

HARVEY AND VARDEMAN FAMILY

ITS ANTECEDENTS AND DESCENDANTS

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PREFACE

This book of family genealogy is dedicated to my mother, Mabel Scott Harvey, who shared her excellent records with me that I might have a start, and it is dedicated to my husband, Leland V. Hathaway, whose encouragement, patience, and assistance enabled me to continue. I cannot use the word "finish" for there is much behind us that can yet be discovered, and there is much to come.

The five-page chart which appears at the front of the book is there for reference as the book is read. The blank pages are for your own corrections and additions.

The search into our heritage began as a history to pass to my grandchildren and their children, hence the emphasis on Theodore Harvey and the personal references.

My thanks to all of you who contributed photographs and information.

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Descendants of Henry W. Harvey and
Laura Vardeman Harvey to 1991

Thomas Hudnall
Harvey

B Feb 22, 1799
D Feb. 6, 1852
R Saline Co., Mo.
M Jan. 30, 1820

Elizabeth
Sarah Edwards

B Aug. 25, 1802
D Jan. 25, 1853

Theodore Vespa-
cion Lee Harvey

B Sept. 17, 1841
D April 30, 1911
R Barry Co., Mo.

M June 16, 1863

Henry Wells
Harvey

B Feb. 24, 1866
D Dec. 3, 1938
R Saline Co., Mo.

Theodore William
Harvey

B. Nov. 4, 1893
D. July 5, 1982

Katherine E. Harvey

B. Feb. 27, 1897
D. Oct. 2, 1984

Robert Lee Harvey

B. Aug. 25, 1900
D. March 9, 1973

Bessie Harvey

B. Aug. 3, 1902
D. April 13, 1985

Henry Wells Harvey

B. Jan. 15, 1906
D. July 8, 1988

Sally Harvey

B. July 1, 1907
D. July 5, 1981

M Nov. 12, 1891

Celia Bickley
Dyer

B Aug. 16, 1839
D 1872

John Dyer

B 1792
D 1840
R Callaway Co., Mo.
M Feb. 19, 1824

Evelina Hervey
Warren

B March 7, 1805
D July 17, 1859

John Peter
Vardeman

B Aug. 1, 1810
D 1877
R Shelby Co., Ky.
M April 22, 1833

William
Vardeman

B Oct. 2, 1842
D Oct. 29, 1925
R Saline Co., Mo.

Mary Warner
Scroggins

B 1815
D Before 1880

Anna Laura
Vardeman

B Oct. 22, 1865
D Nov. 26, 1938
Saline Co., Mo.

M Nov. 10, 1864

Sarah Mildred
Scearce

B April 23, 1843
D Oct. 18, 1928

James Scearce

B Dec. 22, 1805
D April 10, 1893
R Shelby Co., Ky.
M Aug. 26, 1834

Mildred
Blaydes

B Oct. 8, 1818
D Aug. 9, 1895

Thomas Harvey	Onesephorus Harvey	John Harvey D. 1744
	R D. 1798	Mary Williams D. 1797
B 1770 D 1813	Sarah	
B 1793	Thomas	
Elizabeth Hudnall	Hudnall	
B 1773 D 1817	R 1742-1824	Giles Webb B. 1714, son of Giles Webb, B. 1677
	Lucy Webb	
Richard Edwards	Thomas Edwards	Thomas Edwards B. 1724, son of T. Edwards B. 1695
B D 1815	R	Elizabeth Fauntleroy, B. 1731,
B 1798	Eliz. Lee	Kendall Lee, D. 1780, son of Richard Lee B. 1691
Sally Hudnall	Thos. Hudnall	Betty Heale, dau. of Wm. & Pricilla Downman
B D	R 1742-1824	
	Lucy Webb	Giles Webb, B. 1714, son of Giles Webb, B. 1677
Samuel Dyer	John Dyer	
B 1756 D 1839	R Anne	
B 1787	Thompson	
Celia B. Dyer	Wm. Bickley	Joseph Bickley, to the Colonies in 1703
B 1760 D 1840	R	Widow Sarah Gessedge
Thomas Buck	Mar. Overton	Cpt. James Overton B. 1688, son of Wm. Overton
Warren	Wm. Warren	Elizabeth Garland
B 1777 D 1822	R 1739-1819	Samuel Warren B. 1715, son of Wm. Warren, B. 1680
B Sarah	Anne Wilcox	
Hall Richardson	J.C. Richardson	William Richardson, B. 1712,
B D	R 1753-1834	Isabella Calmes, B. c. 1727, dau. Marquis Calmes
	Sarah Hall	Francis Hall
Thomas Vardeman	Peter	Sarah Bainbridge, dau. Edmund Bainbridge, B. 1693
B c. 1782 D	Vardeman	John Vardeman, B. 1718, son of John, Sr. to
B 1804	R	Elizabeth Morgan the Colonies 1725
Mary Wilcoxson	Prudence	
B D	D. Wilcoxson	John Wilcoxson B. 1722 in Wales
	R 1755-1837	Sarah Boone B. 1727, dau. of Squire Boone
	S. Faulkner	John Faulkner B. 1696
John Scroggins		Joyce Craig, daughter of Toliver Craig B. 1704
B D	S. Scroggins	
B	B. Collins	
B	Benoni	
Rachel Kendrick	Kendrick	Joseph Kendrick B. 1735, son of Wm. Kendrick
B D	R Mary	Anna Fox, B. 1739
	Warner	B 1704
Nathan Searce	J. Searce	
B 1773 D 1844	R	Catherine
B 1797	Henrietta	
Letitia Weakley	T. Weakley	
B 1776 D 1841	R Elizabeth	Timothy Redding B. c. 1690
	Redding	
Francis Blaydes	F. Blaydes	
B 1791 D 1833	R	
B April 17, 1816	Jane Gwinn	
Sarah Shepherd		
B 1800 D 1883	R	

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to the Colonies in 1717

Squire Boone

B 1696

D 1765

R

M

B

D

M

B

D

John Morgan

Sarah Morgan

B 1700

D 1777

B

D

M

B

D

John Craig

Toliver Craig

B 1704

D 1795

R

M

B

D 1704

M 1703

Jane Taliaferro

to the Colonies in 1704

B 1670

D

John Hawkins

Mary Hawkins

B 1716

D 1804

B

D

M

B

D

John Kendrick

to the Colonies in 1670

William Kendrick

B 1704

D

R

M 1726 or 30

B

D

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Henry Wells Harvey and Anna Laura Vardeman
at the time of their marriage in 1891



Their home on the Marshall-Miami road, 1907

Henry Wells Harvey lived with his aunt Emily Dyer Wells and husband and children after his mother's death when he was about six. We believe that was in Arkansas. He went to school in Callaway County and may have lived for a time with the Dyers whose old home was in that county. He might have joined his father at some time in those early years. When he was about 16 he returned to Saline County and lived with and worked for his cousin, T.R.E., on the original Harvey homeplace. He worked for \$16.00 a month and after saving for 14 years, was able to buy the farm north and east a mile or so from the first Harvey home site.

