

***HARRIS RECORDS***  
***with***  
***ALLIED FAMILIES***  
***of***  
***CLAIBORNE***  
***GILLISON***  
***THOMPSON***  
***WHITSETT***



*Compiled  
In Loving Memory of  
Two Harris Sisters*



*Angie Ray Harris*



*Harriet Elizabeth Harris*



Abbreviations used: b. - born d.- died m.- married  
ac.- about Vol. volume p.- page

Letters preceding names in the charts denote the place in the individual family ( A for first child, B for second child, etc.) Numbers in ( ) denote generation ( (1) for 1st generation, (2) for second generation, etc.) beginning with the immigrant ancestor, Captain Thomas Harris. A form of spelling used in the early records is f for s.

#### Compiler's Note:

It is not my desire to give records of present day Harrises. I have tried to give as many of the old records as I could locate, and set up charts from which each Harris family descending from Benjamin Harris of Anderson District South Carolina can continue its lines.

These records have been compiled for my children and consequently contain records of their particular Harris line, with several allied lines. I have given all available records on the children of Benjamin Harris and his wife Karen Gillison of Anderson District, South Carolina, as most of the Harris families of South Carolina descent come through that branch.

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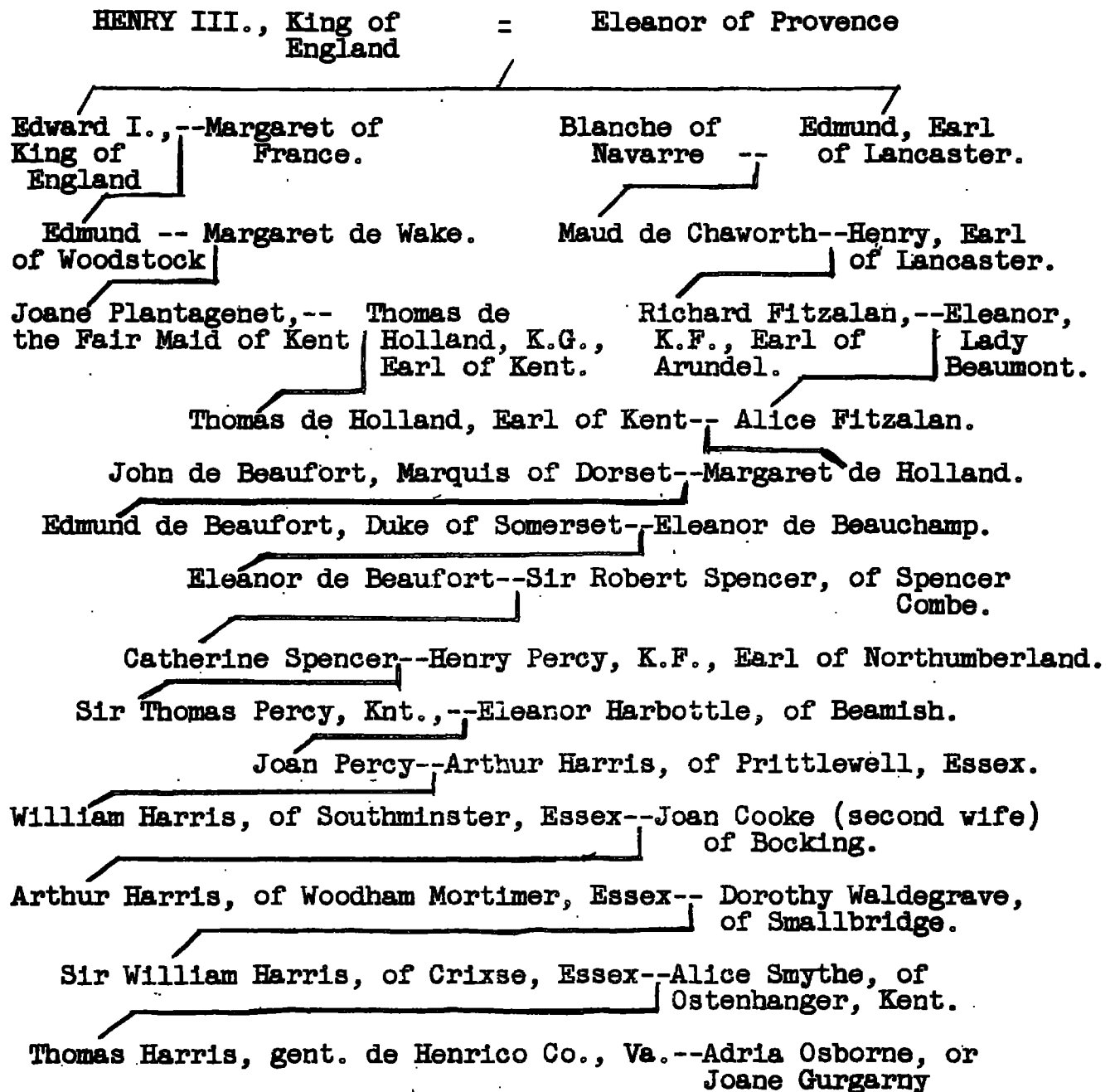
BENJAMIN HARRIS OF ANDERSON DISTRICT SOUTH CAROLINA  
BRANCH-

From The Immigrant, Captain Thomas Harris of Virginia,  
to Angie Harris Callaway, Grandmother of the compiler.

Compiled 1953 by Maud Callaway Hays



Harris line from King Henry III of England to the Immigrant  
Ancestor Thomas Harris of Virginia.



(from: "Americans of Royal Descent" by Browning V. 2, p. 451)

## Harris Charts

THE FOLLOWING CHARTS HAVE BEEN MADE FROM INFORMATION FOUND  
IN THESE HARRIS RECORDS

## Direct Harris Ancestors Chart

From The Immigrant, Thomas Harris, To The Eighth Generation,  
Angie Harris Callaway, Grandmother Of The Compiler. Charts  
Of The Children Of Benjamin Harris, Great-Great-Grandson  
Of Thomas, The Immigrant, Follow This Chart.

- A. (1) Captain Thomas Harris b. ac 1583- from Wales to Jamestown, Virginia in 1611- m. 1st Adria Osborne b. ac 1598 d. prior to Sept. 1626- came to America ac 1621- Children: A (2) Robert b. ac 1623, B (2) Mary b. 1625- m. 2nd Joane Gurgarny- Children: C (2) Thomas, Jr. b. 1629, D (2) William b. ac 1638.
- A. (2) Robert Harris b. ac 1623 m. ac 1660 Mary Claiborne Rice, dau. of Col. William Claiborne 1st Sec. of State of the Colony of Virginia. Settled at 'The Forks' on James River in Virginia- Children: A (3) Major William b. 1696- m. Temperance Overton, B (3) Mary, C (3) Judith, D (3) Thomas m. Mary Giles, E (3) John m. Mary Stanley, F (3) Robert, Jr.
- D. (3) Thomas Harris- settled on Cubb Creek in Hanover County Virginia- killed by Indians 1725- m. Mary Giles- Children: A (4) William, B (4) Thomas Jr. d. ac 1783- (a copy of his Journal, written before 1783, made by his niece Elizabeth Harris ac 1785, naming his grandparents as Robert & Mary Claiborne Harris, his father, Thomas, his uncles & aunts: William, Mary, Judith, John, & Robert, Jr., and his brothers: William, David, George, John, Stephen, & Claiborn (called Ned)- This record gives the best available connection for Claiborn, father of Benjamin. Legal proof is lacking due to the Hanover records being destroyed by fire. This Journal record coming through Mr. Lee Harris of Lebanon, Tenn. has been accepted by reliable sources as proof), C (4) David m. widow Richardson, D (4) George, E (4) John m. Mary Tinsley, F (4) Stephen, G (4) Claiborn (called Ned
- G. (4) Claiborn Harris- believed b. in Hanover County Virginia 1726 d. prior to 1810- m. wife believed Judith (as name in 1784 Granville County N.C. deed)- Claiborn Harris in Granville County N.C. by 1754, when he received land gr from Lord Granville- Children: A (5) Benjamin m. Karen Gillison, this is only child we find proof of, others believed to be sons; B (5) Claiborn m. Mary Champion 1<sup>st</sup> Granville County N.C., C (5) Stephen- found associating with Benjamin in S.C. 1792, D (5) John- also went to S E (5) Robert- Claiborn deeded land to him in Granville County N.C. 1784, F (5) James- also went to S.C. and served as administrator for Benjamin 1832.

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## Direct Harris Ancestors Chart Cont'd.

