

Descendants of MARY SUTTON daughter of Thomas and Judith Hardison Sutton and wife of Lemuel Hardy Jr

INTRODUCTION

This line was researched by the late Ima Mewborn and is according to Ima, not entirely accurate or maybe not complete so researcher beware. The son Lemuel Hardy III is complete and listed under the Mewborn project found on Old Dobbers under the daughters Annie and Patsy Mewborn both of whom md Lemuel Hardy III. The line of the daughter, Sarah, who md Charles Tull is also found under the Tull Project with a link to the Tull Book. I have added a little to that line; however, I have seen no proof that Sarah Hardy md Charles Tull but it is accepted by the DAR and Jamestowne Society.

Others have proved the Best and Sugg lines and the Drewry Aldridge Jr line and have much more information than I have on the database. Part of the Gibbons line is also found under Annie and Patsy Mewborn on the Mewborn project.

1. **MARY¹ SUTTON** was born in Bertie County, North Carolina, circa 1740.¹ She married **Lemuel Hardy Jr.**, son of **Lemuel (Lamm) Hardy Sr** and **Elizabeth Parrott**, in Bertie County, North Carolina, in 1760. **Mary** died after 1816 in Greene County, North Carolina.

The marriage of Mary Sutton to Lemuel Hardy appears to be proven by the Will of her brother, Thomas Sutton Jr., who calls his sister Mary Hardy His sister Mary Hardy is the only sibling mentioned suggesting all other siblings, other than Mary Hardy may have been dead by 1779. A lengthy list of descendants was compiled by the late Ima Mewborn and some of them can be found on Old Dobbers under the Mewborn project.

LEMUEL HARDY JR. was born in Bertie County, North Carolina, circa 1730. **Lemuel** died in 1800 in Greene County, North Carolina.

There is a great deal more information in the notes of Ima Mewborn, dec. at Heritage Place, Lenoir Co. Community College.

Lemuel was a private in the Revolution (Comptrollers Book "M" No. 16, p 18) (Books 24 p 6, Dept of Archives and History). He was a Justice of the Peace, Bertie County 1750 -1760. Lemuel Hardy II lived in the Southwest corner of Dobbs County, now Greene on Bear Creek. He built a large house, first story brick, second story clapboard. Alice Hunter, Alice Hines Parrott's aunt who was 92 years old in 1950, remembers going to her great grandfather's home. She does not remember who was living there at the time of her visit. Lemuel Hardy II is buried in Greene County, but his grave has never been marked permanently. Lemuel concealed his daughters from Lord Cornwallis' soldiers by hiding them in Bear Creek Swamp and they were cared for by a faithful slave, Phoebe. Information from Ima E. Mewborn, dec.

I am not sure all of the children of Lemuel and Mary Sutton Hardy are proven or even known.

Drewey Reaves - 200 acres Dobbs - NS Bear Creek adj Lamuel Hardy - 30 Jan 1779

Lamuel Hardy - 50 acres in Dobbs - NS Oat Swamp adj swamp and own land - 13 March 1779

Colonial Soldiers of the South by Myrtlie June Clark

Account of Sundry Firelocks Pressed into his Majesty's Service in the Expedition against the Insurgents in 1771 for the Dobbs Detachment which were lost, broke or destroyed – 28 Nov 1771 – Private Lemuel Harden (sic)

1769 Dobbs Co. Tax List

HARDY Lemuel John Gay 2

1780 Dobbs Co. Tax List

¹Will of Thomas Sutton, written 3 Feb 1751 probated 2 March 1750 Bertie County, NC.

Lamuel Hardy 10,401

1780 Provisions Tax List

Hardy Lemuel £10,401 199 Indn Corn £506

Lemuel is a proven line for the DAR.

