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Sources of information

1. "History of Hardin family in the early settling of Kentucky" by Jack Hardin.
2. "Hardin & Hardings of Virginia & Kentucky" by Dorothy Wulfeck 1963 (Work-book).
3. Thomas Earl Hardin research, Indiana State Library Genealogy Dept., Kentucky State Library, Marion & Hendricks County records, cemetery records, county Histories and the Hardin family bible in Paul Hardin's possession.

Hardins in the United States

It would appear that the Hardins came from Virginia to Monongahela River area in Pennsylvania, thence down the Ohio river first around 1779 to Kentucky. As soon as new areas of land opened they sought out new land to settle.

I find in my search many counties and towns named:

Counties

Hardin County, Kentucky
Hardin County, Tennessee
Hardin County, Illinois
Hardin County, Ohio
Hardin County, Texas
Hardin County, Iowa

Towns

Hardin, Kentucky
Hardinsburg, Kentucky
Hardinsburg, Indiana (Washington County)
Hardinsburg, Indiana (Ohio County)
Hardin Grove, Indiana
Hardin, Ohio (Now extinct)
Hardin, Montana

Hardin, Missouri
Hardin, Ill.

HARDINS OF INDIANA
(See in Excerpts the possible prior lineage)

My first proof of the Hardin family in Indiana is in the 1820 Indiana Census:

1820 Wayne County, Washington Township, Indiana

Thomas Hardin

Male 3 under 10

2 under 16

1 under 18

1 under 20

1 under 45

Female 1 under 10

1 under 45

This all checks with:

THOMAS HARDIN, b. 9 March, 1776, Va.; d. 20 Jan., 1863, Iowa, m. Mary Beeson, b. 12 Jan., 1786, No. Car.; d. 10 April, 1855, Iowa. Children, all b. in Wayne Co., Ind.:

1. Isaac Hardin, b. 25 July, 1804.
2. William Hardin, b. 12 Feb., 1806.
3. Thomas Hardin, b. 7 May, 1808.
4. Sand Hardin, b. 25 July, 1810.
5. John Hardin, b. 23 Aug., 1812.
6. Katy Hardin, b. 3 Oct., 1813.
7. Joseph Hardin, b. 22 April, 1816.
8. Benjamin S. Hardin, b. 29 April, 1819.
9. Mary A. Hardin, b. 7 May, 1823.
10. Robert Hardin, b. 2 July, 1825.
11. Israel Abram Hardin, b. 10 Oct. 1827; d. 1 July, 1909; m. Celina Dover.

Ref. Family Bible of Abram S. Hardin, now in possession of Eula (Hardin) Tucker, Cook, Neb.; 1850-60 Census of Henry Co. and Appanoose Co., Iowa. Submitted by Thomas Earl Hardin.

*Isaac is my g.g. Grandfather.

Incorrect

In this entry we find possible errors which Thomas Earl Hardin also corrected - one in his letter to me Oct. 4, 1963 that Mark and Susanna (Stull) Hardin are not Thomas' parents. Isaac birthdate was July 26, 1804, from my search. Also important was a letter from Miss Iva Hardin dated Nov. 22, 1964 in which I quote a part that she believes Mary Beeson to be from Penns. and not No. Car. "I think this entry is wrong, as the parentage of Thomas is so wrong. In spite of No. Car., if I were going to look for a Hardin-Beeson family, I would go to Uniontown, Pa., the county seat of Fayette County. Uniontown was made up, about the time of the Revolution, as I recall, from about a dozen small settlements, and so called Uniontown. But the founder was a pioneer named Beeson, and Uniontown or at least a great part of it, was earlier called BESSONTOWN."

Also, all children born in Wayne County, Indiana is also a possible error. See following excerpts and census.

Also, Excerpts from Directory of Henry Co., New London Twshp., Iowa, page 654 - - HARDIN, WILLIAM, farmer, S 14, P.O. New London, owns 150 acres at \$50 per acre; born near Lexington, Ky. 12 Feb. 1806, thence to Indiana, and then to Iowa in fall of 1839; married Prudence Walker from Tenn., had three children - - Thomas B. L.; Rebecca A.; an S C Lee 4 died in infancy. Mr. Hardin married Louisa King from Tenn. in 1877. He is a member of M. E. Church.

1850 Census Henry Co., Iowa, New London Twsp.

HARDIN - William 44 male farmer \$3200 Ky.

Prudence 42 female Tenn.

Thomas B.L. 21 male farmer Ind.

Rebecca Ann 12 female Ind.

John W. 10 male Ind.

Minerva 21 female

INDIANA

The Whitewater Valley was the gateway to settling of eastern Indiana. The pioneers came from North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky. They were hearty and lived in crude surroundings and in fear of death from Indians, robbers, beast, starvation, freezing & disease.

We can speculate that Thomas and his family came up the Whitewater river from the Ohio prior to 1820 and settled in the southwest corner of the present Wayne County near the Green Fork area. In an old map dated 1880 I find the Town of Milton and Beeson Station, which is not shown on present maps of Indiana. I have not visited this area. Thomas and at least his son William moved to Iowa in about 1839, along with several other Hardins.

Visited in Oct. 1965

Old map shows this as Town of Lockport

ISAAC J. HARDIN

On March 17, 1825 Isaac Hardin and Rebecca Jackson obtained their marriage licenses at Centreville, the County seat at that time. Page 251 in 1811 to 1826 Wayne County, Indiana marriage records.

On October 10, 1826, Isaac Hardin, my great-great-grandfather, purchased 82.95 acres located at the southeast corner of Hendricks County line and on southside of 10th Street in Marion County. He also purchased 80 acres at the northwest corner of 10th Street in Hendricks County. He spent the balance of his life on this farm. Being in Marion County, he was not shown in the Hendricks County histories but since he was buried just 1/2 mile west of his home at the Shiloh Methodist Church Cemetery, I am sure he was well acquainted and spent much time with the people in Washington Township, Hendricks County. The first church organized there was the Shiloh Church at the home of Robert Wilson in 1823. The first settlement in Washington Township was made in the northeast corner, near Shiloh Methodist Episcopal Church by Robert Wilson, Gideon Wilson and Elish Kise, in the year 1822. The next year Daniel Tyer, Aaron Homan, the Griggses, Joseph Faucett in 1823. An old Marion County history shows Isaac J. Harding owned 83 acres in Section 4, T15N, range 2 east. Mr. Harding was born in Wayne County Indiana in 1804 and came to Marion County in November 1826. Isaac used the name Harding in the 1830, 1840, and 1850 census, but his two sons, James T. and William E. used the name Hardin. He died testate as Isaac Hardin. His land records, will, census and other related information follows:

1830 Census shows:

1 Isaac J. Harding - Wayne Twshp - Marion County (My g.g. grandfather)
1 male 20-30 yr. (Isaac)
1 female 20-30 yr. (Rebecca)
1 male under 5 (James T. My Great grandfather)
1 female under 5 (America)

1840 Census shows: Isaac Harding Kentucky

1850 Census on Microfilm Wayne Township - Marion County

Isaac Harding 47 farmer from Tenn.

Rebecca (Jackson)

Harding 48 Md.

Martha E. Harding 14 Ind.

William E. Harding 11 Ind.

Minas C. Harding 7 Ind.

Sarah O. Harding 5 Ind.

Lawrence County, Indiana (County History)

Nathan Jackson, pioneer, Born May 6, 1908 in Virginia, son of John and Nancy (Farmer) Jackson, lineage from England to U.S., to Baltimore, Md., to Virginia, to Indiana. (Could be Rebecca (Jackson) Hardin brother).

THE NEW PURCHASE

Although the treaty of 1818 conceded the occupancy of the "New Purchase," as called by whites, to the Indians until 1821, it's fertility and game caused many white settlers to come to the Indianapolis area from the White Water Valley, and from the Ohio River Area before that reservation expired.

Tradition says that Jacob Whetzol and his son, Cyrus, were the first. Jacob was the brother of Lewis Whetzol, distinguished in the annals of Western Virginia and Pennsylvania. Soon after the St. Mary's Treaty with the Indians they went to Chief Anderson of the Delawares and received permission to blaze a trail from White Water to the Bluffs on White River in Morgan County. The two Whetzols came to the Bluffs in the spring of 1819. There are many traditions of early settlers in Marion County, but the prevailing is that George Pogue, a blacksmith from White Water, came on March 2, 1819, building a log cabin on the east bank of White River near Michigan Street, followed in February 27, 1820 by John and James McCormick, who built a cabin at the Northeast end of U.S. 40 bridge over White River. There is a stone and plaque marking the spot.