- A. (5) Benjamin Harris b. N.C. d. Anderson District S.C. 1833-  
m. Karen Gillison d. in Georgia- Children: (Charts of each  
of these children follow this chart) A (6) Archibald b.  
1889 d. 1850 Forsyth County Georgia- m. Mary (Polly)  
Thompson b. S.C. 1801 d. 1886 Forsyth County Georgia,  
B (6) Mary b. 1792 m. Joseph R. Thompson, C (6) Wyatt  
b. 1795, D (6) Overton b. 1798, E (6) James b. 1799,  
F (6) Elizabeth m. John Geer, G (6) Nancy m. Aaron  
Vandiver, H (6) Lorenzo Dow b. 1804, I (6) Ezekiel  
b. 1808
- A. (6) Archibald Harris b 1889- m. Mary (Polly) Thompson b.  
1801- Children: A (7) Caron b. 1817, B (7) William  
b. 1820, C (7) Rosanna b. 1823, D (7) Anderson V. b.  
1829, E (7) David F. b. 1831, F (7) Smith C. B. 1833,  
G (7) Sarah J. b. 1836, H. (7) Frances E. b. 1839,  
I (7) Josephine b. 1841, J (7) Drucilla b. 1843, K (7)  
Septon Epezian b. 1845. Records of these children can  
be found in the Archibald Harris Chart to follow this  
chart.
- B. (7) William Harris b. 1820 m. Minerva Jane Whitsitt-  
Children: A (8) Caroline b. 1843, B (8) James  
Whitsitt b. 1845, C (8) Mary Elizabeth b. 1847,  
D (8) Virginia Cornelia b. 1852, E (8) Harriet  
Elizabeth b. 1855, F (8) Angie Ray b. 1858, G (8)  
William Whitsitt b. 1861. More on these children  
in Archibald Harris Chart.
- F. (8) Angie Ray Harris b. 1858 m. Luke Henry Callaway -  
Children: A (9) Maude b. 1882, B (9) William Claud  
b. 1883, C (9) Jessie Harris b. 1886, D (9) Samuel  
Guy b. 1888, E (9) Nettie Jane b. 1891, F (9) Troy  
Ray b. 1899. More on these children in Archibald  
Harris Chart.

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## ARCHIBALD HARRIS CHART

(son of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S. C.)

- A (6) Archibald Harris b. May 20, 1789- d. Dec. 22, 1856  
Forsyth Co., Ga. buried Midway Church Cemetery- m.  
in S.C. Mary (Polly) Thompson b. May 15, 1801 S.C.-  
d. Sept. 7, 1886, buried Midway Church Cemetery  
(dau. of Joseph Thompson of Anderson Dist. S.C.)-  
Children:
- A (7) Caron Harris b. S.C. 1817- m. Benjamin W. Castleberry  
b. 1813- in Cherokee Co., Ga. 1850- Children: 1. Mary  
J. b. 1838- 2. Margaret b. 1840- 3. Thomas b. 1842-  
4. Archibald b. 1844- 5. Satin b. 1846- 6. Leonidas  
b. 1849.
- B (7) William Harris b. Feb. 1, 1820 Anderson Dist. S.C.-  
d. Feb. 8, 1884 Whitfield Co., Ga., buried Dogwood  
Church Cemetery- served as volunteer in Co., B. 1st  
Confederate Georgia Regt. in Civil War- m. Dec. 18,  
1842 in Forsyth Co., Ga. to Minerva Jane Whitsitt  
b. Dec. 23, 1827 N.C.- d. May 16, 1904 Dalton, Ga.  
buried Dogwood Church Cemetery- Children:
- A (8) Nancy Caroline (Calline) Harris b. Dec. 7, 1843  
Forsyth Co., Ga.- d. Oct. 7, 1922- m. William B.  
Harris (son of Lorenzo Dow Harris) b. Jan. 31,  
1831- d. Sept. 5, 1887- Children: 1. Florence b.  
1862- m. Cars Lewis- 2. Loranzie D. b. 1866- m.  
Fannie Jolley- 3. Jane b. 1868- m. 1st George  
McBrayer- m. 2nd John Gentles- 4. W. Lee b. 1870-  
5. Edward Clifton b. 1872 m. Kittie Price- 6.  
Mary Ellen b. 1874- m. O.C. Engram- 7. Hattie Pearl  
b. 1878- 8. Henry Parks b. 1880 m. Mattie Brown.
- B (8) James Whitsitt (Bud) Harris b. Nov. 3, 1845 Forsyth  
Co., Ga.- d. Sept. 21, 1923- served as volunteer in  
Co. B 1st Conf. Ga. Regt. in Civil War- m. Nov. 19,  
1868 Mahalie E. Love b. May 30, 1849- d. Nov. 18,  
1928- Children: 1. Henry Lee b. 1870- 2. William  
Love b. 1872- 3. Annie Laura b. 1873- 4. Minnie b.  
1876- 5. Nannie b. 1877- 6. Alice May b. 1879-  
7. Elizabeth Jane b. 1881- 8. Paul Ray b. 1883-  
9. Pearl b. 1889.
- C (8) Mary Elizabeth Harris b. Sept. 28, 1847 Forsyth Co.  
Ga.- d. Dec. 22, 1915- m. Dec. 20, 1865 John W.  
Love b. March 5, 1843- d. June 24, 1922- Children:  
1. William Lee b. 1866- 2. Hugh Gordon b. 1868-  
3. Robert Edward b. 1869- 4. Ida b. 1871- 5. Charl:  
b. 1873- 6. Leinnie Nevada b. 1873- 7. Mary Elma b  
1881- 8. John James b. 1898.

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## ARCHIBALD HARRIS CHART (Cont'd)

- D (8) Virginia Cornelia (Jennie) Harris b. March 19, 1852 Forsyth Co., Ga.- d. May 11, 1919- m. William Ross Quinn b. Sept. 18, 1849- d. June 12, 1917- Children: 1. John Oley b. 1873- 2. William Buford b. 1876- 3. Jesse Marion b. 1879- 4. Mary Angie b. 1884- 5. Charlie b. 1889.
- E (8) Harriet Elizabeth Harris b. Aug. 25, 1855 Forsyth Co., Ga.- d. July 9, 1946- m. Joseph Deck b. May 25, 1858- d. Nov. 13, 1919- Children: 1. Ralph L. b. 1882- 2. Sam Franklin b. 1883- 3. Mary b. 1885- 4. Clarence b. 1888- 5. James Fredrick b. 1890- 6. Vera M. b. 1892- 7. Jewel b. 1897.
- F (8) Angie Ray Harris b. July 23, 1858 Forsyth Co., Ga.- d. Sept. 5, 1925 Chattanooga, Tenn., buried Forrest Hill Cemetery- m. Dec. 16, 1880 Luke Henry Callaway b. Oct. 7, 1860 Whitfield Co., Ga.- d. July 10, 1929- Children:
- A (9) Maud Callaway b. Jan. 11, 1882- d. Aug. 20, 1883.
- B (9) William Claud Callaway b. April 13, 1883 Whitfield Co., Ga.- m. June 20, 1905 Elnora Koons b. Aug. 20, 1881, Winston, Mo.- Children:
- A (10) Maud Angie Callaway b. June 4, 1906- m. Cecil T. Hays b. Feb. 22, 1904- Children:
- A (11) Ted Cecil Hays b. July 3, 1926- m. Aug. 15, 1948, Betty Brown- Children:
- A (12) Ted Cecil Hays, Jr. b. Nov. 20, 1949.
- B (12) Bruce Brown Hays b. March 27, 1953.
- B (11) Don Callaway Hays b. Dec. 16, 1928- m. July 5, 1947, Hazel Cherry-
- B (10) Bessie Dee Callaway b. Nov. 25, 1908- m. Aug. 11, 1929, B. Ernest Hoffmeyer, b. June 23, 1905- Children:
- A (11) Kay Callaway Hoffmeyer b. April 20, 1935.
- B (11) Dee Callaway Hoffmeyer b. March 22, 1939.
- C (11) Ann Callaway Hoffmeyer b. Nov. 20, 1942.
- C (9) Jessie Harris Callaway b. Oct. 18, 1886 Whitfield Co., Ga.- d. March 10, 1939 Knoxville, Tenn.- m. Roy A. Berry.
- D (9) Samuel Guy Callaway b. May 22, 1888 Whitfield Co. Ga.- d. April 12, 1946, Chattanooga, Tenn.- m. Elizabeth Deakins.
- E (9) Nettie Jane Callaway b. Jan. 24, 1891 Whitfield Co., Ga.- m. April 2, 1911 William L. Rawlings- Children: 1. Angie Louise Rawlings b. 1912. 2. Ruth Elizabeth Rawlings b. 1913.
- F (9) Troy Ray Callaway b. Jan. 12, 1899 Whitfield Co. Ga.- m. Dec. 24, 1921 Beulah Dudley- Children: 1. Ray Luke b. 1923.