Lemuel Hardy II, referred to in some of the D.A.R. and S.A.R. records as "Jr"., was b. May 20, 1730, in Bertie County, d. 1797, in Green County, m. Mary Sutton, b. November 6, 1747, d. 1800, a descendant of George Durant (see sketch in Chapter 19). Lemuel Hardy, II, sold his land on Salmon Creek in 1769 (Bertie Book L, p. 198) and moved to Dobbs, now Greene County. Carson DeVane Baucom of Raleigh, NC is a descendant through their daughter, Nancy Hardy, b. March 24, 1782, d. 10/22/1844 m. Lemuel Sugg in 1802. This family is further developed in a succeeding chapter on Lemuel Hardy Branch. (The Eastern North Carolina Hardy-Hardee Family in the South and Southwest, by David L. Hardee) There is no proof offered on the dates.

Lemuel was listed as the head of a family on the 1800 Census.

Children of **Mary¹ Sutton** and **Lemuel Hardy Jr.** were as follows:

i. **JOHN² HARDY** married **Mary Tyson**. **John** died.

Probably left the area. He is not proven

ii. **SARAH HARDY** was born in Dobbs County, North Carolina, on 21 Oct 1761.² She married **Charles Tull**, son of **Isaac Tull** and **Winifred Watts**, in Dobbs County, North Carolina, on 6 Feb 1777.³ **Sarah** died on 12 Feb 1803 in Lenoir County, North Carolina, at age 41.⁴

There is nothing to prove Sarah was a Hardy that I have seen except family tradition and the names of the children. Ima said there was something but I can't find it in her notes and she is approved by the DAR.. Also there is a problem with her birthdate as others give it as 1763; however the Bible gives it as 1761.

CHARLES TULL was born in Somerset County, Maryland, on 2 Dec 1753.^{5,6} **Charles** died on 9 Oct 1836 in Lenoir County, North Carolina, at age 82.⁷

In some Whitfield information at LCC it states that Elizabeth Whitfield Herring daughter of Constantine and wife of Edward Matchett Herring married 2nd Charles Tull. From Rose Parks - Have Edward born 1755 and died before this 1809 document. Elizabeth born about 1755 and died 19 May 1814 but I do not have a source listed for her death date. Rose was referring to an instrument in the Darden Collection from Joshua Herring to William Herring. Maybe she did remarry Charles but according to his will, his widow was Sally. The questions arise - was the death date of Sarah Hardy Tull written down wrong, did she actually outlive him, or did he have more than one wife?

Tull Family Bible
(Published in 1785)

²Charles Tull Family Bible, published 1785. Allen J. Barwick, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina (1999).

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

⁵Ibid.

⁶Isaac and Winifred Watts Caldwell Tull Family Records, Lovit Hines Collection, NC Archives, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina.

⁷Charles Tull Family Bible.

Copied by Allen J. Barwick
Bible in the possession of Allen J. Barwick
This bible has been passed down from :
Charles Tull (1753-1836)
Sally (Sarah) Tull (1793-1845)
Issac Barwick, husband of Sally Tull (1789-1854)
Craven Tull Barwick (1833-1885)
John Henry Barwick (1869-1947)
Samuel Coward Barwick (1896-1975)
Allen J. Barwick (1939-)

Verbatim quotations from the "Family" pages of this Bible:

Charles Tull son of Issac Tull was born December 2, 1753 and Sarah his wife was born October 21, 1761 and they two was married February 6, 1777.
Jesse Tull son of Charles Tull was born June 25, 1778 and deceased September 7, 1778.
Susanna Tull was born December 13, 1779.
Hardy Tull was born December 26, 1781.
Winnefred Tull was born April 7, 1784.
Lewis Tull was born October 18, 1786.
Mary Tull was born October 14, 1788.
Elizabeth Tull was born May 27, 1791.
Sally Tull was born May 18, 1793.
Arthur Tull was born September 12, 1794.
Mary Tull deceased March 9, 1796.
Edith Tull was born January 20, 1798.
Caty Tull was born July 10, 1800.
Laney Tull was born August 6, 1802.
Sarah Tull wife of Charles Tull deceased February 12, 1803.
Hardy Tull deceased March 6, 1809.

A gift of this book to my daughter Sally Barwick by me Charles Tull for her to take it into possession at my death.

