Records 1670-1696"

There are several listings of the children of Lemuel Hardy II and Mary Sutton Hardy. The one in "The Suttons of England and North Carolina" seems to have more data. With a few changes it is as follows:

Sarah Hardy born 24 October 1761 died 12 February 1803; married Charles Tull, born 2 December 1753 died 8 December 1836
John Hardy born 1763; married Mary Taylor
Winifred Hardy born 29 June 1765 died 12 October 1841; married in 1781 Henry Best, Jr. born 11 April 1762 died 2 December 1839, son of Benjamin Best, Sr. and Margaret Williams Best (See "History of Green County" pp 342-345)
Sutton Hardy born 1766; married Martha Taylor; moved to Mississippi
Edith (Edey) Ann Hardy born ca 1768 died 1832; married in 1786 Drewry Aldridge, Jr. born 1766 died 1840, son of Drury Aldridge, Sr. and Mary Barrington
Thomas Hardy born 1769
William Parrott Hardy born 1771; married Cleopatra Parrott
Mary Hardy born 1773 died 1 June 1855; married Benjamin Best,Jr. born 1766 died 13 September 1850, son of Benjamin Best, Sr. and Margaret Williams
Martha Hardy born 1775; married a Mr. Taylor
Annie Hardy born 1776; married Pinckney Taylor, son of Wright and Rebecca Britt Taylor
Lemuel Hardy III born 3 February 1779 died 17 October 1846; married (1) ca 1800 Unity Taylor; married (2) in 1806 Annie Mewborn born 26 July 1787 died 30 April 1815, daughter of Parrott Mewborn and Lydia Howell Hardy Mewborn; married (3) in 1815 Patsy Mewborn, born 16 February 1796 died 16 February 1851, also a daughter of Parrott Mewborn
Elizabeth Hardy born 1780 died 1805; married John Wesley Gibbons
Nancy Hardy born 4 March 1782 died 22 December 1844; married in 1802 Lemuel Sugg, born 17 February 1778 died 14 December 1852, son of John Sugg and Elizabeth Murphey Sugg
Benjamin Hardy born 1784 died 1841; married Mary Edwards.

The children of Benjamin and Mary Edwards Hardy are listed below because of the close connection with the Lemuel Hardy III's family and the Mewborn family. (Sons, Lemuel E. Hardy and Jesse Hardy were witnesses to the will of Lemuel Hardy III in 1846).

Nancy Hardy married a Mr. Mc Daniel
Mary Hardy married Henry Edwards
Eliza Hardy married Abraham Hardy
Lemuel E. Hardy born 3 February 1809 died 16 June 1887; married Elizabeth Tyson born 2 September 1815 died 11 January 1874, daughter of Seth Tyson and Lanie Harper Tyson. This family is listed in the 1850 census of Green County, Tysons Marsh District, #510 with $4800 real estate, 12 slaves; in the 1860 census same area #148 with $9000 real estate and $8500 personalty. Their children were:
Mary E. Hardy born 10 January 1840/4 died 6 March 1893; married (1) John B. Sylivant, married (2) a Mr. Joyner
Annie Maria Hardy born 15 May 1846 died 4 January 1875; married 3 February 1870 Ivy R. Baker
Richard Henry Hardy born 22 December 1848 died 7 November 1919; married (1) Mary Louisa Mewborn born 5 December 1848 died 10 May 1902, daughter of George and Nancy Louisa Hardy Mewborn. Nancy L. was the daughter of Lemuel Hardy III and Patsy Mewborn Hardy. He married 2nd Polly Ann Britt.
Zilphia McLewean Hardy born 1 May 1851 died 9 December 1899; married John Council Parker, born 1 August 1844 died 31 August 1917
Lany Louisa (or Jane?) Hardy born 1 January 1854 died 4 March 1897; married 1872 Parrott Hardy Mewborn, son of George Mewborn and Nancy Louisa Hardy Mewborn. Parrott H. Mewborn was the brother of Mary Louisa Mewborn who married Richard Henry Hardy above.
Blany Harper Edward Hardy born 6 May 1857 died 8 June 1869
Jesse W. Hardy born ca 1811; married Laney Tyson born ca 1824. This family is listed in the 1850 census of Green County, Tyson's Marsh District #509 with $6000 real estate, five slaves; in 1860 same area #149 with $10,000 real estate and $20,000 personalty. Their children were:
Seth T. Hardy born ca 1841; CSA, 3rd Regiment Infantry Company A; entered 25 April 1861 died 11 September 1862 at Gordonsville.
Benjamin M. Hardy born ca 1844; CSA, 3rd Regiment, Company A, died 20 September 1861 at Camp Howe.
Jesse W. Hardy born ca 1845; married Lucetta Wooten. He died young leaving a son Clarence Lemuel Hardy, who was said to be the largest single tobacco grower in the world at one time. (See Colonel David Hardee, "The Hardy Family in the South and Southwest" p 49 and "The History of Greene County", James M. Creech p 626.)
Lemuel S. Hardy born ca 1851

(continuing the family of Jesse W.(1811-) and Laney Tyson Hardy:)

James M. Hardy born ca 1854
John T. Hardy born ca 1857
Monroe R. Hardy born ca 1859

Benjamin Hardy nothing known

William E. Hardy born 20 August 1816 died 15 March 1870; married Rosa Ellen Edwards, born ca 1825 died 1881. This family is listed in the 1850 census of Green County, Tyson's Marsh District #517 with $2500 in real estate; in 1860 same area #167 with $5500 real estate and $3500 personalty. Their children were:

Benjamin F. Hardy born ca 1840; CSA, entered 18 June 1863, 40th Regiment, Company F. He is listed among the surviving veterans in 1902 of Company A, 3rd Regiment.

Eliza Hardy born ca 1843

Laney Jane Hardy born ca 1845; married in 1863/5 Parrott Mewborn III, born 1834 died 1881, son of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Aldridge Mewborn. Laney Jane died in 1876 and Parrott married (2) in 1878 her sister, Winifred.

Zilpha E. Hardy born ca 1848

Nancy Susan Hardy born 13 November 1850 died 31 March 1902; married ca 1876 Richard Walters Sutton, Sr., his 2nd marriage.

Winifred Hardy born 1854 died 1879; married in 1878 Parrott Mewborn III. Winifred died at the birth of their daughter Ella Mewborn, who was raised by another sister Martha Ellen Hardy, who was married to Richard Walters Sutton, Jr.

Martha Ellen Hardy born 11 May 1859 died 26 October 1942; married 8 March 1881 Richard Walters Sutton, Jr., born 8 January 1858 died 13 November 1939, son of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill, his first wife.

Huldah Hooker Hardy born 26 April 1862 died 11 December 1928; married 23 November 1879 Alexander Richard Sutton, born 18 November 1860 died 6 December 1928, son of Richard Walters Sutton, Sr. and Mary Catherine Hill Sutton.

In addition to their own children Lemuel Hardy II and Mary Sutton Hardy raised Parrott Mewborn I, born 11 March 1765, son of George Mewborn and Mary Parrott Mewborn, both of whom died young. Parrott Mewborn I married Lemuel Hardy II's niece, Lydia Howell Hardy, daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Howell Hardy. Lemuel Hardy III married two of the daughters of Parrott Mewborn I and Lydia Hardy Mewborn. Because of this connection the Benjamin Hardy-Nancy Howell family is included.

THE BENJAMIN HARDY-NANCY HOWELL FAMILY

Benjamin Hardy was born in 1732 in Bertie County, the son of Lemuel Hardy and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy. He died in 1790 in old Dobbs County, North Carolina. In 1753 he married Nancy Howell who was born in 1738. Benjamin furnished supplies and served in the Revolution, and held political positions at Colonial and State levels. He was a member of the First Provincial Congress held in New Bern, N. C. under Governor William Tryon and was verified 14 November 1766 as a duly elected member from Johnston County (later divided into Dobbs), served again in 1767, 1768, and 1771. Benjamin and his brother sold their lands on Salmon Creek in Bertie County ca 1768/9 and were granted lands on Bear Creek near the present Lenoir-Greene County lines.

The children of Benjamin and Nancy Howell Hardy were:

Susan Hardy born 1754; married John Herring, born 1748

Elizabeth Hardy born 1758 died 1816; married Thomas Dawson

Lydia Howell Hardy born 26 April 1768; married Parrott Mewborn, born 11 March 1765, died in 1807, son of George Mewborn and Mary Parrott Mewborn.

Their children were:

Annie Mewborn born 26 July 1787 died 30 April 1815; married 19 April 1806 Lemuel Hardy III, born 3 February 1779 died 17 October 1846, son of Lemuel Hardy II and Mary Sutton Hardy.

Hardy Mewborn born 7 August 1789; married Deborah Parrott, born 1796

Edith (Edey) Ann Mewborn, born 7 September 1791; married ca 1811 John Parrott Gray. Their son Parrott Mewborn Gray born ca 1812; married Elizabeth Sugg; and the son of Parrott Mewborn Gray and Elizabeth Sugg Gray, John Parrott Gray, became the ward of Parrott Mewborn II and later married two of his daughters.

Levi Mewborn born 9 September 1793; married (1) Deborah Parrott, born 1796; married (2) Susan Parrott

Patsy Mewborn born 16 February 1796 died 16 February 1851; married 1815 Lemuel Hardy III, widower of her sister Annie; his 3rd marriage.

Parrott Mewborn II born 1 January 1799 died 29 April 1864, was a Primitive Baptist minister. He married 27 November 1821 Mary Jane Aldridge, born 17 March 1802 died 19 July 1881, daughter of Drewry Aldridge II and Edith Hardy Aldridge. Mary Jane inherited Myrtle Bluffs. (See Creech's "History of Greene County")

(continuing the family of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Jane Aldridge)

Elizabeth Mewborn born 5 March 1801 died 1845; married ca 1824 Major Hardee, born ca 1806 died 7 April 1869, son of Joseph and Sarah Bright Hardee.

Lemuel Hardy Mewborn born 21 March 1803; married Louisa Kilpatrick

Lydia Mewborn born 9 August 1805 died 14 May 1846/7; married 5 November 1827 Bright Hardee, born 18 November 1802 died 12 November 1841, son of Joseph and Sarah Bright Hardee.

Anne Hardy married Jesse Aldridge born ca 1758, son of Drewry Aldridge, Sr. and Mary Barrington Aldridge. They had a son named Howell Aldridge.

LEMUEL HARDY III

Lemuel Hardy was born 3 February 1779 in old Dobbs County, now Greene County, North Carolina and died 17 October 1846 in the same area of southwest Greene County near the Lenoir County line. He was the son of Lemuel Hardy II and Mary Sutton Hardy, who had moved into this section from Bertie County by 1770. Lemuel III had many slaves and lands bordering on and/or including Groundnut Swamp, Goods Branch, Oat Marsh, Bear Creek, and the road leading from Snow Hill to La Grange, once known as Mosely Hall.

He was married three times and, according to his grandson Lemuel H. Hardy, had 18 children in all. Several children died in childhood; there are 15 listed by name. In his will which was written in 1844, proved in court 1846, he named these children: Martha Aldridge, Susannah Moye (apparently deceased), Lydia Daniel, Salley Dawson, Parrott M. Hardy, Anna (Hardy) Hardy, Unity Broom, Elizabeth Gibbons, Edith Barrow, Lemuel Hardy, Benjamin Hardy, Levi S. Hardy, and Jesse H. Hardy. Louisa and Nancy, minors at the time, were not mentioned by name, but the minor sons were. Lemuel also named his wife Patsy in his will. This will was burned in the court house fire of 1876, but a copy was certified by the court in 1885.

Lemuel Hardy III married (1) Unity (Eunity) Taylor and had one child:

Martha Patsy Hardy, born 1802 died 1 November 1864; married in 1818 John Aldridge, born 1795 died 1869; they lived in Greene County

Lemuel Hardy III married (2) 19 April 1806 Annie Mewborn, born 26 July 1787 died 30 April 1815, daughter of Parrott Mewborn I and Lydia Howell Hardy Mewborn. Lemuel and Annie had six children, two dying as infants:

Susannah Hardy born 9 December 1806, apparently deceased by 1844 when her father wrote his will naming her children but not her. She married Wyatt Moye. Elder Lemuel H. Hardy did not profess any knowledge of her children. In "The Eastern North Carolina Hardy-Hardee Family" p 34 Col. Hardee named one child Irvin (?) Moye who married Cicero Broome.

Parrott Mewborn Hardy, born 17 January 1810 died 29 September 1866; married (1) Louisa Truitt Daniel, born 30 May 1816 died 22 April 1840; married (2) in 1842 Sarah (Sallie) Aldridge, born 4 April 1818 died 4 July 1883. He had 13 children. (ibid pp 34, 35)

Lydia Hardy, born 12 March 1812 died 21 June 1845, married Justus Daniel, born 4 July 1807 died 24 January 1833. They had at least two sons, named in Elder Lemuel H. Hardy's family history: Parrott Mewborn Daniel, wounded severely in the Civil War Battle at Fort Harrison and died; and Andrew Jackson Daniel, who married Bettie Cromwell of Edgecomb County and had one daughter.

Sarah (Sallie) Hardy, born 2 August 1814; married Alexander Dawson; their seven children according to Elder Lemuel

Hardy were: Patsy, who died unmarried; Elizabeth, who married John Williams; Mary Parrott, who married John T. Daily; Huldah, who married Allen Barrow; Alexander J., who married a Miss Emery; Benjamin, who married a Miss Emery; and Sarah, who married a Sutton.

Lemuel Hardy III married (3) in 1815 Patsy Mewborn, born 16 February 1796 died 16 February 1851. She was a sister of his second wife. They had eleven children:

Annie Hardy, born 10 August 1816, married John Hardy

Unity (Eunity) Hardy, born 14 February 1818 died 23 October 1861 (or '71); married 1 October 1858 James Redmon Broome, a Methodist Episcopal minister, who had married previously May Hardy, a daughter of Lemuel and Annie, according to Elder Lemuel Hardy. (ibid p 45)

Elizabeth Hardy, born 15 December 1819 died 15 August 1885; married Henry Hardy Gibbons, born 1818 died 1887, "a very noted Methodist minister", and the son of John Wesley and Elizabeth Hardy Gibbons, a sister of Lemuel Hardy II; therefore Elizabeth and Henry Hardy Gibbons were first cousins. (Ibid p 45-47) Their daughter Betty Gibbons married William Francis Utley of Apex; their daughter, Elizabeth Hardy Utley married A. J. Fletcher. Colonel David Hardee in "The Hardy and Hardee Families of the South and Southwest" pg. 46,47: "Members of the Fletcher family are prominent and leading citizens fo Raleigh, Durham and Wilmington, N. C. where they own and operate radio and televisions stations."

Lemuel M. Hardy, born 17 March 1822 died 13 April 1863; married 20 February 1845 Temesia Ann Mewborn, born 20 November 1822, died 20 July 1904, daughter of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Aldridge Mewborn. They, also, were first cousins. Their five children are listed in the next section.

Edith Hardy, born 9 September 1823; married by 1844, Reuben Barrow. They had five known children: Mary Susan, married Nathaniel Brinson; John L.; Henry H., married Lucy Reed; Cornelia, married Samuel Brinson; Nannie, married George Brinson.

Louisa Hardy, born 5 November 1827; married after 1850 W. H. Cunningham, a Methodist minister.

Nancy L. Hardy, born 22 January 1830 died 29 November 1866; married 29 February 1848 George Mewborn, born 26 December 1824 died 3 November 1859, son of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Aldridge Mewborn. They, too, were first cousins. (ibid p 48 for their descendants)

Benjamin George Hardy, born 13 November 1831 died 8 June 1873; married (1) 23 March 1852 Mary Mewborn, born 11 March 1832 died 19 April 1864, daughter of Parrott Mewborn and Mary Aldridge Mewborn, his first cousin and the sister of

Temesia, who had married his brother Lemuel. After Mary died Benjamin married, 3 July 1864, the widow Temesia, whose five children called him "Pappy Ben". Mary left six children. This family is included in another section.

Levi S. Hardy, born 26 December 1833 died unmarried in 1850

Jesse Hutchins Hardy, born 6 September 1837 died 6 February 1895; married 19 July 1855 Martha Ann Stanton, born 25 March 1837 died 2 March 1895, daughter of Washington M. and Sallie May Stanton. (ibid pp 51, 52)

Some of this family is listed in the 1850 census of Greene County, Tyson's Marsh District. # 508: Patsy Mewborn Hardy, widow of Lemuel III, with Louisa, Benjamin George, Levi S. and Jesse H. still at home. In the same area of the 1860 census, Jesse H. Hardy is listed #150 with $6500 real estate and $15,000 personalty.

Other sources for the above information:

Hardee, Colonel David L. "The Eastern North Carolina: Hardy-Hardee Family"

Hardy, Elder Lemuel H. "Hardy-Mewborn Family History" copy in the appendixle Genealogy Library, Raleigh, N. C.

Oliver, Marjorie Sutton "The Suttons of England and North Carolina"

Personal observation by compiler in the Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Cemetery, near Aurora, and the Mewborn Cemetery near Jason

THE LEMUEL HARDY IV-TEMESIA ANN MEWBORN FAMILY

The eleventh child of Lemuel Hardy III, designated as Lemuel IV, was born 17 March 1822 died 13 April 1863. He was born and died in Greene County, N. C. On 20 February 1845 he married Temesia Ann Mewborn, born 20 November 1822 died 20 July 1904, the daughter of Parrott Mewborn II and Mary Jane Aldridge Mewborn. They were first cousins; his mother Patsy Mewborn was the sister of Temesia's father. And Temesia's grandmother, Edith Hardy Aldridge, was the daughter of Lemuel Hardy 11.

After Lemuel IV died and was buried at Mewborn Cemetery near Jason in Greene County, Temesia married 3 July 1864 her husband's brother, Benjamin George, who had previously married her sister, Mary Mewborn, who died 19 April 1864, leaving six or seven small children. Lemuel and Temesia had five children. Shortly after their marriage Benjamin George served in the Civil War from October 1864 to July 1865. He died 10 January 1873 and is buried in the Mewborn Cemetery. About 1875 some of the family began moving to Beaufort County, and Temesia spent her last years with her children, principally George Mewborn Hardy and Patsy Hardy Riley. She is buried in the Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Sandy Grove, near Aurora. The epitaph on her tombstone reads:

"Our Mother
So true, so loving, so devoted
As a primitive Baptist
Faithful to every trust"

The children of Lemuel, IV and Temesia Ann Mewborn Hardy were:

Nancy Hardy, born 30 March 1848 died 1930; married 13 July 1865 Bennett Frank Aldridge

George Mewborn Hardy, born 3 February 1851 died 24 January 1939; married December 1870 Lucy Ann Fields, born 30 December 1850 died 1 June 1890, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Reynolds Fields; married (2) Agnes Mann, born 11 March 1873 died 3 December 1932, daughter of T. S. and Holland Mann. George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy had eleven children; he and Agnes had one, a son, Jimmy, who was born and died in 1891. They are buried at Sandy Grove.