Then John Maxwell and John Cowan built a cabin near the site of General Hospital. In the following three months the Davis Brothers, Isaac Wilson, who built a cabin in what became the center of Indianapolis, Robert Harding, Mr. Barkihill, Mr. Corbaley, Mr. Van Blaricum. About this time the commissioners appointed by the legislature located the capital of Indiana here. Four sections of land were donated by the Federal Government for the capital site, thus this land was known as the donation.

Wayne Township was set off, and its boundaries defined on the 16th of April, 1822, by the County Commissioners, and Wayne and Pike on the same date were ordered to be temporarily joined for judicial purpose, one township organization until the population would be adequate for separate organizations. On May 10, 1824, the two Townships were separated.

First settlements in Wayne Township were made in 1821, by the Barnhill and Corbaley families who, first temporarily settled in present Indianapolis City limits, where they spent the sickly summers of 1820 and 1821, thence to settle permanently in Wayne Township near Mount Jackson and Eagle Creek.

How and if the following are related to Isaac, I do not know:

The Harding family, from Washington County, Ky., were also among the earliest emigrants to Marion County, Ind. Robert and Martha Harding, both natives of Pennsylvania, and emigrants to Kentucky, were married about the close of the Revolutionary war, and became the parents of twelve children, viz: John, Eliakim, Ede, Robert, Samuel, Israel, Laban, Ruth, Avis, Sarah, Martha, and Jerina. In the spring of 1820, Mrs. Harding, then a widow, came to Marion County with her children, excepting two of her sons who had preceded her, and two who came afterwards. The family settled first on the "donation" tract, just outside the town of Indianapolis, and built the first dwelling (a log cabin) erected on the banks of White River, in Marion County. The log house of Robert Harding (who was a married man,

and lived separate from the rest of the family) was located on the bluff bank, just north of the east end of the National Road bridge, as described by Mr. Nowland, who also says that Robert Harding's second son, Mordacai, was the first white child borned in the donations.

I have found his grave at the Shiloh Church and he is identified as follows:

Isiac & Rebecca Hardin
Shiloh Methodist Church Cometry in Washington Township
in Hendricks County, 1/2 mile west of Marion County Line
Road on 10th St., South 1/2 mile.

Isiac Hardin
Born July 26, 1804
Died Aug. 7, 1878
Age 74 yrs. 11 days

Married Mar. 17, 1825
Wayne Co. Indiana

Rebecca
Wife of Isiac Hardin
Born Oct. 22, 1802
Died Nov, 26, 1851
Age 49 yrs. 1 mo. & 4 days

(Isiac also married Deborah, who survived him and he left her a life estate. *(ISAAC) (Name misspelled on Marker)*)

The following is a record of their 6 children from all the records:

- 1: James Thomas Hardin, born July 23, 1828. (This is my great grandfather and his history will follow.)
- 2: William Elliott Hardin born in 1839. (See his history with his son James in excerpts.)
- 3: America. Born in 1827 to 1830 n. Swafford
- 4: Martha E. Hardin. Born in 1836. died 1908. Peter H. Stout b. 1836, died 1912
- 5: Sarah O. Hardin. Born in 1845, died 1935. M. Charles C. Miller b. 1843, d 1922
- 6: Minas C. Hardin. Born 1843.
(Minas is shown in will as being mentally handicapped, but nevertheless stayed on homestead farm until sometime after 1906.)

I visited the old Isaac Hardin homestead to-day, July 8, 1963, at the S/E corner of 10th St. and Hendricks Co. Line road. Mr. Wm. Gable, the present owner's wife's father, purchased the 82.95 acre in about 1908 and Mrs. J. Estel Price has lived there since. She said the house was the only building her father did not replace. Geo. Gladden who lived in the house just east of Prices, which has been torn down, said to her in about 1920 to 1930 when he was 91 years old that the Hardin house was the oldest around these parts. It is now covered with artificial shingles over horizontal poplar siding, which is over the original brick wall, which is unusual and I believe is "Harmonist" construction. It is the old "federal design" and still does not have central heat. It has, I believe, 4 fireplaces, two at each end on the first and second stories, that are now covered over but were the original heating source. J. Estel Price said that a septic tank man dug into a mass of rocks and bricks just west of this house and that could have been the original cabin site.

ISAAC HARDIN WILL

Tract Book Feb. 9, 1824

The United States of America, Original Entry
to
-1- John Moore,
West 1/2, North West 1/4 Sec. 4, T15N, R2E, 82.95 Acres

Land Record "A" p. 346 Oct. 10, 1826
Recorded Oct. 31, 1836

John Moore, and
-2- Elizabeth Moore, his wife,
to
Isaac Harding, his heirs
and assigns.

All of the West 1/2 of the North West 1/4 of Section 4, T15N, R2E,
containing 82.95 Acres.

Isaac Hardin, died testate August 8, 1878.

-3- Will record p. 473, Nov. 17, 1867. Probated Aug. 14, 1878.

-4- LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF ISAAC HARDIN, DECEASED.

I, Isaac Hardin, of Marion County, State of Indiana, do make and declare this to be my last Will and Testament, this 12th day of November 1867.

1st, I give and bequeath unto my dear wife, Deborah all the property she brought with her when we were married, also my bed and bedding, two cows, one mare, (named Bell) my buggy and harness, (for the same), and I desire that she have the joint occupancy with my son, Minas Hardin, of all the buildings and land which I own South of the Road, VIZ: The West 1/2 of the North West 1/4 of Section 4. 15. 2., and that she shall have the East 1/2 of said tract of land, (excepting 1/2 the fruit for my son Minas C.), for her own proper use and benefit so long as she may live, also \$300.00 in money, all the carpeting and household furniture and all the kitchen furniture. All the personal property above specified to be at her disposal. 2nd, I give and bequeath unto my son Minas C. Hardin, one bed and bedding, and all that he owns of the stock, viz., A mare and colt, a cow and calf, plows and gears, also the West 1/2 of the North West 1/4 of Section 4, 15, 2., reserving as above to my wife, the use of 1/2 of said tract of land during her natural life after her death it will be his and to be considered as his share in full of my estate.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Sarah J. Faucett, \$1200.00 to be paid to her when 18 years of age. Should she die before arriving to maturity or without any heir of her body the said sum of \$1200.00 to be equally divided among my children or their descendents. Said \$1200.00 to be on interest from the time my Real Estate (not willed) shall be sold.

4th. I give and bequeath unto my three grandchildren Charlie, Thomas and Rebecca Miller, a child's part in my estate. First: I give to Rebecca a bed and bedding, a colt, saddle and bridle, a cow, and \$100.00 in money as an outfit, then afterwards to have an equal share with each of her brothers, Charlie Miller, and Thomas Miller.

Should either of these three die without an heir its portion to go to the surviving ones.

5th. After paying all just demands against my estate and the foregoing bequests or making provisions for them, I desire that the residue of my estate be divided into 5 equal shares, my son James T. Hardin, to have one share, my son William E. Hardin to have one share, my daughter America Swafford, to have one share, my daughter Martha E. Stout to have one share, and Charlie, Thomas, and Rebecca Miller one share.

Lastly I do hereby appoint and constitute my son James T. Hardin, and William N. Gladden, Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

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- 5- Estate of Isaac Hardin, settled in the Marion Circuit Court.
James T. Hardin, appointed and qualified as Executor, August 24, 1878. See order book 49, page 198.
Final report submitted and approved and Executor discharged, and estate determined, February 16, 1884. See Order Book 68, page 49.
- 6- We find no record of death or administration on the Estate of Deborah Hardin, deceased, in Marion County, Indiana.
Guardian's Docket 3, p. 243.
- 7- James T. Hardin, appointed and qualified as Guardian, of Minas C. Hardin, a person of unsound mind September 17, 1878. See Order Book 49, page 285.
Final report and resignation filed, accepted and George Gladden appointed, May 19, 1891. See Order Book 90, page 605.
Guardian's Docket 6, p. 86.
- 8- Peter H. Stout, appointed and qualified as Guardian of Minas C. Hardin, January 5, 1892. See Order Book 84, page 614.
Report and resignation of Guardian approved, December 27, 1894. See Order Book 110, page 257.
Thomas Williams appointed Guardian, December 31, 1894. See Order Book 110, page 260.
Petition for authority to make loan for \$500.00 to repair buildings on wards lands. Petition granted, September 16, 1903. See Order Book 162, page 196.
Report of loan filed, approved November 12, 1903. See Order Book 162, page 391.
Statement in lieu of report filed, approved, February 11, 1905. See Order Book 168, page 551.
The Marion Trust Company appointed Guardian March 23, 1906.
- 9- There are no further conveyances.