Before H.W. bought his own farm, he married Anna Laura Vardeman. The dainty invitation held a mock basket on the front of the card, with miniature cards peeking from it with the name Henry W. Harvey on one and Anna Laura Vardeman on the other. Inside was printed in script

Rev. W.M. and Mrs. Vardeman
request your presence
at the marriage of their daughter
Anna Laura
to
H. W. Harvey
Thursday, November twelfth, 1891
7:30 p.m.

The bride wore a brown dotted dress made for her by her sisters. Henry rented some land from the old Tucker place just to the northwest and lived on that place after the marriage, though he was still overseer for his Uncle Tom. Their first two children, Theodore and Kate, were born on the Tucker place, in sight of the farm where Theodore would spend most of his life.

Stanhope, Mo.
Jan. 21. 92

My dear Father,

Received your letters ...am sorry so much time went. would have answered sooner, though as they did not contain anything much save a few questions you would have me to explain I have not hurried much the answer. Will try to explain the two sentences you spoke of. The abbreviation "FurnT" was supposed to have been for furniture. As per question 2nd. I don't know that I can make a satisfactory explanation on paper but in some good pleasure when we meet again I will try to make myself more comprehensive. Are having some cold weather. Have had since N.Y. plenty snow. Ice 6 to 8 inches. Am building a barn, doing the

work myself. Have turned out to be somewhat a mechanic, make wagon beds, repairing, etc. Have a set of blacksmithy tools like in some work. Went to housekeeping in few days after married. Like it very much. Quite a change from bachelorhood. As the saying goes, Adam's lost rib is a source of contention. Received many nice presents. Among many nice ones was a \$20.00 gold piece. Wish I had married sooner. All of Uncle Thom's to write. Why does he not write? Suppose Dot is growing rapidly out of her childhood. Would like so much to see her. As I have nothing more.....spend Xmas with them. Have not had a letter from the boys 15 or 18 months. Do you all keep up correspondence? The gripp is proving very fatal with the negroes in Marshall, 8 to 10 deaths a day. The wheat is under snow. Has been since Jan. 1st. Up to that time did not look very well. Was your school closed? How does Jac. like the Roundhouse? I will submit the pen to my better two thirds for conclusion. Love to all. Write soon to your affectionate son, Henry.

Dear Sir:

Henry has left a few lines for me to fill. I hope you will not think it assuming too much liberty. As matrimonial bands are affected, may I gain welcome into your family.

Yours Affect.

Laura Harvey

Stanhope, Mo.

Mr. T.L. Harvey
Chester, Ark.

Dear Sir, I assure you I am not offended in the least at anything you have written. The first reading I thought your letter a little satiric, rereading it however I concluded to receive it as a needful reprimand. Having had none other than intimate girls correspondants and a very few gentlemen, I thought it beyond my power to write to one whom I had never seen. Receiving a letter from you this morning decided me to write this eve, May 13th. Henry is busy making a private road. I never saw one so industrious as he. I can scarcely prevail on him rainy days to stop work and enjoy a paper or have a little chat. He talks quite despondant sometimes. The continual rains are making a good many "blue" farmers. They talk of famine, hard times, etc. Your season must be several weeks previous to ours as it will take two or three weeks good growing weather to make early vegetables ready for use. You spoke of Jacque visiting us in your letters. We will be glad to see him. Have heard Henry speak of his family often, would be glad to see you all, think you might visit us. Henry expects to write before this letter is mailed. For fear of both writing the same, will close.

Laura Harvey

As the years progressed, Henry was able to keep in

frequent touch with his brother Jack, and his half-sister Dot, and visits were made back and forth between the families. As was mentioned earlier, all touch with his brother Will was lost but Charlie returned, ill with tuberculosis, and died in Saline County.

Sometime after T.R.E. and his wife moved to Marshall Henry and Laura moved into the brick house where the rest of their family was born. In Theodore's latter years he grieved over his "mother standing and working in that old cold kitchen".

When the World's Fair was held in St. Louis in 1904, and the heat of the summer forced the innovation of "iced" tea there, Theodore got to accompany his parents. After seeing the marvels of such a spectacle and drinking the new way of tea, he was sent home a day early by train to attend to some particular piece of farm business. Age 11 was not too young for responsibility in his case. In fact, it was the profit from some sickly calves he had been given the opportunity to raise that had financed the trip anyway. He said that he had on his feet a pair of men's pointed toe dress shoes, having none of his own fit to wear, and having inherited those from some one in the family. When he arrived in Marshall, he recalled standing beside the train with one toe pointing toward town (where he would have liked to have gone) and the other toe pointing home (where he had been told to go). The way he ended the story was that by saying he went straight home. That was the way he remembered it so it must have been that way.

The family lived in the brick house until 1907 when Henry built a beautiful home on his farm on the Miami-to-Marshall road. Two men spent all winter sanding the oak woodwork after the house was erected. The lovely stairs with oak rail and landings led to the second floor bedrooms. Laura lacked nothing that was modern and beautiful in 1907. Hot running water, bathrooms, a built-in range in the kitchen, a long front porch, a south porch with a hammock, a north utility porch with a lavatory for the men and boys coming in from the fields....life was good due to thrift and hard work and H.W. bought one of the first automobiles in the county.

The community was progressive, well to do, cohesive, and made up of the families of high grade emigrants from Virginia. The soil was the key to prosperity. The loess soil, deposited by centuries-old winds in the big bend of the Missouri River, lies in vertical grains rather than in layers. Corn and beef and pork were the anchors. Education had not been neglected either. Fairville, laid out in 1856, soon had an academy which served the neighborhood as well as being a boarding school. The Baptists established a church at Fairville, which Laura Harvey attended, and the Methodist replaced the brick church at Mt. Carmel with a new clapboard one in 1893 where Henry took the children. For a time there was a literary

club and there was a croquet club, ice cream suppers and fish fries and the visiting around that was usual in the days of the compact community.

