

SUMMARY OF JOHN G. HARDIN, B. 1816, GRANVILLE NC to WYTHE and BLAND COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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BACKGROUND.

The three older sons of Samuel Hardin (whose will was in 1732) left Brunswick County and made their home in Granville County in the 1740s. Gabriel Hardin started his family about 1751, and on or before December 1756 Gabriel moved his family to Lunenburg County, Virginia. His brother Thomas died in 1747 and brother Saumel Jr. died 1753, both leaving children in Granville County. Some if not all of the Hardins found in Granville and vicinity are descendants of either Thomas or Samuel Hardin Jr. One, Sterling Hardin, was found by Y-DNA to be of the I-M253 Viking family. Thomas had a minor child named Mark at his death, and I know nothing of the children of Samuel Hardin, Jr. For purposes of organizing a tree I will arbitrarily assign the unconnected members of the third generation to Samuel Hardin, Jr., and especially those born after 1747.

In the Granville “Cloud” of unconnected Hardins, Y-DNA has placed Sterling Hardin, born about 1750, in the I-M253 column. Sterling Hardin, Jr. was born in 1798. He is said to have married 1816 in NC and died after 1860 in Virginia. A son of Sterling Hardin, Jr. was John G. Hardin who took his family and his father to settle a long distance away in Wythe County, Virginia. This summary concerns John G. Hardin. Speculation produces the possibility that John G. Hardin of Wythe County, Va., b. 1816, was of the same family as George G. Hardin, b. 1822, whose parents arrived in Washington County, Virginia, in the same lower Great Valley as Wythe County – specifically, between the Holston and the New River Valleys. Most of the old maps show that Wytheville was more easily reachable by road from the east than Abingdon, suggesting the Abingdon settlers traveled through Wytheville to get there.

JOHN G. HARDIN OF GRANVILLE COUNTY B. 1816

We learn a great deal from John G. Hardin’s 16 Dec 1863 marriage license application to marry his second wife Louise E. Shewey. At that time he was age 47 and born 1816.

FIRST WIFE MARIAH HALLEY. 5 Jan 1840 in Granville County John G. Hardin married Mariah Haley. He was age 24. (Marriage records at ancestry.com: “North Carolina, Marriages, 1741-2004.”)

Children of Mariah Halley, also known as Maria Pascal.

Martha Hardin, 8 (1842) (from 1850 census)

John Hardin, 7 (1843)

Adaline Hardin, 6 F (1844)

Sary Hardin, 4 F (1846)

Louisa Hardin, 3 (1847)

Doctor Franklin Hardin, 8/12 M Sep. 1849

Samuel Hillman Hardin b. 1 Apr 1851, Ceres, Bland, Virginia. From his death certificate #7935

his father was John Hardin b. NC. His mother's name was Maria Pascal b. NC. For the present I'll guess she's the same person as Mariah Halley. Samuel Hillman Hardin was married to Francis Victoria Hardin, living at his death. His occupation was farming. The informant was C. C. Hardin, Ceres, Virginia. He was buried in Red Oak Cemetery, Ceres, Va. (Familysearch.org) On 28 Aug 1872 in Bland County, Va. Samuel H. Hardin, age 22, married V. Vandanger, age 16, daughter of Jonas and Margaret Vandanger. The groom's parents were John G. Hardin and Maria Hardin (Familysearch.org record collection "Virginia Marriages 1785-1940). Tabitha Hardin. The second marriage was held at her house. She may have been a daughter-in-law.

SECOND WIFE, LOUISA EVELINE SHEWEY m 24 Dec 1863.

b. 1869, Walter T. Harmon

The 21 March 1895 marriage application of Water T. Harmon, 26, (b. 1869 in Wythe County) and Eliza J. Farley (21). States his father's name as Jno. G. Harden and mother Louisa E. Shewey. Her father was Harvey Farley, her mother Nancy A. Farley.

2 Jan 1875, Susan V. Hardin birth certificate. Born Wythe, Virginia to John G. Harden and Louesa E. Hardin.

16 Jan 1877, Mariah E. Harden birth certificate, Wythe, Virginia. Father John G. Harden, mother Louesa Harden.

1840 Census, Cadaso Osark, Granville, NC

John Hardin age 20-30. Female age 20-30

Adjacent neighbor:

Sterling J. Harden

2 males 5-10, he 40-50, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 40-50, 1 female 60-70

1850 Census, Beaver Dam dist., Granville, NC, p. 122

Enumerated 30 Oct 1850

John Hardin, 34 Occupation shoemaker

Maria Hardin, 29, unable to read and write

Martha Hardin, 8

John Hardin, 7

Adaline Hardin, 6 F
Stary Hardin, 4 F
Louisa Hardin, 3
Doctor Hardin, 8/12 M Sep. 1849

1870 CENSUS, Black Lick, Wythe, Va. Post office Wytheville.

Page 384, enumerated 20 June 1870
John G. Harden, 52, day laborer, VA
Eveline Harden, 26, keeping house, VA
Rhoda A. Harden, 11, VA, can't read and write.
Caroline Harden, 9, VA
Florence Harden, 5, VA
Walter F. Harden 1, M, VA

