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Will of
Thomas Harris

EDWARD HARRIS, Executor

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN: I, Thomas Harris, of the Isle of Wight County, being sick and weak in body, but in sound and perfect memory, I do first and primarily bequest my soul unto God Almighty who gave it, and secondly, my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent and christian like manner, and do ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth:

Ily. I doe give and bequeath unto my well beloved sonne Edward Harris my plantation that I now live on with all my land belonging to it, the same to him and his heyers forever; also one yoke of draught steers, with a cart belonging unto them, also one great chest and eight ells of sheeting and canvass, three iron wedges, one froe, one small frying pan, also I doe give and bequeath unto my well beloved sonne John Harris, one great iron pot, two pewter dishes, one bigger than the other, one large frying pan, one iron pestle, two chests, one small table & one couch.

Also I doe give unto my well beloved sonne Thomas Harris fower pewter dishes and a flagon, two salt sellers, one small iron pott, one cow and heifer of two years old one yearling heifer.

Also I doe give unto my well beloved sonne Robert Harris one bed being part of flake and feathers with all the furniture thereunto belonging, one small gun, one horse to be sold for his use.

I doe give unto my well beloved daughter Jane Jones eight milk trays.

I doe give and bequeath unto my well beloved daughter Anne Harris one bed that I now ly uppon with all the furniture thereunto belonging, but in case she dieth before she cometh of age or marrieth then the bed with what belongeth to itt shall fall to my sonne Robert Harris, alsoe I give her a large brass kettle and one iron pott containing two or thre gallons with two **** pewter dishes, but if she dyeth that the same likewise fall to Robert and John Harris. I alsoe desire that what cattle is left that is not herein disposed of may be sould and likewise my stock of hogs to be sould after my debts being payed ****.

I doe desire likewise what wheat I have now growinge on the plantation if it pleases God it come to maturity the same be sould likewise with the cattle, and what hogs may be left after the debts aforesaid payd, the same to be sold to the profitablest uses as may bee thought fit by my sonne Edward Harris, being my whole executor, and John Fulgham and John Turner, they two persons beinge appointed my overseers of this my last will and testament, they with my executor to advise to the disposall of all my cattle, hogs and wheate to the best advantage for the good of my three youngest sonnes, George Harris, Martin Harris and Williams Harris: only two pewter dishes to be purchased, and one ironn pott, out of the proceeds to be delivered to Robert Harris, and the remainder to be equally divided between the said George Harris, Martin Harris and William Harris, and likewise I desire that these three boyes last mentioned as Robert Harris, George Harris and Martin Harris to remain this present year uppon the plantation and afterwards that Robert Harris may dwell with John Fulgham three years, and George Harris to dwell with John Turner fower years, and Martin Harris to remain with his brother Edward Harris five years, and my sonne William Harris to live with Bridgeman Joyner seven years and likewise my daughter Anne to live with Mrs. Anne Tharpe seven years if the said Mrs. Anne Tharpe shall live soe long. I further desire that if my sonne Edward Harris beinge appointed my executor in **** or my appointed overseers Mr. John Fulgham Mr. John Turner that is them or either of them shall find that my children that is placed out as aforesaid be abused

that then either of them may have the liberty of removing them to some other place where they shall think fitt.

one thing more—I bequest unto three of my grand children a cow calfe a piece to them and **** of the female: thus owning and acknowledging this to be my last will and testament and doe revoke, renounce and deny all other wills or testaments from or by me made, as witness my hand and seal this fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord 1687-8.

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The mark of Thomas Harris [SEAL]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

JOHN SHAVER

JOHN COGGIN

Proved by John Coggan and John Shaver in open court held for the Isle of Wight County October ye 9th, 1688.

Teste, JOHN PITT, Cl. Cur.

The foregoing is as near a true copy as I can make of the will of Thomas Harris, of record in Will Book No. 1661-1719, No. 2.

Teste, A. G. JOHNSON, Clerk.

The Will of Edward Harris

Son of Thomas Harris
and Father of Nathan

NATHAN HARRIS, Executor

In the Name of God Amen. I Edward Harris of the Upper parish of the Isle of Wight County being in perfect Mind & Memory and calling to mind the mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed for all Men one to Die do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament committing my Soul to Almighty God and my Body to ye Earth and as for my Worldly Estate which hereafter is expressed I Give Devise & Dispose of the same in the following manner and form (viz) Imprimis I give

and Bequeath Unto my loving Son Edward Harris Two Hundred & forty Acres of land lying in the Isle of Wight County joining upon John Johnson and John Turner their land, it being a tract of land granted by Patent to Thomas Harris my father to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever. Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my Son Jacob Harris one Tract of Land granted to me by Patent containing One Hundred & Ninety Acres lying in the Isle of Wight County on the flatt Swamp on Maherin River to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever. Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my two sone Nathan Harris & West Harris Two Hundred and fifty Acres of Land granted to me by Patent and lying on the North side of Warwick Branch and joining to the Plantation whereon I now dwell to be equally divided between them both (viz) Nathan the upper part and West the lower part to them and their Heirs & Assigns for ever. Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Daniel Harris the land & plantation whereon I now dwell containing by estimation Two Hundred & fifty acres more or less to him and his Heirs and assigns forever. Item. I Give and Bequeath to my Daughter Ann Harris the feather bed which she usually lyeth on and the furniture thereunto belonging and two pewter Dishes and one Linnen Wheel. Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son Nathan Harris one feather bed and the furniture thereunto belonging and One Gun and one great Iron Pott and one Sword. Item. I Give and Bequeath unto my Son West Harris the feather bed that he usually lyeth on himself and the furniture thereunto belonging and one Gun and one Iron Pot and one brass Kettle and one Chest. Item. I Give unto my Son Daniel Harris the feather Bed that I usually lyeth on myself and the furniture thereunto belonging and all my Coopers Tools and one Sett of Iron Wedges and one Iron Pott containing three Gallons and one Cross cut Saw. Item. I give unto my Daughter Martha Williamson one Linnen Spinning Wheel. Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my four Sons James, Nathan, West and Daniel Harris all my pewter: as Dishes, Bassons, porringers, plates and Tankards to be equally divided amongst them all. Item. I Give & Bequeath unto my loving Wife Mary Harris all the rest of

my Estate during her life and then to be equally divided amongst my Children that shall be then living I desire also that the Crop which is upon the Ground at my Death or just made shall be equally divided amongst my children that shall help to make or tend the said Crop. I also do Appoint & Ordain my Son Nathan Harris to be my only & sole Executor of this my last Will & Testament, ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 27th day of April Anno Domini 1733.

EDWARD E. H. HARRIS, [SEAL.]

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Signed Sealed and Delivered in presence of

THOMAS ATKINSON.

JOHN I. H. HARRIS

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At a Court held for Isle of Wight County March 25, 1734. The last Will and Testament of Edward Harris deced. was presented in Court by Nathan Harris the Executor therein named who made Oath thereto and being proved by the Oaths of the Witnesses thereunto subscribed is admitted to Record.

Vera Recordatur

Teste, JAMES BAKER Cl. Cur.

Teste JAS. BAKER Cl. Cur.

A copy,

Teste, A. S. JOHNSON, Clerk

by (signed) CHAS. E. WILSON, Deputy Clerk.

Will Book No. 3, Page 391.

The Will of Thomas Harris

Son of Thomas Harris
and Brother of Edward

In the Name of God Amen

I, Thomas Harris of the upper Parish of Isle of Wight Coun-

ty being Sick & Weak of Body but of perfect mind & memory thanks be given to God therefore I do make & ordain this my last Will & Testament Committing my Soul to Almighty God and my Body to the Earth and as for my worldly estate which hereafter is expressed I give Devise and Dispose of the same in the following manner and from Imprimis I give and Bequeath unto my Son Joshua Harris four Pewter plates & two Pewter Dishes Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary two Pewter Dishes and four Pewter Plates Item I give and bequeath to the Child that my wife now goes with (be it Boy or Girle) Two Pewter Dishes and four Pewter Plates, Item I also give to my Son Joshua One Pewter Dish and one Pewter Plate more and one Gun and one pair of Pistolls & Holsters I give and bequeath also to my son Joshua my Plantation and all my land being four hundred Acres to him and his Heirs and Assigns forever except the Child that my wife now goes with be a Boy and then I give my land at the other side of Harbours from my Plantation to him and his Heirs and Assigns for - Item I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Mary and to the child that is unborn as aforesaid one Pewter Dish and one Pewter Plate and One Bason a piece Item I give and Bequeath to my wife Hannah the one half of the Residue of my Estate and the other half of my Estate to my children aforesaid to be equally divided amongst them and I likewise do appoint and constitute my Wife Hannah and my Brother, Henry Harris to be Exrs. of this my last Will & Testament and I do hereby disallow revoke and Disanull all and every other former Wills by me before this time mentioned Ratifying and Confirming this and no other to be my last Will & Testament In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal and delivered in the presence of Thos Harris Thos Atkinson.

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THO: I H HARRIS [SEAL]

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At a Court held for Isle of Wight County the 23d. of May 1729. The last Will & Testament of Thomas Harris Decd. was presented in Court by Henry Harris Exr. therein named who made oath thereto and being proved by the witnesses there-

to is admitted to Record.

Teste. JAMES INGLES Cl. Cur.

Vera. Record. Teste JAS. INGLES Cl. Cur.

Teste,

A. S. JOHNSON, Clerk.

By (signed) CHAS. E. WILSON, Deputy Clerk.

Will Book No. 3, page 199.

The Will of Jacob Harris

Son of Edward Harris

North Carolina In the Name of God Amen. June the Eighteenth day One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven I Jacob Harris of the County of Beaufort Planter being sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for it, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men to die. I do make and ordain this my last Will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I gave and desire my Sole in to the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the Earth to be buried. I gave and bequeath in manner and form following that is to say after all my just debts is paid I gave and bequeath unto my well beloved Son William Harris and his heirs for ever the manly plantation & land I now live on after the death of his mother, and I gave and bequeath unto my well beloved Son Joseph Harris one young horse and one gun and chest and one feather bed and furniture.

And I gave and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Lucrecy Harris one cow kind one chest one chere one bed and furniture. I gave and bequeath to my well beloved daughter Nancy Martin one cow kind. I gave and bequeath to my well beloved wife Judah Lucrecy Harris all the rest of my estate during her natural life and after her death then to be equally divided

between my six children William Harris, James Harris, Nancy Martin Mary Wise Joseph Harris Lucrecy Harris and I do leave and appoint my Son William Harris and James Harris Executors to this my Last Will and testament in Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the date above mentioned. Signed Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us.

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JACOB x HARRIS [SEAL]

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JOSIAS JONES

SAMUEL SPARROW, Jur.

NORTH CAROLINA,
BEAUFORT COUNTY.

I, Geo. A. Paul, Clerk of the Superior Court of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and perfect copy of the Will of Jacob Harris, as the same is taken from and compared with the records of my office. In Witness Whereof, I, Geo. A. Paul, Clerk of the Superior Court of Beaufort County, [SEAL] State of North Carolina, set my hand and official Seal. Done in office in Washington, N. C., this the 22nd day of July in the year of our Lord, 1913.

(Signed) GEO. A. PAUL,

Clerk Superior Court.

The Will of Thomas Harris, Third

Son of Edward Harris

In the name of God, Amen, I Thomas Harris of Halifax County, State of North Carolina, being weak in body but of perfect sound mind and memory, calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and Testament in

manner and form following viz: first: I give unto my daughter Nancy Harris my two negroes Davie and Wiona with their increase to her and her heirs forever, but in case my daughter should die before she marries or comes to lawful age, I lend the said negroes unto my beloved wife Elizabeth during her natural life and further My will is that the said negroes be equally divided in two equal parts and one part I give unto my beloved wife Elizabeth to be at her own disposal at her death, the other part after the death of my wife Elizabeth be equally divided between my three youngest sisters, Mary, Nancy and Phoebe Harris to them and their heirs forever and in case my daughter live until she Marrys or comes to lawful age my will and desire is that my wife Elizabeth keep her and her negroes upon conditions she Educates and supports her decently for the use of her negroes and in case my daughter should die before she Marrys or comes to lawful age my will and desire is that the said negroes after the death of my wife Elizabeth be divided as before directed tho' she my wife, is to do as she pleases with one half of them at her death, the Gift is to her and her heirs forever. Secondly, My will and desire is that my debts be paid out of the residue of My Estate not yet mentioned and after they are paid, I give all the remainder of My Estate of any and every kind unto My beloved wife Elizabeth to her and her heirs forever. Thirdly, My will and desire is that as I have given My Bond to Brittain Bryan to make him a Title to a parcel of land that fell to me by the death of My Brother William Harris, I hereby impower and direct my Executor hereafter named to Make a deed agreeable to the bond upon Condition the said Bryan pay into the hand of My Executor the balance due for said Land of Twelve pounds Virginia Currency for the use of my Estate. Lastly, I appoint My friend Mat C Whitaker whole and sole Executor of this My last will and Testament revoking and disannulling all former wills by me made. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed My seal this 12th day of September 1794.

THOMAS HARRIS [SEAL]

Signed sealed and acknowledged in presence of

WILSON W. CARTER

L. H. BRANCH

Halifax County

May Sessions 1795, then this will was exhibited in Open Court and duly proved by the oath of Wilson W. Carter, a witness thereto and on Motion ordered to be recorded

Witness, L. LONG C. Ct.

A True Copy

Attest

STERLING M. GARY

Clerk Superior Court,

[SEAL]

August 9, 1913

Will Book Vol. 3, Page 249.

The Will of George Walton

Father of Catherine Harris

Wife of Nathan Harris

1767

George Walton of Brunswick County, Virginia, who married Elizabeth Scott was the father of Catherine Harris, the wife of Nathan Harris. He died in Brunswick County, Va., in 1767. His will, and that of his wife, Elizabeth, are included in the Harris record to prove the parentage of Catherine Harris, the wife of Nathan Harris.

In 1764 George Walton made the following will:

"In the name of God, Amen, I, George Walton, of Brunswick County, Va. knowing the uncertainty of human life, and being now in perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament, in manner and form following.

In primis, I give and bequeath unto my son John Walton

and his heirs and assigns forever, that upper part of the tract of land whereon I now live, that belongs to me and that lies on the wouth side Quarles Swamp, above that line made in the presence of Burwell Cato, George Walton Jr., Thomas Walton, beginning at a red oak tree just by Ledbetter or red path, a fore and aft tree of my outside line, and so along a line of marked trees to a small red oak tree on the swamp side of the various courses at the said swamp, to the mouth of White Oak Swamp and so up the various of the said White Oak Swamp to Richard Ledbetter line—Also one negro man, Cuff, and one negro woman, named Mary, and all of the children of the said negro Mary, to him and his assigns forever.

Item—I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Ledbetter one hundred pounds cash, to be paid to her after the death of my living wife, Elizabeth Walton, by my executor.

Item—I give and bequeath unto Adam Timens one shilling sterling, to be paid by my executor.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my daughter *Catherine Harris*, one negro named Isaac, to her and her heirs or assigns forever.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my son Isaac Row Walton, two negro men, one named Natt and the other James, and after the death of my living wife Elizabeth Walton, the residue of my estate not heretofore given, to him, His heirs or assigns forever.

Item. I lend unto my living wife Elizabeth, the residue of my estate not heretofore given, and I give and bequeath unto her the profits of the same, to dispose of as she may see fit.

After her death it is my desire that all my lent estate, let it be of what kind or quality so ever, be sold and equally distributed between my two sons John and Isaac Row Walton, and I do appoint my two sons aforesaid, my executors at this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills heretofore made, or intended to be made by me, and it is my desire that my executors give no security, that no part of my estate be appraised, but disposed of as I have ordered.

In witness whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my seal

this the 7th day of July 1764.

(Signed) GEORGE WALTON L. S.

Signed and sealed in the presence of

WILLIAM LEDBETTER.

HENRY BRITT.

WM. GRAUTNEY.

At a court held for Brunswick County, Va., 26th Jany., 1767, this will was presented in court by John and Isaac Row Walton, the executors therein named. It was proved by the oaths of Wm. Ledbetter and Wm. Grautney, two of the witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and on motion of the said executors, who made oath thereto, certificate is granted for obtaining probate thereof in due form, the will directing that no security be taken of the executors therein named.

Teste.

N. EDWARDS JR., Clerk.

A Copy.

Teste. C. R. MALLORY, Clerk.

The Will of Elizabeth Walton

Mother of Catherine Harris
1775

Will of Elizabeth Walton, wife of George Walton of Brunswick County, Va., who was the mother of Catherine Walton, the wife of Nathan Harris:

"In the name of God, Amen;

I, Elizabeth Walton of the county of Brunswick, in Va. knowing the uncertainty of life, and being in perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following;

In Primis. I give and bequeath to Geo. Trimmings, my grand-son, the sum of ten pounds cash, to be paid by my exec-

utors when he comes to the age of 21 years.

I give and bequeath unto my grand-daughter, Sarah Trimmins the sum of ten pounds cash to be paid by my executors.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Isaac Row Trimmins the sum of ten pounds cash, to be paid by my executors when he comes to the age of 21 years.

Item. It is my desire that all my wearing clothes be equally divided between my two daughters, Mary Ledbetter and *Catherine Harris*.

I give and bequeath to my daughter Catherine Harris, my Seal Skin trunk, in which I keep my wearing clothes.

Item. It is my desire that all the residue of my estate, not heretofore given, be it of what kind or quality soever, be sold by my executors and the money arising from such sale be divided into four equal parts, One part of which, my will and desire is to be divided equally amongst my son Isaac Row Walton's children. The other three parts of which, I desire may be divided amongst my now three surviving children, namely, John Walton, Mary Ledbetter, and Catherine Harris, and what I have given to my children and grand-children respectively, I give to them, their heirs, and assigns forever, and I do hereby appoint Henry Morfer and Littleberry Robertson executors of this my last will and testament, revoking, dissembling and making void, all and every other will, or wills, by me before made.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this the 12th day of Feby. 1771.

(Signed) ELIZABETH WALTON. (L. S.)

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of:

GIDEON HARRIS

DAVID STOKES

SARAH STOKES.

At a court held for Brunswick County, Va. the 24th day of July 1775, this will was proved according to law, by the oaths of David Stokes and Sarah Stokes, witnesses thereto, and ordered to be recorded, and Henry Morger and Littlebury Robertson, the executors therein named, respectively, refused to take upon them the burden of the execution thereof.

Whereupon motion of George Ledbetter, who made oath thereto, according to law, with Gideon Harris and Briggs Goodrich his securities, entered into and acknowledged their bond in the penalty of five hundred pounds, conditioned as the law directs.

Certificate was granted him for obtaining letters of Administration of the said estate, with the said will in due form—

Teste

T. PELHAM, JR., Clerk.

A Copy

Test.

C. R. MALLORY, Clerk.

The Will of Gideon Harris

Son of Nathan Harris

In the name of God amen, I, Gideon Harris of Halifax County in the State of North Carolina being sick and weak in Body but of perfect sound sence and Memory & calling to mind the Mortality of the Body, Knowing it is appointed unto all men once to die, Do constitute, ordain and appoint this my last Will & Testament in manner and form following that is to say first I recommend my soul into the hands of God who gave it and hoping for a remission of my sins &c, that he will receive my Soul into his gracious protection & favour & my Body to the Earth to be decently burried in a Christian like manner, hoping for a glorious Resurrection from the dead, when Soul & Body shall again be returned and Mortality done away in Mansions of Bliss to enjoy my Blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ forevermore. And as for what worldly goods it has been pleased Almighty God to bestow on me, I shall dispose of it in manner & form following.

First I recommend my dear Wife & Children to the protection of Almighty God who I hope will be their Guardian and protector. Item, my will & desire is that my Executor hereafter Named pay out of my Estate all my Just Debts in the Currency those Debts were contracted in those for hard money, in Hard money & those for paper in paper agreeable to my Several engagements, My Will & Desire is that my Executors make a good & sufficient Deed unto Nathaniel Mason for a certain tract of land lying & being in Brunswick County, Virginia, consisting of one hundred & thirty acres more or less, adjoining Nathaniel Mason, Benj. Harrison and Hartwell Rains, provided the said Nathaniel Mason does will & truly pay up his annual rents until he discharges his Bond given for the land. Item, my Will and desire is that my two sons Warren Harris and Benjamin Harris to have each of them, one Horse, Bridle & Saddle apiece supposed to be worth 25 pounds & 100 pounds each in money which I give unto them their Heirs and assigns forever when they shall arrive at the age of Twenty one years or married to be paid them by my Executors. Item, my will & desire is that all the remainder rest & residue of my Estate be left to the use & Management of my Executors, either real or personal for them to dispose of as they may think best for the use of my loving Wife & children to raise & school the said children as the Estate will afford. Item my Will & desire is that my Executors shall give each and every child a proportionable part of my Estate as near as may be when they come to age or marry. Item I give and bequeath unto my loving Wife Hennesstah if she should marry in lieu of her Dower, one Negro Woman named Esther, one negro man named Jacob, one bed & furniture & the Morris Mare to her & her Heirs & Assigns forever. Item, And lastly I do hereby nominate constitute & appoint my Trusty & well beloved Brother in laws Benjamin Warren, Henry Hyde my Brother Elias Harris & Howell Harris Executor of this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking disannulling and making void all former Wills & Testaments by me heretofore made & published in Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand &

Affixed my seal, this 24th day of March 1787.