Encumbrances.

Mortgage Record Nov. 12, 1903

Thomas Williams, as Guardian of
Minus C. Harden, a person of unsound mind
by order of the Marion Circuit Court.

Mortgagee

to
William H. Simmons.

The West 1/2 of the North West 1/4 of Section 4, 16, 2., containing
82 1/4 Acres, and being the land inherited by Minus C. Hardin, from Isaac
Hardin, deceased.

To secure the payment of one note for \$500.00 due one year after
date with 6% interest from date.

Examined and approved in open court November 12, 1903.

Henry Clay Allen, Judge.

-11- Taxes for the year 1904, not paid.

Taxes for the year 1905, on a lien.

Indianapolis, March 25, 1905.

We find no further conveyances nor unsatisfied encumbrances of
record on tract as described in caption.

Search made in the Recorder's Office, the Tax Sale Records in the
Auditors Office, the Tax Duplicates in the Treasurer's Office, and the
records of Complaints and Attachments and Judgment Dockets, of the
superior and Marion Circuit Courts; as said records and Dockets are
not entered up.

No search made for Judgments in the United States Circuit and
District Courts at Indianapolis.

JAMES T. HARDIN

James T. Hardin, b 7/23/1828, Marion Co. Ind.,; died 12/14/1891; married Nov. 17, 1846; Frances Stout b. 6/19/1831; d. 5/18/1907.

1. Joanna n. Wm. Traub, two children - Henrietta & Emma.
2. Rebecca b. 8/28/1850; d. 5/15/51.
3. Theodore H. Married Alice Berg.
4. Ellen Married Alpheus Smith
(History of Hendricks County.) (1 daughter, Lillian.)
5. Charles I. b. 7/3/57 d. 3/18/1905
n. Mary Maino, one son J. Franklin
Then n. Ellen Golden, one son, Paul Charles b. 4/27/94
6. Laura
7. Indiana n. Wm. Carter, one son, Harry
8. George D. n. Anna Robertson, four children, James, Joseph B.,
Raymond and Francis.
9. Noah n. Agnes Hart, two children, Lewis and Grace.
- *10. Joseph T. n. Rosa Hasselberg, one son Joseph C. (my father)
11. Cora E. n. J. Orlando Dunn, one son Ovid ~~Hardin~~ **DUNN**

The family burial plot of James Thomas Hardin, my great grandfather is in the old section of the Mount Jackson Cemetery at the curve of Tibbs Ave., just north of U.S. 40 and west of the Central Hospital. This family plot is fenced and is in the west part of cemetery, near site of old Baptist Church which no longer exists.

The following are buried there, which includes my grandfather, Joseph Thomas Hardin. My grandmother, Lizzie Rose (Hasselberg) Hardin married Charles Sonnefield and lived just west of Lyndhurst on North side of U S 36 and is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery. Died May 16, 1931.

James T. 7/23/1828 to 12/14/1891
Frances (Stout) 6/19/1831 to 5/18/1907
Joseph T. 3/4/1867 to 1/5/1910
Charles I. 7/3/1857 to 3/18/1905
Laura Bell 5/25/1859 to 5/3/1876
Rebecca J. 8/28/1850 to 5/15/51

Will of James T. Hardin

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I, James T. Hardin, of the county of Marion and State of Indiana being of sound disposing mind and memory do make publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills made by me.

Item First: It is my will and I hereby direct that as soon after my death as possible all my just debts, funeral expenses, and expenses of last sickness be paid by my executrix hereinafter named.

Item Second: I hereby will, devise and bequeath unto my beloved wife Frances Hardin all my property both personal and real, absolutely and in fee simple, subject only to the payment of my just debts, funeral expenses, and expenses of my last sickness.

Item Third: I hereby constitute and appoint my beloved wife, Frances Hardin executrix of this last will and testament.

In witness whereof, I have herewith affixed my name and seal this the 4th day of September 1891 in the presence of John Osterman and George Schuh whom I have requested to attest the same as witnesses thereto.

James T. Hardin Seal

The testator James T. Hardin in our presence signed, sealed and declared the above and foregoing instrument of writing to be his last will and testament and we in his presence and in the presence of each other have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses thereto this the 4th day of September, 1891.

Jno. Osterman
George Schuh

State of Indiana, Marion County, Set:

Francis Hardin being duly sworn, on oath says that James T. Hardin departed this life on or about the 14 day of December 1891, and at the time of his death was a resident of said County and State.

Francis Hardin
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of Decr. A.D. 1891.

John R. Wilson
Clerk

The following is a history of my great grandfather. It might be of interest that he married a Stout and also one of his sisters married a Stout:

MEMOIRS OF INDIANAPOLIS AND MARION COUNTY, INDIANA. 1894

JAMES THOMAS HARDIN. Among the noble men of Marion County, Ind., who fulfilled their destiny and are now no more, may be mentioned James Thomas Hardin who was born in Wayne Township, this county, July 23, 1828, a son of Isaac Hardin. His walk through life was characterized by the most honorable business methods, by his devotion to his family and by the interest he took in the welfare of his fellow man. His death which occurred December 14, 1891, was not only a severe blow to his own family, but to the community at large. Mr. Hardin was reared upon his father's farm to hard work, and owing to the indifferent old fashioned subscription schools, his instruction consisted of about two months per year during his early boyhood days. November 17, 1846, when not yet nineteen years old he married Frances Stout, and shortly after this event the young couple moved to a farm of eighty acres which had been given them by their fathers, situated about two and a half miles east of the home place. This, their first home, was a round log cabin and furnished with two beds, six chairs, one table, one set of dishes, one skillet, one oven and one tea kettle, and the cooking was done in the fireplace. About two years later they moved to Bridgeport where Mr. Hardin was engaged in the grocery trade about a year. He then sold his interest in the store and their farm of eighty acres, and bought a 160 acre farm in Wayne Township where he remained about five years, then sold out and purchased another 160 acres east of this place where he resided until his death. Mr. Hardin was a

member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and Odd Fellow and a Democrat. He and wife were the parents of eleven children; Joanna, who married William Traub by whom she had two children, Henrietta (Shafer) and Emma F. (Brewer); Rebecca, who died in infancy; Theodore M. (deceased) who married Alice Berg; Ellen, married Alphous Smith and bore him one daughter, Lillian; Charles L., married Mary Maines and has one son, J. Franklin; Laura (deceased); Indiana, wedded William Carter and has one son, Harry; George D. married Anna Robertson and is the father of four children, James, Joseph, Raymond and Francis; Noah, who married Agnes Hart and has two children, Lewis and Grace; Joseph, selected Rosa Hasselberg as his wife and is the father of one son, Joseph; and Cora E., who became the wife of J. Orlando Dunn and the mother of one son, Ovid Hardin Dunn. Mrs. F. Hardin's father, David Stout, was born in Butler County, Penn., January 22, 1801, and was there married to Joanna Hurd, formerly of New Jersey. Mr. J. T. Hardin's father Isaac Hardin, and his wife were among the earliest pioneers of Marion County. He was born 1804, married Rebecca Jackson in 1826, and coming to this county purchased a farm of 160 acres where they resided until his death. J. T. Hardin became the owner of a 289 acre farm in Marion County, eighty acres in Hendricks County and eighty acres in Illinois. He was an enterprising man and his death was a loss to the community in which he resided.

JOSEPH T. HARDIN

My grandfather, Joseph Thomas, was son of James Thomas Hardin.

Joseph T. Hardin, Born March 4, 1867, Marion County, Indiana, died January 3, 1910. Married Lizzie Rosa Hasselberg, Born March 4, 1875, died May 16, 1931. (Adopted or reared by Hasselberg) per Ethel M. Hardin. One child only, my father.

JOSEPH CHARLES HARDIN

My father: Born November 17, 1892. Died July 7, 1932.

After my grandfather, Joseph T., died January 3, 1910 on Hancock St. in Mt. Jackson, or west Indianapolis, my grandmother, Rose, married Charles Sonnefield, a widower, who lived just west of Lyndhurst Dr. on the north side of U.S. 36. Here in an old two story house she died 5-16-1931. I remember well spending many pleasant weeks here in the summer and during my junior year at Ben Davis High School. Mr. Sonnefield was a rigger and mover of large machinery and also they worked a small farm.

