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Publisher's Preface

The present offering is a reprint of L. W. Rigsby's "Historic Georgia Families" as originally published in a series of brochures between 1925 and 1928, with a cumulative title, preface, contents page, and index to the whole of the work which appeared with the concluding, 1928, brochure. As such, it is without doubt one of the most valuable collections of genealogies of the early families of Georgia, with lists of early settlers, biographical and historical data, documents, and so forth. As part of our continuing program of making available those basic genealogical reference works, including compendiums, the reprinting of this work should be welcomed by genealogical researchers, historians, librarians, as well as the general public.

The reader's attention is called to the existence of two pages numbered 84 which appeared in the original and, consequently, in our reprint. In an apparent attempt to correct this, the verso of 164 was left unnumbered and blank in the original and, consequently, in our reprint, and beginning with page 165 the recto pages are again odd numbers as they should be. Users of the Index should consult both page 84's when referred to that number, since both pages are indexed as such. Finally, the individual brochures which were published between 1925 and 1928 were paginated separately at the bottom of the pages. To avoid confusion we have removed these page numbers in our reprint. Otherwise, our reprint is an exact facsimile of the original edition.

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PREFACE

Before the death of my mother, which occurred in 1916, she requested me to make a record of the facts relating to her family. I neglected to do this during her life. I fully intended to do so but kept delaying and procrastinating. In 1921, I had a sudden attack of appendicitis which necessitated an operation. This brought me face to face with the danger of delay. I made a vow then, that as soon as I recovered, I would comply with my mother's request. During the days of my convalescence I planned the general scope of the work and outlined in my mind what it should contain, viz., genealogies, ancestral chart, family register with forms for recording those facts essential to such records, biography, and portraits. I conceived that this should be in departments, loose-leaf, so that the typewriter could be used, and have a convenient system of reference and index.

Upon my recovery, I made drawings and diagrams and outlines and began the work for such families as I was interested in because of their relationship to my children. Once a year I published a brochure containing genealogies of those families of whom I had sufficient information justifying a release. At first I had no thought of incorporating them into a book but finding that there was some general demand for these brochures I thought it best to hold them off the market until a sufficient number had accumulated to make up into a volume. The small quantity of the first numbers published, however, made the number of volumes rather limited and the number was further reduced by the extravagant price sometimes paid for one of the brochures.

In the last brochure I have given some conclusions reached as the result of the study and investigation made, necessary to the work. I have added an index to the compilation to make the work of more value as a work of reference.

Page 19 contains an outline designed as a guide in writing biographical sketches for use in family records. Two sketches have been included from my records, more as a matter for suggestions than anything else; one of these is on page 17 and one on page 89.

The forms first designed and used in making this compilation of information have been revised and are published and for sale under the title "Memories of Home and Family."

Whether or not this work will be of benefit to humanity time alone will show. It has been profitable to me in that I have gained a more accurate knowledge of history, a clearer understanding of religion and a keener insight into the motives of mankind.

Cairo, Georgia, September, 1928.

L. W. RIGSBY.

HARDEN HINTS AND GENEALOGIES

MARK HARDIN BY L. W. RIGSBY

CHAPTER VIII

There has been much confusion in regard to the early history of this family. A great many immigrants have come to America bearing the name of Hardin, Harden and Harding. The tendency among genealogists has been to get these various families of Hardins confused and connect them up, although no actual relationship exists.

In my work in connection with the Jones, Clay and Taliaferro families I have succeeded in discovering information which I think will be of importance to those interested in the Hardin family and this sketch is written, first, to supply information to Taliaferro and Clay descendants who are also descended from the Hardin family, and, second, to be a guide for future study for the history of this family. Lack of space and expense of printing forbids my giving documents in support of these genealogies. The reader is referred to Collin's "History of Kentucky", "Life of Col. Ben. Hardin", "History of Savannah and South Georgia" by Col. Hardin, "History of Georgia Baptists", Bench and Bar of Georgia", "History of Thomas County" and numerous documents of county records still extant.

Mark Hardin was born in Rouen, France in 1660. When he was about twenty five years old Louis XIV issued the edict of Restoration, October 20, 1685, which had the effect of revoking the edict of Nantes. Mark Harden was a Huguenot and immediately fled from France, settling either in England or Wales. He married Mary Hogue, also spelled Hoge, but whether the marriage occurred before he fled from France or after is uncertain. Residing for a short while in England or Wales, he later moved to Canada with his family, but because

of the rigid winters, came south and settled in Virginia about 1706, where he resided in Prince William County until the time of his death about 1734.

It is possible that his residence was in that part of Prince William county which was cut off and organized into Fauquier county in 1759. It is probable that Mark Hardin had brothers who also came to America and settled. Evidence indicates that William Harden, who settled in South Carolina, and who was the ancestor of Gen. William Hardin of Marion's Command and also Major Edward Harden, of Athens, Ga. was a brother. Children of Mark Hardin and Mary Hogue Harden were:

- 1st. John Hardin
 - 2nd. Martin Hardin
 - 3rd. Mark Hardin
 - 4th. Henry Hardin
 - 5th. Martha or Polly Hardin
 - 6th. Abigail Hardin
 - 7th. Anne Hardin
 - 8th. Elizabeth Hardin
 - 9th. Alis Hardin
- See will of Probate, Prince William County, Va.

HENRY HARDIN (4th Line)

Henry Hardin married Judith Lynch a near relative of Charles Lynch. He is said to have assisted at the Battle of King's Mountain, but was probably not a member of any regular organization because of his age. He was living in Pittsylvania County at the time of his death, which occurred about 1796. Date of his birth is not known, but it was probably about 1710. Children were:

1. Avarillah Hardin, m a Wright.
2. Mary Hardin, m Capt. John Taliaferro. (See Taliaferro, Clay and Jones sketches for descend-

ants.

3. Mark Hardin.
4. William Hardin.
5. Elizabeth Hardin, m a Wilson.
6. Judith Hardin, m a Burgess.
7. Martin Hardin.
8. Henry Hardin.
9. Sarah Hardin, m a Burkhalter

Mark Hardin (3) moved from Virginia to North Carolina, where he resided for a good many years. He was twice married, first to Mary Hunter and second to Frances Newsome, the last marriage occurring in Warren County, Georgia. He was a soldier in the French and Indian War, serving under Gen. Washington at Braddock's Defeat. Many have thought he served in the Revolution, which is entirely probable, but the service record assigned to him probably belonged to another Mark Hardin, who died in Kentucky. (See will, Warren County, Ga. Children by his first wife were:

- A. Henry Hardin.
- B. Mark Hardin, m Frances Hill in N. C. served as major in war of 1812, and had children: William Hill Hardin, b 1794, d 1894; John Hardin, died while Cadet in West Point; Lauriston Hardin, b 1803, d 1858; Pleasant H. Hardin; Mark Hardin; Cynthia Hardin; Harriet Hardin; Susan M. Hardin.
- C. Martin Hardin, d unmarried about 1847 in Decatur County, Ga where he left a considerable estate and much of the proceedings of his administration is on record in Bainbridge, Ga.
- D. James Hardin.
- E. John Hardin.
- F. Polly or Mary Hardin, m Jas. George and they were ancestors of the late U. S. Senator George from Mississippi.
- G. Georgia Hardin.
- H. Judith Hardin.
- I. Willis Hardin.
- J. Sallie or Sarah Hardin.

By second wife:

- K. Martha or Patsy Hardin, m Jacob Garrard and resided at Columbus, Ga., and were ancestors of the late Louis Garrard of that place.
- L. Nancy Hardin, m Clark Blandford. They also resided at Columbus, Ga., and their son, Mark Blandford was one of the Supreme Court Judges of the State of Georgia.
- M. William S. Hardin, attorney at

law, d unmarried.

Henry Hardin (A) married first Sarah or Effie Cook, and second Matilda Jones. Children are said to have all been by his second wife. Henry Hardin was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, enlisting from Surrey Co. N. C. His pension record shows that he was born April 12, 1761, Johnston County N. C. (See will Walton County, Ga.) Children were:

- a. Effie Hardin, b Dec. 9, 1781, m Richard Fletcher, Warren County Ga., 1803. They were ancestors of U. S. Senator Duncan U. Fletcher, of Florida.
 - b. Judith Hardin, b Sept. 14, 1783, m Thomas Stephens.
 - c. Elizabeth Hardin, b Oct. 1, 1785 m first, Eads, 3children by Eads, m second Taylor.
 - d. Mark Hardin, b March 8 1789, m Mary Hadley, one child.
 - e. Benjamin Cook Hardin, b Nov. 16, 1792, d Dec. 10, 1847.
 - f. Edward Jones Hardin, b Jan. 3, 1795.
 - g. Rebecca Thomas Hardin, b Dec. 12, 1798, m Rice Green.
 - h. Claressa Warren Harden, b Sept. 12, 1801, m Fen Gordon.
 - i. Harriet Hargrove Hardin, b July 11, 1804, m Wiley Thornton.
- Edward Jones Hardin (a)
Edward Jones Hardin, b 1795, d 1856, at Columbus, Ga., m Miss Jane Louisa Barrett in Augusta, Ga. She was born in 1803 and died at La-Grange, Ga., 1886. Mr. Hardin appears to have moved quite early to Port Saint Joseph, Fla., where they resided for a time, later moving to Columbus, Ga. Children were:
- 1' Ellen Jane Hardin, d unmarried
 - 2' Georgia W. Hardin m Samuel Law.
 - 3' Martin Benjamin Hardin m first Susie Taylor, second Josephine Law. Was a celebrated Baptist minister. A biographical sketch of his life is published on page 249, "History of Georgia Baptists."
 - 4' Edward Henry Hardin, m Ellen S. Rodgers in Augusta, Ga., 1861.
 - 5' Clara Hardin, deceased, never married.
 - 6' Henrietta Matilda Hardin, b May 1, 1827, m first James Henry Carter, 2nd, Gen. James E. Harrison. She died July 30, 1909, in Waco, Texas. A son, Mr. James M. Carter resides in Waco and

has supplied considerable of the information necessary for the foregoing.

MARTIN HARDIN

There appears two Martin Hardins in Fauquier County, Va., information relating to Martin Hardin the first is rather meager. It appears that he had children as follows:

1. Martin Hardin, b 1720.
2. William Hardin, b 1722.
3. Mark Hardin, b 1723.
4. John Hardin, b 1724.
5. Benjamin Hardin, b 1726.

The name of his wife is uncertain.

It has been stated that he married Lydia Waters, but the truth of this statement has not been established. This Martin Hardin was evidently the son of Mark Hardin and Mary Hogue of Prince William County, Va.

MARTIN HARDIN II.

Martin Hardin, II, of Fauquier county, Virginia, is said to have married Lydia Waters. He was evidently a grandson of Mark Hardin and Mary Hogue Hardin. I do not have sufficient information to determine as to which it was that married Lydia Waters. The wife of Martin Hardin II was certainly named Lydia, but as to whether or not her maiden name was waters, Hardin or some other name I am unable to say at this time. Children of Martin Hardin II were:

1. Sarah Hardin, b April 10, 1743.
2. Lydia Hardin, b April 10, 1748.
3. Mark Hardin b Dec. 1, 1750.
4. John Hardin, b Oct. 1, 1753.
5. Martin Hardin, b Feb. 1, 1757.
6. Rosannah Hardin, b March 9, 1760.

John Hardin (4), married Jane Davis Hardin and had four children:

- A. Sarah Hardin, b 1774.
- B. Martin Hardin.
- C. Mark Hardin, b 1780.
- D. Mary Hardin, died young.
- E. Lydia Hardin, died young.
- F. Rosannah Hardin b 1791 m Curtis Fields.

Martin Hardin (B) married Elizabeth Logan, daughter of Gen. Logan. This was Gen. Martin D. Hardin, who served as a major in the war of 1812 under Gen. Harrison. He served as Senator of Kentucky and died in 1823. Children were:

- a. Gen. John J. Hardin, of Ill.
- b. Gen. Martin D. Hardin, of the Civil War, d at St. Augustine, Florida.

c. Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, one of the organizers of the D. A. R. and who died in 1915.

N. B. It was the mother of these three children who as a widow married Porter Clay, as shown by the Clay family. Chapter II.

JOHN HARDIN

This John Hardin is largely traditional and no records have been found extant relating to him. The cumulative evidence, however is that he was a resident of Virginia and circumstantial evidence indicates most strongly that he moved from Virginia to North Carolina where he died about the time of the Revolutionary War. No definite proof has been found to connect him with the Mark Hardin line. However, the facts and circumstances indicate that he was so connected. It is not known who he married, but it is thought that his wife and the wife of Mark Hardin, the 1st, of Georgia were related in some way. Children:

1. Adam Hardin.
2. Nicholas Hardin.
3. Eve Hardin, m David Clay, and for her descendants reference is made to Chap. IV. of the Georgia Branch of the Virginia Clays.
4. Lois Hardin, m Turnel Hayden. Tradition says that there were 3 other sons as follows: John, Mark and William, but I have been unable to clearly establish this.