GIDEON HARRIS [SEAL]

Signed, sealed & Published as this my last Will in presence
of

STEPHEN HARRIS

ASEE HARRIS

ELIAS BROWN.

Halifax County, February Sessions 1788.

When this will was exhibited in Open Court & duly proved
by the oath of Stephen Harris & Elias Brown two subscribing
Witnesses thereto, And on Motion ordered to be recorded.
Whereupon Elias Harris appeared & qualified as Executor
thereto.

Teste. WM. WOOTEN C. Ct.

A true copy

Attest

STERLING M. GARY

Clerk Superior Court.

August 9, 1913.

Will Book 3, Page 145.

The Will of Elias Harris

1788

In the Name of God, Amen, I Elias Harris of the County
of Halifax in the State of No Carolina, being indisposed in
body but thro' God's mercy am in my perfect sound senses &
memory, thought fit as to what worldly goods it hath pleased
God to bestow on me, to dispose of in the following manner,
Viz:

Item, It is my will & desire that my Exrs. should out of
my Estate discharge all of my just Debts.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Sally Pope,

Twenty Shillings current money.

Item, I give and bequeath to my Daughter Lucy Blanton, Twenty Shillings current money,

Item, I give to my son Asia Harris, Twenty Shillings Current money.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son Abner Harris, a Gray Colt Known by the name of Jack, a saddle & bridle & Saddle cloth, also a Genteel suit of Clothes & Twenty Shillings Current money to him & his heirs forever.

Item, I give and Bequeath to my four daughters, Viz: Frances, Catherine, Phebe & Mary Harris, a Horse bridle & Saddle, a Feather bed & Furniture a cow & calf, a pair of cards & Spinning Wheel, a pewter bason, dish & three plates, an Iron pot & frying pan each.—Each of them to be furnished with the Articles above specified out of my Estate by my Executors when they should marry or arrive to the age of twenty one years, to them, their Heirs & assigns forever.

Item, I give & bequeath to my two sons Hugh & Arthur Harris a Horse, bridle & Saddle & Saddle Cloth, also a Genteel Suit of Clothes and fifty Silver Dollars, each. Each of them to be furnished with the Articles above specified out of my Estate by my Executors when they should marry or arrive at the age of twenty one years to them & their Heirs forever.

Item, My Will & desire is, that all the remaining part of my Estate not heretofore given away, but of what kind or Quality soever, should be continued with my loving wife Silva, during her natural life, at the discretion & direction of my Executors for the schooling of my two Sons Hugh & Arthur Harris, three years each, for the support of her my loving Wife & Children to be raised on. And my desire is after the death of my loving Wife Silva, that all of my Estate then remaining be it of what kind or Quality soever should be sold by my Executors & the money arising from that sale to be equally divided among my Children.

Item, I do hereby appoint my two Brothers, Isaac Harris & Howell Harris my Wife Silva & my Son Arthur Harris my

whole & sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this the 16th day of October, 1788.

ELIAS HARRIS [SEAL]

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of

ROE HARRIS

WM. ALLEN

HENRY SOUTHALL.

Halifax County, November Sessions 1788 then this Will was Exhibited in Open Court & duly proved by the oaths of Wm. Allen & Henry Southall two of the Subscribing witnesses thereto and on Motion ordered to be registered. Whereon Silva Harris & Abner Harris Qualified as Executors thereto.

Teste. WM. WORTHEN, C. Ct.

A true Copy.

Attest:

STERLING M. GARY,
Clerk Superior Court
August 9, 1913.

Will Book Vol. 3, Page 156.

The Will of Isaac Harris

Son of Nathan Harris
1807

In the Name of God Amen, I, Isaac Harris of Halifax County & State of North Carolina being of Sound & disposing mind & memory do make and ordain this my last Will & Testament in manner & form following first and foremost I recommend my Soul to Almighty God who gave it in hope of a joyful resurrection of the Same & my body to be decently buried & as to what worldly Goods it has pleased God to bestow on me I dispose of as follows, to wit:

Item. I give & bequeath to my daughter Anna Hawkins one negro girl named Tamer & one bay filly called Silver Tail to her, her heirs & assigns for ever.

Item, I also leave to my said daughter Anna Hawkins the sum of Twenty Dollars pr year until her son Wm. Hawkins shall arrive to the age of Seven years for the Support of her Said Son William during that time, but in case he should die under that age the same is to cease at his death.

Item, I leave all the rest of my estate of what kind Soever to be sold by my Executors hereafter to be named at their discretion as they may think most advisable for the benefit of my said Estate & the money arising from Such Sale to be equally divided among my nine children, Viz.—Patsy Williams, Burges Harris, Wm. Harris, Nathan Harris, Anna Hawkins, Elizabeth Williams, Isaac Harris, Silas Harris & Jane Pearson to them, their heirs & assigns forever, except my Said daughter Patsy Williams proportion of my Said estate, which I leave to be reserved in the hands of my Executors for them to administer the Same to my Said daughter as they may think her necessity requires & in case of her death, I then leave the same or what part may remain to be equally divided between all her children that may then be living to them their heirs & assigns forever & in case of the death of either of my before mentioned children I leave their proportion of Said estate to be equally divided among all their children that may then be living to them their heirs & assigns for ever.

Item, I do hereby constitute & appoint my two kinsmen James Harris and Benjamin Harris of Halifax County my whole & Sole Executors of this my last Will & Testament revoking all wills heretofore by me made, In Witness whereof I have hereto Set my hand & Seal this 27th day May 1807.

ISAAC HARRIS [SEAL]

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of

THOS. TURNER.

State of North Carolina }
Halifax County }

Personally appeared before us Thomas Turn-

er & David Hardy & made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, that Isaac Harris on his death bed requested them to take notice that it was his request & desire that the Executors to his last Will Should lay in sufficient provision for the Support & maintenance of his daughter Anna Hawkins & her children for the ensuing year, exclusive of the provision he has made for her in his will. In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the 26th day of December 1807.

W. ALSTON, J. P.

JOHN ALSTON, J. P.

Halifax County,

February Sessions, 1808, then this will was acknowledged in Open Court & duly proved by the oath of Thomas Turner, the Subscribing Witness thereto, at the same time the said Thomas Turner one of the witnesses to the Codicil hereto annexed made oath that the same was written & Sworn to at the Salutory request as a confirmation & in republication of his said last Will & Testament. On Motion ordered to be recorded, Whereupon James Harris & Benjamin Harris Executors thereto named came in and was duly qualified to the same.

Attest

L. LONG, C Ct.

A true copy.

Attest

STERLING M. GARY

Clerk Superior Court.

August 9th, 1913.

Will Book Vol. 3, Page 476.

The Will of David Harris

Son of Nathan Harris

1807

In the name of God Amen,

I David Harris of the State of Georgia and County of Columbia being of sound mind and disposing Memory thanks be to almighty God, Knowing that it is ordained that all men must die and feeling a desire that the property it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life be disposed of in the following manner to wit.

It is first my desire that my Just debts be paid as convenient and that my son John Harris is hereby nominated Sole Executor to this my last Will and testament.

I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved Wife Mary Harris the Plantation & Improvements of every kind (to wit) negroes Stock of every Kind Household & Kitchen furniture and every other article of property I may die possessed of during her natural life or widowhood under the direction and inspection of said Executor So that She have a sufficient maintenance the balance after paying debts to go to Sd. John Harriss.

My will and desire is that my Grandson David Harriss, Son of John Harriss when he may arrive at lawful Age that he have one negro boy named Phil in case of said David death before he arrive at Age my Will is then Said negro boy Phil to enjoyed by my son John Harriss forever my desire is that my Grandson Williamson Speers have one feather bed & furniture out of my Estate when he may arrive at age in case of his death before he may arrive at age then the legacy to his sister Druilla which is in their possession my will is that one feather bed and furniture be given to my Grand daughter Moriah Bowdre on her coming to age or marriage My Will is that my son Edward Harris have one Certificate for six hundred & forty acres of land due for from the State of Georgia to Z. Franklin and as I have given Benjamin Bledsoe the husband of my daughter Sarah also Samuel Bowdre the husband of my daughter Polly who have received ample proportions out of the Estate no further is given them.

In case that my wife may marry again on said marriage my executor will pay over to her during life my negro woman Candace a reasonable part of Household & Kitchen furniture Stock

of every kind not exceeding one half of my personal Est. to revert to my son John Harris his heirs at the death of his mother and at her marriage said John his heirs are to receive and enjoy all the remaining part of my Est.

My Will is that Richmond Bledsoe my Grandson have one feather bed & furniture whenever he may arrive at age and in case of his death before age the legacy to go to Gily Bledsoe his brother.

In witness whereof I the said David Harris have hereunto Set my hand and seal this 7th day of August 1807.

D. HARRIS, [SEAL]

Witness names

WM. COLVARD

LEVI PEARRE

his

JOSHUA x VAUGHN

mark

Georgia Columbia County William Colvard Levi Pearre and Joshua Vaughan the subscribing Witnesses, to the foregoing instrument of writing personally appeared in open Court and made oath that they saw David Harriss deceased sign the instrument and publish the same as his last Will and testament and appeared at the signature thereof to be of sound mind and disposing memory and at the request of said testator Subscribed as Witnesses thereto

WM. COLVARD

LEVI PEARRE

JOSUAWAY x VAUGHAN

his mark

Sworn to in open Court This 4th day of Jan. 1808.

P. CRAWFORD, Clk.

GEORGIA, COLUMBIA COUNTY.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Will of David Harriss, as per Will Book "H" pages 127, 128 and 129.

Witness my hand and Seal, this July 22nd, 1913.

Columbia Court of Ordinary,

(Signed) L. E. BLANCHARD, Clk.

Spr. Court Col. Co. Ga.

The Will of Walton Harris

Son of Nathan Harris
1809

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN:

I Walton Harris of the county of Greene and State of Georgia do make this my last WILL and Testament, revoking all others heretofore made.

First—

I lend unto my loving Wife Rebecca Harris all my estate real and personal during her natural life or Widow-hood.

Secondly—

I give unto my loving wife all the profits shall make on said estate absolutely.

Thirdly—

I give to my Two Sons Walton Harris and Jephtha V. Harris the tract of land whereon I now live after the death or widowhood of my wife to be equally divided beginning on the river at equal distances from each corner and running in such direction to the back line as to make the two tracts equal in quantity—the upper part to Walton Harris the lower to Jephtha V. Harris.

Fourthly—

I give to my son Walton Harris One Negro man, Charles, at the death or expiration of the widowhood of my wife.

Fifthly—

I give to my son Jephtha V. Harris one negro boy, Daniel, at the death or expiration of the widowhood of my wife.

Sixthly—

I give to my son Augustin Harris, one negro lad, Harry, at the death or at expiration of the widowhood of my wife.

Seventh—

I will that at the expiration of the widowhood of my wife or at her death the estate herein lent to her and not absolutely given be by my Executors sold on a credit of twelve months to

the highest bidder and the money to be distributed in manner following:

To my son Buckner Harris, Two Hundred Dollars. To the Female orphans of Sampson Harris Decs., to-wit: Susannah, Catherine, Elizabeth and Mary, two hundred dollars to be equally divided amongst them; The said money to be put in the care of my Sons Augustine and Walton to be by them put to the best advantage for said children until they shall severally arrive at the age of fifteen years, and in case either of them die under the age of Fifteen years and without lawfull issue their parts to be given to the survivors.

To the heirs of Sampson Harris Ten Dollars—To Augustin Harris two hundred dollars. To my daughter Betsy Cruik, two hundred dollars. To Walton Harris Two Hundred dollars to be considered an equivalent for former services.

Eighthly—

I give to my wife Rebecca Harris, one negro girl, Charlotte, absolutely provided she does not give her out of my family of children or Grand Children, otherwise to return to my estate and be subject to the general distribution.

Ninthly—

I give to my son Jephtha Harris One hundred Dollars, and my Bofat, at the general division.

Tenth—

I will that if my wife should die or marry after the first day of March the Estate shall be kept together until the crop is finished and said crop to be sold with my other property.

Eleventh—

I will that should there be more stock or other property at my death than will in the opinion of my Executors be Necessary for my Wife's comfortable support that my Executors make sale thereof and put the money at interest for the use of my wife the principal subject to the general division—The same to be observed with respect to my crop should I have any not sold; together with all notes or amounts due me; my debts, funeral expenses etc. being first paid.

Twelfth—

I will that should there remain a balance from the sales of my Estate after giving as before devised the said balance shall be equally divided amongst my sons Buckner, Edwin and my four grand-daughters aforesaid or the survivors of them, the said Grand-daughters taking one share amongst them, and that share to be placed in the hands of Augustin and Walton Harris as before directed with regard to a months legacy given them.

Thirteenth—

I nominate and appoint Peter Early, George Stovall, Robert Royston, Augustin and Walton Harris Executors and my Wife Rebecca Harris Executrix of this Will.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, This Twenty-Ninth day of May, 1809.

WALTON HARRIS [SEAL]

Witnesses:

JOEL COLLY

NIMROD DICKENS

ANN A. EARLY

SARAH ROYSTON

Georgia Greene County—Court of Ordinary, Sept. Term, 1809.

Came personally in open court Joel Colly and Nimrod Dickens who being duly sworn say that, each of them were present when the within named Walton Harris signed and sealed the within SHEATS as his last will and testament, that they and each of them together with Mrs. Ann A. Early and Sarah Royston subscribed their names as witnesses thereto in the presence of the said Walton Harris and that he was of sound disposing mind and memory.

Sworn to in open court and subscribed, this 4th day of September 1809.

JOEL COLLY.

NIMROD DICKENS.

H. CARLTON,

for THO. CARLTON, C. C. O.

Recorded this 5th Sept., 1809.

H. CARLTON, for Thomas Carlton, C. C. O.

State of Georgia,
County of Greene.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the last will and testament as appears of record in the Ordinary's office of Greene County, Georgia, of Walton Harris, in Will Book "E" page 80.

Given under my official signature and seal of Superior Court of Greene County, Georgia, of which I am duly qualified Clerk of said Court.

My Commission expires on December 31st, 1914.

This June 20th, 1913.

(Signed) S. H. WILLIS,
Clerk Superior Court, Greene Co., Ga.

The Harris Family

1652 to 1914

A record of the Harris Family, particularly the branch to which I belong, known as
Nathan Harris Branch of the Virginia Harrises.

In the year 1890 I began a correspondence with Captain Charles H. Andrews of Milledgeville, Georgia, regarding the traditions and genealogy of the Harris family. This correspondence continued until about 1900 and together we secured by research and correspondence quite a large amount of information. Captain C. H. Andrews had married the daughter of Judge Iverson Lewis Harris of Georgia and was in possession of a manuscript record of the Harrises that had been compiled by Judge Iverson L. Harris from about 1853 to 1865, while he was on the Supreme Bench of the State of Georgia, and living at Milledgeville, Ga.

This family record is the oldest and most complete that had been written up to that time. The old book was loaned to me in 1911, for examination, by the granddaughter of Judge Iverson L. Harris, who owns the book. She is now Mrs. L. C. Hall of Dardenelle, Arkansas, and before her marriage was Miss Mary Hunter.

This record was the basis of our research, and we were only trying to complete this record and bring it down to date. On account of the high source of this record, its accuracy was not questioned, and for many years was accepted as the standard authority on Harris genealogy. It was copied largely by many

members of the family, also by other families connected by marriage with the Harris family. This record has frequently been used in printed accounts of the Harrises and is now to be found in magazines, biographies and newspaper files, in their genealogical columns, and is still believed to be correct by thousands of the descendants of this very large family. Capt. C. H. Andrews had the supervision of this record, while I looked after the Southwestern States.

An examination of the Iverson L. Harris record shows copies of letters written to him by Judge Thomas W. Harris of Columbus, Mississippi, and Hon. Henry Clay Harris of Covington, Kentucky. These two gentlemen were lawyers of great ability and were much interested in the family. Judge T. W. Harris had lived for many years in Georgia and was familiar with the Georgia and Alabama and Mississippi branches of the family. It is evident from the letters of Henry Clay Harris of Kentucky that he furnished nearly all of the early traditions of the family in Virginia and in England. It is unfortunate that these traditions were not verified, for many of them have in recent years proved to be erroneous. It is strange that these three gentlemen, all highly educated and eminent lawyers, should have accepted these traditions as facts when they could have so easily, at that time, traced the whole line through Virginia records which are now destroyed.

About 1903 Capt. Andrews died, and becoming weary of the voluminous correspondence, I gave up the research. I received a great many letters from all parts of the United States from descendants of the Virginia Harrises, and furnished them data that I had gathered, all based chiefly on the traditions furnished by Judge Iverson L. Harris' record. At that time I believed the accepted record was true, but more recent and thorough research has revealed many errors.

The formation of Patriotic Societies all over the country and the desire of our women folk to secure membership in the "Colonial Dames" and the "Daughters of the American Revolution" caused me to again take up the research in 1911. I

now determined to discard everything that was merely traditional and to demand recorded evidence in verification of all that I should accept as a part of the record to be compiled. I had to have a point of beginning so I took the accepted traditions of the family and went as far back as they claimed to go, viz., 1691. All of the Harris records, fragments of records, and traditions, state that a Baptist preacher named Henry Harris from Glamorgan, Wales, was granted, with others, ten miles square of land in Henrico County, Virginia, said land being located on the south bank of the James River, about twenty miles above the present site of the city of Richmond. This land grant was said to have been made in 1691, and it was further stated that Manakin Town was the "hot bed from which the Harrises sprang." Also it was said that Henry Harris brought over four shiploads of emigrants who settled in this section of Virginia. Nothing else was known of said Henry Harris except that he had one son, Edward. The record goes on to name the thirteen children of Edward, and fixes the dates of their birth, but gives no legal evidence or verification of the statements made that might enable me to identify this Edward Harris.

In my first record, compiled in 1900, I have many pages of pleasing romance, or tradition, prepared by Henry Clay Harris of Kentucky, and embodied in Judge Iverson L. Harris' record, relating to their religious persecution in England, their temporary flight to France and subsequent return to England and final settlement in Virginia. I regret to break up old traditions and pleasing romances, but truth is what I seek and in this present record I shall present no theories or statements unsupported by records or logical deductions.

Four years ago I commenced a systematic research through historical societies, historical journals, copies of Court records, the accounts of debarkations and lists of emigrants, found in old English libraries; the published histories of Virginia and Georgia, also Parish Registers in Virginia, together with marriage bonds; recorded wills and the silent evidence of tombstones, unanswerable arguments. I have also examined lists of thous-

ands of names of Colonial soldiers and Revolutionary soldiers. I have a complete Index of all land grants from 1623 to date. Said land books are now in the land office at Richmond, Va., in complete and unbroken series, and the land remains just where it was three hundred years ago.

First, I began a wide field search for the Harris family, seeking to locate data that would give me specific information upon which to base my research. From all the information that I can gather, I am led to believe that the American Harrises are of one common English stock. The original seat is said to have been in Wales, in the town of Harriston. Some of the Welsh Harrises are said to have moved into Northeastern Ireland, just across the Irish Sea from Wales. The Irish Harrises became blended with the Scotch, and from the Scotch-Irish Harrises many emigrated to the Northern States of America.

I find in use among different branches of the Harris family in America, a coat of Arms which is a "hedgehog or porcupine charged with a key, on which is inscribed 'A-Z. Ubique patriam reminisci.' " I have been unable to ascertain where they got this family crest or what right they have to use it. To anyone wishing to make further research it may have some significance.

The census returns of the United States show that few families surpass numerically the Harrises. They are to be found all over the nation, and at this time, number many thousands. Many citizens of note bear this name and have rendered honorable and valued service to their country and many have risen to distinction in their chosen vocations in life.

William T. Harris, for almost twenty years Commissioner of Education of the United States, was from a family who settled in Connecticut. Samuel Harris (1814-1899) born in the State of Maine, was President of Bowdoin College from 1867 to 1871 and then became professor in Yale Divinity School. Thaddeus William Harris (1795-1856) born at Dorchester, Massachusetts, was the founder of the Harvard History Society. Townsend Harris (1804-1878) born at Sandy Hill, N. Y., became President of the Board of Education of New York City and es-

tablished the Free Academy which is now the College of the City of New York.

In the Southern and Western States we find men of this family who have taken high position in Statesmanship, law and military service. Colonel West Harris of North Carolina, Walton and David Harris of Georgia won reputations in the Revolutionary War. Sampson and General Buckner Harris of Georgia also fought by their father's side in the battles of the Revolution.