When Laura and Henry moved into their new home in 1907 they brought Theodore William born November 4, 1893, Katherine E. born February 27, 1897, Robert Lee born August 25, 1900, Bessie born August 3, 1902, Henry Wells born January 15, 1906, and Sally born July 1, 1907. They had lost three children whose graves are at Mt. Carmel: Mary R. who died August 5, 1893, at 9 months, Mildred who died August 23, 1896, at 12 months, and Minnie H. who died August 15, 1899, at four months.

Theodore was old enough to drive the car; he had been handling "man's work" since he was eight years old and a four-mule team since he was 12. His father really had not said he could do it but a circumstance developed that necessitated a trip to Marshall and since Henry W. was not present, Laura finally gave permission. Dot had called from Marshall, had come up from Monett on the train and needed a way out to Henry's and Laura's. Henry had left for a few days, probably off selling cattle, and had locked the barn with the car in it and left orders that NO ONE should open the lock. But this was different. Dot needed a ride.

Young Theodore manfully handled the automobile, sped to Marshall, got Dot and her baggage situated in the car, and they started home. Dot talked alot from the time she spied Theodore until they got loaded and out of town and about three miles out she stopped for breath, then she inquired if Theodore drove the car often. He said no. In fact, he volunteered, this was the first time. That stopped Dot. Not another word was said until Dot unloaded.

Bessie said that she was about eight when again their father was away, in Chicago with a load of cattle. As usual Theodore was in charge, second to their mother. It was in the good old summer time, roasting ear time, and the family was at the table munching away on corn when for some reason mother had to leave the room. Usually a corn cob fight was held at the corn crib but not this day. The cobs began to fly. Theodore's strength and speed were not enough to deter so many little hands. The newly papered wall so suffered from the buttery cobs that it took considerable cleaning before new wall paper could be applied. A few weeks later the circus came to town. Because of the corn cobs, that was the year the Harvey family did not attend.

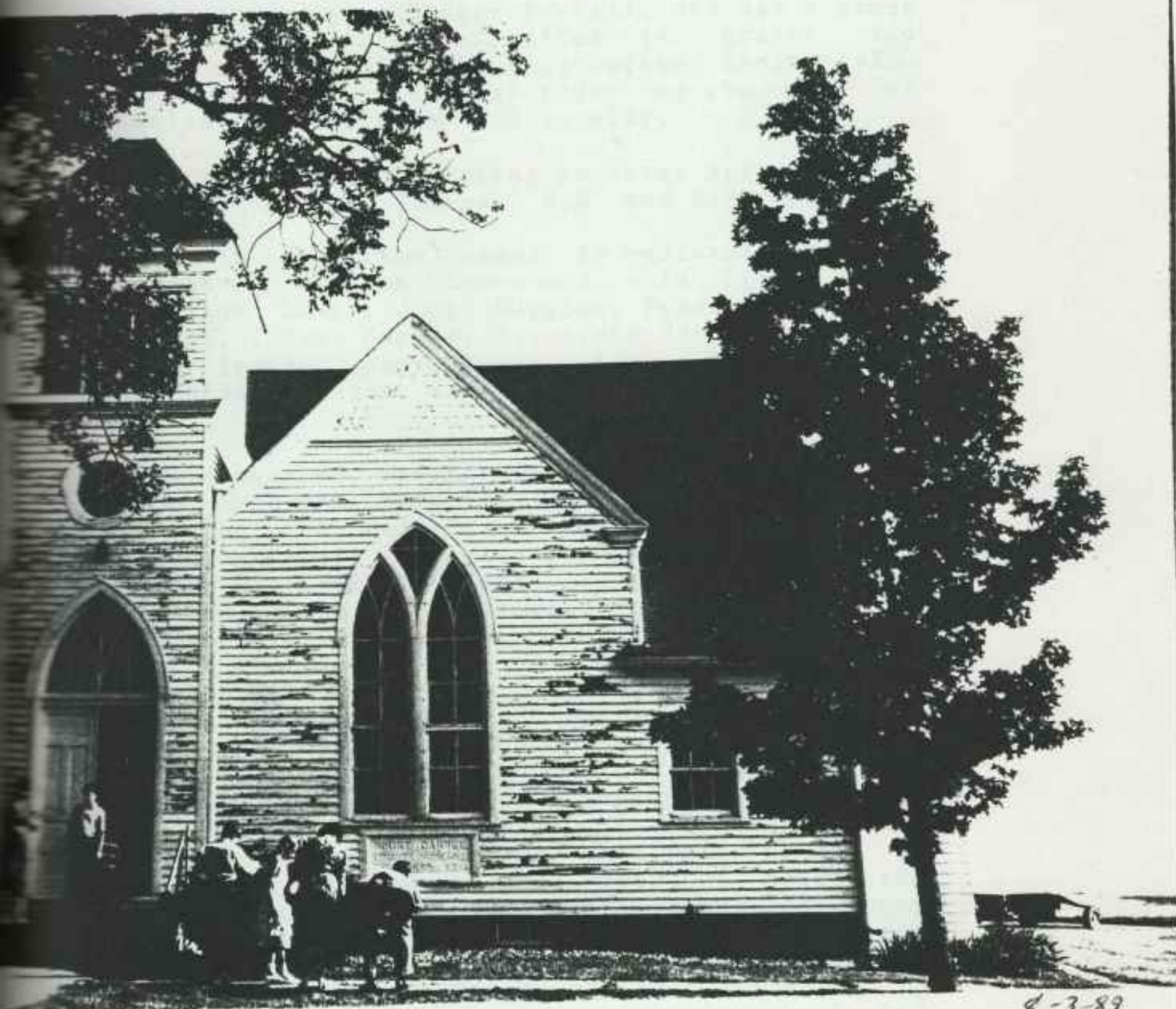
Theodore attended high school in Marshall and stayed with his Grandmother and Grandfather Vardeman who lived on a farm just north of town. Sometimes he visited with his father's cousin, T.R.E. Harvey's son, Thomas Hudnall (Cousin Hudnall), the attorney. At one point he spent several weeks in Cousin Hudnall's home, in bed and on a milk diet, at doctor's orders's, to combat a severe case of

rheumatism. The cure worked and he was not bothered again until old age.