Charles Tull, father of Sally Barwick departed this life October 9, 1836.
Elizabeth Daniel daughter of Charles Tull deceased January 18, 1816.
Issac Barwick son of Joshuay and Mary Barwick was born August 11, 1789.
an Sarah Tull my wife daughter of Charles and Sarah Tull was born May 18, 1793
and we two was married January 17, 1811.
Henry Charles Barwick was borne August 3 th 1813.
Jesse Hardy Barwick deceased October the 10, 1814.
Wiley Arther Barwick was born May 22, 1816.
Mary Elizabeth Barwick was born September 23, 1817.
Winifred Barwick was born May 7, 1820.
Edith Barwick was born September 8, 1822.
Jesse Lewis Barwick was born August 6, 1825.
Winifred Barwick deceased September 20, 1825.
Sarah Ann Winifred Barwick was born January 10, 1828.
Susan Emeline Barwick was born April 14, 1830.
Craven Tull Barwick was born July 7, 1833.
Sarah Ann Winnifred Barwick deceased January 4, 1838.

Sarah Barwick my wife departed this life March 24, 1845 and Catherine Vanne her sister departed this life January the 8th 1845 and Susan Moor her sister departed this life March 20, 1845.

Issac Barwick departed this life September 28, 1854.

Charles Henry Barwick a son of Mary Elizabeth Barwick was born February 2, 1851.

William Craven Coward a son of Jesse Coward and Susan Emeline Coward was born May 20, 1854.

Susan Emeline Coward departed this life March 27, 1856.

Ann H. T. Barwick the wife of Craven T. Barwick and daughter of Willson Tilghman deceased May 30, 1864.

Mary E. Barwick departed this life September 8, 1870.

END OF BIBLE RECORDS

WILL OF CHARLES TULL

In the name of God amen, I Charles Tull of the State of North and County of Lenoir being of sound and disposing mind and memory do this 28th day of November, one thousand eight hundred and thirty five make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following, viz;

1st. I give and bequeath to my wife Sally Tull fifty dollars in cash, one bed and furnityre and bed stead, one walnut chest that she now keeps her clothes in.

2nd. I give and bequeath unto my son Arthur Tull one negro man named Lewis which is now in his possession.

3rd. I give and bequeath unto my son Lewis Tull all my wearing apparel.

4th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Susana Moore three negro servants, Comfort, Hollan and Barbary and all Barbary's children to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

5th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Winifred Mullen one negro man named Reddick in addition to those I have already given her, her heirs and assigns forever.

6th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Sally Barwick the following Negroes (viz) Joe and Enock and Ester and all Ester's children to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

7th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Edith Tucker one Negro boy named Frank in addition to those already given her, to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

8th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Catherine Vause, the following Negroes, Israel, John, Cornelius and Jinny and all her children to her, her heirs and assigns forever.

9th. I lend to my daughter Laney Jones the following Negroes, Luke and Mila for her own separate use, not however to be subject to the control of her husband and during her natural life. After the death of said Laney it is my will that they the children which said Laney may have which said Negroes I give to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

10th. I give and bequeath to my two grandchildren Isaac Tull and Jesse Tull two Negroes George and Dick to be equally divided between them. Should either of them die leaving no issue it is my will that the survivor should both the Negroes to them, their heirs and assigns forever.

11th. I give and bequeath unto my grandson Henry Barwick one Negro girl named Mary also one sorrel mare called Fancy, one feather bedstead and furniture marked H.B. and my chest that I now keep my papers in and one saddle and bridle.

12th. It is my will and desire that all my land be sold in one lot to itself and half of the money arising from the sale of said land to be paid at the expiration of twelve months, the other held at the expiration of two years,

all my personal estate not disposed of by my will be sold, the money arising from the aforesaid sales to be equally divided among all my children that is living and those that are dead their children have their part except lewis and sally their children to have their of said sales---Sally's children as their arrive to lawful age to receive their proportionable part of her part of her part of said sales. I hereby nominate constitute and appoint Issac Barwick

Executor of this my last will and testament, revoking and making void all other former will by me made ratifying this to be and contain my last will and testament. In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year herein written.