William Harris Crawford of Georgia, John J. Crittenden of Kentucky and Senator Bacon of Georgia were all descended from Harris mothers, and each served in the United States Senate. Isham G. Harris was Governor and United States Senator from Tennessee. Iverson Lewis Harris was on the Supreme Bench of Georgia. William L. Harris was on the Supreme Bench of Mississippi, and there are many others who achieved distinction as lawyers, judges and Congressmen. These names are not given in a boasting spirit, but to show the general character and type of these men whose record we will now investigate.

The first statement made in all of the family records, and fragments of records, that have come to me through correspondents who are descended from the Harris family of Virginia, and are living in about twenty States of the Union, also from the old records of Judge Iverson Lewis Harris of Georgia (1853) and the family record of Henry Clay Harris of Kentucky is: That a Baptist preacher from Glamorgan, Wales, brought over four shiploads of emigrants and in 1691, he, with others, was granted ten miles square of land on the south bank of the James River in Henrico County, (now Powhatan County,) Virginia. Now, this would be one hundred sections of land, or a body of 64,000 acres. A person, or persons, who would receive such a land grant and bring over four shiploads of emigrants with which to colonize this land, would be a person, or persons, of some note and such an event would be easily traced. I am surprised that this statement should have been accepted without

question.

This old account states that "between this period (1691) and 1716 the Huguenots emigrated to Virginia. The Harrises brought over with them the Chastines, the Boud^{er}ants, the Glovers, the Ritches, Fouches, Maxceys, Laniers, Pettigrues and others, and all settled within the grant and called their town Manakin Town."

I secured a complete Index to all the Land Grants ever made in Virginia, from 1623 down to date, and carefully examined every land grant ever made to anyone by the name of Harris. It is an absolute certainty that all land grants in Virginia were obliged to be entered and recorded in the volumes of patents in the land office, now remaining in unbroken series from 1623 to the present day. If such a grant was made to the Harrises it must have been recorded in these books. There is no such grant recorded, therefore no such grant was ever made. I find a great many grants made to Harrises in different Counties in Virginia, but none to Henry Harris.

King William and Queen Mary, or anyone else, never granted to "Henry Harris," John Jordan or any other Harris a tract of land ten miles square on the south Bank of the James River in Henrico County, Virginia.

The records relating to the emigration to Virginia in 1700 of the Huguenots refugees are taken from the originals now deposited in the Bodleian Library, Oxford University, England. The history of the Huguenot settlement at Manakin is thoroughly known from inception to completion.

"Huguenot Emigration to Virginia," Volume V. New Series, of the Virginia Historical Society treats fully of this movement and contains the official lists of settlers, and other documents from the English Public Record Office and various great libraries of England. The name of "Harris" does not appear among the emigrants.

Because of the great similarity of some of the Harris traditions to the story of the Huguenots' settlement in Virginia, I give the following statement from "Virginia County Records,"

a quarterly published by the Genealogical Association at Hashbuck Heights, New Jersey:—

“In the year 1700 more than 500 emigrants (Huguenot) at the head of whom was the Marquis de la Mace, were landed in Virginia by four successive debarkations. (Beverly's History of Virginia, Page 244). They appear to have settled at different points; a portion about Jamestown, some in Norfolk County, others in Surry and 200 or more at a spot some 20 miles above Richmond on the south bank of the James River (now in Powhatan County) where ten thousand acres of land, which had been occupied by the extinct Manakin tribe of Indians, were given them.”

Note the fact that this is the exact location of the “ten miles square of land” said to have been given to Henry Harris and others, and the time was about the same, and four shiploads of emigrants also were recorded. The writer of the Harris traditions must have gotten his traditions mixed with the Huguenot settlement at Manakin Town. I am forced to the conclusion that no such grant of land was ever made, and that the Baptist preacher, Henry Harris of Wales, was a mythical character and the whole story a romance.

By recorded documentary evidence, embodied in this record, it is shown that Edward Harris' father was named Thomas, not Henry. (See the Will of Edward Harris, 1733, and the Will of Thomas Harris, 1687.)

My next step was to look among the Harrises of Henrico County, Virginia, for the family to which Edward Harris might belong. The first Harris that I find is mentioned in “Hotten's Emigrants,” page 203—“The muster of Thomas Harris;” Thomas Harris, aged 38, came over in ship Prosperous, May, 1611;” “Adria, his wife, aged 23 years, in the Marmaduke in November, 1621.”

This Captain Thomas Harris was a man of note and force of character and became a leader among men. His record is clearly established and is known to his descendants. It was stated that he was a son of Sir William Harris of Essex, Eng-

land, but this has been proven an error. One of his descendants, Mrs. E. W. Doremus of New York City, wrote to me in September, 1911, that she sent to England and "got a copy of the will of Thomas Harris, son of Sir William Harris of Essex and that it shows that said Thomas Harris died unmarried and willed his property to his sisters, hence we are in error," and Captain Thomas Harris of Henrico County, Virginia, was not the son of Sir William Harris of Essex, England. His English ancestry has not yet been traced satisfactorily. We find the following land grants made to Captain Thomas Harris:

Henrico County, Book 1, Page 304, year 1635, 750 acres.

Book 1, page 438, 1637, 700 acres.

Book 1, page 615, 1637, 820 acres.

From a list of early settlers in Virginia, taken from records of the Land Office, we find the following:

"John Edwards, transported by Thomas Harris, Henrico County, 11th November, 1635."

Thomas Harris married Adria, second wife, Joane. He had three children, viz. Thomas, who died unmarried, William and Mary. I have a copy of his will, proved Henrico County, June, 1679. He left his property to his sister-in-law, Lucy, the wife of his brother, Major William Harris. Maj. William Harris, the second son of Captain Thomas Harris, married Lucy. He was a member of the House of Burgesses, 1652, 1653, 1657 and 1658. He had land grants in Henrico County, Va., viz. "Book 5, page 278, 1663, 450 acres," "Book 6, page 496, 1671, 1202 acres, 2 R. 4 Po." I have a copy of his will proved Henrico County, February 1st, 1678.

Mary, the third child of Capt. Thomas Harris, born 1625, married Thomas Lygon. In my wide correspondence I have come in touch with descendants of this Lygon family, among them Mrs. Y. W. Ogglesby of Quitman, Ga.

The will of Major William Harris (1678) mentions his wife Lucy, son Thomas, son William and son Edward. Each son married a wife named Mary. They were evidently fond of Marys.

The discovery of an Edward Harris at this locality, at this date, greatly encouraged me and I expected to find further records to throw light on the history of this Harris family. The records of Henrico were searched for the will of Edward, but none was found. In 1911 I found recorded in Deed book, 1677 to 1704, Henrico County, Virginia, an old deed made by Edward Harris and his wife, Mary, selling a parcel of land, being a part of the land bequeathed to Edward Harris by his father, Major William Harris. In this deed the statement is made that at that date the said Edward Harris and wife, Mary, lived in St. Peters Parish, New Kent County, Virginia. I followed them to New Kent County only to find all the records had been burned during the Civil War, and no further investigation could be made along this line.

I took up the Parish Record of St. Peters Parish and found three Edwards. One had a wife named Elizabeth, and the second Edward's wife was named Unity, and the third Edward was too young to meet my needs. Yet this Edward and Elizabeth had four children whose names corresponded with four on our family record of Edward Harris' children. I felt that I had a clue and worked faithfully on it for two years, but only met with the statement that records had been lost or destroyed. Being unable to trail over burned ground, I decided to make a wide circle and try to strike the trail further on, where it could be followed.

I picked up the trail in Brunswick County, Virginia, 1737, where I found Nathan Harris, a son of Edward Harris and Mary, had in 1737 married Catherine Walton, the daughter of Colonel George Walton and his wife, Elizabeth.

Undoubted family records that have come down from Nathan Harris on the one side and the wills of both George Walton and his wife, Elizabeth, which are made a part of this record, on the other side, clearly identify Nathan Harris and his wife, Catherine, as residents of Brunswick County, Virginia, in 1737. Taking this trail I started backward seeking Nathan's father, Edward.

At the very outset of the search of Brunswick County, Virginia, records, I was confronted by the fact that Brunswick County was not formed until 1723, hence there were no records of older date. It became necessary to study Virginia history, as to formation of the counties in this part of the state. Brunswick County was created in 1723 out of parts of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties. I did not know from which of the two counties the territory in which the Harrises lived was taken, so it became necessary to search the records of both counties.

In the month of April, 1913, I found that as far back as 1650, and probably earlier, there were Harrises living in the "upper parish" of Isle of Wight County. In Surry County I found Washingtons, Floods, Jordans, with which the Harrises intermarried, but have not been able to secure much Harris information in this county.

I met with great difficulty and vexatious delays in getting the old records of Isle of Wight County examined and I did not succeed until I had employed a lawyer to go to the Court House of Isle of Wight and make the examination for me. Here I found the will of Edward Harris, dated April 27th, 1733, mentioning son Edward, son Jacob, son Nathan, son West, son James, daughter Ann, daughter Martha Williamson, wife Mary and appointing son Nathan sole executor. This was the most valuable find and the most definite information ever secured in my research of 24 years. Fortunately there is a devise in this will that mentions the fact that THOMAS HARRIS is the father of the testator.

Referring to land grants on record in Richmond, Virginia, the Register of Land Office, I found that Thomas Harris had a grant of "40 acres, Isle of Wight County, for transportation of one person, of date 1652," "same, 1000 acres for transportation of 20 persons, of date 1658."

Examination of Isle of Wight County records revealed three wills made by men named Thomas Harris: — First, that of Thomas Harris, 1727, which I take to be the son of Thomas and brother of Edward; next, a will of Thomas Harris dated March

30th, 1672, mentioning son John, son Thomas, wife, Alice, and daughter, Mary. I do not know who this Thomas was; next, I find the will of Thomas Harris, dated March 14th, 1687, mentioning son Edward, son John, son Thomas, son Robert, daughter Jane Jones, daughter Ann, son George, son Martin and son William, Edward being made executor of the will. This establishes the line clearly and definitely back to Thomas of the upper Parish of Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

I am still making search but have not been able to carry the line further back, as Isle of Wight County is one of the original counties of Virginia. By accident I may yet find some old English will that will identify this Thomas Harris, 1687. The Parish records have either been lost or destroyed.

The following wills have been found and certified copies secured and made a part of this record in order that the many thousands of Harrises of this Virginia family may have a clue, or starting point, to their several branches of this family. I shall only follow out the Nathan and Walton line, that being my own line. I have many letters and many fragments of family history from all over the United States, but have neither the time nor the means to extend the research in its many ramifications.

WILLS.

- I. The will of Thomas Harris, 1687, Isle of Wight County, Va.
- II. The will of Thomas Harris, 1727, Isle of Wight County, Va., believed to be the son of Thomas and brother of Edward.
- III. The will of Edward Harris, 1733, Isle of Wight County, Va., son of Thomas, and father of Nathan.
- IV. The will of Jacob Harris, son of Edward and brother of Nathan, Beauford County, N. C.
- V. The will of Thomas Harris, son of Edward, Halifax County, N. C.
- VI. The wills of George Walton and Elizabeth Walton,
- VII. Brunswick County, Va., being the father and mother

of Catherine Walton, the wife of Nathan Harris.

- VIII. The will of Gideon Harris, 1807, Halifax County, N. C., son of Nathan.
- IX. The will of Isaac Harris, 1807, Halifax County, N. C., son of Nathan.
- X. The will of Elias Harris, 1788, Halifax County, N. C., son of Nathan.
- XI. The will of David Harris, 1803, Columbia County, Georgia, son of Nathan.
- XII. The will of Walton Harris, Greene County, Georgia, oldest son of Nathan.

These twelve wills are all taken from the records of the several Counties where they are recorded, and each one is certified to by the Clerk of the Court, under his official seal. They form the skeleton of the Harris family record and are copied in full in this record, that members of the Harris family may, perhaps, be saved the long and expensive examination that I have been obliged to make.

We have not been able to fix the date of Nathan Harris' birth. In 1733 he must have been of age as his father, Edward Harris, appointed him executor of his will. In 1737 he was married to Catherine Walton of Brunswick County, and moved from Isle of Wight to Brunswick County, Va. "Nathan Harris was a private in Capt. Goodrich Co.," Colonial Militia, Brunswick County, Va., in 1758, "Va. Colonial Militia." To Nathan Harris and his wife, Catharine Walton Harris, daughter of George Walton and Elizabeth Walton, were born fourteen (14) children, as follows:

Walton, born about 1739.

Nathan, Isaac, David, Elias, Rowland, Herbert, Gideon, Howell, John Henry, Catherine, Martha, Elizabeth and Ann.

Most of these children of Nathan Harris moved to North Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee. The wills of five of his sons are a part of this record and hundreds of their descendants are now living in many of the Southern, middle west and western states, and some of them in the far Northwest and

California. To me, more is known of the two large branches that sprang from Edward's two sons, Nathan and West.

West Harris, son of Edward and brother of Nathan, moved to North Carolina and died there and is buried near Salisbury. The following inscription is copied from his tomb: "West Harris was born August 13th, 1715, died May 14th, 1795, aged 79 years, 9 months and 10 days." This West Harris was the father of six sons named in the order of their ages, Isham, Turner, Dred, Roland, West and Arthur, also two daughters, Martha, who married Buckner Kimball, and Patience, who married Richard Parrish."

The above is an extract copied from "The North Carolina Watchman," issue of March 13th, 1879.

From Wheeler's "Historical Sketches of North Carolina" the following mention of Colonel West Harris, (son of West Harris the first and grand-son of Edward Harris) is made "A member of the General Assembly 1797-1799 and 1801-1802 from Montgomery County." The following is a notice of his death published in the "Western Carolinian," August 7th, 1826: "died at his residence in Montgomery County (at the gold mines in Bearden Creek, of which he was the proprietor) on the 19th ultimo, Col. West Harris, a field officer in the Revolutionary War, aged 69 years. Colonel Harris was a native of Virginia, but moved to North Carolina before the War of the Revolution and settled in that County which is Montgomery County now. On the breaking out of hostilities with the Mother Country, he entered the North Carolina Line of the Continental Army as a lieutenant, and, notwithstanding his youth, by patriotism, zeal and intrepidity he was advanced before the end of the war to the rank of Colonel. After the peace he represented his fellow citizens in the General Assembly of the State." Reference, "North Carolina Troops in the Continental Line," a register of officers with dates of commissions made up under direction of the Secretary of State from records in his office, October, 1884. "Entered the Ninth Regiment of North Carolina Troops in the Continental Line—Harris, West, November 28th, 1776."

The foregoing data clearly establishes the origin of West Harris' line, the first West Harris, born August 13th, 1715, being a son of Edward Harris of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The first West Harris married Mary Turner and to them were born the following children:

- Isham, born about 1741;
- Elizabeth;
- Turner;
- Ethelred; (or Dred)
- Priscilla, who married Roger Williams;
- Pattie, who married Buckner Kimball;
- Roland, born 1754, said to have married a Kimball;
- West, born 1756;
- Arthur, born July 7th, 1758, died Dec. 23rd, 1833;
- Mary, born 1760, married Richard Parker;
- Patience, who married William Girardeau.

Isham Harris, son of West Harris and Mary Turner, born about 1741, had the following children:

Hardy, Ransom, Roland. Nusom, Britton, Wiley, Isham G. and James.

Children of Turner Harris, who was a son of West Harris and Mary Turner:

Arthur, William, Isham, West and Nathan.

Children of Ethelred Harris, son of West Harris and Mary Turner:

Jared, Ledbetter, Stephen, Willis and Henry.

Children of Roland Harris, a son of West Harris and Mary Turner:

Daniel, Thomas, William, Richard, John Wesley, Frank, Newton, Adam.

Children of West Harris, Jr., the son of West Harris and Mary Turner:

Greene, Allen, West, Henry, Absalom, Pinkney and Roland.

Children of Arthur Harris, a son of West Harris and Mary Turner, born July 7th, 1758:

Sally Myrick Chisholm, born 1784, died Jan. 1819,

Priscilla Smith, born 1786,
Eli, born 1788,
Elizabeth Harris, born 1790,
Mary L. Moss, born 1793,
Nancy Hill Martin, born 1795, died March 6th, 1844,
Hixey, born 1797, died young,
Elisha, born July 25th, 1799,
Peggy, born 1802, died young.

(Note)—Arthur Harris married Mary Myrick, born March 23rd, 1762; she was a daughter of Wm. Myrick and died October, 1819.

Children of Wiley Harris, son of Isham Harris and grandson of West Harris and Mary Turner:

William, Thomas, Isham and Eli.

Children of Isham Harris, son of Isham Harris and grandson of West Harris and Mary Turner:

Geroge W. D., William R., Isham G., (Governor of Tennessee and United States Senator) and James.

Children of George W. D. Harris, son of Isham Harris and grandson of West Harris and Mary Turner:

Sidney, John, William T.

Children of William R. Harris, son of Isham Harris and grandson of West Harris and Mary Turner:

James M., George L., Bettie, Eleanor.

Children of Sallie Myrick Chisholm, daughter of Arthur Harris:

Lindy Alexander, Eliza Littlejohn, Whitson, Margaret Littlejohn.

Children of Eli Harris, son of Arthur Harris:

Frank, Martha, Mary and Elisha D.

Children of Priscilla Smith, daughter of Arthur Harris:

Whitman, Edwin, Nancy, Eliza and Ironna.

Children of Mary L. Moss, daughter of Arthur Harris:

Adolphus, Jane Forest, Stanhope, Mary Harris, Elisha and James.

Children of Nancy Hill Martin, daughter of Arthur Harris

and wife or John Bethune Martin:

Alexander Farquhar, Margaret Harris, wife of Genl. J. J. Finley of Florida, Mary Bethune Dortch Meigs, born October 31st, 1831, (She married Robert Dortch, July 10th, 1851, was widowed December 4th, 1869; married James L. Meigs, December 23rd, 1879, and she died August 5th, 1895,) and Arthur Harris.

Children of Elisha W. Harris, son of Arthur Harris:

Whitson A. and Cornelia Rogers, (the two children by his first wife, Ann Eliza Moorman) and by his second wife (Cestia Whitaker) Arthur, Margaret, Rev. Geo. C. Harris, Eliza M. and twins, Margaret and Mrs. Taylor.

Children of Lindy Alexander, daughter of Sallie Myrick Chisholm, (oldest daughter of S. M. C.):

DeWit, Whitson, Sallie M., Angus and John.

Children of Margaret Littlejohn, daughter of Sallie Myrick Chisholm, (third daughter of S. M. C.):

Lewis, William, Wiley, Lizzie Wicks and Arthur.

Children of Eliza Littlejohn, second daughter of Sallie Myrick Chisholm:

Sallie Thomas, Maggie Martin, Mary, Joseph, Angus and Robert.

Children of General J. J. Finley and his wife, Margaret Harris Finley:

Margaret and Charles Alexander Finley.

Children of Robert Dortch and Mary Bethune Dortch:

Alexander Martin, born May 25th, 1852, died July 21st, 1873, William Eaton, born Jan. 24th, 1854, died July 11th, 1901, John Bethune, born August 25th, 1862, Robert, born December 8th, 1864, died in 1866.

Children of Whitson A. Harris, son of Elisha Harris and his wife, Mary Eliza Winston:

Cora, Pattie, Whitson, Edmond, Annie, Mary, Whit, Lizzie, Elisha W., and Lucy Bethune, born Jan. 12th, 1865, and Moorman.

Children of Cornelia Harris and J. W. Rogers:

James Harris, John Whit, William S., Mae, Cora, James, Cora 2nd, Joseph.

Children of Arthur Harris, son of E. W. Harris and Sallie Francis Lawrence:

Celestia, Robert^r L., Arthur H., Elisha W., Sallie, Celeste, George and Lillie.

Children of Rev. Geo. C. Harris, son of Elisha W. Harris and Helen S. Johnstone:

George C., George, Helen Johnstone.

The foregoing running account of the West Harris branch of this immense family has come to me from several sources and I have brought it together and run it down for a period of nearly two hundred years, in order that the descendants now living all over the South and West may the more easily connect with the Colonial history of their respective lines that began in Virginia and North Carolina.

I shall give only short stems of other branches of the Harris family and go more into detail in my own line, that of Nathan-Walton-Jeptha V. Harris.

From correspondence with Mrs. Theodore Shelton of St. Louis, Mo., from an old family Bible in possession of Mrs. G. W. Clardy of Liberty, Mo., in 1913, from further notes furnished in 1913 from family records sent by Miss A. Mae Rogers, of Hyattsville, Md., and from Mr. John T. Harris of Harrisonburg, Va., in 1911, I will compile a brief account of what has produced a very large number of descendants now living, for the most part in the South and West. I have not made any research myself as to this family, but give the account as I have received it. It will answer the purpose of showing when the families interlocked and may be of assistance in further research.