Lemuel H. Hardy, born 17 March 1852 died 29 March 1930. He was buried at Atlantic, N. C.. He was a Primitive Baptist preacher and died in the pulpit. On 29 January 1874 he married Bettie John Hartsfield, born 1 June 1847 died 7 February 1925. Both were descendants of Parrott and Lydia Hardy Mewborn. They had two children. He married (2) Annie Isom. (q.v.)

Parrott Mewborn Hardy, born 22 September 1855 died 14 August 1919; married (1) Margaret Rowe, born in 1862 died in 1899, daughter of John T. and Penelope Ross Rowe; married (2) 1900 Martha Taylor Denny, born 3 December 1875 died 22 July 1940. Parrott

(continuing the family of Lemuel Hardy IV and Temesia Mewborn)

had ten children by his first wife and three by his second. He is buried at Sandy Grove.

Patsy Hardy, born 31 May 1858 died in 1944; married 18 December 1884 Elder Riley Adams, born October 1863. They had no natural children, but adopted a son. They are buried at Selma.

The above family is listed in the 1850 census of Greene County, Tyson's Marsh District #507. Lemuel is listed as having $2500 in real estate. In the 1860 census, same area, they are listed #151 with $5500 real estate and $12,000 personalty. Listed nearby #153 was the widow (?) Sarah Fields, day laborer with $30.00 real estate and $25.00 personalty, with three daughters, one of them Lucy, age 9. Sarah could not write; the girls were attending school. Temesia Mewborn's family is listed #493 in the same area in 1850; Parrott Mewborn credited with $3000 real estate. In 1860 same area, listing #163 Parrott Mewborn had $5000 real estate and $10,000 personalty.

In the 1850 listing of slave owners Lemuel IV was said to own 12 slaves; his mother Patsy, 29, including 2 females 80 and 98 years old. Parrott Mewborn had 16 slaves, including 2 males 84 years old.

EXCERPTS FROM HARDY FAMILY HISTORY

BY ELDER LEMUEL H. HARDY

In 1905, Lemuel H. Hardy, son of Lemuel IV and Temesia Mewborn Hardy, wrote a family history which is in the lateral file in the Archives in RAaleigh, N.C. The full history is reprinted with some minor changes later in this booklet. It is of interest to insert here what he wrote wrote of his parents: "Lemuel M. Hardy was the oldest son of Lemuel and Patsey Hardy. He was born 17 March 1822. He was of a weakly temperment (sic), but very lively in his disposition and was very fond of dancing. In his early manhood he experienced a change of heart and was received into the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Creek in Lenoir County. In the church he filled the office of both deacon and clerk for a number of years. He with his wife before his death moved their membership from Bear Creek to Mewborn's for convenience. He was a Democrat in politics and was a Justice of the Peace for a number of years. He bought the Thompsonian medical rights and practiced that line of medical rights when he was called on. He owned a good home and a number of slaves and when the question of abolishing slavery came up, he very strongly opposed it and became a strong secessionist in 1860. In the later part of the winter of 1863, he had an attack of typhoid fever but nearly recovered from that when on the morning of 13 April 1863 he died suddenly of some heart trouble.....Of his mother he (Lemuel V) wrote: "In early life she showed a very persevering turn and this disposition followed her as long as she lived. She was a great lover of home and family and saw much uneasiness if any of the family were out of place. She learned the trade of tailor and did much of that kind of

work; spinning and weaving was the way of finishing cloth in her early life and she did much of that with her own hands.... In September 1844 she professed a hope in Christ and was received into the fellowship in the church at Bear Creek and was baptised by her father. She continued henceforth in the faith as long as she lived in this world. Her mind proved to be spiritual and she acquired much familiarity with the Bible.....When father died he left an estate in land, negroes and stocks but was pretty heavily in debt. Mother then had to battle with the affairs of this life as she never had before and all the cares became hers but she had a loving father and an ever watchful God to guide her. In April 1864 her father was called home and she felt more desolate than before.....In July 1864 she was again married to my father's brother, Benjamin G. Hardy. He had six children, thus our family was doubled at once....No visitor could have known by the treatment we received but what we were all one set of children; also we had some of the children of one of our aunts and they too received the same treatment. My stepfather was also clerk and deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church.... he died... Mother was again left very desolate and had to battle poverty as she never did before but her God never forsook her....In 1875 it became necessary to sell our old homestead in Greene County and we moved to the eastern part of the state". (Beaufort County)

THE BENJAMIN GEORGE-MARY MEWBORN HARDY FAMILY

Benjamin George Hardy, the fifteenth child of Lemuel Hardy III and the son of Patsy Mewborn Hardy, was born 13 November 1831 and died 10 January 1873. He married (1) 23 March 1852 Mary Mewborn born 11 March 1832 died 19 April 1864, the daughter of Parrott Mewborn and Mary Jane Aldridge Mewborn. They were first cousins. He married (2) 3 July 1864 Temesia Mewborn Hardy, his first wife's sister and the widow of his brother, Lemuel Hardy IV. Benjamin George served in the Civil War from October 1864 to July 1865. He and his first wife are buried in the Mewborn Cemetery near Jason.

According to his nephew Elder Lemuel H. Hardy, he grew to be a good size man, about six feet high. He was received a member of the old school Baptist Church at Mewborn's Meeting House August 1852 and was baptised by Elder Parrott Mewborn. He, too, served as clerk and deacon of the Primitive Baptist Church. Mary Mewborn Hardy supposedly left six children, but there are seven listed in some sources:

Patsy Mewborn Hardy born 24 March 1853; married George Hardy

Mary Mewborn Hardy born 4 April 1854 died 8 June 1933; married 1871 Jesse Leonidas Mewborn

Benjamin George Hardy, Jr. born 24 March 1856 died 2 July 1910; married Mary Ellen Simpson born 1860 died 1951

Nancy Lemuel Hardy born 30 December 1857 died 3 July 1900; married 7 October 1876 John Riley Rowe born 3 January 1852 died 6 October 1899, son of John T. and Penelope Ross Rowe. John Riley Rowe and his father were both Primitive Baptist ministers and it is said that they were influential in persuading the Hardys to move to Beaufort County. There is a marker in Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church near Aurora in memory of John R. Rowe, their pastor and minister for 25 years. Nancy and John R. Rowe were married in Beaufort County by Elder Lemuel H. Hardy, her first cousin and step-brother. Two other cousins and step-brothers, George Mewborn Hardy and Parrott Mewborn Hardy, were witnesses along with a J. Y. Rowe. Most if not all of this family are buried in Sandy Grove Cemetery. Nancy and John Riley Rowe had six children:

Lula Lee Rowe born 19 August 1878/9 died 26 January 1908; married 1901 Hugh Ross

Ruby Rowe born 6 January 1882 died 21 April 1905; married 19 December 1900 Allen Albert Holadia, born 1878. Their son Carlton married Bertha Hardy, daughter of J. Albert Hardy, later divorced.

John Brinson Rowe born 6 January 1884 died 8 May 1863; married 3 January 1906 Charity Dorcas Purser

Mary Cecilla Rowe born 25 December 1886; married A T. Anderson

Lucy Vudolle Rowe born 23 October 1891

Benjamin Riley Rowe born 4 July 1897; married 1919 Lucy Elizabeth Lewis

Parrott Drewry Hardy born 30 October 1859 died 31 December 1935; married (1) Salome Gaskill who died in 1893, married (2) Nancy A. Jones; married (3) Mary Cayton Bennett; married (4) Sarah

Gaskill Parriss. One Mary S. Hardy born 7 July 1877 died 15 December 1908, wife of P. D. Hardy, was buried in White Hill Free Will Baptist Church Cemetery, by the Daughters of Liberty.

Lydia Unity Hardy born 25 March died 31 July 1882; married 11 November 1881 in Greene County Samuel Ferrell born 1858

Levi Jesse Hardy born 12 April 1864 died 6 January 1950; married (1) Rosemond Jones born 24 September 1865 died 10 April 1920; married (2) in 1928 Sarah F. Harris who died 12 October 1928. Levi Jesse had 8 or 9 children by his first wife and one by his second. They were:

Jesse Benjamin Hardy born 8 September 1889 died 1960; married 1929 Naomi Smithwick, daughter of Joseph and Emily Walker Smithwich, and the sister of Olaray Smithwick, who married Vera Hardy, daughter of J. Albert Hardy.

Lee Dewitt Hardy born 16 November 1891 died 1949; married in 1916 Madie Walker, born 1898 died 27 August 1987 buried St. Mary's Chapel Christian Church. Rosalie Hardy born 14 February 1930 was a daughter of Lee and Madie, not of Levi Jesse as on some lists.

William Riley Hardy born 19 September 1892 died 1967; married 1925 Estelle Walker

Montague Ernest Hardy born 6 November 1894; married in 1923 Martha Louise Swinson

Ida Mary Hardy born 13 May 1897; married in 1919 Alston B. Lamm

Ardell Hardy born 26 September 1899 died 12 March 1959; married in 1927 John Austin Deviny

Charlie Matthew Hardy born 26 August 1902; married 1924 Vivian White, daughter of George and Brittie White, and a cousin of the J. Albert Hardy children through their mother Maggie White Hardy

Lula Gertrude Hardy born 23 December 1904; married in 1928 Harold Cayton

Audrey Burl Hardy, son of Levi Jesse and his second wife, was born 13 September 1928; married in 1951 Elizabeth Smithwick

Sarah Hardy, died in infancy, placement unknown

THE GEORGE MEWBORN HARDY-LUCY ANN FIELDS FAMILY

George Mewborn Hardy born 3 February 1851 in Greene County, North Carolina died 24 January 1939 in Beaufort County, was the second child of Lemuel Hardy IV and his wife Temesia Ann Mewborn Hardy. He married in December 1870 Lucy Ann Fields, born 30 December 1850 died 1 June 1890, daughter of Thomas and Sarah Reynolds Fields. He married (2) Agnes Mann, born 11 March 1873 died 3 December 1932, daughter of T. S. and Holland Mann. George Mewborn Hardy had eleven children by Lucy Ann and one by Agnes, Jimmy, who died in 1891 in infancy.

After the death in 1873 of his step-father, Benjamin George Hardy, George Mewborn Hardy and his wife and children moved to Beaufort County from Greene where his family had lived since before 1770. Brothers Lemuel H., Parrott Mewborn Hardy and sister Patsy Hardy Adams and their mother Temesia also moved to Beaufort County. Lemuel Hardy, designated as the Vth, became a prominent elder in the Primitive Baptist Church and lived in several places; the others remained in Beaufort and are buried at Sandy Grove Primitive Church, except Patsy who married Elder Riley Adams and is buried at Selma, N. C.

Elder Lemuel H. Hardy wrote of his brother in 1905: "George Mewborn Hardy has been a farmer the most of his life, but has proved to be very proficient in teaching school. He has an English education, the most of which he acquired by hard study outside of the school room, and while he was teaching others. He has well filled the office of Justice of the Peace and committeeman of the public schools. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, has filled the office of clerk both of the church and the Association to which he belonged. He is also a very efficient deacon in the church. In early life he married Miss Lucy A. Fields, a poor but very industrious woman. She never made any outward profession of religion."

George Mewborn Hardy outlived both of his wives, spending his last years with his oldest son, Joshua Albert Hardy. His second wife was only a few years older than his oldest daughter still at home when they married. His children could remember him going off to Association with scarcely a thought of provisions left at home for his family, and of living in a very primitive house. A more pleasant memory is of him singing the hymns of the church with great gusto as he walked in and worked the fields nearby. His children were:

Joshua Albert Hardy born 20 September 1871 died 28 February 1947
Thomas Lemuel Hardy born 24 January 1873 died 30 September 1951
Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hardy born 6 June 1874 died 2 August 1946
Parrott Otho Hardy born 4 November 1875 died 4 June 1930
Sarah (Sac) Hardy born 5 February 1879 died 28 June 1956
Lucy Artelia (Teely) Hardy born 10 August died 23 May 1954
George Allen Hardy born 8 September 1882 died 19 October 1884
Nancy Hardy born 23 September 1884 died 10 November 1884
Patsy P. Hardy born 17 May 1888 died 28 May 1951
Ruth Hardy born 15 November 1887 died 22 September 1888
Levi Jesse Hardy born 23 December 1889 died 6 August 1980
Jimmy Hardy born and died in 1891

THE JOSHUA ALBERT HARDY-MAGGIE WHITE FAMILY

Joshua Albert Hardy born 20 September 1871 in Greene County, N. C. died 28 February 1947 in Beaufort County, N C. was the son of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy. He married 24 January 1894 in Beaufort County Mary Magnolia (Maggie) White born 6 August 1874 died 19 July 1958, the daughter of Edward B. White and Sidney Ann Rowe White. Joshua Albert, Maggie, and their parents are all buried at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, although Joshua Albert and Maggie joined the White Hill Free Will Baptist Church after they were married and had several children.

His uncle Lemuel H. Hardy wrote of him in 1905: "J. Albert Hardy is a prominent man in the management of the public affairs of his neighborhood and county. He is a Justice of the Peace." J. Albert was a farmer, a school teacher, compiled tax lists for Beaufort County, took the census in 1910 and 1920 for part of Beaufort County and was helpful to his neighbors in performing marriages, writing wills and deeds. He was noted for his excellent hand-writing, his love of learning, and basic medical knowledge in caring for and helping to raise all seven of their children. They were:

Leo Hartland Hardy born 1 December 1894 near Aurora, Beaufort County, N. C. died 29 July 1974 in a rest home at Keysville, Virginia; married ca 1920 Lillian Neal who died 1 January 1970. They are buried at Aspen, Virginia. He was a World War I veteran, went to a telegraphy school, and worked for the Norfolk and Western Railway. They had three children:

Leo Hartland Hardy, Jr. born 1922 died 1924

Morris Chapman Hardy born 27 November 1924 married ca 1949 Frances Markey. They live in Dinwiddie, Virginia, where he is retired from Norfolk and Western Railway. They have two daughters:

Freida Hardy born ca 1950, a teacher, married Dana Byrd, has two daughters:

Sara Lynn Byrd born September 1977

Meredith Chapman Byrd, born September 1981

Betsy Hardy born 1955, a nurse, married B. William Neville, has a son:

Christopher born January 1975

Carl Edward Hardy born ca 1931 died 1959 of a heart attack; married in 1957 Louise DeMott. He is buried at Charlotte Court House, Va.

Sidney Michael Hardy born 3 January 1897 died 29 May 1936 of pneumonia; married Eloise Armstrong who died 18 March 1936. Sidney was a mechanic. They are both buried at Havelock, N. C. They left two children, the girl raised by her Hardy grandparents and the boy by his maternal grandparents in Havelock:

Donna Margaret Hardy born 23 April 1928; married 4 September 1948 Lowell Eugene Harris, born 17 March 1919. He worked for Colonial Stores and then for Rosso and Mastracco, and

she as a secretary for the Norfolk Public School system.
They have two children:
Deborah Ann Harris born 9 August 1951
Donald Eugene Harris born 12 September 1953

Robert Hardy (no information)

May Agnes Hardy, born 23 November 1898 died 13 February 1980 of heart trouble; married 25 December 1919 (by her father) Raymond Gaskins born 10 September 1894, the son of Clem and Lovie Gaskins, died 30 March 1960 of lung cancer in Veteran's Hospital, Durham, N. C.. May taught school one year near Middlesex, N. C.. Raymond was a World War I veteran, a building contractor, and a Mason. They were both active members of the Free Will Baptist Church. They are buried at Ayden, N. C. They had three children, one son dying at birth:
Raymond Albert Gaskins born 1 July 1921 married 26 September 1947 Beatrice Loftin. He served in World War II in the Navy on a minesweeper. They live in Ayden, N. C. where he is a Free Will Baptist preacher. They have six children:
Raymond Albert Gaskins, Jr. born 3 January 1950, graduated Phi Beta Kappa, UNC Chapel Hill, medical degree from UNC, interned at Duke University, now practicing in Fayetteville; married (1) 16 June 1973 Kay Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Frank Perry of Greensboro; divorced; married (2) in August 1978 Carolyn Long of Durham. They have three children:
Raymond Gaskins III, born 1 February 1980
Nicole De Haven Gaskins, born 14 November 1981
Ernest Roswell Gaskins, born November 1986.
Sue Gaskins born 8 November 1952; attended UNC Chapel Hill School of Nursing, BS and MS from ECU Greenville, now nursing at Pitt Memorial Hospital, Greenville; married in 1973 Kenneth Edwards, retired from surveying because of health problems, graduate in business administration from ECU, now working in real estate. They live near Ayden and have a boy and a girl:
Jamie Edwards born 1974
Jessica Edwards born 20 April 1978.
Kathy Ann Gaskins born 25 February 1955; attended UNC Chapel Hill one year, transferred to Community College; married in 1974 Jones Walton Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gratz Spencer. They live in Swan Quarter, N. C. where J. W. works in the family business, Tiny Oaks Farm, Inc. They have two boys:
Chad Jones Spencer
Craig Spencer
Betsy Bea Gaskins born 27 January 1958; graduated from UNC School of Nursing, Chapel Hill; married 24 June 1978 Russell Wall McClaine, who works for an electronics company in Raleigh. She was a nurse at Pitt Memorial, then at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh.

Ruth Gaskins born 11 July 1960 in graduate school UNC Chapel Hill, working for Carol Woods Retirement Center, Chapel Hill.

Paul Joshua Gaskins born 1 October 1969, attending NCSU

Thurla Gaskins born 9 March 1923; attended business school in Norfolk, Virginia; married Ralph Harriman, a World War II serviceman who attended school after the war in Chicago, worked for Martin Aircraft; they were divorced in 1969. Since then Thurla has worked as a nursing assistant, presently working for the Police Department in Denver, Colorado. They had two children:

Larry Harriman born 3 January 1950; married 3 September 1983 Anna Marie Myers in Littleton, Colorado. Larry is in the trucking business.

Sandra Harriman born 22 September 1954; married in 1970 Michael Kelly; divorced; married 26 August 1983 Steven Joseph Harrison. Sandra is attending graduate school, hopes to go into veterinary medicine.