Signed, sealed, published and declared in presence of J.S.Scott Thomas Harvey

(Signed) Charles Tull

State of North Carolina Lenoir County Court
of Pleas and Quarter session State of North Carolina Lenoir County Court of Pleas and Quarter session
January Term 1837.

Then was the foregoing last will and testament of Charles Tull decd, exhibited in open court and the execution thereof duly proved by Thomas Harvey one of the subscribing witnesses thereto at the same time Isaac Barwick the executor therein appeared and qualified ordered that letter testamentary issue and that the said will be recorded. Attest Lewis C. Desmond Cl

Enrolled in the Clerks Office of Lenoir County May 11, 1837 Lewis C. Desmond Clk

I certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the original last will and testament of Charles Tull decd as appears of record. Lewis C. Desmond Clk.

At the time of his enlistment in the Revolutionary War he lived in "Old Dobbs County." He applied for a pension (\$7759) on April 3, 1833 in Lenoir County, North Carolina, where he had lived since the war. James Tull was mentioned, but no relationship was given.

From Revolutionary War Pension records: Lenoir County - Court of Please and Quarter Session April Term 1833.

Lenoir County - Court of Please and Quarter Session April Term 1833.

On 2nd April 1833, before us J. Rouse, C. Metts and P. Hardee, Justices of the Court, personally appeared Charles Tull 80 yrs old on Dec. 2, next and makes claim for benefits under the Act of 6-7-1832. Charles Tull stated that he volunteered in Dobbs County in 1775 in a company commanded by Capt. Jesse Cobb in a regiment under Col. Richard Caswell, Lt. Col. Wm Bryan and Major Gorham. They marched from Kinston, N.C. when the company was organized and went to New Bern where they drilled 14 days and returned to Lenoir where they remained until 1776, when they were dispatched to South River, N.C. to stop the Tories. The Tories escaped from South River and were overtaken at Moores Creek, New Hanover County, N.C. 16 or 18 miles above Wilmington, where they were engaged in a battle under Col. Richard Caswell and the Tories were led by Gen. McDaniel and Capt. McLoud, who was killed in the battle. The Tories lost 14 men killed and we lost one man and his loss was thought to be an accident. The second day after the battle we marched back to Kinston where we stayed until called to Wilmington where we were engaged in building entrenchments against the British who were reported to be at Brunswick. They did not attack and we returned to Kinston and were discharged after 6 months of duty. He further states that he is unable to prove his service by any person. He certified that he was born in Maryland in 1753 and came to N.C. at the age of 2. That he lived in Dobbs County, N.C. when he enlisted. He knew Col. Rich'd Caswell, John Williams, Wm. Lovick, John Gatlen, Dallam Caswell, Blount Coleman and N.G. Blount and refers to them for character and reputation.

Certificate of John Cox and James Tull of Lenoir County who have known Charles Tull for years and believe him to be 80 years old.

1780 DOBBS COUNTY TAX LIST
worth £2,037 and paid with 20 1/2 Indn Corn.

- iii. **SUTTON HARDY** was born in 1762. He married **Martha Taylor**. **Sutton** died.
He resided in Mississippi.
- iv. **WINIFRED HARDY** was born in Bertie County on 29 Jun 1765.⁸ She married **Henry Best**, son of **Benjamin Best Sr.** and **Margaret Williams**, circa 1790. **Winifred** died on 12 Aug 1841 in Greene County, North Carolina, at age 76.⁹

HENRY BEST was born on 17 Apr 1762. **Henry** died on 2 Dec 1839 in Greene County, North Carolina, at age 77.¹⁰ His body was interred in Greene County, North Carolina, in Best Cemetery. Rev. War.

- v. **EDITH HARDY** was born in 1768. She married **Drewry Aldridge Jr.**, son of **Drewry Aldridge** and **Mary Barrington**, circa 1786. **Edith** died before 1802 in Greene County, North Carolina.

DREWRY ALDRIDGE JR. was born in Dobbs County, North Carolina, circa 1766. **Drewry** died circa 1840 in Greene County, North Carolina.

- vi. **MARY HARDY** was born in 1773. She married **Benjamin Best**, son of **Benjamin Best Sr.** and **Margaret Williams**, circa 1790. **Mary** died on 1 Jun 1855 in Wayne County, North Carolina.