I have not been able to trace this family further back than Robert Harris, who is said to have been born in the sixteenth-thirties and died in 1701. He is said to have married Mary Claiborne Rice (daughter of Sir William Claiborne and Elizabeth Butler) in 1660. This vital point seems to lack verification, but is found in nearly all the records of this family.

Major Robert Harris, son of William Harris and Temperance Overton, was born in 1690 and died in 1765. He married Mourning Glenn, Jan. 13th, 1720, and their children were:

Christopher, Robert, a captain in the Revolution, Tyree, James, born 1722 and died 1792, William, Lucy, who married William Dalton, Mourning, who married John Jouitt and Elizabeth, who married William Crawford and was the mother of William Harris Crawford, United States Senator from Georgia, Minister to France, Secretary of the United States Treasury under President Monroe and a candidate for the presidency in 1824. Major Robert Harris was Justice of the Peace in Louisa County, Va., in 1724 and in the House of Burgesses. He moved to Albemarle County. James Harris, the first son of Maj. Robert Harris, was born in 1722 and died in 1790. His wife, Mary Harris, was born in 1730 and died in 1819. Their children were:

Thomas, Joel, Nathan, born 1771, died 1852, James, appointed a magistrate in 1807, Mourning, Sarah, Susan, Ann and Jane.

James Harris the second, son of James Harris the first, was born July 7th, 1766. He married Mary McCullah, born 1771, and their children were:

Thomas, Joel, James, who was Dr. James Crawford Harris, born 1812, Nathan, born Oct. 16th, 1798, Lucy, Virginia and Adeline.

Nathan, son of James Harris 2nd, born 1798, married Janet Lowry and their children were:

John Lowry, Richard Ragland, William Hooper Harris (of Mobile, Ala., 1905), Nathan Crawford Harris, James Piper Harris and Virginia Harris.

The following is in part a repetition of the above, but comes from an entirely different source, being copied from the old Bible referred to as being in the possession of Mrs. G. W. Clardy of Liberty, Mo., in 1913:

Maj. Robert Harris, born 1698 or 1700, married Mourning Glenn, January 13th, 1720. Their children are:

Anna, born Mar. 31st, 1724, married John Dabney; Christopher, born Feby. 3th, 1725, married Feby. 22nd, 1745, Miss Dabney, 2nd, Agnes McCord, (he was given a large tract of land in Kentucky, but whether for Revolutionary services is not known); Tyree, born April 8th, 1728, married first Miss Chapman, second wife, Miss Simpson; Mary, born Feb. 10, 1729, married Jas. Harris; Mourning Glenn, born Mch. 27, 1732, married John Jouitt; Lucy, born April 12th, 1734, married Mr. Shelton; Sarah, born May 24th, 1736; married John Rodes; Robert, born March 8th, 1741, married Lucretia Dalton; Rachel, born June 24th, 1744, married William Dalton; Francis, born January 27th, 1746, married Joel Crawford; William, born Mar. 15th, 1752, married first, Miss Mitchell, second wife, Miss Thompson; eleven children in all.

Christopher Harris married Miss Dabney, February 22nd, 1745, and their children were:

Dabney, born December 15th, 1745, moved to Surry County, N. C.;

Sarah, born June 11th, 1747, married James Martin;

Robert, born August 24th, 1749, married Nancy Grubbs;

Tyree, born June 24th, 1751;

Elizabeth, born May 9th, 1752;

Mourning, born June 4th, 1754, married Foster Jones;

Christopher, born July 21st, 1755, married Elizabeth Grubbs;

Mary, born June 10th, 1757, married George Jones.

Christopher Harris, born 1725 in Virginia, died 1794 in Kentucky. His second wife, Agnes McCord, he married in 1762. Children of his second marriage were:

Jane, born September 18th, 1763, married Richard Gentry, (he was a soldier of the Revolutionary War in the Company of his brother-in-law, Captain Benjamin Harris);

John, born March 14th, 1765, married Margaret Mankin;

Benjamin, born Nov. 28th, 1760, married first, Miss Jones; second, Miss Burgiss;

William, born November 12th, 1768, married first, Miss Ann Oldham, second wife, her sister, Jessie Oldham,

James, born 1770, died 1798;
Margaret, born 1772, died young;
Isabell, born August 9th, 1775, married John Bennett;
Samuel, born Sept. 1st, 1777, died 1840, married Nancy Wilkerson;
Barnabas, born October 1st, 1779, married Elizabeth Oldham;
Overton, born October 25th, 1782, married Nancy Oldham,
(the grandparents of Mrs. G. W. Clardy, Liberty, Mo.)
Robert Harris, Mary Rice, nee Claiborne.

Hotten's "Emigrant Ancestor's" gives a number of Roberts. Various publications say that this Robert came from Glamorgan, Wales, about 1650, and settled on the James in Virginia, and countless biographies are in accord, in branches of the Harris and allied families, as to the date, and as to the marriage with Mary Rice, nee Claiborne. Mr. G. M. Claiborne of New Glasgow, Va., compiler of "Claiborne Pedigree" after taking the testimony, gives the marriage.

Records have the following:

Old Essex, signature of Mary Rice.

Goochland will, 1764, Clayborn Rice.

Goochland deed, 1754, Clayborn Rice.

Colonial Records, N. C., Guilford County, Clayborn Rice.

Prince Edward, Claiborne Harris, early date.

Claiborne and Rice are mentioned widely, and William Claiborne's position as secretary of the colony makes his history figure largely in that of Virginia and Maryland. An Elizabeth City land grant to Elizabeth Claiborne, wife of William Claiborne, November, 1647, shows his marriage to Elizabeth Butler early enough for him to have a daughter Mary for the reported marriages. The tomb of his third son, Thomas, shows that he was born in that year. Mary might have been born long before. While many historians mention only a daughter Jane, E. D. Neill's "Virginia Carolorum" gives a Mary. William, son of the first William, had a Mary, and the name was a favorite in the Claiborne family.

Isle of Wight, 1665, gives will of Thomas Harris, and men-

tions Mary and Martha, daughters of Robert Harris. Martha married John Jennings.

Among additional books and papers referring to Robert Harris and this marriage are: "History and Genealogy," W. H. Miller, Richmond, Ky.; Lamb's Biographical Dictionary; Richmond Times-Dispatch, Genealogical Column, E. C. Mead, Apr. 10th, 1904, Feb. 26th, 1905.

The date must not have been far from 1660. Among possibly other children was:

II. William Harris, Temperance Overton.

These lived on the James, and possibly in present New Kent and Albemarle. Albemarle records show a William Harris owning property there 1730-1745, who might have been this William, as the son of Maj. Robert Harris by that name was not born until much later. According to family records the children were:

1. Robert Harris, born about 1700. Married Jan. 30th, 1720, Mourning Glenn.
2. Overton Harris, Ann Nelson.
3. Frederick Harris, Elizabeth Terrill.
4. Temperance Harris, ——— Baker.
5. Keziah Harris, Jane Nelson.

W. H. Miller gives Cl. Over Harris as first son.

Overton and Temperance Harris appear in succeeding generations.

III. Maj. Robert Harris, 1700-1765. Will June 18th, 1765, Albemarle. Mourning Glenn, 1702-1770.

House of Burgesses from Hanover, surveyor Louisa, officer Albemarle militia. Large land owner from grant and purchase. Lived in Brown's Cove. Born to these:

1. Anna Harris, Mar. 31st, 1724, married John Dabney.
2. Christopher Harris, Feb. 25th, 1725, married Miss Chapman, Agnes McCord. Above book by W. H. Miller traces this branch.
3. Tyree Harris, April 8th, 1725.
1. Anna Harris Mar. 31st, 1724, married John Dabney.

2. Christopher Harris, Feb. 5th, 1725-1794, married Mary Dabney, Agnes McCord. Above book by W. H. Miller traces this branch.
3. Tyree Harris, April 8th, 1728-1786, married Miss Chapman, Mary Ann Simpson. See IV. below.
4. Mary Harris, Feb. 10th, 1729, married James Harris, her cousin.
5. Mourning Glenn Harris, Mar. 27th, 1732, John Jouett.
6. Lucy Harris, April 12th, 1734, William Shelton.
7. Sarah Harris, May 24th, 1736, John Rodes.
8. Robert Harris, Mar. 8th, 1741, Lucretia Brown.
9. Rachael Harris, June 24th, 1744, William Dalton.
10. Frances Harris, Jan. 27th, 1746, Joel Crawford.
11. William Harris, March 15th, 1752, Miss Michie, Miss Thompson, Hannah Jameson.

This was written in an old book that must have belonged to Maj. Robert Harris, as it has accounts dated 1716-1721, but it was signed by Tyree Harris. It did not give names of marriages for the children of Maj. Robert Harris, but on July 14th, 1823, it was copied into an old Bible by Cliff Harris, son of Joel and Anna, grandson of James and Mary. At last account these records were in the possession of Mrs. G. W. Clardy nee Malvry Harris, Liberty, Missouri, a descendant. The compiler of these notes has a letter from Mrs. Clardy with this data. Mr. Frank Rodes, St. Louis, descended from Sarah, daughter of Maj. Robert Harris, and John Rodes, gives the children of William Harris, II above, and also the marriage of Robert Harris and Mary Rice, nee Claiborne, showing how various branches of the family agree in their traditions, often without having heard anything from the rest.

IV. Tyree Harris, April 8th, 1728, Sept. 1786, Miss Chapman, secondly, Mary Ann Simpson.

Went to Orange County, N. C., and became high sheriff, 1766, 1767, under Gen. Tryon the colonial governor. Earlier he was vestryman of Fredericksville Parish, (1760-1762) Va. His will is on record, Caswell County, N. C., dated Sept. 1st,

1786. "Colonial Records of North Carolina," Wheeler's History, and other books show his character, and his connection with the "Regulator" uprisings, one of the factors bringing on the Revolution. Family:

1. Nancy Harris. (Major Robert?) Abercrombie Had William Chapman Abercrombie, and possibly others.
2. Frances Harris. Cornelius Dabney. Untraced. Two children by first marriage.
3. Tyree Harris. Died about 1800, Wilson County, Tenn. Susan Swift. Married secondly Arthur Due. William Harris, Alfred M. Harris, Robert Simpson Harris, Susannah Waddy Harris, Arthur Swift Due. Marriages and children known to the compiler.
4. Simpson Harris. See V below. Mary Coffee.
5. Robert Harris. Agnes Payne. Married secondly Hon. Marmaduke Williams.
6. Christopher Harris. No information.
7. Ede Harris. Sept. 6th, 1775-Nov. 26nd, 1816. Duke Williams. Feb. 14th, 1768,-Sept. 22nd, 1834. Married Nov. 4th, 1790. Hon. John Sharp Williams descended from these.
8. Liddy Harris. No information.

The name Tyree comes from a Virginia family, possibly through Mourning Glenn. Mourning is the surname of another Virginia family, though it was sometimes used as a given name.

V. Simpson Harris, Nov. 21st, 1768,-May 8th, 1833. M. Dec. 28th, 1792, Mary Coffee. Aug. 17th, 1774,-Apr. 28th, 1839. Sister of Gen John Coffee, Indian War and New Orleans hero. Located in Middle Tennessee. Descendants traced by compiler.

VI. John Coffee Harris. Feb. 17th, 1800,-Feb. 10th, 1885. Married 1826, Jane Ragsdale, June 20th, 1802,-Jan. 18th, 1853. Married June 23rd.

VII. G. J. Harris. Jan. 28th, 1840,-Aug. 11th, 1905. M. 1868, Sarah Ann Hill, May 27th, 1844,-Apr. 4th, 1873.

VIII. John Royall Harris. March 7th, 1869. Married

1898, Ethel Montgomery. Secondly, at Pittsburg, Pa., July 6th, 1909, Emma Josephine Garber.

IX. Josephine Rea Harris.

I have followed the above families for some distance because they have such large numbers of descendants who would probably like to link on to the family in Colonial days. I will not attempt to follow out the lines in detail as it entails more labor, time and expense than I am able to devote to it. This record is mainly for the purpose of locating and identifying the descendants of Walton, oldest son of Nathan, and his wife, Rebecca Lanier.

Among the wills which will be found embodied in this record will be found the wills of Jacob and Thomas Harris, sons of Edward and brothers of Nathan. I have already given considerable data regarding West Harris, the brother of Nathan and son of Edward. Wills of five of Nathan's sons are also made a part of this record. Referring to the will of Isaac Harris, son of Nathan Harris and Catherine Walton, I find the following note:

"The daughter of Isaac Harris, Martha Ann (or Patsy) born 1764, married Benjamin Williams, 1784; moved to Tennessee, 1809. He died 1816 and she died in 1846. Their son Ethelred Williams, born 1792, married Francis A. Martin; their daughter Martha Ann (Patsy) married James F. Kirby; their daughter, Marina L. is Mrs. E. G. Blatherwick, living (1914) in Center Point, Texas. She has taken a deep interest in this research and has rendered me great assistance and encouragement."

Francis Marina Williams, the daughter of Ethelred and Francis Williams, married first, John Cook and second husband William Carrier; by this second marriage there were five children, viz. Mary, deceased; Alice, deceased; Lillie Carrier, who married Henry Jaques; and the fourth daughter, Jessie Carrier, who is unmarried in 1914. These two last named daughters are now living in Pittsburg, Penn., 1914.

William Thomas Williams, son of Ethelred, married Eliza-

beth Brown and had one daughter, Miss William Williams, now living in Nashville, Tenn., 1914.

Isaac Harris, son of Nathan, married Elizabeth Watkins, who must have died before his will was made, as she is not mentioned. For names of 9 children see his will, which is a part of this record.

David Harris, son of Nathan Harris and his wife Catherine Walton, was born in Brunswick County, Va., about 1743; was a captain in Revolutionary Army, see Smith's History of Georgia, page 617. Had grants of land for services in 1783 and 1785; see Smith's History of Georgia, page 580. His will is part of this record.

These lands are still owned by his descendants, and the fifth generation is now living in the house built thereon, being the first frame house erected in Columbia County, Ga.

He married Mary ———; their children were, son John, son Edward, daughter Mary, married Benjamin Bledsoe; daughter Polly, married Samuel Boudre.

John Harris, son of David and Mary, had five sons and two daughters, viz. David Harris, born Oct. 25th, 1805, died Apr. 30th, 1858; Martha Harris Zachery, born June 14th, 1807, died Apr. 13th, 1864; Leroy W. Harris, born Feb. 17th, 1809, died Sept. 27th, 1846; Edward M. Harris, born Feb. 2nd, 1811, married and moved to Arkansas; Sallie, born Feb. 18th, 1813; Lewis M. Harris, born Apr. 3rd, 1815, died June 9th, 1867; William Harris, born Apr. 23rd, 1817, died Aug. 17th, 1827; Richmond Harris, born Jan. 4th, 1819, died Jan. 18th, 1890; Elizabeth Ann Harris, born Mar. 7th, 1822, married Addison Christian and lived and died in Augusta, Ga.

The above named John Harris, father of the above named nine children, was born Oct. 11th, 1785, and died Jan. 20th, 1863. He married Lurana Wilkins, who was born Feb. 9th, 1785, and died Aug. 1st, 1850. David and wife, his son John, wife and five children are buried in the old family cemetery near the old home in Columbia County, Ga.

Richmond Harris, son of John and Lurana Harris had only

one child, viz. George Augustin Harris, born Feb. 3rd, 1849, and died Dec. 29th, 1903.

Richmond Harris on Nov. 11th, 1845, married Mary Reynolds. Their only child, George Augustin Harris, on Nov. 14th, 1878, married Elizabeth Bonner; this couple had five children, two sons and three daughters. Son Walter Richmond Harris, married Ethel Darrington on Oct. 30th, 1904, they live in New Orleans, La.; son John Eaton Harris, married Willie Maud Koger on June 19th, 1912, they live in Columbia County near the old home. The three daughters, Maud, Mary and Fannie, with their mother, are living in the old David Harris home, 1914.

Walton Harris, the oldest son of Nathan Harris and Catherine Walton was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, about 1739. He married Rebecca Lanier, the daughter of Sampson Lanier and Elizabeth Chamberlain in 1760. He was at the time of his marriage about twenty-one years of age and his wife aged sixteen. At this point, and through these several marriages, occur the family connections of Walton-Harris and the Harris-Lanier-Washington-Chamberlain families. At a later place in this record I shall give something of the history of these families in order to correct errors that have crept into our family record.

Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier had eleven children, as follows:

Buckner, born about 1761;

Sampson, born April 11th, 1763, in Brunswick County, Va.;

Joel, died in childhood;

Augustine, born January 30th, 1767, died June 21st, 1836;

Edwin,

Nathan,

Simeon, died in childhood;

Walton,

Elizabeth,

Littleton, died in childhood;

Jeptha Vining, born April 27th, 1787, died 1856.

Walton Harris, the 1st, with others of his family, moved from Brunswick County, Virginia, to the celebrated fisheries on

the Yadkin in North Carolina; thence he moved to Wilkes County, Georgia, and settled in that part of Wilkes County that was afterwards cut off, forming a part of Greene County. He lived near the Skull Shoals on the Oconee River in Greene County, Georgia.

From Smith's History of Georgia we make the following notes:

Page 159, "Walton Harris was one of the settlers of Greene County." Page 160, "Belonged to the first Grand Jury of Greene County, Georgia." Page 580, "Drew land in Wilkes County, Georgia, 1783-1785." Page 617, "Soldier of Revolution."

The next that we know of Walton Harris is that he was a captain under General Nathaniel Greene and that his brother David and two of his sons, Buckner and Sampson, were of the Continental troops under General Greene and Elijah Clark in the campaign at and around Augusta, Georgia. Captain Walton Harris was made a prisoner at the battle of Augusta.

Harrisburg, the site of Ganderpulling, told of in Longstreet's "Georgia Scenes" was named for David Harris, brother of Walton, a noted marksman and scout. The British Commander at Augusta offered a reward for David Harris, dead or alive.

After the war Walton Harris drew lands in Georgia for his services (see George Smith's History of Georgia, pages 580, 617, 627 and 628 for data, taken from records in office of Secretary of State of Georgia.) He was granted 400 acres of land in Wilkes County in 1785, (see Smith's History of Georgia, page 580.) Walton Harris was a member of the General Assembly of Georgia in 1783. At one time, in the Georgia Legislature, (1803) four of the sons of Walton Harris were serving as representatives of the counties in which they lived.

General Buckner Harris, the oldest son of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, was born in Virginia about 1761 and moved to Georgia with his parents when a boy, previous to the Revolution. At an early age he was engaged with Clark in

fighting the British forces and the Indians during the Revolutionary War. He was at the siege of Augusta, Georgia, when the fortress was held by a British Colonel, Col. Brown, (See Smith's History of Georgia, page 617.) Under secret orders from Mr. Madison's Cabinet he occupied a part of East Florida, then the property of Spain. He was General of the American troops called the "Patriots."

General Matthews of Revolutionary fame, Major Alexander and General Buckner Harris were authorized by the Federal Government to occupy Florida, but the Government perfidiously in its diplomatic intercourse with Spain, denied its complicity.

General Buckner Harris married Miss Nancy Early, a cousin of Governor Peter Early. He resided with his young family in St. Augustine, Florida, until he was assassinated under a reward offered for his head by the Spanish Governor in the year 1815. After his death, his widow with her young children, moved to Jackson, Mississippi. The children of Buckner Harris and Nancy Early were:

Early Harris, Sophia Harris, Letitia Harris, Wiley Pope Harris, Buckner Harris, William Crawford Harris and Charles Walton Harris.

We have not followed closely the descendants of this family, but give some fragments of history, taken from the manuscript record of Judge Iverson L. Harris.

Early Harris, son of General Buckner Harris, after he had grown to manhood, resided in Jackson County, Ga. He married a Miss Mary Vivian Harrison of South Carolina. He moved to the Southwest and died. Of his children I have no knowledge except of his son, Judge Wiley Pope Harris of Jackson, Mississippi. This Wiley Pope Harris became a Judge of the Circuit Court when quite young. He acquired high reputation as a judge. He was the successor of General Quitman in the Congress of the United States. Afterwards he was a member of the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States which met at Montgomery, Alabama, in February, 1861.

"The second child of General Buckner Harris, Sophia,

married Colonel Rupel Jones of Madison County, Georgia. One of their sons, William Early Jones, while in Franklin College, gave evidence of much talent. He edited a newspaper at Athens, Georgia; afterwards was a member of the Legislature of Georgia; edited a paper in Augusta, Georgia, and practiced law. He moved to Texas and was a member of its Congress before its annexation. The last I heard of him, he was a judge of State Court."

"A daughter of Sophia Harris and Rupel Jones married a Dr. Cunningham, who resides in Noxubee County, Mississippi."

"Letitia Harris, the third child of General Buckner Harris, married General David Dixon of Mississippi, who was elected to the United States Congress in 1834 or 1835." Mrs. Pattie Thompson Seabaugh of Belton, Texas, is the granddaughter of Letitia Harris Dixon.

