

## Herbert Carey Hardy

**12 August 1848 - 11 August 1889**

Herbert was born on 12th August 1848 in Bierley, Yorkshire, to parents Charles Hardy (1813-1867) and Catherine Orr (1819-1874).

He attended Merton College, Oxford and graduated on 10th April 1869.

On 23rd July Herbert married Adela Louisa Cassandra Knight, in Chawton, Hampshire. Adela was the granddaughter of Edward Austen Knight who was Jane Austen's brother, making the novelist Jane Austen, her great aunt.

They settled first in Hampshire where their son Guy Charles was born in 1874. then a daughter, Adela Gertrude in 1875. Seven more children arrived after their move to Danehurst, in Sussex, the last a daughter, Louisa Carey Hardy was born in January 1889 a few months after Herbert had died; Guy Charles (1874-1904) died in Florida USA, Adela Gertrude (1875-1901), Marion Ethel (1877-1970), Margaret Louisa (1878-1972), Herbert Edward (1880-1896), Ronald Montagu (1882-1915), Annis Kathleen (1884-1963), Norah Cassandra (1887-1969) and Louisa Carey (1889-1962)

Marian Ethel married Gerald Sydney Spicer at Holy Trinity, Danehill in 1891. ( see attached photographs)

Ronald Montagu became a Captain in the British Army and fought in WW1 where sadly he died in 1915 in Ypres, Belgium.

In 1871 Herbert was employed by The New River Company. The New River was constructed between 1609-1613 to bring water from Amwell and Chadwell to Clerkenwell, in London, where it terminated, and ponds and a cistern house were constructed. (Source National Archives)

The 1881 census finds Herbert staying at The Belle Vue Hotel in Holdenhurst, Bournemouth, he is listed as a gentleman, while his wife Adela in staying at The Vicarage in Chawton.

By 1891 they were settled in Danehurst, Danehill, where they remained. Herbert died on 11th August 1888, whilst staying at Kinveachy, Boat of Garten, Scotland. He suffered an accident whilst alighting from a carriage and broke his leg. An operation to save the leg was unsuccessful and he sadly died as a result.

In 1887, prior to his death, there was a devastating fire at Holy Trinity Church, Danehill and Herbert told villagers "he would replace it with something better"

In 1892 his widow, Adela Hardy provided funds for the building of All Saints Church in his memory, and the foundation stone was laid by their eldest son Guy Charles Hardy in November 1891, the church was consecrated by the Bishops of Chichester on 12th August 1892.



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## FUNERAL OF MR. HARDY, OF DANEHURST.

"The obsequies of Herbert Carey Hardy, Esq., of Danehurst, were celebrated on Saturday, when the funeral service was held at Danehill Church, and the internment took place at the cemetery thereto, amidst general demonstration of respect and sorrow. The circumstances under which the esteemed and lamented squire of Danehurst met with the accident which brought to an abrupt termination of a most useful and honourable life have already been noticed in these columns, and, therefore, there are very few details connected with the melancholy event calling for further comment. The accident, it appears, was caused by tripping over a dog chain when Mr. Hardy was about to alight from a trap, in which he had been driving with his son, and the fracture of the leg consequent upon the fall was so severe that amputation had to be resorted to. This was successfully performed but the sufferer did not rally, and expired, surrounded by his wife and family, on Saturday evening, the 11<sup>th</sup> of August, within six hours of the completion of the 40<sup>th</sup> year of his age, he having been born on August 12<sup>th</sup> 1848. Thus, in a few short hours, was the house at Kinveachy, in the county of Inverness, where Mr. Hardy had extensive shootings, converted into a place of mourning, where just previously all had been bustle and preparation for the birthday of the squire, and the reception of friends who were coming down for the opening of the shooting season. Mr. Hardy leaves a widow - the daughter of Mr. Knight of Chawton House, near Alton, Hants, where the family have been seated for centuries - and a family of eight children, all of which are of tender years.