Bertha Temesia Hardy born 3 June 1902; married (1) Carlton Holliday born 3 January 1902 died 28 March 1963, son of A. A. and Ruby Rowe Holliday. They had no children and were divorced. She married (2) James Edward Maloney, born 3 December 1901 died 1 September 1958; he was in the U. S. Army from Rochester, N. Y.; they were divorced. She married (3) Sylvester Hassell Pulley, born 27 December 1909 in Tarboro, N. C., died 23 June 1966, buried in Norfolk. He was a foreman with the Ford Motor Company. Bertha had sons by her second and third husbands and is now living in Chapel Hill.

James Edward Maloney, Jr. born 26 May 1925 in Texas; served in World War II in the Marines; graduated UNC Chapel Hill with a Masters Degree; presently vice-president southeastern district American Express. He married 25 May 1955 Josephine Maria Francisca Vissy of Hungary. They are now living in Atlanta, Georgia and have four children:

Patricia Csilla Maloney born 24 June 1957; graduate University of Georgia, Masters degree in International Relations from George Washington University, now working for American Express in Phoenix

Mark James Maloney born 1 November 1958; graduate of University of Georgia

Kevin Michael Maloney born 29 May 1960

Colin Andrew Maloney born 27 September 1961; graduated from college in 1985; presently in the health activities field

Raymond Hassell Pulley born 15 March 1939 in Suffolk, Nansemond County, Virginia; graduate of William and Mary College; Masters degree from Emory University; Doctorate in history from the University of Virginia; has taught at UNC Charlotte, and Chapel Hill; presently at Appalachian State University, Boone, N. C. He married 1 August 1964 Judith

Poss born 23 April 1940, from St. Louis, Missouri, a graduate of Webster College, and a Fulbright scholar. She also received her Doctorate in history from the University of Virginia. She has taught at NCSU and at ASU, presently involved in long range planning for the administration, ASU. They live in Boone and have no children.

Vera Carolina Hardy born 13 February 1905 near Aurora; married in 1924 Olaray Smithwick born 31 May 1904 in Beaufort County, son of Joseph Benjamin and Emily Walker Smithwick. Olaray is a retired farmer. They live in a new home next door to the J. Albert Hardy homestead and have two children:

Okla Lucille Smithwick born 5 May 1925 near Aurora; married 15 January 1944 in Norfolk, Virginia, George Beaudry born 22 February 1921 in Southbridge, Massachusetts. He was in the Marines during World War II, afterwards graduated from MIT; has been involved in plant management in the New England states, retired from GKN, manufacturer of automobile parts in Mebane, N. C. They have two children:

Mary Margaret Beaudry born 29 November 1944 in Portsmouth, Virginia; graduate of Beaver College, Pennsylvania; worked at Naval War College, Newport, R. I.; married in February 1974 David Manchester, at that time a private pilot, now with the Air Force, in 1983/4 at Groton, Mass., serving overseas duty 1986/7 in Korea

Keri Anne Beaudry born 26 September 1960 in New Jersey; graduated Endicott College, Beverly, Massachusetts, majoring in merchandizing; was manager of clothing stores; married 31 March 1984 Leon A. Field in Chapel Hill. They are now living in Waldorf, Maryland where he is district manager of Hit or Miss. They have one child:

Stephanie Leigh Field born 4 December 1986

George Ray Smithwick born in January 1929 near Aurora; entered the Air Force in 1947; retired C. Master Sergeant; now living in Tacoma, Wash- ington; married in 1949 Mary Frances Hall of Longview, Texas, born 12 September 1932. She is employed as material specialist at McCord Air Force Base. They have four children:

George Ray Smithwick, Jr. born 14 December 1949; attended NCSU, entered military service, spent 4 tours of duty in Thailand, married a Thai woman, Puttah; he works for Alpha-Cine Motion Pictures; they have a son James Olaray Smithwick, born 5 April 1972

Nancy Joyce Smithwick born 27 April 1952 in England; attended beautician school in Texas; married Tony (Pires) Bagelio of Boston, Massachusetts, a musician; divorced. Joyce married (2) 9 October 1978 Gordon Thomas; they lived in Germany while he was in the Army; she now lives in Tacoma, Wa. Nancy and Tony had a son: Kristopher Antony Bagelio born 13 June 1972

Cathy Marie Smithwick born 31 July 1955; attended East Carolina University and the University of Washington, works for IRS

Jeffrey Wayne Smithwick born 13 January 1958; attended University of Washington; worked for Alpha-Cine Motion Pictures; he married in December 1978 Penny Weiss, and they have a son:

Phillip Daniel Smithwick born 15 April 1981

George Edward Hardy born 21 July 1906 near Aurora, N. C. In July 1924 he moved to Miami, Florida, where he was employed by "Mrs. Davis's Home Bakery". In January 1927 he moved to Rochester, N. Y. where he was employed by Eastman Kodak Co, Kodak Park Division for the next 40 years. During World War II he managed a restaurant near Kodak Park, working many hours each day to assist in the war effort. From 1950-54 he attended night classes at Rochester Institute of Technology in a succssful attempt to better his position with Kodak. He married 7 February 1930 Gertrude McAlpine; they had one child, and were divorced 1 July 1934. George was granted custody of their child. On 7 January 1946 George married Carmel "Peggy" L. Donevan, youngest daughter of William and Nellie Donevan of Rochester, N. Y. "Peggy" was employed by Eastman Kodak as an executive secretary. In August 1967 they retired from Kodak and moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, later moving to Palm Harbor, Florida. Most of his daughter's family are now living in Florida, also.

Rita May Hardy born 6 March 1931 in Rochester, N. Y.; attended State University of New York at Brockport; married 22 July 1950 Mauro A. Panaggio, born January 1928. Mauro obtained a B. S. and M. S. degrees from State University of New York, where he has been a teacher and basketball coach. He has also been the Coach and General Manager of the Rochester Zenith Professional Basketball Team. Rita is a Realtor. They now live in Daytona Beach, Florida, where Rita is working for her son and Mario will be coaching basketball in season. They have six children:

Michael Joseph Panaggio born 4 June 1952; graduated from Deerfield Academy, Massachusetts and S.U.N.Y. with a B.S. He was employed as a Commodity Broker and Marketing Manager in Rochester and Daytona Beach; now president of U.S. Trade Distributors, Inc., operating out of Daytona Beach. Michael married 1 July 1977 Lorilyn Jean Hamlin, who also graduated from S.U.N.Y. with B.S. and M.S. degrees. She was a teacher in the Greece School District of Rochester. They have one child:

Jaclyn Christine Panaggio born 8 October 1981

Daniel Mauro Panaggio born 25 November 1954, graduated from S.U.N.Y. with a B.S. and obtained a M.S. from the University of Oklahoma. He is presently a basketball

coach at McQuaid Institute and a director of a Sports Medicine Clinic. He married 24 May 1974 Ellen Fisher, who graduated from Erie Community College, Buffalo, N. Y. They have four children:
Kathyrn Panaggio born 27 March 1974
Anne Panaggio born 6 February 1978
Mary Jo Panaggio born 15 February 1980
Daniel Mauro Panaggio, Jr. born 12 December 1981

Kathleen Mary Panaggio born 25 March 1956, graduated from S.U.N.Y. at Oswego with a B.S.; obtained her M.S. from San Diego State, California; now working for her brother Michael in Daytona Beach. She married in 1985 Frank Wise who is in construction. They have a son:
Christopher, born 10 December 1987

Thomas Anthony Panaggio born 3 March 1958 graduated from St. Bonaventure University, was a Commodity Broker with Bache, Halsley Stewart Co. in Rochester; now a vice-president with the family business in Daytona Beach, directing marketing, also into race cars.

James Angely Panaggio born 23 May 1959, attended Dartmouth College, Hanover N. H. and Providence College, Providence, R. I. He married 11 June 1983 Kay Vanderwert of Michigan, a graduate of a school in Memphis, Tennessee. They are studying for the ministry at a school in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have one child:
Mark Joseph Panaggio born 19 November 1986.

Mary Beth Panaggio born 4 June 1964; graduated from S.U.N.Y., taught school in Buffalo, N.Y.; now working for her brother, heading Passport International, a subsidiary of the family business. She married 16 May 1987 Daniel Hudak, of Czechoslovakian descent, from Erie, Pennslyvania. He is working for the Post Office in Daytona, Florida. They have a daughter:
Danielle Marie, born 26 October 1987

Albert Victor Hardy born 20 September 1913 near Aurora, N. C. He entered government service with the Weather Bureau after working in and managing grocery stores in Norfolk, Virginia. He joined the Navy pre-Pearl Harbor, as an aerographers mate, served overseas in North Africa, discharged in 1945; he rejoined the Weather Bureau, and went to college on the G.I Bill. He retired after 34 years with the Federal Government, and then five years as library assistant with the D. H. Hill Library, N C S U. He attended Guilford College, was a Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Florida State University, Tallahassee with a B. S. degree in 1948; M. S. from New York University in 1950. Albert married 24 November 1946 Jessie Davis, born 9 August 1913 in Statesville, N. C., daughter of Jesse Tilden and Lula Gaither Davis. She attended Mitchell College in Statesville, and Queens in Charlotte,

graduating from Appalachian State Teachers College, now A.S.U. She taught school in Statesville for seven years, and then was a weather observer for six years. They now live in Raleigh, N. C. and have three children:

Albert Victor Hardy, Jr. born 15 May 1948 in Tallahassee, Phi Kappa Phi graduate of NCSU, obtained a Masters Degree in computer science from UNC Chapel Hill. He was in ROTC in college, did two years of active duty and was promoted to 1st Lieut.. He worked for Systems Sciences, did research in bio-statistics and is now (1987) working in Educational Data for the University in Chapel Hill. Albert married 23 August 1975 Marilyn Louise Grubbs, born 11 December 1952, daughter of Dwight and Louise Cress Grubbs of Charlotte, N. C.. Marilyn graduated from UNC Chapel Hill, attended graduate school there, teaches in a private school. They have one child:

Joseph Paul Grubbs-Hardy born 23 July 1985

Julia Margaret Hardy born 14 July 1950 in Tallahassee, Florida; graduated UNC Chapel Hill with a B.A.; worked for Psychical Research Foundation in Durham, N. C., where she edited "Theta", obtained a Masters Degree from the School of Religious Studies, UNC Chapel Hill, is presently (1987) working on a doctorate in the history of religions at Duke University. She has been editorial assistant and teaching assistant for several of the professors at UNC Chapel Hill, and has taught Freshman writing at Duke.

Jane Carolyn Hardy born 12 April 1955 in Raleigh, N. C.; graduated from UNC Greensboro, N. C. in the School of Music, attended graduate school there; married 2 June 1979 William Harris Freeman, Jr., born 1 October 1950 in Verden, Oklahoma, son of Sadie and William Harris Freeman, Sr. of Greensboro. Bill attended UNC Greensboro, worked for electronic stores in Jacksonville and Raleigh. Jane Carolyn has been in the restaurant business since college days and is now (1987) a manager of a Shoneys in Raleigh. They have two children:

Christopher Neil Freeman born 24 May 1981 in Jacksonville, Florida

John Daniel Freeman born 24 January 1984 in Jacksonville, Florida

THE THOMAS LEMUEL HARDY_ELIZABETH FOREMAN FAMILY

Thomas Lemuel Hardy born 24 January 1873 died 30 September 1951, son of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born in Greene County, N. C. and died in Johnston County, N. C.. He married in Beaufort County, 2 December 1896 Elizabeth (Bettie) Frances Foreman, born in August 1877 died 17 October 1980; the daughter of James Patrick and Sarah Elizabeth McGowan Foreman. Bettie's sister, Brittie Foreman, married George White, brother of Maggie White, who married Thomas Hardy's brother, J. Albert Hardy.

After Thomas and Bettie had several children, three of whom died in childhood, they moved to Wake County about 1915, settling first west of Raleigh in the area of Blue Ridge Road, then they moved to near Wendell where he was a successful farmer. They were both active members of Corinth Baptist Church where they are buried in the church cemetery. Eight of their children lived to adulthood, and Bettie lived to be over 103 years old, living her last years with a daughter, Mildred, who with her husband had moved in with her. Tom and Bettie's children were:

Francis Seymore Hardy born 27 February 1898 died 26 August 1981; married Effie Thomas; he was retired from a career as a lab technician with the State Highway Department. He is buried in Montlawn Memorial Cemetery. They had three daughters:

Dorothy Hardy; married Thurman Pate of Zebulon, N. C., a farmer and tobacco warehouse owner. They have one son:

Thomas Pate; married Evelyn Little, both graduates of ECU;

Thomas farms with his father; he and Evelyn have two sons:

Darrell Pate

Dale Pate

Cora E. Hardy; married Howard Alford; they live in Huntington, W. Va; he is retired from railroad work; they have two children:

William (Billy) Alford, graduate of Marshall University, W. Va.; unmarried, living in Tampa, Florida where he does illustrations for newspapers

Joan Alford, graduate of Marshall University; living in Nashville, Tennessee; married to Steven Boyle, who works for Nashville Cable Network

Janice L. Hardy died 1982; married Macon Martin, Jr.; they live in Burlington, N. C. where he works for Southern Bell. They had three sons a daughter, two grandchildren:

Glenn Martin, all living in Burlington, N. C.:

Kenneth Martin

Steven Martin

Pamela Martin

Walter Mewborn Hardy born 29 December 1899 died 11 August 1921, accidentally killed while helping build a church on Blue Ridge Road; buried at Ephesus Baptist Church, Cary

Paul Foreman Hardy born 13 December 1901 died 20 May 1981; married Hettie Medlin, born 1906 died 23 March 1987; they are buried at Ephesus Baptist Church; he was a retired Baptist minister, living on Grand Avenue in Raleigh, where his hobbies were horticulture and golf; they had two children:
Gerald Hardy, died age three
Gilbertine Hardy; died age 34; married Willard Garner, a disabled war veteran, living near Wendell. They had three children:
Stanley Garner; married Susan _____; separated; he lives near Rocky Mount where he works with N. C. Wildlife; they have a daughter:
Jan Marie Garner
Bruce Garner; married Wanda Renfrow, who is a teacher's aid at Corinth Holder School; he is a graduate of NCSU; works with Lowe's. They have a daughter:
Kyla Garner
Rose Garner; married Gary Vaughn; they live in Charlotte, where she is a dental hygienist

Infant, unnamed died 18 December 1903, buried Sandy Grove Cemetery, Aurora, N. C.

Sarah Elizabeth Hardy born 28 November 1904 died 13 February 1907, buried at Sandy Grove Cemetery

Dallas Langston Hardy born 28 December 1906 died 11 January 1982; married Lura Truelove; he worked for many years for Royal Bakery and other bakeries; she for the bakery department of Colonial Stores. They lived on Quail Drive in Raleigh and had three children:
Elizabeth (Betty) Hardy; married Paul Hamrick, a postal service employee; they live in Forest City, N. C. and have four children:
Richard Hamrick; married Betty Cordelle; he is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill; they live in Atlanta, Georgia where he works for E. H. Hutton Investment Co.; they have two children:
Richard Cordelle Hamrick
Hope Elizabeth Hamrick
Roger Hamrick; married Kathy Campbell; he is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill; they live in Wilmington, N. C. and have two children:
Richard Lee Hamrick
Robert Paul Hamrick
Jan Hamrick; graduate of UNC, Chapel Hill; married Mark Edwards; they live in Wilson, N. C. where she works for Tanner Fashions, and he for NCNB
Paul Hamrick, Jr. married 21 November 1987 Ada Hanley; they live in West Palm Beach, Florida where he works for the Treasury Department

Dallas L. Hardy, Jr. (Andy); married Roxie Thomas; they live in Wilmington, N. C., where he is self-employed and she works with the Department of Social Services; they have two children:
Karen Hardy, graduated from UNC Wilmington
Joel Hardy, works with his father

Ronald M. Hardy; graduate of Wake Technical College; married Carol Clark; they live in Wilmington where he works with Business Machines; they have a son:
Derrick Hardy

Dora Fields Hardy born 28 August 1909; married Gene Spivey, an independent grocer; she worked at Grants and then with him; now retired, living on Glascock Street in Raleigh; noc

Mildred Gray Hardy born 8 March 1912; married Walter Doan who died in March 1981; he was a farmer, but was crippled with arthritis many of his later years; they lived at the Thomas Hardy homeplace taking care of her parents until they died; they had two children:

James E. Doan; works with the N. C. Department of Corrections; married Alice Price, a secretary with the Redi-Mix Concrete Co. They live near Wendell and have two sons:
Perry Doan; graduated from Wake Technical College; was an officer with the Zebulon Police Department, now with the Raleigh Police Department; married Deborah Harrell from Perquimans Co.; they live in Zebulon, N. C.
Louis Doan; attended UNC Wilmington; unmarried; lives in Atlanta, Georgia where he is Chapter Leadership Consultant for Chi Fraternity

Carol Doan; works for an insurance company; married Larry Woodward, a landscaper; they live near Wendell and have two children:
Larry Woodward, Jr.
Carol Elizabeth Woodward

Roy Hardy born 27 March 1914 died 18 May 1914; buried Sandy Grove Cemetery

Infant, unnamed; born 25 July 1916 died 15 August 1916

Eula Elizabeth Hardy born 2 April 1918; married Charles Harris; he is a farmer; they live near Wendell and have three children:

Judy Harris; married Wyatt Eason, a farmer; they live near Wendell and have 2 children:
Sharon Eason; married Ted Baker; they both work for Telecommunications
Neil Eason married Wendy Earp; he is self-employed in construction in Wendell, N. C.; they have a son:
Wesley Neil Eason

Kay Harris; married Carl Denton; divorced; she works for Telecommunications, has a son:
Ruffin Denton
Barbara Harris; works for First Union National Bank in Raleigh; married Jimmy Alford; he is e self-employed; they have a son:
Darrell Alford

Wright Lupton Hardy; born 19 March 1921; retired from Colonial Stores; married Jane McCarthy; they live on New Road in Raleigh and have three children:
Gayle Hardy; married Michael Franks, who is a captain in the Raleigh Fire Department; she works for the motor pool NCSU and is a musician at Hollands United Methodist Church; they have two children:
Lisa Michelle Franks attending Wake Technical College
Scott Patrick Franks is a senior at Garner Senior High
Thomas Hardy; graduate of UNC Chapel Hill; married in 1983 Zoeé; he is a Program Administrator for the Center for Population and Family Health at Columbia University in New York; they live in White Plains, N. Y.. Zoee is a Nurse Specialist with Maternal and Child Health; she had two children by a previous marriage:
Jeannine, a Sophmore at Cornell University in 1988
Steven, a Junior in High School in 1988
Larry Mark Hardy; graduate of Wake Technical College; was department manager at K-Mart; married in the fall of 1986 Kathryn Lee Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duffy L. Paul; she is also a graduate of Wake Tech and was a secretary at the Wake County Alcoholism Information Center. They were attending ASU, Boone, N.C. 1987/88.

