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Earl Hardie

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Descendants of Alexander Dick and Ann McLaren Hardie to be honored by Pioneer Assoc.

Members of the Hardie Clan first set foot in what was to become Gilliam County in 1875. The area was still then part of Wasco County. The Hardie family, 120 years later, still has a presence in the county and will be honored at the annual Pioneer Picnic of the Eastern Oregon Pioneer Association Saturday, July 15, at Julia Henderson Park southeast of Fossil. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the public is invited.

Alexander McLaren Hardie, born at Ruthven, Forfarshire, Scotland in 1856, came to America in 1874. His passage was paid by Henry Ankeny, a dairyman anxious to find laborers for his dairy farm near Silverton. He traveled by windjammer to the Isthmus of Panama, which he crossed on foot, then boarded a ship to Oregon.

Alexander worked at Ankeny's dairy for a year then hired on with Col. Thomas S. Lang to help trail a band of sheep from the Willamette Valley, over the Cascade Mountains to Wasco County. The open-range stockman was reigning the yet unfenced bunchgrass ranges.

In 1877, when he was 21, Alexander went to Lonerock, then a flourishing community and before Condon or Arlington were settled. He herded sheep for R.G. Robinson on ample range lands west of Lonerock. By 1879, the public domain in that area had been surveyed and the land became subject to homestead application.

Alex's brother, David, walked into Lonerock on Christmas Day, 1879, fresh from Scotland. They had not seen each other for five years. They spent the rest of that

winter camped with a band of sheep at Salmon Fork.

Alex selected a site at Papersack Canyon for a homestead and in the summer of 1880, filed for 160 acres there. He built a fine house there and in 1881, he married Elizabeth Phillips of Lonerock.

The next year, Alex and Elizabeth and David were joined at Papersack by their father, Alexander Dick Hardie, who had come from Old Rattray, Scotland. He homesteaded in a branch of Salmon Fork where he raised sheep with his sons.

Alexander Dick was joined in 1882 by his wife, Ann McLaren Hardie with their seven children, plus a married daughter with her husband. With Mrs. Hardie were Mr. and Mrs. Alex Duthie, her son-in-law and oldest daughter, Eliza;

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Isabella, 21 (married Joseph Whyte); George, 13 (married Temperance Smith); Joshua, 11 (married May Myers); Janeann, 9 (married William Christie); Margaret, 7 (married Merritt L. Frizzell then Wensley); William, 5 (married Alice Beach); and Ada, 1 (married William Curl then Leo Bouchet). Mr. and Mrs. Duthie's son, Alex, was born at Papersack July 14, 1882 -- the day after they arrived.

married Leta Dyer, had four children, Arthur and David, Mina and David's twin Dale, died in infancy.

-- T. Stewart (1901-1957), married Gertrude Wineger, had four children, Norma, Darlene and Gail, Eugene died at birth.

-- James A. (1903-1965), married Dorothy Reed, had three children, Carol, David and James Jr.

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Soon after, other relatives and friends came from Scotland to what was to become Gilliam County. Will Stewart came in 1884. His brother, James S. Stewart, who later became publisher of the *Fossil Journal* and was a state legislator, came in 1888 along with his two sisters, Jane and Ann.

In 1889, David Hardie and Jane Stewart were married at the home of his parents on a branch of Salmon Fork. They had been childhood friends in Scotland. When he was 21, David had walked to The Dalles and filed for a homestead and was raising sheep in the Salmon Fork area.

For 45 years David and Jane Hardie maintained a home at Trailfork and raised 10 children there:

-- Jessie (1890-1938), married James Upton, had a daughter, Mary.

-- Annie (1892-1971), married Adolph Andrade, no children.

-- Marjory (1895-1972), married Ernest Shull and lived at Hay Canyon in Sherman County, had two children, Doug and Jean.

-- William D. (1897-1970), married Georgia Smith, had two children, William Jr. and Earl.

-- Alexander D. (1898-1982),

married Irene Wilkins, had no children.

-- Janie (1908-1988), married Charles Palmer, had one daughter, Anne.

-- Grace (1910-), married Harold Stinchfield, had two children, Frederick and McLaren.

Family holdings in the Trailfork and Papersack areas have spanned 115 years, and the family boasts five generations in Gilliam County. More information on the Hardie family can be found in the *History of Gilliam County*, Gilliam County Historical Society, 1981, and *Annie's Story* by Marilyn Baker Froman, 1983.

The program at the annual Pioneer Picnic will begin at 10:30 a.m. at the Julia Henderson Park, 13 miles southeast of Fossil on Highway 19, when bagpiper Al Maich of Redmond will pipe the family into the meeting area. The family will provide the meet for a barbecue roast potluck noon meal. A brief afternoon program will give way to visiting, reminiscing and viewing a wide variety of family photos and memorabilia.

The picnic, as well as membership in the Eastern Oregon Pioneer Association, is open to the public.