Henry W. Harvey was a Judge of the County Court for most of two terms. He served from 1914 until his resignation on March 21, 1918. He enjoyed the two terms and delegated the farm work to T.W. While T.W. was managing the farm and doing most of the work, his father gave him part of the profit by "setting it down" but Theodore not seeing any of it. One summer Henry went to the World's Fair in San Francisco and told T.W. to pay the help and household expense while he was gone by selling a fine lot of wheat he had to defray those expenses.

Theodore said his father had not gotten many miles away when he began to advertise and sell the fine wheat (for seed, it is presumed) and as the money rolled in he took some of what had been "set down" for himself and he and another fellow bought about 30 head of cattle. These he put on a pasture which his father had rented, several miles away. When the older gentleman returned he had to ride by the pasture on his way home and he saw strange animals on his land. He immediately questioned the neighbors who declared they did not know who brought the cattle but they were able to describe the horse the man rode. Henry knew it was his own horse. When he arrived home he asked Theodore about the cattle, found that Theodore owned them, and told him to get them off his pasture by Monday morning.

Theodore got his cattle moved to a pasture he rented toward Slater. When the summer season passed and the cattle ran short of grass, Henry relented and invited Theodore to bring his cattle home to the feed lot and put them in with his own. When the cattle were sent to market, Henry's brought 7 1/2 cents a pound but Theodore's were little cattle that happened to be wanted that day. They brought 9 cents. That was the assurance of Theodore being in the cattle business the rest of his life. With his half of the profit on the cattle he made his move to the Guthrie place north and west of the section he later lived on. Though he was "on his own" he remained his father's right hand man as long as the old gentleman lived.



8-3-89

HISTORY OF MOUNT CARMEL CHURCH

written by T.W. Harvey, 1976

Mt. Carmel Church is about six miles north of Marshall and one mile and a half south of Fairville. It is in Saline County, Missouri.

The Annals of Methodist in Missouri, by W.S. Woodard, states that Mother Ferrell, who was a power for good and wonderfully gifted in prayer and exhortation, preached in the neighborhood about 1820. about the same time a circuit rider by the name of Peyton Nowlin held meetings occasionally.

The first record of meeting is dated April, 1839, and was signed by Gene Greene, P.E. and B.R. Johnson, P.C.

The society at that time named 23 members: the two mentioned above, William Brown and wife Lucy, Sarah Irvine, William Lewis, John Duggins, Frances Duggins, Lewis Duggins, Thomas Harvey, Elizabeth Harvey, Adaline Brown, Mary Irvine, Henry Brown, Susan Brown, Fanny Collard, Lucille Johnson, and Robert W. Brown and wife Elizabeth.

The next recorded meeting was in 1840 in the school house on Major Thomas Harvey's farm. The congregation was then using the name Mt. Carmel Society. Rev. Millici preached there two years or more. By 1850 other ministers who had preached there were Rev. Bennett, Rev. Lacy, and Rev. Finney. The membership had grown to about 60 members.

It was then decided to build a church and the people raised about \$3000. and had a brick building erected where the frame building now stands. The brick building had two rows of pews and for some time the ladies used one side and the gentlemen used the other. There was a balcony for the slaves. The building faced west and had a handsome stile for the ladies to use in dismounting from their horses, on which they used side saddles, of course. It is said that a young lady once arrived and dismounted and immediately the preacher got hold of one bridle rein and a young man the other. It took several of the older men to get that situation in hand. Rev. W.M. Protsman dedicated the brick church and preached in it for some time.

William Brown and wife Lucy gave the four acres of land for Mt. Carmel Church and Cemetery on March 15, 1854 (N.W. Part. Sec. 16-15-21, Recorder's office, Marshall, Mo., Book Q, page 610). The brick church was built four years before the land was deeded. These are

the facts recorded; apparently, 150 years ago people were a little slow about the legal work.

Rev. J. M. Finney again preached at Mt. Carmel about 1858. In 1860 there were 15 colored people registered as members of the church. There seems to be no record of any church meeting from 1860 to 1872. Rev. William Adkinson preached to 105 people in 1872 and for the next 20 years Mt. Carmel maintained a record of 100 or more for services.

The Mt. Carmel Sunday School constitution and by-laws were put in operation in 1852. We cannot say how well they were enforced though they were well defined. Article No. 2 states that the Sunday School exercise shall begin at eight o'clock in the summer and at nine in the winter. The superintendant may expel any pupil for whispering, leaving class, or for anything he deems misbehavior. Article No. 12 states any teacher who is absent for three Sundays for any reason other than sickness shall forfeit his or her membership.

In 1893 the present building was erected by a Mr. Page, contractor from Marshall. This building is much larger than the brick building and is in good condition after 83 years of use. However, membership began to decline after 1910, and during and after the First World War it was a struggle to keep going, but the Church had faithful members and they kept the Sunday School going and always had a preacher.

Then came the big depression in 1930 and, strange to say, the Church came alive again and the membership increased and attendance was good for 20 or more years.

In the last 20 years men with big tractors and machinery have taken over the surrounding farm land and one man can tend land that ten men handled a few years ago. At the present time, 1976, membership numbers about 30 but they attend well, have Sunday School each week, and preaching twice monthly. The cemetery is well kept and will be in the future for it is well funded.

Mt. Carmel has served the community well as a place of worship and also for many other community activities. Only time will tell about the future.

Mt. Carmel was closed by a vote of the membership in November of 1989, its 150th year as a congregation. In 1990 by Methodist Conference action the church was officially closed and the building given to the cemetery association.

Henry Wells Harvey was never absent from Mt. Carmel Church on Sundays unless he was away for more than a week on business. The children accompanied him. Laura, daughter of the Baptist minister William Vardeman, went the opposite direction to the Fairville Baptist Church. It was said that when she occasionally took the children there she was particular in having them dressed in their very best, a bit more careful than when they went south to Mt. Carmel! She was soft spoken, gentle with everyone, and an undemanding, ever-diligent companion. She grew purple, pink, and white petunias, larkspur, and blue delphinium, kept a vegetable garden, and pared and canned what ever fruit that flourished from season to season.

Henry was never derelict in his devotion to duty in respect to his farm and live stock. He was a tireless worker, not letting a day go wasted. When there was no field work he spent his time repairing and preparing for the coming season. As the years passed he added land to what he originally had until he owned a thousand acres.

In 1932 the Great Depression arrived, as they will cyclically. Henry Harvey had to let go of some of the land. The large barn on his farm burned, and on another day his beautiful two-story home caught fire around the upper part of the chimney and burned to the ground, though part of the furniture and belongings were saved. He and Laura spent a dusty, miserable summer living through unremitting heat in a smoke-house as they watched a new home built on the site. The disastrous fire occurred in 1933.