THE ELIZABETH HARDY-JOSHUA WARREN FAMILY

Mary Elizabeth (Lizzie) Hardy, the third child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy was born 6 June 1874; died 2 August 1946; married 23 December 1891 Joshua Warren, born 8 December 1870 died 14 July 1906 of TB. They are buried at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. They had two children:

Ernest D. Warren born 2 August 1899 died 29 September 1919 of TB

Lucy M. Warren born 10 October 1901 died 12 March 1985; married 27 September 1927 Joe Smithwick, born 15 October 1898. They had one child:

Sybil Lois Smithwick born 9 April 1931; married (1) 24 December 1949 Lemuel Moye Broome, who died 22 January 1975; married (2) 6 October 1978 Benjamin C. Williamson, retired U. S. Air Force, then became Postmaster at Edward, N. C. They live near Aurora, N. C. Sybil and Lemuel Broome had two children:

Donald Ernest Broome born 6 May 1955; works with Greenville Utilities; attended East Carolina University at Greenville, N. C.; married 10 August 1980 Dawn Ann Cayton, who also attended East Carolina; she works with the Environmental Department of the City of Greenville and they have two children:

Derek Jackson Broome born 25 March 1982

Drake Cayton Broome born 16 June 1986

Rita Marie Broome born 4 August 1959; was a graduate student at UNC Chapel Hill in medicinal chemistry; married 6 June 1981 John Albert Ray, a chemist at Research Triangle Park. Rita died of cancer in 1984.

PARROTT OTHO HARDY-IDA HODGES

Parrott Otho Hardy, the fourth child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born 4 November 1875, died 4 June 1930; married 1 November 1907 Ida Hodges, born 30 March 1881, died 9 July 1967, the daughter of William Hodges. He was a farmer and they had no children.

THE SARAH HARDY-ROBERT ALLIGOOD FAMILY

Sarah (Sac) Hardy, the fifth child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born 5 February 1879, died 28 June 1956; married (1) 27 April 1904 Robert Eugene Alligood, born 20 July 1867 died 10 August 1931; married (2) J. R. Exum. They are buried at Black Creek. According to her uncle Lemuel Hardy, she was a teacher at some time in her life. She and Robert Alligood had six children:

Ottis L. Alligood, born 6 September 1905 died 27 June 1924, unmarried

Allen J. Alligood, born 21 February 1907 died 20 March 1983; married Elsie Sheppard; they live near Washington, N. C. and have two children:
Mildred
David

Irene E. Alligood, born 1 July 1909 died 15 February 1978; married James Carlton Bridgeman, who died 8 June 1985; they lived near Washington, N. C. and had five children:
James
Cecil
Velma
Billy
Steve.

Daisy E. Alligood, born 30 April 1913, died 1 August 1987; married Clifton Daniel; they lived in Wilson, N. C. and had two children:
Joyce
Bobbie Jean Godwin of Route 5 Wilson.

Lucy M. Alligood, born 18 July 1915; married Cleatus Carawan of Washington, N. C., who died 26 November 1981; they had two children who were still-born.

Ruth M. Alligood, born 29 April 1918, died 10 February 1919

THE LUCY ARTELIA HARDY-BARNEY CAYTON FAMILY

Lucy Artelia (Teely) Hardy, the sixth child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born 10 August 1880 died 23 May 1954; married 17 December 1905 Barney West Cayton, born 25 November 1875 died 7 June 1936. They are buried in the Cayton Family Cemetery near Edward, Beaufort County, N. C. They had three children:

Chestine West Cayton, born 11 July 1910 died 2 October 1930, of complications following surgery for appendicitis.

Hazel Artelia Cayton, born 19 October 1912; married 24 December 1930 Johnnie Thomas Boyd, born 12 March 1911, died 12 June 1979 of a heart attack. They had three children:

Chestine Gray Boyd, born 9 March 1932 in Beaufort County; married 10 March 1951 Margaret Dearborn Butt of Aurora, born 19 October 1933 in Morehead City, N. C. Chestine is an agent with the IRS; they live in Greensboro, N. C. and have three children:

Connye Marie Boyd, born 24 September 1952 in Beaufort County; married 24 December 1971 James Rowan Dillon, Jr. is a graduate of UNC Greensboro and works for Southern Bell Telephone Co. They have two children both born in Greensboro, N. C.:

Brian Patrick Dillon, born 30 November 1972 Meredith Kristina Dillon, born 14 September 1977

Donald West Boyd, born 15 April 1954; married 16 April 1977 Patricia Marie Bare; Don is a graduate of UNC Chapel Hill and works for Air Products and Chemical Co., Personnel Manager Western Region; Patricia is Secretary of Marketing for Parker-Hannifir, Los Angeles. They have two children both born in Irvin, California:

Caroline Morgan Boyd, born 17 October 1982

Richard Andrew Boyd, born 1 March 1985

John Scott Boyd, born 10 February 1960 in Greensboro, N. C.; graduated NCSU; married 19 June 1982 Victoria (Tori) Jane Lingle, also a graduate of NCSU; both are engineers with the shipyard in Virginia. They have a daughter:

Jennifer Leigh Boyd, born 2 March 1985

Nelda West Boyd, born 22 April 1938 died 17 August 1940 of leukemia

Barbara Reynolds Boyd, born 31 May 1941 in Beaufort Co.; married 13 June 1965 Delano Reese Wilson of Winterville, N. C., born 31 August 1937 in Pitt Co. Barbara is a Business Education Instructor, Pitt Community College, Greenville, and Delano is a History Instructor and Chairman of the Secretarial Education Dept. at Ayden-Grifton High School, Ayden, N. C. They have two children:

Marjolein (Marti) Denise Wilson, born 21 July 1968; student at East Carolina University

Barbara Dell Wilson, born 23 January 1971

Robert Browning Cayton, born 15 March 1919 died 30 May 1965, killed in an automobile accident, buried at Cayton Cemetery; married 23 December 1937 Rowena Pauline Hollowell, born 9 May 1922. They have three sons:

Darrell Browning Cayton, born 5 February 1941; attended NCSU and East Carolina College at Greenville; married 14 October 1961 Peggy Joyce Walker, born 27 February 1941. Darrell works for Texas Gulf as a foreman in the Dredge and Reclamation Department; and his wife is a Junior Accountant for the same company. They have two children:

Darrell Browning Cayton, Jr., born 7 October 1962; graduated UNC Chapel Hill and from Campbell University Law School, Buies Creek

Joyce Ann Cayton, born 1 August 1967; attended UNC Chapel Hill; married 1 April 1987 Raymond Evans Philbeak, born 19 June 1967; he also attended UNC Chapel Hill

Carl Delray Cayton, born 3 November 1943; graduated East Carolina University; employed at Texas Gulf, Lee Creek, as a Buyer in the Purchasing and Warehouse Department; married 7 July 1968 Billie Annette Holliday, born 2 January 1948, graduated UNC Wilmington, now employed as a Registered Nurse at Beaufort County Hospital, Washington, N. C. They have two children:

Carl Delray Cayton, Jr., born 1 February 1972

Wendy Cayton, born 11 February 1974

Robert Burns Cayton, born 1 March 1951; graduated Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C. and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; is a minister at Reelsboro Christian Church, Reelsboro, N. C.; married 24 June 1984 Debra Rose Jones, born 20 February 1952; graduated Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C.; now employed as Acquisition Librarian at Craven Pamlico Carteret Regional Library, New Bern, N. C.

THE PATSY HARDY-WILLIAM RICHARD LEE FAMILY

Patsy Penelope Hardy, ninth child of George Mewborn Hardy and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy, was born 17 May 1886 died 28 May 1951; married 19 January 1908 William Richard Lee born 19 March 1884 died 21 December 1932, son of George Washington Lee and Winifred Lee. They are buried in the Lee Cemetery near White Hill Free Will Baptist Cemetery, near Aurora, N. C.. They had six children including an unnamed infant boy who died at birth:

Alice Winifred Lee, born 1 July 1910; married 20 April 1938 George Allen Boyd, (his second marriage) born 10 May 1883 died 24 December 1940. He ran the saw mill. He and Alice had two children. Alice married (2) 21 April 1946 George Bryan Rowe, born 16 August 1903 died 9 February 1973. They had one child.

Inez Maxine Boyd, born 5 November 1939; married 12 April 1958 William Earl Kinnion born 25 January 1934. They own and operate a camp ground near Aurora, and have one child:
William Patrick Kinnion, born 25 December 1968

George Allen Boyd, Jr. born 1 June 1941; married 5 September 1964 Betty Lou Flemming, born 26 February 1944. He works for Texas Gulf and they have two children:
Gregory Allen Boyd, born 25 June 1969
Genna Ann Boyd, born 29 June 1976

Opal Lee Rowe, born 21 October 1947; married 20 January 1967 Larry Carlton Banks, born 7 February 1948. He is a construction worker and they have one child:
Larry Carlton Banks, Jr., born 28 July 1967

Blanche Lee, born 24 April 1912; married 23 October 1937 Beverly Floyd Cox, who died 21 July 1974, the son of Joseph Thomas and Lucy Bennett Cox. Floyd worked with Standard Oil Co. Blanche lives near Aurora. They had three children:
John Bennett Cox, born 17 August 1938 died 2 May 1939

William Beverly Cox, born 23 January 1940; married 30 July 1961 Joann Wesley Hollowell, daughter of George and Vida Hollowell. William Beverly is an educator with the Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and his wife is a teacher in Virginia Beach. They have two children:
Cynthia Ann Cox, born 21 January 1964
William Beverly Cox,Jr., born 10 September 1967

Owen Lee Cox, born 20 July 1941; married 24 December 1973 Ricki Dettori, daughter of Joseph and Virginia Dettori. He is a banker at Altamonte Springs, Florida and she is a nurse. They have three children:
Donna Deer Cox, born 5 October 1966
Joseph Lee Cox, born 3 September 1976
Amy Elizabeth Cox, born 5 June 1980

Richard Desmond Lee, born 13 July 1914; married 3 July 1954, Alma A. Disler, born 3 September 1915 in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Richard served 4 years in the U.S. Navy during World War II

and 20 years in the Active Naval Reserve, during which time he was recalled to Active Duty for the Korean Conflict. Retired as of June 30 1972 from the Department of Defense as a Computer Systems Analyst. Alma graduated from the Scranton Conservatory of Music and Marywood College, Scranton, Pa. She taught piano, and supervised music in several Lackawanna County Schools. She retired from the District of Columbia Public Schools System as a Music Consultant in 1975. They live in Cape Coral, Florida, and have one child:

Deborah Anne Lee, born 23 October 1957; married 17 August 1980 Michael J. Sullivan. Deborah graduated from Andrews University in 1980, and then taught school in Lowell, Massachusetts. She lives in Dunstable, Massachusetts and is now employed by Wang Computer Laboratories, Inc. in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Beatrice E. Lee, the fifth child of William Richard and Patsy P. Hardy Lee, was born in Beaufort County near Aurora, N. C. 27 February 1919; married 14 November 1944 William Earl McKoy, born 8 December 1919 in Wilmington, N. C., son of Thomas Edgar McKoy, Sr. and Maggie Brock McKoy. Beatrice is a registered nurse, a graduate of Taylor Hospital, Washington, N. C., and was on the staff at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital in Wilmington, N. C. for 25 years until her retirement in 1984. Earl served in the Army during World War II, and was a sales representative with McKoy Dry Goods in Wilmington, retired in 1984. They had six children:

Patricia Jean McKoy, born 26 March 1946 in Wilmington, N. C., is a registered nurse, a graduate of Lenoir Memorial Hospital in Kinston, N. C., and has been on the staff and worked at various units at New Hanover Memorial Hospital, Wilmington since 1967. She is presently working in the Holding and Observation Unit there.

Sylvia Lee McKoy, born 6 September 1948 in Wilmington, N. C.; married 2 March 1968 James Albert Ponder, Jr., born 6 July 1948 at Carolina Beach, N. C., son of James Albert Ponder, Sr. and Edna Klutz Ponder. Sylvia is a homemaker and also is presently employed part time at Sunbeam Bakeries in Wilmington. Jimmy attended college at UNC Wilmington, served in the army six years and is now co-owner of Quality Fleet Business in Wilmington. They have three children:

Jenny Rebecca Ponder, born 15 June 1971
Ann Elizabeth Ponder, born 17 June 1973
Jeremy Wayne Ponder, born 2 November 1976

William Thomas McKoy, born 19 March 1951 in Wilmington, N. C.; married 10 June 1972 Marian L. Cater, born 9 September 1950 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, daughter of Wilbur and Dorothy Ayers Cater. Tommy attended Massillon Bible College in Canton, Ohio, and is now working with Harris Insurance Services, as director of agents in Wilmington. Marian is a graduate of Clarion State College in Pennsyl-

vania. She has taught at Wilmington Christian Academy, and is presently doing some substitute teaching there. They have three children:
Bradley Allen McKoy, born 30 September 1974
Amy Beth McKoy, born 25 September 1978
Heather Lynn McKoy, born 31 July 1984

Margaret Sharon McKoy, born 8 May 1956 in Wilmington; is a graduate of Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga and has been teaching at Wilmington Christian Academy since 1978. She is active in the deaf ministry in Grace Baptist Church in Wilmington. She went from this church as a summer missionary to Ponape, an island in the group of the Carolines in 1985, and is now with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions. She is preparing for a return to Ponape as a full time missionary.

Infant child, a girl, born and died 10 July 1958

Anna Lorraine (Lorri) McKoy, born 28 March 1962 in Wilmington, attended Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga and is a teacher at Wilmington Christian Academy. She is also active in the choir, the Pathfinders and other ministries at Grace Baptist Church, Wilmington.

Irma Ruth Lee, the sixth child of William Richard and Patsy P. Hardy Lee was born 30 March 1923 near Aurora; married 2 May 1942 Jerry Myrs Mayo, born 21 March 1919 near Aurora, died 16 June 1972, age 53. He was the son of Jerry Myrs Mayo and Mary Hudnell Mayo, and was employed by the Federal Government for 20 years. They had three children:

Barbara Ruth Mayo, born 6 August 1946 near Aurora; attended East Carolina University; married 1 August 1965 Charles Daniel Page, born 20 August 1946, Wilson, N. C., son of Charlie Edgar Page and Emily Lucille Morgan Page; retired from the U.S. Air Force, currently employed by U.S. Postal Service. Barbara is Admissions Technician at Wilson County Technical College. They live in Stantonsburg, N. C. and have three girls:
Susan Denise Page, born 6 August 1968 in Selma, Alabama
Shannon Leigh Page, born 25 October 1970 in Hampton, Va.
Sherry Elizabeth Page, born 6 August 1972 in Hampton, Va.

Phyllis Lee Mayo, the second child of Irma Ruth Lee Mayo and Jerry Myrs Mayo, was born 21 October 1953 in Baltimore, Maryland; graduated from Atlantic Christian College, attended UNC Chapel Hill, got her Masters Degree in religious education and church music from Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.. She was commissioned by the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary to Tokyo, Japan. After a period of time, she changed her career goals. At the present time (1987) she is Activities Director/ Social Worker at Stewart Health Center Springmore Retirement Community, Raleigh, N.C.

Teresa Lynn Mayo, the third child of Irma Ruth Lee Mayo and Jerry Myrs Mayo, was born 13 March 1957 in Clinton, N. C.; married 14 October 1978 Ralph Dawson Webb, born 24 April 1955 in Macclesfield, N. C., son of Henry Ralph Webb and Hilda Tugwell Webb. He is a graduate of Durham Technical College and is, in 1987, Director of Respiratory Therapy at Heritage Hospital, Tarboro, N. C.. Teresa is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, N. C., and is employed with Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company in Rocky Mount, N. C. They live in Macclesfield and have two children:

Jason Myrs Webb born 25 April 1982 in Wilson

Dana Erin Webb born 8 February 1986 in Wilson

LEMUEL H. HARDY

Lemuel H. Hardy was the third child of Lemuel M. and Temesia Ann Mewborn Hardy. He was born the 17th of March 1853 died 29 March 1930. He married in 1874 Bettie John Hartsfield, who was born 7 June 1847 and died 7 February 1925. Both were great-grandchildren of Parrott and Lydia Hardy Mewborn. Lemuel H. Hardy was a Primitive Baptist preacher and died while preaching in the pulpit. He is buried at Atlantic, N. C.

In 1905 he wrote a Mewborn-Hardy Family History which was placed in the lateral file, Genealogy Library, Hall of History, Raleigh, N.C.. The following is a transcription of his work, with some minor changes, such as added punctuation, a very few corrections in spelling, and listing of some names for clarity, rather than continuous in paragraph form. Names, initials, words in parenthesis are the editor's for explanatory purposes. A few paragraphs have already been used as a preface of this booklet.

A HISTORY OF THE HARDY-MEWBORN FAMILY

BY

ELDER LEMUEL H. HARDY

In preparing and writing the history of the Mewborn family, I feel the task is too great for such an imperfect and illiterate a person as I am. I feel that I cannot do justice to such a great and important task, let my desires be ever so great. My greater desire is that the truth may be written and preserved into book form, that our children may know in generations to come of what nationality they are and who their ancestors were and (their) religious belief(s). Not that any of them have ever gained any great notoriety or applause as to worldly honors on the one hand or of the law degenerated or criminals on the other hand. They have ever chosen the middle road, as we might term it, of life preferring to gain their living by honest labor, their bread by the sweat of the face.

We feel the subject is great, great beyond our power or ability as I have heretofore stated. It is our desire that the truth and only the truth may be written for nothing but the truth will do us or any one any good. We in writing may miss something, as we cannot get historical facts in every instance. If we do, I hope the reader will attribute it to the head and not of the heart, for we are very imperfect beings. We further desire that none of the family shall be left out, nor any favoritisms shall be shown towards any one member of the family above another. If there is any left out, it shall not be my fault for I have exhausted all the power or means I have to reach every one.

In writing of our ancestors we will have to rely somewhat upon traditions, that is what has been handed down by members of the family from one generation to the next generation, as well as (upon) records that we have been able to find in the office of the Secretary of the

State, also in the offices of the Superior Court and Register of Deeds, Bertie County, N. C.....

Lemuel Hardy was the 3rd son of Lemuel and Mary (Sutton) Hardy, his wife. He was born in 1779 in the southwest corner of Greene County, North Carolina. His father was of Huguenot extraction but later of German descent.(??) When he had grown up, he built and settled one half mile of his father's homestead but in Lenoir County. He first married Eunity Taylor, who died leaving one daughter:

(Martha) Patsy, who married John Aldridge. Her descendants live in Lenoir and Pamlico Counties.