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ARCHIBALD HARRIS CHART (Cont'd)

- G (8) William Whitsitt Harris b. March 23, 1861 Whitfield Co., Ga.- d. March 25, 1940- m. Betty Nesbitt b. Feb. 18, 1864- d. March 15, 1931- Children: 1. William Robert b. 1886- 2. Frank b. 1888, 3. Henry Clay b. 1888- 4. Jennie May b. 1891- 5. Willie Leon b. 1893- 6. Helen Adell b. 1907.
- C (7) Rosanna Harris b. 1823 Georgia- m. John P. Reavis b. 1815 N.C. in Cherokee Co., Ga. 1850- Children: 1. Mary Jane b. 1844 m. Davis- 2. Benjamin b. 1845- 3. Missouri m. Delaney- 4. Palinna b. 1848 m. Smith - 5. Bell m. Ben Perry- 6. Karon m. Lem Early- 7. Lou m. Jim Johnson- 8. Mattie m. Elliott Roger- 9. Rosa m. Arthur Lewis- 10. William Posey m. Lora Craton.
- D (7) Anderson V. (Van) Harris b. 1829 Georgia- living with parents, Archibald & Mary Harris, in Forsyth Co., Ga. in 1850- no further record found.
- E (7) David F. Harris b. Dec. 1, 1830- d. Oct. 8, 1873 Forsyth Co., Ga., buried at Midway Church Cemetery- his wife buried by him, her name unknown.
- F (7) Smith C. Harris b. 1833 Georgia- living with parents, Archibald & Mary Harris in Forsyth Co., Ga. 1850- no further information.
- G (7) Sarah J. Harris b. 1836 Georgia, living with parents, Archibald & Mary Harris, in Forsyth Co., Ga. 1850- no further information.
- H (7) Frances E. Harris b. 1839 Georgia- living with parents, Archibald & Mary Harris, in Forsyth Co., Ga. 1850- no further information.
- I (7) Josephine Harris b. 1841 Georgia m. Bill Davis- Children: 1. John P. Davis m. Ollie Owens- 2. Emma Davis b. March 19, 1863, d. 1950 m. Richard Harris had children: William T. Harris; Susie m. Vernon Stephens; Addie m. Lee Jolly; John Henry m. Nita Colding; Roy Crowder m. Fannie Cannon; Kayte m. John A Bretz; Rene m. A. M. Beason; J.E.B. m. Cola Fitzsimmons. 3. Julia Davis m. Josiah Simpson, 4. Ida Davis m. Emory Morgan, 5. Mamie Davis m. Walter Huff, 6. Willie Davis m. Manco Peek- 7. Lula Davis m. Lonnie Morgan.



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## ARCHIBALD HARRIS CHART (Cont'd)

- J (7) Drucilla Harris b. 1843 Georgia- living with parents, Archibald & Mary Harris, in Forsyth Co., Ga.- 1850- no further information.
- K (7) Septon Epezian (Sep) Harris b. Oct. 10, 1845 Forsyth Co., Ga.- d. May 13, 1899 Rome, Ga.- m. Oct. 28, 1860 James Chapman Powell b. Carrol Co., Ga. June 27, 1838, d. March 15, 1919 Rome, Ga.- Children: 1. Mary McDonald Powell b. 1870- 2. Sarah Elener Powell b. 1874 m. 1918 Allen P. Gentry- 3. Cora Leuvinia Powell b. 1877- 4. Emma Harris Powell b. 1887 m. 1911 Amos Carl Sanford.

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## MARY HARRIS CHART

(daughter of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S.C.)

- B (6) Mary Harris b. 1792 South Carolina- m. Joseph R. Thompson  
 b. 1791 South Carolina- moved to Forsyth Co., Ga.- 1840  
 Census shows eight children- names of two youngest:  
 1. Andrew J. b. 1832 Georgia- 2. Mary J. b. 1834 Georgia-  
 no further information-

## WYATT HARRIS CHART

(son of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S.C.)

- C (6) Wyatt Harris b. 1795 South Carolina m. Dorcas---b. 1805  
 South Carolina- moved from Anderson Dist., S.C. to Georgia  
 ac 1833- living in Gwinnett Co., Ga. 1850- Children:  
 1. Gilliam b. 1833 Georgia.  
 2. Sebria b. 1834 Georgia.  
 3. James b. 1838 Georgia.  
 4. Hilda b. 1840 Georgia.  
 5. Martha b. 1842 Georgia.  
 6. Mary b. 1846 Georgia

## ELIZABETH HARRIS CHART

(daughter of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S.C.)

- D (6) Elizabeth Harris m. John Geer in South Carolina- moved to  
 Texas- no further information

## NANCY HARRIS CHART

(daughter of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S.C.)

- E (6) Nancy Harris m. Aaron Vandiver in South Carolina- no  
 further information.

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## OVERTON HARRIS CHART

(son of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S.C.)

- F (6) Overton Harris b. 1798 South Carolina d. 1894 Okolona, Mississippi m. 1st Sarah Cole b. Dec. 15, 1805, d. Aug. 13, 1846- Children of Sarah Cole & Overton Harris:
- F (6) A. William Searcy Harris b. Feb. 4, 1834.
- F (6) B. Martha Ann Harris b. Feb. 7, 1837 d. April 12, 1914 m. 1853 John Petty Moore b. June 20, 1830, d. Sept. 11, 1913- Children of Martha Ann Harris & John Petty Moore:
1. Emilie Overton Moore b. Oct. 2, 1854 d. Feb. 16 1893.
  2. Frierson Moore b. Dec. 25, 1856, d. May 26, 1917.
  3. Sallie S. Moore b. Nov. 17, 1860 d. Aug. 20, 1898 m March 25, 1879 Joseph Haywood Jackson b. Jan. 24, 1850, d. Dec. 15, 1890 - Children:
    - (3a) Jimason Moore Jackson b. 1881.
    - (3b) Jesse Hunt Jackson b. 1883.
    - (3c) Lyda Jackson b. Aug. 12, 1885 m. Jesse Boomer Daggett March 26, 1907.
- F (6) C. John Gillison Harris b. Jan. 23, 1840, d. March 6, 1860.
- F (6) D. Robert Overton Harris b. Oct. 5, 1843.
- F (6) Overton Harris b. 1798 South Carolina d. Okolona, Mississippi, 1894, m. 2nd in 1847 Louise A. Cousins b. Jan. 27, 1822, d. Aug. 25, 1848- Their only child:
- F (6) E. Lycurgus b. Aug. 15, 1848, d. June 10, 1849.
- F (6) Overton Harris b. 1798 South Carolina d. 1894 Okolona, Mississippi m. 3rd in 1848 Ann Clark b. in Virginia- Children of Ann Clark & Overton Harris:
- F (6) F. John Clark Harris d. while in college.
- F (6) G. Martha Staples (Mattie) Harris b. Feb. 26, 1857, d. March 21, 1926, m. Dr. William E. Miller- Children of Martha Staples Harris & Dr. William H. Miller:
1. Erskin Miller
  2. Overton Harris Miller.
  3. Ann Elizabeth Miller.
  4. Adele Miller Gibson
  5. Clementine Lawrence Miller.

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## JAMES HARRIS CHART

(son of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S.C.)

- G (6) James Harris b. 1799 South Carolina- d. Nov. 10, 1857-  
m. Elizabeth --- b. Dec. 18, 1801 South Carolina- d.  
Jan. 5, 1881- went to Georgia ac. 1837- had plantation  
in Forsyth County, Georgia, where he was buried- Children:
- G (6) A. Overton Harris b. 1831 South Carolina- lived in  
Walker County, Georgia- Children:  
1. Mattie Harris  
2. Jeff Harris
- G (6) B. Caron Harris b. 1832 South Carolina- m. George Hegwood-  
Children:  
1. Jim Hegwood.  
2. John Hegwood.  
3. Ayred Hegwood.  
4. Addicus Hegwood.  
5. Lulla Hegwood.  
6. Mary Hegwood.  
7. George Hegwood.
- G (6) C. Sarah (Sade) Harris b. 1834 South Carolina- d. 1903-  
m. Peter Cobb- Children:  
1. Margaret Elizabeth Cobb m. --- Hawkins.  
2. James C. Cobb m. Martha Smith  
3. Mattie S. Cobb m. --- Holbrook.  
4. John Landrum Cobb m. Holly Meadows.  
5. Frances C. Cobb m. --- Barrett.  
6. Sarah A. Cobb.  
7. Mary Savannah Cobb m. --- Garrison.  
8. Robert E. Cobb.  
9. Lucy Jane (Jennie) Cobb m. R. E. Fowler.
- G (6) D. Terrell Harris b. 1837 Georgia- Children:  
1. Jamie Harris.  
2. Obie Harris.  
3. Clemmie Harris.  
4. Lanora Harris.  
5. Drucilla Harris m. Jack Robinson.  
6. Ella Harris m. --- Langston.  
7. Landrum Harris m. Mollie Moore.  
8. William Harris.  
9. Harbin Harris.  
10. Esther Harris m. --- Phillips.  
11. Linner Harris.
- G (6) E. Mary Harris b. 1839 Georgia-m. --- Fowler- lived in  
Dallas, Texas- Children:  
1. Ida Fowler
- G (6) F. Melissa (Martha) Harris b. 1841 Georgia- m. Sanford  
Leak.

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## LORENZO DOW HARRIS CHART

(son of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S.C.)