Rheumatoid arthritis afflicted Henry the last ten or more years. At last his time was spent inside, sitting on a kitchen chair to which he had had rollers attached. Theodore came and lifted him and the chair into a vehicle to carry him to church. Theodore, who had "gotten his orders" by telephone almost every morning for twenty years ("Do you hear, do you hear?" was his father's habitual telephone farewell) was giving the orders now and saw that work continued on his father's farm. Henry's daughters were a God-send during these trying years, taking care of the home and checking on the many things Henry wanted seen to. The final blow came when Laura, who had suffered high blood pressure and shortness of breath for many years, died of a heart attack at the age of 73 on November 26, 1938. Eight days later Henry died at home.

From the Daily Democrat News, Marshall, Missouri:
 "Mrs. H.W. Harvey Died Saturday, Heart Attack Fatal to

Well Known Resident of the County. Mrs. Henry W. Harvey died unexpectedly, Saturday evening about 6 o'clock at her home, near Fairville. Death was the result of a heart attack. She had not been well for several days but was up and around the room, death occurring as she was sleeping. Funeral services will be at 2 o'clock Wednesday at Mt. Carmel Church, conducted by the pastor Rev. Wood. Burial will be at Mt. Carmel Cemetery.

Annie Laura Vardeman Harvey, daughter of William and Sarah Vardeman, was born October 22, 1865 in Shelby County, Ky. She was married to the surviving husband November 12, 1891. Mr. Harvey is now seriously ill at home.

Surviving are six children, Theodore W. Harvey, Miss Katherine Harvey, and Henry W. Harvey all of the county, Mrs. Curtis (Bessie) Hains of Long Beach, California, and Mrs. Herchel (Sallie) Walton of Peoria, Ill. and Robert L. Harvey of Triplett, Mo., three sisters, Mrs. Henry Robbins and Misses Lizzie and Minnie Vardeman of Marshall.

Mrs. Harvey had been a member of the Baptist church for many years. She was a home lover and devoted and solicitous always for the comfort and happiness of members of her family. Her going has not only brought sadness for the family, but for a host of friends."

From the same newspaper on December 4, 1938 came this: "Judge H. W. Harvey Died Sunday. Funeral Services Tuesday at Mt. Carmel; Second Death in Family Within Short Time. Twice within a little more than a week death has entered a Saline County home, leaving it bereft of mother and father. Yesterday at 2:20 o'clock Judge Henry W. Harvey died at the residence near Fairville. On Saturday, November 26, Mrs. Harvey had died. Judge Harvey had been critically ill for five weeks. He had not been well for two years following an accident in which he sustained a broken hip. Funeral services will be held at the Mt. Carmel Methodist church Tuesday at 2 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. Herman Taylor of Miami.

Henry Wells Harvey, a son of Theodore Lee and Celia Dyer Harvey, pioneer residents of the Fairville community, was born Feb. 24, 1866. His mother died

when he was about six years of age and his early years were spent in the home of an aunt, Mrs. Emily Wells at Fulton and in Arkansas. When he was sixteen years of age he returned to Saline county where he had spent the remainder of his life. He was married November 12, 1879, to Annie Laurie Vardeman, whose death just recently occurred. They established their home in the Fairville community, where he became an influential and prosperous farmer and stockman. He was elected presiding judge of the Saline County Court in 1914, resigning March 21, 1918, before the expiration of his term of office, Judge Harvey Tucker being appointed to fill out the term by Governor Frederick D. Gardner.

He was an active member in the Mt. Carmel Church, had served as Sunday School Superintendant, and even after his health failed, he made the effort to attend services whenever possible."

Henry Harvey had been virtually orphaned at age six, he was reared, here and there, away from the old homestead but came back to it when he was grown to make his way. He earned and saved and as far as we know inherited absolutely nothing from either side of his family. But he left a very respectable estate to be divided among his six children, and he remembered his church in his will and he remembered Laura's church, as well.

CHILDREN OF HENRY WELLS AND LAURA VARDEMAN HARVEY

The children did not forget the church either. The daughters joined their mother's denomination as the years passed and the sons remained with their father's. Theodore was a pillar of Mt. Carmel all his life, Katherine ended many years in a rest home with a Bible open on her lap, Robert graduated from Southern Methodist University and was the pastor of a number of churches in the Missouri and in the Kansas Conference. Bess taught children's Sunday School until she was unable to attend herself, Henry was not only in attendance at Mt. Carmel on Sunday, he mowed the cemetery there and the one at Fairville for a number of years. Sally never lost the gentleness, goodness, and love of the church she had inherited from her mother.

We will talk about Theodore last as we know the most about him. Katherine married Bill Simonton, they lived in a house very near her parents,, and were the parents of one child, William Harvey, who was born in 1928. He died in 1932 as the result of a fall onto concrete out of a corncrib in which he was climbing. After a divorce, Katherine married Coleman Price, lived east of Fairville for a number of years, was divorced from him, and moved to Marshall, Missouri. She was a companion in ladies' homes for a time, and spent her final years at Mar-Saline Manor Resthome in Marshall. She died October 2, 1984 and is buried at Mt. Carmel.



Age 2 1/2 years? McHESNEY - MARSHALL, Mo.
 Mary Ann Harvey
 Daughter of Robt. & Florence

Mary Ann Harvey, daughter of Robert and
 Florence Harvey, who died at age five,
 in 1935.



Harvey William
 Simonton, son of
 Katherine Harvey
 Simonton, who died
 at age three.

Robert Lee Harvey, rather studious and an emotional sort, had a tough time as a young man. He did not fit into the farmer mold with grace, his mind was wool-gathering when he was supposed to be concentrating on the job at hand, and the friction that developed caused him to disappear. His distraught parents finally received a phone call from a man in Canada for whom Robert was working. He said Robert had appendicitis and he wanted to know what he should do for him. "Send him home" must have been the answer, for Robert came home. He attended Missouri University, which satisfied his intellectual bent, and he studied agriculture which satisfied his father's bent. When he came home the next time, he began farming for himself on 100 acres that adjoined Theodore at his northwest corner. He introduced the use of lime to sweeten the soil, considered an outlandish act of foolishness by Theodore and the rest of the community at that time.