Lemuel then married Anna Mewborn, daughter of Parrott and Lydia (Hardy) Mewborn, who bore him six children:

Parrott Mewborn Hardy, named in honor of his mother's father. He settled not far from the old Mewborn homestead. His first wife was Louisa (T.) Daniel. She bore him two sons: Stephen P. and John L. After the death of his first wife, he married Sarah Aldridge, who bore him Mary (A.) who died unmarried; Susan (E.), married James Becton; Martha, married Thomas H. Hart; Parrott M.,11 married Susan (M.) Larouque; William A. (Alexander) married (1) Annie J. Larouque; Lemuel M. married Louisa Emory; (Levi) Sutton died unmarried; James (R.) married Barbara Wiggins.

Susan (Susannah) Hardy married Wyatt Moye. I do not know about their children if they had any. (She was deceased by 1844 when her father wrote his will.)

May married Redmond Broom, who was a minister of the M. E. church. If she bore any children by Mr. Broom I do not know. (May also is not named in her father's will. James R. Broom later married May's half-sister Eunity Hardy.)

Lydia Hardy married Justus Daniel. She bore him Parrott Mewborn Daniel who was wounded severely in the Battle at Fort Harrison below Richmond and died. Andrew Jackson Daniel married Bettie Croomwell of Edgecomb County and she bore one daughter. (Lemuel H. Hardy may have confused these two sons of Lydia and Justus Daniel.)

Sarah Hardy married Alexander Dawson: Patsy died unmarried; Elizabeth married John Williams, Mary Parrott married John T. Daily; Huldah married Allen Barrow; Alexander J. married a Miss Emery; Benjamin married a Miss Emery; Sarah married a Sutton. (Were Patsy, Elizabeth, Mary, Huldah, Alexander, Benjamin and Sarah children of Sarah and Alexander Dawson?)

After the death of his wife Annie, Lemuel Hardy married her sister Patsy Mewborn. She bore him eleven children as follows:

Elizabeth married H. H. (Henry Hardy) Gibbons, who was a very noted Methodist minister. She had a number of children.

Eunity Hardy became the 2nd wife of Redmond Broom and bore him Elizabeth who married a Mr. (R.C.) Redford; Hattie married a Mr. (A. M.) Carr; Henry H; Lemuel; I do not know who they (the last two) married. (According to Colonel David Hardee in "The Hardy-Hardee

Family in the South and Southwest" page 45, Henry H. Broome married Edith O. Aldridge and Lemuel Moye Broome married Helen Hooker.)

Edith married Reuben Barrow; their daughter Mary Susan married Nathaniel Brinson; John L. I do not know who he married; Henry H. married Lucy Reed; Cornelia married Samuel Brinson; Nannie married George Brinson.

Louisa Hardy married W. H. Cunningham, a Methodist minister.

Nancy L. Hardy married George Mewborn. (He was the son of Parrott and Mary Aldridge Mewborn.)

Lemuel M., the oldest son of Lemuel and Patsy Mewborn Hardy, was born 17 March 1822. He was of a weakly temperment but very lively in his disposition and was very fond of dancing. In his early manhood he experienced a change of heart and was received into the Primitive Baptist Church at Bear Creek in Lenoir County. In the church he filled the office of both deacon and clerk for a number of years. Before his death, he and his wife moved their membership from Bear Creek to Mewborn's for convenience. He was a Democrat in politics and was a Justice of the Peace for a number of years. He bought the Thompsonian medical rights and practiced that line of medical rights when he was called on. He owned a good home and a number of slaves. When the question of abolishing slavery came up, he very strongly opposed it and became a strong secessionist in 1860. In the later part of the winter of 1862/3, he had an attack of typhoid fever but nearly recovered from that when on the morning of April 13th 1963, he died suddenly from some heart trouble. His remains now rest in the family burrying grounds near Mewborn's Meeting House in Greene County.

Lemuel M. Hardy married Temesia Ann Mewborn, the oldest child of Elder Parrott Mewborn and Mary Aldridge Mewborn. She was born the 20th day of November 1822. In early life she showed a very persevering turn and this disposition followed her as long as she lived. She was a great lover of home and family and saw much uneasiness if any of the family were out of place. She learned the trade of tailor and did much of that kind of work. Spinning and weaving was the way of finishing cloth in her early life and she did much of that with her own hands. I do not know the date of her marriage to our father but probably some time in 1845. (It was 20 February 1845.) In September 1844 she professed a hope in Christ and was received into the fellowship in the church at Bear Creek and was baptised by her father. She continued in the faith as long as she lived in this world.

Her mind proved to be spiritual and she acquired much familiarity with the Bible and often talked well thereon. Mother often took, sometimes one then the other of her children with her when she went to her secret prayer unto God. We all ought to think of her and of her very worthy examples which she set before us. The faith and doctrines of her Primitive Baptist Church were the most precious of all things in this world to her.

The fruits of her marriage to my father were five children of whom I will write further on in this sketch. When father died, he left an estate in land, negroes and stocks, but was pretty heavily

in debt. Mother then had to battle with the affairs of this life as she never had before and all the cares became hers but she had a loving father and an ever watchful God to guide her. On April 29th 1864, her father was called home and she felt more desolate than before, but her appeals unto her God continued by day and by night.

In July 1864 she was again married to my father's brother, Benjamin G. Hardy. He had six children, thus our family was doubled at once. I have often thought of that family. No visitor could have known by the treatment we received but what we were all one set of children. Also we had some of the children of one of our aunts and they, too, received the same treatment. She bore no children by her second husband. My step-father was also clerk and deacon in the Primitive Baptist Church. He died the second Sunday in June 1873 and mother was again left very desolate and had to battle with poverty as she never did before but her God never forsook her. During her widowhood from the death of both my father and my stepfather I never knew her to eat at her table without returning thanks to God and asking Him for continuance of His mercies to us. These are pleasant memories to all of her children.

In 1875 it became necessary for us to sell our old homestead in Greene County. We moved to the eastern part of the state. Mother died on the 20 day of July 1904. Her remains rest in the cemetary at Sandy Grove Meeting House in Beaufort County where she last held her membership. Thus ended the life of a great woman, a mother in Israel.

(It would be interesting to insert here a paragraph which Temesia wrote in a letter to Elder P. D. Gold, asking him to publish in the "Zion's Landmark" a letter she had just received from her son Elder Lemuel H. Hardy. She wrote:

"I received this good and to me very precious letter from my son, Elder L. H. Hardy, on yesterday and wishing to see it in the dear Land Mark, I send it to you. It is at your disposal, if you see proper to publish it, may it comfort some dear mother in Israel as it has comforted me.

"I have just turned in my eightieth year the 20th of November, and so far my health is as good as I could expect it to be at my age. I feel that goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life. I have had many troubles, trials, and conflicts by the way, but the blessed Lord has brought me safely through them thus far. He has blessed me with good kind children and grandchildren that are very kind to me and care for me in my old age; and I hope the Lord will bless them all, and my dear great-grandchildren with grace sufficient for their day. Some of my children live some distance from me, but through the blessings of the Lord we can hear from each other by letter. I do receive some good preaching letters from my dear son, Elder L. H. Hardy. I read them and feast on them. May the Lord bless him in his labors, and you, brother Gold; you both have many trials, but I hope the Lord will sustain you both by his grace.

"With love to yourself and family, I remain,
Your little sister in hope,
T. (Temesia) A. (Ann) (Mewborn) Hardy
Idalia, N. C. 12-7-1901")

Her oldest child Nancy was born March 30, 1848. She married Bennett F. Aldridge but she bore no children. Her religious faith is with the Primitive Baptist, but she has never united with the church. She is a very useful woman as a nurse in cases of confinement of her neighbor women and sometimes exercises the office of midwife. She is of a very motherly disposition. Her husband is a mechanic. He is also a Primitive in faith. He is a Republican in politics.

The second child, George Mewborn Hardy, was born February 3, 1851. He has been a farmer the most of his life, but has proved to be very proficient in teaching school. He has an English education, the most of which he acquired by hard study outside of the school room and while he was teaching others. He has well filled the office of Justice of the Peace and committeeman of the public schools. He is a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, has filled the office of clerk, both of the church and the Association to which he belonged. He is also a very efficient deacon in the church. In early life he married Lucy A. Fields, a poor but very industrious woman. She never made any outward profession of Religion. (The children listed below were named in 1905 before their families were completed.)

Their oldest son is J. Albert Hardy, who is a prominent man in the management of the public affairs of his neighborhood and county. He is a Justice of the Peace. He married Maggie White and they have five children.

The second child of George M. and Lucy F. Hardy, Thomas L. is not a prominent man in his neighborhood but devotes his time to farming and home affairs. He married Bettie Foreman and they have four children living.

Their third child Mary E. (Lizzie) married Joshua H. Warren. They have two children.

Their fourth child P. (Parrott) Otho is unmarried.

Their fifth child Sarah T. (Sac) married Robert Aligood and has two children. In her young life she experienced a change of heart and became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church and has continued in that faith. She was also a teacher in the public schools.

Their sixth child Lucy A. (Teely) married Barnie Cayton. They have no children.

Their seventh child Patsey P. married William Lee.

Their eighth child Levi J. (Jesse) lives with his father.

George Mewborn and Lucy A. Fields Hardy had several children who died in infancy. (After) Lucy died George married Agnus Mann, a Primitive Baptist. She bore him one child: James T., but he died in infancy.

The third child of Lemuel M. and Temesia A. Hardy is Lemuel H. He was born on the 17th day of March 1853. Like his other brothers he grew up amid the wild company of a steam-mill life. He felt the sting of conviction for sin in his early

life, but was very wayward. At the age of seventeen he gave himself over to dancing and card playing to try to put out the burning fire of conviction within. This proved to be but adding fuel to fire and it burned the hotter. He received a hope in Christ on the 3rd day of June 1873 and on the 4th Sunday in July he was baptised into the fellowship of the Primitive Baptist Church at Mewborn's Meeting House by Elder S. Pate. The next June he began to exercise in the gospel ministry but was closed up at each effort until January 1876, he was with the church on Goose Creek Island when the door of liberty was opened to his comfort and to the praise of the Lord. He visited and preached for several churches and two of them, Hunting Quarter and North River in Carterett County called for his ordination. At the second call the church at Milton, now Bethel, in Pamlico County ordered the Ordination. This took place on the first day of July 1877; the same day he baptised his youngest sister Patsy. In August following he accepted the call from Hunting Quarter and North River.

On the 29th day of January 1874 the Lord gave him a blessed companion in the person of Miss Bettie J. Hartsfield, (born 17 June 1847 died 7 February 1925) who has been a great burden bearer in the family. Her great-grandmother was sister to his grandfather Elder Parrott Mewborn. To them were born two children: Rebecca T. (born ca 1874 died 1960/1) who married (1) Harvey F. Glancy; they had three children, one of whom died; the other two were W. L. Glancy and Pearl Glancy, who married Virgil H. Mewborn, lives in Kinston and has one child. Rebecca Hardy married (2) Benjamin Parrott Mewborn and (3) Ambrose Fulcher. Lemuel H. Hardy, [VI] the son of Lemuel and Bettie J. Hartsfield, married Minnie F. Frederick, lives in Reidsville, holds a position with the Southern Railway Company and has several children. (One of whom was Lemuel Hardy [the VII], who married Nannie Small and they had Lemuel Hardy [VIII] who was born in 1926 and accidentally killed in 1943, thus ending the direct line of Lemuel Hardys. Another son of Lemuel H. [VI] and Minnie Frederick, Nash Eugene Hardy, Sr. married Siddie Mae Holland, and had a son Nash Eugene Hardy, Jr. born 25 April 1928, who was written up in "N. C. Lives" by William Powell.)

After the ordination of Lemuel H. Hardy, he lived for two years in Beaufort County, but because of the ill convenience of getting to the churches which were under his care, he moved to Carteret County; thus he was separated from all his people except his wife and children. In 1880 he led in the ordination of his uncle Elder D. A. Mewborn at Hadnots Creek in Carteret County. After this he moved to Newport and served six churches which were in the most part prosperous.

In the year 1882 he was persuaded to accept the Democratic nomination to the State Legislature. He made a joint canvass of twenty-five speeches with his competitor and was elected and served in the Legislature of 1883. After this he withdrew from politics in a public way and choosed (sic) rather to suffer afflictions with the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. After this he suffered much persecution from his brethren but the Lord kept him and would not let any wicked hand be laid on him. He accumulated some property in Newport but was compelled to make a sacrifice of it. In 1893 he became pastor and Post Master at Newport and served two years but being very strongly endorsed to move up the country he resigned as Post Master and as pastor of the six churches under his care and in November he moved with his family to Durham. Soon the pastorial field began to open up there and he began the services of several churches. In all, he has served sixteen churches: in Carteret, Beaufort, Person, Durham, Caswell, and Rockingham counties, North Carolina and one in Virginia. At the time of this writing he is serving five churches, one of which is in Beaufort, two in Carteret and one in Caswell and one in Rockingham.

He has no worldly cares except his family, but has given himself to the ministry of the Word and is a witness that they that seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness shall have all of the things of this world to be added to them.

When he lived in the bounds of the White Oak Association, he served there ten years as clerk of the Association. In 1906 he was chosen Moderator of the County Line Association. That Association then dissolved into two associations and he was chosen Moderator of the Upper County Line again and served for several years.

During his ministry he has travelled in the State of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, and New York. He has averaged about one hundred and seventy-five sermons per year for twenty-seven years, the most of which have been in pastorial service. In his early ministry he walked on the average of fifteen hundred miles per year besides his other travels, but latterly he does not walk but little. He has travelled many thousand miles in the ministry in a single year but never asked any person for a cent nor so much as hinted to any one that they ought to pay him for his ministerial service. For two years he has been in position to accept the place of state senator of Rockingham County but has refused the offer because his ministry requires his time.

The fourth child of Lemuel M. and Temesia A. Mewborn Hardy is Parrott M. Hardy. He was born September 1855. He had a

mechanical mind and was inventive, but he met a serious accident by fire and got broken up in his line of work. He was never in any public life. He married Miss Maggie Rowe who bore him 1st Effie P., who married Hertford Gardner, they have three children; 2nd Bertie C. married Miss Glenmore Fredrick, they have four children; 3rd Dan C. who married Miss Pauline Lane, they have three children; 4th Emma G, married William Herring and they have several children; 5th Clinton R, married Gertrude Stephens; 6th Joseph B., married Annie Bell; 7th Hugh P.; 8th Robert L; 9th Alden; 10th Clyde. Maggie died and Parrott married Miss Pattie Denny of Person County. She is a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. She bore him two children, the first died in infancy, the second is named Earl D. (He had two more children by his second wife:Lottie May and Elsie Grey. (ibid 62-68) Quote from his grand-niece, May Hardy Gaskins: 'Parrott Hardy, although rather improvident, was a good family man, helped take care of the children to the extent of sitting with them on the 'women's' side in church even though the men made fun of him for doing so.')

The 5th child of Lemuel and Temesia A. Hardy is Patsy. She was born on May 31 1858. The Lord blessed her with a good hope in His holy name and it was my pleasure to baptise her on the very day of my ordination. In September 1884, in company with my dear wife, I baptised Riley Adams and afterwards (18 December 1884) married him and my sister. They have no child but have raised an orphan boy to be a young man. Brother Adams is now a licensed minister and a member of the church in Raleigh. They live at Wake Forest which is the head-quarters of the Missionary Baptist Church in this state but they remain true to the faith once delivered to the church (Primitive).

Benjamin George Hardy, the second son of Lemuel and Patsy Hardy was born November 13, 1831 and grew to be a good size man, about six feet high. He married Mary Mewborn on the 23 day of March 1952 and they lived happily until her death which took place on the 19 day of April 1864. On the 3rd day of July of the same year 1864, he married Temesia A. Hardy and they lived happily until his death which took place on the 8th day of June 1873. He was received a member of the old school Baptist Church at Mewborn's Meeting House in Greene County, N. C. at their August meeting 1852 and was baptised by Elder Parrott Mewborn; chosen clerk of the church September meeting 1860 and deacon June meeting 1864.

(Among the children of Lemuel and Patsy Mewborn Hardy not listed by Elder Lemuel H. Hardy were: Annie born 1816; Louisa born 1827; Levi S. Hardy born 1833 died 1850; Jesse Hutchins Hardy born 1837 died 1895.)

"The Raleigh News and Observer" carried this obituary of Elder Lemuel H. Hardy with the dateline Kinston, April 3, 1930. The headline read, "PRIMITIVE ELDER DIES IN HARNESS", sub-title: "He had repeated a thousand times the injunction 'Love one another'".

"'I have preached the truth -- I know I have preached the truth.' With these words the venerable Elder L. H. Hardy fell dead in the pulpit of the little Primitive Baptist church at Loris, S. C. last Saturday. The 77 year old minister was pastor of several scattered congregations in this State and South Carolina, one of them located here. His local parishioners today heard of his dramatic death and said they were glad Elder Hardy had died in that fashion. "He wanted to die in the pulpit, preaching the 'living word'", they said.

"For more than 55 years the preacher made the rounds of his charges. He preached 10,000 sermons to congregations from Florida to Canada. He was not an orator in the accepted sense, but his voice had great carrying power, his words were carefully chosen and he knew the Bible as few men have known it. His was one of the kindest of faces. He repeated a thousand times the injunction, 'Love one another'.

"The story of his funeral came up from the little coast town of Atlantic last evening. All business was suspended for the services. The schools were closed and the pupils attended the funeral. Practically the entire population turned out. Three of his brotherhood, veteran ministers like himself, conducted the services. A few years ago there were a score of Primitive Baptist preachers between the ages of 75 and 95 in this part of the State. Most of them have died. They preached for the most part in little frame churches scattered over the countryside, some of the meeting houses more than a century old.

"It was nothing for Elder Hardy to travel several hundred miles to fill an appointment. One of his charges was at Reidsville, in other times a day's journey at least from his Core Sound home. He lived in Atlantic 54 years. He was loved as few have been loved in the "banks" country.

The body of the aged minister lies in the community cemetery in the outskirts of Atlantic. Yaupons and oaks will shade his resting place. Upkeep of the grave will be a community obligation, assumed as fully by Methodists and Missionary Baptists and others as by the people of the veteran's own flock. 'Flock' was one of his favorite words. 'In reality, am I not their shepherd?' he was wont to ask."

COPY OF THE WILL OF JOHN HARDY

According to Colonel David Hardee the will of John Hardy (1690-1719) "is among the most eloquent testaments in Colonial records." It reads, in part as follows:

"In the name of God, Amen. I, John Hardy of Chowan in the Colony of North Carolina, being weak of body but of perfect sound mind and memory, praise therefor being given to Almighty God, do make and ordain this my present last will and testament in manner and form following. This is to say first and principally, I commend my soul to the hands of Almighty God, hoping through the merits, death, and passions of my savior Jesus Christ to have full and free pardon and forgiveness for all of my sins, and to inherit everlasting life, and my body I commit to the earth to be decently buried at the discretion of my executors herein named, and as touching the disposition of my temporal, which it has pleased Almighty God to bestow upon me, I give and dispose as followeth:

"Item: I give unto my loving brother William Hardy one black horse of five years old, and the best suit of clothes I have, also my Buckaneer gun.

