

## HILDENE

Although the brochure says that Abraham Lincoln's descendants lived at Hildene until 1975, it could just as well say that descendants of George Harlan and more particularly Senator James Harlan lived here during that time. The Senator's daughter, Mary Eunice Harlan, married Robert Lincoln on September 24, 1868 in Washington, D.C. Their marriage lasted nearly 58 years. After the death of her husband in 1926, Mary Harlan Lincoln continued to spend her summers at Hildene until her death in 1937 at age 91.

Hildene, a 24-room Georgian Revival mansion in the scenic Vermont village of Manchester, was purchased by Robert Lincoln in 1902, at the height of his corporate career. Hildene, "hill and valley", provided a quiet refuge for the Lincoln family. When Robert and Mary furnished Hildene in 1905 they purchased some new



Hildene: summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln and his wife, Mary Eunice Harlan.

furniture, but also brought many pieces from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; pieces which Mary had inherited from her parents. For example, the hand carved bed used by Robert Lincoln came from Mr. Lincoln's father-in-law. It shows both the Masonic and Odd Fellows' emblems, organizations to which the Senator belonged - not Mr. Lincoln. The parlor furnishings which are late Victorian, came from the Harlan family home in Iowa.

Among the many items of interest at Hildene is the Aeolian Pipe Organ installed in 1908 at a cost of \$11,500. It is the oldest residential pipe organ with player attachment still in its original location and still in working order in the United States. There are 242 rolls, most of which are in good condition. The organ was completely restored in 1980.

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## FOR SALE

History and Genealogy  
of the HARLAN FAMILY,  
Alpheus H. Harlan, Tricen-  
tennial Reprint Edition,  
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## HARLAN TRICENTENNIAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 1991

**CASH IN SAVINGS  
ACCOUNT 10/31/90** \$13,564.24

### INCOME:

Contributions	45.00
Genealogy Book Sales	460.00
Interest Earned (Savings Account)	370.02
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,875.02</b>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Newsletter Printing & Mailing	909.40
Postage	88.61
Genealogy Book Third Reprint	7,981.73
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,979.74</b>

**CASH IN SAVINGS  
ACCOUNT 11/1/91** \$6,459.52

## PROUD OWNER OF ORIGINAL ALPHEUS GENEALOGY

Joseph P. Harlan, 83 years young and living in Pleasantville, Iowa, writes about his copy of the original Alpheus Harlan Family History which he inherited from his father, Joseph E. Harlan. Joseph, who is named for his grandfather, planned to take his book with him to a family gathering in Milwaukee last summer, but did not want to let it out of his sight. Joseph is willing to provide any family information he can. He is listed in the Harlan Genealogy, page 892. His father is #5863-d, descended from #180 George.

## DEAN M. HARLAN

Dean M. Harlan, 65, died Feb. 26, 1991 in Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan.

He was a 1943 graduate of Hagerstown, Indiana High School and Wabash College in 1949. He served in the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps from 1943-1946. He was sales manager and a 30 year employee of Brush Wellman, Inc., a specialty metals company, in Detroit, Michigan. He was a longtime member and past president of Gowan Golf Club.

He is survived by his wife, Florence; three daughters, Judy Graber of Manchester, Michigan, Marna Ignagni of Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and Terri Harlan of Niceville, Florida; one son, Michael Harlan of Volcano, Hawaii, seven grandchildren; two sisters, Virginia Atkinson of Hagerstown, and Mary Alice Lumpkin of Tavares, Florida; a brother, John Harlan of Augusta, Georgia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mary and George Harlan and his brother, Joseph Souder Harlan.



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The last Harlan to live at Hildene was Mary Lincoln Beckwith, granddaughter of Robert and Mary. Unmarried, she lived at Hildene year around, first with her mother and then alone until her death in 1975. A lively, creative woman of wide-ranging interests, she loved both machinery and nature. She flew her own airplane, farmed and gardened, painted in oils and water-colors, and played and listened to music.

Hildene is open to the public thanks to Friends of Hildene, Inc., a non-profit organization which has as its purpose the preservation of Hildene's openlands and the restoration of its buildings so that the estate can serve as an education and cultural resource and as a memorial to Robert Todd Lincoln and his family. In addition to tours of the house and grounds, many special events are held at Hildene including needlework and craft shows, horse and antique car shows, musical events and garden parties. Hildene is located on Historic 7A in Manchester, VT, just 2 miles south of the junction of routes 7A and 11/30. Tours are available mid-May through October starting at 9:30 a.m.