My grandfather, Joseph T., is buried in his father, James T. Hardin's, family plot in the old Mt. Jackson Cemetery. Rosa (Lizzie Rose) my grandmother is buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, probably near Sonnefield.

My father, Joseph C., was an only child and my mother tells that they met on Hancock St. being neighbors living directly across from

each other. Joseph T. was a wholesale produce distributor to the small grocers located in West Indianapolis. I can remember at least a dozen of these small grocery stores located only 2 to 3 city blocks apart.

My father first worked with his father and then for a short time at Chandler-Taylor boiler works. In about 1913 he opened a corner grocery at Hancock and Bertha Street in Indianapolis until 1919. He sold the store building and house to Geo. D. Hardin and moved to Morris St. west of Mickleyville where he operated the Ideal Dairy Milk Delivery routes for Geo. D. and Raymond Hardin for approximately 5 years. He then had gravel trucks and a cement block plant at the rear of our home at Earl Ave. and Morris Street until about 1926. This home (two story house) was moved next to the Ben Davis High School foot ball field when the 465 and U.S. 40 cloverleaf was built. In 1926 we moved to a 20 acre farm on Southern Ave. just east of the Indianapolis Municipal Airport. Here he farmed and contracted unloading lumber, etc. from cars for the Ben Davis Lumber Company. In 1931 he purchased 10 acres two miles west of Plainfield on N/S US 40 and built a restaurant and tourist cabins. He died here in July, 1932 at the age of 39. He was a hard working and honest individual. He was a Mason and Odd Fellow and a Democrat in politics. He was in ill health suffering from heart disease for many years. I was with him a few minutes before he died while renting a tourist a cabin. I remember him as a fine father. He was 6 foot in height and before illness weight was 200 to 220 pounds.

JOSEPH CHARLES HARDIN

Joseph Charles Hardin, Born November 17, 1892, Marion County, Indianapolis. Died July 7, 1932, Plainfield, Indiana. Married August 9, 1911 in Marion County, Ethel May Chastain. Born June 2, 1893, Marion County. Daughter of Eddie (Edward Chastain) b. 12/5/1872, d. 7/21/1957 (Grace Mountjoy b. 12/24/1875 d. 7/19/1959)

Children:

Joseph Edward Hardin	Born 5/16/1912	Hancock St., Indpls., Ind.	D-3-26-76
Paul Franklin	Born 8/25/1914	" " " "	D-8-12-78
George David	Born 8/20/1916	" " " "	
Leroy Ralph	Born 6/12/1918	" " " "	
Doris May	Born 12/5/1919	" " " "	
Eddie Carl	Born 5/5/1922	Marion Co.	P-2-6-85
Thomas Robert	Born 7/26/1924	" " " "	D-2-16-80
Betty Ann	Born 3/24/1926	" " " "	
Helen Virginia	Born 10/29/1927	" " " "	D-5-7-74
Gladys Marie	Born 12/19/1928	" " " "	
Charles Dayne	Born 4/24/1930	" " " "	

My father, Joseph C. Hardin is buried at Maple Hill Cemetery, Plainfield, Indiana. Also, Ethel M. Hardin, my mothers, parents are buried next to my parents plot and we have an infant son who died at birth, 5/14/1939 buried in this plot.

JOSEPH C. HARDIN'S CHILDREN'S FAMILY SHEETS

1. Joseph Edward Hardin b 5-16-1912 Marion Co. Indiana
 - n. Eleanora Ethel Starrett b
 1. Eleanora May Hardin b 7-14-1932 Hendricks Co. Indiana
 2. Joseph Richard b 12-17-1935 Hendricks Co. Indiana
 3. Roy Edward b 11-8-1937 Hendricks Co. Indiana

- * 2. Paul Franklin Hardin b 8-25-1914 Marion Co. Indiana *D-8-12-78*
 - n. Helen Marie Springer b 10-28-1915 Knox Co. Indiana *M. LOREN 3-29-80*
 - n. 8-18-1936 at Lawrenceville, Illinois
 1. Rita Ellen Hardin b 2-6-1942 Marion Co. Indiana *Rachel B-1-15-68*
 - n. John Arthur Swift b 4-10-1940 Marion Co. Indiana *Arthur B-9-16-70*
 - n. at Plainfield 7-23-1961 in Friends Church *Walter B-4-24-71*
 2. Paul Terry Hardin b 4-10-1946 Marion Co. Ind. *Janice B-4-19-71*
 - M Sandra K Edwards 4-3-71*
 - SON CHAD ANDREW B. 7-14-77*
 - SON Corey Patricia B. 8-9-79*

3. George David Hardin b 8-20-1916 Marion Co. Indiana
 - n. Frances Lucille Shirley b 1-3-1919 Warren Co. Tenn.
 1. Shirley Jean Hardin b 6-21-1938 Marion Co. Indiana
 2. Nancy Kay Hardin b 2-26-1945 Delaware Co. Indiana
 3. Joanna Frances b 2-22-1947 Delaware Co. Indiana
 4. George David b 1-18-1951 Delaware Co. Indiana

4. Leroy Ralph Hardin b 6-12-1918 Marion Co. Indiana
 - n. Ida Beatrice DeLong b 12-25-1922 Marion Co. Indiana n 6-12-1943
 1. Ida Lee Trester b 3-27-1944 Boone Co.
 2. Grace Beatrice b 5-28-1946 Boone Co.
 3. Edna Elnora b 10-23-1947 Boone Co.
 4. Leroy-Pete-Lowell b 5-4-1950 Boone Co.

5. Doris May Hardin b 12-5-1919 Marion Co. Indiana
 - n. Wilfred Joseph Heald b 5-6-1910 Springville, Iowa
 1. Myrna Lee Heald b 6-19-1937 Johnson Co. Indiana
 2. Karen Lorene b 5-25-1939 Hendricks Co. Indiana
 3. Nita Jean b 8-3-1941 Hendricks Co. Indiana
 4. Gladys Eileen b 6-30-1942 Hendricks Co. Indiana
 5. Diana Mae b 9-26-1943 Hendricks Co. Indiana
 6. Evelyn Marie b 8-20-1948 Marion Co. Indiana
 7. Alan Wilfred b 1-13-1955 d 10-9-1960

6. Eddie Carl Hardin b 5-15-1922 Marion Co. Indiana
 - n. Doris Lee (Cooper)
 1. Lee Cooper (Stepson)

7. Thomas Robert Hardin b 7-26-1924 Marion Co. Indiana
 - n. Joyce Lucille Chitwood b 1-18-1930 Erlanger, Ky.
 1. Barbara Jo Hardin b 3-12-1951 Delaware Co. Indiana
 2. Beverly Sue b 12-7-1952 Marion Co. Indiana
 3. Sandra Joyce b 6-15-1954 Marion Co. Indiana
 4. Thomas Robert b 8-18-1955 Marion Co. Indiana
 5. Patricia Lou b 11-25-1956 Marion Co. Indiana
 6. James Phillip b 11-17-1958 Marion Co. Indiana

8. Betty Ann Hardin b 3-24-1926 Marion Co. Indiana
 m. Walter Jackie Sites b 2-2-1925 Delaware Co. Ind.
 1. Linda Ann Sites b 5-11-1944 " "
 2. Walter Jay b 5-17-1946 " "
 3. Charles Leslie b 3-16-1949 " "
 4. Teresa Sue b 8-17-1950 " "
9. Helen Virginia Hardin b 10-~~19~~-1927 Marion Co. Indiana
 m. James Lewis Hunter b 1-13-1924
 M. 5-10-1944 Delaware Co. Indiana
 1. Virginia Ethel Hunter b 1-13-1947 Delaware Co. Ind.
 2. Carol Lynn b 8-1-1951 " "
 3. Jeffrey Lewis b 6-18-1953 " "
 4. Stephen Charles b 7-5-1956 " "
10. Gladys Marie Hardin b 12-19-1928 Marion Co. Indiana
 m. Mark Lowayne Conwell b 11-13-1928 Delaware Co. Indiana
 1. Gregory Allen Conwell b 8-30-1949 " "
 2. Faye Elaine b 7-13-1954 " "
 3. Brian Lee b 10-14-1955 " "
 4. Pamela Sue b 11-1-1960 Marion Co. Indiana
11. Charles Dayne Hardin b 4-24-1930 Marion Co. Indiana
 m. Mary Elizabeth Parker b 12-14-1930 Delaware Co. Indiana
 1. Ann Elizabeth Hardin b 1-19-1954 " "
 2. Randall Dayne b 7-20-1956 Marion Co. Indiana
 3. Mary Lynn b 7-19-1958 " "

Notes from Grandfather Chastain told me about 3 weeks before he died - Paul F. Hardin

Eddie (Edward) Chastain Born in Boone County, Ind. Dec. 5, 1872.
 Lived in log cabin near site of Baptist home on N/S 96th Street.

