

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