Adam Hardin, son of John Hardin, above, was one of the first of the Hardins of whom we have any record in Georgia. He evidently came to Georgia when quite a young man, but the name of his wife is not known. He drew land in Wilkes County in 1789 and in Washington County in 1790, later moving to Putnam County where he died and where his will is probated. Children were:

1. John Harden, who m Elizabeth Spivey, sister of Moses Spivey, whomarried Sarah Harden.
2. Adam Harden, Jr. m first, Priscilla Adams, Nov. 2, 1818, and m second, Ann Elizabeth Flemming, by whom there are children.
3. Hutson Harden. No further information.
4. Mary Harden, m Abraham Roberts. This family lived in Coweta County, where they were pioneers of that section.

5. Sarah Harden, m Moses Spivey, and they were ancestors of Jessie Spivey who married Gov. Jos. M. Terrell.

6. William Henry Harden, is said to have moved to Florida and was killed by Indians.

7. Atkinson Tabor Harden, m Rebecca Cloud, lived at Rome, Ga., but have no descendants living.

8. Sandlin Harden, m Polly Stevenson, had one child, Rhoda Harden, who married a Carlisle, of Troup County, Ga. and died probably without issue.

9. Lennie Harden, m Moore Stevenson. This family originally lived in Coweta County, Ga. Most of the children moved to Texas. The children were named: William Stevenson, Thomas Stevenson, Franklin Stevenson, Joseph Stevenson, James Stevenson, Augustus Stevenson, Elizabeth Stevenson and Emma Stevenson.

Nicholas Hardin (2) son of John Hardin, died in Washington County, Ga. The name of his wife is not known. Children were.

A James Monroe Hardin, b 1797, d Aug. 6, 1862, m first Polly Reeves, name of second wife, not known.

B John Hardin, served as clerk of Baptist Church, Washington Co., and later moved to Ala.

C Thomas Hardin.

D William Hardin, d a bachelor.

E Nicholas Hardin, d a bachelor.

F Adam Hardin, moved to Sumter County, Ga., and resided near Americus for a time, later moving to Florida or Alabama.

G Mary, or Polly Hardin, m William Monroe Clay. See "Georgia Branch of the Virginia Clays" Chap. V.

H Elizabeth, or Betsy Hardin, m a Glenn.

I Sallie Hardin, m Richard Smith.

VALENTINE HARDIN

Valentine Hardin is said to have been a nephew of John Hardin above, and the first cousin of Adam Hardin, the first. Tradition is that he was born in 1770. He married Margaret Castlebery about 1790 or 91, died in 1800, age thirty years. He is buried in Washington County, Georgia. His children were:

1. Betsy Hardin m William Barton
2. Sallie Hardin, m James Dowdy.

3. Rosa Hardin, m Carter Crew, and lived near Dallas, Ga.

4. William Henry Hardin.

William Henry Hardin, (4) was b Jan. 29, 1798, married Nancy Cloud, Sept. 21, 1820. Children were:

A Martha Hardin, b Dec. 3, 1821, m Dr. Swan Burnette, at Cassvill, Ga., Sept. 8, 1835, d on plantation in Clay County, Ga., 1841, buried at Fort Gaines.

B Elizabeth Amanda Hardin b in McDonough, Ga., Nov. 22, 1823, m James M. Spurlock, Nov. 25, 1838, at Armurchee plantation, in Floyd County, near Rome Ga.

C Mary Blanche Hardin, b June 10, 1828 at McDonough, Ga., m William Johnstone at the Armurchee Plantation, Aug. 9, 1843, d at Rome, Ga. 1853.

D Mark A. Hardin, b at McDonough, Ga., Sept. 21, 1830, d at Atlanta, Ga., m Emma Sullivan, of Greenville District, S. C., Jan. 15, 1851. Legislator from Bartow County, Ga., and Reading Clerk, Georgia House of Representatives for several years.

E Josephine Hardin, b at Armurchee Platation, Feb. 21, 1839, d at Kingston, Ga. m John A. Beck, of Griffin, Ga., 1858.

F John Forsyth Hardin b at Armurchee plantation, Oct. 9, 1842, m Mary Roper, at Kingston, Ga. Sept. 31, 1872, d in Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 3, 1887. There were two girls who died young.

WILLIAM HARDIN

One William Harden settled in South Carolina some time before 1720. He is supposed to have gone from Kent, England to the Island of Barbadoes, and from there to South Carolina. Very little is definitely known of this William Harden, but it is quite likely that he was a brother of Mark Harden, of Prince William County, Va. He had a son, William Hardin, b Nov. 22, 1720, who died in Prince William Parish, S. C., Sept 12, 1760. This William had a son, William Harden, who was a colonel of a regiment under Gen. Frances Marion during the war of the Revolution. He was born in Prince William Parish, S. C. Sept. 8, 1742, and died there Nov. 28, 1785. This William Harden was the father of Thomas Hutson Harden and brother of Edward Harden, and from these two, Thomas Hutson Hardin and Ed-

ward Harden, the Hardens, of Athens Ga., and Savannah, Ga., originated. Col. William Hardin and Major Edward Harden had a sister, Rebecca, who married a White and they are the ancestors of the Stillwells, of Rome, Ga.

Other Hardens that should be mentioned in this connection are Henry Harden and Joel Harden, both of whom married Crabtrees. From these are descended the Hardens of Stewart and those around Andersonville.

There are several other Hardens mentioned in the early records of Ga. most of whom probably belong to the family of Mark Harden of Prince William County, Va. To trace them out and connect them up is beyond the scope of this work. Later, if sufficient interest should be manifested this may be done.

BEHEATHLAND LUVINIA (CLAY) RIGSBY.

The subject of this brief sketch was the mother of the author of the foregoing sketches. They were prepared in response to an oft repeated request made before her death. The author had intended to delay their preparation and publication until he had reached a more advanced age and demand for the work had become more insistent. But upon having been brought rather close to death in 1921 and having been made to realize the uncertainty of life and the danger of dying without having fulfilled my mother's request I began the work. The work is therefore really my mother's and I have been only the instrument in executing her designs. I have been placed under obligation to so many of my kindred that it is impossible to enumerate and give credit to all, but in addition to my mother, all kindred whose names appear in the foregoing sketches are gratefully thanked, and every mention is honorable. My mother was known in her girlhood as "Hettie" or "Hetthie" Clay and it was this name that she liked best. She was the youngest child of Lewis Clay and Judith (Jones) Clay, and was born Oct. 31st, 1839 in Wilkinson Co. Georgia. Her parents moved to Sumter county, Georgia while she was quite young. Remaining there for only a few years the family moved to Lee County, Georgia. She was living

in Lee County near where Dawson, Georgia is now situated when Terrell County was organized.

She was educated under Professor McNulty at Dawson and taught for several years, teaching in several counties of the State. Her methods were in advance of the period in which she taught and many of the boys and girls taught by her have made a success of their lives.

December the 11th 1866 she was married to Lewis Johnson Riggsby, the ceremony having been performed in Decatur County, Georgia, by her brother the Rev. John B. Clay.

Her complexion was fair, eyes gray, hair auburn and her height about five feet and six inches and she weighed from one hundred forty pounds when young to one hundred eighty when older. Her features were agreeable and her face the most expressive of her emotions of any that I have ever seen. Grief, pain, suffering, pleasure, or anger stamped themselves unmistakably on her features.

Her mentality was well developed along lines of literature and science. Her memory, imagination, reason and judgment was all of a high order. For several years her health was poor but it was due to no organic cause, rather of a nervous character.

Her ideals were high, her morals above criticism and her temperament religious. She had some musical talent and sometimes had premonitions of coming events.

She joined the Baptist church when quite young at Dawson Ga., and remained a consistent Christian during her entire life, her membership having been at various times with New Hope, Cairo, Pleasant Grove and Capel Churches. She took an active interest in Sunday Schools and Missionary activities. It was probably a Sunday School organized and taught by her that laid the foundation for the organization of the Capel Baptist Church.

Her interest in the unfortunate was always sympathetic and she extended the helping hand to alleviate the suffering of many such.

During the last term of school she taught she became attached to one of the pupils in her school, the daughter of a widow, Mrs. Subrina Hesters, and the attachment being mutual, and the

child's mother consenting thereto, the child was taken as an adopted daughter. Between these two there existed a mutual bond of affection equal if not superior, to most mothers and daughters. This extended to and lasted until the death of my mother.

She was a faithful wife and devoted daughter, providing a home for her aged father and mother until their death. She was also one of the wisest and kindest of mothers.

Her death occurred at Cairo, Ga., Oct. 28th, 1916 and her grave is by that of her husband at Long Branch Cemetery, one head stone marking both graves.

Children were Istalina Attwood who died at ten years of age; Lewis Wiley author of this Sketch and Jennie the adopted daughter who married Robert M. Mott, December 1888. Mrs. Mott is now a resident of Cairo, Georgia, her husband having died a few years past.

Errata and Addenda To Hardin Hints and Genealogies.

Page 86 names as children of Mark Hardin, Willis Hardin and George Hardin. There appear to have been no such children. Upon a careful examination of records procured since the above was written, Polly Hardin married a George, and Judith Hardin married a Willis. Parties securing information thought these family names were names of extra children.

Page 86. Statement is made that children of Henry Hardin were by his second wife, Matilda Jones. Mr. J. M. Carter, a descendant, of Waco, Texas, 86 years of age writes that children were all by first wife. The statement also comes from others.

Page 87. Lineage of Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth is given incorrectly. D. A. R. Lineage Book, Volume 1, Page 2.

"Mrs. Ellen Hardin Walworth, born in Illinois, daughter of John J. Hardin and Sarah Ellen Smith." This error occurred by reason of an abridgment of MSS.

HARDIN.

Abstract of will of Mark Hardin.

Manasses, County Seat of Prince William Co., Va.

In Book C, page 36 is will of Mark Hardin. To his oldest son John Hardin he leaves 250 acres of land in Pr. Wm. Co. To his son Martin Hardin 200 acres in Pr. Wm. Co. To son Mark Hardin 200 acres in Pr. Wm. Co. "To my son Henry Hardin I give 200 acres of land, it being a part of 300 acres I bought of James McDemile on South side of Kittle Run." If these sons should die without heirs, John, Martin, Mark and Henry, the property goes to the daughters, Ann, Elizabeth and Alis. "It is my will that all my sons and daughter Martha shall have two shillings." "To my dear and beloved wife Mary Hardin, I leave one-third of my property. After her death it is to be equally divided among my five daughters, Abigail, Mary, Ann, Alis and Elizabeth, or their heirs. Sons, John, Martin and wife Mary, Executors.

MARK HARDIN.

Sixteenth day of March, 1734."

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History.

Richmond, Va.

Certified Copy of Military Record.

This certifies that in a manuscript volume in the Virginia State Library, which is referred to as "War 4" and which contains the names of the soldiers of the Virginia State line on Continental establishment who received certificates for the balance of their full pay in accordance with an Act of the General Assembly of Virginia, passed at the November, 1781, session, and on page 216 thereof appears the name of Henry Hardin. The entry shows that Henry Hardin was a private of infantry and that on the 18th of June, 1784, William Jennings received for him a certificate for L. O. O. It is not stated from what part of the State Henry Hardin came.

H. R. McILWAINE,
State Librarian.

WILL OF HENRY HARDIN

(Son of Mark Hardin, French Emigrant and father of Mary (Hardin) Taliaferro.)

"I, Henry Hardin, of Pittsylvania County, Va., being sick and weak but of perfect mind and memory, do constitute and ordain this to be my last will and testament."

"First, I give my land and plantation whereon I now live, containing 232 acres to my grandson Jimmie Hardin (son of Avarillah Wright) to him and his heirs forever."

"Item—I lend to my wife Judith Hardin the one-half of all my movable estate, be it of whatever nature, kind or quality, during her life and at her death I give the same to my grand son Jimmie Hardin (son of Avarillah Wright), and as to my children, to-wit: Mary Talifero, Mark Hardin, William Hardin, Elizabeth Wilson, Judith Burgess, Martin Hardin, Henry Hardin, Avarillah Wright and Sarah Burkhalter, I give to each of them two shillings and six pence, to them and their heirs forever.

"Item—I give to my grandson Henry Hardin (son of William Har-

din) my patent land, lying on the waters of New River, to him and his heirs forever and lastly I do appoint my sons Martin Hardin and Jimmie Hardin executors to this my last will and testament, hoping they will see the same duly performed as my trust is in them reposed as witness my hand and seal, the 25th May, 1796.