H (6) Lorenzo Dow Harris b. Feb. 1, 1804 South Carolina- d. May 30, 1870- buried at Midway, Forsyth County, Georgia- m 1st Sarah Garner (sister of Ezekiel's wife Betty) b. 1812- d. 1866- Children:

H (6) A. Gillison Harris- m. Martha Ann Fowler- Children:

1. Abi Harris m. John Wyatt.
2. Sallie Harris m. --- Roberts.
3. Lou Harris m. Jim Fowler
4. Lina Harris m. --- McClure.
5. Bartow Harris.
6. Wilson Harris.
7. Berta Harris m. Frank Hobbrook.
8. Ida Harris m. --- Osburn.

H (6) B. William (Big Bud) Harris b. Jan. 31, 1831- d. Sept. 5, 1887- m. 1860 Nancy Caroline Harris (g.dau. of Archibald) b. Dec. 7, 1843- d. Oct. 7, 1922- Children:

1. Florence Harris m. Cars Lewis.
2. Loranzie D. Harris m. Fannie Jolley.
3. Jane Harris m. 1st Geo. McBrayer- m. 2nd John Gentles.
4. W. Lee Harris.
5. Edward Clifton Harris m. Kittie Price.
6. Mary Ellen Harris m. O.C. Ingram.
7. Hattie Pearl Harris.
8. Henry Parks Harris m. Mattie Brown.

H (6) C. Wilson (Wilse) Harris m. Jane Harris- Children:

1. Linna Harris m. --- Gaddis.
2. Azzie Harris m. Elery Mints.
3. Walter Harris.
4. Ford Harris.
5. Homer Harris.
6. Clyde Harris m. Azzie Tallant.
7. Jessie Harris m. John Collins.
8. Lizzie Harris m. Pomp Westbrook.
9. Ivy Harris m. Elery Strickland.

H (6) D. Mary Harris b. March 9, 1840, d. April 30, 1910- m. Newton Harrell b. Feb. 5, 1832, d. Nov. 9, 1912- Children:

1. Alice Harrell b. June 24, 1859 m. Henry Strickland.
2. Hardy Harrell b. Aug. 27, 1861 m. Annie Waugh.
3. Charles (Charlie) N. Harrell b. Sept. 21, 1864 m. Julia Rogers.
4. Edward Dow Harrell b. Feb. 16, 1868 m. Sammy Barks
5. Fannie Harrell b. Nov. 26, 1873.
6. Susie Harrell b. Jan. 3, 1877.

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LORENZO DOW HARRIS CHART (Cont'd)

H (6) E. Fannie Harris m. Sim David- Children:

1. Ellen David m. --- Davis.
2. Linna David.
3. Jennie David
4. Sally David m. --- Lowry.

H (6) Lorenzo Dow Harris m. 2nd Atlantic Rice- Children-

H (6) F. Mattie Dow Harris b. 1870- When she was 6-months old her father died. Her mother re-married Major Petty, who adopted her.

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EZEKIEL HARRIS CHART

(son of Benjamin Harris of Anderson Dist. S.C.)

- I (6) Ezekiel Harris b. March 30, 1808 South Carolina- d. Feb. 13, 1894- m. Elizabeth (Betty, sister of Dow's wife Sarah) Garner b. May 31, 1810 d. Oct. 11, 1900- Children:
- I (6) A. James Horner Harris - died in infancy.
  - I (6) B. William Sanford Harris b. Nov. 11, 1835- died while in college.
  - I (6) C. Oliver G. Harris, b. 1837 m. Nany Byron- Children:
    - 1. Ezekiel Harris
    - 2. Mae Harris m. Eldon Wilson
    - 3. George Harris m. Ollie Merritt.
  - I (6) D. Mattie Harris b. 1840 m. Thomas McGill- moved to Kansas- Children:
    - 1. Guilford McGill.
    - 2. Lizzie McGill.
    - 3. Ella McGill.
    - 4. Robert McGill.
    - 5. Walter McGill.
  - I (6) E. Guilford Harris b. July 13, 1842 d. Jan 22, 1893, m. Fanny Robinson- Children:
    - 1. Mattie Harris m. Wade Powell.
    - 2. Maud Harris m. Melton Manning.
    - 3. Ben Harris m. 1st L. D. Blackford, m. 2nd Hazel Shell.
  - I (6) F. Sarah (Sally) Frances Harris b. Sept. 23, 1844 d. Sept. 26, 1916, m. John Wesley Smith- Children:
    - 1. Mary Forrest Smith b. Feb. 23, 1867 m. General Carroll.
    - 2. Esther Smith b. June 19, 1871 m. Lewis Rhea Williams.
    - 3. Samuel Smith b. July 30, 1874 d. Aug. 12, 1874.
    - 4. James Sanford Smith b. Aug. 3, 1875, m. Anna Trundle.
    - 5. William Ezekiel Smith b. Nov. 11, 1877, m. Willie Lee Williams.
    - 6. Juliette Elizabeth Smith b. Feb. 18, 1880 m. Hugh AndersonScruggs.
    - 7. Columbus Madison Smith b. March 13, 1882 m. Dora Williams.
    - 8. Martha Ella Smith b. June 11, 1884 m. Thomas B Conner.
    - 9. Robert Franklin Smith b. Oct. 14, 1886, d. May 18, 1887.
    - 10. Frances Victoria Smith b. Aug. 29, 1887 m. Thomas Rush Mabry.

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EZEKIEL HARRIS CHART (Cont'd)

I (6) G. Columbus Harris b. May 4, 1847 d. Jan. 23, 1911.

I (6) H. Mary E. Harris b. April 10, 1849 d. July 18, 1887  
m. J. C. Hix- Children:

1. Charles Hix b. June 20, 1872.
2. Sallie R. Hix b. Sept. 12, 1870 m. Clint E. Smith
3. Thomas Guilford Hix b. Aug. 13, 1874 m. Maude Ship.
4. Mary E. Hix b. Oct. 6, 1876 m. Chester B. Echols.
5. Vinnie Ellen Hix b. Dec. 13, 1878 m. David T. Smith
6. Malcolm Homer Hix b. Sept. 5, 1882 m. Minnie Turnbull.
7. Harris Davis Hix b. April 24, 1885.

I (6) I. Benjamin (Ben) F. Harris b. Sept. 3, 1852, d. Jan 3, 1943. m. Mary Ella Johnson- Children:

1. Lorah Lena Harris b. April 24, 1876, m. Benjamin Robert Graham
2. Matthew (Mat) L. Harris b. Dec. 14, 1877, m.  
1st Marrie Cureton m. 2nd Carrie Walton m. 3rd  
Margaret Ferrabee.



## Early Harris Records-

The following Early Harris Records are from reliable sources. Several of the most accepted records are given. The records differ slightly, due to the various sources from which they were gathered. All possible proof has been given. The desired proof is lacking in several cases, because the early records were destroyed by fire, especially the Hanover County, Virginia records. The records given are accepted by the highest authorities on the Virginia Harris lines. All records have been copied verbatim.

Early Harris Record- From History of Louisa County Virginia  
by Dr. Malcolm H. Harris: p. 330

"Capt. Thomas Harris, aged 38, May 1611 came to Va. in the Prosperous. His wife Adria Osborne came to Va. in Nov. 1621 in the Marmaduke. He was the patentee of lands in Henrico 'Neck of Land' as Curles was once called or 'Longfield'. He was in the Indian War of 1622 Burgess for Henrico 1623-39-47. Took his first patent 1635 & later 1655-58. He married his second wife, Joane (Gurgarny) supposedly from the fact that Edward Gurgarny owned land next to Joane in 1635, & his wife bequeathed land to Capt. Thos Harris. Children: By 1st wife Adria Osborne 1. Robert m. widow Mary Claiborne Rice. By 2nd wife Joane 2. Mary b. 1625, m. Col Thos. Liggon- 3. Thomas, will 1679- 4. Major William, will 1678.

Capt. Thomas Harris is said to have been a son of Sir William Harris of Crixes, Essex, England. He was born 1583. His mother was Alice Smith, sister of Sir Thomas of Weston Hanges. His brothers: Sir Arthur, John (Burgess Shirley Hundred 1629), William of Lincolns Inn (Brown Genesis p. 913).