BENJAMIN BEST was born in 1766. **Benjamin** died on 13 Jul 1850 in Wayne County, North Carolina.

- vii. **BENJAMIN HARDY** was born in 1774. He married **Mary Edwards**. **Benjamin** died in Nov 1841 in Greene County, North Carolina.¹¹

Benjamin was the youngest son. War of 1812 Records.

- viii. **LEMUEL HARDY III** was born in Lenoir County, North Carolina, on 3 Feb 1779. He married **Unity (Eunity) Taylor** in Lenoir County, North Carolina, circa 1801.¹² He married **Annie Mewborn**, daughter of **Parrott Mewborn** and **Lydia Hardy**, in Lenoir County, North Carolina, on 18 Apr 1804.^{13,14} He married **Martha (Patsy) Mewborn**, daughter of **Parrott Mewborn** and **Lydia Hardy**, in Lenoir County, North Carolina, after 1815. **Lemuel** died on 17 Oct 1846 in Greene County, North Carolina, at age 67.¹⁵

Will of Lemuel Hardy

In the name of God Amen, I, Lemuel Hardy Sr., of the County of Greene and the State of North Carolina being of sound disposing mind and memory though weak in body, Blessed be God for the same considering the mortality of my body knowing that it was once appointed for all men to die, do make and ordain this my last will and Testament. First I commend my

⁸Tombstone, Greene County, NC.

⁹Ibid.

¹⁰Ibid.

¹¹William L. Murphy., *Greene County, NC Estate Records - 1839 - 1845* (Private), p 25.

¹²Lemuel Hardy III Family Bible.

¹³Parrott Mewborn Family Bible, (New York, 1801); (original in possession of J. M. Mewborn).

¹⁴Lemuel Hardy III Family Bible.

¹⁵Ibid.

Soul into the hand of Almighty God that gave it nothing doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and my body I commend to the earth to be buried in decent Christian burial at the discretion of my executors and as to my earthly substance that the Lord hath pleased to bless me with I give and dispose of in the following manner:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item: 9th. I give unto my daughter, Edith Barrow, two negro boys, one named John and the other Robin, one horse bridle and saddle, and one bedstead and furniture and some other articles too tedious to mention which I shall put in their possession soon, to her and her heirs forever.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Item: 16th. My will and desire is that if either of my three sons: Lemuel, Benjamin, or Levi should die leaving no issue lawfully begotten of their bodies that my youngest son, Jesse H Hardy, have one of the lots of land that I have set apart or given to them in some of the above items in this will in this manner viz: If Lemuel should die, Benjamin shall have the lot set apart to Lemuel, and Levi to have Benjamin's lot, and Jesse H. Hardy, my youngest son, to have the home lot, that I gave to Levi, or if Benjamin should die, Levi to have Benjamin's, and Jesse to have Levi's to the home lot; now if more than one or any one of them should die after the lands are placed and allotted in this manner, leaving no issue as above stated, his lot to be divided among or between the ones surviving, so as to keep the land amongst the boys is my object.

Lastly I constitute, nominate, and appoint my wife, Patsy Hardy, and my trusty friend, Parrott Mewborn, whole and sole executors to this my last will and Testament, revoking, disannulling, and making void all other former will and Testaments heretofore made and ratifying this and no other to be my last will and Testament.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 18th, day of October A.D. 1844.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in presence of us who in the presence of each other and in his presence have subscribed our names. Lemuel E. Hardy, Jesse Hardy, Lemuel Hardy Sr. (Seal)

State of North Carolina, Greene County, Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term 1846

Then was the foregoing paper writing brought into open Court and the execution thereof as the last will and Testament of Lemuel Hardy, deceased, duly proven by the oaths of Lemuel E. Hardy and Jesse Hardy the subscribing witnesses thereto. Let the same be recorded according to law. At the same time and place Parrott Mewborn, one of the executors therein named, came into Court and renounced his right as such and Patsy Hardy the executrix therein named comes into Court and qualified as such. Let Letters testamentary issue. Attest: James Williams (Clerke) (Recorded in the Clerk's Office of Greene County, NC in book of Wills, Letter B, Pages 185, 186, 187, 188, 189 by James Williams).