(Signed) HENRY HARDIN.

Teste: (SEAL)

CHARLES CARTER,
JOHN WRIGHT,
WILLIAM BURGESS.

(Evidently son of Henry Hardin above.)

Record taken from old Bible of Henry Hardin who married Catherine Cox.

Sarah, born Sept. 8, 1787.

William, born Feb. 22, 1789.

Mary, born 1790.

Cynthia, born 1792.

Jane, born Dec. 22, 1793.

John, born March 31, 1797.

Mark, born March 31, 1797.

Elizabeth, born May 21, 1799.

Nancy, born May 21, 1800.

James Willborn, born May 21, 1802.

Anna, born January 6, 1804.

Martin, born August 14, 1805.

Catherine, born August 6, 1807.

Susanna, born April 1, 1809.

Richard T., born Dec. 22, 1812.

GEORGIA, Warren County.

In the name of God, Amen.

I Mark ~~Hardin~~ of the state of Georgia and County of Warren, though weak and infirm in body, yet of sound mind and memory, do make, ordain and constitute this to be my last Will and Testament.

1. It is my will and desire that my just debts shall be paid, as early as arrangement can conveniently be made for that purpose.

2. I give and bequeath unto my son Henry Harden, the sum of two dollars, to be paid him by my Executor, within twelve months of or after my decease.

3. I give and bequeath unto my son, Mark Harden the sum of two dollars, to be paid him by my Executors, within twelve months of or after my decease.

4. I give and bequeath unto my son Martin Harden, the sum of two dollars, to be paid him by my Executors, within twelve months after my de-

cease.

5. I give and bequeath unto my son James Harden, the sum of two dollars, to be paid him by my Executors, twelve months of or after my decease.

6. I give and bequeath unto my son John Harden, the sum of two dollars, to be paid him by my Executors, within twelve months of or after my decease.

7. I give and bequeath unto my daughters Polly, George, Judith, Willis, and Sally Harden, the sum of two dollars each, to be paid them by my Executors, within twelve months of or after my decease.

8. All the rest of my property both real and personal, then remaining, I leave unto my beloved wife, Frances Harden, and my two daughters, Patsy Harden and Nancy Harden, and my son William Harden, to be used by them in common, as necessity or convenience may require, until the death or undermarriage of my said wife, Frances. Then it is my will and desire that the whole of Estate then remaining to be equally divided among my three last named children, viz. Patsy Harden, Nancy Harden, and William Harden, to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

9. And lastly, I do constitute and appoint my friends Isiah Tucker, Richard Fletcher, Executors, and my wife, Frances Hardin, Executrix in this my last Will and Testament. Hereby revoking disannulling and setting aside all other Wills, Testament and bequests, ratifying and confirming this as my last Will and Testament.

In witness whereof, I have heretofore set my hand and affixed my seal this thirteenth day of April, 1813, and in the thirty eighth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

MARK HARDEN. (Seal)

Signed, acknowledged and sealed in presence of Winder Hillman, John Seli, Robert Walton.

Georgia, Warren county, Court of Ordinary, November Term 1817.

Personally appeared in open Court, Winder Hillman and Robert Walton and being duly sworn deposed and saith, that they saw the within named Mark Harden sign, seal, publish and declare the within instrument of writing to be his last Will and

Testament, and at the time of his so doing he was in their opinion of sound and disposing mind and memory, and that they also saw John Sell subscribe the same as a witness together with themselves, and being in his presence, they at his request, in the presence of each other, all became witnesses thereunto.

Sworn and subscribed in open court, the date above written.

Test. M. TORENCE, Clk.

Notes from Letters of Miss Willie Reynolds of Barnesville, Ga. Relating to Hardin Genealogy.

She writes:

June 2, 1925

Through my maternal grandmother, Mrs. Matilda Harden Holmes I am descended from Adam Harden, Sr. For some while I have been enthusiastic in my Harden ancestry and I have acquired quite a bit of information in regard to Adam Harden, Sr., which I am willing to exchange. These are some of the things I know to be authentic. Adam Sr. was the first Harden to have a land grant in Georgia. I have a certified copy of his will, the names of all his children, and with two exceptions I have learned who each married, though I have not all the marriage records. Family tradition tells of one brother and a sister Eve, or Erin and among my notes I am almost positive I have her marriage record. Adam Jr., was married twice and I have each of the marriage records. He died in Alabama. Family tradition has always been that Adam's (Sr) father was of the Revolution, if not also Adam himself, and many stirring incidents are family history in this connection. It is also family history that in those exciting days, Adam Sr's wife was as courageous as himself."

June 14, 1925

"I am keenly interested in your last letter and my enthusiasm has new impetus from the data relating to Eve Harden Clay and to her brother Adam Harden, Sr. His Guardianship for one of his sister's children, is new data, but it does not help to solve the one special question as to who were their parents and where was their former

ROBERT WALTON.
WINDER HILLMAN.

Georgia, Warren County.

I, C. M. Smith, Ordinary of said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Mark Harden Will, as the same appears from the Records in this office.

Given under my hand and seal of said Office, This May 25th, 1927.

C. M. SMITH,
Ordinary, Warren Co. Ga.

residence. I have never found Adam's marriage record, and as was stated in my former letter, I am now uncertain whether his wife was a Sandlin or Tabor, though our family tradition has been that she was a Tabor. In the pension record of Eve Harden Clay, that at the time of enlistment for Revolutionary service, her husband lived in Duplin Co., N. C. but she was married in Warren County Georgia. Sometime last year I had correspondence with a Mr. Sandlin, Jasper, Fla., and who wrote that his family came from Duplin County, N. C. I have thought Adam may have married there but have found no record. Now that Eve's husband came from there, this idea becomes stronger. I hope in this search you may come upon this marriage record. I have always thought that Adam's father left a will, which, if could be found would solve and positively settle the question of parentage, but thus far it remains hidden. Valentine Harden was closely related to Adam Sr. but it has never positively determined whether he was a brother or first cousin. It is assumed that when Wm. Henry left home he became a ward or a member of Adam Sr's. household as he and Atkinson Tabor Harden were intimately associated through life; as young men they worked together, married sisters and where Wm. Henry went A Tabor followed and they pioneered, established homes and died in the same locality. William Henry's son prominent in Georgia Legislature, was Mark Adam, the Adam for Adam Sr., but for whom the Mark has not been determined. I have had considerable

correspondence with a descendant of Valentine, who thinks we have a common ancestor. Valentine Harden was wealthy, I do not know whether in his own right right, or whether from property of his wife. My grandmother said Wm. Henry was her first cousin, but a descendant of Valentine, thinks perhaps they were second, any how the kinship was close, and Wm. Henry's children were taught to call Tabor uncle and vice versa, but then they married sisters. **** You say that Eve Harden was born about 1772 and assume that Adam was probably born about 1770. I have always assumed that Adam was born about 1760, so judging from the age given to John Harden, Troup Co. father of my maternal grandmother. He died in 1866 and judging from Adam's will the son, William, was the oldest child, and would have been born about 1781, and while they married young in those days. Then John Harden, Troup Co., commonly called Capt. Jack, which title was acquired from his having served in the war of 1812 at which time he was married and lived in Putnam County, Ga., Adam Jr. was married the first time in 1818."

June 23, 1925

"I have a decided idea or impression that my grandmother said Adam's father was named John, but I have never found the right John. There was a John Nicholas Harden, Revolutionary soldier of N. C., but this is about all I have learned of him. The descendants of Nicholas Harden (supposed brother of Adam) claim that the father of Nicholas was named William and had a land grant for Revolutionary service. The grant however was to William Hardee, instead of Harden, and was made in 1816. You have doubtless discovered in your research that there were two Col. Wm. Hardens in S. C. during the revolution; one was with General Marion and is the ancestor of Mr. Wm. Harden, Savannah, and the other died in Franklin County and of whose will I have an abstract, but no Adam or Eve appears in the list of his children. I have the names of children of a Henry Harden (1765) N. C. who married Catherine Cox and the names of his children are almost the same as those of Wm. Harden who died in Franklin County. ***** You say a

Nicholas Harden lived in Shenandoah Co. Va., 1785 with 8 members in family. Would it not be worthwhile to learn the names of these members?"

July 6, 1925

"I am inclined to think Adam came to Georgia without his father, and as his sister Eve was with him and married in Georgia, his mother may have been a widow and may have come with him. I think I have previously written you that my grandmother said Adam Sr's father was named John. She had a wonderful memory, but as she married young, she could easily have been mistaken.***** He (Adam) was not long in Wilkes County, for in 1790, he had a second grant in Washington County. This grant was on Rocky Comfort Creek, perhaps located in Warren County. Recorded in office of Secretary of State Book SSS page 566. ***** I have had a genealogist, reputed the best in Georgia working for me for about three years, and she also has Nicholas in connection with Adam, but as yet she has been unable to give Adam a father, so sometimes I think he must have been like the first old Adam a full grown man, when he was first known and gave me this vexing research or like Topsy he just grewed" ***** Extract from letter of Mrs. Ida S. Lambert, Washington, D. C. a descendant of Valentine Harden and his son William Henry Harden, who was prominent in the early history of Georgia, especially in the treaties with the Indians, many being signed at his home in Bartow County, (then Cass and which William Henry named). The Governor wished to name this county Harden in compliment for the service of Wm. Henry, but being modest, he put the honor aside and called it for Cass, who was a Michigan man, so after the war when Gen. Bartow was killed the name was changed from Cass to Bartow. (She refers to letter from Mrs. Millie Harris to Mrs. Lambert.) In your Clay research have you acquired any information of this Mrs. Millie Harris or her descendants? Mrs. Lambert has been working on her Harden line for many years. **** (She says Miss Willie Ivey sends this item) 'While looking over some old records that my sister had I find on a sheet of paper several names that she must have copied

from some Georgia reference book and near the bottom of the list she has this item. "Names omitted from Washington County, Adam Harden. She did not write down the name of the reference book from where she got the names, and I have no idea where she found them, but they were evidently names of Revolutionary soldiers. This is the only hint I have of Adam Hardin living in Washington County. ***** Miss Ivey wrote that her sister died some years ago.

July 12, 1925

"In looking over some old records I find this note: "The Hardins came from Scotland about 1700" which will perhaps strengthen your idea that Adam and Eve were of Welsh descent. I imagine that this note was given by some descendant of Adam Harden Jr., as I had corresponded with a party who was making research for his descendants."

Aug. 4, 1925

"The Adam Harden who lived in Sumter County and went from there to Florida was a son of Nicholas and not of Adam Harden Sr., John and Adam Jr., sons of Adam Sr., left Putnam County and went to Monroe County Georgia where they lived several years, and then both went to the young county of Troup, then just established. Both are mentioned in White's statistics as among the early settlers there. John or Capt. Jack as he was commonly called remained, established a home, and was one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of that section of the state. Adam, Jr., on account of the bad health of his wife went to Alabama where his wife died and he married a second time in Lee county, Ala., and there he lived and died about 1872. I have heard that this Adam who went to Florida (son of Nicholas) became quite wealthy."

Aug. 13, 1925.

"Henry Hardin who married Judith Lynch was brother of Martin who married Lydia Waters, and I believe there was also a brother Mark who went to the Carolinas and who it is said was lost sight of.***** "There was a John Nicholas Hardin who was a Revolutionary soldier in N. C. His name was given me by the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Com-

mission and I tried to get his military record from Washington, D. C., failed and not feeling that a search in N. C. would aid in establishing Adam's parentage I did not make a thorough search of this John Nicholas Hardin's Revolutionary record."

Aug. 26, 1925

"Adam had his grant of land in Wilkes County in 1789, two years after the death of Col. William in 1787, and it is evident his sister Eve was with his family. As I have previously written, I am of the opinion the old records, if any, in Wilkes County would furnish more information concerning Adam Harden than those in Washington county, as the first grant was in Wilkes. In May, I had a letter from a Mrs. Davidson, Quitman, who wrote: "If Adam Harden did not actually live in Georgia prior to 1786, he had a grant of land. I have proof of this, but no record of the grant. Maybe some day it will come to light. It was probably a Revolutionary grant too, but that will have to be proven."

Sept 24, 1925

In this letter she doubts that David Clay lost an eye in connection with the defense of the Hardin family during the revolution as she had never heard this tradition from Adam's descendants.

April 4, 1926

Miss Reynolds advises that she has been sick, but is enclosing a sketch of the family of Adam Hardin; same information as in Hardin Hints and Genealogies.

May 2, 1926.

