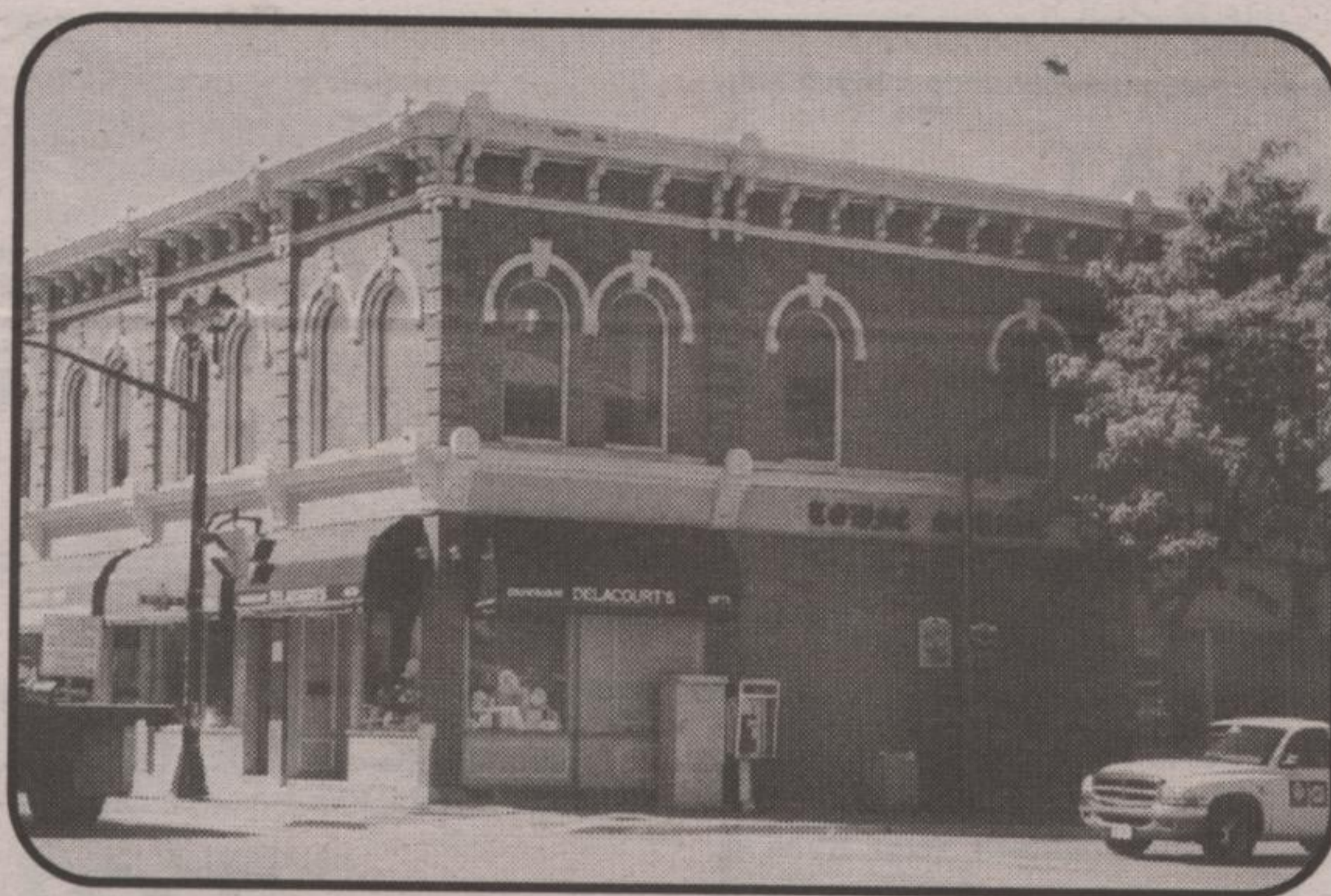


# Memories



## Dewar Commercial Block, Milton

~ Modern Photo ~



It is believed that they first came to Ottawa where George settled. He was a landowner and received a grant of land from the crown for the west half of Lot 7, Esquesing, after receiving his land, Andrew married Janet Christena Douglas on Esquesing. In 1836, Hardy purchased the east half of Lot 7 from Alexander Milne. George and Janet raised two sons and four daughters - George, John, Janet, and Clara. They built the Dewar Commercial Block at the corner of Martin and Main Streets in Milton. It was owned by the Hardy family until 1911. George and John also built many other buildings. John first married Barbara Watkins. Their son Charles was a dentist in Esquesing. After Barbara's death, John married Jessie Laurenson. The couple had a daughter, Bertha Anderson, George married Mary Leightle and William married Louisa. Louisa married Ward Ruddell and farmed on the Fifth Line, Esquesing. George married in Scotland. May married Thomas Crozier of Streetsville. John L. was the youngest son of John L. and Bertha. When they were young men, they would often walk to Brain's Brewery on Main Street. John L. and Bertha had four children. Mary married Harry Young. Clara married Dr. Colin Heggie. John L. married sisters Marion and Jean Martin. After the Hardy home on Main Street was built in 1855 and built a large brick home. Woodwork for this house was made from local lumber also sent to Chicago to be panelled for doors. Jack Hardy was raised in Esquesing. He converted the house to five apartment units. John L. owned two horses, Net and Nell. He drove C.R. Turner's funeral hearse in Milton. John L. often drove the hearse as he sometimes received furniture from Turner's store. Jack and Jean still possess a pair of trotting horses with John L. for distant house calls in heavy driving weather. John had a fruit farm on the side of the escarpment on Main St. W. where he had a large quantity of stumps after logging, John L. used dynamite to clear a path for a boxcar. On the fruit farm, black currants, raspberries, and strawberries were transported to the farm in a 1925 vintage truck. The first line Esquesing, north of 5 Sideroad. John L. worked for a short time and then Jack worked for Arnold. Jack worked for Law Construction laying out Esquesing Highway #25 at the rate of eleven feet per day. He worked on the maintenance staff at Esquesing, 11, and 3 as well as the Sudbury and Esquesing. He worked on the maintenance staff at Esquesing, a member of the Ontario Steam and Esquesing Era on Labour Day. He worked in the office of lawyer Allen J. Nichols. Jack and Jean moved to Vancouver Island, Diane moved to Esquesing, Ontario.