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, GREENE COUNTY
COURT OF PLEAS AND QUARTER SESSIONS
NOVEMBER TERM 1846

There was foregoing paper writing brought into open court and the execution thereof as the last will and testament of Lemuel HARDY dec. duly proven by the oaths of Lemuel E. HARDY and Jesse HARDY the subscribing witnesses thereto. Let the same be recorded according to law. At the same time and place Parrott MEWBORN one of the executors therein named came into court and renounced his right as such and Patsy HARDY the Executrix therein named came into court and qualified as such let letters testaminting issue.

signed James WILLIAMS Clerk

L. Hardy copy (sic) of the last will and testament of Lemuel Hardy Snr.

October 17th 1844

Recorded in the Clerks Office of Greene County in Book of Wills

Letter B , pages 185, 186, 187,8,9

by James Williams 1844

NORTH CAROLINA GREENE COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT

Jesse H. HARDY, Temesia HARDY, Nancy ALDRIDGE, G. M. HARDY, L. H. HARDY, Parrott HARDY, and Patsy HARDY to the Court

The petition of the plaintiffs respectfully represents unto the court

1. That some time during the year 1846 Lemuel HARDY Sr. late of this county and state aforesaid died domiciled in said county of Greene first having made and published his Last Will and Testament in words and form as follows viz: a copy of which is hereto annexed marked "A" and made part of this petition.

2. That in November 1846, said Last Will and Testament was duly proved and recorded and the executrix Patsey HARDY duly qualified before a court of competent jurisdiction in Greene County, a copy of all of which is hereto annexed marked "B" and made part of this edition.

3. That said Patsey Hardy as Executrix took charge of and settled of the estate of her testator Lemuel HARDY Sr. decd' upon the terms and conditions as set forth in said Last Will and Testament.

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

5. That James WILLIAMS the Clerk of the Court before which said Will and Testament was proved and recorded and whose certificates is attached to said copy of said Last Will and Testament is dead.

6. That under said last will and testament Lemuel HARDY, Benj. G. HARDY, Levi S. HARDY and Jesse H. HARDY were the sole legatees to whom the lands of Lemuel HARDY Sr. decd. descended under said Last Will and Testament of said Lemuel HARDY Sr. decd. and that Levi S. HARDY died, without leaving an issue of his body and his interest in said lands descended (sic) to your petitioner Jesse H. HARDY under said last will and testament and that your petitioner Jesse H. Hardy ---- in the year 1860 purchased of said Benj G. Hardy his interest in said lands conveyed under said Last Will and Testament of Lemuel Hardy Sr. decd. and that Lemuel HARDY one of the heirs under said Will died intestate during the year 1863 ---- having made and published a Last Will and Testament and his interest descended to his widow Temesia HARDY, his children Nancy ALDRIDGE: G.M. HARDY, L.H. HARDY. Parrott HARDY and Patsey HARDY and that they are all of full age.

Wherefor your petitioners say that said certified copy of said Last Will and Testament with the certificates ---- attached as admitted to probate and that the same be ---- in all respects as the original and for such other fulltime orders as the court may deem proper.
signed Arthur SPRUILL Atty for Plffs.

GREENE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

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

signed Jesse H. HARDY

sworn before me this 27th day of June 1885

D.W. Patrick CSC

GREENE COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Jesse H. HARDY to The Court

Judgment

On this 27th day of June 1885 cause before Mr. D.W. PATRICK Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the county of Greene Jesse H. HARDY, G. M HARDY, Parrott HARDY, Exals (?) by their Attorney at Law and in fact Arthur SPRUILL and offered for the purpose of being recorded in my said office a paper writing purporting to be a duly certified copy of the last will and Testament of Lemuel HARDY decd. late of this county.

