

Some time last spring, before we made our trip to Hot Springs for the benefit of our rheumatism, we made a memorandum of matters and things as related to us by our old and venerable friend, *John Hardin*, of Madison township in this county. We laid them aside and after several fruitless hunts we have at last found them and will now do what was intended to have been done months ago, but, as the old saying is, better late than never, or as the scripture has it "He that cometh at the eleventh hour shall receive his penny."

John Hardin was born June 23d 1798 in Burke county, North Carolina. We have now found two North Carolinians that were not born in Rowan County. He is consequently in his eighty-second year. His father was a native of North Carolina and was named *Elisha Hardin*. His mother's name was *Sallie Martin*; and *Sallie* and *Elisha* married in 1796. *John Hardin's* sister *Elizabeth* was born in 1799 in North Carolina. In 1810 *Elisha Hardin* and family emigrated to Tennessee, in the county of Hickman, forty miles from Nashville, where they resided until November 1817, when they came to Washington County, Indiana and settled in Madison township near where *John Hardin* now lives, about two or three miles southeast of Livonia. *Elisha Hardin* died in 1847 and *Sallie Hardin*, his mother died in 1860. *Elisha Hardin* was born on Deep River, North Carolina, about 1770 and *Sallie Martin* in 1774, and she was eighty-six years of age at her death.

The children of *Elisha* and *Sallie* were, *John* born as before stated; *Elizabeth*, who married *Bland B. Pulliam*. They are both dead. Then came *Stephen Hardin* born in 1801 and who died in Iowa in 1874; *Henry Hardin* born in 1803 and died in Illinois in 1867;

Aaron Hardin born 1805 and died at Orange County, Indiana, in 1841; *Sallie*, born 1807 who married *Harrison Long*. She is living in Illinois and her husband is dead. He died in Livonia about 1857; *William W.*, born 1809 died in Washington County, Indiana, 1841; *Matilda* was born in 1811, she married *Edward Hopper*. She died of cholera in 1833 in this county, and he died in 1847, same place. *Elvira* born in 1813. She married *Darling Thompson* died at Salem in 1876. *Jane Hardin* born 1815 and also married *Edward Hopper* and she died in 1838. *Clarissa S. Hardin* born in 1817 and married *Edward Hopper*. She died in 1843. *George W. Hardin* born in 1818 died in Louisville. These dates may not be strictly correct, nor may those which may come after, but they are the best our old friend could recollect.

John Hardin married *Elizabeth Ash*, September 2d, 1823. By that marriage were several children, as follows: *Aaron E.*, born in 1824 and died in 1867; *Elisha C.* born in 1826 and died 1843; *Ziona M.*, born 1828. *Isaac Hardin*, date of birth not known; he married a daughter of *Andrew Plott* and *Isaac* and family reside in Floyd County; *Martin V. B. Hardin*, his birth we have not got. He is dead. He married *Sarah Long*, formerly *Sarah Smith* and she is living in this county. *Matilda E. Hardin*, birth not known, married *William Orr* and live in Iowa. *Mary E.*, married *James Rutherford* and live in this county. *John J. Hardin* married *Mary Fox* and resides in Salem. *Mahala Hardin* married *Samuel Wilson* and died in Lawrence County in 1874. There is one by name of *Catharine*, but we have not date of her birth, death or marriage.

John Hardin married a second wife by name of *Jane Wilson* and her only child is the *Catharine* above spoken of. This wife died, and in 1848 he married *Judith Ann Archer* in this county. She was born in Kentucky and had married one *Wm. W. Hardin* before this

marriage. The children by this marriage are *Aaron Edward* born in 1848, living in this county; he married *Hannah King* in 1875. *Jane Hardin*, another child married *James M. Thomason*, September 1877 and reside in this county. The other children are, *W. M. D.*, died in infancy; *F.*, born in 1855 residing at home; *Viola*, who died aged about one year.

We have thus given as correct an account as we can of the family of this old settler. *John Hardin* has resided within about two miles of the same place since 1817. He has held several offices of trust and profit. He was elected constable in 1820 and served continuously for four years. He was assessor of Posey township, almost all the time up to the new division of townships, and was assessor and justice of the peace for about eighteen years. In 1841 he was appointed county assessor. In 1852 he was elected auditor of the county, and by a decision of the supreme court, he did not hold the office two years. He was elected justice of the peace in Vernon {township} and served for two or three years. He was elected assessor of Madison township in 1858 and has held it ever since. He ran as independent candidate for auditor against *William Williams* in 1856 and was beaten {by} twenty-six votes. His first vote for president was given to Andrew Jackson and in the old Democrat faith he has ever believed. He never has missed an election since he was old enough to vote. In November 1820 he in company with *John* and *Benjamin Simmons* took a hunt in what was then the wilderness, now Dubois county, and secured lots of game. *Hardin* killed a bear and when he got to Paoli sold it.

