

SPECULATION ON THE NORSE HARDINS IN AMERICA (HAPLOGROUP I1) IN THE 1700S

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NOTE: THIS IS AN EXPERIMENTAL WEB SITE. SOME HEADINGS ARE NOT YET POPULATED.

Listed at left below are some Hardin ancestors reported by DNA test participants who are known to be related, color-keyed to the map at right. Click on the man's name or a county name *in the exhibit menu* to learn more.

ANCESTOR	BIRTH OR PERIOD	FAMILY GROUP
Gabriel HARDING	Bef. 1715 VA	
Gabriel Hardin	~1730-1750 VA	Pendleton
George G. Hardin	1822 VA	
Henry R. Hardin	1804 NC	Indiana
John Hardin of Indiana	1753 NC	Indiana
William Hardin KY	1760 VA	
John R. Hardin	1729 NC	Rowan Co NC (Oran's)
Sterling Hardin Sr Granville NC	1750	

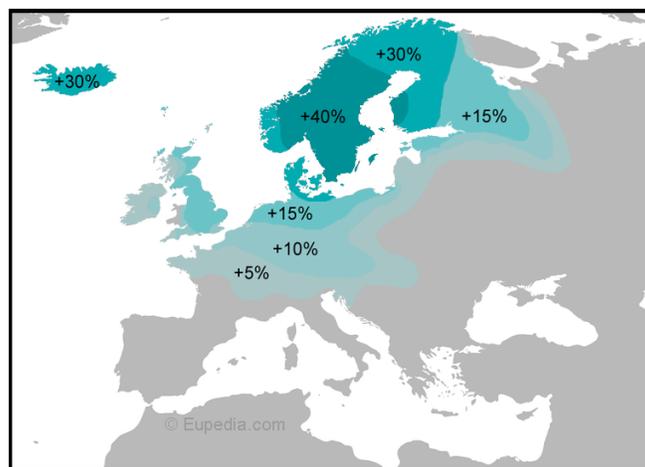
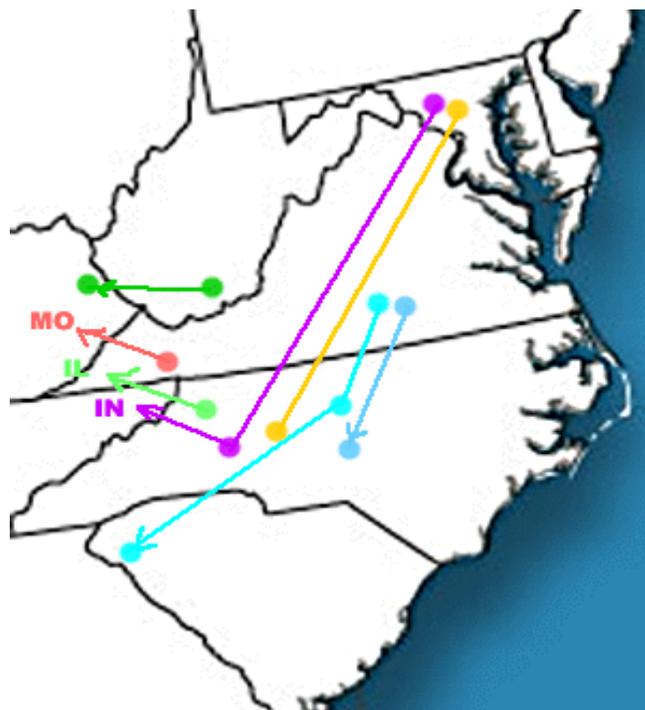
***** Breaking News of 1753 *****

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Harding brothers William, Gabriel, and Samuel lived on the Virginia-North Carolina line. **Samuel Harding** was accused of robbery while at the lodging house and tavern of William Chavers in Granville County, NC. At the trial of **Samuel Harding** on May 30, 1753 in Edgecombe Co, there was testimony that **William Harding lived in Virginia**, and that **Gabriel Harding was Samuel's brother also**. This could prove to be the Gabriel Hardin who in the 1780s lost land in Chatham County NC, and in May 1790 was granted land in Pendleton District, SC. Or a Gabriel Hardin of the next generation. Twenty years of Gabriel Hardin's life are missing after the trial of 1753.

Background

There are at least several dozen distinct Harden/in/ing families in North America. A count of 43 appears among Y-DNA testers at <http://hhhdna.com>. None of the 43 have a common ancestor in historic times. They are not related though they have the same surname. This page is dedicated to one of those families: The genotype I1



From Eupedia.com

Hardins. I propose calling them "the Norse Hardins in America," after the ancient origin of the I1 type in one man less than 5000 years ago in Scandinavia. (Eupedia.com)

Why that Name?