In this letter Miss Reynolds advises that Henry Harden died in Walton County and not in Warrenton as given by me and as taken from sketch of Martin B. Harden as published in Georgia Baptist. She says further that children were by first wife Sarah Cook. This statement is also substantiated in a letter from J. M. Carter, of Waco, Texas. I presume they are correct but it appears strange that a son by first wife should have been named Edward Jones Hardin.

May 23, 1926

"According to notes which I have from Nicholas Harden's descendants the John Harden who went to Tennessee, was a brother of Nicholas. I am told this John went to Tennessee and

there married, and then went further West, amassing considerable property. I would not be surprised, however, if John weren't a son, instead of a brother of Nicholas. My informant said this John Harden went from Washington County, Ga., to Tennessee. Nicholas had a son Adam who went to Quincy, Florida, according to the same correspondent."

Jan. 31, 1926.

"My grandmother and her sisters were considered beautiful women, and John Harden, son of Adam Harden, Sr., is said to have been a strikingly handsome man, and they were thrifty folks and exceedingly neat."

April 19, 1926.

"In the copy I have of Adam Hardin, Sr's will,, the name is spelled throughout Hardin. My grandmother always, however spelled it Harden and until you asked about the will, I had never particularly noticed about the spelling. The descendants of Nicholas Harden with whom I have been associated, spell the name Hardin and so are the court records in Monroe County."

May 10, 1926

"Our family tradition is that Adam Harden's father was a John Harden and lived in Virginia, but tradition is not fact."

Statement preliminary to next letter: In the latter part of May 1926, I was in Columbus Georgia in attendance upon the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows: From correspondence which I had had I was able to locate a great-grand daughter of Adam Hardin, Sr., by his son Adam. I had a long conversation with this lady relating to her grandfather's family, that is Adam Harden, Jr's., and from her learned that she had an uncle John Wesley Harden and from what she told me I thought it quite probable that this was the John Wesley Harden, so celebrated in the Western desperado lore. So I wrote to Miss Reynolds suggesting that she had very probably been handicapped in her search by this fact. The next letter is her reply.

May 31, 1926.

"Yours of the 28th just received and I am keenly interested to know who is John Wesley Harden, of whom I have never previously heard. Adam Harden, Sr., mentions a son John in

his will, but not John Wesley. This son was my grandmother's father, one of the pioneer citizens of Troup Co., Ga. He was commonly called Captain Jack Harden, having acquired this title from having been a soldier in the war of 1812 at which time he was living in Putnam County, Georgia, from which he went to the new county of Troup, where he lived and died an honorable and upright citizen. I have never heard anything dishonorable connected with him or with his family. He had one son John Harden, who lived also in Troup County, but I have never heard of any "Wesley" attached to his name or anything disreputable connected with his life, so I am quite at sea and fail to understand why you say "I have been handicapped in my investigations by reason of John Wesley Harden." Please to explain who he was and how he was connected with my ancestor, John Harden. In all my search and correspondence, this is the first hint I have ever had concerning John Wesley Harden, and naturally my curiosity is excited and stimulated to learn further. You say there is a published history of his life. Have you this history, and how and where is one obtainable. I am keenly interested to read it. Please to tell me all you know of this John Wesley Harden, and the history of his life. Who is his sister and where is she living. If she is a grand daughter of Adam Harden, Sr., she surely is a very old woman, so I am strongly inclined to think in this particular you are mistaken. As a rule a family cannot keep concealed disreputable facts concerning any one member, for some one is ever only too ready to tell of the Black sheep in any family. The good men do is often interred with their bones, but the evil they do, surely lives after them. Again, if there is a published history of the life of John Wesley Harden, I do not see why his sister should try to repress any facts, if these have already been published and put before the public I should not think there would be any thing to suppress, or any thing to cover up or repress any thing for there is some one to remember and colorfully relate unpieasant or undesired facts. This is human nature, and a characteristic never entirely quenched and trampled underfoot. ***** Sur-

mises do not so much interest me, for I want facts, something solid and positive to build upon, and generally surmises do not amount to much. I do not think because Eve Harden married in Warren county, Georgia proves she was a near relative of Mark Harden, and I hardly think there is a close relationship between these two families. There was a time, however when I wondered if Adam, Sr. may not have been a younger brother of Mark of Warren County. I never found anything to substantiate this idea so I put it aside as hardly probable. My grandmother used to say Adam Harden, Sr. had a brother Mark, but as no Mark ever appeared in our line, and I could find nothing to prove her statement, I have concluded she was probably mistaken, though she had a wonderful memory.

I wish you success, wherever your search may lead, and I am keenly eager to learn all I may of this notorious John Wesley Harden."

The remainder of these letters contain no new information not given elsewhere by documents and as Miss Reynolds health was rapidly failing she ceased to manifest any interest after December, 1926, although I continued sending her the results of my search. In order to give all information in my hands relating to John Wesley Harden, I submit information obtained from his sister and on file in my office.

Correspondence With Mrs. E. I. Howard, Granddaughter of Adam Hardin, Senior.

About the first of May 1926 Mrs. Howard sent me the following information on questionnaires sent to her with request for information. Adam Hardin, born in Putnam County, Ga. (nearest she knows) May 15th, 1800. Died in Lee County, Alabama, 1887 and is buried in cemetery at Auburn, Ala., married first Priscilla Adams, second Ann Elizabeth Fleming. Priscilla Adams Hardin buried at Auburn, Ann Elizabeth Fleming Hardin buried at Tuskegee, Ala. She says her mother preferred being buried there where she (Mrs. Howard had cared for her twenty years). Her father, Adam Hardin was twice married, his first wife a Miss Adams.

To them were born eleven children, all dead—James Hardin, H. H. Hardin, Miles Hardin, Thomas Huston Hardin, Adam Hardin, Elizabeth Hardin, June Hardin, Fletcher Hardin and two daughters who died in young womanhood and also a small son. All were buried in Auburn cemetery. Says she has hoped to go there and get names and dates from tombs. His 2nd wife (mother of writer) was Ann Elizabeth Fleming, of Talbotton, Ga. They had six children (names are not very legible but appear to be) Efin Iola Hardin, Adam Sandlin Hardin, Tabor Fleming Hardin, J. Wesley Hardin, Maytie Floy Hardin, and infant. Adam Hardin's wife lives in Miami, Fla. He is dead. They had several children. Tabor F. Hardin a Methodist minister died early, was very promising, having graduated from college in Auburn, with highest honors. Wesley died in Texas. Maytie F. Hardin married Prof. P. D. Arilson (?). They have one child, Mary Flemming Arilson. Address is Ruston, La.

Upon receipt of this information and after conversation with her daughter, I immediately wrote her in regard to John Wesley Hardin and received the following reply:

Tuskegee, Ala., June 4, 1926.

My dear Mr. Rigsby:

Have been slow in answering your letter which I surely appreciate. At the time of its reception, was in the country with a son and his family—several little children—and impossible to concentrate on a reply. First I will tackle the information regarding John Wesley Hardin. The notorious John Wesley was not my brother, whether related, I do not know. My father may have, but died about the time of his famous career. My brother was born in Dallas, Texas about 1867, Sept. 6th. We had moved to that state the year following the close of the Civil war, living nearly a year in Smith county, Johnstown, then moved to Dallas county. Dallas where we lived about four years. My brother was named for the founder of Methodism. My father a staunch Methodist, so all his children were and are. My brother was about 4 years old when we returned to Alabama, Auburn, there he was raised to young manhood. He had an unsettled roving

nature which my mother attributed to pre-natal influence. He was never a bad man, though unsuccessful, always in need or being constantly helped by members of his family. He died in the southern part of the state near San Antonio about thirteen years ago, of tuberculosis. How different children of the same family can be. History is always repeating itself. There will always be Cain and Abel, Jacob and Esau:

You may grind them each in the self same mill,

You may bind them heart and brow,
The first will follow the rainbow still,

The other will follow the pow."

There is a good deal more to this letter which must be omitted for lack of space. The letter gives the highest evidence of culture and breeding as well as integrity and convinces me that her brother John Wesley Hardin is not the same person as the notorious John Wesley Harden and this letter is given to correct any misunderstanding that may arise in later years.

Note From Letters from Mrs. Rosamonde Hardin Bogle.

February 24, 1926.

"Nicholas has been the cause of trouble in clearing up my line also, but I will give you the meager information I possess:

"My father, Thomas J. Hardin was the son of William Reeves Hardin. William Reeves, the son of James M. Hardin; James M., the son of Nicholas. No dates known other than James Monroe Hardin, born 1797, died August 6, 1862. Nicholas had a brother, William and a sister, Evie, according to an aunt, who is now dead."

She proceeds to give other information which is included in Hardin Hints and Genealogies and for this reason not repeated here.

April 21, 1926.

"The only information I can get of John Hardin is contained in a letter from my father's cousin, Joe Daniel, of Tennille, Ga., (now dead) in which he says one of the Hardin brothers (the brother of James Monroe) was named John. He was Clerk of Ohoopce Church several years before he moved to Alabama and I feel sure that he lived on the land granted to

his father in Washington county as a Revolutionary soldier. His mother was also member of Ohoopce Church. We remember her as Grandma Albritton. You remember she lived with Grandma Smith until she died. This must have been that the widow of Nicholas Hardin married an Albritton as my Grandmother Smith was Sara Hardin."

In this connection I have found that an Albritton returned the land of the children of Nicholas Hardin for taxes in Washington county, Georgia about 1830. Record in the department of Archives, Atlanta, Ga.

Bremerton, Washington, Puget Sound, Navy Yard, Feb. 7th, 1917.

These are the salient facts of a number of letters I have received. I collected these items as they were given me by parties who were posted. The expense of carrying so much paper decided me to condense all in this book. Data of my forebears.

(These are Mrs. Ida Spullock Lambert's Notes:)

Valentine Hardin married Margaret Castleberry about 1790. They lived in Washington Co., Ga. Valentine had the first shingled roof house in the county. Valentine and Marguerette children: Rhoda, born in March 12th, 1796, died 1868, married Carter Crew. They lived near Dallas, Georgia. Sallie married James Dowdy. Polly married John Barton, Jackson county, Ga., Jan. 14, 1808. William Henry Hardin, born Jan. 29th, 1798 in Washington County, Ga. nine miles from Sandersville, Ga., married Nancy Cloud, Sept. 21st, 1820 in Putnam county, Ga. She was born in 1800, died 1864, buried in Clay county. William H. Hardin died in 1854 in Bartow county, Ga., buried in the Spullock plot in Rome, Ga. Valentine died in 1800, buried near his home in Washington county, Ga. After his death his widow married Wm. Warren. She died near Carrollton, Carroll county, Ga., in 1850. William Hardin in war 1812.

This data from Miss or Mrs. Camilla H. Davys dated April 6th., 1900, address 111 Ewing Ark., Oak Cliff, Texas. Her great-grandfather, William Hardin was born in Virginia 1741. He also lived in North Carolina and probably Georgia. Had married Sarah Bledsoe, either Va. or N. C.

Their children, Bledsoe, Henry, Mark, Swan, Richard and Martin. Martin lived and died on Duck River, Tenn. She thinks that William Hardin died about 1810 in Franklin county, Ga. while living with his youngest son, Richard. His wife lived to be 107 years old, buried at College Hill, Miss. His sons, Henry and Bledsoe, died in N. C. Martin lived and died on Duck River, Tenn., each leaving children. Two of the descendants of this family, William and Calloway, were with Gen. Jackson in his Indian wars. Her great grandfather, Col. William Hardin was in the war of 1776, serving with General Francis Marrion. Her grandfather was Swan Hardin, who moved to Texas, 1837, died soon after he moved. He left five sons. Mrs. Davis is the daughter of his second son, Franklin. She asked me if Col. Mark Hardin, my kinsman. Hardins settled in Georgia. Adam in Wilkes Co., 1789, moved to Washington county, 1797. John, Franklin county, 1797. Martin, Warren county, 1801. Mark, Franklin county, 1806. William, Warren county, 1802. Edward, Screven county, 1805. Martin, Tatnal county, 1810. Henry, Warren 1814. William, Franklin, 1815. Isaac B. Burk, 1802. * * * * * Letter dated Feb. 11th, 1899 from Mrs. Milie Harris, Sandersville, Ga. Mrs. Harris was 75 years old. Her grandfather was Nick Hardin, who is buried at the Hardin burying ground. She said she had two uncles buried there, one Nick Hardin and one Wm. Hardin. Her grandfather, Nick had one sister named Evie. Mrs. Harris' mother was Mary Hardin and married Wm. Clay. U. S. Senator Clay was from this family. * * * Letter dated April 6th, 1903. This information is from John or Jack Hardin's dather, Adam Hardin's son. She is now 80 years old. Letter written by her granddaughter, Barnesville, Ga. She says her grandfather Adam Hardin came direct from Virginia to Georgia with his family to Putnam county. Eatonton, their market. Adam married a Miss Taber. She was a young lady during the wear of 1776, spun and wove her wedding dress which was of flax." * * * * * "Grandma says she well remembers her grandfather Adam Hardin coming to see them in Troupe. She said he was

very handsome and her father, John or Jack. She thinks her father and William Hardin were first cousins. She says she remembers once his bringing to their house a sick daughter with which he was traveling hoping to restore her health. He also had his son, Mark. From her home in Troupe he went to Columbus, Ga., where he had two married daughters, one a Mrs. Spullock. Again she remembers this Mrs. Spullock and her sister making a short visit to their home and she thinks that Mrs. Spullock lives at Rome, Ga. Says her grandfather had a brother, Nick, who lived in Va. * * * Letter from Harperville, Miss., Feb. 26th, 1904. From B. R. Haralson. His mother's name was Jane Hudson Hardin, named for her Uncle Hudson Hardin, son of Adam Hardin, his grandfather, John Hardin died 1867 or 8, 83 years old so he was born 1783 or 84. His mother was born in Putnam county, Ga., March 1st, 1814. His ancestors were from Virginia. He says they took part in the war of 76 and had property destroyed by the Tories of that date. Aunt said and wrote me Grandfather Wm. Hardin was Clerk of Court of Henry county, McDonough, Ga. Was Indian agent. Help to remove the Cherokee Indians from north Georgia to their reservation west of the Mississippi. In his latter days was a successful planter. (Here follows a letter from Mark A. Hardin contradictory) * * * Letter from J. W. George, Yazoo City, Miss., dated Dec. 16, 1890. He is the son of U. S. Senator George. He is descended from Mary Hunter Hardin.