Robert Harris son of Capt. Thos. & Adria Osborne was born ac 1615. He came to Va. ac 1650 & married Mary Claiborne Rice, widow of Edward & dau. of Col. Wm. Caliborne of King William Co. They lived in New Kent Co., that part later being Hanover, at the 'Forks' which indicates that they were near the junction of the north & south branches of the Pamunkey. (See Claiborne Family by Claiborne) Capt William son of Robt. & Mary C. Harris was born 1669 & died ac 1730. He married Temperance Overton dau. of William & Mary Waters Overton of Hanover Co. She was born March 2, 1679 & died Feb. 10, 1710 (Tombstone, Hanover Co.- Overton Family)- Children: 1. Robert b. 1696- 2. Elizabeth baptised Nov. 27, 1698 (St. Peter's Parish Register)- 3. George, Baptised April 13, 1701 (same)- 4. John, Baptised March 28, 1703 (same)- 5. Thomas- 6. William Jr. b. before 1710. William Harris Jr. son of Wm. & Temperance Overton was born in Hanover Co. prior to 1710. He patented lands in Louisa Co. as Junior. His wife was -- Burnett? Children: 1. Benjamin, will Louisa 1765- 2. Frederick, will 1800- 3. Robert m. Mezapina Walton 1799-

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4. Overton m. Ann Nelson- 5. Jemima m. William Overton-  
 6. Keziah m. James Nelson 1750- 7. Temperance m. Samuel  
 Baker- 8. Mary m. Edward Nelson Jr. 1748- 9. Ann m. William  
 Day- 10. John m. Miss Clough- 11. William m. Henrietta Baker.  
 Overton son of William was born ac. 1728 in Hanover Co.  
 He lived at Cedar Hill. He married Ann Nelson dau. of Edward  
 Nelson Sr. Children: 1. John O. m. Mary Goodwin (b. 1763)-  
 2. Mary m. Gravet Edwards- 3. Fanny m. James Goodwin 4. Tem-  
 perance m. Thomas Goodwin- 5. Jemima- 6. William O. m. Dianna  
 Chisman Goodwin- 7. Nelson b. 1757 m. Mary Pryor- 8. Overton  
 m. Barbara Wyatt- 9. Martha m. Lipscomb.

Major William Harris, son of Capt. Thomas & Joane Gurgarny  
 was born 1629 in Va. He was Burgess from Henrico Co. 1656-57-58.  
 He married Lucy ?. His will dated 1678 was proved 1678.  
 Children: 1. William, St. Peter's Parish, New Kent Co. m.  
 Mary- will 1694. 2. Edward, New Kent Co. m. Mary will 1694.  
 3. Thomas, Henrico Co. m. Sarah will 1730. 4. Timothy m.  
 Eliz. Womak Jan 15, 1697. Thomas Harris son of Maj. William  
 was born 1669 in Henrico. He married Mary-- His will 1729  
 proved 1730 (record- Harris, Thos.; Will Henrico Rec. p. 272  
 Oct. 5, 1729 proved July 1, 1730) Children 1. Thomas Henrico  
 Co. 2. James Cumberland Co. 3. John Cumberland Co. 4. Mary  
 m. James -- 5. Edith m. Trent, Osborne, Patrick. 6. William  
 Patrick Co. 1794. 7. Benjamin. 8. Sarah Cumberland Co. will  
 1753. 9. Phoebe. 10. Martha m. Wm. Pasture York Co. 11. Ann  
 m. Booth. Thomas Harris son of Thomas & Mary will dated March  
 18, 1741 Henrico Rec. Probated Aug. 1, 1741 Mentions brothers:  
 James, William, Francis, Benjamin, John- Sisters: Martha  
 Pasture, Sarah, Ann & mother Mary Harris."

Early Harris Record- From Brown's 'The Genesis of the U.S.'  
 p. 913

"Harris, Thomas, gent. \*2 Sub.-; pd L 25. This may have  
 been son of Sir William Harris. I think it was the person of  
 the name who went to Va. with Dale in 1611, & was living at  
 the Neck of Land, Charles City in Feb. 1625, aged 38, with  
 his wife, aged 23."

"Harris, Sir William, \*\*3. Sub. L pd. L 75. Of Crixith  
 and Woodham Mortimer, Essex. Knighted at Whitehall, July  
 23, 1603. Died in Nov. 1616. Himself & wife are buried at  
 Crixith in Essex. He married Alice, dau. of Thomas Smith of  
 Westenhanger in Kent (see Smythe pedigree) & had by her four  
 sons & four daus. namely, Sir Arthur, William of Lincoln's  
 Inn, Thomas, John, Alice, Mary, Frances & Eliz."

\* Incorporator of 2nd Virginia Charter- Subscribed-  
 paid L 25.

\*\* Incorporator of 3rd Virginia Charter- Subscribed L 75  
 paid L 75.

(from- Sandys Administration of 1620- list of paid up adventurers)

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Early Harris Record- From 'First Families of America' Vol. 1

"Capt. Thomas Harris (1573-1658), from Wales in the Prosperous to Jamestown, Va. 1611; a founder of Manakin Town, Henrico (now Powhatan) Co., Va., received extensive land grants from the crown; burgess 1623, m. Adria, dau. Thomas Osborne, who came to Va. with Harris; m. 2nd Joane- His son Robert Harris of The Forks m. Mrs. Mary (Claiborne) Rice, Dau. Col. William Claiborne, first sec. Va. Colony."

Harris Genealogy- Compiled By Gideon Dowse Harris 1914.

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.

Henrico County, Virginia Branch-

Captain Thomas Harris- "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.

Land Grants to Capt. Thomas Harris-

Henrico County: Book 1, Page 304, year 1635, 750 acres.  
Book 1, Page 615, 1637, 700 acres. Book 1, Page 438, 1637, 820 acres.

I Capt. Thomas Harris of Henrico County married Adria Osborne, second wife, Joane Gurgarny. Children by 2nd wife Joane: 1. Thomas, who died unmarried- 2. William (Major), who married Lucy ---, he was a member of the House of Burgesses 1652, 1653, 1657 and 1658, he had land grants in Henrico County, Virginia, his will was proved in Henrico County, February 1st, 1678, his children were: Thomas, William and Edward- 3- Mary, born 1625, married Thomas Lygon.

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Robert Harris, from Glamorgan, Wales (Son of Capt. Thomas Harris and 1st wife Adria Osborne)

II Robert Harris born ac 1630, came from Glamorgan, Wales ac 1650, and settled on the James in Virginia. He married ac 1660 Mary Claiborne Rice, their son William married Temperance Overton, this couple lived on the James, possibly in present Albemarle County, records of which show William Harris of this date, owning property there 1730-1745.

III William and Temperance Overton Harris had children:

- IV
- A. Robert born ac 1700.
  - B. Overton.
  - C. Frederick.
  - D. Temperance.
  - E. Keziah.

The above son A. Robert, married Mourning Glenn 1720. Member House of Burgesses from Hanover County, surveyor Louise County, Albermarle County militia, large land owner. Children of this Major Robert and Mourning Glenn Harris are:

- 1. Anna
- 2. Christopher, traced in 'History & Genealogy' by W. H. Miller.
- 3. Tyree born 1728, m. Miss Chapman, 2nd Mary Ann Simpson went to Orange County, North Carolina and became high sheriff. Children: Nancy, Frances, Tyree, Simpson, Robert, Christopher, Ede and Liddy.
- 4. Mary, m. cousin James Harris.
- 5. Mourning Glenn
- 6. Lucy.
- 7. Sarah
- 8. Robert born 1741, m. Lucritia Brown.
- 9. Rachael
- 10. Frances.
- 11. William born 1752, m. 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, Mo., a descendant. The compiler of these notes has a letter from Mrs. Clardy with this data. Mr. Frank Rodes, St. Louis, descended from Sarah, dau. of Maj. Robert Harris, and John Rodes, gives the children of William Harris, III 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.

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Harris Family Of Virginia - 1611 to 1914- Thomas Henry Harris.

Capt. Thomas Harris was a member of the Virginia Company 1609, he came with Thomas Osborne, to Virginia in 1611 and settled on lands now Henrico County. Captain Thomas Harris, aged 38 years, arrived in the vessel "Prosperous", in Virginia, in May 1611, and his wife, Adria Osborne, age 23, in November 1621, in the vessel "Marmaduke". They lived at neck of land, Charles City (Cape Charles). He was second in command with Thomas Osborne in the long war with the Indians in 1622. He was a member of the House of Burgesses in 1623-'39-'47, and had many grants of land, 1655-58. Thomas Harris Gent. (so styled in records of Virginia Company, see Brown's Genesis of U.S.) was a subscriber in the second Virginia Corporation and paid twenty-five pounds. This Thomas Harris was Captain in the Indian wars and married Adria Osborne. His son Robert married the widow Rice, who was Mary Claiborne, the youngest daughter of Col. William Claiborne, the first Secretary of the Virginia Colony. His wife was Elizabeth Bristow. William Harris, son of this Robert Harris, married Temperance Overton; she was five years younger; the daughter of William Overton; his wife was Peggie Garland. We find that during the terms of Governor Dale from 1611 to 1616 that Thomas Harris was a planter and his first ownership of land by patent was in 1635. In the Genealogical Count of names of the early Virginia settlers he was eighth.