"Wiley Pope Harris, the fourth child of General Buckner Harris, was several times a member of the Mississippi Legislature; was elected General of Militia. He was an ardent supporter of Andrew Jackson and was appointed by him when President, Registrar of the Land Office at Columbus, Mississippi."

"Judge Buckner Harris, the fifth child of General Buckner Harris, was on the Circuit Court Bench of Mississippi. I have not been able to learn his history. It is believed that he moved to Texas, where he died."

"William Crawford Harris, the sixth child of General Buckner Harris, resided for years at Jackson, Mississippi. He moved to Georgia and purchased of Charles Spaulding his plantation on the Island opposite to Savannah, Georgia, resold it to Mr. Spaulding and returned to Mississippi and finally settled somewhere in Arkansas."

"Dr. Charles Walton Harris, the seventh child of General Buckner Harris, married Miss Sallie Raglin. Their daughter, Emily Early Harris, married Dr. Powers Blackburn Massey."

Wiley Pope Harris (2nd) the son of Early Harris and his wife Mary Vivian Harrison, was born in 1820. In the year 1851 he married Frances Mayes. Their children who grew to matu-

rity were, James Bowman Harris, Cynthia Agnes Harris and Fannie Mayes Harris.

James Bowman Harris, born Jan. 1st, 1854, married Sallie McBee McWillie on Oct. 1st, 1884. This couple had four children, viz. Wiley P. Harris (3rd), Sallie McWillie Harris, Francis Mayes Harris and Wm. McWillie, who died in infancy.

Wiley P. Harris, son of James Bowman Harris, was born Sept. 15th, 1885. On Apr. 7th, 1914, he married Grace Watkins of Aberdeen, Miss.

Sallie McWillie Harris, daughter of James Bowman Harris, was born Dec. 15th, 1887. On Dec. 4th, 1912, she married Lucius Mayes of Jackson, Miss.

Francis Mayes Harris, daughter of James Bowman Harris, was born Feb. 14th, 1889. On Nov. 26th, 1913, she married Walter J. Rodgers of Pittsburg, Penn.

Cynthia Agnes Harris, the daughter of Wiley Pope Harris and his wife Francis Mayes, was born July 14th, 1857, and on Oct. 28th, 1885, she married S. E. Virden of Jackson, Miss. Their children were, Harris Virden, Cynthia Agnes Virden, Fannie Mayes Virden and Alice Hall Virden.

Fannie Mayes Harris, daughter of Wiley P. Harris and his wife Francis Mayes, was born Aug. 20th, 1861, and on May 4th, 1891, she married Walter Virden of Jackson, Miss. Their children were Walter, Bowman, Frank, Ruth and Alice Virden.

Sampson Harris, the second child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, Apr. 11th, 1763. He moved to Georgia with his parents. He was a Lieutenant in the Georgia troops in the Revolutionary War. (See Smith's History of Georgia, page 627.) He married Miss Susanna Willis. His son, Judge Thomas W. Harris of Columbus, Mississippi, in a letter to Judge Iverson L. Harris, in 1865 writes, "I have heard my father (Sampson Harris) say that he and three other of his brothers were members of the same Legislature, which was held at Louisville, Georgia."

Their children were:

Stephen Willis Harris, born October 1st, 1785;

Thomas W. Harris, born October, 1789;
Leroy Garland Harris,
Ptolomy Tinsley Harris, born 1799;
Elizabeth and Catherine Harris, twins;
Rebecca Lanier, born 1791;
Susan Terrill.

"Stephen Willis Harris, first son of Sampson Harris and Susanna Willis, was born in Wilkes County, Georgia, October 1st, 1785. He belonged to the second class graduated by Franklin College (now the University of Georgia) at Athens, Georgia, in 1805. He read law with Honorable William Harris Crawford, and at the early age 27 succeeded Judge Early on the bench of the Ocmulgee Circuit in November 1813. The personal appearance of Judge Stephen Willis Harris was very fine indeed." He died in 1822 and left surviving him, his widow, formerly Miss Sarah Watkins of Elbert County, Georgia, and nine (9) children, as follows:

Sampson W. Harris,
James Watkins Harris,
Jane,
Mary,
Arabella,
Maria,
Stephen Willis Harris, Jr.,
Thomas Harris,
Susan.

Sampson W. Harris, son of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins, graduated at Franklin College in 1828. He represented Putnam County, Georgia, in the Legislature. He married Miss Paulina Thomas, daughter of Stephen Thomas of Athens, Georgia; moved to Alabama and was representative of Wetumpka District, Alabama, in the United States Congress at the time of his death in 1854. The children of Sampson W. Harris and Paulina Thomas, were Sampson, who married Miss Todd; Hugh Nesbitt Harris who married Miss Carro Yancy; Fannie Harris, who married George Wallace, and Belle Harris,

who married Bernard Franklin.

James Watkins Harris, the second child of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins, graduated with the highest honors of his class, read law, married Ann Hamilton, a daughter of Colonel Hamilton, formerly of Columbia County, Georgia. Second wife, Miss Florence Candler.

Jane Harris, the third child of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins, married James M. Smythe. She died in 1864 leaving several children that we know of, viz.

William Smythe,

Mary Smythe, who married a Mr. Wilcox;

Mrs. Brenda Russell of Augusta, Georgia.

Mary, the fourth child of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins, was a very beautiful woman. She married Hugh Nesbit. He died in a few years, leaving no children.

Arabella, the fifth child of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins, was a fine looking woman and she was as good as she was handsome. She married Colonel Benjamin F. Hardeman, who graduated in the class of 1822, Franklin College, Athens, Georgia. She left two children, Sampson and Arabella Hardeman, who lived in Athens, Ga.

Maria Harris, the sixth child of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins married Robert Alexander, who afterwards became the Judge of the Chattahoochee Circuit. I have been unable to obtain information of this family.

Stephen Willis Harris, Jr., the seventh child of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins married Miss Louisa Watkins and moved to Huntsville, Alabama. He has been a member of the Alabama Legislature. I have not traced the history of this family.

Thomas Harris, the eighth child of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins married Emma Bowling and settled in Oglethorpe County, Georgia. He died and left a boy of great promise named George Dent Harris.

Susan Harris, the ninth child of Stephen Willis Harris and Sarah Watkins, was born in 1821 and died in Columbus, Mis-

Mississippi, in 1912. She married William T. Baldwin and they moved to Columbus, Mississippi, where they lived the balance of their lives. Their children were:

Harris Baldwin, who married Abby Peck; they live in Phoenix, Arizona, where he is a lawyer of ability.

Susan Baldwin, who married a lawyer of marked ability named Toby W. Johnston. They moved to Phoenix, Arizona, where Mr. Johnston practiced law until his death, at which time the family returned to their old home, Columbus, Mississippi. Mrs. Johnston survived her husband only a few years, leaving three children, Harrison Johnston, who is a lawyer in Kansas City, Missouri; a daughter, Juanita, who lives in Birmingham, Alabama; and a daughter, Edna, who lives in Columbus, Mississippi.

William T. Baldwin, who is a lawyer of marked ability. He married Miss Helen Brownlee of Louisiana and now lives (1914) in Columbus, Mississippi.

Sarah Baldwin, who married Mr. Martin Teasdale. Mr. Teasdale died several years ago. Sarah Baldwin Teasdale is living (1914) in Columbus, Mississippi.

Thomas Harris, second child of Sampson Harris and Susanna Wilkes was born January 25th, 1789. He was admitted to the bar at an early age. On May 26th, 1811, he married Miss Sarah Johnson and settled, I think, in Pulaski County, Georgia. He represented that County in the Legislature. Upon the formation of the "Southern Circuit" he was elected its first Judge; after presiding five or six years, he resigned. His wife died, leaving no children. Afterwards he married a widow, Harriet Hines Holt.

Judge Thomas Harris moved to Walton County, Georgia, and settled a place called the "Cowpens." In 1836 he was elected Judge of the "Western Circuit." Afterwards he moved to Columbus, Mississippi, where he lived until his death. His children by his second wife were:

Thomas Walton Harris,

Mary Holt Harris,

Sampson Harris.

This Thomas Walton Harris, son of Judge Thomas Harris, married Lizzie Mason, by whom he had two children:

Mason Harris,

Kate Gholson.

He served with distinction in the Confederate Army and lost an arm in service. Colonel Thomas Walton Harris moved to Holly Springs, Mississippi, where he practiced law. His wife, Lizzie Mason, died and afterwards he married the second wife, Susan Watson.

Mary Holt Harris, daughter of Judge Thomas W. Harris, was born December 3rd, 1827. She married General Winfield Featherstone of Holly Springs, Miss. She had no children. She died on August 5th, 1849, and is buried in Columbus, Miss.

The second son of Judge Thomas W. Harris, Sampson, served through the war between the States and after 1865 practiced medicine in Lowndes County, Mississippi. He married Miss Sarah Butler, by whom he had two children:

Thomas W. and Hallie Harris.

This daughter, Hallie Harris, married Judge Charles B. Howry, who is a United States Judge of Court of Claims and lives in Washington, D. C. Hallie Harris Howry died several years ago. The son, Thomas W. Harris, the third, is unmarried (1914) and lives in Texas.

Leroy Garland Harris, the third child of Sampson Harris and Susanna Wilkes, married a Miss Ann Thomas and died leaving a child who has since died.

Ptolomy Tinsley Harris, the fourth child of Sampson Harris and Susanna Wilkes, was born in Georgia, March 4th, 1799. When nearly grown he lived with his brother, Stephen Willis Harris, and had the advantage of the schools then in Eatonton, Georgia. He read law, was admitted to the bar, becoming a lawyer of ability and became a circuit judge in Alabama to which state he had moved. He married in 1821 Miss Mary McGraw of St. Stephens, Alabama. He died September 2nd,

1863. Their children were:

Elizabeth McGraw Harris, born April 12th, 1822, married L. J. Wilson.

William Kirkpatrick Harris, born August 20th, 1825, died 1863.

Ptolomy Tinsley Harris, the second, born July 5th, 1827, died July 21st, 1862. He left three children.

Sampson Leroy Harris born February 14th, 1830, died September, 1863, of wound received in battle of Sharpsburg. He left two children: Sampson Leroy Harris Jr., of Louisville, Ark., and Mary Susan Harris, born Feby. 9th, 1834, who married C. P. Hunt of Texas.

Elizabeth McGraw Harris, first child of Judge Ptolomy Tinsley Harris, as stated above, married L. Jefferson Wilson and had three children:

L. J. Wilson Jr., who married Louise Ware. They had five children:

Cardine Louise Wilson, born 1885;

Leroy Madison Wilson, born 1888.

Henry Harris Wilson, born 1890.

Mary Wilson, born 1891.

Lucile Wilson, born 1895.

Leroy Madison Wilson married and had three children, viz:

Henry Harris Wilson, born 1892; Mary Louise Wilson, born 1891; and Leroy Jefferson Wilson, born 1896.

Leroy Madison Wilson.

Mary Harris Wilson.

William Kirkpatrick Harris, born August 20th, 1825, son of Judge Ptolomy Tinsley Harris, married and had three children:

Willie Elmore Harris, who is Mrs. Vandergraft of Birmingham, Alabama.

Mary Harris, who is Mrs. Robert Ware of Birmingham, Alabama.

Mrs. Frank Wadsworth Birney of Birmingham, Alabama.

Ptolomy Tinsley Harris, born July 5th, 1827, the son of Judge Ptolomy Tinsley Harris and Mary McGraw, as stated

above, left three children:

Mary Francis Harris, who married L. M. Wilson, Jr., of Mobile, Alabama. She had only one daughter, Madison ("Maddie") who married S. Palmore Gaillard of Mobile, Alabama.

Ptolomy Tinsley Harris, the third, who still lives in Mobile, Alabama.

William Hamilton Harris, who lives in Fort Worth, Texas.

Elizabeth Littleton Harris, daughter of Sampson Harris and Susanna Willis, married General L. L. Griffin of Georgia. They moved to Aberdeen, Mississippi, where she died, leaving no children.

Katherine Walton Harris, twin sister of above named Elizabeth Littleton Harris, died at 18 years of age, unmarried.

Rebecca Lanier Harris, daughter of Sampson Harris and Susanna Willis, was born 1791, married J. W. Young. She died without issue January 19th, 1855, and is buried in Columbus, Mississippi. I get these dates from her tombstone.

Susan Terrell Harris, the youngest child of Sampson Harris and Susanna Willis, was born in 1800 and died October 14th, 1875, in Columbus, Mississippi. On October 14th, 1829, she had married her cousin, Benjamin Harris, who was born December 19th, 1851. They left four children:

Rebecca L. Harris, born November 29th, 1830, married Dr. Elisha Strong, October 14th, 1852.

Raymond Harris, born May, 1833, died December 12th, 1891, married Martha L. Peters in December, 1865.

Katherine Harris, born February, 1839, married Robert Forsythe of Chicago in 1871. She died in 1893.

Elizabeth Griffin Harris, born March, 1841, married David Logan Wallace, 1868.

Dr. Elisha Strong and his wife, Rebecca Lanier Harris, the daughter of the above named Benjamin Harris and Susan Terrell Harris, had eight children:

Elisha Hill,
Benjamin Hill,
Susan Harris Strong,

Charles Lanier,
Raymond and Gustavius, twins,
Harris,
Celeste.

Five of these children died in childhood. Susan Harris Strong, Celeste Strong Ivy and Harris Strong live (1914) in West Point, Mississippi.

Dr. Raymond W. Harris, son of Benjamin and Susan Terrell Harris, married Martha W. Peters, December 5th, 1865. They had four children:

Bessie Leigh Harris, born September, 1866, married George M. Gullette on October 5th, 1886, and they had two children: Logan Wallace Gullette, born July 25th, 1887; George Harris Gullette, born July 5th, 1890.

Kate Peters, born April 8th, 1868. She married Gideon R. Turner, December 7th, 1887. They had two children, both of whom died in infancy.

Benjamin Terrell Harris, born April, 1871, died January 18th, 1881.

Raymond Willis Harris, born February 14th, 1877.

Robert Forsythe and Katherine Harris, the daughter of Benjamin and Susan Terrell Harris, have four children:

Robert Forsythe,
Benjamin Harris Forsythe,
Daniel Shipman Forsythe,
Logan Wallace Forsythe.

All four of these sons live in Chicago (1911).

David Logan Wallace and his wife, Elizabeth Griffin Harris, the daughter of Benjamin and Susan Terrell Harris live in Chicago (1911). They have six children:

Logan Douglas Wallace,
Benjamin Harris Wallace,
James Lyon Wallace,
Bessie Wallace,
Katherine Wallace,
Mary Morris Wallace.

This is as far as I have traced the Sampson Harris branch.

It is an immense family and has become widely scattered all over the South and West.

Joel, the third child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, died in childhood as did the seventh child, Simeon. This statement is made in a letter of Judge Thomas W. Harris of Columbus, Mississippi, to Judge Iverson L. Harris of Milledgeville, Georgia, under date of February 10th, 1865.

Augustine Harris, the fourth child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, January 30th, 1767. He married Anne Byrne, daughter of Rev. Edward Byrne. After his marriage he settled in Burke County, Georgia. He was first a planter of indigo, then of tobacco and then of the new staple Green seed cotton. He represented Burke County in the Georgia Legislature in 1803. He moved to Clarke County, Georgia, and settled the place one mile from Watkinsville, on the direct road to Athens. From 1805 to 1815 he was proprietor of a hotel in Milledgeville, Georgia. He sold his hotel in 1815 to General Epps Brown of Hancock County, Georgia, and purchased the place Pomona, to which he removed and where he died on June 21st, 1836.

The children of Augustine Harris and Anne Byrne were nine in number. Six died young. The three who grew up and became the heads of families were:

Susan Byrne Harris, born January 1st, 1797, at Briar Creek in Burke County, Georgia. She married at an early age Lieutenant Wm. T. Hansell of the United States Army. They had a large family.

Harriet Eliza Harris. She married Thomas Hartley Hall in 1825. They raised a large family.

Iverson Lewis Harris, born near Watkinsville, Clarke County, Georgia, died March 11th, 1876.

From Judge Iverson Lewis Harris I obtained more information than any other source and he gave me the most complete record of the Georgia Harrises.

He graduated at the University of Georgia in 1823, studied law and was admitted to the bar by Judge Longstreet in Octo-

ber, 1825. On February 27th, 1826, he was married to Miss Euphemia Daviss of Savannah, Georgia. She was the daughter of Judge William Daviss. Several times he was a member of the Legislature and State Senate. From 1859 to 1865 he was Judge of the Ockmulgee Circuit. In 1866 he was elected to the Supreme Bench of Georgia.

Iverson Lewis Harris died March 11th, 1876, and his wife died February 6th, 1881. Both are buried at Milledgeville, Ga.

The children of Judge Iverson Lewis Harris and his wife, Euphemia Daviss, are:

William Augustine Harris, born at Milledgeville, Ga., Jan. 18th, 1827.

Francis Louisia Bartow Harris, born July 15th, 1828.

Rebecca Ann, born December 30th, 1829, never married.

Sarah Daviss Harris, born October 25th, 1821.

Charles Jenkins Harris, born November 26th, 1833.

Iverson Lewis Harris, M. D., born at Milledgeville, Nov. 21st, 1835.

Richard Harris, M. D., born August 4th, 1837.

Florence Emma Harris, born July 24th, 1839.

Mcpherson B. Harris, born December 16th, 1841, died December 19th, 1844,

Joseph Henry Harris, born May 6th, 1846.

Clara Ophelia Harris, born August 14th, 1844, died July 9th, 1864.

George Canning Harris, born March 25th, 1848, died unmarried in 1873.

William, the first child of Judge Iverson L. Harris, was a soldier of the Mexican War and was with the Company of Captain Holmes, from Macon, Georgia. After the Mexican War he lived in North County, Ga. He twice represented that County in the State Senate. In the War between the States he raised a Company which was attached to the 14th Regiment of Georgia Volunteers. At the battle of Seven Pines he was thrown from his horse and had his leg broken. He was elected Lieutenant-Colonel of his Regiment while at home sick.

After the War he was elected Secretary of the Senate of Georgia and held that position in twenty different Legislatures, without opposition. He died August, 1895.

Francis Louise Bartow Harris, the second child of Judge Iverson L. Harris, was married on the 18th day of April, 1849, to Richard Lewis Hunter of Virginia. Their children are:

Iverson Harris Hunter,
Mary Euphemia Daviss Hunter,
Ellis Hunter,
Francis Hunter,
Richard Lewis Hunter,
William Harris Hunter,
Clara Ophelia Hunter,
Charles Harris Hunter,
Hansell Hall Hunter.

Mrs. Richard Lewis Hunter died June 2nd, 1876. Her husband, R. L. Hunter, died July 29th, 1889.

Sarah Daviss Harris, the fourth child of Judge Iverson L. Harris, was married to her cousin, Dr. W. H. Hall, on February 6th, 1856. They had two children:

Harris Hall,
Clara E. Hall.

Charles Jenkins Harris, the fifth child of Judge Iverson L. Harris, was married on January 12th, 1857, to Miss Mary Wiley of Macon, Ga. Their children were:

Mary Euphemia Harris,
John Wiley Harris,
Iverson Lewis Harris, the third,
Charles Harris,
Eugene Harris,
Clara Ophelia Harris, the second,
Stephen Elliott Harris,
Howell Clopton Harris,
Marion Harris,
Henry Lumpkin Harris.

Charles Harris was a Colonel in the Confederate Army in the Civil War.

Iverson Lewis Harris, Jr., the sixth child of Judge Iverson L. Harris, was educated in medical college in Philadelphia, Pa., and was surgeon in the 59th Regiment, Georgia Volunteers during the war between the States. He married Miss Ida Burnett of Sparta, Georgia, and had two children:

Francis,
William Burnett.

Richard Harris, the seventh child of Judge Iverson L. Harris, read medicine and attended lectures in Philadelphia, Pa. He removed to Union Springs, Alabama, thence to Catahoula Parish, Louisiana. In the Battle of Shiloh he commanded a company of the 11th Louisiana Regiment. He married on November 23rd, 1861, a Miss Mary Ann Higgs of Trinity, Louisiana. They are both dead, leaving three children:

William Harris,
Francis Harris,
Richard Harris.

Florence Emma Harris, the eighth child of Judge Iverson L. Harris, married Charles H. Andrews on September 29th, 1859. Captain Charles H. Andrews was an officer in the Confederate Army and was noted for his bravery. He took up the Harris family record where Judge Iverson L. Harris left it off and from 1890 to 1900 he and I worked together and much of the record of the Georgia Harrises was given to me by him.

Captain Charles Andrews and wife, Florence Emma Harris had four children:

Mary Andrews,
Charles H. Andrews, Jr.,
Louis H. Andrews,
Francis E. Andrews.

All four of these children married and all except Mary have children.