Rome Tribune-Herald of March 29, 1912 carried notice of the death of Judge J. H. Spullock. Quoting: "Judge Spullock is survived by one daughter, Mrs. R. J. Bell, of Chattanooga, who arrived in Rome last night; and four sisters, Mrs. Ida S. Lambert and Miss Fannie Spullock, of Rome; Mrs. J. E. Murphey, of Portland, Ore., and Mrs. J. K. Butler, of Nova Scotia.

"His father was James M. Spullock, one of the early settlers of this city, and afterwards mayor of Rome. His grandfather was William Hardin and bore the name James Hardin Spullock."

The Morning Tribune, Knoxville, Tenn., Sunday, November 21, 1897

carried an article entitled Original Aristocracy, etc., in which appears the following: As early as June 23, 1833, Tomlinson Fort who then resided at Milledgeville, Ga., B. B. Hargrove, William Soloman, Thomas W. Harris and John Martin, who then resided at Cartersville, Ga. and the same parties with William Harden bought and sold lands in north Georgia.

The Henry County Weekly in its issue of May 13, 1921, carried an article by Scip Speer from which I quote: "The first house built in the town of McDonough was occupied by William Hardin, situated on the north-west corner of the public square. As far back as 1825 the residences were rudely furnished with home-made furniture. For a long time William Hardin owned the only furniture of any consequence in the town. This set was purchased at Charleston, S. C., for \$1,000 and hauled by wagon from there to this place. From a clipping which I am unable to identify I take the following. Speaking of Judge James M. Spullock, "He shortly after wooed and wed the daughter of Col. Wm. Hardin who, with Col. Hargrove, were the leading men of the Cherokee country, then just settling up with a white population.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF JOHN HARDIN, DECEASED.

GEORGIA, Oglethorpe County.

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN: I, John Hardin, of the county of Oglethorpe and said state of Georgia, of sound mind and memory, blessed be God the extending mercy, knowing that it is appointed for all men to die, and has pleased God to bless me with some of this world's treasures, shall dispose of it in the following manner, viz:

Item—I leave my crop of cotton that is now on hand to pay all my just debts and the use of my family.

Item—I give to my dear beloved wife, Sally Hardin, one negro man, Peter, one hundred dollars, a horse and saddle, bed and furniture.

I lend to my wife, Sally Hardin, the tract of land, I said Hardin, now live, while she ever remains my widow, for the use of herself and the legatees that live with her.

Item—I lend to my beloved wife, until July and Franklin becomes of

age, in case she remains the said Hardin's widow, I lend one negro man, Andrew, one negro man Ben Curtis, and one negro man, Ben Moss, one boy, Joseph, one negro woman, Charity, one negro woman Massy, for the use and support and schooling the children and raising the family.

Item—I leave the tract of land near Lexington to be sold, when convenient, and the money equally divided betwixt my wife, Sally Hardin, and all the legatees.

Item—I give to my beloved daughter, Elizabeth Hardin, one negro girl, Louisa, one negro boy, Louis, one bed and furniture, one horse, saddle and bridle, one cow and calf and two sheep

Item—I give to my beloved daughter, Polly Powell, one negro girl, Jenny, one negro boy, Adam, one bed and furniture, one horse and bridle and saddle, one cow and calf and two sheep.

Item—I give Martha Hardin one negro boy, Benager, one negro girl, Fanny, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf and two sheep, one horse, bridle and saddle.

Item—I leave Lucinda Hardin, my beloved daughter, one negro girl, Cisser, one boy, Washington (in case his eye sight fails him), I leave her George, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, bridle and saddle.

Item—I leave Permelia Hardin, my beloved daughter, one negro girl, Emily, one negro boy, Terrell, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, bridle and saddle.

Item—I give my son Benjamin Hardin, one negro girl, Easter, one negro boy Judge, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, bridle and saddle.

I give to my son, Jno. B. Hardin, one negro boy, Clark, and one negro girl from the estate, one bed and furniture, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse, bridle and saddle.

Item—I leave to my daughter Caroline, July and Franklin, one negro boy, Van, and she will have a girl from my estate, one cow and calf, two sheep, one horse bridle and saddle.

Item—I leave the plantation and kitchen furniture and the stock and house furniture to my wife and the legatees as it is necessary to keep.

Item—I do further say that, my

wife, in case she remains my widow, take out three negroes, such as she may think most proper, and the remainder part of the negroes be equally divided when July and Franklin is twelve years of age.

Item—I lend my wife, Sally Hardin, one negro woman, Aley, until a division takes place.

Item—I give to Frank, a yellow boy, his freedom so long as he lives from the twenty-fifth day of December, 1815.

Item—I give to Linsey, a yellow boy, his freedom so long as he lives from the twenty-fifth day of December, 1815.

Item—I give to Minnie, a yellow girl, her freedom so long as she lives from the twenty-fifth day of December, 1815.

Item—This being my last will and testament made in the year of our Lord, January 29th, 1815. I appoint Joseph Walker and Whittaker Powell my Executors.

JOHN HARDIN (Seal)

Henry Blake
Robert Holmes,
John Holmes, witnesses.

LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF
SALLY HARDIN, DECEASED
GEORGIA, Oglethorpe County.

I, Sally Hardin, of the County and State aforesaid, do make and ordain this my last will and testament in the following manner—(viz)

Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my daughter, Elizabeth Hargin, a negro girl named Minny to her forever, and one bay mare.

Item 2nd. I give to my son, Benjamin Hardin, one negro man named Frank, and a young sorrell mare to him and his heirs forever.

Item 3rd. I give to my son Jno. R. Hardin, a negro man named Lindsey, and a sorrell horse colt to him and his heirs forever.

Item 4th. I give to my daughter, Caroline Quillian Franklin Hardin, a bed and furniture which was left me by the will of John Hardin, deceased.

Item 5th. The balance of my estate, both real and personal, consisting of a negro man named Peter, a tract of land drawn by me in the late land lottery, my household and kitchen furniture equally divided between Elizabeth Hardin, Benjamin Hardin, and John B. Hardin.

And lastly I leave my son-in-law, Abraham J. Hill, my executor to this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this third day of February, 1823.

SALLY HARDIN. (Seal)

Attest:
Elisha Trammell.
David Robison,
Christopher Bowen, J. I. C.

Col. William Harden's Branch

From a bible now belonging to the descendants of Henry Harden, of Bryan County, Ga.

On the first fly-leaf are the autographs of James Habersham and Charles Harden. To the signature of the latter are added these words:

"Presented to him by his mother, Mary Harden, March 1st in the year 1793."

On the second fly-leaf: "1822. Charles and Henry Harden's Bible."

Family Record.

William Harden (My great-great-grandfather. W. H.) son of William Harden and his wife Agnes (My great-great-great-grandfather and great-great-great-grandmother. I do not know the surname of Agnes, nor can I go farther back than his record in any particular. W. H.) was born November 23rd, in the year of our Lord 1720, and deceased Sept. 12, 1760, aged 39 years, 9 months and 19 days.

Mary Eberson, daughter of Thos. E. and Mary, his wife, born Dec. 13th, 1724. Wm. Harden and Mary Eberson were married July 15th, 1742.

William Harden (The Colonel, my great-grandfather. W. H.) son of Wm. and Mary, his wife born Nov. 8, 1743, and deceased Nov. 28th, 1785 aged 42 years and 20 days.

Thos. Harden, son of Wm. and Mary his wife, born Sept. 8th, 1745, and deceased Sept. 14th, 1747, aged two years and six days.

Rebekah Harden, daughter of Wm. Harden and Mary, his wife, born Dec. 17th, 1747, departed this life June 10, 1806, aged 59 years, 5 months, 23 days. (She married Thomas White. W. H.)

Susannah Harden, daughter of Wm. Harden and Mary, his wife, born April 6th, 1749, and deceased Sept. 12, 1761, aged 12 years, five months and six days.

Elizabeth Harden, daughter of Wm. Harden and Mary, his wife, born March 30, 1754, deceased July 24, 1789, aged 35 years, 3 months and 24 days.

Elizabeth Harden, daughter of Wm. and Mary his wife, born March the 30, 1754, and deceased July, 24th, 1789, aged 35 years, 3 months and 24 days.

Edward Harden, son of Wm. and Mary his wife, born Aug. 17th, 1757, departed this life July 11th, 1804, aged 46 years, 10 months and 24 days.

Henry Harden, son of Charles and Elizabeth his wife, was born May the 12th, 1783 and died April 30th, 1817, in the 35th year of his age.

Charles Harden and Elizabeth Miles (formerly Hunt) married July 30, 1782.

Charles Harden, son of Chas. and Elizabeth, born Aug. 9, 1788, died March 15, 1815.

It is not necessary to bring this record down to a more recent date. Col. Wm. Harden had a son William, by this first wife Sarah....., and it is possible that he had others; but it seems that only William was living at the time of his father's death. His first wife died some time between the year 1775 and the year 1777. He married the second time the widow of John Perkins who was born Sarah Cussings and married, first, John Perkins, and after his death Col. Wm. Harden.

By his second marriage Col. Wm. Harden had a daughter who died young, and three sons; Charles Murray Harden, Edmund Bellinger Harden, and Thomas Hutson Harden who was born after the death of his father, and was my grandfather.

WM. HARDEN.

The estate of Martin Harden, deceased in account with

Cash Paid To	Voucher No.	Amt.
Clk Court of Ordinary	1	\$ 8.31
E. W. Doubleday	2	7.12
Craig & Daffin	3	23.44
B. M. Shaw Tax Collector	4	32.08
Hunt & Thomas	5	115.70
D. M. Whaley	6	13.00

George King for latter for use of plantation	7	5.10
For gathering stock	8	219.00
E. H. Kemp	9	5.00
Paid J. Donalson & Co., for negro clothing	10	179.95
Columbus Engineer office	11	5.50
N. Harley	12	138.26
Expenses of hands when gathering stock		15.00
Commissions on 768.06 paid out \$19.20		
Commissions on \$2243.20		
Received \$56.07		\$75.27
John Harden, Administrator from the 13 July, 1838 until 31 Oct. inclusive. By cash on hand at the death of the intestate as mentioned in the appraisal		\$1448.25
By Cash collected of		
B. Crawford on note		97.20
B. Crawford on interest		9.00
W. T. Crawford on note		103.53
H. G. Crawford on note		108.66
W. H. Owens note and int.		1050.00
I. W. Keith		200.00
Perishable property		226.56
Sworn to and subscribed in open court.		

JOHN HARDEN.

ATTEST: A. D. Smart, C. C. O.