"Item: I give unto my brother Thomas Hardy one hundred acres of land out of the tract where he now dwells, on the upper side of the line joining to Lewis Davis, beginning on the Poccasin then running up to the head of the line, and one grey broad clothe coat.

"Item: I give unto my brother Jacob Hardy one grey drugget coat.

"Item: I give unto Kathrine Stancil, widow, one cow and calf.

"Item: I give unto Richard Pickering, one mare two years old.

"Item: I give .....All Johnson....John Butler a certain debt of 22 pounds for which I have his land mortgaged, and I do herby give him the said debt and discharge the said mortgage.

"Item: I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Elizabeth Hardy.....lands [several tracts naming patent dates]

"Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Mary Hardy, this my Manor Plantation, where I now dwell containing 640 acres....patent bearing date November 11, 1707

"Item: I give and bequeath to my well-beloved wife Rebecca Hardy.....Now in case my wife Rebecca should be with child, and deliver in nine months from date hereof, then in such case being a son, I give him the Manor Plantation...and being a daughter....

"Item: To Elizabeth....5 negroes [called by name]

"Item: To Mary....4 negroes [called by name]

"Item: To my wife Rebecca...4 negroes and 1/2 of two others

"Item: Of my moneys in England, divide among wife and children share and share alike

"Item: cattle, horses and sheep....

"Lastly: Rebecca Hardy, Executrix, Bro William Hardy, Thomas Pollock, Jr. and Major Robert West, Executors.

"In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my seal, Jan 19, 1719, and in the sixth year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King George of Great Brittain, France and Ireland, King and Defender of the Faith.

*Contained in three sheets of paper.

John Hardy (Seal)

*Signed, sealed, declared and published as my last will and testament in the presence of

Holbrook
Lawrence Sarton
John Luerton Sarton

Sworn to before Charles Eden [Governor of North Carolina] by John Holbrook on March 16, 1719.

COPY OF THE WILL OF WILLIAM HARDY

This William Hardy was the son of Lemuel Hardy and Elizabeth Parrott Hardy, and was the brother of Lemuel Hardy 11. William was a planter and a miller; he married Sarah Sowell. His will was written 6 December 1783 approved by court in Bertie County, N. C. February 1794, and the division of his estate occured in 1794 according to the provisions of his will.

"In the name of God Amen. I, William Hardy of Bertie County in the Province of North Carolina, a Miller, being weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, I thank the Almighty God for the same, do make and publish this to be my last Will and Testament, in the manner and form following: that is to say, I recommend my Soul to the Almighty God that gave it, beseeching his Most Gracious Acceptance of it, and my Body to the Earth to be Buried in a Christian Burial at the Discretion of my Executozzrs; And as touching my worldly affairs I order and dispose of them as follows:

"First, I will and positively order that as soon as may be, all my Debts may be paid. Then as touching such worldly Estate as it hath pleased God to Bless me with I desire to Dispose of it in the following manner, to wit:

All my Personal Estate. I will that it all should remain together without any Division for and during the term of ten years after my Decease to raise my children and school them; But in case my wife Marries or dies in this time; If she Marries then to be divided one third part to her, and the other two thirds to be Equally divided among my Children. And my Land and my Mill: I will that it be equally Divided among my six sons as near as Possible According to Value, only contriving it so that my youngest son Benjamin should have the place where the Houses stand and houses, Reserving the use of the shed room of my new house that has a chimney to it to my Daughter Elizabeth till she marries. Let it be remembered that nothing herein contained shall debar or hinder my wife with the consent of my Executor from lending to any one of my Children that shall marry within the term of ten years any thing they shall stand in need of not Exceeding what may be thought to be their Dividend.

And concerning my Land: if any of my sons should die before they come to the age of one and twenty years, or before they have any heirs, then his part of the Land to be divided among my Surviving Sons. At the end of ten years, if no division before then, all to be divided except my Land, the one third part to my wife, and the rest to be divided among my children, each one that has had anything the same to be allowed for in their Legacy Agreeable to my Books. As to my land I desire that my wife should live upon it with her family, during her natural life or Widowhood; and if my mother has a mind at any time in sickness or health to come and live with my wife and family it is my desire that she should. Let it be understood that it is my desire that my Daughters should have a proportionable part of my Estate, though they have no land, with my sons in Consideration of the Land.

Item, and lastly I do Constitute and appoint my Brother Edward Hardy, Sr., my Brother Jesse Hardy, my son Lamb Hardy and my son William Parrott Hardy Executors and my wife Sarah Hardy Executrix of this my last Will and Testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have herewith set my hand and seal this 6th day of December Anno Domini 1783.

Wm Hardy

Signed, sealed, declared as
pronounced in the presence of us
Thomas Johnson
Abraham A. Lee (his mark)
Stephen Lee

The following is a copy of the court proceedings in connection with the will of Lemuel Hardy 111, who died in 1846. The original will was destroyed in a court house fire in 1876.

SUPERIOR COURT

Greene County
North Carolina

Jesse H. Hardy, Temasia (sic) Hardy
Nancy Aldridge, G. M. Hardy
L. H. Hardy, Parrott Hardy
and Patsy Hardy
To
The Court

The petition of the plaintiffs respectively represents unto the Court

1 That sometime during the year 1846, Lemuel Hardy, Sr. late of the county and state aforesaid, died domiciled in said county of Greene, first having made and published as his last will and Testament in words and forms as follows, viz: a copy pf which is unto annexed marked "A" and made part of this petition

2 That in November 1846, said last will and Testament was duly proved, recorded and the Executrix Patsy Hardy duly qualified before a Court of competent jurisdiction in Greene County, a copy of all of which is hereunto annexed marked "B" and made a part of this petition

3 That said Patsy Hardy as Executrix took charge and settled the estate of her testator Lemuel Hardy Sr. dec. upon the terms and conditions as set forth in last Will and Testament

4 That in March 1876, the Court House together with all the records of Greene County was burned including the said last Will and Testament of Lemuel Hardy, Sr. a certified copy of which Will and Testament is unto attached

5 That James Williams, the clerk of the Court before which said Will and Testament was proved and recorded and whose certificate is attached to said copy of said Will and Testament, is dead

6 That under said last Will and Testament Lemuel Hardy, Benj. G. Hardy, Levi S. Hardy and Jesse H. Hardy were the sole legatees to whom the lands of Lemuel Hardy, Sr. dec. descended under said last Will and Testament of said Lemuel Hardy, Sr. dec. and that Levi S. Hardy died without leaving an issue of his body and his interest in said lands descended to your petitioner Jesse H. under said last Will and Testament and that your petitioner Jesse H. Hardy sometime in the year 1860 purchased of said Benj G. Hardy his interest in said lands c.....ed under said last Will and Testament of Lemuel Hardy, Sr. dec. and that Lemuel Hardy one of the heirs under said Will died intestate sometime during the year 1863 without having made and published a last Will and Testament, and his interest descended to his widow Temasia Hardy, and his children Nancy Aldridge, G. M. Hardy, L. H. Hardy, Parrott Hardy and Patsey Hardy and that they are all of full age

Wherefore your petitioners pray, that said certified copy of said last Will and Testament with the certificate thereto attached be

admitted to probate and that the same be treated in all respects as the original and for such other and fuller orders as the Court may deem proper.

Arthur Spruill
atty for plaintiffs

Greene County Superior Court

Jesse H. Hardy one of the petitioners being duly sworn says that the facts set forth in the above petition are true of his own knowledge and those not of his own knowledge but are information he believes to be true

Jesse H. Hardy

Sworn and subscribed before me this 27 day of June 1885
D. W. Patrick CSC

Greene County — Superior Court
Jesse H. Hardy et als — Judgment
to
The Court

On this the 27th day of June 1885 came before Mr. D. W. Patrick Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the county of Greene Jesse H. Hardy, G. M. Hardy, Parrott Hardy et als by their attorney at law and in fact Arthur Spruill and offered for the purpose of being recorded in my said office a paper writing purporting to be a duly certified copy of the last Will and testament of Lemuel Hardy dec late of this county.

And upon the evidence, it appearing to my satisfaction that said Lemuel Hardy died leaving a last Will and Testament and that it was duly admitted to probate in the County Court of said county of Greene at November term 1846 and recorded in the Office of said court Book of Wills letter L Page 185,6,7,8,9 and that said paper writing now offered to be recorded is a true and correct copy of said Will and Testament from the record of said court and that the same is genuine and duly certified by the proper officer of said court and that the original Will was destroyed by the burning of the Court House of said county.

It is now on motion of Arthur Spruill Attorney ordered that said paper writing as a right ought to be recorded and filed among the records of this officer as his Will.

D. W. Patrick
Clerk Superior Court

COPY OF THE WILL OF LEMUEL HARDY 111

In the name of God Amen I Lemuel Hardy Sen. of the County of Greene and State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory though weak in body, Blessed be God for the same, considering the mortality of my body knowing that it was once appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament. First I recommentd my soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it nothing doubting but at the General Resurection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God, and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as to my earthly substance that the Lord hath pleased to bless me with I give and dispose of in the following manner:

Item 1st I give unto my Daughter Martha Aldridge all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increse from the time of her having possession thereof and to her and her heirs forever.

Item 2nd I give unto my grandchildren, the children of my daughter Susanna Moye, all the property that I have heretofore put into the hands of Susanna Moye and the increase from the time of her taking possession thereof to them and their heirs forever.

Item 3rd I give unto my daughter Lydia Daniel all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her having it in possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item 4th I give unto my daughter Salley Dawson all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her having possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item 5th I give unto my son Parrott M. Hardy the land and plantation whereon he now lives, it being the land I bought of Moses Shirly, and what other property that I have heretofore put into his hands and the increase from the time of his having possession thereof to him and his heirs forever.

Item 6th I give unto my daughter Anna Hardy all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her having possession thereof to her and her heirs forever.

Item 7th I give unto my daughter Unity Broom all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her taking possession thereof and also three hundred dollars or a nigro girl valued at that sum. I leave it discretionary with my Executors which to give to her and her heirs forever.

Item 8th I give unto my daughter Elizabeth Gibbons all the property that I have heretofore put into her hands and the increase from the time of her taking possession thereof to her and her heirs forever.

Item 9th I give unto my daughter Edith Barrow to (two) nigro boys, one named John and the other Robin, one horse, bridle and saddle and one bedstead and furniture and some other articles too

tedious to mention which I shall put into her possession soon to her and her heirs forever.

Item 10th I give unto my wife Patsy Hardy one nigro man, Willis, one woman, Dolly, and their eight children: David, Seman, and Wincy, Caty, Bob, Bright, Grace, Chelly and their further increase to her and her heirs forever.

Item 11th I lend unto my wife Patsy Hardy all the rest of my lands and plantations during her natural life or widowhood with this encumbrance that she settle Lemuel, Benge G and Levi S to the best advantage on a part of the land that I shall give them hereafter at their arriving to lawful age or marriage, also my stock of nigroes and stock of every description, household and kitchen furniture, my still, blacksmith and plantation tools and all other articles of property that has not heretofore been mentioned with this encumbrance that she raises and schools her children and give them off to them in proportion to what there is in stock as they arrive to lawful age or marriage to them and their heirs forever.

Item 12th I give unto my son Lemuel Hardy all the land lying on the north side of Goods Branch Beginning at the mouth of said branch and running up said branch to a pine at the head of the pond then with a small stream near an East course to Groundnut Swamp and then up said swamp to Benjamin Hardy's line then with his line to the beginning, two nigroes, Raleigh and Rubin, the horse he calls his, a bridle and saddle and such other property as he will need to begin to keep house with to him and his heirs forever.

Item 13th I give unto my son Benjamin G Hardy all my land east of the road Beginning in Goods Branch and running with Lemuel's line to Malachi Fields line then with his line to and down Groundnut Swamp to Wooten's line and with his line to the road then to the beginning to him and his heirs forever.

Item 14th I give to my son Levi S Hardy all land west of the road and South of Oat Marsh and Goods Branch including my home plantation with all its conveniences together with my mill and all its appertences with this encumberance that Parrott, Lemuel and Benjamin have the privilege of Grinding products, provided they will help keep the mill in good repair, to him and his heirs forever.

Item 15th The aforementioned property both personal and perishable that is lent to my wife Patsy Hardy shall or must be divided as near equal between my five youngest children as is convenient as they arrive to lawful age or marriage, as was above mentioned, to them and their heirs forever.

Item 16th My will and desire is that if either of my three sons Lemuel, Benjamin or Levi should die leaving no issue lawfully begotten of their bodies that my youngest son Jesse H Hardy have one of the lots of land that I have set apart or given to them in some of the above items in this will in this manner viz: If Lemuel should die, Benjamin shall have the lot set apart for Lemuel and Levi to have Benjamin's lot, and Jesse H Hardy, my

youngest son, to have the home lot that I gave to Levi; or if Benjamin should die. Levi to have Benjamin's and Jesse to have Levi's lot, the home lot. Now if more than one or any one of them should die after the lands are placed and allotted in this manner leaving no issue as above stated, his lot to be divided among or between the ones surviving, so as to keep the land among the boys is my object.

Lastly I institute nominate and appoint my wife Patsy Hardy and my trusty friend Parrott Mewborn whole and sole executors to this my last Will and Testament revoking disannulling and making void all other former wills and testaments heretofore made and ratifying this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th day of October 1844.

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of us who in the presence of each other and in his presence have subscribed our names

Lemuel E. Hardy Lemuel Hardy Sr.

Jesse Hardy

THE MEWBORN FAMILY

The North Carolina family of Mewborns began with Thomas Mewborn. He was born in England in 1668 the son of James Mewborn, Sr., who also had sons James Mewborn, Jr. and John. Thomas came to America and settled in Bertie County. He bought land from Samuel Paget in 1729 on Queen Anne's Creek and Chowan River. He died in 1749. His wife Eleanor is listed in his will dated February 23, 1749 along with their children: Moses, Nicholas, Joshua, John, George, Thomas and Mary.

George Mewborn sold his land in Bertie County and moved to Dobbs County 10 miles west of Kinston of Falling Creek now Lenoir County and near the present community of Institute. He married Mary Parrott, the daughter of Jacob and Martha Fewox Parrott. The Parrotts as well as the Suttons were located in the Falling Creek of Lenoir County. All were leading families and were in horse and buggy distance of each other and they were closely intermarried.

George and Mary Mewborn had one son, George Parrott Mewborn, born 11 March 1765 in the present Lenoir County. Parrott was orphaned early in life and his wife's uncle, Lemuel Hardy 11 and his wife Mary Sutton helped rear him. Parrott Mewborn married Lydia Hardy, the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Howell Hardy. Parrott and Mary had nine children: Annie, Hardy, Levi, Patsy, Parrott 11, Edith, Elizabeth, Lemuel Hardy, and Lydia.

These children intermarried with the Hardy, Parrott, Gray and Aldridge families and their children did the same; this accounts for the close ties among these families.

Parrott Mewborn 1 born 11 March 1765 married Lydia Hardy, born 26/8 April 1768, daughter of Benjamin Hardy and Nancy Howell; had the following children:

Annie Mewborn born 26 July 1787 died 30 April 1815 married 19 April 1806 Lemuel Hardy born 1779

Hardy Mewborn born 7 August 1789 died in 1815, age 26 married Deborah Parrott born 1796, a cousin. Their grand-parents were George Mewborn and Mary Parrott Mewborn. After Hardy Mewborn's death, his widow married his brother Levi as his first wife.

Edith Mewborn born 7 September 1791 married John P. Gray born 1786; their son Parrott Mewborn Gray married Elizabeth Sugg, and their son John Parrott Gray born 1837 became the ward of Elder Parrott Mewborn 11

Levi Mewborn born 9 September 1793 married (1) Deborah Parrott born 1796, his brother Hardy's widow; married (2) Susan Parrott

Patsy Mewborn born 16 February 1796 died 16 February 1851, married 1815 Lemuel Hardy born 1779

Parrott Mewborn 11 born 1 January 1799 died 29 April 1864; married 27 November 1821 Mary Aldridge born 17 March 1802 died 19 July 1881

Elizabeth Mewborn born 5 March 1801 died 1845 married ca 1824 Major Hardee, born 1806(?) died 7 April 1869, the son of Joseph and Sarah Bright Hardee

Lemuel Hardy Mewborn born 21 March 1803 married Louisa Kilpatrick

Lydia Mewborn born 9 August 1805 died 14 May 1846/7; married 5 November 1827 Bright Hardee born 18 November 1802 died 12 November 1841, son of Joseph and Sarah Bright Hardee

Parrott Mewborn 11 born 1799 married 27 November 1821 Mary Aldridge born 1802, daughter of Drewry Aldridge and Edith Hardy; had the following children:

Temesia Ann Mewborn born 29 November 1822 died 20 July 1904 married 20 February 1845 (1) Lemuel Mewborn Hardy born 17 March 1822 died 18 April 1863; married (2) July 1864 Benjamin George Hardy

George Mewborn born 26 December 1824 died 3 November 1859 married 29 February 1848 Nancy Louisa Hardy born 21 January 1830 died 29 November 1866

Joshua Mewborn born 18 April 1827 died 29 January 1907 married 11 October 1853 Winifred Wooten born 17 April 1831 died 25 January 1903. He served in the Civil War 1861-1865, Co. F 40th Regiment

Nancy Mewborn born 18 July 1829 died 4 May 1864 married 3 or 31 August 1856 John Parrott Gray born 8 February 1837 died 31 August 1896.

Mary Mewborn born 11 March 1832 died 19 April 1864 married 1852 Benjamin George Hardy born 13 November 1831 died 8 June 1873

Parrott Mewborn 111 born 1834 died 1881 married (1) 1863/5 Laney Jane Hardy born 1845 died 1876, married (2) 1878 Winifred Hardy born 1854 died 1879, both daughters of William E. and Rosa Hardy. He served in the Civil War,Junior Reserves

Edith Ann Mewborn born 12 October 1836 died 2 March 1915 married 1865 John Parrott Gray born 8 February 1837 died 31 August 1896. He had previously married her sister Nancy Mewborn.

Drewry Aldridge Mewborn born 14 June 1840 married 17 January 1867 Peniah Adelaide Dixon born 3 October 1848 died 30 September 1937. He served in the Civil War and was a Primitive Baptist minister. Peniah was the daughter of Richard and Mary Barrington Sugg Dixon, and the granddaughter of Josiah and Elizabeth Aldridge Sugg, and the great-granddaughter of Drewry Aldridge 11 and Edith Hardy.