Cliff & Clara Hardy

~ circa 1922 ~

John L. Hardy & Bertha Anderson

~ circa 1903 ~



Clifford Hardy & Marion Martin

~ 1938 ~



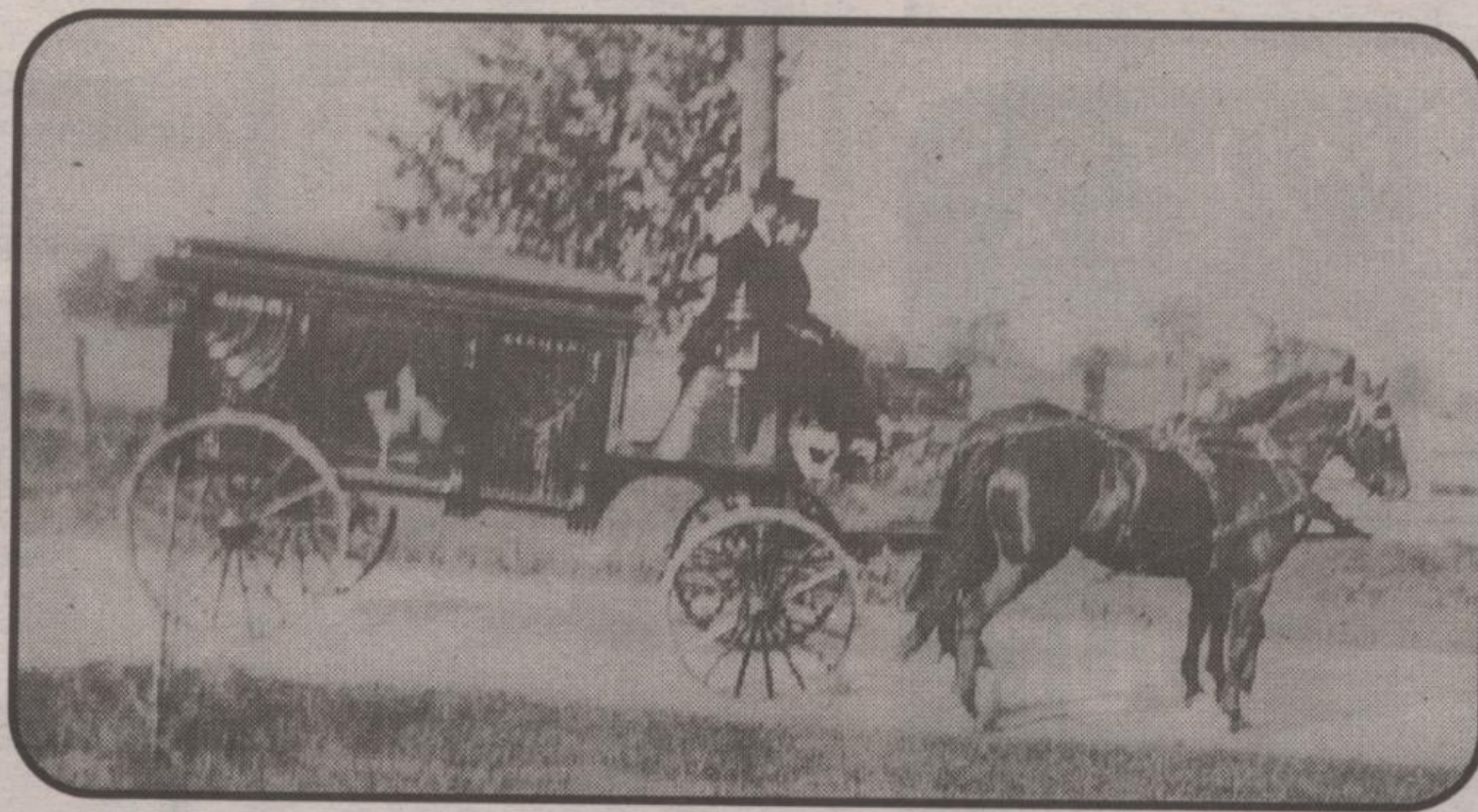
Jack Hardy & Jean Martin

Pictured with Best Man Don Martin and Maid of Honour Joan Cooper

~ 1941 ~



John L. Hardy with Net & Nell Driving C.R. Turner Hearse ~ 1920 ~



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|------------------------------------|---------------|
| Mary Hardy<br>b. 1905, d. 1993     | David Heggie  |
| Harry Young                        | Susan Heggie  |
| Clara Hardy<br>b. 1908             | Ian Heggie    |
| Dr. Colin Heggie                   | Robert Heggie |
| Clifford Hardy<br>b. 1909, d. 1987 | Janet Heggie  |
| Marion Martin                      | Claire Heggie |
| John Hardy<br>b. 1918              | Brenda Hardy  |
| Jean Martin                        | Judy Hardy    |
|                                    | Wayne Hardy   |
|                                    | Diane Hardy   |
|                                    | Martin Hardy  |

Partial - direct line only for Lot 7, Conc. 6 Esquesing family. Photos and background information courtesy of Jack Hardy, Newt Ruddell and Jean McLaughlin. Compiled by Betty Brownridge.

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