The estate of Martin Harden, deceased in account with

To Cash Paid	Voucher No.	Amt.
M. L. and L. L. Harden	1	\$2985.00
Richard Fletcher, Attorney for Sarah Harden	2	3162.00
Mark Harden, Attorney for Mark Harden	3	3338.85
F. Gorden, Attorney for Henry Harden	4	3162.00
William Young	5	3162.00
William G. Harden, Attorney for Martha and Jacob Garrard	6	3162.00
William G. Harden	7	3162.00
O. M. Whaley	8	64.25
William G. Harden	9	3292.00
W. H. Harden, Attorney for Clark Blandford	10	3162.00
Joseph Irwin	11	51.00
Isaac Brunson	12	300.00
Harden and Taylor	13	162.23
Inlow Evans	14	26.00
Hill and Danson	15	16.75
Lott Warren	16	50.00
C. B. Strong	17	50.00
J. Donalson & Co.	18	87.79
B. Crawford	19	54.33

N. Hanley	20	253.54
I. I. Williams	21	1.50
W. W. Hair	22	305.50
Moses Shaw	23	10.00
H. Manley	24	2.50
C. B. Strong	25	51.00
B. M. Shaw	26	20.50
A. D. Smart	27	11.75
Steam Boat Ellin	28	10.75
John Harden, Admr. from the 1st Jan. 1839 to 31st October, inclusive.		
By balance on hand from		\$1399.87
By cash received from sale of negroes, cotton, etc.		32169.94
By cash on notes and accounts		4132.37
By cash from Joseph Irwin on book account		33.08
Sworn to and subscribed in open court.		
JOHN HARDEN, Admr.		
ATTEST: A. D. Smart, C. C. O.		
The estate of Martin Harden, deceased in account with John Harden his Administrator from 1st January, 1840 to 31st. December, inclusive		
To Cash paid	Vou. No	Amt
William Young	1	\$1326.32
Sarah Harden	2	1000.00
W. W. Garrard	3	1000.00
M. D. Harden for the hands of James Harden	4	400.00
John Harden	5	1000.00
Thomas A. Brown	6	1000.00
C. B. Strong, Attorney for estate	7	50.00
L. T. Bailey, Attorney for estate	8	50.00
Clark Blandford	9	500.00
Clark Blandford	10	500.00
May George	11	1000.00
Joseph Irwin	12	6.37
A. D. Smart	13	1.25
Thomas Bush	15	1.00
N. Manley	16	98.03
R. A. I. Rolley	17	500.00
A. D. Smart	18	2.00
William Chapman	19	5.00
Taxes	20	20.07
C. B. Strong, Atty	21	100.00
S. T. Bailey	22	100.00
Henry Harden	25	1000.00
R. C. Sommege	26	1.00
M. A. Pattot	27	12.00
Recorders office	28	25.00
Sworn to and subscribed in open court		
May Term, 1840. JOHN HARDEN		
A. D. SMART, C. C. O.		
The estate of Martin Harden deceased in account current with John Harden, from 1st. January, 1843 to 31st Dec-		

ember, inclusive.		
1842		
To Amount Paid		
Date	Vou. No.	Amt.
Mch. 8. C. Blandford	1	\$200.00
1843		
To Amount Paid		
Date	Vou. No.	Amt.
Dec. 14. C. C. Young	2	39.50
Dec. 18. Robert Myers	3	15.37
Feb. 25. Martin N. Garrard	4	140.00
Nov. 25. Martin N. Garrard	5	50.00
Dec. 9. Conway Smith	6	50.00
Apr. 4. To amount paid John P. Gaulden commissions for collecting which receipts should have been returned but has been overlooked as per voucher number	7	90.10
Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19th day of February, 1844.		
HOHN HARDEN, Admr.		
ATTEST: John P. Dickenson, C. C. O.		
1844. The estate of Martin Harden deceased in account with John Harden, his Administrator, from January 1st, 1841 to December 31st, inclusive.		
Date.	Vou. No.	Amt.
Oct. 9. Samuel Gaines, com. for collecting	1	\$34.19
Apr. 23. Hayes & Crosland com. for collecting	2	40.00
Feb. 26. S. T. Bailey com. for collecting	3	100.00
Apr. 27. C. C. Strong com. for collecting	4	100.00
Hayes & Crosland		
com for collecting	5	22.50
Tax for year 1841	6	2.53
Oct. 6. Isaac R. Harris	7	6.05
Feb. 22. John M. Caine	8	7.50
Aug. 29. Warren & Wardman	9	8.00
James & Coon	10	6.75
Oct. 16. I Faryerson, Jr. collecting fee	11	10.00
Oct. 9. Warren & Wardman	12	32.00
To Thos M. Bush Clk Jackson Co.		
Sept. 29.	13	3.00
Nov. 13	14	3.43
Nov. 13.	15	3.43
Nov. 13.	16	5.50
Nov. 13.	17	13.61
Nov. 13.	18	3.43
Nov. 13.	19	3.43
Aug. 31. C. W. Dupont	20	254.23
D. Harrell	21	667.60
Wann & Scarborough amt. of cost in the case of Pipi Mobley for the account of John Harden		
	22	1767.00
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of May 1842.		
JOHN HARDEN		

A. D. Leonard, C. C. O.		
The estate of Martin Harden, deceased, in account current with John Harden, Administrator from Jan. 1st, 1844 to July 1st 1845.		
To Cash paid	Vou. No	Amt
Thos Baltzell, Atty.	1	\$2992.14
Martha N. Garrard	2	522.00
A. G. Semuns, Atty.	3	631.00
A. G. Semuns, Atty.	4	100.00
R. Myers (Marshall)	5	65.00
R. Myers (Marshall)	6	22.75
R. Myers (Marshall)	7	32.71
R. Myers (Marshall)	8	19.91
Wm. P. Duval, Atty (in Florida money)	9	200.00
George T. Ward	10	60.00
Wm. L. Durham	11	50.00
C. C. Young, Atty.	12	150.75
A. W. Sneed	13	25.00
Ben G. Alderman	14	10.43
Tax for 1844	16	7.83
A. D. Smart	17	4.50
F. R. Pittman	18	3.25
R. C. Lunency, Clk. Tatnell County	19	5.00
St. Joseph Sims	20	8.00
F. R. Pittman	21	2.00
Rich K. Long	22	3.00
F. R. Pittman	23	2.00
A. A. Allen, Atty.	24	3.45
A. A. Allen, Atty.	25	32.00
Robt. Myers, Marshall	26	43.00
A. A. Allen, Atty.	27	20.00
A. A. Allen, Atty.	28	20.00
A. A. Allen, Atty.	29	20.00
Mary George	30	3162.00
Clerk C. L.	31	5.00
A. A. Allen	32	17.75
I. P. Gaulden, Atty.	33	1152.84
A. A. Allen	34	9.50
Jno R. Hayes	35	407.52
John Harden (distributed)		
as per voucher	36	6454.00
Heirs of Jas. Harden	37	615.23
W. G. Macon, exr. of M. L. Harden	38	153.80
Guardian for minor heirs		
of Blanford	39	200.00
Judith Young (by atty)	40	200.00
Sarah Harden " "	41	200.00
Sworn to and subscribed in open court July Term, 1845.		
JOHN HARDEN		
ATTEST: John P. Dickenson, C. C. O.		
The estate of Martin Harden, deceased in account current with John Harden, his Administrator, from Jan. 1st, 1842 to December 1842.		
Cr. This amount paid on the judgment obtained by Jesse Scott or Martin		

Harden as per voucher no 1 \$5676.58		
Dec. 20 paid J. Long	2	385.00
Jan. 1 paid C. Blanford	3	300.00
Nov. 16 Martha Garrard	4	330.00
Jan. 5 C. Blanford	5	300.00
Aug 12 Mary George	7	1301.00
Aug. 2 Henry Harden	6	400.00
Mch. 8 L. L. Harden	8	300.00
Mch. 5 Jacob Garrard and Martha Ann Guardian by Attorney		
	9	1250.00
Mch. 3 Elias H. Kemp	10	50.59
July 6. F. Dickenson	11	1.37
Mch. 3. E. W. Kemp, shf.	12	39.22
Mch. 6 Paid D. Wamle	13	3.75
DR. By Amount Collected		\$10737.49
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23rd day of January, 1843.		
JOHN HARDEN, Admr.		
ATTEST: A. D. Smart, C. C. O.		
Est of Martin Harden deceased in account with John Harden, Admr.		
To Cash Paid	Vou. No.	Amt.
Mary George	1	\$992.00
Judith Young	2	300.00
R. R. and S. B. Hines and S. T. Bailey		
	3	390.00
A. A. Allen	4	92.00
A. A. Allen and M. W. Sneed		
	5	50.00
I. P. Dickenson, Clerk Court of Ordinary		
	6	7.25
I. P. Dickenson, Clerk Court of Ordinary		
	7	1.12
Marshall for land tax	8	7.83
Marshall for land tax for 1843	9	8.06
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3rd day of August, 1846.		
JOHN HARDEN, Admr.		
J. P. Dickenson, C. C. O.		

THE STATE OF GEORGIA

Dept. of Archives and History
I, Ruth Blair, State Historian and Director of the Department of Archives and History of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify, That the pamphlet, LAND GRANTS, 1784-1787 showing a list of the warrants issued by the Land Court for the County of Washington from its establishment to the sixth day of August, 1787, inclusive, shows on page 25 that Nicholas Hardin received 200 acres on headright; that Adam Hardin received 200 acres on headright (page 27); and that Isaac Hardin received 600 acres, distinction not shown (page 30). Said pamphlet, signed by Joseph Miller, O. W. C., Nov. 18, 1797, is on

file in this Department.

In testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office, at the Capitol, in the city of Atlanta, this 6th day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty Seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the One Hundred and

RUTH BLAIR, State Historian.
(SEAL)

THE WELSH WITCH WOMAN.

There was living in Wilkinson Co. Georgia, 83rd Subdivision, 1850, in the family of her daughter, Sarah Hatcher, an old woman who was listed in the Census of that year as follows: "Eve Clay, aged 80, female, born in Georgia". There was living at the time of collecting the material for this sketch, in Wilkinson, County, Ga., Mrs. Susie Gilbert, in Washington County, Ga., Mrs. Mary Trawick, and in Florida Mrs. William Connell, each of whom remembered Eve Clay as mentioned above and from them I obtained the salient points of this sketch together with traditions from my mother who remembered her quite well and who left notes relating to her.

Eve Clay, above is the same person as often referred to as Eve Harden. She had a sister and brothers as shown in Hardin Hints and Genealogies. In addition to these it now appears that Valentine Hardin was also a brother, a careful study of the foregoing correspondence and documents together with family characteristics makes this conclusion inevitable.

In my opinion she was of the same family as the Hardens of Savannah and the Hardens of Athens. Other members of this family resided in Pennsylvania and also in North Carolina. The family also was related to that family of Lewises known as Irish John Lewis and through this family of Lewises were related to Mitchell Clay. I give this merely as my opinion and it is also my opinion that John Hardin, father of Adam et al was a son of William Hardin, originally of Wales.

Eve Hardin was born in Georgia in 1770 of Welsh descent. During the early days of the revolution the family refugeeed from state of Georgia to

the Southwestern part of Virginia where John Hardin, her father participated in Dunmore's war. Later the family refugeeed from this frontier settlement into Pennsylvania her father serving in the Pennsylvania Militia, from Pennsylvania the family refugeeed into either North Carolina or Virginia in the vicinity of Orange County, if not within the borders of that county. At the close of the revolution the family came into Washington County, Ga., that is the children came and it is presumed that the father was dead, having died in either Pennsylvania or in North Carolina or Virginia, presumably in Orange County, North Carolina. The three earliest Hardins coming to Georgia were Isaac, Adam and Nicholas. Isaac appears to have gone back to Virginia and presumably he was an uncle of Adam, Eve, and others.

Reader is referred to "Clay Errata and Addenda" in connection with the above.

Sept. 26, 1792 Eve Hardin was married to David Clay in Warren County, Georgia. Presumably she was living at that time either with her brother Adam or her Uncle Isaac. Very little is known of her married life except that which is included in The Georgia Branch of the Virginia Clays and Their Celebrated Cousins" but what we do know is rather unfavorable. She had a violent temper, was self-willed and could not be reasoned with when her temper was aroused. David Clay was a man of considerable property and owned a plantation in Washington County and one in Wilkinson County. When she was overcome with one of these rages he quietly removed himself to his 'Washington County Plantation until the storm blew over when all was quiet un'til the next time.

Her husband died before 1820 and the more minute part of this sketch begins with her widowhood.

After her husband's death she remarried, but the marriage was not happy. Her second husband sent her to my grandfather's on the pretext that he was sick. He was living at that time in what is now Terrell Co. and Eve was living in Wilkinson. She went horse back carrying a negro woman with her. When she returned home she found that her husband, ne-

groes and mules had disappeared. She was left with lands, a horse and one negro. She immediately set out in pursuit of her husband and slaves and followed them to some place either on the Gulf near Port St. Joe or Savannah. The family are not exactly agreed as to the place, but wherever it was her husband and negroes had taken ship and that was the last she ever knew of either. Whether this deranged her mind or whether she had been of the same disposition all along I do not know but now began a peculiar kind of life.