Mrs. Andrews died in Florida about 1885 and Captain Charles H. Andrews died in Milledgeville, Georgia, about 1903. Captain Andrews' family record, also that of Judge Iverson L. Harris, are in the hands of Mrs. Mary Hunter Hall (Mrs. L. C. Hall) of Dardanelle, Arkansas, (1914).

Joseph Henry Harris, the eleventh child of Judge Iverson Lewis Harris, served in the Confederate Army and was noted for his bravery. He married Miss Annie Tucker. They had only one child:

Mary Ann Harris, who married and was left a widow and is now teaching (1911) in Augusta, Georgia.

Joseph Henry Harris died in 1871; his wife three years later.

This closes my record of Judge Iverson Lewis Harris' family. It will be an easy matter for the descendants of his eight children who left families to bring the record down to date.

Edwin Harris, the fifth child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, was born about 1769. After he was grown he moved from Georgia to Kentucky. He married a daughter of John Logan of Frankfort, Ky. The children of Edwin Harris were:

Harriet, who married. I have been unable to learn her husband's name. He died and left her a widow and she lives in Versailles, Ky. She had a son who was a man of ability; it is said that he beat Tom Marshall for Representative in 1855. A daughter of this Harriet, ———, married a lawyer, A. D. Madeira, of Covington, Ky., and another daughter married a Mr. Ridgeley, a merchant of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Lucretia Harris, married Dr. A. F. McMillen in 1865. They lived in Lexington, Ky.

Colonel S. T. Harris. He was a lawyer of ability and in 1865 lived in Harrelsville, Lavacca County, Texas.

Henry Clay Harris is a lawyer and politician of distinction. In 1865 he lived in Covington, Ky. He and Judge Iverson L. Harris corresponded in regard to the early history of the Harris family and he is said to have compiled quite a record of his family. While it contains much valuable information there are also mixed with it many errors that appear to be traditions rather than recorded facts.

I have not followed the history of this Kentucky family any further than what I find in the old manuscript record of Judge

Iverson Lewis Harris, which was furnished to him by Henry Clay Harris.

Nathan Harris, the sixth child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, was twice married. We have been unable to secure the name of his first wife and children. It is said that she bore him nine sons. His second wife was a widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Starns. She bore him three sons:

Raymond,

Rowe, who married Mary Abercrombie of Georgia of whom we have no further record;

Benjamin.

Dr. Raymond Harris, son of Nathan Harris and Elizabeth Starns, married a widow Jones and their children were:

Cornelia, who left a large family in Tennessee;

Stephen Nathan Harris, lived in Savannah, Ga.;

Mary Rowland, lived in Savannah, Ga.;

Susan Howard, lived in Atlanta, Ga.;

Benjamin Raymond Harris, lived in Savannah, Ga.

Walton Harris, the eighth child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, married Miss Virginia Billups of Georgia. They had five sons:

Walton, married Jane Herring;

Robert, married first Miss Gunby, second wife Mrs. Elizabeth Upshan;

Young L. G., married Susan Thornton;

Augustine,

Jeptha,

Willis, married Miss Warren;

also three daughters, Caroline, Marianne and Mrs. Booth, whose given name I have not secured.

Young L. G. Harris of Athens, Georgia, is one of the best known men in Georgia.

Jeptha Harris, the son of Walton Harris and Virginia Billups, has two sons living in Columbus, Georgia:

John K. Harris,

J. Lee Harris.

Both are married and have families.

Caroline, daughter, of Walton, married Dr. Gibbs; their son, C. C. Gibbs, lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Marianne, daughter of Walton, married Dr. Swift of Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Booth, daughter of Walton Harris and Virginia Billups, has a daughter, Mrs. Kitty Johnson, living at Stone Mountain, Ga.

Elizabeth, the ninth child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, married John Crews ———. She died leaving two children, a son and a daughter. The son married in Florida and I have not been able to trace him. The daughter married a Mr. Love of Clarke County, Georgia. These few facts regarding the Crews family were furnished by Judge Thomas W. Harris of Columbus, Mississippi, in a letter written to Judge Iverson L. Harris in 1865, under date of February 10th.

Littleton, the tenth child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, died unmarried.

Jeptha Vining Harris, the eleventh and youngest child of Walton Harris and Rebecca Lanier, was born in Wilkes County, Georgia, on April 27th, 1782. He graduated at the University of Georgia with first honors of his class in 1804. He was a Trustee of the University from 1832 to 1856. He lived at one time in Oglethorpe County, Georgia; he moved thence to Athens, Georgia, where he lived and practiced law for many years. He accumulated a large fortune and some years before his death he retired from the practice of law and bought a handsome country home near Marietta, Georgia, where he lived until his death in 1856. He was General of the State Militia and was widely known all over the State of Georgia as General Jeptha V. Harris. He married on October 11th, 1804, Sarah Hunt of Elbert County, Georgia. She was born June 15th, 1789 and died in Madison, Georgia. This couple had twelve children, six sons and six daughters. Every child lived to be grown, married and every one of the twelve raised a family.

It is an interesting fact that there was an even dozen children in this family, half of them boys and half of them girls and that August 1st, 1805 and August 1st, 1829 was the birthday

of the oldest boy and the youngest daughter, exactly twenty-four years apart. Truly this was a mathematical proposition clearly worked out.

I knew every one of my Uncles and aunts personally and every member of each of the twelve families.

My mother's family (Dowse) from Richmond and Burke Counties, Georgia, was also a very large connection (large families were the rule, not the exception in those good old days) and I was acquainted with the entire family on both sides. When I was a college boy—1861 and 1862—at the University of Georgia, I knew by sight and name one hundred and fifteen (115) cousins. I have always had a strong love for my kin.

The children of General Jephtha V. Harris and Sarah Hunt were:

James Walton Harris, born August 1st, 1805.

William Littleton Harris, born July 6th, 1807.

George Hunt Harris, born March 4th, 1809.

Ann R. Harris, born May 17th, 1811.

Sarah E. Harris, born August 18th, 1814.

Jephtha Vining Harris, born December 1st, 1816.

Elijah Willis Harris, born August 15th, 1819.

Rebecca Lanier Harris, born April 30th, 1822.

Mary Louisa Harris, born April 22nd, 1824.

Eugene Upson Harris, born February 16th, 1826.

Susan J. Harris, born December 29th, 1827.

Laura Tallulah Harris, born August 1st, 1829.

James Walton Harris, first child of Jephtha V. Harris and Sarah Hunt, was born August 1st, 1805, in Georgia and died in Columbus, Mississippi, November 16th, 1887. On the 28th of December, 1830, he married Martha Watkins of Lexington, Georgia. She survived him some years and died at the home of her daughter in New Orleans, Louisiana, October 28th, 1896.

The children of James Walton Harris and Martha Watkins were as follows:

Susan Ann Harris, born in Elbert County, Georgia, Nov. 30th, 1831. She died unmarried June, 1847, in Columbus, Mississippi.

Sarah Watkins Harris, born in Elbert County, Georgia, June 13th, 1833, and died in Columbus, Mississippi, June 12th, 1885. She married Thomas B. Bailey of North Carolina November 11th, 1856.

Martha Eliza Harris, born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, September 29th, 1835. She married, November 16th, 1858, Judge Joel M. Acker of Aberdeen, Mississippi.

Lucy Ann Harris, born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, March 27th, 1837. She died in Columbus, Mississippi, October 12th, 1886. She married Captain William Winston on October 5th, 1865.

William Henry Harris, born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, March 28th, 1838. He died in New Orleans. On September 26th, 1861, he married Emily Louise Smith of Clinton, La. This wife died, and on November 28th, 1877, he married his second wife, Lylie Olivia Hanson.

Jeptha Vining Harris, born in Abbeville District, S. C., on the 28th of May, 1839. He married on March 5th, 1861, Mary Perkins of Columbus, Mississippi. They are both living (1914) in Key West, Florida.

Mary Elizabeth Harris, was born in Abbeville District, S. C., March 19th, 1841. She married Dr. Augustus Lanier on October 30th, 1860, of Columbus, Mississippi. Dr. Lanier died on December 16th, 1862. His widow Mary Elizabeth married Louis Guion of New Orleans, La., on July 14th, 1875.

James Walton Harris was born in Columbus, Mississippi, on May 20th, 1845. He married on the 23rd of April, 1873, Gertrude Garrard of Columbus, Georgia. He died in Key West, Florida, while on a visit to his brother, Dr. J. V. Harris. His widow and several children are living (1914) in Jackson, Mississippi.

The children of Sarah Watkins Harris, second child of James W. Harris, who married Thomas B. Bailey on November 11th, 1856, were:

Martha Harris Bailey, born August 31st, 1857.

Sarah Elizabeth Bailey, born October 25, 1858.

Lucy Watkins Bailey, born November 30th, 1867.

Martha Harris Bailey married in 1877, Paul E. Alexander. In May, 1878, an infant and mother both died.

Sarah Elizabeth Bailey, the second daughter of Thomas B. Bailey and Sarah Watkins Harris, married on June 30th, 1881, Thomas W. Hardy of Virginia. Their children were:

Martha Ann Hardy, born August 1st, 1883, died May 28th, 1895.

Thomas Bailey Hardy, born March 7th, 1884, married in 1914, Mary Ita Sherman of Columbus, Mississippi.

Lucile Hardy, born April 13th, 1889, married O. L. Kimbough of Greenwood, Mississippi.

Lenore Hardy, born March 28th, 1891; married Thomas Carlton Billups of Columbus, Mississippi, in 1914.

James Harris Hardy, born December 6th, 1894.

Lucy Watkins Bailey, the third child of Thomas B. Bailey and Sarah Watkins Harris, was born November 30th, 1867. June 10th, 1890, she married a Robert Baskerville Hardy of Virginia (a brother of Thos. W. Hardy, who married her older sister, Sarah Elizabeth Bailey.) Their children were:

Robert Orgain Hardy, born November, 1892;

Virginia Hardy, born December, 1894;

Sarah Hardy,

John Hardy.

Martha Eliza Harris, third child of James Walton Harris and Martha Watkins, married Judge Joel M. Acker.

Their children were:

James Milton Acker, born 1859;

Corrinne Acker, born in 1860;

Joel M. Acker, died young.

The above-mentioned James Walton Acker, born in 1859, married in 1885 Annie E. Cunningham; their children were:

Joel Milton Acker, Jr., born 1886;

Pauline Acker, died in infancy.

Corrinne Acker, the second child of Judge Joel M. Acker and

Martha Eliza Harris, born in 1860, married in 1883, William Frank Rogers of Aberdeen, Mississippi. Their children were:

Joel Acker Rogers, born 1885;

Christine Rogers, born in 1889.

Lucy Ann Harris, the fourth child of James Walton Harris and Martha Watkins, born March 22nd, 1837, married Captain William Winston on October 5th, 1865. Their children were:

William Winston, born 1874. He was married to Miss Carrie Kidd of Rome, Georgia, where they now reside (1914.)

Corrinne Winston, born —, married Nathan Patton. Now lives in Waco, Texas, (1914.)

William Henry Harris, the fifth child of James Walton Harris and Martha Watkins, born March 28th, 1838, married, first, Emily Louise Smith of Clinton, Louisiana, on September 26th, 1861. Their children were:

Judson Harris, born 1862;

Isabelle Harris, died in infancy;

James Barton Harris, born about 1866;

William Hunt Harris, Oct. 5th, 1869;

Emily Louise Harris, born 1870;

Jeptha Vining Harris, born 1872.

This first wife of William Henry Harris (Emily Louise Smith Harris) died, and on November 28th, 1877, William Henry Harris married Lylie Olivia Hanson and by his second wife had the following children:

Caldewood Gibson Harris, born December 14th, 1879. He died while a young man and was never married;

Olive Hanson Harris, born May 4th, 1882;

Marjorie Louise Harris, born August 1st, 1883;

Lylie Watkins Harris, born February, 1893.

Judson Harris, the first child of William Henry Harris and Emily Louise Smith, was born in 1862. He married Alice Wilks; she died, leaving two children:

Alice Harris,

Hunt Harris.

James Barton Harris, the third child of William Henry Harris and Emily Louise Smith, married in 1897, Julia Price of New Orleans, La.

William Hunt Harris, the fourth child of William Henry Harris and Emily Louise Smith lived in New Orleans until he was a boy between sixteen and eighteen years old, when he went to Key West, Florida, where his uncle Dr. Jephtha Vining Harris was living. By earnest effort and firm resolve he worked and studied and made his way. He studied law and was admitted to the bar and has since risen to prominence in his profession. He served his country in the Legislature of Florida and, afterwards, in the State Senate. He was unanimously elected by acclamation, President of the Senate. He married Mary Louise Porter, daughter of Dr. Joseph V. Porter; their children were:

Minnie Porter Harris, born May 9th, 1900;

Wm. Hunt Harris, Jr., born March 8th, 1904, died June 9th, 1906;

Wm. Curry Harris, born Sept. 15th, 1907. In 1914, this family lived in Key West, Fla. Wm. Hunt Harris is Judge of Criminal Court of Record.

Emily Louise Harris, the fifth child of William Henry Harris and Emily Louise Smith, married Wm. E. Frazee of Columbus, Mississippi. Their children were:

Mary Louise Frazee,

Martha Harris Frazee,

Lucy Bailey Frazee.

Jephtha Vining Harris, the sixth child of William Henry Harris and Emily Louise Smith, was born in 1872. I have no further record of him.

Jephtha Vining Harris, the sixth child of James Walton Harris and Martha Watkins, was born May 28th, 1839; was educated at the University of Mississippi; studied medicine and for some years practiced his profession. He married on the 5th of March, 1861, Mary Perkins of Columbus, Mississippi. Some years later he moved with his family to Florida. He lives (1914) in Key West, Florida.

Children of Dr. Jephtha Vining Harris:

Jephtha Vining Harris, Jr., (Lawyer) born May 4th, 1865, married Florida Euphemia Curry, April 2nd, 1891; issue: Marian Euphemia Curry, born April 11th, 1894, married Nathaniel Alden Sherman, Aug. 2nd, 1913.

Louis A. Harris, (Lawyer) Oct. 16th, 1868; married Nellie E. Pinder, March 29th, 1898, no issue.

Martha Watkins Harris, born Feby. 11th, 1873, married Rinaldo Hardway Richard, Oct. 28th, 1896; issue: Mattie Gladys Richard, born July 22nd, 1897; Dorothy Harris Richard, born Aprl. 30th, 1900; Harris Hardaway Richard, born Oct. 13th, 1902; Rinaldo Edmund Burke Richard, born Apl. 10th, 1905; Florida Elizabeth Richard, born Nov. 7th, 1907.

Mary Elizabeth Harris, the seventh child of James Walton Harris and Martha Watkins, born March 19th, 1841, married on October 30th, 1860, Dr. Augustus Lanier, of Columbus, Mississippi. They had one son:

James Augustus Lanier, born August 28th, 1861. He married on January 9th, 1894, Lelia J. Monnet.

Dr. Augustus Lanier died on the 15th of December, 1862, and his widow, Mary Elizabeth, married again on July 14th, 1875, Louis Guion of New Orleans, Louisiana. Their children were:

Mary Leigh Guion, born December 11th, 1878;

Catherine Lewis Guion, born October 21st, 1881.

This family resides in New Orleans, Louisiana, now (1914).

James Walton Harris, Jr., the youngest child of James Walton Harris and Martha Watkins, was born in Columbus, Mississippi, on May 30th, 1845. He married on April 23rd, 1873, Gertrude Garrard of Columbus, Georgia. Their children were:

Garrard Harris, born May 14th, 1874. He married Miss Mary Sykes of Aberdeen, Mississippi. He is a lawyer and an author. They reside in Mobile, Alabama, (1914). Isabel U. Harris, born May 29th, 1878.

Gertrude Garrard Harris, born September 30th, 1876. She

died June 5th, 1880.

Helen Glenn Harris, born August 5th, 1881.

William Walton Harris, born February 23rd, 1884, and died July 19th, 1884.

Eva Catherine Harris, born March 7th, 1886.

David Urquhart Harris, born November 9th, 1887.

William Littleton Harris, the second child of General Jephtha V. Harris and Sarah Hunt, was born in Oglethorpe County, Georgia, July 6th, 1807. He graduated at the University of Georgia in 1829. He married Francis Semmes of Wilkes County, Georgia. With others of his brothers he moved to Columbus, Mississippi. He became a distinguished citizen and lawyer in Mississippi, serving first as circuit Judge and afterwards on the Supreme Bench of the State. Their children were:

Andrew Green Harris,

Mary,

Sarah Hunt,

Caroline,

Jephtha V. Harris,

Francis,

Willie (girl)

Regina.

Andrew Green Harris married Annie Gaithor. They had no children. Both are dead.

The second son, Jephtha V. Harris married Miss Cobb; they have several children living near and in Jackson, Tennessee. I have been unable to secure data regarding this family.

Mary, the oldest daughter of Judge William L. Harris and Francis Semmes, married Richard Bell, a planter of Bolivar County, Mississippi, where they lived many years; both died there. They left three children:

James Bell,

Francis Bell,

Mary Bell.

Sarah Hunt Harris, second daughter of Judge William L. Harris and Francis Semmes, was born about 1837. She married on June 8th, 1858, Jacob H. Sharp, a lawyer of Columbus,

Mississippi. In 1861, on the breaking out of the war between the States, Mr. Sharp raised a Company of Infantry known as the "Columbus Rangers" and enlisted in the Confederate Army. He became Colonel of his regiment and afterwards Brigadier-General. He was distinguished for bravery and ability as a commander. His Brigade was known as "The High Pressure Brigade" and was in all of the battles of Mississippi, Tennessee and Georgia under Generals Albert Sidney Johnson, Beauregard, Joseph E. Johnson, Braxton Bragg, Polk and Hood until the close of the war. Their children were:

Thomas Hunter Sharp, Jr., born Sept. 11th, 1862;

Willie Sharp, born Feby. 28th, 1861.

Thomas Hunter Sharp, son of General Jacob H. Sharp was a Captain in the United States Army in the Spanish-American War and was at Santiago, Cuba. He is now Postmaster at Columbus, Mississippi. He was married in 1889 to Jennie Green; their children were:

Jacob Sharp, born January 23rd, 1890;

Thomas Hunter Sharp Jr., born February 19th, 1891;

Jennie Sharp.

Willie Sharp, daughter of General Jacob H. Sharp and Sarah Hunt Harris, born February 28th, 1861, married Joseph H. Askew of Columbus, Mississippi, on October 4th, 1882. She and her husband both died Feb. 24th or 25th, 1896, and were buried in a double grave in Friendship Cemetery at Columbus, Mississippi. Their children were:

Mary Askew, born April 23rd, 1887, married Frank Owen, a lawyer of Columbus, Mississippi, where they now reside (1914).

Willie Sharp Askew, born May 18th, 1895. Died when about sixteen years old.

Caroline Harris, third daughter of Judge William L. Harris and Francis Semmes, married first Isaac Robinson of Bolivar County, Mississippi. He died without children. His widow, Caroline Harris Robinson, afterwards married Dr. John W. Young. Their children were:

Francis Young,
Margarette Young,
John W. Young.

All three of these children grew to maturity, married and have families.

Francis Harris, the fourth daughter of Judge Wm. L. Harris, married Dr. C. Montgomery of Greenville, Mississippi. She died without children.

Willie Harris, the fourth daughter of Judge Wm. L. Harris, married William Robinson of Bolivar County, Miss. She died without children.

Regina Harris, the sixth daughter of Judge William L. Harris and Francis Semmes, married a Mr. Burch and raised a large family. When last heard from, they were living in Arkansas.

George Hunt Harris, the third child of General Jephtha V. Harris and Sarah Hunt, was born March 4th, 1809, in Elbert County, Georgia. He graduated in 1828 at the University of Georgia, then studied law and practiced in Washington, Wilkes County, Georgia. On the 21st of May, 1833, he married Mary Whitehead Dowse, the daughter of Colonel Samuel Dowse of Bath, Richmond County, Georgia. He moved from Georgia to Mississippi in 1845 where he died June 8th, 1892. His wife, Mary W. Dowse, died in Columbus, Mississippi, on June 13th, 1859. He married again, a widow, Mrs. Mary E. McArn, of Montgomery, Alabama. By this second marriage there were no children.

The children of George Hunt Harris and Mary Whitehead Dowse were as follows:

Samuel Dowse Harris, born February 19th, 1834;
Sarah Tallulah Harris, born May 17th, 1836;
James Walton Harris, born January 29th, 1842;
Mary Dowse Harris, born March 1st, 1844;
Gideon Dowse Harris, born June 9th, 1846.

There were seven (7) other children by this marriage, who died in infancy, several of them being only one or two days old.

Samuel Dowse Harris, first child of Colonel George Hunt

Harris and Mary Whitehead Dowse, was born February 14th, 1834, in Georgia. He moved to Mississippi with his parents; he was educated at the Kentucky Military Institute. When the war broke out between the States, he enlisted at once and was elected Lieutenant of the "Columbus Riflemen," and went to Pensacola, Florida. He was afterwards Captain of this Company, then Major of a Battalion of Sharpshooters, then Inspector General on the staff of General William E. Baldwin. He served throughout the entire war in the armies of Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Georgia.

