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Hardie was newsmen, community supporter

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At the time of his death in March 1896, David Hardie was one of Albion's best-known citizens. This was only natural, in that he was the owner of a newsroom and came in contact with many people on a daily basis.

Hardie was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, on Sept. 21, 1821. In 1839, he entered the British Army as

a gunner in the Royal Artillery. In 1845 he was sent to Quebec, where he met and married Catherine E. Leonard in 1847.

He then soon left the army and engaged himself in newspaper work. For four years, he was connected with the London Spectator, and then three years, with the Hamilton Star.

In 1855, he came to Albion and opened a book-bindery and soon thereafter, a newsroom in connection with this.

When the Civil War broke out, he was the first man to raise a company of volunteers (Co. G 28th Regiment).

This was organized on April 13, 1861, and on May 22, the regiment was mustered into service in Albany. Hardie served as captain of this company for 13 months before returning to his home.

David Hardie was a strong community supporter, serving as a village trustee and village treasurer, as well as town supervisor. At the time of his death, he was

also an excise commissioner.

He was survived by three daughters: Mrs. Mary Blake, Mrs. Margaret Cobb and Miss Lizzie Hardie, and one son, Phillip Hardie.

Mrs. Hardie died in 1872. The family burial plot is located in Mount Albion Cemetery.

About 45 years ago, an impressive stained glass window entitled "The Good Shepherd" was placed in Christ Episcopal Church in Albion in memory of the Hardie-Blake family.



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