And upon the evidence it appearing to my satisfaction that said Lemuel HARDY died leaving a Last Will and Testament and that it was duly admitted to Probate in the County Court of said County of Greene at November term 1846 and recorded in the office of said court book of Wills Letters, pages 185,6,7,8,9 and that said paper writing now offered to be recorded is a true

and correct copy of said Will and Testament from the records of said Court and that the same is genuine and duly certified by the proper officer of said Court and that the original will was destroyed by the burning of the Court House of said County.

It is now on motion of Arthur SPRUILL attorney ordered that said paper writing as a right (?) ought to be recorded as the Last Will and Testament of Lemuel HARDY Sr. and it is further ordered that said paper writing be recorded and filed among the records of this officer as his will.

D. W. Patrick
Clerk of Superior Court.

UNITY (EUNITY) TAYLOR was born on 19 Feb 1784.¹⁶

ANNIE MEWBORN was born in Dobbs County, North Carolina, on 26 Jul 1787.¹⁷ **Annie** died on 30 Apr 1815 in Lenoir County, North Carolina, at age 27.

MARTHA (PATSY) MEWBORN was born in Lenoir County, North Carolina, on 6 Feb 1796. The Bible Records of Parrott and Lydia Mewborn give her birthdate as 16 February while the Lemuel Hardy Bible gives it as 6 February.^{18,19}

Martha died on 16 Feb 1851 in Lenoir County, North Carolina, at age 55.²⁰

- ix. **ELIZABETH HARDY** was born in 1780.²¹ She married **John Wesley Gibbons Sr.** in Greene County, North Carolina, in 1799.²² **Elizabeth** died in 1802 in Greene County, North Carolina. Her death date is based on the approximate dates of the births of John's children by his 2nd wife. No documentation of her death has been found.

It is very likely that at least one of the other children of John is by Elizabeth, but no proof has been found for the mother of the oldest children. The marriage is proven in the Records of the Methodist Church at Duke.

JOHN WESLEY GIBBONS SR. was born on 25 May 1774.²³ He married **Celia Smith** in Greene County, North Carolina. He married **Mary Vines Speight**, daughter of **Rev. Seth Speight** and **Elizabeth Vines**, in Greene County, North Carolina, in 1805. **John** died in 1839 in Greene County, North Carolina.^{24,25}

I've hunted everywhere I know to hunt to find a marriage date for John Gibbons and Mary Speight, but can't find one, so my records just say "after 1805". I have a few pieces of evidence that they were married, though. One is Methodist church records at the Methodist archives in Raleigh (memoir for Henry H. Gibbons which states that Mary Speight was his mother). Another is an obituary for Mary Speight. Then there's the fact that Speight keeps popping up as a middle name in later generations.

I didn't know who she was until I got a bunch of goodies from Bill Murphy. He had dug into a very strange court case involving the Speight and Vines families. For a long time I thought that Mary Speight and Polly Vines were two different people, both wives of John W. Gibbons. Bill straightened that out for me. Her name was Mary "Polly" Vines Speight. Daughter of Rev. Seth Speight and Elizabeth Vines.

¹⁶Ibid.

¹⁷Parrott Mewborn Family Bible.

¹⁸Ibid.

¹⁹Lemuel Hardy III Family Bible.

²⁰Ibid.

²¹John James Ormond Family Bible, Dobbs County Bible Records, by William L. Murphy.

²²Ibid.

²³Ibid.

²⁴William L. Murphy, *Greene County, NC Estate Records - 1839 - 1845*.

²⁵John James Ormond Family Bible.

- x. **NANCY HARDY** was born on 24 Mar 1782.²⁶ She married **Lemuel Sugg**, son of **John Sugg I** and **Elizabeth Murphrey**. **Nancy** died on 22 Oct 1844 at age 62.²⁷

There are additional records in the Lemuel Sugg Bible Records, but the Bible does not give her maiden surname.

LEMUEL SUGG was born on 17 Feb 1778.²⁸ **Lemuel** died on 14 Nov 1852 at age 74.²⁹

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²⁶Lemuel Sugg Family Bible, 1813. (M. Carey, Philadelphia); Dobbs County, North Carolina, Bible Records, Vol 5" by William L. Murphy.

²⁷Ibid.

²⁸Ibid.

²⁹Ibid.