Mr. & Mrs. Mark Boldt, flanked by his parents, Betty Harlan and Benjamin Boldt at Hildene, June 29, 1991.

## RECEPTION AT HILDENE

Katryn Margretha Miller and Mark Jon Boldt were married in St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Hoosick Falls, N.Y. June 29 in a double ring ceremony.

The bride's mother, Sjlouwke Anne Miller, a professional vocalist, sang several selections of wedding music. The groom's mother, Betty Harlan Boldt, read a statement of commitment composed by the bridal couple.

A dinner reception followed at historic Hildene in Manchester, Vt., former estate of Robert Todd Lincoln and Mary Harlan.

The bride is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Joel B. Miller of Hoosick Falls and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Boldt of Concord.

The bride is a graduate of State University of New York at Plattsburgh and holds a master's degree from Springfield College. The bridegroom is a graduate of Arizona State University and has completed his master's degree from Springfield College.



## ISAAC HARLAN #207

According to Alpheus H. Harlan's History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family, Isaac, #207, was born about 1747 in Frederick, Maryland.

We next find Isaac in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, where on August 21, 1767, according to Brent Holcomb's Mecklenburg, North Carolina Deed Abstracts 1763 - 1779, he purchased from one Thomas Polk one hundred acres of land on Sugar Creek. Mr. Holcomb further records that Isaac bought additional land on Sugar Creek on August 31, 1767. Holcomb also shows Isaac Harland (sic) as being a witness to a deed to 297 acres of land on both sides of Back Creek.

The next historical documentation of significance is found on page 97 of Book #1 of Mecklenburg County Court Minutes, 1774 - 1780 by Doris Futch Briscoe. Page 97 refers to the year 1778 and says the Last Will and Testament of Isaac Harlan, deceased, was proved in open court by the oath of William Wilson, Esq., and that letters of administration were issued to James Spratt and Francis Herron.

As far as is known to this writer, the actual will has not been found. However, the Division of Archives and History of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources was able to supply copies of many of the

estate papers. These papers reveal that Isaac's wife's name was Jane and that he left seven children. The children's names are given as Joshua, John, David, Elijah, George, Isaac and Jenne. This listing agrees with Alpheus H. Harlan's Book (pg. 101) except that Alpheus gives the daughter's name as Jane.

The most interesting data from this source, while enlightening with regard to four of Isaac and Jane's sons, introduces some additional confusion with regard to the daughter. Ms. Briscoe says that Elizabeth Harlan, orphan of Isaac Harlan, age eleven, was bound out to Thomas Barnett to learn the "tayloress" trade. Since this entry was on the same page as the entry regarding the will, one is led to assume the name Elizabeth is accurate. Perhaps her name was Elizabeth Jane or Jenne Elizabeth or some such combination.

Of the sons, Ms. Briscoe documents on page 97: "John Harlan, orphan, age thirteen, bound to Francis Herron to learn the blacksmith trade." "Joshua Harlan, age fourteen and one third, bound to James McReynolds to learn the hatters trade, to serve two-seventh's years - to give him one set of tools fitting for the hatter's business. "Elijah Harlan, age six and one half, bound to John Pro-

vince (Purviance) to learn the wheelright's trade, to serve fourteen and one half years." "George Harlan, age four and one half, bound to Phinias Alexander to learn the coopers trade, to serve sixteen and one half years - to give him one ax, two draw knives and one hand saw - and further to provide, etc." No entries were found with regard to sons David and Isaac.

That Isaac prospered as a farmer in Mecklenburg County is evidenced by the size of his estate. The papers provided by the North Carolina Division of Archives include an inventory of an estate sale which occurred in July of 1781. The sale brought in more than one thousand pounds. The largest item sold was described as a "plantation" and it was purchased by one David Calhoun for 357 pounds. Two lots purchased by one Andrew Spratt brought 73 pounds. The only livestock sold seems to have been a bay horse, which went for eight pounds, two shillings. Quite a lot of grain, such as rye, wheat, oats, barley and flax was sold.