The body, enclosed in a coffin of polished oak, with massive Gothic furniture, and breast-plate, simply recording the name of the deceased gentleman, and the dates of his birth and death, arrived by train at Sheffield Park station at two o'clock on Friday, it having been brought by railway from Boat of Garten station, Inverness. A hearse was in waiting to receive the coffin, which, on reaching Danehurst, was placed on a bier in the library, which had been transformed into a "chappelle ardente". The end and each side of the room were banked with majestic ferns and fine foliaged plants in pot, relieved by choice exotic flowers. The coffin and its supports were completely covered with splendid wreaths and crosses of flowers, numbering nearly a hundred, and sent from all parts of the country. At the head of the coffin was placed a crucifix of alabaster and candelabra of seven lights, the candles of which were kept burning throughout the night. Contributions of plants and flowers were kindly sent from the hothouses and conservatories of the Earl of Sheffield, at Sheffield Park; Sir Spencer Maryon Wilson, of Searles; Mr. Wormald, of Red House; and Mr. Chatterton of Birch Grove. The funeral took place shortly after noon on Saturday, the arrangements being of a very simple and unostentatious character. The coffin, which was almost concealed by the wealth of flowers placed upon it, was borne on a hand-bier and work-men employed on the estate, all of whom wore white gabardines, or, as they are better known in Sussex "smock-frocks". All of the relatives, personal friends, tenants, servants and cottagers walked on foot, except the ladies of the family, who went to church in private carriages. The procession was a very long one, and its progress was watched with melancholy interest by the people who had assembled in the neighbourhood of the church.

Those who took part in the funeral procession from the house were-

Mrs. H.C. Hardy, Master Guy Hardy (eldest son) Mr. Charles Hardy of Chilham Castle, Kent (brother). Miss Adela Hardy (eldest daughter) and the head nurse, Mrs. Jessop. Mr. and Mrs. Montague Knight, Major and Mrs. Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Worsley, Sir Edward and Lady Bradford. Major Henry Knight and Captain Brodnax Knight, Mr. Arthur Smith. Mr. Montague Bradford. Viscount Cranbrook (Lord President of the Council) and the Hon. J. Stewart Gathorne-Hardy, M. P. Mr. Lawrence Hardy and Mr. Evelyn Bradford. Mr. Spencer Portal; the Misses Carey Borrer. Mr. Fryer (house steward) and Mrs. Harnett (house-keeper). The Household Servants at Danehurst. Mr. Coombe (farm steward), Mrs. Coombs and family. The Tenants:- Messrs. T. Knight (Cockhainse) Comber (Cockhaise Mill) D. Bates (Latchetts) Wood (Woodland) Osborne (Town Place) W. Wood (Danehill) Wickens (Tremaines) S. Cherryman (Oak) S.



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Baker (Portmansford) Luckens (Butcher's Barn) & &.

The mournful cortege was met at the churchyard gates by the following clergy, who wore the white surplices of their holy office:- The Rev. Prebendary Carey Borrer (treasurer of the diocese of Chichester and rector of Hurstpierpoint) the Rev. F.R. Hepburn (rector of Chailey and rural dean) the Rev. W. F. Attenborough (vicar of Fletching) the Rev. W. Summers (vicar of Danehill) the Rev. H.J. Peckham (incumbent of Nutley) and the Rev. F. Willett (Scaynes Hill).

Among the numerous assembly who awaited the arrival of the body at the church we observed - (here follows a long list of local dignitaries, representatives of local societies and people from Danehill and neighbouring villages). .... "It is estimated that the attendance of all classes exceeded a thousand persons".

*(There follows a description of the service which was taken by the Rev. Summers, the lesson read by the rector of Chailey and the service at the grave-side by the Rev. Prebendary Carey Borrer) .*

'The floral contributions of loving relatives and friends, and from the public bodies, were indeed very beautiful and numerous. Included among them were offerings from the Conservative Association of Danehill, Lewes, Uckfield, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath: From the committee of Danehill Horticultural Society, the Horsted Keynes Cricket Club, the cottagers of Danehill, the tenants and the school children'.

Masters Herbert and Gerald Summers sent a wreath "With love to their dear god-father".

Mr. Coombs (the bailiff of Danehurst) Mrs. Cunnington (the late keeper's widow) the household servants, the coachman, Mr. Stevens and his wife, the keepers and gardeners of Danehurst, and many other humble friends who have lost a kind considerate master, and a generous thoughtful friend.

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*(Extract from newspaper of All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup> 1891)*



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## **Herbert Ronald Hardy** **22 April 1900 - 12 April 1954**

Herbert Ronald was born on 22 April 1900 in the Uckfield District, his parents were Guy Charles Hardy (1874-1904) and Eva Kathleen Maryon Wilson (1875-1947).