1880 CENSUS, Sharon Dist, E.D. 7, Bland County, Virginia

John G. Hardin WM62 , shoe maker, VA NC VA
Eveline WF35, wife, keeping house, VA VA VA (b. 1845)
Missouri, WF15, daughter, at home, VA NC VA, can't read, can't write
Thomas W., WM11, son, laborer, VA NC VA
Anna B., WF9, daughter, VA NC VA
Mariah, WF1, daughter, VA NC VA
Preceeding neighbor: Howard Shewey, 25, VA VA VA; Walter Shewey, 27 WI WI WI
Following neighbor: A. W. Shewey, 60, VA VA VA
From other census records, Augustus W. Shewey and wife Anna, 41, are parents of Howard and Walter born in Wisconsin, and sister Mary (1860) Francis (1880), also born in Wisconsin.

1900 CENSUS, Wythe, VA, Crockett Depot and Royal Oak Voting Precincts
enumerated 12 June, 1900

John Harden, Head, WM Oct 1817, age 82, married 37, NC NC NC, can read write and speak,
Owns own farm
Eveline Harden, wife, WF Mar 1814, 80, married 37, 9 children, 6 living. VA VA VA, can read
write and speak English.
Walter F. Harden, WM Jan 1860 age 40 married 6, VA NC NC, day laborer, 6 months not
employed, can read write and speak English.
Harden, Elizabeth J., D in law, WF Apr 1866 age 34, married 6, 3 children total and alive. VA
VA VA. Can read write speak.
Emma J. Harden, g daughter, WF Nov 1874, age 5, single, VA VA VA
Charles W. Harden, G son, WM Jan 1897, age 3, single VA VA VA
Frank D. Harden, G son, WM May 1898, age 2, VA VA VA

APPENDIX 1 – JOHN G. HARDIN MARRIAGE TO LOUISA E. SHEWY

The marriage license obtained by John Hardin and his second wife is a gold mine of information and confirmation about him and his parents. It is reproduced at the end.

Marriage License

Virginia

John Harden and Louisa E. Shewy

issued 15 Dec 1863

Time of Marriage, 24th December 1863

Place of Marriage, Wythe County

Full Names of Parties married, John Harden & Louisa Evaline Shewy

Age of Husband, 47 years

Age of Wife 23 years 9 months

Condition of Husband, widowed

Condition of Wife, single

Place of husband's birth, Granville N. Carolina

Place of Wife's Birth, Bland Co formerly Wythe Co. Va.

Place of Husband's Residence, Wythe Co Va

Place of Wife's Residence, Wythe Co Va

Names of Husband's Parents, Sterling Harden Charlotte Harden

Names of Wife's Parents, Washington W. Shewey & Anna Kinsler

Occupation of Husband, sharpener(?)

Given under my hand this 15th day of December 1863

J. H. Fellots, Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE

I certify that on the 24th day of Dec 1863 at the House of Tabitha Harden Wythe Co. I united in marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Levi Hubble, Minister

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

VIRGINIA—COUNTY OF

TO WIT:

To any Person Licensed to Celebrate Marriages:

You are hereby authorized to join together in the Holy State of Matrimony, according to the rites and ceremonies of your Church, or religious denomination, and the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, *John Harden* and

Louisa E. Sherry—

Given under my hand, as Clerk of the County Court of said County, this *25th* day of *December* 1863

H. Williams Clerk.

CERTIFICATE TO OBTAIN A MARRIAGE LICENSE,

To be annexed to the License, required by the Act passed 15th March 1861.

Time of Marriage, *24th December 1863*
 Place of Marriage, *Wythe County*
 Full Names of Parties married, *John Harden & Louisa E. Sherry*
 Age of Husband, *47 Years*
 Age of Wife, *23 Years & 9 months*
 Condition of Husband (widowed or single), *Married*
 Condition of Wife (widowed or single), *Single*
 Place of Husband's Birth, *Granville Co. N. Carolina*
 Place of Wife's Birth, *Beaufort Co. formerly Wythe Co. Va*
 Place of Husband's Residence, *Wythe Co. Va*
 Place of Wife's Residence, *Wythe Co. Va*
 Names of Husband's Parents, *John & Charlotte Harden*
 Names of Wife's Parents, *Charles & Mary Sherry & Quaker*
 Occupation of Husband, *Farmer*

Given under my hand this *15th* day of *December* 1863—

H. Williams Clerk.

MINISTER'S RETURN OF MARRIAGE.

I CERTIFY, that on the *24th* day of *Dec*, 1863 at *the House of*
Leitha Harden Wythe Co. I united in Marriage the above named and described parties, under authority of the annexed License.

Levi Hubble Minister

The Minister celebrating a Marriage is required, within ten days thereafter, to return the License to the Office of the Clerk who issued the same, with an endorsement thereon of the fact of such Marriage, and of the time and place of celebrating the same.