That Isaac and Jane gave religion a place in their lives is attested to by the fact that two Bibles, a Testament, a Psalm book and a Psalter were listed in the estate sale inventory. One of the Bibles

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# THE LIFE AND TIMES OF STEPHEN HARLAN #17

by  
Kate A. Roby <sup>(1)</sup> and Gene Smith <sup>(2)</sup>

Stephen Harlan #17 (3) was the third son of Michael #4 and Dinah (Dixon) Harlan. He was born in 1697 near Centre Meeting House in what is now New Castle Co., Delaware. The family moved to Hamorton (then unnamed) in Kennett Township about 1700. Tax records show that he accompanied his older brother George #14 between 1715 and 1718 to new land in what was to become Newlin and Bradford Townships. Stephen, then single, occupied 270 acres, 250 acres of which had been surveyed for his father Michael in 1713. Twenty acres adjoined the farm of his brother (in Newlin Twsh) and it was on this 20 acres that he built his house. In 1723 Stephen married Hannah Carter, a sister of the wife of his brother Thomas #16. By 1730 they had three children, Hannah, Henry, and Stephen.

George had married Mary (Baily) Stewart in 1715 and he apparently took his wife and her four children with him to his new homestead of 169 acres, which he purchased from Nathaniel Newlin in 1725. This 169 acres became, from 1764 to 1768, the home base for the Mason-Dixon

surveying group. At that time it was owned by George's son, Joel Harlan #72. The story of George and his family must wait for another day.

Both Stephen and George died in the 2nd month of 1732 of unknown problems (perhaps overwork). George left a will but Stephen died intestate. However, the inventory of his estate is still preserved in the Chester County Archives.

With the inventory in hand, it was interesting to see what deductions about the life of the family might be made. The living accommodations were decidedly simple. The furniture consisted of one feather bed and bedding, two "ordinary" beds and bedding, some sheets and table linen, a case of drawers, a looking glass, 1 old chest and 1 old trunk, 6 old chairs and a small table. At the time of his death, there were at least 7 persons living on the farm, Stephen and his wife and three children as well as two bound servants (their future service valued at 9 pounds). Even assuming that the servants had their quarters in an uninventoried building, this adds up to a spartan life.

The kitchen equipment seems equally sparse and included some wooden vessels (value 19 shillings), two iron pots, two pair of pot racks, two pair of pot hooks, one dough trough, unidentified pewter and brass pieces (3 pounds and five shillings), one fire shovel and a pair of tongs. One would assume an outside bread oven or perhaps one built into the fireplace. At least, they had plenty of flour with 20 casks full at the mill, 50 bushels of cleaned wheat, 40 bushels of unthreshed wheat, and 18 acres of wheat in the ground. However, no corn or oats seem to have been at hand. Meat such as venison should have been available if he had an old rifle hidden away somewhere. Perhaps their meat came from their herd of cattle. Heat in the winter was surely supplied by wood burning fireplaces, since no wood stove of any kind was listed.

The power source for the farm was horse power, as expected. We find 5 cart horses, an old mare and 2 colts. They were the power source for 2 cart beds with one pair of wheels, 2 old plows, plow irons and a harrow. Auxiliary equipment



consisted of 3 pair of traces, 3 clevises, 4 horse collars, 5 pair of hames, 1 cart saddle (whatever that was) and 4 blind halters. Family transportation seems limited to the carts. Stephen, himself, had his bridle, saddle, wearing apparel and a riding horse (value 12 pounds, the most valuable of the animals).

The herd of livestock, in addition to the horses, was quite impressive. He had 7 cows, 1 bull, 3 steers, 1 heifer and 5 yearling calves. In addition, there were 24 sheep and 12 lambs. It sounds like they had had a fruitful year. The barns and stables must have been large. No winter's grain for the livestock was in the inventory so it was either non-existent or not counted. There was presumably hay in the barns to last the winter. It is not clear what disposition was made of the milk from the seven cows. No supply of cheese, butter or other dairy products was shown.

If Stephen had a trade (besides farming) it must have been as a carpenter. This is evidenced by the presence of a handsaw, 1 gouge, 1 chisel, 1 hammer, 2 augers, 1 drawing knife and a square and the absence of any tools of other trades. There were some hooks, rings, and staples (but no nails). This set of tools would limit him to pretty simple projects. More likely, it represents a handy man's set for usual repair jobs. The outside hand tools consisted

of four axes (for land clearing?), five old hoes (hoes?), an iron shovel and sledge, two old "sythes", two mauls, rings and wedges. Could he have cut and collected enough hay for his animals with two "sythes" and no rakes?