Levi Jesse Hardy Mewborn born 1842 died 1926 married Ruth C. Whitted born 1845. He served in the Civil War Company F 4th Regiment.

Lydia Jane Mewborn born 1844 died 1874 married William C. Whitted born 1839

The connection between the Hardys, Mewborns and Rowes in addition to that noted above came about through the marriage of Nancy Lemuel Hardy, daughter of Benjamin George Hardy and Mary Mewborn, to John Riley Rowe, born 3 January 1852 died 6 October 1899, the son of John T. Rowe and Penelope Ross Rowe. Both John T. and John Riley Rowe were Primitive Baptist preachers and it is said that they were influential in

persuading the Hardys to move to Beaufort County. There is a marker in Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery near Aurora in memory of John Riley Rowe, their pastor and minister for 25 years. Nancy and John Riley Rowe were married in Beaufort County by Elder Lemuel H. Hardy, her first cousin and step-brother. Furthermore, John Riley Rowe and Sidney Ann Rowe (White), the mother of the wife of Joshua Albert Hardy (Maggie White), were brother and sister.

There is a collection of print-outs gathered at the Mewborn Family annual reunions held the third Sunday in April at the Mewborn Primitive Baptist Church near Jason. In 1970 Mary Mewborn Hardy was honored. The speaker of the day was a grandson, the Rev. Charlie H. Mewborn, son of Jesse Leonidas Mewborn and Mary Mewborn Hardy Mewborn. Five of the grandchildren besides the speaker were present that day. Among them were Lucy Rowe of Rocky Mount, age 78, Cecilla Rowe Anderson, age 84, Nannie _____, age 90, and Rachel Tayloe of Goldsboro.

The write-up about Mary Hardy Mewborn states that "the same year Mary and Benjamin George were married, they were received members of the church at Mewborn Meeting House and were baptised by her father Elder Parrott Mewborn 11. She was a faithful member and a firm believer in Christ up to her death. Benjamin became a deacon and clerk at Mewborn Meeting House. It is said that the old Dick Sutton home place, was the home of Benjamin George Hardy and Mary Mewborn Hardy, this being Benjamin's share of his father's land. (See will of Lemuel Hardy 111.) He was the son of Lemuel Hardy and Patsy Mewborn They were first cousins, as Patsy Mewborn was sister to Parrott Mewborn 11.

Mary died during the Civil War, leaving behind a husband and six small children, the oldest being eleven years old and the baby a few days old. After Mary's death, Benjamin married Temesia. She had 5 making a total of 11, ranging in age from 16 to a few months old. Think of Temesia; in April 1663 after a lengthly illness, she lost her husband Lemuel Hardy, leaving her with 5 small children. Then in April the 19th, 1864, her sister Mary died, then 10 days later on April 29, 1864, her father passed away, then 6 days later she lost her sister Nancy Mewborn Gray. In July of the same year she married Benjamin and in October he was called away for duty in the war, leaving her with the 11 children to feed and care for until his return July 1, 1865, and to add more to all this, she had four brothers that were also in the Civil War away from home, not knowing if they would ever return home alive."

THE ALDRIDGE FAMILY

Thomas A. Aldridge married Mary Smith.

Drury Aldridge, Sr., son of Thomas and Mary Smith Aldridge, married Mary Barrington; they had eight children:

Mary Aldridge born ca 1751, married John Murphey of the Bear Garden in Greene County

John Aldridge born 1754, served in the Revolution from Dobbs Co.

William Aldridge born ca 1756, married Elizabeth Smith, also served in the Revolution

Jesse Aldridge born ca 1758, married Anna Hardy, the daughter of Benjamin and Nancy Howell Hardy, they were the parents of Howell Aldridge

Meg Aldridge died as a child, drowned in pond on the plantation

Martha (Patsey) Aldridge born ca 1762, married John Suggs, Jr.

Thomas Barrington Aldridge born 1763 married Nancy Turner. (Their children raised by Drew, Jr.)

Drury Aldridge, Jr. born 1766 died 1840 married (1) in 1786 Edith (Edey) Hardy born ca 1768 died 1832, daughter of Lemuel and Mary Sutton Hardy; Drury married (2)a Sutton of Bucklesberry

The children of Drew, Jr. and Edith H. Aldridge:

Drewry Aldridge 111 born ca 1800, married Anna, moved to Georgia and Texas

Mary Jane Aldridge born 17 March 1802 died 19 July 1881, married 27 November 1821 Parrott Mewborn 11, born 1 January 1799 died 29 April 1864, son of Parrott and Lydia Howell Hardy Mewborn

Elizabeth Aldridge born 1804 married Josiah Sugg, her first cousin, son of John Sugg, Jr. and Martha (Patsey) Aldridge Sugg.

Thomas Aldridge born 1811 married Mary Edmundson

Edith Ann Aldridge born 1817

In "The History of Greene County" by James M. Creech there are numerous references to the Aldridges, Suttons, Mewborns, and Hardys. One of the more interesting sections concerns the Aldridge family found on pages 325 ff. The plantation manor of Drury Aldrige, Sr. was Myrtle Bluffs, and Drury Aldridge called his place Drewfields. Martha Sugg Dixon, a granddaughter of Patsey Aldridge Sugg wrote about these two places. The following are excerpts from that book:

"Drew and Mary Barrington Aldridge lived near Jason. Their home was the Bluffs on Drew Creek. It was a large Dutch house painted yellow with four rooms and a hall on the first floor and three rooms and a hall on the second floor. A large porch stretched across the front of the house with the left corner walled in to form an office. Grandpa Drew was a county justice and he and some of the bench held court in this room when the weather was such that they could not reach the old Court House. Grandma Patsey told of playing in this room while court was in session with Justice Drew presiding in his turban, dressing gown and slippers while passing a long stemmed clay pipe amongst his peers. But

at the main sitting of the court and for formal occasions, he wore a great wig and full scarlet robe with a little collar like a priest's.....

"Justice Aldridge was quite a botanist and collector of plants. His gardens, or as he called them, his park, was the largest and most beautiful in the county. My father often said he didn't know what Heaven would be like....but if the southern part of Heaven was not as beautiful as the Bluffs, then he would turn around and come back. The lane up to the house was lined with myrtles and dogwood, which in any season made a lovely picture. In the spring, the dogwoods bloomed snowy white, in the summer the myrtles bloomed a delicate pink and in the autumn, the leaves of the dogwood were red and those of the myrtle a bright yellow. Green lawns were planted beneath these trees and large flocks of sheep were kept grazing there, kept out of the orchards on either side by high rail fences. The lane dipped down to a small creek and then up again before reaching the house. This creek was dammed up to form a large pond and was spanned by a lovely wooden bridge. This pond was called Meg's Hole after a young daughter of Justice Aldridge drowned there as a child. This pond was surrounded by a myriad of shrubs and bushes brought from near and far and laid out so that in every season there was a warmth of colors and hues. All these gardens were laid out not in the rigid formal patterns so popular at that time, but more like an English park. In fact, it was used by the people of the neighborhood as almost a public park for gatherings and promenades. Many an arbor dance, camp meeting and fish feast were held in this lovely spot. The Justice also laid out a race course on the banks of Hullets Creek to which the general populace of the Tysons Marsh and Bear Creek communi- ties repaired. There were a number of small amusements and rides built into the park for the children and a small herd of tame deer. It was a great treat for all the children to be allowed to feed these animals with salt and fruit.....

"The park at the Bluffs was inherited by Drew, Jr. and kept up with some improvements until the war. The Judge's wife (Edith Hardy, Temesia Newborn Hardy's grandmother) is remembered as a very haughty woman with a flare for stylish dress and abundant jewelry. She was from a fairly well off family near New Bern (?) but most of the Judge's family felt that he had married beneath him. It was said that when she walked about the plantation or town, she was accompanied by a small Negro boy, who held a parasol over her in imitation of the English nobility, and a Negress who carried a basket with her keys, fan, shawl and other needed items. Her nickname Jezabell was given to her for more than one reason.

"Most of the home plantation was heired by Drew Aldridge, Jr., who lived in the old house before building his own. His new house was on Tysons Marsh in what was called the Drewfield and his nephew Howell Aldridge, son of Jesse and Anna Hardy Aldridge, moved into the old place. Drew, Jr. raised not only his family but that of his brother, (Thomas Barrington Aldridge), to the number of thirteen children. So he needed a much larger house. It was a large two story house with eight rooms and large double porches on the front and back.

Late in life, Drew, Jr. married as a second wife, one of the Suttons of Bucklesberry. The marriage turned sour and a mutual dislike

grew between one another. Drew, Jr. built a small four room wing to the side of his house where he installed his wife, which he ever after called the "Rookerie". The only door into the house had a table placed in it so that he could sit at one end of the table and she at the other with the family in between. But she would never again enter the main house nor he the wing. If he wished to converse with her, he would write a note, place it on a tray and have it carried by a servant to the "Rookerie". Mrs. Aldridge would read it, write her answer and have it returned in the same manner.

"Drew, Jr. gave the old place to his daughter Polly (Mary) Mewborn, wife of Parrott Mewborn II although Howell Aldridge continued to live there. When the Yankee armies invaded the county, the Drewfields was burned, but the nurse at the Bluffs told the Yankees that Master had fled and the house was now hers, in hopes that the house would not be destroyed. Her ruse saved it from the torch but not the vandals. The Yankees, thinking that valuables were hidden there, much despoiled the interior. All the first floor rooms were wainscoated and the entire fireplace walls were panelled. All of this was torn out by the soldiers looking for valuables. Many of the floor boards were also taken up and much plastering knocked out. The park was used as a camp ground and almost totally destroyed. Old Mr. Howell died a refugee just before the close of the war but his family returned to the Bluffs. But because of the type and extent to the house, his family nor any other ever lived again at the Bluffs."

Another interesting passage containing references to the Mewborns and the Hardys is found on pp 244-249 in an account by Mrs. Winnie Aldridge Sugg, entitled "My Personal Experience of War". She wrote:

"Mother seemed to think that we had fared worse than anyone else. In the afternoon she took me over to our nearest neighbor's, Mrs. Mewborn, (this was Nancy Hardy Mewborn, wife of George Mewborn (he died in 1859), whose house is still standing on the farm of Mrs. Harold Sutton, a grand-daughter) who was a widow with a large plantation. When we arrived, the same yankees (who had just looted their plantation) were looting her plantation.....Mrs. Mewborn's brother, Mr. Ben Hardy, was very sick and we went every day to inquire of her how he was and to offer what help we could give. (The writer may have confused Ben Hardy with Lemuel Hardy who was very sick and died in April of 1863; Ben Hardy's wife, Mary Mewborn, sister of George Mewborn, died in April 1864, apparently of complications following childbirth.

"We found Mrs. Mewborn greatly distressed one day because she was not allowed to go see her brother. There were pickets on the road and the army was camping at Mr. Hardy's house.....On arriving at the house, (the house was located near the Greene-Lenoir County line, some two miles pass Jason).....

In a latter part of Creech's History of Greene County, we find another reference to the Hardy brothers and Jason in a section intitled "Reminiscences" pp 629 ff: "We then come to a place they call Jason... ....over there is the resting place of the Hardy brothers, who came from Bertie County and settled here; Lemuel Hardy, Jr. became a large land owner in this section, and married Mary Sutton. Brother Benjamin Hardy

was politically minded and held many offices at Colonial and State levels--a member of the first Provincial Congress held at New Bern, N. C., under Governor William Tryon and verified November 14, 1766. Both served in the Revolution, Benjamin as a Captain and Lemuel as a Private. Benjamin married Nancy Howell. Both of these Hardy brothers have many descendants living in Greene County today--see their graves over there on Bear Creek, near Jason."

A section of letters pp 674ff, composed mostly of letters from the Murphey-Aldridge families, has one of a happier note and of particular interest to the Hardy-Mewborn family. It was written at the Beare Garden, dated September 10, 1770, by Gale Murphey:

"Dear Brother

"We got here last evening & are in good health altho' much fatigued. The season has started off better than any I can remember. Papa alllowed us to go to the festivities at Walnut Creek (Walnut Creek Court was a few miles NW of present day LaGrange, once called Mosely Hall.) for the opening of the courts & we did have a high ole time. A dinner & ball were held at the courthouse--about 40 or 50 attending--a sparkling company. Madame Sasser as usual outdid all there. Papa entered his horse Marc Antony in the heats but lost to Major Croom's filly Royal Flush. Abe Shepherd's horse Donegal won the second heat and Billy Sutton's horse Jupitar the last. The tract was some muddy which Pa accounts for Marc's bad showing. Went home with Lam (Lemuel) Hardy for two days of marryment (sic) and then came home. Mary Mewborn (Mary Parrott Mewborn, widow of George Mewborn) and sister Caswell and family came with us to attend church. Revd. Miller also accompanied us and on Monday Papa threw a Birth Day ball for Mama....This morning came Mr. Dick Caswell and invited Papa to go down to Newbern for the opening of the Government House because he is the Surveyor and one of the chiefest men in these parts. I am so excited. Papa is allowing me to go along and meet the Governor. Mama says she does not much care for him but that his Lady is quite a charming person.....

Other pages of interest in "The History of Greene County" by James. M. Creech are tax lists on pp 112-123, 129-131; list of voters pp 131-135; early Greene County censuses pp 155-161, 162-171, 144-149; war records 198, 201, 224, 229, 237, 250; owners of slaves 265; schools and or churches 174, 525,526, 598.

THE SUTTON FAMILY

Although the Suttons intermarried with the Hardys to a great extent as itemized in detail in "The Suttons of England and North Carolina" compiled by Marjorie Sutton Oliver of La Grange, N. C., the George Mewborn Hardy family's only direct connection with the Suttons was through Mary Sutton who married Lemuel Hardy 11.

Mrs. Oliver writes: "Our first Sutton ancestor in America was George who was born about 1620, died 12 April 1669 in Perquimans County, N. C., where he had moved 1668. He married 16 March 1636 Sarah Tilden, baptised 13 June 1613 died 20 March 1677 also in Perquimans. She was the daughter of Nathaniel and Lydia Huckstep Tilden, of Tenterdon, Kent, and later of Scituate, Massachusetts. She lists their children as follows:

Nathaniel Sutton born ca 1637 died 29 December 1681; married 12 August 1668 Deborah Austin (Astine), in Nansemond County, Virginia before coming to N. C. They were Quakers soon after arriving in Perquimans County, so their records are found in the Monthly Meeting minutes. Nathaniel's will was probated 12 March 1682. Their children were: George, Joseph, Rebecca and Nathaniel, Jr.

Joseph Sutton born 6 August 1673 died 18 January 1723; married 18 June 1695 Parthenia Durant born 1 August 1675, daughter of George and Ann Marwood Durant. Their children were: George, Thomas, Joseph, Christopher, Elizabeth, Parthenia, and Sarah.

Thomas Sutton born 15 March 1699 married Elizabeth Chauncey born 8 December 1701 died 1740 (?), daughter of William Chauncey, Sr. and Deborah Symonds of Pasquotank County. Their children were: Thomas, John, Elizabeth, William, Parthenia, George, Judith, Joshua, Jasper, Sarah, and Mary born 6 November 1747 died in 1800, married Lemuel Hardy, Jr.

So there we have the connection with the Hardys and the Suttons. Perhaps the best known of all these names in other circles is that of George Durant because of the first recorded deed in North Carolina. It was made to George Durant 1 March 1662 by King Kilcocanen, King of the Yeopin Indians for a tract of land in the present Perquimans County. There had been some grants before this date, for this deed refers to previous sales, but this was the first recorded one. George Durant's Bible is in the North Carolina Archives, and a copy of the Bible record is in the State Library. George Durant was born 1 October 1632 died 1692 married 4 January 1658 Ann Marwood who died 22 January 1694, the daughter of John Marwood who came to Virginia in the Globe in August of 1635.

There is another slight connection with the Suttons through the Symonds in this compiler's family as the Symonds were neighbors of her Quaker Trueblood ancestors. Jeremiah Symonds was the guardian of the

children of the immigrants, John and Agnes Trueblood, who died in 1692 shortly after their arrival in the colonies.

Another interesting family connection, although quite remote is the Chauncey family. Mary Sutton Hardy, wife of Lemuel Hardy II, was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Chauncey Sutton. That line has not been verified all the way back to Charles Chauncey but we know that Charles came to New England in 1637, settling at Scituate, Massachusetts, the same area as the Sutton family. Charles was born 5 November 1592 at Yardly, County Hertford, son of George and Agnes Welch Chauncey. He received his A.B. degree from Trinity, Cambridge, his A.M. in 1617, and B.D. in 1624. He became the second president of Harvard, which was founded in 1636. He married in 1630 Catharine Eyre, daughter of Robert and Ann Still Eyre. Their children were: Sarah born 1631, Isaac born 23 August 1632, Ichabod born 1635, Barnabas born 1637, Nathaniel and Elanthan, twins born 1639, Israel, and Hannah. All the sons were said to have become ministers. Down the line about two generations we have:

Hannah born ca 1667 (her guardian was Matthew Toler) married Thomas Burnby
Edmund
William Chauncey died 28 February 1749, married 2 November 1700
Deborah Symonds, born 1683, daughter of Jeremiah Symonds
(born ca 1655 died 13 February 1715), daughter:
Elizabeth Chauncey born 8 December 1701, married ca 1720
Thomas Sutton, born 15 March 1699 died 3 February 1750.
Elizabeth and Thomas Sutton had eleven children:
Mary Sutton born 6 November 1747 the last known child

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THE ROWE FAMILY

As far as it is known, this family has not been documented, and it is of interest principally only to the Joshua Albert Hardy family. Maggie White, the daughter of Edward and Sidney A. Rowe White, married Joshua Albert Hardy. Family tradition says that her White ancestors came from Hyde County; the Rowes seem to have been long time residents of Craven and Beaufort Counties. Apparently they were small land owners with little education, but were law abiding and had a strong sense of family obligations and a love of the church.

As has been previously stated, it was most likely the Rowes who were responsible for getting the Hardys to move from Greene down to Beaufort County. John Riley Rowe, a Primitive Baptist minister, married Nancy Lemuel Hardy, the daughter of Benjamin George and Mary Mewborn Hardy. He was the minister of Sandy Grove, and a marker in the cemetery there says the church is in memory of their pastor, minister for 25 years. John Riley and Nancy Lemuel Hardy Rowe's daughter, Ruby Rowe, married Allen Albert Holadia, who married (2) Ruth Rowe, daughter of Benjamin David Rowe.