Herbert married Beryl Violet Sylvia Loftus at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street, Chelsea on 18th June 1923.

The 1939 register records Herbert and Beryl living at Keysford, Lewes Road, in the Borough of Cuckfield. Herbert is listed as a landowner and brick maker.

Herbert died on 12th April 1954, at Hotel La Fuente, Zaragoza, Spain, aged 54

## **Beryl Violet Sylvia Hardy (nee Loftus)** **15 September 1901 - 20 January 1985**

Beryl Violet Sylvia Loftus was born in 1901 in Bedford. Her father Colonel St. John Loftus, was in the 1st Battalion Kings' Royal Rifle Corps, and was awarded the Defence of Chitral medal in 1895.

The British Authorities were sent to relieve the Fort at Chitral, in India, which had been under siege after the death of its former ruler. Four hundred men were in the Fort and a medal was awarded to all those who took part in the relief.

Beryl married Herbert Ronald Hardy at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street, Chelsea on 18th June 1923.

Beryl died on 20 January 1985 aged 83

## **Herbert Edward Hardy** **19 May 1880 - 8 June 1896**

Herbert Edward was born in 1880 and sadly died in Eton, aged 16 years in 1896, he was the son of Herbert Carey Hardy and Adela Louisa Cassandra Knight. He was buried at Danehill cemetery on 13 June 1896



**Herbert & Beryl and Herbert are all buried at Danehill  
cemetery**



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Above: Charles and Catherine Hardy, Below: Marion and Gerald Spicer's wedding, Below: Guy Hardy



1923. Marriage solemnized at Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Street in the Parish  
of Upper Chelsea in the County of London

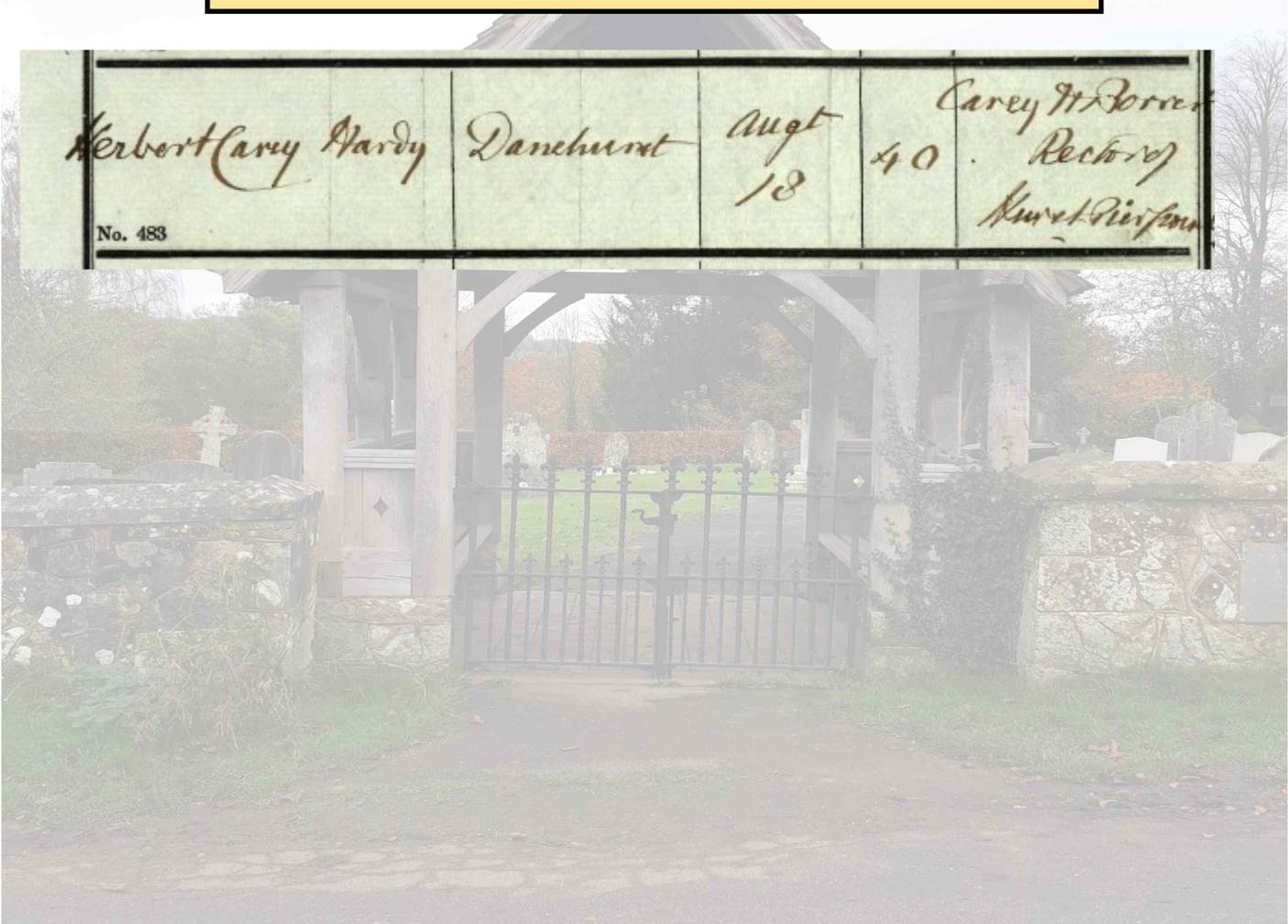
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
112	Eighteenth June. 1923.	Herbert Ronald Hardy	23	Bachelor	Gentleman	104 Sloane Street	Guy Charles Hardy	J. P.
		Beryl Violet-Sylvia Lofthouse	21	Spinster	—	Witley, Wickfield Burrey	St. John Baptist	Colonel.