Robert married Florence Martin, and he could not have found a more helpful companion. They had one child, Mary Ann, who was born February 25, 1930. They had her for five years when she developed leukemia and died April 19, 1935. This was the catalyst to begin the life that Robert had always wanted. By 1940 he and Florence had moved to Marshall where he attended Missouri Valley College. "Life begins at 40", Robert often said that year, with an enthusiastic grin and a vigorous chaw on his chewing gum. Chewing gum was his vice and he kept a tall jar of it, probably to cover the breath from a rather bad digestive system from those bachelor years and his own cooking.

After graduating from Missouri Valley, Florence and Bob moved to Dallas where he enrolled in Southern Methodist University. Florence continued to sew for others, cook, do any work that could be done within the home, to make ends meet, and went with him as a graduate minister into his first charge. They were extremely interested in their nephews and neices, and in their children, and periodically visited or mailed uplifting materials and encouragement to their homes.

Florence was a lay speaker who had her own church after Robert's death in 1973 from high blood pressure, kidney and heart trouble. She continued to live in their home at Baldwin, Kansas, until her health failed and she moved near her brother at Oak Grove, Missouri. She died July 16, 1980, at age 78, and was buried with Bob and Mary Ann at Mt. Carmel.



Bess Harvey at 21

1923

Bessie was a slender, small bone person with a fine skin. She was unlike Katherine and Theodore who had a tall and heavy-bone build, with long hands and feet. People who had read of the Harveys of the old days in Virginia said "they were short, fair, blue-eyed people who became judges, worked in government and in church". That held true even unto this generation for the most part, and for all in respect of the blue eyes. Robert struck middle ground between large and small, but of Katherine and Theodore we just had to say "They must take after the Swedes". This came after we discovered that our emigrant ancestor Vardeman came from Sweden. Bess, Henry, and Sally were the small Harveys.

Bessie went to Kansas City to take an office position, secretaries having become the new vocation during the 1920's, and she met and married John Eylar. Their son Walter Henry Eylar was born August 24, 1927. When the family separated, Bess brought their child to her father's home and lived there a number of years. She later married Curtis Hains, and became a Navy wife.

Walter Henry grew up and finished his education as a dentist, married Delores Ann Pitser, and had his own family. In time that family also grew up: Cynthia Ann, born March 30, 1955, married James Eric Stanley; Julia Lynn, born April 30, 1957, married Gary Madison Gray; Curtis Glenn, born May 3, 1958, was educated in law.

After Curtis' retirement he and Bess lived in a house they had built in Marshall and enjoyed a number of good years. Bess's rheumatoid arthritis, having a good start long before their move to Marshall, gradually decreased her activity and after Curtis' death she remarked that she was glad he was not there to wear himself out trying to help her in her almost immobile condition. She remained in her own home, with some help, until the week before she died of pneumonia, brought on by old lung scars and lack of activity. She passed away at Fitgibbon Hospital, Marshall, Missouri, on April 13, 1985.



Sons of Henry Wells
and Laura Vardeman
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THE SECRET

I met God in the morning
When the day was at its best
And his presence came like the sunrise
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the presence lingered
All day long He stayed with me
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered
Other ships were sore distressed
But the wind that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

When I thought of other mornings.
Learned from many a troubled way
You must seek him in the morning
If you want him all the day.

--found in Laura Vardeman Harvey's
Bible after her death in 1938.

Laura Vardeman
Harvey's
daughter

Billy Laura
Walton

in the 1940's





Katherine Harvey late in life

Henry grew up rather as Bob did, without a complete enthusiasm for the unremitting agenda of his father. Theodore had either accepted it or had learned how to handle it. It was harder for the younger ones. Henry attended barber school but gave that up for farming, after all. His specialty ran to raising pigs which he was good at. He, suddenly and briefly, married Bertha Dice. After Bertha, he married Dora Ferguson. (Dora told Theodore that every time she met Bertha on the square in Marshall, that Bertha turned and watched her walk down the street. At which Theodore said, "Dora how do you know?"). Dora and Henry lived on the farm and inherited the elder Henry's home and the land around it when he died. They adopted a son, John Henry Harvey, who attended school in Marshall, the University of Missouri, and has been many years with the Farmers Home Administration, State of Missouri.

He married Brianne Downs of Marshall and their children are John Kevin, born September 10, 1964, Kari Lynn, born January 15, 1968, and Julie Kay, born June 20, 1970. The couple later separated.

Henry spent his last years in a resthome in Slater, and died July 8, 1988, was buried at Mt. Carmel. Dora resides at the Blosser Home for Ladies in Marshall.

Sally married Herchel Walton and for a time lived on her father's place. Their first child, Herbert Kenneth Walton, was born there on September 25, 1929. The couple moved to Peoria, Illinois, where Veva Lorraine Walton was born on October 20, 1930. After the death of Sally's parents, the Waltons returned to Missouri and built a home on the land that Sally had inherited just north of Theodore's and east of Robert's. After a few years, the family separated and Sally became a very good nurse. Veva attended school at the Catholic Mercy Academy in Marshall where she also learned to be a nurse. Sally married again three times. Her third husband died. That marriage and her last one to Joe Anderson were very happy marriages. Sally suffered deafness, high blood pressure and died after multiple strokes. She lived at Forsyth, Missouri, and was buried at Ozark Memorial Park, Branson, Missouri.

Kenneth married Yvonne Ellis and their children are Debra Faith Walton, born December 12, 1958, at Salt Lake City, Utah, and Kenneth Steven Walton, born March

2, 1960, in Kent, Washington. Kenneth became a food broker in Hawaii, as did his son upon his father's retirement. Yvonne and Debra remain in Washington. The elder Kenneth, after a divorce, remarried in 1990.

Veva married Robert Franklin Blotter and they live on their farm at Webb City, Missouri. Veva was nurse for a doctor in his office for many, many years.

Theodore William Harvey, the eldest and the one who was held responsible, the one the younger ones were taught to look up to, the one they sometimes listened to and sometimes did not, had to have a great amount of self-control and discipline to walk on the tight rope he lived on. He accomplished it with grace.

When Theodore had been in business for more than fifty years, there was an Agricultural Hall of Fame established at Bonner Springs, Kansas. Counties who wished to honor their best nominated them for membership in that Hall of Fame. The nomination, itself, was the honor. At a dinner to celebrate the nomination of two Saline County farmers, A.H. Orr and T.W. Harvey, in June, 1969, the following tribute written by Dorothy and William L. Elder, was read:

THE MAN ----THEODORE WILLIAM HARVEY

Two great men may be great in different ways. One may be the originator and promoter of movements beneficial to his community and country. The other may always be there when sound advice and help are needed--who, by his words and deeds is a symbol of all that is good, and right, and just--a lighthouse in a storm.