Court and Colonial records show Major Robert Harris, of the "Forks", who married the widow Rice (who was Miss Claiborne) was noted for his high sense of honor, his veracity, his high temper, and many of his descendants have inherited these traits of his strong character. The descendants of this strong-minded, hard-headed old man and his wife, the elegant gentlewoman, have given the States many valuable and useful citizens. Children of Major Robert Harris and Mary Claiborne Harris (who was the widow Rice), one son, William, who married Temperance Overton. Her children, (1) Robert married Mourning Glenn, their children: Frederick m. 2nd Catherine Smith, Christopher m. Nancy McCord, John m. Margaret Maupin, William m. Malinda Duncan. (2) Overton Harris married Ann Nelson. (3) Frederick Harris married Eliza Terrell, daughter of Richard Terrell, their children: James Overton m. Ann Fleming, Charles m. Mary Lipscomb, Richmond m. Henrietta Berkley, William killed by Indians of Blue Lick Springs, Ky., Frederick m. Catherine Smith, George m. Mary Cooke, Harris m. Rhoda Thompson, Jemima m. Wm. Overton, Nancy m. Thomas Holladay. (4) Temperance Harris married - Baker. (5) Kesiah Harris m. James Nelson. (6) Jemima Harris m. William Overton (her cousin). (7) Mary m. Edward Nelson. (8) Anna m. Wm. Day. (9) Emilia m. Samuel Day. (10) Benjamin m. ----. (11) Daniel m. Mary. (12) Moses m. ----. (13) John Harris married Lucy Day, their children: Thomas Temple m. cousin Frances Overton, John Overton born in Caroline county 1794 m. Barbara W. Terrell (they had one son,

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## Harris Family of Va. (Cont'd)

who was associated with his father in fine farm stock), William A. m. Miss Norman, Polly m. M. Norman, Sarah m. M. Day, William Overton m. Lucy Butler, Claiborne m. Mary Gannaway (children of Claiborne & Mary: Giles, Harrison, John, Theodosia, William, Claiborne, Rhoda, Edmund who m. Sallie Sanderson Fowler and had Mary Constance, Virginia, Amanda, Nancy, Patsy, William, Christopher, John, Claiborne), Clement Overton m. ---. Data lost from Clerk's Office during Civil War of Caroline County, which would give more.

## On Family Names of Harris Kin.

## Harris:

Sir William Harris, of Crixes and Sir Wordham Mortimer, Essex, England, incorporators of third Virginia Charter.

Sir Thomas Harris and his wife Alice had issue of eight children. He was from Weston Hanges in Kent Co., England. Sir Arthur Harris the eldest son was a member of the third Virginia incorporation charter 1609-1614, was member of Parliament. He was born 1584 died 1632; first married Alice, a daughter of Sir Henry Mildway of Grayes, Essex, England. John Harris born 1588. William Harris, Lincolns Inn, Middlesex. Thomas Harris, the third son

## Osborne:

Captain Thomas Osborne in 1616 settled in Chesterfield county, Va., at Coxendale, and in 1635 took patents for land on Proctor's Creek. He was a Justice of the Peace in 1631, and member of Burgesses in 1639. Wife's name not found. The Osborne tobacco warehouse, on James River, took its name from this family.

## Claiborne:

William Claiborne, a younger son of Earl Claiborne, of Westmoreland, England, Lord of two manoral estates, a cousin of the Countess of Pembroke. William Herbert Earl, of Pembroke, was a nephew of Sir Philip Sidney, a devoted friend of William Shakespeare. Times of Charles I, William Claiborne appointed as Secretary of State in the Colony "Our Kingdom of Virginia", came to Virginia in 1621, prospered greatly, acquiring large landed estates, owned 24,000 acres of land in King William county, was member of the King's Council. Mary Claiborne, his daughter, married Edward Rice, and after his death she married Major Robert Harris, of the "Forks", in Hanover county, Va. (John Fiske's Old Virginia and Her Neighbors)

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## Overton:

William Overton was born December 3, 1638, and married Mary Waters (who it was claimed descended from the celebrated Nell Gwynne) on November 24, 1670. He emigrated from England and settled in Hanover county, Va., about the year 1682. Their children were- (1) twins, William and Barbara born 1690. 2. Elizabeth Overton. William Overton (1) married Peggy Garland, their children were: John m. Jemima Harris; James m. Mary Waller; Nancy m. Richmond Terrell; Barbara m. John Carr; Mary m. David Cosby; Margaret m. Mr. Berkley; Temperance m. Col. William Harris, the Burgess for Henrico and Hanover Cos.

## Terrell:

Children of Richmond (Richard) Terrell and Nancy Overton: 1. Eliza m. Frederick Harris; 2. James; 3. William m. Patsy Winston; 4. Ann m. Col. Zachary Lewis; 5. Samuel; 6. Mary m. Garrett Minor; 7. Richard m. Lucy Carr; 8. Barbara m. Aaron Fountain; 9. Rebecca m. Nicholas Merriwether. Most of these lived in Louisa County, Va.

## Wyatt:

Overton Harris married Barbara Wyatt, daughter of Richard Wyatt and Ann Chiles, December 20, 1798. He was born November 29, 1767 and died October 9, 1813. Their children: Amelia Ann Harris married Samuel B. White; John Wyatt Harris married Judith Cox of Russellville, Alabama.

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## Harris Records - From History &amp; Genealogies - By W. H. Miller

## Robert Harris-

One Robert Harris of Wales, (1630-1700) about 1650, married Mrs. Mary Rice nee Claiborne, who was a daughter of Secretary William Claiborne who came to Virginia with George Wyatt in 1621. William Claiborne was born in 1587, and died in 1676, he married Elizabeth Butler. He was secretary of State in Virginia in 1625-1635, 1652-1660, Treasurer in 1642-1660. Surveyor Genr'l in 1621-1625. He was a Justice of the Peace of York and Northumberland in 1653. Member of the Council in 1623. In 1629 he commanded an expedition against the Indians; again in 1644. In the Northampton records, April 1653, is an order referring to the worshipful Colonel William Claiborne Esq. Deputy Governor. To Robert Harris and Mary Claiborne Harris was born in 1752, a son William Harris. They came to America, and settled in the Colony of Virginia, on the James

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River, near Weyanoke. The said William Harris married Temperance Overton, a daughter of a wealthy tobacco grower, William Overton, and Mary Walters, his wife. William Overton was a son of Colonel --- Overton, who commanded a Brigade of Iron sides under Oliver Cromwell.

William Harris- son of Robert Harris and Mary Claiborne. The above mentioned William Harris became also a tobacconist, raising and dealing in that weed, which at that time was a medium of exchange, and became fairly well off in this world's goods, but he died before he reached old age. From this emigrant, sprang our American family, which is noted for courage, brain, strength, industry, endurance, honesty, and influence; many have held high positions in political, economical, agricultural, and commercial industry, in the ministry fearless, but God-fearing servants, in various branches of learning, in the army, in the navy, and in every calling and profession, some noted lawyers, some famous physicians, some humorous and learned writers. William Harris died March 8, 1687, at the age of thirty five years. His remains were buried in an old Colonial church at Weyanoke on the James River. To William Harris and his wife Temperance Overton were born three sons: Christopher Harris, Major Robert Harris, Overton Harris.

**\*\* Major Robert Harris-** son of William Harris and Temperance Overton.

Major Robert Harris was born about 168- in Virginia. He married Mourning Glen (Mourning Glenn). He took up land in Brown's Cove in Albermarle County in 1750. He was one of the early settlers on Doyle's River. He obtained patent for more than 3000 acres in that vicinity. He died in 1765. His will bears date June 18, 1765, probated Aug. 8, 1765 (Will at end of this record). Major Robert Harris and Mourning Glenn had ten children: 1. Christopher m. 1st Mary Dabney, 2nd Agnes McCord. 2. Robert Harris, was a Captain of Virginia state militia in the Revolutionary war, m. Lucretia Brown, dau. of Benjamin Brown and Sarah Dabney of Albemarle. He emigrated to Surry County, N.C. where he died in 1796. 3. Tyre Harris, emigrated to Caswell Co., N.C. 4. James m. Mary Harris of Albemarle d. 1792. 5. William Harris m. Hannah Jameson d. 1776. 6. Lucy. 7. Sarah. 8. a girl. 9. Mourning. 10. Elizabeth. 11. Nancy. 12. Anna

Overton Harris- son of William Harris and Temperance Overton. Overton Harris was a younger brother of Major Robert Harris of Albemarle. He married Anne Nelson, and of their children there is only record of one son, Nelson Harris m. Mary Prior and lived at Buck Hill in Louisa Co., Va. (of their children only one son named, Hilary Harris m. Phoebe Ann Hobson and lived in Powhatan Co., Va.)



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\*\* Will of Major Robert Harris on page 8.

"In the name of God, Amen. I Robert Harris of the County of Albemarle, being of perfect mind, and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following: first and principally I recommend my soul to God, who gave it me, not doubting but through the merits of my blessed savior to have full pardon and remission of my sins, and my body, I recommend to the earth from whence it came, to be burried in such manner as my executors hereafter named shall see fit. And as touching such temporal estate as it has pleased God to bestow on me, I give and dispose of in manner and form following. Imprimis: I give and bequeath to my son Christopher Harris forty acres of woodland, ground lying and being in the county of Albemarle, on a large spur of the Blue Ridge of Mountains near to a place commonly called and known by the name of the 'Bear cornfield', to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, William Harris, after the decease of my loving wife, Morning (Mourning) Harris, all the land which I hold in the county of Albemarle to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I leave to my loving wife Mouring Harris, the sole use and benefit of all the lands and plantations during her natural life, which is above given to my son, William Harris after her decease.

Item: I leave to the said loving wife, the sole use and benefit during her natural life, six slaves, that is to say, Harry, Peter, Dick, Aaron, men, Patta and Nancy, women.

