S0380 Hardy Family Papers, 1911-1982
12 Folders, 31 Photographs

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S0379 Hardy Salt Company, Records, 1914-1987  
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S0727 Hardy Salt Company, Addenda, 1920-1990

Thomas Walter Hardy Jr. donated the Hardy Family papers to the Western Historical
Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri-St. Louis on April 15, 1987.

Thomas Walter Hardy, founder of Hardy Salt Company in St. Louis, was born in Bells,
Tennessee on June 23, 1881. In 1911 he married Jane Smith Tillman of Nashville, Tennessee.
Hardy held various office jobs before becoming a travelling salesman for Morton Salt
Company in 1912.

The Hardy's first son, George Tillman, was born in 1914, the same year Hardy started his
own salt business in St. Louis. The Hardy's had two more sons, Thomas Walter Jr. (b.1916)
and Lewis Tillman (b.1918.) All three sons attended Country Day School in St. Louis county.
George and Lewis Hardy graduated from Washington University in St. Louis. Thomas
Walter Hardy Jr. graduated from Harvard University in 1939.

After graduation, both Lewis and Thomas Walter Hardy Jr. went to work with the Hardy Salt
Company. The Hardy Salt Company built the Manistee Salt Works in Manistee, Michigan
and had grown into a major salt producer and distributor in the eastern United States (see
collection S0379).

Thomas Walter Hardy Jr. became president of the Hardy Salt Company after his father retired
in 1955. Thomas Walter Hardy died in 1960. Five years later, Jane Hardy donated the
family's home, "Wayside", at 415 Bermuda in Florissant, Missouri to the Normandy School
District. The District converted the home into a remedial reading clinic. In August 1986, the
clinic became the Early Childhood Education Center at Wayside directed by Mary Lynn
Skiles.

Jane Tillman Hardy, the only woman in a class of 53, graduated from Washington University
Law School in 1929. She served four years as president of the St. Louis County League of
Women Voters and one term as president of the Missouri League of Women Voters (see
collections S0232-S0234). Jane Hardy also took an active role in the Clean Election League
in St. Louis county during the 1930s.

A strong supporter of the United Nations, Jane Hardy advocated the greater use of the
International Court of Justice and urged that it be given broader jurisdiction with power to
enforce its decisions. After her long life in political and civic affairs, Jane Hardy died in 1974
at the age of 89.

Like his mother, Thomas Hardy Jr. became involved in civic and world affairs. From 1968-1970 he chaired the St. Louis Chapter of Business Executives Move for Vietnam Peace (see collection S0441). He also served as an executive board member of the Center for Defense Information, and the Committee For the East-West Accord both based in Washington, D.C. Thomas Walter Hardy Jr. became an active member of the Kirkwood United Methodist Church in St. Louis. In 1975 Hardy Jr. received the Doctor of Human Letters Degree from Philander Smith College in Arkansas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
The Hardy Family Papers of 1911-1982 primarily document the political activities of Jane Hardy through her papers and correspondence. It also contains Jane Hardy's writings on art, architecture, and history. The collection includes a paper by Thomas Walter Hardy entitled, "Medicine In Ancient Egypt" and a paper by retired U.S. Calvary Colonel Edwin Hardy entitled, "The Saga of a Horse Called Ugly." The collection also includes family christmas cards, and Thomas Walter Hardy Jr.'s Doctor of Humane Letters Degree. Photographs include family vacations in Mexico and Bermuda and Thomas Hardy Jr.'s college graduation in 1939. Divided into four series: 1. Jane Hardy Papers, 1911-1974 (Folders 1-7); 2. Family Memorabilia, 1939-1982 (Folders 8-9); 3. Research Papers by Family Members, n.d. (Folders 10-11); and 4. Photographs, c. 1915-1960s (Folder 12).

SERIES DESCRIPTION
SERIES 1 - JANE HARDY PAPERS, 1911-1974, FOLDERS, 1-7
Arranged alphabetically. Contains Jane Hardy's papers, speeches, and correspondence, 1911-1974, as well as newsclippings about the donation of the Hardy family home, "Wayside," to the Normandy School District.

SERIES 2 - FAMILY MEMORABILIA, 1939-1982, FOLDERS, 8-9
Arranged chronologically. Contains newsclippings, a high school graduation program, a family christmas card, and Thomas Walter Hardy Jr.'s Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Philander Smith College.

SERIES 3 - RESEARCH PAPERS BY HARDY FAMILY MEMBERS, n.d., FOLDERS 10-11
Arranged alphabetically. Contains a paper by retired Colonel Edwin N. Hardy of the U.S. Calvary entitled, "The Saga of a Horse Called Ugly," and a paper by Thomas Walter Hardy Sr. entitled, "Medicine in Ancient Egypt."

SERIES 4 - PHOTOGRAPHS 11354-11385, c. 1915-1960s, FOLDER 12
Arranged chronologically. Contains photos of family vacations in Mexico and Bermuda, as well as Thomas Walter Hardy Jr.'s graduation from Harvard.

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SERIES 2 - FAMILY MEMORABILIA, 1939-1982
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9. Thomas Walter Hardy Jr.'s Doctor of Humane Letters Degree from Philander Smith College, 1975

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