His father: John Allen Thomas Chastain born Adan County, Illinois December 26, 1841, died Marion County February 1, 1916. *Civil war veteran from Boone Co. Son of George Washington Chastain. Married July 4, 1867 Mary Ann Spears in Kentucky.

His Mother: Calana or Calancy. Calana-Harriet Whitacre Born Madison County, Indiana October 27, 1847 died December 6, 1919. Daughter of Geo. Marshall Whitacre and Mary Ann Kinnamon.

Grandfather Ed Chastain married Grace L. Mountjoy, born December 24, 1875, Marion County, died daughter of Anthony Barnhart
 Mountjoy, Elizabeth Stuffelbuin

See Paul Hardin Bible for Ed. Chastain family bros. and sister.

Ed Chastain died at Muncie, Indiana at Ball Bros. Hospital. *July 1957*

Grace Chastain died at Indianapolis Long Hospital from Nursing Home at Plainfield, Indiana

Both buried at Maple Hill, Plainfield, Indiana *2 July 1959*

*Civil War Record of Paul F. Hardin's great grandfather, James Allen Thomas Chastain. September 18, 1861 to September 19, 1864. 3 years, 1 day. Service expired. Company F, Boone County 10th Ind. Volunteers. Reunion Sept. 19, 1885 at Lebanon, Ind. Enrolled at Lebanon. Home at Zionsville.

According to granddad Ed Chastain James Allen Thomas' father and brothers fought for South in Civil War.

Oliver P. Morton - Gov. of Indiana on 4/15/1861 to Abraham Lincoln -- (On behalf of the State of Indiana I tender to you for the defense of the nation and to uphold the authority of the government ten thousand men.)

FAMILY SH ETS
George D. Hardin

- George D. Hardin b 7-13-1863, d 11-12-1927
Son of James T. Hardin
m. Anna Robertson b 12-2-1864, d 9-15-1944
1. James deceased
 2. Joseph Alphas Hardin b 7-2-1888 d 11-13-1950 Marion Co.
n. 12-21-1910 Florence Ethel Branigan b 2-18-1890 Johnson Co.
d 11-28-1942
 1. Joseph Branch Hardin b 1-14-1912 Marion Co.
n. 10-13-1940 Thelma Bell b 7-25-1917 Marion Co.
 1. Judith Ann Hardin b 7-23-1941 Marion Co.
 2. Joseph Allen Hardin b 1-6-1947
 2. John David Hardin b 10-11-1918 Marion Co.
m. 5-9-1942 Lilly Marne Stine b 8-28-1921 Marion Co.
 1. John David Hardin, Jr. b 10-25-1944 Marion Co.
 2. Jeanette Hardin b 3-23-1948 Marion Co.
 3. Raymond Robertson Hardin b 9-8-1890, d 5-22-1944 Marion Co., Ind.
m. Elizabeth Claire Parker b 9-11-1923 Danville, Ill.
 1. James Timothy Hardin b 12-14-1947 Marion Co., Ind.
 2. Thomas Raymond Hardin b 5-29-1951 Marion Co., Inc.
 4. Frances b. 12-4-1892 Marion Co., Inc.
m. Loomis Jennings
 1. Joanna Jennings.

Charles I. Hardin

- Charles I. Hardin b 7-3-1857 d 3-18-1905 (Son of James T. Hardin)
m. Mary Maine, one son J. Franklin then M. Ellen Golden
1. Paul Charles Hardin b 4-27-1894 Hendricks Co.
m. Mary Agnes Murphy b 5-3-1898 Marion Co.
 1. Mary Eileen Hardin b 11-30-1922 Marion Co.
 2. Martha Jane Hardin b 1-24-1925 Hendricks Co.
 3. Ruth Ellen Hardin b 10-24-1927 Hendricks Co.
 4. William Paul Hardin b 2-14-1930 Hendricks Co.

two lines omitted:

Raymond Robertson Hardin

m. Ruth Pemberton b 30 April 1893 Danville, Ill.

1. James Russell Hardin b 24 Nov. 1919 Marion Co. Indiana

POSSIBLE LINEAGE OF THOMAS HARDIN who came to Indiana prior to 1820.

HARDING FAMILY OF VIRGINIA

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GEORGE HARDING (1) Citizen and Grocer of London, Eng. Did not come to America. Married MARY ORLEY, dau. of Thomas and Anne Orley; Anne Orley was the sister of Thomas Orley of Cherry Poynt, Northumberland Co., Va., who d. 11 Aug., 1662, and who came with his nephew, Thomas Harding to Va.

*THOMAS HARDING (2), b. 1639, London, Eng.; d. 1674, intestate, Northumberland Co., Va. Thomas came with his uncle, Thos. Orley, to Va. 1650, having been transported by Capt. Moore Fauntleroy. Thomas Harding m. Anne Moseley, dau. of Henry Moseley. (Have this line also approved) Married ca 1660.

Thomas Harding was a land owner, having bought 400 acres 22 Nov. 1658 from the original patentee, Richard Rice. On 24 Aug. 1661, Thomas Harding bought 100 acres on the Mattaponi River from James Claughton, and this became the home place of the older line of Hardings for several generations. These pieces of land were inherited by his children.

Thomas Harding d. intestate 1674, for on June 16th of that year, the relict, Anne Harding, was granted Administration of his estate. Anne m. (2) Richard Bradley before 20 Aug. 1679, for on that date she, as the now wife of "Richard Bradley", was by the Court appointed guardian of her son, Thomas, then 14 years of age. Thomas came of age in 1685, and m. Martha Haynie, dau. of Capt. Haynie, and both d. before Sept., 1691, as the Court Record shows that Thomas Harding (3) had been sustained by Capt. Haynie since he was 3 years of age and he was appointed guardian of the child. On 18 May, 1692, the Court ordered appraisal of the estate of Thomas Harding (2) deceased. Anne Harding m. (3) Luke Rowland.

The Court Order Book establishes the issue of Thomas and Anne (Moseley) Harding:

- (1) Anne, St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co., Va.
- (2) Thomas, b. 4 Sept., 1664, St. Stephens Parish; d. 1691.
- * (3) HENRY, b. 1666 (named for his grandfather, Henry Moseley), St. Stephens Parish.
- (4) Mary, St. Stephens Parish
- (5) William, b. 20 July, 1669, St. Stephens Parish; d. 1698, unmd. (Court Records).
- (6) George, d. young.

*HENRY HARDING (3), b. 1666; d. ca 19 May, 1698. Henry d. early in 1698 for on 19 May, 1698, the Court appointed a Judge to view work done on house of Richard Thompson, by William Harding (brother of Henry). Jane (Arledge) Harding, relict of Henry Harding, became the administrator of William Harding's estate on 21 July, 1698, and was mentioned as Henry's relict in proceedings.

Henry m. ca 1688, Jane Arledge, dau. of Clement Arledge. Jane, b. 1670, Northumberland Co., Va.; her death date has not been found. She m. (2) Charles Ashton before 21 July, 1698. (In process of working on Arledge line.

On 18 Aug., 1697, Henry Harding petitioned the Court for a commission to administer the estate of his brother, William Harding's, estate.

Issue to Henry and Jane (Arledge) Harding, Court Records:

- (1) Henry, m. the widow, Anne Beltcher, of Stafford Co., Va. Res. there later.
- (2) WILLIAM, b. 1692.
- (3) Thomas
- (4) John

*WILLIAM HARDING (4), b. Northumberland Co., Va.; d. 1752, Stafford Co. Va.; m. Northumberland Co., ca 1713, for his eldest children were b. there, according to the St. Stephens Parish Record. The name of his wife has not been preserved.

He inherited land from his father, Henry Harding, which descended from his grandfather, Thomas Harding. He made a deed to Samuel Robinson for 100 acres in Wiconico Parish, part of Saunders Quarters bought by Thomas Harding (1) and from whom it descended by inheritance.