Item: My will and desire is, after the decease of my wife, that if my negro man, Harry should be then living, in that case I give and bequeath the said Harry, to my son, Robert Harris, junior, to him and his heirs.

Item: My will and desire is, after the decease of my wife, that if my negro man, Peter, should be then living, in that case I give and bequeath the said Peter to my son, Tyre Harris, to him and his heirs.

Item: My will and desire is, after the decease of my wife, that if my other four negroes, Dick and Aaron, men, and Patta and Nanny, women, be then living I give and bequeath them and their increase to my son, William Harris, to him and his heirs.

Item: My will and desire is, that if my son, William Harris should die before he attains the lawful age, or without issue, that in that case he the said William Harris should be further educated, the charges thereof shall be paid out of the estate given him, after the whole being sold, by my executors herein after named, and the remainder of the money arising from such sale be equally divided amongst all my children or their legal representatives.

Item: My will and desire is, that my son William Harris to be under the tuition, direction and government of my son-in-law, John Rodes, until he shall attain to lawful age.

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(Will of Major Robert Harris cont'd)

Item: I give and bequeath to my loving wife, when all my lawful debts and funeral expenses is paid all the residue of my estate, be it of whatever nature or quality soever, to her and her heirs forever I do constitute and nominate and appoint my sons-in-law, John Rodes and William Shelton, to be my executors of this my last will and testament. As witness my hand and seal this eighteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord, one thousand seven hundred and sixty five.

signed- Robert Harris (L.S.)

Signed, sealed, etc., in the presence of Daniel Maupin, John Mullins, James William Maupin, Courtley Mullins.

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Authority on Virginia Harrises.

Lebanon, Tennessee

August 1950

For Mrs. Cecil Hays of Chattanooga, Tennessee

HARRIS - One straight line as gleaned from such data  
as Valintine papers, Overton Papers, Claiborne  
Papers, and a Journal written by Thomas Harris  
(16) previous to 1784, and E.S. Stuart in 1896,  
and backed up by court records.

Thomas Harris (No. 16) son of Thomas Harris (No. 7) was born  
some place near "The Forks" and lived in Hanover Co. Va. from  
1713 to about 1755, then moved to Amelia Co. which was  
included in Prince Edward Co. after 1754 to live till his  
death 1782-84. Some time before his death he wrote that he  
called a journal, which appeared to be an autobiography, diary,  
or what you may call it. In his account there were ancestors,  
descendants, few locations, few dates, and a variety of items.  
But he did not document his article. In this journal he had  
his will, and it was found in Prince Edward Co. word for word  
in Will Book 1, page 339. Some time after his death his neice,  
Elizabeth Harris, who is my ancestor, made a copy of much of  
the journal, especially the lists of the family. Her son  
Gideon Harris brought this copy to Tennessee in 1810, filed  
it away with his important papers, there to be buried deeper  
year by year. After his death these papers were nailed up,  
and not disturbed for many years. Finally this box of papers  
fell into my hands and have been examined. I, his great grand-  
son, found receipts, contracts, this account, and arithmetic  
copy in long hand, and many items of lesser interest.

My father and uncle became interested in this Harris data, and  
suggested that I analyze, organize, and make available to the  
family. It was more difficult that we thought at first, and  
it has never been finished. After organizing the material my  
first task was to see what others had written on this subject,  
and to examine what few records that had been saved in the  
places where these people had lived. My interest increased  
as this task proceeded, because no contradictions were found  
and many coroborations were found. They were identified by  
wills, land transfers, grave stones, and old bibles, also  
church records, parish registers, and list of soldiers. So  
my confidence in this account is very strong as far as it  
goes, and my regret is that it does not go far enough.

HERE IS WHAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET  
(briefly outlined descent)

"Sometime in the early settlement of Jamestown Thomas Harris  
(No. 0) emigrated from Wales to the colony of Jamestown in  
Virginia. There he settled, married twice and reared a

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a family of three sons and one daughter. He arrived in America 1611, his first wife, Adria Osborne, in November 1621. According to an affidavit he made before the land office to secure an allotment of land, she was dead before September 1626.

Thomas Harris married a second time to Joane Gurgarny by Adria had two children:-

- (1) Robert Harris wed. widow Mary Rice whose maiden name was Mary Claiborne.
- (2) Mary Harris wed. Col. Thomas Ligon
- (3) Thomas Harris, Jr.
- (4) William Harris wed. Lucy ---

It seems to be agreed among writers that the first two children were of Adria, and that the last two were of Joane. There is no agreement as to the date of Robert's birth but I have estimated it as between 1621 and 1626, probably about 1623. Mary (2) was born 1625, Thomas (3) was born 1629, and William (4) was born later, some say as late as 1638.

Robert Harris (1) wed. widow Mary Rice, said to have been the widow of Edward or Edmund Rice. She was the daughter of William Claiborn and sister of Thomas & William Claiborne. They formerly owned the land on which she was Robert made their home at "The Forks". Several writers have mentioned one child only and that was William who married Temperance Overton. But I notice that E.S. Stuart in 1896 says that there may have been other children as he found several Harris families around the headwaters of York River claiming to be descendants of Mary Claiborne & Robert Harris. Also I notice that Dr. Malcolm H. Harris who lives there and has practiced medicine over all this locality says that it is interesting that Harrises claiming to be from Robert and Mary were not descended through William and Temperance. He wonders why some one had not produced an authentic list of the children of that pair. My list coming from Thomas Harris (16) written before 1784 shows the following:

- (5) William Harris wed. Temperance Overton in 1696
- (6) Two daughters - Mary and Judith
- (7) Thomas Harris wed Mary Giles
- (8) John Harris wed. Mary Stanley
- ( ) Robert Harris, Jr. (not sure)

Thomas Harris (7) wed. Mary Giles. He grew up and married around the forks, was noted as tithable in St. Paul P. went up Little River with William, John & Robert, Jr. Took out patents and settled on Cubb Creek previous to 1723. Bought land on Bull Swamp from his brother Wm. Killed by an Indian 1725. Their children were:-

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- (15) William wed. (name doubtful) 3 children.
- (16) Thomas Harris, Jr. wed. Elizabeth Lindsey. Moved from Cubb Creek in 1750 to Amelia Co., which was included in Prince Edward Co. in 1754. Will, Prin. Edw. Co. Book 1, page 339.
- (17) David Harris wed. widow Richardson whose maiden name was Jane Landy. Lived in Hanover, land deals in Prin. Edw. and other counties. Settled his two sons - Giles and Lewis in Prin. Edw. 1765. Died about 1777.
- (18) George Harris
- (19) John Harris wed. Mary Tinsley, married and left Cubb Creek in Hanover Co. in 1748, settled on land between Buffalo River and Fall Cr. then in Amelia, but later included in Prince Edw. A few years later his brother Thomas (16) settled on land adjoining.
- (20) Stephen Harris wed. and had a family in Hanover.
- (21) Claiborne (Ned) Harris, He was on Thomas' (16) list as youngest son, but we have not been able to identify him associating with his borthers.

David Harris, third son of Thomas (7) was wed to Mrs. Richardson, said to have been the wife of Mark Richardson who was a partner with David in Land Company. Her maiden name was Jane Landy. Their children were given as:-

- (22) Giles Harris wed. widow Chandler, maiden name Ann Gray. They had three sons,- Edmond 1770, Claiborne 1772 and Obediah 1774.
- (23) Lewis Harris wed his cousin, Elizabeth Harris. They moved from Cubb Cr. on Little River in 1765 to Prince Edw. had eight children to be listed later on in this paper.

John Harris, son of Thomas (7) married Mary Tinsley. See No. 19, above. Their children were:-

- (24) Elizabeth Harris wed her cousin Lewis Harris, the son of David Harris (17)
- (25) David Harris wed Ann Watkins

Lewis (23) and Elizabeth (24) first cousins married and reared a family of eight children in Prin. Edw. Co., Va.

- (29) Giles Harris wed Elizabeth Thurman - six sons and three daughters moved to Madison Co., Ga.
- (30) John Harris wed Elizabeth Winn, moved to Tenn. in 1810, lived on Cumberland River owning land in both Sumner and Wilson Counties. 4 sons and 3 daughters.
- (31) Patience Harris married David Arnold in Prin. Edw. county and there lived, dying before 1818. Left two sons and two daughters.
- (32) Lewis Harris Jr. called Nat. wed Anna Wright. Finally settled in Maury Co. Tenn in 1820. They had no children.

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- (33) Gideon Harris wed Martha Gilliam in Prin. Edw. Co. Va., 1805, moved to Sumner Co., Tenn. 1810, to Wilson Co., Tenn. in 1812, to Maury Co., Tenn. in 1820, and there died 1860. Their children were:- noted later on in this -
- (34) Mary Harris, died while young lady before 1818.
- (35) Jane Harris called Polly born 1780, died 1829. She never married but cared for her mother till her death in 1818, then lived with her brother John.
- (36) David Harris, youngest child born 1781, married Mary Jesse in Prin. Edw. Co., Va. in 1820, moved to Maury Co., Tenn. that same year.