On the 11th of August, 1863, he married Henrietta Williams of Columbus, Mississippi. This couple have two children who grew to maturity:

Eva Harris, born April 6th, 1866,

Samuel Dowse Harris, born November 12th, 1867.

This daughter, Eva Harris, married November 30th, 1887, William Percy Craddock of Columbus, Mississippi. They have five children:

William Percy Craddock, Jr., born October 10th, 1888;

Samuel Harris Craddock, born June 14th, 1890;

Henrietta Craddock, born June 30th, 1892;

Agnes Craddock, born November 19th, 1893;

Eugene LeVert Craddock, born May 31st, 1895.

Samuel Dowse Harris, Jr., son of Samuel Dowse Harris and Henrietta Williams, was educated at Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College. On October 16th, 1895, he married Pauline Sykes; they have two children:

Pauline Harris,

Samuel Dowse Harris, the third.

This family live in Columbus, Mississippi. Samuel Dowse Harris is the Cashier of the First State Bank (1914).

Sarah Tallulah Harris, the second child of Colonel George Hunt Harris and Mary W. Dowse, was born May 17th, 1836. She died March 31st, 1913. On December 5th, 1854, she married Dr. William L. Lipscomb of Columbus, Mississippi. They had the following children who grew to maturity, married and raised families:

Mary Lipscomb, born September 12th, 1855. She married Rev. Thomas B. Hargrove on February 4th, 1873. Their children were:

Tallulah Hargrove, born Jan. 28th, 1874. She died unmarried.

William Hargrove, born September 21st, 1876. He married and is now a Methodist minister in the Missouri Conference.

Dabney Lipscomb, born 6th March, 1859. He graduated at the University of Mississippi. On July 4th, 1883, he married Mittie Fontaine. They had one son:

William Lowndes Lipscomb, Jr., born October, 1889.

This wife died and some years later he married a second wife, Miss Edwina Fulton. By this marriage they have one child:

Julia, born August 29th, 1902.

Dabney Lipscomb is a man of high Christian character and has attained a high standing as an educator. He has been a professor in the Mississippi A. & M. College for twelve years, then professor in the University of Mississippi for about the same length of time, and for several years past he has been Vice President of the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College.

Tallulah Lipscomb, born June 10th, 1862. She married in February, 1890, Rev. B. W. Waters at Shanghai, China, where they were both missionaries at that time. They were transferred to Japan, where they continued their missionary labors until the time of her death in 1910. Their children are:

Basil Worthington Waters, Jr., born January 14th, 1891.

William Lipscomb Waters, born May 5th, 1894.

Harris Waters, born ———.

George Harris Lipscomb was born June 27th, 1864. He married on December 12th, 1889, Bessie Watkins. Their children are:

Olive Lipscomb, born October 8th, 1890;

Tallulah Lipscomb, born January 26th, 1893;

Bessie Lipscomb.

Mary Hargrove Lipscomb died when a small child.

George Harris Lipscomb was a preacher in the Methodist Church South. He was a man of ability and much beloved by all who knew him. He died October 19th, 1899.

James Walton Lipscomb, was born August 27th, 1868. He was educated at the Mississippi A. & M. College; then graduated in medicine and practiced his profession in the Mississippi Delta for ten years. He married on February 28th, 1895, Annie Bell Sturdevant. Their children are:

Elise Lipscomb, born July 9th, 1897;

Eunice Lipscomb, born August 3rd, 1900;

George Lipscomb, born July 15th, 1902;

James Walton Lipscomb, born August 10th, 1904.

This family reside in Columbus, Mississippi, (1914).

Laura Lipscomb born May 12th, 1874. She married Ernest Beard. He died several years ago and she is now a widow and teaches in the Public Schools. She has two sons living:

Neilson Beard,

W. C. Beard.

Thomas Heber Lipscomb was born 23rd of March, 1877. After graduating at college he entered the ministry of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and is a rising man in that church. November 8th, 1905, he married Lutie Scott. Their children are:

Edward Lowndes,

Dabney,

Martha Harris,

Thomas H. Jr.

Ervin Wadsworth Lipscomb was born November 7th, 1799. After graduating from college, he entered the ministry of the M. E. Church, South. He married Mary Clare Brown of Meridian, Mississippi. He was a preacher of great zeal and ability. He died in 1910, leaving one child:

L. P. Brown Lipscomb.

James Walton Harris, third child of Colonel George H. Harris and his wife, Mary Whitehead Dowse, was born January 29th, 1842. He was educated at Southern University at Greensboro, Alabama. In 1861 he entered the Confederate Ar-

my in the 14th Regiment, Mississippi Infantry; was taken a prisoner of war at Fort Donaldson, Tennessee, and sent to Camp Douglas at Chicago, Illinois. He made his escape from prison, succeeding in reaching his home at Columbus, Mississippi. Soon after this his regiment was exchanged and sent into the field and he served with them until the close of the war in 1865. After the war he attended the Penn. Medical College at Philadelphia, Pa., and graduated in medicine in 1868. He located in St. Louis, Missouri, where he practiced his profession until the time of his death, January 17th, 1871. He never married.

Mary Dowse Harris, fourth child of Colonel George H. Harris and his wife, Mary W. Dowse, was born March 1st, 1844. She married Dr. Charles Sterling Price of Florence, Alabama, on December 18th, 1862. Their children are:

Irene Price. She married Wm. Fewell of Meridian, Mississippi.

Mary Price. She married Caldwell Maxwell.

Lulie Price. She married Edwin Carter.

Charles Price, Jr. He married Francis Birdsong. They have one child, Irene Price.

Gideon Dowse Harris, son of Colonel George H. Harris and Mary W. Dowse, was born in Columbus, Mississippi, on June 9th, 1846. After finishing the High School in Columbus, Mississippi, in 1860 he entered the University of Georgia in 1861. In 1862 he laid down his books, with other students, and entered the service of the Confederate States as a "Special Messenger" in the Ordinance Department under Major William Richardson Hunt. His duties were to carry money, official papers and arms and ammunition to points where they were needed by troops in the field. I was then sixteen years old. In the early part of 1863 I enlisted in the regular army and was orderly Sgt. (1st Sgt.) Co. H. Sixth Mississippi Cavalry Regiment, Mabry's Brigade, Forrest Cavalry Command. We had seventy boys in this Company under twenty-one years of age. I was in more than twenty fights under Forrest in the two and one-half years that I belonged to his command. Was wounded

at the Battle of Harrisburg (or Tupelo, Miss.) on the 14th of July, 1864. After seventy days absence, on wounded furlough, I returned to my command and served continuously to the Surrender in 1865. After the Surrender my father gave me \$130.00 in silver coin, that he had saved through the War, and with this money, I, with twenty other soldier boys, attended school for nine months at the famous Green Springs school of Dr. Henry Tutwiler. We reviewed our College studies and did some advanced work. It was the finest, most thorough, and earnest school work that I ever saw done by young men. They were all there of their own accord, and paying their own way. Dr. Tutwiler and his assistant, Major J. W. A. Wright, have both told me that it was the most enjoyable work they ever did.

In 1866 and 1867 I worked for a large lumber mill near DeSoto, Clarke County, Mississippi. On March 6th, 1867, I was united in marriage to Elizabeth Washburn Eager of Columbus, Mississippi. She was the daughter of Charles Prince Eager, who was educated in Berne, Switzerland, and Laura Emily Wright, who was educated at Mt. Holyoke, Massachusetts. Both were teachers, and the daughter took up the work of her parents. After we were married, we lived for a year in the pine forests of Southern Mississippi. In November, 1868, we moved to the prairies of Noxubee County, Mississippi, and for five years lived in a log cabin on the prairies working with our hands. These were happy years.

In the winter of 1872 Gideon Dowse Harris and his wife Elizabeth Eager moved to Columbus, Mississippi, where they have resided ever since. On the 4th of August, 1894, Elizabeth Eager Harris, wife of Gideon Dowse Harris, died in the fifty-sixth year of her life, and is buried in Friendship Cemetery at Columbus, Mississippi. They had five children:

Laura Harris, born Noxubee County, Mississippi, August 12th, 1870;

Elizabeth Harris, born in Columbus, Mississippi, November 25th, 1874;

Gideon Dowse Harris, Jr., born in Columbus, Mississippi, June 26th, 1877;

George Hunt Harris, born in Columbus, Mississippi, Feb. 14th, 1880.

Edward Strong Harris, born in Columbus, Mississippi, Oct. 28th, 1883.

Laura Harris, the oldest daughter of Gideon D. and Elizabeth Eager Harris, graduated at the Industrial Institute and College at Columbus, Mississippi, and taught school in Cuthbert, Georgia; Waco, Texas; and Jackson, Tennessee, filling the chair of Chemistry in each of these colleges. On November 18th, 1896, she married Rev. William States Jacobs of South Carolina. They have one child:

William States, Jr., born November 9th, 1899.

Dr. Jacobs is now pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, Texas, (1914).

Elizabeth Harris, second child of Gideon Dowse Harris and Elizabeth Eager, married on May 18th, 1893, William E. Waring of Columbus, Mississippi. Their children are:

William E. Waring, Jr., born March 1st, 1894;

Gideon Harris Waring, born August 11th, 1896; he died in infancy;

Elizabeth Waring, born March 6th, 1898;

Laurie Waring, born June 27th, 1904.

Gideon Harris, Jr., third child of Gideon Dowse and Elizabeth Eager Harris, born June 26th, 1877, was educated at the University of Mississippi and graduated in medicine from Tulane Medical College, New Orleans, Louisiana. He practiced medicine at Indianola, Mississippi, until his death, August 30th, 1894. He never married.

George Hunt Harris, fourth child of Gideon Dowse Harris and Elizabeth Eager Harris, born February 14th, 1880, was educated at Bell Buckle, Tennessee, and Peabody Normal College at Nashville, Tennessee. He is unmarried (1914) and lives in Houston, Texas.

Edward Strong Harris, fifth child of Gideon Dowse Harris and Elizabeth Eager, was born October 28th, 1883. He is in the fire insurance business and resides in Columbus, Georgia.

On October 8th, 1913, he married Miss Margaret Barnes of Rawlins, Wyoming.

On December 16th, 1908, Gideon D. Harris married a second wife, Emma Talulah Fulgham, daughter of Marcus T. Fulgham of Alabama. They are living (1914) in Columbus, Miss.

Ann R. Harris, the fourth child of General Jephtha V. Harris and Sarah Hunt, was born the 17th, of May, 1811. She died in Columbus, Mississippi, on the 5th of April, 1857. She married on October 30th, 1830, George R. Clayton, son of Judge Augustine S. Clayton of Athens, Georgia. George Clayton was born October 22nd, 1808, and died April 23rd, 1867. Their children who grew to maturity were:

William Jephtha Clayton, born March 21st, 1833. Died unmarried, April 4th, 1860.

Julia A. Clayton, born March 12th, 1836. She married on January 1st, 1856, John W. Chandler.

Elmira Clayton, born January 31st, 1839. She is unmarried and lives in St. Louis, Missouri, (1914).

Francis R. Clayton, born December 25th, 1840. She is unmarried and lives in St. Louis, Missouri, (1914).

Lucy Cary Clayton, born December 19th, 1842, married Rev. Benjamin F. Larrabee.

Norma Clayton, the youngest child, was born Jan. 18th, 1848. She married on the 5th of October, 1879, Joe Matt Wells of Columbus, Mississippi.

The children of John W. and Julia Clayton Chandler were: Anne C. Chandler, born 22nd October, 1856. She is unmarried and lives in St. Louis, Missouri, (1914).

Katherine Chandler, born May 25th, 1862. She married on July 10th, 1895, L. G. Pope. They live in Florida, (1914)

Julia F. Chandler, born May 7th, 1864. She is unmarried and lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

John W. Chandler, Jr., born March 31st, 1868. He is unmarried (1914) and lives in St. Louis, Missouri.

Mary C. Chandler, born April 7th, 1870. She married Walter Stokes of Macon, Mississippi.

Augustine Clayton Chandler, born March 28th, 1872. He is married and lives in Dallas, Texas, (1914).

Rev. Benjamin Larrabee and Lucy Cary Clayton left one child:

Benjamin Larrabee, Jr., born November 19th, 1874. He lives in St. Louis, Missouri, (1914).

Joe Matt Wells and Norma Clayton have the following living children:

Lucy T. Wells, born 7th Oct., 1870; married Roland B. Alexander in 1889.

Joe Matt Wells, Jr., born May 4th, 1873.

Eugene C. Wells, born August 28th, 1874, died 1877.

Annie M. Wells, born October 3rd, 1876.

Sarah E. Harris, fifth child of General Jephtha V. Harris and his wife Sarah Hunt, was born the 18th of August, 1814. She married on December 23rd, 1834, Tinsley W. Rucker of Elbert County, Ga. He died in Athens, Georgia, on January 8th, 1864. She died in Athens, Georgia, April 13th, 1895. Their children were:

Sarah Margaret Tinsley Rucker, born in Elbert County, Ga., September 15th, 1835. She married on April 5th, 1854, Angus McAlpin of Savannah, Georgia. Their children were:

Ellen McAlpin, born August 13th, 1856.

Tinsley R. McAlpin, born April 5th, 1859, died June 16th, 1872.

Elizabeth H. McAlpin, born October 12th, 1860, died March 24th, 1890.

Angus McAlpin, Jr., born December 17th, 1862, died July 20th, 1874.

George Hull McAlpin, born November 1st, 1864.

Sallie M. McAlpin, born September 4th, 1871.

Florence Locke McAlpin, born June 20th, 1873. On November 20th, 1895, she married Henry Wiley Johnson of Williston, South Carolina. Their children were:

Ellen McAlpin Johnson, born March 3rd, 1897.

Georgia Anna Rucker, 2nd child of Tinsley and Sarah Harris

Rucker, born December 11th, 1837. On December 8th, 1857, she married James M. Hull, a son of Asbury Hull of Athens, Georgia. While a college boy at the University of Georgia—1861 and 1862—I lived in her home and shall ever remember her with affection. James M. Hull died in Athens, Georgia, on the 8th of February, 1864, leaving two children:

James M. Hull, Jr., born Feb. 3rd, 1859. He married on the 11th of January, 1883, Mary B. Lyons; their children were:

Asbury Hull, born November 1st, 1883;
Francis L. Hull, born October 6th, 1885;
Mary L. Hull, born January 31st, 1890;
Francis L. Hull, born November 15th, 1887;
Lamar H. Hull, born Aug. 31st, 1892;
Georgia R. Hull, born April 3rd, 1893.

Asbury Hull, second son of James M. Hull and his wife Georgia Rucker, was born February 3rd, 1860. He married February 1st, 1883, Alice B. Sibley of Augusta, Georgia. Their children were:

Emmie Hull, born November 6th, 1883;
Jeptha Rucker Hull, born October 6th, 1888;
Alice S. Hull, born August 13th, 1891;
Asbury Hull, third, born January 10th, 1894.

Georgia Rucker Hull, the widow of James M. Hull, who died February, 1864, married the second time on April 25th, 1866, Dr. D. S. Ford, of Augusta, Georgia. The children by this marriage were:

Frankie Gerald Ford, born March 9th, 1867, she married George Baker of Columbia, South Carolina.

Louis Dessa S. Ford, born October 29th, 1874; he died June 10th, 1875;

Tinsley Rucker Ford, born July 2nd, 1876;

Henry Williams Ford, born December 5th, 1878.

Rebecca Lanier Rucker, third child of Tinsley Rucker and Sarah Harris, born July 3rd, 1839, and died October 2nd, 1841.

Joseph Rucker, the fourth child of same parents, born April 5th, 1840, and died August 17th, 1844.

Mary Louise Rucker, fifth child, was born October 3rd, 1841, and died August 21st, 1842.

Julia Tocoa Rucker, sixth child, was born the 2nd of December, 1842, and died April 2nd, 1844.

Martha Catherine Rucker, the seventh child of Tinsley and Sarah Rucker, was born April 3rd, 1844. She married on August 9th, 1865, Richard B. Baxter of Sparta, Georgia. He served through the war—1861-1865—as a member of Co. K., Third Regiment Georgia Volunteers. The wife, Catherine Rucker Baxter, died November 10th, 1882. Their children were:

John S. Baxter, born July 2nd, 1866. He married on December 15th, 1892, Mary A. Lawton; their children were: Clifford Lawton Baxter, born November 17th, 1893; Edgeworth Bird Baxter, born March 31st, 1895.

Edgeworth Bird Baxter, second child of Richard Baxter and his wife, Catherine, was born July 18th, 1868. On the 10th of November, 1896, he married Elvira Alexander of Richmond, Virginia.

Elizabeth Harris, Baxter, third child of Richard Baxter and Catherine Rucker, was born May 10th, 1870. January 24th, 1894, she married Jeff Lane Mullally of Hancock County, Georgia. They had one child:

Richard Baxter Mullally, born October 19th, 1894.

Mary Baxter was born November 21st, 1871, died in infancy.

George Ford Baxter, fifth child, was born November 21st, 1872.

Richard Bolling Baxter, sixth child of same parents, was born May 6th, 1878.

Thomas Wiley Baxter, seventh child of Richard Baxter and wife, Catherine Rucker, was born August 18th, 1881.

Jeptha Harris Rucker, the eighth child of Tinsley W. Rucker and his wife, Sarah E. Harris, was born November 2nd, 1846. He and I were boys together, there being only five months difference in our ages and being first cousins, were closely associated while I was in college at Athens, Georgia. We had a happy meeting again this sum-

mer (1914) when, after fifty-two years' absence, I went back to Commencement of University of Georgia to get my diploma and formally to receive my degrees. I found him still unmarried and the same elegant gentleman, and very young looking for his years. At this date (1914) he is Postmaster at Athens and has twice been Mayor of that city.

Tinsley W. Rucker, Jr., the ninth child of Tinsley W. Rucker and Sarah Harris, was born March 24th, 1848. He was married on September 27th, 1876, to Sarah M. Cobb of Athens, Ga. She was the daughter of ex-Governor Howell Cobb of Georgia. Their children were:

Tinsley Rucker, third, born Sept. 10th, 1878;

Laura C. Rucker, born July 24th, 1880;

Mary Ann Rucker, born April 28th, 1882;

Catherine Baxter Rucker, born May 27th, 1886;

Sarah Mildred Rucker, born April 29th, 1889, and died June 3rd, 1890.

Alexander C. Rucker, the tenth child of Tinsley W. Rucker and his wife, Sarah Harris, was born August 30th, 1849. On May 5th, 1870, he married Carrie L. Simpson of Sparta, Georgia. Their children were:

Sarah Elizabeth Rucker, born 1877; she married Lamar Lyndon of Athens, Georgia, and the last I knew of them, they were living in Japan.

Jeptha Vining Harris, the second, was the sixth child of General Jeptha V. Harris and Sarah Hunt Harris. He was born December 1st, 1816. He graduated at the University of Georgia, 1836. On June 30th, 1840, he married Mary Oliver Banks of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was a member of the Mississippi Legislature in 1855-1856. During the Civil War he commanded the 4th Brigade of Mississippi Reserves. Their children were:

Mary O. Harris, born October 21st, 1841. She died unmarried about 1860.

Willis Banks Harris, born November 4th, 1843. He served in the War—1860-1865—and at its close was on the staff of General Jacob H. Sharp. On November 12th, 1867,

he married Anne Billups of Columbus, Mississippi. This couple had the following children:

Willis B. Harris, born October 30th, 1872. He is unmarried and engaged in the cotton business in Columbus, Mississippi, (1914).

Billups Harris, born August 4th, 1876. He is unmarried and living in Washington, D. C.

Mary Jep Harris, born August 13th, 1885. She married Mr. Wm. C. Watson and they are living in Columbus, Mississippi, (1914). They have one child:

William Watson, Jr.

Lucy Harris, third child of General Jephtha V. Harris and his wife, Mary O. Banks, was born November 21st, 1846. She married on February 6th, 1872, Major Robert P. Duncan. In 1862-1863 he was Inspector General on the staff of Major General R. H. Anderson, C. S. A. in the Virginia Army. Their children were:

Jephtha Harris Duncan, born February 19th, 1873;

Mary Duncan, born September 13th, 1882.

Elijah Willis Harris, the seventh child of General Jephtha V. Harris and his wife, Sarah Hunt, was born August 15th, 1819. He graduated at the University of Georgia in 1839. On April 16th, 1848, he married Irene Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee. He died April 11th, 1851, leaving one child:

Irene Taylor Harris, who was born April 8th, 1848. She married Albert G. Ramsey of Columbus, Mississippi, in 1872. They had five children, three of whom grew to maturity:

Lillie Ramsey, born March 12th, 1878;

Albert J. Ramsey, born January 21st, 1876;

Pattie Ramsey, born February 1st, 1883.