Information on William is very meagre. The Stafford Co. Court Records have been destroyed, however, in one index we do have the date of his estate as 1752.

Issue, identified:

- (1) CHARLES b. 2 July, 1714, m. Rachel Lunsford.
- (2) Francis, b. 2 July, 1714, twin to Charles.
- (3) Thomas, b. 2 Feb., 1716.
- (4) William, m. (1) 28 Jan., 1746, Martha "Patty" Green; m. (2) Anastasia Ball, after 1760.

*CHARLES HARDING (5), b. 2 July, 1714, St. Stephens Parish, Northumberland Co., Va.; m. Rachel Lunsford, dau. of Moses Lunsford, ca 1736. It is most probable that Moses was a lineal descendant of Sir Thomas Lunsford of Lancaster Co., Va., descending through one of his three sons, William, Edmond or Edward, who came to Va., 1649. Moses Lunsford was deceased by 14 March, 1732, as Robert Traveek was appointed guardian of Wm. Lunsford in Stafford Co. at that time. William Lunsford, Rachel (Lunsford) Harding, Moses Lunsford, Jr., who m. Rachel Miller in Northumberland Co., 10 March, 1742, being brothers and sisters.

Issue of Charles and Rachel Harding, Overwharton Parish Register:

- (1) William, b. 12 March, 1738, m. Clarissa Million.
- (2) Ann, b. 3 Feb., 1739, m. Mark Waters.
- (3) Jane, b. 9 Nov., 1742.
- (4) Charles, b. 6 April, 1745.
- (5) John Scott, b. 3 Aug., 1747 (Prob. named for Rev. John Scott)
- (6) Thomas, b. 11 Aug., 1749.
- (7) MOSES, b. 19 March, 1752, m. Mary Ball, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Payne) Ball; to Ky.
- (8) George, b. 3 July, 1754.

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This record has been accepted and approved for supplemental lines in the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

MOSES HARDING.

Moses Harding, b. 19 March, 1752; d. 1825, Washington Co., Ky., son of Charles and Rachel (Lunsford); m. Mary Ball, dau. of John and Elizabeth (Payne). Res. 1787, Fairfax Co., Va.; 1792 Washington Co., Ky.; rem. to Logan Co., Ky., by 19 Nov. 1792. Children; (all given by Bayliss Hardin as "Hardin.")

1. Thomas Harding. (Could be Thomas Hardin b. 9 Mar. 1776, Va.)?
2. Charles Harding.
3. John Stephens Harding, d. 22 Sept., 1845; m. 27 Aug., 1798, Washington Co., Ky., Jerry Keeling.
4. William Harding.
5. Bailey Harding m. 7 Feb., 1797, Washington Co., Ky., Jenima Thompson
6. Elizabeth Harding.
7. Sarah Harding m. 5 Jan., 1801, John Hendrixon.
8. Jenny Harding m. 5 April. 1802, Joseph Thompson.
9. Mary Harding m. 29 Sept., 1802, Richard Pyburn.
10. Jimmy Harding, b. 17 Nov., 1788, Fairfax Co., Va.; d. 25 Nov., 1876; m. 18 June, 1810, Susanna Tubman.
11. Anna Harding m. 10 Sept., 1810, Daniel Cheatham.

Notes by Paul F. Hardin

"I feel that Moses son Thomas is the same Thomas, my ancestor, who came to Indiana. Moses born in 1752 would have been 24 when his son Tom was born. Also, Thomas son Isaac said in various census that he was from Kentucky, Tenn. and Indiana. He perhaps meant his parents were from these areas. Moses moved to the Tenn. & Ky. border area in late 1790's so Thomas could have resided there before coming to Indiana. The data all conforms but until I can make further discoveries it will only be speculation."

MOSES HARDING & Son Thomas

2/8/65 Notes

History of Hardin's in Early Settling of Ky. Page 109-110.

"This council met at the mouth of Pleasant Run, where the Harrodsburg Road now crosses (Oct. 1793, to decide how to avenge the death of Col. John Hardin death by the Indians.) On this occasion a new branch of the Hardin family came in with them. These were the four sons and two son-in-laws of Col. Moses Hardin of Virginia. These men came to Ky. in 1790. They had all served in and through the Revolution and were brave, powerful men. They were of the old French stock and were true to their blood. They Settled in the extreme northern part of Washington County and were known for a long time as the north men. From this family a large number of respectable men and women have descended. Gov. Hendricks of Indiana, is of that family from his mothers side. Three men - - John Stephen, Tom and Charles Hardin (See Moses Hardings, b. 19 Mar 1752, three oldest sons) - -with their brother-in-laws, Chesser & Keeling, came over and joined their fortunes with the rest of the race. They had not had a quarrel with the Indians as the rest had done, but they felt bound by ties of blood to assume the quarrel as their own. On learning of the

fate of Col. John and the desire of his near-kindred to avenge his blood, they threw themselves heartily into all the quarrels of the family."

Excerpts & Biographies on Hardins
(Jack Hardin's History, page 112)

Among the company of scouts that scouted the country on the upper waters of the Wabash were my two grandfathers, Jack Hardin and Thomas Harding. The company of twenty was split up into five companies of four men each, and the country from White River to the lakes was divided into as many sections and four men allotted to watch each section. Thomas Harding was with the four that scouted the country crossing the Walnut Fork of the Eel River, in what is now Hendricks County, Indiana. In their scouting on this river they established a camp at the foot of a beautiful and very singular mound that rises up on the level bottom about fifty feet high in the shape of a haystack, covering not over a half acre at its base. The country around was exceedingly rich and very beautiful. Harding was so delighted with all he saw that he worked out a large tract of land as his and cut his name with his butcher knife on a number of trees as a mark of his claim; also the date, July 29th, 1794. This I have seen on a beech tree at the head of his and his wife's graves on the top of the mound I have been describing. They were buried there in after years. In 1830 these lands were brought into market by the government and he, though old, hastened off and entered all he wanted. In the following year he moved to the country and took with him a large number of his relatives. This move of his took to Indianapolis and the country beyond, the Hardin race.

See attach record Lingemans Cemetery S/W part Brownsburg. Also he entered 160 acres 1830 near my ancestor, Isaac J. Hardin (1826) land.

(I feel that Jack Hardin, Jr. had accurate information. One proof to me was that I find the grave of Thomas J. Harding in the mound described in this history and it is actually located in the old Lingeman Cemetery in the S/w corner of Brownsburg, Indiana. This is described fully in the following article from the Brownsburg Record paper of May 29, 1958.)

Also, the history tells of Thomas J. Harding coming to Hendricks County in his old age in 1830 and bringing with him many of the Hardin family. My search of Hendricks County records shows that he did purchase original land patents as follows:

Thomas J. Harding
Tract 1., June 16, 1830, T15N, R1E, S11, E $\frac{1}{2}$ -NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 80 acres
Tract 2., June 16, 1830, T15N, R1E, S11, W $\frac{1}{2}$ -NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 80 acres
Tract 3., May 22, 1834, T17N, R1E, S35, W $\frac{1}{2}$ -SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 80 acres

My g-g-grandfather, Isaac J. Harding, purchased 160 acres in Nov. 1826 from John Moore, which was located 1 mile North East of Tract 1 and 2, so it would appear that he came 4 years ahead of Thomas J. and could be a relative.

New stone marks veteran grave in Lingemans Cemetery at Southwest corner of Brownsburg, Indiana, in May 1958. Harry V. Smith, Principal of Jefferson High School in Elkhart County, Indiana - hobby finding and

marking graves - places this new stone on grave of his g-g-g-grandfather:

THOMAS HARDING, Rev. war veteran and Penns. Militia
Born Jan 8, 1759
Died June 20, 1840

The story of how Harding came to Brownsburg is a romantic one. (See story in History of Hardin Family in the early settling of Kentucky.) Born in a part of Virginia that later became Fayette County, Pennsylvania, he was the son of Capt. John Harding and Sarah Moss. In 1794 he married Sarah Payne on the Cheat River near the Penns. and West Virginia State Line. Before his marriage, according to Nat. Archive information, and especially from his pension records, he served several tours of duty of varied duration with the Army. He volunteered at Stradlers Fort on Dunkers Creek in Penns. Primarily his war record was made on the western front almost entirely against Indian tribes set by the British to harass the colonies settlers.