Theodore William Harvey is a symbol of all that is good, and right, and just.

Theodore William Harvey, son of Henry W. and Laura Vardeman Harvey, was born November 4, 1893, on a rented farm, then owned by Harvey S. Tucker. Theodore and his wife, Mabel Scott Harvey, have lived on the farm just south of his birthplace in the Fairville community for the last fifty years.

He was the eldest of six children, all living, four in Saline County, one near Springfield, Missouri, and one in Kansas.

After a few years of relative prosperity the Henry W. Harvey family went through the Panic of 1893 during President Cleveland's administration when money was not just tight--there simply wasn't any.

Near the end of the Panic of 1893, the Harvey finances received a boost, when Theodore's father was driving a load of cattle to Marshall for shipment to Chicago, and he was stopped by three big cattle feeders, Havey S. Tucker, Arthur Guthrie, and Bob Irvine, who persuaded Mr. Harvey to take the cattle back home and wait for a better market. The three men agreed to defer payment of any money he owed them and to loan him sufficient corn to feed through the fall. The price of cattle doubled and the Henry W. Harvey family was able to move from the small Tucker farm to the much larger T.R.E. Harvey farm. As Theodore grew up, it gave him the valuable experience in helping manage the larger acreage and additional farm hands.

Theodore attended Herring School, the full six month year, without an absence the first year. After that, he was kept out to work on the farm whenever there was a busy time.

Theodore finished Herring School in 1907 and entered Marshall High School in 1908 where he excelled in football, basketball, debating, and other extra-curricular activities. He graduated in the spring of 1913. His high school days were rather strenuous, with his father providing ample farm work from Friday afternoon to Monday morning and Theodore checking on 25 to 30 steers he had wintering at various places in the county.

The relationship between Theodore and his father was both pleasant and constructive, each respecting the views of the other, and settling all business matters in a just and reasonable manner. For example, when Theodore bought twice as many cattle as he had feed for, he agreed with his father to winter them away from home, and bring them back in the spring to feed.

His first personal venture into cattle raising came when his father gave him an orphan calf to raise, which he later sold for \$90.00. However, in 1904 handing a boy \$90.00 just was not done so his father took his wife and Theodore to the St. Louis World's Fair on the \$90.00 instead. Since that time he has

never been out of the cattle business, although at times he has wished that he were.

Theodore claims to be the oldest cattle feeder in "these parts" and asserts that he can prove it.

By 1915, Theodore was managing the family farm operation, while his father was a judge of the County Court. However, due to a large family, with most of the children in school, his remuneration was not very impressisve so he began looking for a farm to rent for himself. He rented the five hundred sixty acre Arthur Guthrie farm, with Mr. Guthrie furnishing the land, and Theodore doing the work. In 1918, Mr. Guthrie sold the farm; this induced Mr. Harvey to begin his land acquisition program with the purchase of part of the Milton Deal farm, which originally was part of the Major Harvey estate. During the next 25 years he and his wife bought the rest of the farm.

Theodore said that the first tract was a "bugger" to pay for because he paid one-half down which was about all it was worth; then he paid interest on the balance for twelve years, which again was about all it was worth; and finally he paid off the balance which, in all, made three times he paid for it. About 1960, both the Harvey estate, which he had rented for most of his life, and the Scott homestead came up for sale. Despite the large size of the undertaking, Mr. Harvey purchased both of them.

An extensive landowner and a big cattle feeder, Theodore Harvey has allotted ample time and money for recreation, vacations, and community activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey's vacation highlights include parts of several winters spent in the Southwest and Mexico, and a three month's tour of Europe.

- As a community worker and leader, Mr. Harvey
- (1) has been a life-long member of the Mt. Carmel Church
 - (2) has been very active in all the church programs
 - (3) has spent considerable time and money reorganizing the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.
 - (4) is past president of the Saline County Historical Society
 - (5) is an active senior member of the Marshall Rotary Club
 - (6) was instrumental in getting rock roads for the Fairville Road District in the 1930's

- (7) was a commissioner of the Fairville Road District during most of the years it was in existence.
- (8) worked for the Rural Electrification Program, serving on various committees
- (9) has been a strong and consistent supporter of the American Red Cross, attending the first meeting held in Saline County, serving on the board and working every year for the cause.
- (10) a school board member for many years
- (11) was an officer in the Farm Bureau
- (12) was always available with work, money and advice for any worthwhile community project.

Quoting from Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's poem, A Psalm of Life:

'Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
and departing leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time

"Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.'

Perhaps, more than anything else, Theodore William Harvey will be remembered for the guiding footsteps he has left on the sands of time. For these things we honor this great man tonight."

Theodore's family remembers him as the man who worked on the farm all day and started out at night in a truck to haul corn south and bring fence posts back north, in order to hold on to his farm during the depression. Another way was cooperating with Ozark cattle breeders in feeding their calves for them on the shares. They, who could grow no corn, entrusted their cattle to him to fatten and the contract was a handshake and a smile. It worked well for both sides.

His family remembers him seated at the end of the dining table, it covered with a white linen cloth and a fine meal, and the smiling faces, attentive while he told joke after joke, enjoying the day to the utmost. And the pitch game that followed until almost dark at a card table in the living room, with the cigar smoke curling up until a haze engulfed the men, only blown away with whoops of laughter when one side "set" the other. And if it were a holiday, late in the afternoon, Theodore often slipped out and got his

cattle loaded on a truck for the market was usually good the next morning.

His daughter remembers him as the man who was waiting at the minister's home on her wedding day in a distant state during World War II, though he had said he did not have time to attend, nor has she forgotten the joy his presence on that day brought her.

A man remembers him for saying to him as a youth, "Drinking is hard on your morals", who recalled that after a year or so and stopped drinking for good. Another man said of him, "He would come into town in an unexpectedly busy season and find help and I worked for him by the day. And at the end of the day I got my pay. I always got my pay!"

Theodore was 26 and Mabel Scott was 27 when they were married in her parents parlor on November 20, 1919. Mabel had taught in country schools for seven years and had worked at the Wood and Huston Bank the year before she married. She wore a navy blue tunic suit with dozens of buttons and high top shoes with pointed toes. They took a wedding trip to Excelsior Springs, Missouri, quite a spa at that time. Theodore said the first thing he had to buy his wife was a pair of shoes for the ones she had on were too small. They went into Kansas City and bought white wicker living room furniture, a bedroom suite, and a Sellers Kitchen Cabinet, came home in a snow storm and settled down to twenty years of hard work.

