Hardy O. Throop was born July 2, 1839 in Platte County, Missouri. He was the son of two Peters Colonists in northeast Tarrant County, Francis Throop and his wife, Hannah (Medlin) Throop. Hardy came to the Lonesome Dove area with his parents in the mid-1840’s.

He was a member of Co. A, 34th Texas Cavalry, enlisting on May 29, 1862 at Grapevine, Texas under Col. M. W. Deavenport, for a term of three years. He was absent on sick leave beginning on December 28, 1862. He is shown as a 2nd corporal on the roll for February 28-June 30, 1863. He is also shown present as a 3rd corporal on a roll for January and February, 1864. He was captured near Yellow Bayou, Louisiana on May 18, 1864, and was received as a POW at New Orleans on May 21. His name appears on a POW roll at New Orleans July 7, 1864. He was transferred from New Orleans and exchanged at Red River Landing on July 22, 1864. No further record of his service has been found.

Hardy Throop’s wife’s name was Narcissa E. Throop. Throop died March 1, 1883 and lies buried Lonesome Dove Cemetery. His son was one of the two donors for the land on which Pleasant Run Baptist Church now sits.
Narcissa married A. J. Hallford after Throop died.