Married in the Parish of Holy Trinity Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by after Canon me,  
E. A. Bunsby Dean of Witley

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Herbert Ronald Hardy in the Presence of us, Sylvia Lofthouse Minister Hardy  
Beryl Violet Sylvia Lofthouse Canon

Above: Herbert and Beryl's wedding certificate, Below: Herbert Carey Hardy's death certificate

Herbert Carey Hardy	Danehurst	Augt 18	40	Carey Hardy Rector of Witley
No. 483				Mrs. P. P. Hardy



# Ronald Montague Hardy

12 April 1882 - 23 July 1915



Ronald Hardy

Ronald was born on 12th April 1882. He was the second son of Herbert Carey & Adela Hardy of Danehurst, Danehill. He was baptised in All Saints, Danehill on 21 May 1882.

He enlisted in the 6th (Cycling) Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment on 7 August 1914. Home address was Chilworth Manor, Surrey.

He was a Captain in "D" Company, 7th Battalion The Rifle Brigade.

He was discharged from the Royal Sussex 4 September 1914 on being appointed to a Commission. Applied for Commission, home address as above, Temporary Lieutenant to join 7th Battalion the Rifle Brigade.

He was killed in action on 23rd July 1915, aged 33, at Hooze, Belgium. A telegram notifying his death was sent to his mother at Chilworth Manor, Surrey, on 25 July 1915.

His name is remembered on the Menin Gate Memorial (Index MR 29) Part XXI (UK). He is also remembered on the war memorial in Danehill and has a Memorial window and memorial in All Saints Church, Danehill.

*From the Book of Remembrance:* " - educated at Eton - enlisted on August 7th 1914 in a Sussex Territorial Battalion - later obtaining a commission in the 7th Rifle Brigade. Went to Belgium with the first contingent of the New Army (14th Division) in May 1915. He was killed on July 23rd 1915 in a mine crater at Hooze near Ypres while assisting a dying Rifleman of his Company. Capt. Hardy was "The Beloved Captain" of Donald Hankey's " Student at Arms."

"*The Rifle Brigade Chronicle*"<sup>(6)</sup> records the movements of the 7th Battalion from July 20th 1915 when the Commanding Officer and Company Commanders went to Hooze with a view to taking over the trenches. "The relief was postponed for twenty-four hours owing to our having exploded a mine on the night 19-20<sup>th</sup> under Hooze and the ground being reported as not fit for a relief." On July 22<sup>nd</sup> "D" Company and the Battalion bombers left at 10 a.m. to relieve a portion of the trenches by daylight.

July 23rd - 29th. "In trenches. On 23rd Capt. R.M. Hardy was killed and 2nd Lieutenant S.H. Shoveller wounded."

(Footnote: At intervals there was a bombardment from heavy trench mortars. They were very large and the fire was most trying for the morale of the men. The crater edge was abandoned on the day after we took it over in consequence of the heavy casualties caused by these mortars.)