Going back a little. After the death of David Clay and before the children began to leave home, Eve Clay had fried ham for breakfast one morning. The older children knew, or thought they knew, that there was no ham in the smokehouse. They immediately began to inquire of their mother as to where she got the ham. She would not tell them or give any explanation. The older children refused to eat breakfast unless she would tell and she refused to tell, so they went to work breakfastless and no member of the family, to this day knows any more about the ham than when the discussion first started.

In personal appearance she was of medium size with gray eyes and at the time of which I write her hair was white. It was probably auburn in earlier life. She was restless, filled with boundless energy, without shame and of a most determined disposition and violent temper.

She had a great store of Welsh superstitions and of Scotch Closeness. She united these and practiced the profession of Palmistry and "fortune-telling". In this she traveled considerable distances, usually going horseback and carrying her serving woman with her. The practice of her profession proved profitable and she was accustomed to have in her possession considerable amounts of silver. She went as far as Savannah, and even to the Gulf Ports and wherever she went her art was in demand. Her temper, and her rather uncanny skill in foretelling or rather guessing the coming future events, built for her quite a reputation. This with her age and appearance and peculiar conduct soon attracted to her the appellation of "The Witch Woman."

Her children disapproved of this kind of existence and every effort was made by them to get her to abandon her fortune telling and these excursions but without avail. The struggle between Eve and her children over this, was long and persistent with Eve continuing to do as she pleased. The children finally scattered out and Peyton Clay built Eve a house near his home. Here she lived for a number of years all alone and it was here that Mrs. Susie Gilbert knew her. Her serving woman appears on the scene no more and from now on we find Eve travelling on foot. Peyton Clay was wealthy and it is presumed that there was a deliberate attempt made to prevent these excursions, but to no avail. She was too independent to ask for a horse or to be carried and on more than one occasion traveled from Wilkinson County to Sumpter and Terrell counties on foot. Her children would send her back when her time was out.

She lived to an extreme old age and got to where she could not walk a foot log. This did not prevent her, however, from going when and where she pleased. There were no bridges and she would wade the creeks at the fords and one one occasion gave some of her grand children a severe scolding because they had seen her come to a creek and wade it and did not offer to take her up and carry her across on the horses which they were riding home from the field. They had wanted to see her wade the creek and did not let her know they were there until after she had crossed the creek. I think that she was justified in her indignation at her grand children at this time.

Her grand children were divided as to her supernatural powers, some believed in her possessing such powers and others did not. My mother had no faith in her possessing such powers but her sister Francis who married Hiram Wadsworth did. Mrs. Luvinia Connell still relates this circumstance as proof of Eve's powers. "Judith Lucindy, my sister died quite young. Before her death I was very sick and my mother was expecting me to die. Grandma (Eve) was at our house. At that time Judith was well and playing about. Mother asked Eve to tell her if I was going to die. Grandma told

my mother that I was not going to die but that Judith was. I got well but Judith was soon taken sick and died."

Mrs. Trawick remembers Eve coming over in Washington County to visit relatives. She says that at that time she was very old and always came on foot. She says that all of the children were afraid of her, and that people called her a Witch. Mrs. Gilbert of Wilkinson County gives the same account of her.

She lived to be very old and is given by White as an instance of longevity in Wilkinson County. When enfeebled by age her daughter Sarah Hatcher appears to have taken her in her home and to have given her the necessary care and attention. Age had finally done what man had been unable to do, that is subdue and tame her proud and imperious spirit.

These characteristics of Eve has appeared in other members of the family to a much lesser extent. In collaterals it has rarely ever gone beyond eccentricity, but in my opinion John Wesley Hardin of Texas was of this family and this characteristic explains his life and conduct, Henry Clay of Wilkinson County must have inherited a share and I have seen it in others to a less extent. As a matter of fact I have felt the surge at times in myself. This characteristic was so marked that a common expression among all descendants when one lost his or her temper was "Watch old Eve." That was all that was necessary to cool the temper and restore tranquility.

Now in concluding this sketch, I know of nothing better for all descendants to do than to adopt this as a permanent motto "Watch old Eve". Whenever we become indignant, when we are tempted to fly off the handle, when we have the urge to do some foolish or eccentric thing lets remember our motto "Watch old Eve." Time and the diffusion of her blood among the blood of many others has nearly destroyed the potency of this characteristic, but is likely to be renewed at any time by a series of marriages among her descendants or with some other family of similar blood lines and with similar characteristics. She had many good and noble qualities but it is by this characteristic that she is remembered and it is from this char-

acteristic that we descendants can most profit, that is in a negative way by guarding against the development of this characteristic within our hearts. "Watch old Eve" and while others glory in the deeds of some illustrious ancestor let us profit by correcting those defects which may have been transmitted to us and in perfecting the virtues inherited and in the acquisition of virtues not inherent, thus honoring our sires and excusing their delinquencies.

HARDIN NOTES.

Oct. 17, 1803

William Hardin of Franklin County, Georgia mentions in will which is abstracted in Historical Collections of Daughters of Revolution, Page 252. Beloved wife, sons, Martin, Mark, Swan, Henry, Richard; daughters, Cynthia, Sarah and Sucka or (Sook-ey). This William Hardin appears to have been a son of Henry Hardin and Judith Lynch. See test of Swan and Jerusha Hardin, page 232, Georgia D. A. R.

Land Grants.

16 District 2, Section No. 93, b Levisa Hardin (w) Yorks Stewart. Fields Hardin Sen. Wilkinson Co. (Note).

Nov. 12, 1801, Martin Hardin, Warren County 350 A. (Note).

1st District, 4 section, 933c Adam Hardin 374 Putnam.

12 District, 1st Section, 980 c Adam Hardin, Lesters, Monroe.

15 District, 2 section 650 b Ann Hardin, W. Gorves, Bibb.

25 District, 2 section (Cherokee) 123 Asa C. Hardin 404 Gwinnett.

20 District, 3 Section 107c B. B. Hardin, Doziers, Columbia.

5 District, 1 Section, 723 c Benjamin Hardin, Doziers, Columbia.

16 District, 1 Section, Cherokee 106 (fr) Benjamin B. Hardin, Doziers, Columbia (Union Co.)

14 District, 1st Section 1188 b Chas. A. Hardin 20 Bryan.

26 District, 3 Section Cherokee 85 Charles A. Hardin 20th Bryan (Walker County.)

14 District, 2 Section Cherokee, 129 Charles A. Hardin, 20th Bryan.

5 District, 1 Section 796, c Edward Hardin, Athens, Clark.

20 District, 2 section, 734 c Edward J. Hardin, Valleans, Chatham.

6 District, 4 Section, Cherokee 252 Edward R. Hardin, Athens Clark (Walker Co.)

17 District, 3 Section 577 c Elias Hardin, Butts Monroe Co.

5 District, 3 Section, Cherokee, 153 George Hardin Collings, Oglethorp (Cass Co.)

28 District, 3 Section, Cherokee, 25 Henry Hardin, Hearn's Butts, (Walker Co.)

11 District, 3 Section, Cherokee 283 Henry Hardin, Hearn's Butts, (Murray Co.)

11 District, 1 Section, 967 c Henry Hardin, 419 Walton.

12 District, 2 Sec., Cherokee 111, Henry Hardin, Albersons Walton.

12 District, 4 Section, Cherokee 84, Henry F. Hardin, Silmans Pike (Walker Co.)

5 District, 4 Section, 157 Henry F. Hardin, Silmans Pike, (Floyd Co.)

14 District, 2 Section, Cherokee 200 Kezekiah Hardin, Hills, Stewart.

3 District, 1 Section, 34 c Hudson Hardin, Moores Randolph.

15 District, 4 Section, Cherokee, 123 Hugh M. Hardin, Sanderlins Chatham, (Floyd Co.)

16 District, 4 Section, 475 b James Hardin, Lesters Monroe.

3 District, 4 Section, 98 c Jas. M. Hardin, McGinnis, Jackson.

15 District, 2 Section, 1160 b James P. Hardin 404, Gwinnett.

21 District, 3 Section, 161 c Jas. Hardin, Silmans Pike.

4 District, 1 Section, 648 c James Hardin Lesters Monroe.

17 District, 1 Section Cherokee, 232 Jane S. Hardin or Newsons, Thomas.

21 District, 3 Section, 565 c Jesse Hardin, Jackson.

2 District, 1 Section, 139 c J. G. and B. A. Hardin Orphans, Merriwether.

24 District, 2 Section, Cherokee 317, J. G. & B. A. Hardin, Crows Merriwethers.

Irwin County, District 11, No. 13, John Hardin, Twiggs, Hodges, Dec. 15, 1824.

20 District, 3 Section, 1155 c John Hardin, Talley's, Troup.

16 District, 2 Section 1160 c Joseph Hardin, Lovens, Henry.

16 District, 2 Section, 177 c Josiah Harding, Williams Walton.

15 District, 2 Section, 749 b, Josiah Hardin, Cliftons Tatnall.

14 District, 3 Section, Cherokee 46

Mary Harden, h a Bowers, Elbert. (Murray.)

25 District, 3 Section Cherokee 142 Nicholas Harden, Robinsons, Fayette, (Walker.)

3 District, 4 Section, 1209 b Martin Hardin 53 Emanuel.

Irwin County, District No. 12, No. 134, Marlen Harden, Tatnal, Tharps, Dec. 13, 1826.

8 District, 1 Section, Cherokee, 114 Matilda A. Harden W. S. L. W. 20th Bryan (Union.)

27 District, 2 Section, Cherokee, 296 Nancy Harden, W Carpenters Tatnal.

11 District, 4 Section, Cherokee, 174 Robert M. Harden, Cliftons Tatnal (Walker)

11 District, 2 Section, Cherokee, 52 Robert R. Hardin S. L. W., Ballards, Morgan, (Gilmer.)

13 District, 2 Section, Cherokee, 12 Rhoda Hardin m f a Bowers, Elbert, Cherokee.

15 District, 2 Section, 351 b Richard T. Harden, Roysters, Franklin.

5 District, 1 Section, 1156 c Stephen L. Harden, Doziers, Columbia.

2 District, 4 Section 134 c Thomas Harden, Clelands, Chatham.

4 District, 2 Section, Cherokee, 261 Thomas H. Hardin (Cherokee).

Irwin County Dotun No. 9 123 Thomas Hardin Columbia County Pul-

lens District, Nov. 10, 1829.

2 District, 1 Section, 1275 c Thomas Harden Pecks, Columbia Co.

14 District, 1 Section 260 b Thomas Harden Pecks, Columbia Co.

Irwin County District 12, 396, William Harden, Oglethorp, Davenport's, Nov. 25 1827.

21 District, 2 Section, 834 c Wm. Harding Albersons, Walton.

19 District, 3 Section 900 c Wm. S. Hardin, Talley's Troup.

18 District, 3 Section, 460 c Wm. W. Hardens orps Bells Columbia.

CLAY ERRATA AND ADDENDA.

Page 64 add to children of W. A. and Minnie Clay Webb, 7" Bobbie Bird Webb born January 27, 1904; 8" Judge Webb b Dec. 28, 1906; 9" Jewell Clay Webb b Aug. 22 1911.

Page 71 Mary Elizabeth Clay m Drewery Morgan Davis April 26, 1877.

Page 57 Rebecca Collier Etheridge was married only once and to James M. Kilpatrick. Their daughter Nancy Kilpatrick was twice married, first to Merrell Kenedy Bishop, these were

the parents of Agnes Rebecca Bishop Clay. After the death of Bishop Nancy (Kilpatrick) Bishop married Joseph H. Pierce.

86, 6'. Iverson Greene Gayden.

Mrs. R. L. Tullis, box 188, Baton Rouge, La., who was formerly Miss Octavia Tullis and whose husband is Dean of the Law School of the Louisiana State University furnishes me with the following information:

Iverson Greene Gayden born Amite county, Mississippi, January 19, 1825, died Nov. 17, 1896. Married first, Mrs. (widow) Ellen Scott Keller, born Scott, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Thomas Scott, of East Feliciana Parish, Louisiana; she died in 1862. Married next, Martha Jane Thompson, daughter of Obediah Morton Thompson and his wife, Mary Jane Williams Thompson. Issue:

By 1st marriage:

A' Agrippa Gayden, married 1st, Octavia Perkins; next, Katie Perkins. Their children are Octavia, married to Dr. James J. Robert, of Baton Rouge; and Lewis Perkins Gayden, married to Peachey Woodson.

B' Minerva Gayden, married Eli Norwood Perkins, address, Myrtlewood, Ala., issue, a'—Mary Eleanor Perkins, b'—Agrippa Gayden Perkins and Ellie Perkins.

C'—Ellen Gayden married Isaac Duncan Norwood, address, Norwood, La. Issue: a'—Minerva Norwood, b'—Thomas Street Norwood, c'—Nellie Norwood, d'—Frank Lewis Norwood.