He also fought the Shawnee and Wyandotte Indians on the plains of Sandusky. His last service was in 1791, three years before his marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Harding had nine children. Among them his oldest son, John, was a prominent Baptist minister in Kentucky. His second son, Samuel, was the first moderator of the Indiana Baptist Convention and one of the founders of Franklin College. (His sister, Mary Harding, married John Hardin, who was an Indian Spy and fighter with Thomas and also a passenger of the group attacked by the Indians on the Ohio River). Hardin History.

On March 1, 1780, Harding along with a party of neighbors and relatives from Fayette County started to Kentucky on the Monongahela River and Ohio on two flatboats and were attacked by Indians at the mouth of Limestone River near Maysville, Ky. Many of the party were killed, and Harding's sister, with small son Robert, were taken captives by the Indians. (Mrs. John Hardin). The remainder of the little party buried their dead and traveled the Ohio to the Falls at the site of Louisville. After recovering from wounds he and two others retraced their steps and turned north at Maysville, looking for the captives. The search lasted three years and among those who joined the three in the hunt was Mordecai Lincoln, an Uncle of President Abraham Lincoln. On their return to Louisville in 1794, July 20th, a party of scouts in which Harding was a member camped on the bluff which is now the Lingeran Cemetery and Harding marked out a claim and vowed he would return thereto to make his home. In about 1830 he returned and made his home, to be buried on the spot he had camped years before.

Harding's sister was released by the Indians in a prisoner exchange at Montreal, Canada sometime after the little search party had no success. Making her way back to her old home in Penns. and lived along several years and her husband found his way back and they were reunited. Neither had remarried in the intervening years and they began to rear a second family. A daughter was also born to her during the captivity.

(This information from the Brownsburg Record, May 29, 1958, and fill in also from (Hardin History).

Early Tradition and Generalities
From Hardin History by Jack Hardin

I am of the opinion that the names Hardin, Harding and Hardinge, are synonymous and are American and English spellings. Three brothers escaped from France in 1572 and crossed the Channel to England. One of these brothers stayed in England and two crossed to Canada for a short time, and thence to Virginia.

Martin Hardin, one of these two married an English girl named Walters, whom he met on the voyage from England and the other brother (name unknown) was killed soon after settling in Virginia. Sam Haycraft in Kentucky History tells of three brothers from France settling in America. Actually England was settled from people from the European continent, so it could be argued that they are of French and later English ancestry.

In the fall of 1779, four years before the treaty of peace with England ending the Revolution and gaining our independence, Mark Hardin and little John Hardin visited the "falls" at the present site of Louisville, Ky. From there they scouted to Salt River covering portions of Bullitt County, "Harrods Creek" in Oldham County and most of Jefferson County. They were so pleased they decided to search no further and returned to their home on the Monongahela River south of Pittsburg, Pa., on or near the present border of West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Neither had families but they fired their relatives with glowing accounts and preparation began to move to and possess of rich lands on Beargrass Creek, which originally emptied into the Ohio River, in the now center of Louisville, at the foot of First Street.

Several of the men were still in the Continental Army; these were summoned home for the move. Two flatboats were built in the winter of 1779 and spring of 1780. On March 1, fifteen families related by blood and marriage, floated down the Monongahela to the Ohio River with their effects, bidding farewell to the old homes some never to reach their proposed new homes.

The large boat was loaded with horses, cattle, and heavy movable property. The small boat was prepared for the families and lighter effects. The heavy boat required most of the men to navigate and care for the stock. The small family boat was manned by two men and boys and followed the large boat closely for protection in case of attack by Indians.

All went well until the 20th of March, when near the Limestone River or (the present site of Mayville, Ky.) they were furiously attacked by Indians from tribes from Sandusky and Chillicothe or Scioto. The two men on the family boat were killed at once and slowly drifted to the north bank. The large boat was riddled and nearly half of the men killed and no assistance could be given the family boat. As it drifted to shore the Indians stormed the boat.

The last to fall was 10 year old Stephen Hardin, son of Jack (John) Hardin, Sr. This little fellow had reloaded several times. He planted himself beside his mother. Two Indians rushed him and he shot one dead and the other shot Stephen through the head and he fell at his Mother's feet.

The Indians, infuriated by their losses, killed two women, two boys and another child and mutilated all the bodies. They dragged everything out they could carry, including a trunk containing all the money of the party which was Continental, of little value except to buy land. Two dollars and fifty cents could buy one hundred acres.

The women and children were in full view of the men who drifted to the Kentucky shore and were secured to it. Two men on the large boat were killed and 4 wounded. Four of the remaining eight, Jack Hardin, Thomas Harding, Jacob Shively and Samuel Payne started out in a canoe. Harding and Payne were unmarried and Harding's sister was Jack Hardin's wife. They reached the middle of the river and the Indians stopped their plundering, forty or more of them and opened fire, wounding Shively, Harding and Payne. They were forced to retire after killing two Indians. This reduced the men to five not disabled. They were frantic while the Indians continued plundering the family boat. The Indians finally left, taking with them Jack Hardin's wife and son Robert, and several other women and children as captives.

This March 20, 1880 disaster was told to Jack Hardin, Jr. by his grandmother, her son Robert and Thomas Harding, his grandfather, many times.

As soon as the Indians left the family boat, six of the men including Thomas Harding, who was wounded, Jacob Shively, Jack Hardin, little John Hardin, Mark Hardin and Robertson returned. Among the dead were Mrs. Shively and baby, two men, Stephen Hardin, Robertsons two sons and others. Among those carried off by Indians were Jack Hardin's wife, who was also a sister of Thomas Harding, Jack's son Robert, Robertson's wife and two children and several other women and children. The men were crushed and finally Shively, taking each by the hand, said "Boys, I lost all that is worth living for except my duty to my fellow man. There lies my wife and child; they are better off than yours, but as I hold you by the hand, I pledge to myself to do all in my power to rescue your wives and children." Everyone stepped forward with the same pledge. John Hardin said, "Its done, let us bury our dead and take unsatisfied revenge on the murderers as long as we can raise an arm to slay an Indian." They then returned to the large boat, held a counsel and decided to load what was left on the large boat and proceed to the Falls. This ended all hopes of settling at the Falls, as everyone pledged to try to rescue those taken by the Indians.

Shively died from his wounds and Thomas Harding recovered quickly. Martin Hardin and Mordecai Lincoln volunteered, along with the others, to help and for six years, from 1880 to 1886 they warred against the Indians.

The misfortunes of March 20, 1780 settled the destiny of the Hardin family in Kentucky. It was the cause of their not locating near Louis-

ville, because of their losses of money and families, destroying their plans. They reunited three years later and settled in Washington County.

Mrs. Jack Hardin and son Robert were captives of the Indians until the spring of 1784. She lived until 1833.

Returning now to the party on the Kentucky shore. The women and children were captives of the Indians. After a day of waiting, the Indians did not return so Jack and Little John Hardin were put ashore on Ohio side and started trying to trail the Indians. They spent a day and finally, discouraged, returned to the boat. The boat finally reached the Falls about April 1, and buried one of the dead on Corn Island.

The first rescue party consisting of Jack Hardin, John Hardin, Thomas Harding and Robertson left the Falls about April 15 for Ohio. They gathered all information they could and headed for Indians towns on the Miami and Scioto Rivers. On their way they stopped by the graves and found them unmolested. They found an old Indian Camp in what is now Highland County. Mrs. Jack Hardin told later about the Scioto Indians taking her and three other women and some children to what is now Chillicothe. The Miami took Mrs. Robertson and others to their towns on the Little Miami.

The men split into two parties to follow these two trails. Jack Hardin and Thomas Harding finally located the Scioto group but after a night scrimmage with the Indians were forced to retreat after Thomas was wounded. After much privation they returned to the Falls in a canoe. They were gladdened by the news that Col. George Rogers Clark was organizing a party to move on the Scioto Indians. Hardin thought they might be able to rescue his wife and son. Harding's wounds were bad and with all the exposure he was nearly a year recovering.

About the 1st of June the Clark party returned. They had followed the Indians to the Wabash at the mouth of White River, in Indiana, found them in camp and drove them across White River and returned to Corn Island. Soon after John Hardin and Robertson returned to Corn Island. John was almost unrecognised as he was dressed much like the Indians. They had made many contacts with the Miami Indians and had many harrowing experiences.