"*The Student at Arms*"<sup>(7)</sup> "We were holding some trenches which were about as unhealthy as trenches could be. The Bosches were only a few yards away and were well supplied with trench mortars. We hadn't got any at that time. Bombs and air torpedoes were dropping round us all day. Of course the captain was there. It seemed as if he could not keep away. A torpedo fell into the trench and buried some of our chaps. The fellows next to them ran to dig them out. Of course he was one of the first. Then came another torpedo in the same place. That was the end."

There is a fine memorial to Captain Hardy in the Lady Chapel of All Saints, Danehill, the statuette "The Beloved Captain" is by Mrs G.F. Watts after a painting by her husband, George Frederick Watts a well known Victorian painter and sculptor. The memorial was erected by Captain Quarter Master Michael



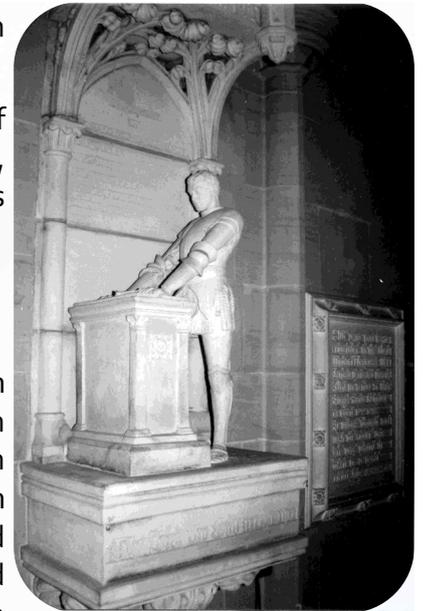
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Chapman M.C., a friend of Ronald Hardy, who himself was killed in Flanders in 1918 and is commemorated in a memorial tablet nearby.

Captain Michael Chapman was married to the adopted daughter of George Frederick Watts and his second wife, Mary, of Limnerslease, Compton, Surrey, not far from Chilworth where Ronald Montague and his mother lived.

There is also a memorial window in the church next to that in memory of his older brother, Guy Charles who died in 1904.

Excerpts from "The Student at Arms" were reprinted in our Parish Magazine in Nov. 1947 and Jan. 1948, the book was very popular when published, running to seven editions. Hankey writes about his Battalion training, the Captain who cared for his men, and the actions they fought in as part of the New Army. (The New Army was raised as a result of Lord Kitchener's appeal in late August 1914 with the famous poster, he needed 100,000 men, by mid October up to 2 million had responded.) The excerpts reprinted gave a good idea of the spirit of the New Army - how officers and men were "all in it together" as new soldiers.



**Memorial in the Lady Chapel, All Saints Church, Danehill, by Mrs Mary Watts.**

*The memorial tablet reads:*

"We pray you remember in the Lord Michael Chapman M.C. Captain Grenadier Guards killed in action at Quaesbruggh Farm Belgium on April 12th 1918. By whose thought and wish the figure near here was placed in token of a great friendship."



**Ronald Hardy is remembered within All Sainst church with a stained glass window**



**Ronald Hardy is remembered on the war memorial in Danehill**



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## THE NEW CHURCH AT DANEHILL.

The Foundation Stone laid by Mr. Guy Charles Hardy.

'A memorable stage in the building of the beautiful new church at Danehill was reached on Saturday last, when the dedication stone was laid by Mr. Guy Charles Hardy, the eldest son of the lady who erects this church in pious memory of her husband, the late Herbert Carey Hardy, Esq., of Danehurst. The stone was laid in the presence of the venerable Lord Bishop of Chichester, the Archdeacon of Lewes, and the clergy of the district, and among the large congregation at the service attending the ceremony were Mrs. Hardy and her charming family of nine children, the youngest of which was born shortly after the lamented death, from accident, of her father, whose loss plunged a wide district in sorrow. Also present were Mr. Charles Stewart Hardy of Chilham Castle, Kent, brother to the gentleman to whose memory the church is building; and the churchwardens, Mr. Edward Wormald of Chelwood Beacon, and Mr. Thomas Chatfield, and other leading residents of the parish

*(Description of the district of Danehill and of the service of dedication follows)*