It is clear that Hannah also had her hands full. In addition to her daily tasks of meal preparation and housekeeping, she presumably had the kitchen garden to cultivate and harvest (hence the ample supply of hoes). Her spare time was used to keep the three spinning wheels from collecting dust. As evidence of her industry we have an inventory of 13 yards of raw blanketing, 8 yards of raw drugget (a coarse woolen fabric), some new callico, 8 pounds of spun woosted and weavers(?), 10 pounds of doubled yarn, 14 pounds of linen yarn, 12 pounds of cottons, and some drest flax, but no loom. Lets hope at least one of the bound servants could give her some help!

Debts due to Stephen at his death amounted to 24 pounds and 14 shillings from seven individuals. Their names were crossed out on the inventory so presumably they were paid at that time.

The total estate was valued at 402 pounds 2 shillings, a sizable amount for those days particularly for a man only 35 years of age. No mention was made of any money still owed for the land

purchase so apparently this had been already been settled. A large share of the total represented livestock and farm products on hand.

All in all, this inventory tells the story of a life full of work for everyone. They must rarely have left home for want of transportation or time. George's home on the next farm would appear to be their only source of help or company.

(1) K.A.W. Roby, present owner and occupant of the 1724 stone house formerly owned by John Harlan on Star Gazers Road in Newlin Township.

(2) Elgene A. Smith, husband of Martha S. Smith, a descendant of George Harlan #3.

(3) Numbers following names are those assigned by Alpheus Harlan in his "History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family".

Information for this story was obtained from a variety of sources including the above genealogy, the Pennsylvania Archives, the files in the Chester County Archives, Futhey and Cope's "History of Chester County", and the Chester County Historical Society collection. We wish to thank particularly the staffs of the Chester County Archives and the Historical Society for aid in collecting and interpreting the facts.





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was described as a large Bible and the other as simply a Bible. Isaac's wife, Jane, purchased the large Bible presumably the family Bible, for two pounds, one shilling and one pence.

It is curious that Isaac's widow purchased the Bible and several other items of a personal nature at the estate sale. One normally assumes such things are taken by the widow by common consent and without the necessity of purchase.

While Isaac and Jane may have had a religious household, one small claim made against Isaac's estate by James Sawyer indicates they were not above taking a sip now and then. This claim was in the amount of three pounds, ten shillings and was for three and one-half gallons of liquor sold to Isaac but not paid for during his lifetime.

The writer hopes this little piece will stimulate other descendants of Isaac to respond with any additional information they may have on Isaac and the correct names of all the children and as to when and where the children relocated after leaving Mecklenburg County.

William Marion Harlan  
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Sheriff George Harlan House

Photo by John Keefer

## SHERIFF GEORGE HARLAN #672

by  
Cynthia Keefer

George Harlan was one of the first pioneers of Ohio. He came into the Northwest Territory before Ohio became a state, around 1798 with his parents George #180 & Margery Baker Harlan, his wife Esther Eulass Harlan and his brothers and sisters. He became the first Sheriff of Warren County.

June 19, 1810 the first indictment was returned in the neighboring county, Clinton. The trial of Cornelious Quick took place in an unnamed judge's barn on Fife Avenue in the town of Wilmington. Mr. Quick stood accused of stealing a mare, a very serious offense. Mr. Quick was found guilty. The sentence was for 50 lashes on his back while he was chained to an apple tree.

When Sheriff Harlan was taking Mr. Quick to the tree, Cornelious asked to relieve himself in the nearby woods. Sheriff Harlan was a Quaker and trusted a man for his word but Mr. Quick lived up to his name, took off, and was never heard from again. They say Sheriff Harlan was embarrassed, but not enough to make him resign. Sheriff George Harlan went on to be a Justice of the Peace and an Associate Judge of the Common Pleas Court. He resided in the county for a half a century. He built a brick house with the bricks being made on site. The house still stands on Harlan Road just south of Dayton, Ohio close to the village of Waynesville.



## HILDENE HOSPITALITY

Friends of Hildene have published a cookbook titled **Hildene Hospitality, Then and Now** which includes recipes from the time the Lincolns lived at Hildene. The Lincolns entertained frequently, quite lavishly, no doubt, in keeping with their position and the fashion of the period. The old recipes are taken from a large cookbook found at Hildene. Also included are current recipes used for entertaining done today, which include wedding receptions, luncheons, garden parties, etc. The following recipe should be of particular interest to the Harlan's:

### Mrs. (Mary Harlan) Lincoln's White Cake

Yield: 29-inch layers 350° oven

- 1 cup butter
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup blanched and toasted almonds, chopped
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 6 egg whites, beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon almond extract

- \* Cream sugar and butter.
- \* Sift dry ingredients together. Add to butter and sugar mixture, alternating with milk.
- \* Stir in nuts and beat well.
- \* Fold in beaten egg whites and vanilla and almond extract.
- \* Bake in two greased layer pans for 25 minutes at 350°.
- \* Frost as desired.