Col. Clark in July was preparing a large expedition against the Indians. In July the men from every settlement in Kentucky met at the mouth of Licking River with Clark to plan their attack against the Indians. The Hardins wanted to form a separate squad and act as advance scouts. Clark objected to this and wished them to act as a part of the Falls Company. At this time Simon Kenton, a backwoodsman favorite, arrived with a group from Harrods Stations, now Harrodsburg in Mercer County. The Hardins agreed to join with him as advance guards, 70 in all, to which Clark agreed. Clark with a thousand strong built a stockade fort where Cincinnati now stands, as a rally point, then advanced for Indian country. The Indians, according to the women captives, knew of the advance and made all preparation, evacuating all lower Ohio and concentrating at Piqua. They appealed in Montreal for powder and lead, which the British sent. The Indians sent all old men, women and children to the headwaters of the Miami and Mrs. Hardin and

Mrs. Robertson met again after being separated by the Scioto and Miami tribes. They also sent for help from the Wabash River tribes.

They met the Indians near Piqua and after many skirmishes the Indians retreated toward the Lakes and Clark returned to the Falls. History says that Clark lost 17 men and the Indians about the same, but the men in the raid claimed at least 100 fell.

Biographical of Indianapolis & Vicinity
T.H. Beers, 1908

William Henry Hardin, known as "Harry" was born in Penns. in 1768 of French Huguenots ancestry, but later came to Ky. with some of the first settlers, down the river in a flat boat. He died in Ky. at about 60 years of age. The family was so prominent in the early Indian warfare that five states of the Union have considered it an honor to name counties Hardin.

Wm. Henry and wife, Catherine, had twelve children; Thomas and Benjamin, both settled and died in Illinois; Elihu and Mark Both settled and died in Johnson Co., Ind; Elsa became Mrs. Sebold; Ruth married R. Bruns; Betsy; Hannah married J. Harris; Rachel became Mrs. Waddle. Franklin the fifth child born July 27, 1810 in Fleming, Nicholas Co., Ky. In 1822 his two older brothers explored White River Valley, Indiana and with means furnished by their father entered considerable land for themselves and other members of the family and in 1824 several members moved to Johnson Co., Ind. and a year later, the Mother and Franklin, 15, set out on horseback to visit her sons in the wilderness of Indiana. Two years later the family moved to the state to White River Township J.C.

Franklin was frail and therefore was not subject to many hard labors and was able to study law. In 1831 he returned to Ky. and married Ann Goslin in 1831, daughter of Nathan Goslin, a miller, who had a large family and made many trips to New Orleans by flat boat. He taught school 1 year on Fall Creek and in the fall of 1832 returned to Johnson County and made it his home until his death July 9, 1890. In 1833 he was made assessor. In 1836 he was made surveyor until 1845. In 1842 he was elected Representative for 3 years. In 1845 he was elected to the Senate. In 1850 he was a delegate to the State Constitutional Convention. In 1851 he was again surveyor and in 1852 elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and re-elected in 1856 and served until 1860. In 1856 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Children born to Franklin and his wife, Ann, were: Louisa; Addison (see Biography); Milton; John (see biography); Telghman, a Miami Co. farmer; Thomas, ex clerk of J.C., Surveyor and man of note; and Elizabeth.

Children of John and Loranna C. Humbert in 1868 were; George, dying young; Mary; Frank; Nora; and Mattie.

Children of Addison 10/31/1834 and Louisa A. Moore, married in Coles County, Illinois 12/24/1862, were: John, Sarah Ann, Franklin, Frances, Martha, Addison and William.

Both Addison and John were Democrats and members of Christian Church.

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY
(Uncle of Isaac ??)

William Hardin was born in Virginia in 1780. He came from Lawrenceburg to this township in 1820, and entered one hundred and sixty acres, now owned by Joseph Schofield. He lived there eighteen years, then went to Iowa, where he died about 1858. He was of Baptist belief, but not a member of the church. He was a very industrious, moral citizen, and by occupation a farmer.

Philip Hardin, forty acres in the east half of the northwest quarter of Section 12, Township 16, Range 3.

William Hardin, the northeast quarter of section 18, township 16, range 4, and forty acres in the east half of the northwest quarter of section 12, township 16, range 3.

Henry Hardin, Sr., the north half of the east half of the southeast quarter of section 7, township 16, range 4.

Marion County - Early Settler to Indianapolis
Eliakin Harding ('squire) Summer 1821

State office moved to new capitol at Indianapolis in fall of 1824.

Indianapolis was a pioneer village, scattered about in dense woods, troubled with sickness and fevers. It was laid out by 3 commissioners appointed by the legislature, who met on the chosen site the 1st Monday in April, 1821. They made a plat and sold lots. From these proceeds crude government buildings were built.

Early Land Grants - Centre Township Marion Co.

1st to Robert Harding	July 1821	T15N, R3E, Sec. 3
Eliakin Harding	July 1821	T12N, R3E, Sec. 10
Laben Harding	July 1821	T12N, R3E, Sec. 22

Wayne Township, Marion Co.

Israel Harding	July 1821	T15N R3E, Sec. 5
Samuel Harding	July 1821	T12N R3E, Sec. 6

Pike Township

William Hardin	July 1821	T16N, R4E, Sec. 7
William Hardin	July 1821	T16N, R4E, Sec. 18

Washington Township, Marion Co.

Eliakin Harding	Sept. 1822	T17N, R4E, Sec. 18
	Sept. 1822	T17N, R4E, Sec. 31

Lawrence Township, Marion Co.

William Hardin	July 1821,	T16N, R4E, Sec. 2
		283 acres

Perry Township, Marion, Co.

Henry Hardin	May 1822,	T14N, R3E, Sec. 21
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Lawrence Co.

Mark Hardin	1817
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Washington Co. Catalogue of old Settler

John Hardin

Marion County, Indiana

1837 the Wabash & Erie Canal started at Broad Ripple, ran to White River near Washington Street in Indianapolis, finished in 1839. Now used by water company and still in existence in 1963.

Wayne Township, Marion County

Lazurus R. Harding, Trustee, Oct. 21, 1872 to March 13, 1875
George D. Hardin, Trustee,
John Hardin, Trustee 1962

Isaac Harding, the west half of the northwest quarter of section 4, township 15, range 2, eighty-three acres. Mr. Harding was born in Wayne County, Ind., in 1804, and came to Marion County in November, 1826.

Franklin Township, Johnson County

Thomas Hardin, deputy clerk of Johnson Co. court, Franklin. Born in J.C. 1849 Pleasant Twp. J.C. Granville Hardin, Blacksmith, Smith's Valley. Born J.C. 1841 White River Twp. J.C. John Hardin, l^gn e. Bluff Creek, Born J.C. 1838 Franklin Twp. George Hardin, day laborer, Franklin; Born in J.C. 1844.

Hendricks Co. Brown Twp. Trustee; S.W. Hardin, 1858

Putnam County History 1910

Jackson Township. In the spring of 1831 the first school was taught by Mark Hardin in a log building in Section 26.

See ISAAC (2). Wm. Elliott Hardin

James F. Hardin, appointed postmaster of Brownsburg on July 1, 1913, was born in Boone County, on August 29, 1865, the son of William Elliott and Hanna Elizabeth (Lackey) Hardin of Red Key. William Elliott Hardin was born in 1839 in Marion County, the son of Isaac J. Hardin, of Kentucky, and was one of six children. He remained at home until his marriage and then moved to Marion Co. for a time and then moved to Boone Co., where he purchased 80 acres in S/E part and lived there a few years. It was there that James F. was born and then his father, William, traded for sixty acres about 2 miles north of Lebanon. He lived there for 5 to 6 years, then moved to Lebanon and then to Marion Co. on the farm of his father, Isaac, where he lived 3 or 4 years until the death of Isaac Hardin, on August 8, 1878.

William E. then moved to Clermont, where he remained 6 years, engaged in the sawmill business. He then moved to Brownsburg, and there remained until his accidental death while working about a clover seed huller on Oct. 25, 1893. He operated a threshing outfit. His wife, Hanna, passed away in August, 1909.

William E. children were (seven) James F., Isaac, Matilda J., Anna, Ella, Kinkley and Claude.

James F. Hardin married Maggie L. Cook, daughter of (Nathan and Mary J. Cook, both natives of Ohio) on November 23, 1871 at Brownsburg.

Nathan Cook was a drummer at 15 in the Union Army and was later in the infantry. He married in Ohio and came to Brownsburg where he was engaged in lumber and sawmill business and was killed Oct. 12, 1898 by an explosion of a boiler in his sawmill.