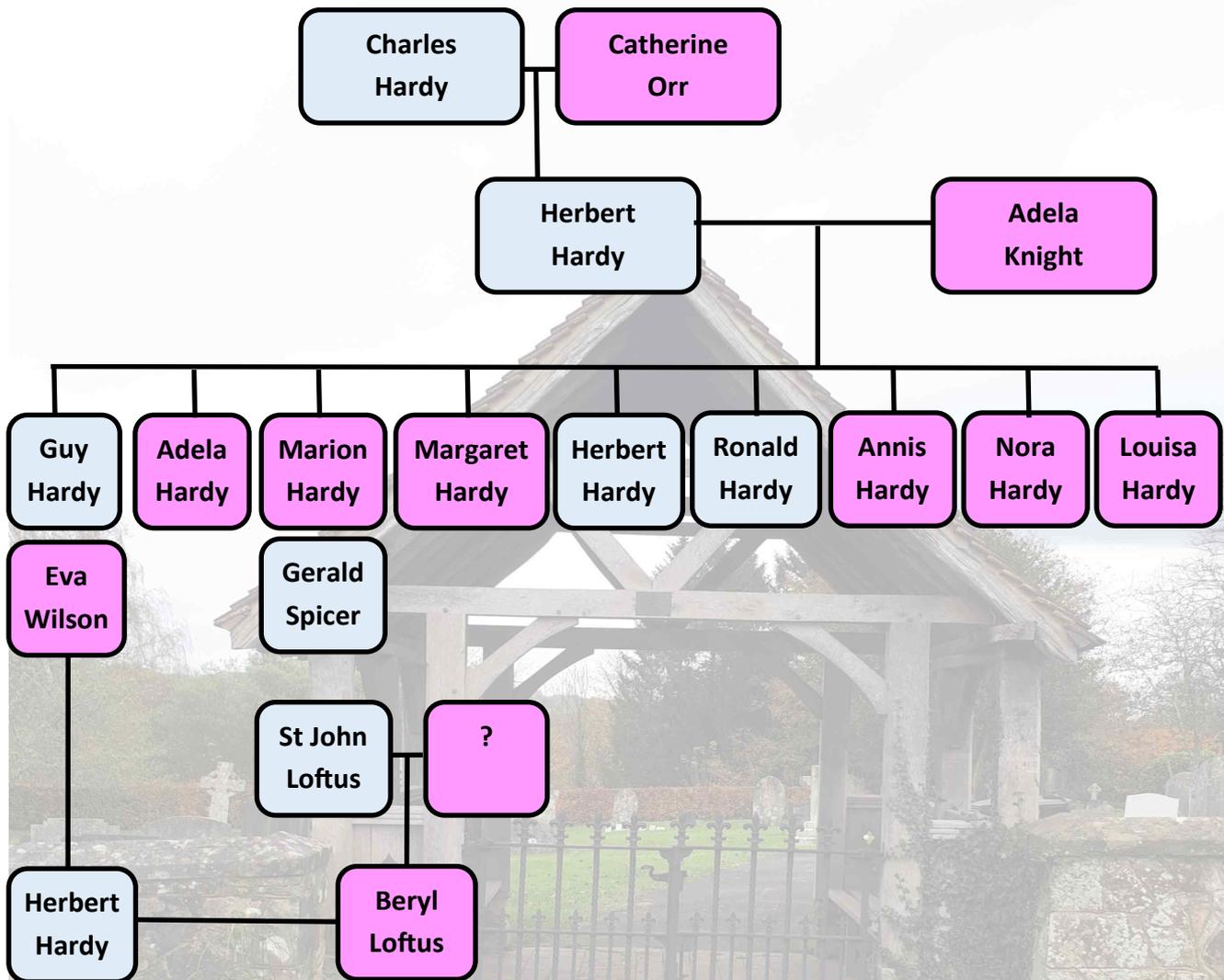
The 84th Psalm having been

sung, followed by prayer, Mr. Edward Wormald, on behalf of the parish, presented to Mr. Guy Hardy a handsome silver trowel with an ivory handle . . . . . In a receptacle beneath the foundation stone was placed, with other mementos, a parchment document, recording that the church was built "to the glory of God, and in memory of Herbert Carey Hardy".

Mr. Guy Hardy having, with the assistance of the builder duly laid the stone, said, in a firm, clear voice, "In the faith of Jesus Christ we place this foundation stone, in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost."



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