S0510 Hardy Family Papers  
Addenda, 1849-1987  
100 Folders

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Thomas Walter Hardy 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, 1981. 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 Hardy, 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 1930's.

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.

Thomas Walter, Jr. and Lewis Hardy continued the Hardy Salt Company until 1985. Since none of the Hardy heirs took an interest in managing the business, Thomas Walter Hardy, Jr. sold the Hardy Salt Company to Diamond Crystal Company of St. Clair, Michigan.

Like his mother, Thomas Hardy, Jr. became involved in civic and world affairs. From 1968 to 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 from Philander Smith College in Arkansas.

SCOPE AND CONTENT
The Hardy Family Papers Addenda of 1896-1987 documents the political and professional activities of family members, specifically Thomas Hardy, Jr. and Jane Hardy. The addenda includes: Hardy Salt Company Papers; Jane Hardy's personal and political papers; Thomas Walter Hardy, Jr. 's personal and political papers, this series being the largest in the collection; scholastic files of Hardy family members; family memorabilia; a large series of photographs; and a family scrapbook. The addenda is a broad overview of the activities and character of various members of the Hardy family.

For more information, see collection S0380.

SERIES DESCRIPTION
SERIES 1. HARDY SALT COMPANY PAPERS, 1939-1985. FOLDERS 1-15. This series consists of flyers, brochures, and newsletters and newscuttings related to the Hardy Salt Company in both St. Louis and Manistee. Further, the series contains papers regarding the promotion and sale of Hardy Salt to Diamond Salt Company. The papers include a large amount of correspondence both from and to Mr. Hardy, Jr. regarding the sale of Hardy Salt.

SERIES 2. JANE HARDY PAPERS, 1849-1982. FOLDERS 16-25. This series consists primarily of newspaper clippings and photocopied newspaper clippings regarding Mrs. Hardy's involvement in political issues and the rights of women. The series also contains news releases, periodicals, and some personal memorabilia.

SERIES 3. THOMAS WALTER HARDY, JR. PAPERS, 1967-1987. FOLDERS 26-57. This series consists primarily of papers related to the extensive political activity of Hardy, Jr. These papers include correspondence both to and from Hardy, Jr., newspaper clippings, periodicals, handwritten notes, and taped presentations. Hardy, Jr.'s political interests include national defense and nuclear arms, Central American relations, Church, God, and World Peace, Civil Liberties, Economic conditions in the United States, European relations with the United States, oil and gas, Parliamentary debates, population control, Soviet Union and United States relations, United Nations reform, Vietnam, and wildlife preservation.

This series contains school work of the Hardy boys as well as college papers and quizzes.

This large series consists of family papers which include newspaper clippings, photocopied newspaper clippings, personal statements written by various members of the family, handwritten notes, miscellaneous memorabilia such as family crests and varsity letters from high school, extensive correspondence dating from 1929 through 1983, dance cards, invitations, graduation bulletins, Boy Scouts of America documents, church bulletins, and scrapbook magazine articles.

This series is divided into subseries based on film type and whether or not the prints and negatives are identified. Film types include slides, nitrate negatives, 35 millimeter negatives, and developed photographs. There are many photographs unidentified.

SERIES 7. SCRAP BOOK, 1956-1964. FOLDER 100.
This series consists of a family scrapbook still in its original binding. The book primarily consists of newspaper clippings of political endeavors and professional aspects regarding Hardy Salt Company.

FOLDER LISTING
Box 1
1. Articles of Incorporation of the Hardy Salt Company. No Date.
6. The Story of Hardy Salt, a pamphlet. No date.
7. "The Salt of the Earth". No Date.
13. Correspondence regarding the sale of Hardy Salt Company, March 29, 1985 to October 8, 1985.
14. Confidential report concerning the sale of Hardy Salt Company. No Date.
15. Handwritten notes regarding the sale of Hardy Salt Company. No Date.

18. Documents regarding the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, Inc., 1982. See Photograph 510.80-510.82 in folder #96.


32. Article regarding United States and European relations, 1981.

34. The Heritage Foundation Backgrounder, September-October, 1985, regarding strategic defense.


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41. Handwritten notes on nuclear issues. No Date.
42. Executive Report, on Oil and Gas. Vol 24, No 8, 1983.
45. Newspaper articles regarding population control, 1982.
46. Correspondence regarding population control, 1982.
47. Periodicals pertaining to political issues between United States and Soviet Union.

50. Papers by unknown author regarding United Nations Reform. No Date.
51. Biography of Leon Sloss. No Date.

52.A. Documents pertaining to the Erich Whitehorn case, illustrating issues pertaining to the draft during the Vietnam War.

53. Tape #T510.1 John Kerry: Vietnam Veterans against the war before the Senate Committee.


57. Periodicals regarding wildlife and nature preservation, 1982.


58. School work of Lewis Hardy, 1936.
59. Paper about Greece by unknown author. No Date.
62. The Parthenon at Athens, Greece and at Nashville, Tennessee. No Date.
63. Report on Japan by unknown author. No Date.
64. Madeira, by unknown author. No Date.


69. Photocopied newsclippings regarding the Hardy brothers, 1983.
70. Statements written by Thomas Walter Hardy, Sr. No Date.
71. In Memory, regarding the life of Samuel Escue Tillman, 1943.
72. Handwritten notes regarding positions at the United States Military Academy. No Date.

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78. Dance cards, 1934-1936.
79. Invitations to social events, 1934-1936.
80. Graduation bulletins, 1869-1935.
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83. Ticket stubs. No Date.
84. Boy Scouts of America documents. After 1933.
85. The Flame, Christmas, 1933.
86. Union Avenue Christian Church Program. Easter, 1935.
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