The name seems a bit pretentious, doesn't it? I'm just

trying to describe a band of probable Scotch-Irish brothers who in the 1700s took wagons south with many other pioneers in search of better opportunity and free land. The name is also irrelevant, but it has one advantage: It is an accurate name -- one we need to describe a large group of related Hardins that have never been tied together before Y-DNA testing. If you have a better name for the group, let me know. But a name is needed, a name that identifies these closely related Hardins as one family.

Studying a whole enormous haplogroup seems ambitious. But remember this page concerns only I1 males with the surname Hardin (and variations). The number of I1 Hardins who migrated to America may have been few. The DNA testing participants as of summer 2010 number 20, and they point back to only about 7 progenitors that existed in the mid-1700s in the United States.

In the mid 1700s that handful of ancestors was on the US east coast slowly migrating southward. Some had reached North Carolina. Some stayed in Virginia perhaps, or diverged to become patriarchs of their own families in the South, and in Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio. Older ancestors may yet be found in Maryland, Pennsylvania, or New Jersey. I wouldn't be surprised, when we get a clearer picture of the early 1700s and the late 1600s, if this family traces back to one or two Scotch-Irish immigrants from Ulster. I am told the Ulster migrations began about 1710. If we find our ancestor in America before 1710 he could have come from Scotland or England.

What's the Purpose of this Site?

I intend to post the documentation I now have stuffed into file folders and computer folders, a system that is frankly unmanageable. The paper files are not conducive to collaboration. That's a fault I can correct by putting them on line. The effort is on-going. I will start by posting an outline, and month by month I'll add to the material. I'll put in information and corrections from you, and repeat until I have put my papers on line and thrown away most of the actual paper. As a consequence of the concentration of material in one place you and I might find new connections and correct mistaken ones.

Organization of this Site

The organization is by major patriarch, e.g., Gabriel Hardin of Pendleton District, with their offspring as subheadings. Additional material under "Other" is organized by state, region, and county, with areas for Hardins not related or not sure. Files may be occasionally relocated.

How Accurate is this Information?

It is as accurate as the references provided. I advertise that connections on this SPEC site and the associated database are SPECULATIVE. Some are factual. And some only appears likely, according to my present state of knowledge. I put people in as placeholders who seem likely for the purpose of organizing my thinking and considering the big picture. For example, among the Pendleton Hardins I have a good idea who the grandfather is (Gabriel Hardin) and who some of the grandchildren are. But the parents - I picture the

candidate parents floating around in a "Cloud" waiting for connections to the right children. You judge what seems true to you. For myself, I see genealogy as science rather than law: Gather the facts. Propose a hypothesis (labeling it so), then check the facts again. Then modify the hypothesis.

About harvesting.

None of us have any control over those (here I'm thinking of Ancestry.com) who would harvest uncertain material and re-package it as undisputed fact.

Why are many of the pages in PDF or RTF ?

It is far easier and better-looking to compose in a word processor and convert to PDF than to convert to HTML using my older word processors.

The site intelec.us/gen/spec was created with Lotus FastSite for Windows, ver 2.1, 1999. FastSite creates the menus and imports a number of file types, turning some into poor HTML. As of 2011 Omeka content management system is being used to build intelec.us/genealogy.

A Word About James Oran Hardin and the Hardin Family Association.

Our respect and gratitude go out to James Oran Hardin (27 Sep 1923 - 10 Feb 2010), the founder and intelligence behind the Harden/in/ing Association. Oran spend his retirement in tireless genealogy research not only of his own family, but of any with the Hardin name or interested in the Hardin genealogy. A few years before his death, he was tested for Y-DNA. Not only is he a member of this family, the I1 Norse Hardins in America -- his results are identical with those of the majority of others tested. Therefore I will refer to James Oran Hardin as the *norm* when I discuss genetic distance within this family. For genetic distance of all participants, and full information, please see <http://www.hhhdna.com>, a site operated by HFA officer Bill Hardin of Mount Holly, North Carolina.

Favorite and obscure online research data.

HFA Source Document Repository:
<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~hhhdoc/>
<http://books.google.com> (search with county, region, state or name.)

Google documents: <http://docs.google.com>

<http://Scholar.google.com>

<http://www.scribd.com>

<http://www.footnote.com>

Heritage quest (through your library):

<http://www.heritagequestonline.com>

American State Papers:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/amlaw/lwsp.html>

Speculation Lands Collection (western NC):

http://toto.lib.unca.edu/findingaids/mss/speculation_lands

My computer incl. Downloads, Saved books, zotero and google notebook, printscreen files.

My Ancestry.com shoebox.

USGenWeb Archives, search by state:

<http://www.usgwarchives.net/>

www.migrations.org