## NEWSLETTER COMPETITION

The Family News Network in Denver, Colorado, is publishing a newsletter called "The Harlan Family News". Please note that this is a commercial enterprise and in no way connected with The Harlan Family Association established in conjunction with Celebration 300. We have, however, submitted an advertisement for "The History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family" in hopes of reaching some family who may not be aware of this extensive documentation of our genealogy.

## HARLAN RADIO ANNOUNCER

The Kansas City Chiefs football team has a Harlan connection. Radio announcer for the Chiefs is Kevin Harlan. Kevin also announces some Saturday afternoon college football games.

## 42nd ANNUAL GATHERING

Descendants of Dr. Isaiah Harlan and his wife Nancy Henry gathered at the Blue Ridge Baptist Church near Marlin, Texas on October 5, 1991. Isaiah and Nancy were given a Spanish land grant of a league of land on Feb. 20, 1835. This land passed to their children Martha Mitchell, Mary Millerman, Jonathan, Silas, Charles and George. Martha and her husband Memnon A. Mitchell were the first to settle on the estate. By 1865 all six siblings had moved to the property. Descendants of all six children were represented at this years gathering. In addition Van and Eleanor Harlan traveled from Memphis, TN to participate. Van is a descendant of Isaiah's uncle Valentine.

Special recognition was given to Hubbard C. Cornelison, 88, and Lelia Cornelison, 87, for being the oldest guests present; Megan Reid of Waco, the youngest; and Pearl Cobb Turner of New Mexico for coming the greatest distance.



## SEX PROVES DETRIMENTAL TO GENEALOGY

"In sexual reproduction, each parent is able to contribute only half its genetic material to make way for the other parent's genetic contribution. Given that an organism's ultimate objective in life is to preserve itself by passing on its own genes, this fifty percent tax on every transaction is a steep price to pay. Each parent's contribution will erode drastically with each generation....After nine generations, fewer than 1 in every 415 million genes is a direct offshoot of the original parents. Successive generations dilute the contribution at a geometric rate, rapidly driving the genes of the ancestral parents from the picture. The price of sex is great. We dwindle."

## BOOK REVIEW

**How To Locate Anyone Anywhere Without Leaving Home**, Ted. L. Gunderson with Roger McGovern.

Former FBI agent turned private investigator, Ted Gunderson, charts a pragmatic, step-by-step course for locating missing persons for legal, business or personal reasons. Gunderson is matter-of-fact and logical in his search plan. He provides the most up to date information available (the nine appendices in the book form an extensive resource guide) to assist people in locating their lost loved ones.

**How To Locate Anyone** is warm, encouraging and full of information that's all but impossible to obtain elsewhere: how to begin to think systematically about a search, how to follow a paper trail, how to deal with (or circumvent) a bureaucracy. The book stands out as the handbook for anyone attempting to find anybody for any reason.

Especially useful appendices for the genealogist are the Family History Library and Family History Centers, list of accredited genealogists and addresses for birth, death, marriage, and divorce certificates. 1989, 238 pages.

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# HARLAN CLASSIFIEDS

**Darlene and Edgar Norman** are continuing their research on descendants of #212 through #217. They have converted all their data to an IBM computer and will be glad to exchange information by computer disk. Write to them at 3620 N. Calhoun Road, Brookfield, WI 53005.

I would like to correspond with anyone with any information on Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_ who married James HARLAN (#11). **Judy Reynolds**, 7209 57th Ave. #204, Kenosha, WI 53142-3684.

Am interested in corresponding with those interested in Leah HARLAN (born 16 Aug 1824/32 PA) daughter of Jonathan & Jane HOGUE HARLAN and her husband, Henry S. STANTURF. (Mrs.) **Judy K. DYE**, 19305 S.E. 243rd Place, Kent, WA 98040-4820.

**Hildene Hospitality, Then and Now**, \$7.50, Friends of Hildene, Inc, Box 377, Manchester, VT 05254.

**Dorothy Sifferd** is seeking information on descendants of Joshua Harlan #13 who married Mary Heald--particularly looking for descendants of their daughter, Deborah #61 who married Thomas Evans, 19, 4th month 1738. Harlan Genealogy had no further record of this couple. RR#2 Box 196-A, Cole Camp, MO 65325.

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