John Riley Rowe was the son of John T. Rowe, also a minister. Maggie White's mother, Sidney A. Rowe, was a sister of John T. Rowe. The lineage of this family in so far as we have information is as follows:

Asa Rowe born ca 1804, still living in 1880; in 1850 he was living in Beaufort County, the South Creek district, #1622, a farmer with $500 real estate; married to Fanny _____, born ca 1805, illiterate; all children were attending school. In the census of 1860, #259, he reported $1000 real estate and $400 personalty. The tax lists of Beaufort County 1860-1866 lists him with 160 acres value $1500 plus 127 acres value $127 total $1627. In addition to his children, there were John Lane born ca 1846 and George Lane born ca 1849, listed as apprentices and James Lane born ca 1854. In 1880, Richland township W. #220 he was listed with a new wife, Ann, born October 1825, a grand-daughter Mary F. Rowe born ca 1868; Ann and the grand-daughter were illiterate. Also in the household was George Riley Lane, a grandson born February 1863, listed as farm help. George attended school.

The children of Asa and Fanny Rowe were:

John Thomas Rowe born 26 November 1829 died 27 May 1902 married (1) Penny Ross born ca 1828; married (2) 26 April 1895 Mary Dowty, born May 1847

Henry W. or C. Rowe born 30 August 1832 died 23 February 1905; married Mathilda _____ born 9 February died 15 August 1893

Sidney A. Rowe born 17 October 1834 died 18 February 1904; married (1) _____ Stephens, had son William ("Buddy") Stephens; married (2) Edward B. White born 22 February 1842 died 10 July 1923

George R. Rowe born ca 1835/9; listed in his father's house in census of Beaufort County 1850 & 1860; in tax lists of 1860-1866 as having no property; no further listing found

David Rowe born ca 1842

Anne Rowe born ca 1843; married (1) George Riley Lane born ca 1849; married (2)_____Broome; son by first marriage: George Riley Lane,Jr. born 14 February 1863 married 1891 Tryphena born November 1877. Beaufort County 1900 census Idalia #421 names two girls: Lora born May 1892, Cora born August 1895. George R. Lane died 31 July 1933 and Tryphena in 1955. They are buried at Sandy Grove (?). Also in the house hold in 1900 was Ann Rowe, born October 1825. She was probably the widow of Asa, his second wife.

Jesse Rowe born ca 1846, apparently deceased by 1860

John Thomas Rowe, son of Asa and Fanny Rowe, was a Primitive Baptist minister, lived in the Richland township, South Creek. In the 1850 census he was listed as a laborer with no real estate; in the tax lists of Beaufort County 1860-1866 he was listed with no property. Living with the family in 1860 was a "Bathy" (Bethania) White who may have been a sister of Edward White. The children of John T. and Penny Rowe:

Belinda ("Lindey") Rowe 1850

John Riley Rowe born 3 January 1852 died 6 October 1899; buried at Sandy Grove; married 7 October 1876 Nancy Lemuel Hardy, born 30 December 1857 died 3 July 1900, daughter of Benjamin George and Mary Mewborn Hardy; the marriage was performed by Elder Lemuel H. Hardy, her first cousin.

Joshua T. Rowe born ca 1857/8, became a minister and moved to Baltimore

Maggie Rowe born 1862 died 1899; buried at Sandy Grove; married Parrott Mewborn Hardy born 22 September 1855/6 died 25 November 1919. Their children are listed in the Hardy file.

Benjamin David Rowe born 22 December 1862 died 25 November 1913; buried at Sandy Grove; married Mary Ann Dowty born 9 October 1866 died 23 February 1929. Ben Dave had a daughter, Ruth, who married A. A. Holadia, his second wife. (She was Albert V. Hardy, Sr.'s first teacher, and she was very much in favor of his older sister, Bertha, marrying Carlton Holadia, son of A.A. Holadia.) Ben Dave was also the executor of his brother, Jesse Lawrence's will.

Jesse Lawrence Rowe born 12 March 1867 died 8 August 1901; buried at Sandy Grove; married Florence West born 10 October 1871 died 22 January 1916; they had six children: William born 1899; Louisa born 1891; Joshua born 1892; Milan born 1894 died 31 August 1978 in Raleigh, (leaving four daughters: Frances Vandiver, Lois Wheeler, Eleanor Hailey and Jean Dodd;) Layuna born 1897 and Joe Vance Rowe born in 1901.

The children of John Riley and Nancy Lemuel Hardy Rowe were: (information from Mewborn family records)

Lula Lee Rowe born 19 August 1879 died 26 January 1908;

married 1901 Hugh Ross
Ruby Rowe born 6 January 1882 died 21 April 1905; married 19 December 1900 Allen Albert Holadia born 1878
John Brinson Rowe born 16 August 1884 died 8 May 1963; married 3 January 1906 Charity Dorcas Purser (Dollie C.)
Mary Cecilia Rowe born 25 December 1886; married A.T. Anderson
Lucy Vudolle Rowe born 23 October 1891
Benjamin Riley Rowe born 4 July 1894/7; married 1919 Lucy Elizabeth Lewis

Henry W. Rowe, born 30 August 1832 died 23 February 1905, son of Asa and Fannie Rowe; married (1) Elizabeth; (2) Mathilda _____, born 9 February 1849 died 15 August 1893; married (3?) to Maina (Annie?) born May 1852. They are buried at Sandy Grove Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery. In the 1860 census Durham Creek district, a Henry Rowe was listed #258 next to John T. Rowe, #257, his brother, and on the other side his parents, #259, Asa and Fannie, with siblings George, David and Ann still at home. In this 1860 census Henry was married to an Elizabeth, age 20, and was listed as a laborer. In 1870 Richland township Henry was listed #347 near but not next to his brother, John T., #351, with children James, born ca 1863, and Frances, born ca 1869. They were listed as illiterate with $160 real estate. In the 1880 census Richland township W. Henry W. Rowe was listed #219, with a new wife, Matilda J. born 1849, with children: Armand J. age 8 and William Y. or G. age 2, next listing to his father #220. The 1900 census Richland township, #354, names him as married two years to a Maina (Annie?) born May 1852. There is a grave near the graves of Henry and Matilda of an Annie Rowe born 15 March 1852 died 4 November 1932, and two graves of a Billie and Mollie Rowe, no dates, who could be one or both of the children listed in the 1880 census.

Henry W. Rowe's children according to the census:
James Rowe born 1863
Frances Rowe born 1869
Armand J. Rowe born 1872
William Y. or G. Rowe born 1878
David Rowe born 26 June 1884 died 2 October 1957; married 28 January 1905 by J. A. Hardy, J.P., Emma B. Hunnings, born 21 March 1888 died 10 April 1976. They became parents of Charlie Rowe who married Juanita Smithwick, sister of Olaray Smithwick, who married Vera Hardy.
Hugh Rowe born April 1890

Sidney A. Rowe, born 17 October 1833 died 18 February 1904, the daughter of Asa and Fanny Rowe, married (1) _____Stephens, who was killed in the Civil War. They had a son William (Buddy Bill), a veteran of the Spanish-American War of 1898, who is buried in the National Cemetery in New Bern. She married (2) in 1867 Edward B. White, born 22 February 1842 died 10 July 1923, son of Patrick and Mary White. Patrick White's family is listed #1607 in the 1850 census in the South Creek District, Durham community, not far from the Asa Rowe family, #1622. The White children were John age 20, Joshua age 18, Bethania age 15,

Edward age 8, Penny age 6. Patrick was a laborer, the children were not attending school at that time.

Edward B. White enlisted from Beaufort County 25 June 1861 for the war. He was wounded in the head and hand at Seven Pines 31 May 1862; reported absent on detached service from December 1862 through August 1864. (Jordan, N. C. Troops Vol IV, p 103) Moore's roster places him as a private Co. I, Reg. 4. He may or may not have been a member of the Pamlico Rifles which according to C. Wingate Reed in the "History of Beaufort Co." on page 180 states: "The Pamlico Rifles were recruited in the spring of 1861, and their officers commissioned in May of that year.....The men and officers of this company came mainly from Richland township. This company was assembled at a camp on South Creek. It was assigned as Comp. I, 4th Reg. N. C. Inf. It participated in the Battle of Seven Pines (Fair Oaks), and the Peninsula Campaign, sharing in the heavy casulties of the regiment."

In the 1870 census Richland township Edward was listed #216, as illiterate, working on a farm, with his wife Sidney, a young son, Asey, and Mary Dunn, age 16, a white servant. No estate listed. They were living not far from Joshua, Isaiah, Lewis, and Mary Roe, #203-207, relationships not yet established.

The children of Edward B. and Sidney A. Rowe White were:

Asey (Asa) White born 24 March 1870 died 15 September 1920; married 1st (by George Mewborn Hardy) 14 February 1892 Caroline Mason born 9 February 1872 died 29 September 1899; married (2) Mollie Beacham. They had a son, Robert White, born ca 1813. They are buried at Sandy Grove. In 1900 after the death of his first wife, Asey was living with his parents and the children by his first marriage who were:
Lily White born January 1893
Joshua White born September 1894

George White born 13 July 1872 died 22 December 1934; married (by John R. Rowe) 7 December 1898, Brittie Foreman, born 28 May 1882 died 13 July 1943, the daughter of James Patrick Foreman of Carteret County and Sarah Elizabeth McGowan of Hyde County. Brittie was the sister of Elizabeth (Bettie) who married Thomas Lemuel Hardy. The Foremans are listed #369 in the 1880 census of Hyde County, Currituck township with children: Charles V.(?) age 6, Elizabeth age 2, John S. 4 months. Sarah died shortly after the birth of Brittie, is buried at Grantsboro and the Foreman children were raised by the William Hodges, parents-in-law of Otho Hardy. In 1900 George and Brittie and little Nina were living with his parents #433 as were the widowed Asa and his children. The children of George and Brittie Foreman White were:
Nina White born November 1899; married Ardrey Lane, son of John W.and Betty Elizabeth Scott Lane, who were married 11 February 1875.
Fanny White born 1902 died 1 August 1987; married (1) Luther Rowe, son of Calvin and Mollie Rowe; (2) Jatha Ferrell
Vivian White married to Charlie Hardy
Earl White

John White moved to Rocky Mount, died there
Doris White died of whopping cough
George White born ca 1913 died ca 1923 of acute appendicitis
Iris White married _____ Mullins, lives in Chula Vista, California
Esther Ruby White married _____Fox lives in Buffalo, New York

Mary Magnolia (Maggie) White born 6 August 1874 died 19 July 1958, daughter of Edward B. and Sidney A. Rowe White; married 19 January 1894, Joshua Albert Hardy, son ofGeorge Mewborn and Lucy Ann Fields Hardy. Maggie and J. Albert Hardy's children are found in the Hardy file.

Lillie White born 23 August 1878 died 12 October 1884. Most of the Whites are buried at Sandy Grove.

Some Rowes not as yet identified as being relatives of Asa Rowe, born ca 1804, the earliest direct ancestor traced, were at the least close neighbors of Asa and his descendants. Some of them are buried near the Wall home on Walker Road and some in the Rowe Family Cemetery off Walker Road, near Small, Beaufort County. Some of those buried at the Rowe Cemetery off Walker Road are these, the first eight buried all in one row:

Joshua L. Rowe born 25 October 1893 died 28 April 1963
Amanda C. Rowe born 29 November 1885 died 8 April 1947
Mary M. Rowe born 24 May 1855 died 5 September 1934
John S. Rowe born 26 February 1855 died 3 January 1918
Amanda, wife of Carawan Rowe, (married 21 December 1853) born 16 June 1836 died 28 March 1916
Carawan Rowe born 20 July 1823 died 1 September 1906
Henry C. Rowe born 26 April 1879 died 6 January 1958 wife Susan E. Cayton born 17 April 1889 died 26 December 1958
Isaiah born 8 September 1835 died 14 September 1919
Clarrisa M. (Margaret) (wife of Isaiah) born 21 November 1842/5 died 6 February 1883
J. W. Rowe born 12 February 1877 died 24 December 1929
Willis Rowe born 26 January 1814 died 10 February 1876 wife Elizabeth born 7 May 1820 died 2 May 1847

There are two marriage bonds in Craven County records of a Willis Rowe, both married to Elizabeths, one dated 9 March 1839 to Elizabeth Barrington, the other dated 13 August 1939 to Elizabeth Rowle.

Some more early marriage bonds, Craven County, were:
Robert Roe, 1782, Elizabeth Hartley; Joshua Roe, Bondsman
Joshua Roe, 1784, Sarah Rigbey
Benjamin Roe, 1783, Lucinda Holland
John Roe, 1784, Chloe Speight, William Speight; Bondsman
Edmund Roe, 1791, Jane Hilly
Jeremiah Roe, 1812, Milly Gatlin, Abner Gatlin; Bondsman
Noah Roe, 1818, Patsy Touten, Jeremiah Roe; Bondsman
Jesse Roe, 1819, Alsey Stilly, Jeremiah Roe; Bondsman
Asa Roe, 1817, Sally Edwards; Johnston County

Joshua Rowe, born 20 July 1822/3 died 13 May 1914, is buried near the Wall home on Walker Road, near Small. In the 1850 Beaufort County census, Durham Creek township, he is listed #1546, age 27, with a woman named Mary, age 60, (his mother?), a boy, Isaiah age 15, and a girl, Lucinda, age 17. These children are too old to have been his children. In the 1860 census Durham Creek district, the listing, #235, was the same; he was living near John T., Henry W. and their father Asa Rowe, #'s 257, 258, 259. By the 1870 census, #203, Richland township, Joshua had apparently married Amanda, age 22, and had a son John, age 1. Amanda was born 6 January 1848 died 17 September 1934; she, too, is buried near the Wall home on Walker Road. In 1880 Joshua was listed #215 in Richland township, still near Henry W., #219 and Asa Rowe, #220. In addition to son John he had Willis C., age 10, Isadell, age 8, Mary C. age 8, and Cora May, age 5. This Willis married 8 January 1896, Margie Dowty, age 17, daughter of Isaac Dowty, marriage performed by John R. Rowe. They became parents of Alton Rowe of Ayden, friend and neighbor of May Hardy Gaskins.

Isaiah Rowe, born 8 September 1835 died 14 September 1929, living in the household of Joshua in 1850, was listed #206 in 1870 near Joshua #203 in Richland township. He was married to Clarrisa Margarett, age 25. She was born 21 November 1842 died 6 February 1883. They are buried in the Rowe Cemetery off Walker Road. In the 1870 census they had three little girls, Mary born 1864, Bettie born 1867 and Nancy born in 1870. In 1891 Isaiah, age 57, married Sophia C. Lewis, age 42.

Possible brothers of Joshua, born 1822/3, were Robert born ca 1816, Lewis, born ca 1819, and John G. Rowe, born ca 1826. There was also possibly a daughter, Mary, but this has not been verified. She was born ca 1818, and in 1870 was living in the household of William Caton. Robert Rowe, age 34, born ca 1816, wife Nancy, age 34, is listed #1536 in the 1850 census Durham Creek, Beaufort County near Joshua Roe, #1540. Robert and Nancy's children were Mary, born ca 1837; Lewis, born ca 1838; (Margaret, born 1843?); William K., born ca 1845; Thomas, born ca 1847; Joshua, born 1849/50, Catharine, born ca 1852, Lewis born ca 1855, Martha born ca 1858. The first Lewis, born ca 1838 may have died and another boy born ca 1855 was named Lewis. Also in the household in 1850 and 1860 Susan Buck, born ca 1795; and in 1850 William Barrow, born ca 1840, and Sidney Barrow, born ca 1845.

Lewis Rowe, born ca 1819, wife Levicy, born ca 1822, was listed #205 in the 1870 census Richland township near Isaiah and Margaret, #206, and Joshua, #203, and not far from Edward and Sidney A. Rowe White, #216.

John G. Rowe, age 24, born ca 1826 and wife Lucretia, age 30 are listed $1520 in the 1850 census of Beaufort County, Durham Creek district, not far from Robert, #1536 and Joshua and Mary, #1540. John G. and Lucretia had these children: Noah, born ca 1844, George born ca 1846, Susan born ca 1848, Absolom born ca 1852, John (S.?) born ca 1855, and Mary born ca 1857. By 1860 Susan and Lucretia had died. The family was listed #247, still in the Durham Creek district near Martha (Patsy), #243, the widow of Noah, and Jeremiah #244, age 38.

This Noah and Patsy Tuten were married in 1818, and by 1860 she had $200 in real estate, 4 slaves and $5000 personalty, by far the more wealthy of the Rowes.

In 1880 Noah D. Rowe, age 35, (born ca 1844, son of John G. and Lucretia) was listed #157 in the Richland W district, married to Hannah (C. Bland; married 26 March 1866). Their children were: John D. age 12, George L, age 10, Sarah E. age 8, William H. age 5, Melissa C. age 1

John S. Rowe born 26 February 1855 died 3 January 1918, son of John G. and Lucretia Rowe; wife Mary M. born 24 May 1855 died 5 September 1934 are buried in the Rowe Cemetery off Walker Road.

Jeremiah Rowe in 1850 was listed #1632 in the Beaufort County South Creek district Durham community, not far from the Asa Rowe family #1622. He was age 57, blind, a Baptist minister. His wife, Binah, was 56. In the household was Amos Tuton, 14, and Henry C. Paris, age 21.

A Jeremiah Roe was bondsman for the marriage of Noah Roe and Patsy Touten in Craven County 24 February 1818. The widow of Noah Rowe, Patsy, age 49, was listed in 1850 #1495 with a Milly age 34, and Mary age 8. (A Jeremiah Roe married 29 January 1812 Milly Gatlin in Craven County.) In 1860 Martha (Patsy) Rowe was listed #243 near a Jeremiah age 38, listing #244. He was married to Drucilla, age 38, with a son, Calvin, age 2. A marriage bond for Jeremiah, age 19, and Drucilla Holton, also 19, was issued in Craven County 26 January 1841. This Jeremiah could have been the son of Noah and Patsy Tuten and the grandson of the Jeremiah born in 1793. By 1870 Jeremiah was dead, and the child, born ca 1858, Calvin, was listed as Caroline, age 11.

A Jeremiah Roe listed #108 in the 1860 census Beaufort South Creek district age 60 (born ca 1800) is probably neither of the above. He was listed as a shop keeper with wife Patsy, age 40, Serena Blan, age 13, Norman age 8.

A Willis Rowe, born 26 January 1814 died 10 February 1876 and his wife Elizabeth born 7 May 1820 died 2 May 1847 are buried in the Rowe Cemetery off Walker Road. Could he, too, have been a brother of Robert, Lewis and Joshua and John G. sons of Mary, born in 1790?

Due to the difficulty in reading tombstones and censuses, some names and dates may be incorrectly recorded.