D'—Mary Gayden married Harry S. Perkins, address Baton Rouge, La. Issue: a'—Lewis Gayden Perkins, b'—Mac Bridges Perkins, c'—Georgie May Perkins, d'—Iva Gayden Perkins.

By second marriage:

E'—Julia Lea Gayden married 1st, Dr. Samuel J. Perkins, married second E. L. Woodside. No issue by either marriage. Address, Baton Rouge, La.

F'—George Lea Gayden married Irene Keller, five children, address, Gurley, La.

G'—Iva May Gayden, died June 7, 1896.

H'—William Percy Gayden, married Gertrude Brownlee of Clinton, La. No issue. He died March 11, 1911.

I'—Joseph Redhead Gayden, died Feb. 19, 1913.

J'—Octavia Perkin Gayden married Robert Lee Tullis, of Baton

Rouge, La. No issue.

K'—Iverson Greene Gayden, Jr., married first, Mamie Hands, of New Orleans; second, Georgia Hands, of New Orleans. No issue by either marriage.

L'—Margaret Kirby Gayden married Donald Derickson, of Meadville, Penn. Issue, Gayden Derickson, 1311 Henry Clay Ave., New Orleans, La.

N.B.—In Goodspeed's Memoirs of Louisiana, published about 1890, appears a sketch of the Gayden family, the material for which was supplied by Iverson Greene Gayden, the subject of this paper. In the same book appear sketches of the Norwood, Perkins and Keller families among whom were marriages of the Gayden sons and daughters. Iverson Greene Gayden was a soldier in the Mexican War, in the company of Jefferson Davis. He won a medal for distinguished service. He was enlisted in the Civil War in an East Feliciana Parish, La. company, but did not engage in active service.

William Clay

William Clay, son of Henry Clay and Mary Mitchell Clay, has proven rather elusive to genealogists as well as have his children. He must have absented himself and family from Virginia for a period of time otherwise the Virginia records would show more relating to him. He may have resided in Pennsylvania but I have a suspicion that he resided in Georgia for a time and that Joseph Clay the first of Savannah was of this line. Genealogies and historical mention controvert this but are too indefinite and vague to furnish positive proof to the contrary and such descendants of Joseph Clay as I have discussed the matter with all claim relationship with Henry Clay, the Great Commoner. If their claims are well founded then their descent must have been thru this William Clay. His wife was, in my opinion, Anne Lewis, possibly the daughter of Irish John Lewis, if not, then, there must have existed a relationship, and David Lewis, of Surrey County, North Carolina must have been related. William Clay and wife, Ann, made deed to parts of lands taken by will from William Clay's father, but on June 26, 1765, William Clay deeded lands to son, Obed, without wife's signature. We have evidence

David Clay.

David Clay served in Dunmore's war 51 days with his father Mitchell and Brother Ezekiel. They found their own provisions. Thwait's p 200, 397. After the close of Dunmore's war the Clay family and several others remained until the beginning of the Revolution. Their exposed position made their residence exceedingly precarious and they were advised to move, but the Clay family refused to move, and remained during the entire war, however about 1777 or 8 the more cautious decided to seek a safer place and several families refueged into Pennsylvania where several of them had originally come from. David Clay was one of the guards and guides for these families on their pilgrimage and remained to serve in Pennsylvania Militia. John Harden with his family was one of the families to take refuge in Pennsylvania and he also served in the Pennsylvania Militia.

John Harden, 7th Class, 4th Battalion, Cumberland Co., Militia, Penn. Archives, 5th series, Vol. 6, page 285.

David Clay, 7th Class, 7th Battalion of Cumberland County, Militia, Penn. Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 6, Pages 252, 488, 489. Entered service March, 1778. David Clay may have gone back into Virginia for brief periods during the Revolution but I have found no records to prove it beyond question.

Both John Harden and David Clay must have remained in Pennsylvania for some time but I find no record as to when they left Pennsylvania. From Pennsylvania they both went to North Carolina where both the Clays and Hardens had relatives. David Clay enlisted in the 10th North Carolina Regiment from Duplin County, N. C. and served with Lewis Harden, but I am unable to say whether he was a brother of John or a son but I think he was a brother. John Harden may have come to North Carolina and have died there or he may have died in Pennsylvania. Nicholas Hardin was in Orange County, North Carolina for a short time, from which I infer that if the family did not come to this county they came to the vicinity.

Aside from this record I am inclined to believe that the family resided in Orange County North Carolina

since publication of Brochure showing that Pearce Clay of Washington Co., was not a son of this William but a grandson as stated by my mother in her notes. This limits the known children to Mitchell, William and Obed Clay. Soon after the death of his wife, William Clay went to the Southwestern part of Virginia together with other members of his family. On May 2nd, 1771 he deeded land in Bedford County to Eleazer Clay, and regardless of his age joined the forces in defense of the white settlements from the Indians in Dunmore's War and was the first white person killed in the battle although I have found no authorities giving more than his family name.

Mitchell Clay

Documents relating to Mitchell Clay are rather meagre. He must have married in Henrico County Virginia, and much earlier than that stated by Johnston as will appear later. Having received his grant of land for service in the French and Indian War it is quite probable that he moved with his family which at that time consisted of his father into what was then Augusta County Virginia, about 1765 or 6. This section was largely settled by Scotch and Irish and some Welsh. Among the families occupying the new country were the Lewises and Hardins, Hardins of both Huguenot and Welsh extraction, and several with the given name of John. Mitchell Clay soon settled a farm and established his residence on the extreme frontier as we have seen in the "Georgia Branch of th Virginia Clays" but it was not long before these frontier settlements were threatened by Dunmore's War. This was the beginning of a very exciting existence for the settlers and especially for the Clay and Hardin families. Times were perilous and every person able to bear arms joined in the general defense. William Clay, the old grandfather, Mitchell, the son, and David and Ezekial Clay, the grandsons as well as three John Hardins. One of these was John Hardin, son of Mark Hardin of Prince William County. He was wounded in McDonald's expedition and later died. One was the father of Adam, Eve, etc., the other I am unable to identify. (see Thwait, Reuben G. Documentary History of Dunmore's war, pages 155 and 421.)

from the following circumstances. David Clay was one eyed having lost this eye in an encounter with the Tories. The Tories were raiding a settlement in which the Hardens lived. David Clay resisted the Tories but was overpowered and captured. The Tories mistreated him in some way from which he received an injury that resulted in the loss of an eye. According to my recollection of my mother's account he was not in regular service at the time and he escaped from these Tories. This is all rather vague but I have been so positive that I would find the Hardins with the Clays during the Revolutionary period that the search has been confined to territory adjacent to David Clay's family or himself at all times. Now if we examine the history of Orange County, N. C., immediately following the close of the Revolution the conviction grows that it was in Orange County North Carolina that David Clay lost his eye and that it was immediately after the close of the war, that this occurred. Rioting and confusion lasted for some time between the Patriots and Tories, even after peace had been made between the Colonies and Great Britain.

David Clay must have gone back to Virginia after this perhaps about 1784. He was evidently away at the time of the attack on Mitchell Clay's family by the Indians because no mention is made of him in this connection.

Both David Clay and his nephew Pierce came to Georgia soon after the raid of the Indians on the home of Mitchell Clay. It is quite probable that the widow of Ezekial came to Georgia also. Both settled in Washington County Georgia. After the county of Wilkinson was created David Clay removed to that county but he retained his Washington County plantation until his death.

Records fail to disclose any grant of land to David Clay in Georgia for his Revolutionary services. There is no doubt in my mind, however but that he received such a grant in Washington County, Georgia. A great many grants to soldiers of the Revolution are not shown by index. Pierce Clay evidently married Martha Rose in Washington County Georgia soon after David Clay married Eve Harden

and must have acquired the real estate of David Clay after his death because he owned about 3,000 acres of land in 1830 as shown by tax digest of Washington County Georgia.

WILLIAM JAMES CLAY—AND ERRORS CORRECTED.

When I wrote the chapter of The Georgia Branch of the Virginia Clays dealing with the family of Pierce Clay of Washington County Georgia, I relied upon Johnston and Memoirs of Georgia as authority. I suspected some errors in each but did not imagine these errors to be so serious and glaring as they have proven to be. I failed to make as thorough an investigation of records and documents as I should have before accepting these authorities. My excuse for this is that descendants failed to manifest the interest in the work which I thought they should and from the further fact that it was stated in Memoirs of Georgia that the Grandmother of Senator A. S. Clay was Margaret Rose. I presumed that this information was supplied by Senator Clay himself and it was such a disappointment to me to find a man occupying the exalted position held by Senator Clay not knowing who his father's mother was that I regretted ever having undertaken the writing of a sketch of this branch of the family. However a more thorough investigation and a better opportunity for research has placed a different light upon the matter and in justice to the memory of Senator Clay and other descendants of Pierce Clay I am giving this brief treatment of the family's lineage.

William James Clay was the father of Senator A. S. Clay, a son of William Monroe Clay and a grandson of Pierce Clay of Washington County, Georgia. He was born in Washington County but moved to Cobb County quite early and lived there until his death which occurred in 1911. He raised his family near Austell and from his old neighbors I have learned considerable of him.

From them I learn that he was a plain, honest unpretentious, hard-working farmer in moderate financial circumstances and not given to extravagance. He gave his children such educational opportunities as the locality afforded but did not send them

to college. When his son Alexander Stephens Clay entered college it was a friend of the family, Columbus Blair, who advanced the funds for his entry into school. Later A. S. Clay and D. W. Blair were law partners at Marietta, one the son of William J. Clay and the other the son of Columbus Blair, one to occupy a seat in the U. S. Senate and the other on the Bench of that Judicial Circuit.

Notwithstanding the honesty, industry, piety and sterling character of William James Clay, he failed to achieve any degree of distinction. His intelligence and true nobility of character failed to receive that recognition which they no doubt would have, had it not been that he never amassed a fortune and that he had an impediment in his speech which constantly embarrassed him and caused him to be of a retiring disposition. This impediment of speech is a characteristic occasionally met with among descendants of those Clays intermarrying with the Welsh Hardens and is perhaps the result of some nervous condition that sometimes manifests itself in bursts of temper. David Lewis of Surry County North Carolina appears to have had the same trouble and I suspect that the characteristic came from the Lewis family.

The closest ties of affection existed between Senator Clay and his father during their entire life, and regardless of what others might withhold of recognition the Senator knew his father for what he really was and rendered to him that love and honor which he deserved and which is so becoming in this relationship.

The father rarely ever missed an opportunity of hearing his son speak if within a reasonable distance and the son always invited his father to a seat of honor on the rostrum. Those who failed to understand accused the Senator of playing politics, when clearly no such intention existed.

The foregoing explains to my mind the errors in Memoirs of Georgia. It is evident that when the publishers were seeking data for the publication of the sketch of the life of Senator Clay that the Senator referred them to his father for the information relating to the family history. The re-write man must have gotten confused with

the information from these two sources. Whoever took notes must have misunderstood Martha and thought the old gentleman said Margaret Rose. Martha Rose evidently married Pierce Clay in Washington County about 1794.

It is most assured that part of information mentioned in connection with William Monroe Clay was intended for Pierce, and the whole is inaccurate, confusing, misleading and not authoritative. I will now give an exact quotation from the sketch referred to.

Memoirs of Georgia, Vol. 1, Page 503 contains the following statements relating to Clay ancestry of Senator A. S. Clay, "Alexander S. Clay, lawyer, Marietta, Cobb Co., Ga. son of W. J. and Ann (Peck) Clay, was born in Cobb county, in 1853. On his father's side he is of Scotch descent, his great-grandfather having emigrated from Scotland to this country about the middle of the last century, and settled in Virginia, where he lived and died. His paternal grandparents were W. M. and Margaret (Rose) Clay. He was born in Virginia in 1764, migrated to Georgia and settled in Washington County toward the close of the last century. He accumulated quite a large estate—owning 3,000 acres of land in one body—became one of the largest planters, and was one of the wealthiest citizens of the county at the time of his death, which occurred in 1853, in the ninetieth year of his life. Mr. Clay's father was born in Washington county in 1828, was reared on the plantation and has continued farming as his life occupation. He served three years during the war between the states, and is a member of the Methodist Church, of which he is a steward."

In 1820 there were only two families of Clays enumerated in Washington County in Census of that year. One was Pierce Clay with 1 male between 10 and 16, 1 male over 45, 1 female under 10 and 1 female over 45. The other was William Clay. His family consisted of 1 male under 10, 1 male between 26 and 45, 1 female under ten and two females between 16 and 26. (These last two were probably Mary Hardin Clay and her sister as we know that her father died quite early).