Irene Taylor Harris Ramsey and the three above children are all living in New York City, (1914). The children are all married.

Rebecca Lanier Harris, the eighth child of General Jephtha V. Harris and his wife, Sarah Hunt, was born April 3rd, 1822. She married on June 13th, 1853, William Crawford Bibb of Montgomery, Alabama, who was a son of William W. Bibb,

the first Governor of Alabama. Their children were:

William Crawford Bibb, Jr., born February 27th, 1854;

Sarah Hunt Bibb, born March 28th, 1855.

William Crawford Bibb, Jr., (above) married on November 9th, 1887, Dike B. Sheperd of Montgomery, Alabama. Their children were:

Evelynn S. Bibb, born August 18th, 1888;

John Dandridge Bibb, born February 11th, 1892;

Rebecca Lanier Bibb, born July 2nd, 1895.

Sarah Hunt Bibb, (above) daughter of Wm. Crawford Bibb and Rebecca L. Harris, was twice married; first to Mr. Tomlinson of Madison, Georgia, and second to Dr. C. Hardy of Columbus, Mississippi. She had no children.

Rebecca Harris Bibb died in 1910. Her husband, Wm. Crawford Bibb, died May 23rd, 1896.

Mary Louisa Harris, the ninth child of General Jephtha V. Harris and his wife, Sarah Hunt, was born April 22nd, 1824. She was married in 1844 to William O. Saffold of Madison, Georgia, only son of Judge Adam G. Saffold, once on the Bench of the Ockmulgee Circuit. Their children were:

Rebecca Lanier Saffold, born June 13th, 1845. She married on May 4th, 1865, Robert T. Nesbitt of Early County, Ga. For some years he was the Commissioner of Agriculture of Georgia. In 1898 he relinquished this position to accept that of State Senator from Cobb County. Their children were:

William Duncan Nesbitt, born March 1st, 1869. In 1895 he married Annie Bush of Birmingham, Alabama, where they now reside (1914).

Mary E. Nesbitt, born July 16th, 1875. She married on June 21st, 1893, Thomas W. Glover of Marietta, Georgia. She died May 8th, 1896, leaving no children.

Robert Taylor Nesbitt, born February 16th, 1877.

Mrs. Rebecca Lanier Nesbitt, the widow of Robert T. Nesbitt, who died several years ago, is now living in Atlanta, Georgia, (1914).

Reuben Stockton Saffold, second child of Wm. O. Saffold and his wife, Mary Harris, was born on February 18th, 1847.

He married on November 10th, 1869, S. Joyce Whittaker of Madison, Georgia. Their children were:

Julia Floyd Saffold, born August 10th, 1870, and died in February, 1882.

Gazaway Knight Saffold, born March 10th, 1872, and died July 2nd, 1873.

Annie Porter Saffold, third child of Wm. O. and Mary Harris Saffold, was born September 15th, 1848. On January 30th, 1870, she married George R. Robinson. She died in Madison, Georgia, 1878, leaving no children.

Adam G. Saffold, fourth child of Wm. O. and Mary Harris Saffold, was born October 22nd, 1849; died in 1867.

Eugene Harris Saffold born July 3rd, 1851.

Sarah Saffold — died in infancy.

Mary Saffold — died in infancy.

Tallulah Roberta Saffold, eighth child of Wm. O. and Mary Harris Saffold, was born February 23rd, 1859. She married on October 16th, 1884, Peter Valentine Kolb of Cobb County, Georgia. Their children were:

Peter Valentine Kolb, born November 29th, 1885;

Mary G. Kolb, born September 1st, 1892;

Lanier Saffold Kolb, born May 19th, 1896;

Annie Porter Kolb, born November 29th, 1885.

Goudalock Saffold, ninth and youngest child of Wm. O. and Mary Harris Saffold, born October 2nd, 1864. On January 17th, ——— she married Nathaniel Bird Brown, a son of Rev. George Y. Brown. Their children were:

Goudalock Saffold Brown, born February 28th, 1886; died in infancy.

Mary Louisa Brown, born August 24th, 1888;

Nathaniel Bird Brown, born January 2nd, 1890;

Caroline M. Brown, born December 6th, 1892; died in infancy.

William Oliver Brown, born January 24th, 1894.

Eugene Upson Harris, tenth child of General Jeptha V. Harris and his wife, Sarah Hunt, was born February 16th, 1826. He graduated at the University of Georgia in 1846. He was a

lawyer by profession, as were his father and five brothers. He married on September 11th, 1851, Florine Jones of Madison, Georgia. They left four children:

William Saffold Harris, born March 8th, 1853. He has never married and lives in San Antonio, Texas, (1914).

Elizabeth Jones Harris, born May 16th, 1854. She married on June 24, 1873, John T. Burns. Their children were: Martha Harris Burns, born June 5th, 1874. On April 6th, 1892, she married Robert B. Nichols and so far as I have learned, has one child:

Elizabeth B. Nichols, born March 21st, 1895.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones Harris Burns is living in New York City in 1914.

George E. Harris, third child of Eugene U. and Florine Jones Harris, was born December 19th, 1857. He married on March 5th, 1888, Leila Martin. Their children, when last known were:

Sarah E. Harris, born January 1st, 1899.

George E. Harris, Jr., born March 1st, 1891. This family lives in San Antonio, Texas.

Sarah Hunt Harris, youngest child of Eugene Upson and Florine Jones Harris, was born April 6th, 1863. On December 8th, 1882, she married Dr. Lewis H. Jones and for many years lived in Atlanta, Georgia. They had one daughter:

Florine Harris, born July 3rd, 1885.

On account of the health of their daughter, they moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where the daughter died in 1910. Dr. Jones died some time after and his widow returned to Atlanta, where she now lives, (1914).

Susan J. Harris, the eleventh child of General Jeptha V. Harris and Sarah Hunt Harris, was born December 29th, 1827. She died December 28th, 1882. On November 4th, 1847, she married Joel Abbott Billups, a son of Colonel John Billups and Ann Abbott, who was a daughter of Dr. Joel Abbott, one of Georgia's representatives in United States Congress from 1817, to 1825. Joel Abbott Billups and his wife, Susan Harris Billups moved to Madison, Georgia. He represented Morgan County

in the State Senate 1855-1859. They had only one child:

Tallulah, born September 29th, 1848. She married on October 27th, 1869, Thomas B. Gresham, a young lawyer of Macon, Georgia. She died September 29th, 1879, leaving two sons:

LeRoy Gresham, born September 21st, 1871. He married and is a minister of standing in the Southern Presbyterian Church. When last I heard from him (July, 1912) he was living in Salem, Virginia.

Abbott Billups Gresham, born November 1st, 1872. He died on October 13th, 1898.

Tallulah Harris, the twelfth child of General Jephtha V. Harris and Sarah Hunt Harris, was born August 1st, 1829. She married on Oct. 23rd, 1850, Robert G. Taylor of Athens, Ga. He died on November 5th, 1857. His widow, Tallulah Harris Taylor, married her second husband on the 31st of August, 1870—James A. Carlton of Athens, Georgia. There were no children by the second marriage. Mr. Carlton died some years ago, and Mrs. Tallulah Harris Carlton died in Columbus, Mississippi, July 4th, 1912.

The children of Robert G. Taylor and his wife, Tallulah Harris, were:

Hugh Nesbitt Taylor, born November 17th, 1856. He married on November 10th, 1880, Miss Catherine Spalding Hall, daughter of Dr. Charles Hall of Macon, Georgia. Their children were:

Hugh H. Taylor, born March 4th, 1882;

Charles H. Taylor, born November 9th, 1884;

Robert G. Taylor, third, born May 23rd, 1885.

This family now reside in Macon, Georgia.

Robert G. Taylor, Jr., born February 28th, 1858. He married on November 28th, 1888, Annie E. Twiggs of Augusta, Georgia. He died in Memphis, Tennessee, about 1906 or 1907.

This closes the record of the twelfth child of the family of General Jephtha V. Harris, who was the youngest son of Walton Harris, who came from Brunswick County, Virginia, before the

Revolutionary War and was the founder of the largest branch of the Harris family in Georgia. I have brought the family record down to a date where those now living in 1914 can easily link onto it.

It has not been my purpose to write a history, giving incidents or romances, but to record simply and accurately family records. I have no doubt, made some errors, because much of my information has been obtained by correspondence. On the other hand, I have corrected many errors and in the main, I think, the record is reasonably accurate.

The wills which form a part of this record will enable many of the present generation to connect their families with the Virginia family of Colonial days.

The Harris family intermarried with many of the old Virginia families, viz., the Washingtons, Laniers, Chamberlyns, Waltons, Buckners, Hunts, Carters and others. Fragments of history and tradition concerning these families, and family connections, have found their way into books, pamphlets and manuscript records and even at this late day, many erroneous accounts and romances are accepted as the truth. By reason of recent and more thorough investigation, I have been able to correct some of these errors.

Washington-Lanier-Harris Connection

In the record of Judge Iverson L. Harris, he states that George Washington Park Custis, the adopted son of General George Washington, gave to Congressman Sampson Harris of Alabama a memorandum taken from the Washington record, which stated that "Elizabeth Washington, fourth child of John Washington and Catherine Whiting married Thomas Lanier." This, if true, would have made Sampson Lanier, who was the son of Thomas Lanier and the father of Rebecca Lanier, close kin to General George Washington.

On account of the high source of this record, it was never questioned and it has been claimed for generations, and is yet claimed by most of the descendants of Rebecca Lanier, the wife of Walton Harris, that they were cousins of George Washington. But history and facts contradict this.

In a letter of General George Washington's to Sir Isaac Head, dated May 2nd, 1792 (See Spark's "Life of Washington," page 506) he says, "John Washington, eldest son of Lawrence and Mildred, married Catherine Whiting of Gloucester County, Virginia. He had two sons, Warner and Henry, and three daughters, Mildred, Elizabeth and Catherine." Near the bottom of the page he says, "Elizabeth never married." Even more conclusive proof of this error is the fact that this Elizabeth Washington died at nineteen years of age and is buried at "High Gate" Cemetery, Gloucester County, Virginia. The following inscription is on her handsome tomb:

"In a well grounded certainty of an immortal resurrection, here lyes the remains of Elizabeth, the daughter of John and Catherine Washington. She was a maiden virtuous without reservedness, wise without affectation, beautiful without knowing it. She left this life on the fifth day of February, MDCCXXXVI, in the 20th year of her age." This inscription was copied from her tomb by R. T. Crowder of Gloucester County, Virginia, and embodied in an article written by him "First Manor Houses in America, and Estates of First Americans" and published in the second number of Volume III, Journal of American History.

This is conclusive proof of the error of Mr. Custis' memorandum and we have to look further for the Elizabeth Washington who married Thomas Lanier.

From the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1890, Volume 44, page 307 and copied in William and Mary Quarterly, Volume 4, page 35, we find the following information of the Surry County, Virginia, Washingtons:

"John Washington, whose relationship to the Family of George Washington has never been established, married in 1658, Mary Flood, widow of Richard Blount. Their son, Richard Washington, died in 1725. In 1718, he made deed to some land in Surry County, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Jordan Washington; she died in 1755. Mrs. Elizabeth Jordan Washington's will mentions the names of her children, viz: "George, Thomas, Richard, John, William, James and Hart." This data

is found in the Surry County, Virginia, Records.

Elizabeth Jordan was the daughter of Arthur Jordan. In April, 1911, I employed Mrs. Sallie Nelson Robins, Assistant Librarian Virginia Historical Society, at Richmond, Virginia, to investigate this matter. She states that no Lanier was ever married to one of the descendants of John and Catherine Whiting Washington. At the same time I wrote to Mr. William Armstrong Crozier, editor of Virginia County Records, at Hashbuck Heights, N. J., and his reply was, "I am quite sure that Elizabeth Washington, who married Thomas Lanier, was not the daughter of Colonel John Washington, but of the family of John Washington of Surry County, Virginia."

In the "Gulf States Historical Magazine" Volume II, page 118, I find: "Rebecca Lanier's mother was Elizabeth Washington, daughter of Richard and granddaughter of John Washington of Surry County, Virginia."

Hence it is not established that there was any relationship between Elizabeth Washington, the wife of Thomas Lanier, and General George Washington.

The Walton-Harris Family Connection

The next family of any importance with whom the Harris family became connected is the Walton family of Brunswick County, Virginia, through the marriage of Nathan Harris, son of Edward Harris, to Catherine Walton, daughter of George Walton, in 1737.

The Harrises have a good share of family pride and have been prone to claim kin with notable persons. Many of them now believe and claim that George Walton, father of Catherine Walton, wife of Nathan Harris, was the George Walton who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence. To correct this error, and for this reason alone, I will give a short history of the Walton family. A portion of this information I got from the Quarterly Magazine, "Virginia County Records," and a part from public records and from Smith's History of Georgia.

Robert Walton of England emigrated to Virginia in 1682. His son, Robert Walton of Prince Edward County, Virginia,

married Francis ——— and their children were, Robert, George, James, Sherwood and Sally.

Robert Walton married Sally Hughes, daughter of Jesse Hughes. Their children were, George, Sally, Robert and John. This George Walton, son of Robert and Sally Hughes Walton, was the signer of the Declaration of Independence from the State of Georgia.

George Walton, son of Robert Walton of Prince Edward County, Va., married Martha Hughes, the daughter of Jesse Hughes. We know of one son of this couple, viz. George Walton, who married Elizabeth Scott. This last-mentioned George Walton was ^{double cousin} to George Walton, the signer of the Declaration of Independence and was the father of Catherine Walton, who in 1737 married Nathan Harris. Hence ^{John} Walton Harris, oldest son of Nathan and Catherine Harris, was a ~~second~~ cousin of George Walton, the signer from Georgia. They both moved from Virginia to Georgia before the Revolutionary War.

The children of George Walton and his wife, Elizabeth Scott, were John Walton, George Walton, Jr., Thomas Walton, Mary Walton, Catherine Walton and Isaac Row Walton. The following notes concerning George Walton of Brunswick County, Virginia, father of Catherine Walton Harris, are taken from the Public Records at Richmond, Virginia:

"George Walton was one of the gentlemen named in the Commission of the Peace as "Kings Justice Gentlemen," and he qualified as such at the first Court held in Brunswick County, Virginia, May 11, 1732.

"At a court held the 7th of November, 1734, he had the oath of High Sheriff administered to him." "At a court held June 5th, 1746, he had the oath of Judge of the County Court in Chancery administered to him and took his seat upon the bench." "At a court held August, 1748, he qualified as Captain of Infantry."

In Book II, pages 511 and 512, Land Grants in Brunswick County, Virginia, I find three grants made in the year 1726 to George Walton, for 365 acres, 318 acres and 190 acres. In

Bishop Meade's "Churches," page 487, I find the names of Thomas Lanier and George Walton, Vestrymen in Cumberland Parish, Lulenburg County, (cut off from Brunswick County in 1745). This clearly identifies George Walton, the father of Catherine Walton, who married Nathan Harris.

George Walton, the signer, who moved to Georgia, became a very prominent man in that State. He was a Colonel in the Revolutionary War; was wounded and taken prisoner. After the war he was Governor and six times was elected to Congress. He was Chief Justice and was also Trustee of the University of Georgia at the time of his death at Augusta, Georgia, in 1803.

The Harrises have always been very proud of their Walton blood and this name is found frequently down to the seventh generation.

The Lanier-Harris Family Connection

Thomas Lanier married Elizabeth Washington of Surry County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Richard Washington and his wife, Elizabeth Jordan. Richard Washington was the son of John Washington of Surry County, Virginia, who married a widow, Mary Flood, (widow of Richard Blount) in 1658.

Thomas Lanier and his wife Elizabeth Washington had three children, viz. Richard, Elizabeth and Sampson. This family was living in Brunswick County in 1738 as shown by Court records;

"Court held February 2nd, 1738, Thomas Lanier and others recommended as Justices." "Court held July 3rd, 1741. Thomas Lanier, Lieutenant of Company of Foot in Militia of this county, took oath."

Numerous Court records show that the two sons, Richard and Sampson Lanier, became prominent in public affairs.

"Court held July 24th, 1753, Sampson Lanier qualified as Justice."

"Court held July 23rd, 1754, Sampson Lanier qualified as Vestryman of Parish of St. Andrews."

"Court held July 7th, 1756, Sampson Lanier, recommended

as Sheriff."

"Court held April 26th, 1757, Sampson Lanier, one of the Committee to inspect Clerk's office."

Sampson Lanier, son of Thomas Lanier and his wife Elizabeth Washington, married Elizabeth Chamberlyn, the daughter of Samuel Chamberlyn. I have not been able to verify date of his marriage. It has been claimed that this Elizabeth Chamberlyn was the daughter of Secretary William Chamberlyn and his wife, Elizabeth Littlepage, but this is an error. The will of "Samuel Chamberlyn of St. Andrews' Parish, Brunswick County, Va., dated September 14th, 1752, and probated October 27th, 1752, mentions legacies to John Richards, to Mary, the daughter of Edward Swanson and to his daughter, "Elizabeth Lanier," and names son-in-law, Sampson Lanier as Executor. Will Book Volume III, page 84, Brunswick County, Virginia.

This establishes beyond all question that Sampson Lanier married Elizabeth, the daughter of Samuel Chamberlyn (not Secretary Chamberlyn). The children of this couple were as follows: Lewis Lanier, Buckner Lanier, Burwell Lanier, Winfred Lanier and Rebecca Lanier.

Sampson Lanier died in 1757, between April 26th and September 2nd, as shown by Court records.

This was a large and influential family in Brunswick County, Va., and their history and standing is fully verified by recorded evidence.

Buckner was the head of a large family. Some of his descendants now live in Columbus, Mississippi. (1914)

Lewis Lanier moved to Georgia and was a member of the Convention that framed the State Constitution.

Rebecca Lanier, daughter of Sampson Lanier and Elizabeth Chamberlyn, was born December 16th, 1744. I find the following among other entries concerning this family in the Court records of Brunswick County, Virginia:-

"Court held November 23rd, 1757. Burwell Lanier, orphan of Sampson Lanier, made choice of Samuel Lanier for his guardian."

"Court held February 27th, 1759. Rebecca Lanier, orphan

of Sampson Lanier, makes choice of Cuthbert Smith as her guardian."

In the year 1760 Rebecca Lanier married Walton Harris, the oldest son of Nathan Harris and Catherine Walton. Several years later this couple moved to Georgia. It is not necessary to follow the Lanier family further in connection with the Harris record.

Copy from original of a letter written by my Great-Grandmother, Rebecca Lanier, the wife of Walton Harris, to her youngest son, Jeptha Vining Harris. The original was loaned to me by my cousin, Mrs. Rebecca Lanier Nesbitt of Atlanta, Georgia:-

"Green County, Georgia.

Nov. 10th, 1814."

"Dear Son:

I take this opportunity to write you. I am in good health and yet in the land of the living, and in an unfriendly world, but one thing calls to my mind that my age won't permit me long to stay here. The 16th of next month I am seventy years of age.

As I am old and look forward sometime for my children to come to see me.

Walton Harris has been to see me five or six times since you have; he has carried me home with him. I stayed with him four weeks and spent my time very agreeably. Augustine Harris has been up two or three times; his wife once. That shows they have not forgot me yet or disgusted with me. Nothing more.

Be pleased to accept of my love to yourself and Sally and little children, also to Maj. Hunt and Lady.

Your mother,

REBECCA HARRIS."

My Great-Grandfather, Dr. Richardson Hunt of Virginia was born September 2nd, 1762, died in Elbert County, Georgia, January 6th, 1818. He married Nancy Martin Carter of Virginia, who was born June 22nd, 1768 and died October 19th,

1842. They had three children:—James, Elijah and Sarah. James died in Alabama. Elijah died in Mississippi and Sarah married Jephtha V. Harris. She had twelve children and raised them all.

This is where the Carter name comes into the Harris family. Nancy Martin Carter was descended from the Carter family of Virginia. She was a sister of James and Thomas Carter. "Shirley upon the James" is the historical old home of the Virginia Carters. "King" Carter of Shirley was a cousin of Nancy Carter Hunt.

Having made this record as faithfully as possible, extending through a period of twenty-four years, I find that as I progressed with the research I have frequently been obliged to correct former records, that I had at first believed to be correct. I have found that many of the statements made in printed records could not be substantiated and found that many of the traditions were unreasonable and sometimes impossible. My work has been slow because I have not had the means to employ expert professional help.

I believe that if I could make a more thorough investigation of records, Parish records, and burying grounds in Brunswick, County, Virginia, Isle of Wight and Henrico Counties, Virginia, that I would yet discover more data concerning Nathan, Edward and Thomas Harris and possibly find out the English family from which Thomas came.

I leave it for the very numerous descendants of this honorable family to continue the search as they see fit.

GIDEON DOWSE HARRIS,

August, 1914.

Columbus, Mississippi.