We have thus given a brief statement of the life of our old friend. His days are drawing to a close, his step becomes feebler as the seasons come and ere many winters shall come and go he will be numbered with the pale nations of the dead.

We give in this paper a short sketch of another old citizen, that of *Castilia Wilcox*. Her maiden name was *Castilia Hattabough* and she was born January 15th, 1802 in Mason county, Kentucky. At eight years of age she removed to Louisville, Kentucky, with her mother who was then a widow. In 1811 she came to Washington County on a visit to her relative *Jacob Hattabough*. The Indian troubles breaking out he took her on a horse behind him back to her home and then he returned to assist in building the forts for the protection of the settlers. In 1812 or '13 her mother removed to Salem where *Castilia* remained until 1816 and she married *A. L. Badger* at the early age of fourteen years. In 1818 she and her husband removed to Warrington, Mississippi, ten miles below Vicksburg, where they lived two years and returned to Salem. They then went to Columbus, Indiana, and remained two years, when on account of its unhealthiness they returned to Salem where they resided until the death of *Badger* in 1827. There were two children by this marriage, *Aphelia* and *Felix D. Badger*, the latter a merchant for many years at Saltillo. *Aphelia* married *Dr. Williamson Dunn* and she has been dead many years.

During *Mrs. Badger's* widowhood she resided at Salem and kept a millinery shop. Millinery shops were not in those days like the present ones, for milliners made the entire bonnet, not hat, or inserted wash pan, scoop-shovel, or some other outlandish, vulgar looking thing.

In 1835 *Mrs. Badger* married *Asher Wilcox*, the father of *Hiram* and *Alonzo* by a former marriage. They then lived at Bono, Indiana, and she lived there until the death of *Asher Wilcox* in 1840. There was one son and he was named *Asher* and is now a resident of

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{that} cautious travelers never attempted, dashing across creeks and rivers, and making the woods ring and echo with their shouts and laughter.

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General Jackson took deliberate aim and pulled the trigger. The pistol neither snapped nor went off. He looked at the trigger and discovered that it had stopped at half-cock. He drew it back to its place and took aim a second time. He fired. Dickinson's face blanched; he reeled, his friends rushed toward him, caught him in their arms and gently seated him on the ground, leaning against a bush. His trousers reddened. They stripped off his clothes. The blood was gushing from his side in a torrent. And alas! here is the ball, not near the wound, but above the opposite hip, just under the skin. The ball had passed through the body below the ribs. Such a wound could not but be fatal.

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Kansas. After the death of Wilcox she moved to Terre Haute and remaining only a year returned to Bono. Some ten years after she moved to Martin County at Trinity Springs, and there lived two years, since that time she had resided with her son at Saltillo. In 1833 she resided in Salem and she and all her family had the cholera and she came near losing her life and upon her recovery rendered valuable aid to the others.

She has been a consistent member of the Methodist church for more than fifty years and

has been a woman of remarkable decision of character, and always taking a great interest in her own worldly affairs and in the affairs of the country. She was well acquainted among the early settlers of Washington and Lawrence counties, and is now in good health and bid fair to live many years and has the full possession of all her faculties of mind and body. May she be spared many years to witness the advancing strides of improvement.

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around or about. He thus addressed the Mexican: "Bobtail carlo vamosing around with no hombre (man) on it."

The Mexican replied, "No extende; I do not understand."

The Colonel replied, "The h-ll, you don't understand your own language."

The government often failing to furnish provisions they relied upon the Mexicans. They owned large droves of cattle and they were plentifully used. Small sail vessels came up the Rio Grande and sold flour, dried apples, etc. at enormous prices. One man opened a barrel of cider and retailed it at ten cents for a small glassful. He put up a piece of sail that covered about one-half his barrel to keep off the rays of the sun. An enterprising Hoosier boy tapped the other end and sold it at five cents a glass. Once in a while the boys would cross the Rio Grande into Mexico. The Mexicans would furnish horses and they would go up the river some distance and have a good time at some of the ranches with the Mexican señoritas. They would learn them our square dances and hoe downs and they would learn