Mabel worked over the two-story farm house where Theodore had batched, and she worked over the lawn year by year, and as times improved she applied her good taste to Theodore's money and they enjoyed a home which was comfortable and lovely the year around. From November of 1919 until November of 1974 they lived at that home--on the northeast edge of the Stanhope neighborhood and on the southwest edge of the Fairville neighborhood.

When Theodore retired his health and Mabel's appeared to be good. They were enthusiastic about the home they purchased on North Lake Drive in Marshall. Mabel enjoyed moving her furniture into a comparatively new house and both of them were very pleased with the change. But they were both past eighty and their years of good health were limited. By the fall of 1981 strokes had gradually reduced Theodore's ability and he and Mabel moved into a retirement-resthome

facility at Concordia, Missouri. He was restricted in his movements due to paralysis and was very depressed at the condition he found himself in during his last year. Theodore passed away on July 5, 1982, and was buried at Ridge Park Cemetery, Marshall, Mo.

Mabel continued living at Concordia, and kept her home at Marshall for occasional visits, until the fall of 1986 when she moved to Mar-Saline Manor. Mabel had been born on May 27, 1892. She passed away a few months before her 96th birthday, on February 8, 1988. She had been a person who was always dressed properly. She wanted nothing of robes and smocks. Even in her last weeks, in a weakened condition, she was dressed each day in a fresh and attractive dress. And so she died. Though death came near mid-night, she lay fully dressed in her bed and it was the proper way for her to die. She was buried beside Theodore.

Mabel and Theodore had four children. The first was Laura Evelyn, named for both grandmothers and immediately nicknamed Polly. She was born September 5, 1920. The next two daughters were stillborn, one on August 17, 1923, and the other on February 14, 1925, both buried at Mt. Carmel. Their fourth child, Harold Welbourne Harvey, was delivered on July 22, 1928, at a Kansas City hospital by cesarean section, a comparatively new technique at the time. It was also the month of the first talking picture in Kansas City and Theodore and Polly availed themselves of it.

The 1930's were hard on the adults and humdrum for the youth. By 1940 Polly had gotten through Herring School, boarded in Marshall during high school, drove the last year, got through Missouri Valley College and was qualified to teach though it was the last thing on earth she wanted to do. Nevertheless, it had to be done. So for one year, done it was, but she was saved by World War II and Leland Hathaway. She worked her way to where he was, via the Red Cross Area Office in St. Louis as clerk and then the Red Cross field office at Camp Barkeley, Texas, as bookkeeper. They were married at the Abilene Methodist Church by Reverend Hamlin on Sunday, November 8, 1942, at 1:00 PM because the minister had a funeral at 2:00. Theodore, having just passed through a wave of divorces in his family, said laconically, "You are married; now stay married".

Polly and Lee stayed married and had five children. Jo Anne was born at Abilene, Texas, where her father Leland Vincent Hathaway, Staff Sergeant, 37199823 was stationed. She was born on February 6, 1945, and three weeks later the three took a train to Marshall, where Lee got the family settled in an apartment, for he had his orders for India.

The war ended but it was a year before the family was reunited. Lee resumed his short and shakey career at Trenton, Missouri, as a railroad brakeman for the Rock Island. He was not suited for the job by nature or stature and had only taken it before the war as a safety measure in the event the restaurant he and his brother operated did not last the war out. In October of 1947 he purchased Moore's Grocery at Spickard and the family moved to Spickard, into two rented rooms, one extremely small and the other with a piano stored in it, face to wall. The five thousand dollars the couple had saved during the war plus a bank loan from George Mayo at the People's State Bank enabled them to make the transaction.

In time a four room house was rented, which seemed like a mansion, and when the second child, Tom Harvey, born October 27, 1948, was an infant, during the cold February of 1949, the family bought a rattley old house on the lot that Lee was to spend the rest of his life on. Though the original intention was to remodel it, a new home replaced it in a few months. This was a decisive step because the debt incurred placed the family in a position where it had to stay put.

Nancy Jane was born on May 20, 1951, and Patrice arrived on October 22, 1952. The stork did not stop again until July 27, 1959, when Leland Vincent Hathaway II was born. The goal Polly had set of having a big, happy family of six children had almost been met; pragmatism took its place over romanticism.

Lee was an excellent merchant, added electric appliances, wood stoves, oil burners, gas stoves, plumbing, whatever there was a demand for. He did a good business for many years and never shirked it for lighter activities though he served on the Spickard Methodist Church board, school board, board of aldermen, as mayor, and was a faithful member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and of the Lions Club.

In cooperation with the Gibson Appliance Company he was awarded many trips out of the United States, took Polly and sometimes her parents, and all the children once except Jo Anne. Theodore and Mabel had been especially good in taking the children on trips with their cousins and Lee probably remembered this when he included them after they were too old to go alone.

By 1966 Lee had erected an attractive steel building to house what had become a general store. He managed his way through numerous economic hazards: the credit business he did almost ruined him once, an over supply of appliances during a season of bad crop weather almost counted him out, interest to be paid on time must have seemed as bad or worse than a family to support. But these times were behind him for the most part and the new store was the pride of the family.

The farm crisis of 1982 accentuated an already eroded rural business base. Vince, the youngest son, and Lee worked together to update the store and attract business but the population continued to slide and the store unsaleable, as most small-town businesses were at that time, was closed for good in August of 1987.

Lee's health was also a factor to be dealt with. He had had diabetes since 1975, had progressively lost muscular strength during the 80's, and had an artery operation in 1988. Without mentioning any problems, in January of 1989 he took Polly to visit his brother's grave near Hattiesburg, Mississippi, drove to Gulf Port, then across Texas, and spent several enjoyable days at Santa Fe. They returned by way of Muskogee, Oklahoma, to visit his son-in-law's parents, the Morrises, and by Joplin to visit Polly's cousin, Veva Blotter. That was the last trip of many. Lee went to the doctor with a chest pain on April 25, was diagnosed as having lung cancer by May 5, and bone cancer later that month. In July Lee entered the hospital for radiation and he left at his request five day before his death at home on August 3, 1989.

The women of Lee's and Polly's family never served a better purpose than that of the support they gave with their presence during the summer of 1989. Lee was not left alone day or night, and usually two were with him. We knew he wanted it just that way. Lee was buried at Mt. Carmel Cemetery on a plot he had helped mark only weeks earlier.

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