Gideon Harris and his wife Martha Gilliam married Dec. 25, 1805 in Prin. Edw. Co., Va. with the consent of her father, James Gilliam, witnessed by John Gilliam. They lived with Gideon's widowed mother, Elizabeth, in Prin. Edw. Co. until 1810 when Harrises, Gilliams, Meadors, Creaseys and others left Vaughan Cr. in Prin. Edw. for Tenn. in the fall of 1810. Gideon and Martha stayed in Sumner one year, then a few miles over Cumberland River in Wilson Co. for about eight years. In 1820 they moved to Maury Co. Tenn. and there settled for life. Their children were:-

- (37) Frances Hopkins Harris 1807-1863, married twice to Steele, and to Moore. She lived in Maury Co.
- (38) David Rice Harris 1808 - 1873, married twice to Rebecca Dillard and to Elizabeth Roberts. He lived in Hardin Co., Tenn. at Selma.
- (39) Elizabeth Lewis Harris 1809-1885, married John Vincent. Lived in Maury and Marshall, and reared a large family.
- (40) James Gilliam Harris 1811-1882, married three times to Mary Ann Daugherty, to Malissa Lowrance, and to Susan A. Hill. Lived on farm adjoining his father, was his administrator, and kept the box of papers previously referred to so often. He had a very large family of children:- Listed farther on in this paper.
- (41) Gideon Lindsey Harris 1813 - 1896, married three times to Lucy Ledbetter, Catherine McDaniel, and Mrs. Maggie Penny Harrison. He lived in McNairy Co., Tenn. and reared a large family.
- (42) Giles Glaiborne Harris 1815-1889 was married three times, when 21 years of age, he went to Sumner Co. to be with his Harris and Gilliam kin. There he married 1st to Catherine Meador, 2nd to Sarah Hawkins, 3rd to Mrs. Elizabeth Woods Davis. He reared a very large family in Sumner Co., Tenn.
- (43) John Gardner Harris 1817-1892 married Susanna London moved to Perry Co. Tenn. and they reared one daughter.
- (44) Sarah G. Harris 1823-1854 married W. F. Baxter, lived in Marshall Co., Tenn. Died after having one child.

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- (45) Martha Jane Harris 1826-1914 married W. F. Baxter after the death of her sister, Sara G. Five sons and one daughter blessed this union.

James Gilliam Harris (40) son of Gideon and Martha, was my grand father. He was named for his grandfather, James Gilliam. James Gilliam lived on adjoining farms to his father in what became Marshall Co. after its formation in 1836. He had a large family composed of two sets of children. His first wife, Mary Ann Daugherty was the mother of:-

- (535) Sarah Elizabeth Harris 1832-1893 married 1st Kerr, 2nd Graves.  
 (536) Mary Tinsley Harris 1834-1897 married 1st to Dilehay, 2nd to Brown.  
 (537) Martha Jane Harris 1835-1915 married Batey 2nd to Stinson.  
 (538) Elizabeth Lewis Harris died age one year.  
 (539) Gideon Lewis 1839-1862, killed in battle at Peryville, Ky. fighting in So. Conf.  
 (540) John Hopkins Harris 1840-1847. Died at age of 7 years.  
 (541) Nancy Bennett Harris 1841-1889 married Rufus W. Kittrell.  
 (542) Frances Carolyne Harris 1843-1919 married C.D. Ritchie  
 (543) Aurelia Annie Harris 1845-1919 married Jasper Peeler.

Susan A. Hill, 3rd wife was the mother of:

- (554) James Clanton Harris 1848-1913 married Nancy Gibson  
 (555) William Thomas Harris 1853-1913 was married 1st to Martha Elizabeth Garrett, 2nd to Clara B. Hunter. This is the father of the writer.  
 (556) Robert Claiborne Harris 1856-1915, married Mary Ann Perry.  
 (557) John Lindsey Harris 1856-1934 married Elnora R. Phillips  
 (558) David Tinsley Harris 1860-1939 married 1st. Lula Mayberry, 2nd to Mrs. Zilla Simmons Kirby.

William Thomas Harris (555) 1st wife Martha Elizabeth Garretts, Married Nov. 18, 1874 in Marshall Co., Tenn. 2nd to Clara B. Hunter 1893 in Marshall Co. Tenn.

- (873) William Lee Harris 1875- married Miss Nell Dale Ferrell February 8, 1906, at Lebanon, Wilson Co., Tenn.  
 (874) John Brice Harris died at age 15 yrs.  
 (875) Gilliam Garrett Harris 1885- 1918 married Miss Beula Holman of Lincoln Co., Tenn.  
 (876) Hunter Hill Harris 1896- son of Clara B. Hunter, 2nd wife. He married Kimmie John son.  
 (877) Thomas Earl Harris 1898- married Bessie Reavis.  
 (878) Charles Robert Harris 1900-1930 never married  
 (879) Dovie Florine Harris 1903 - married Walter Ewing Pinkston.







**Early Harris Records- From W. Lee Harris (Cont'd)**

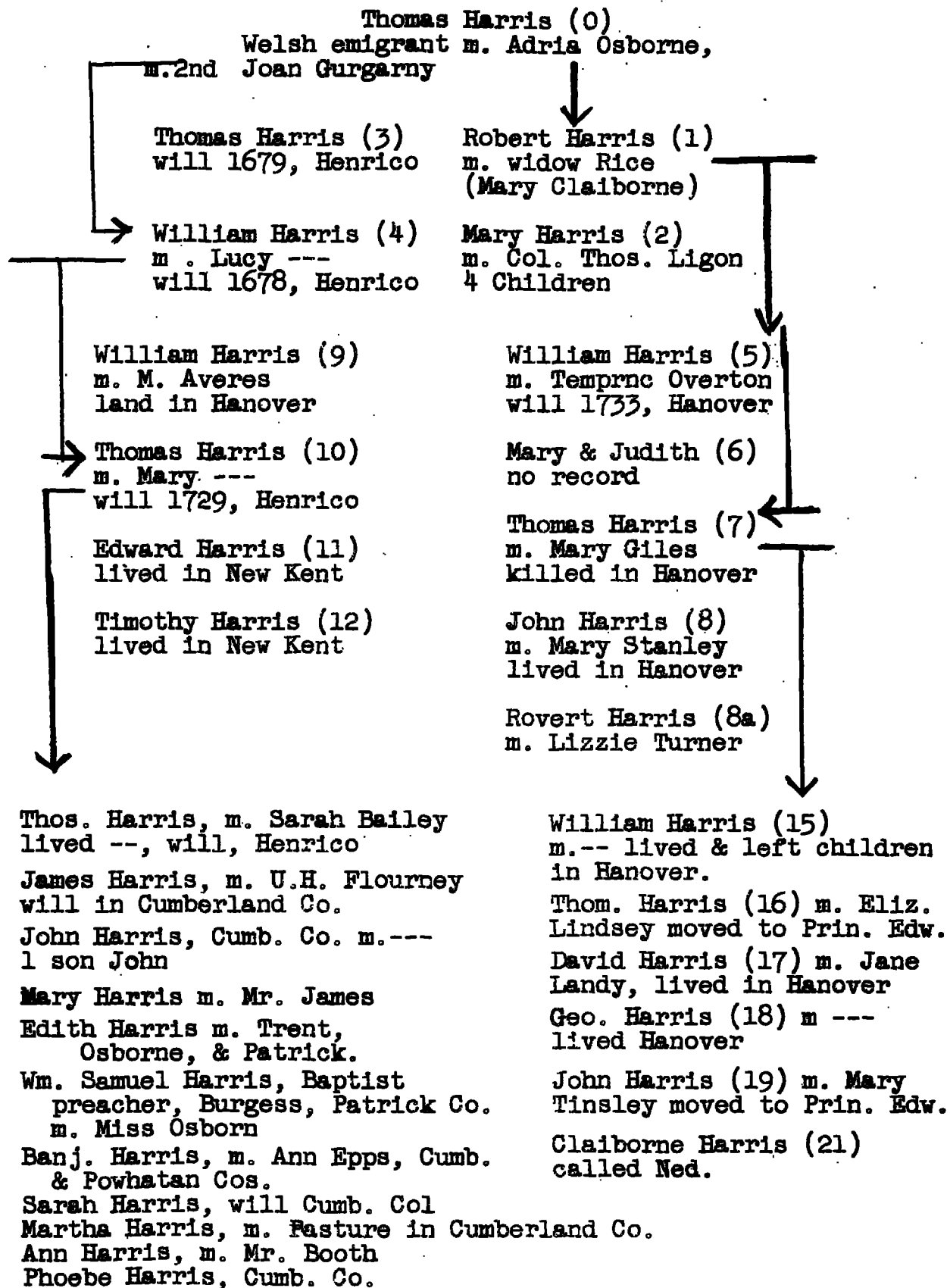
It is not only possible but highly probable that you belong to this family descending from Robert and Mary through Thomas (7) and his youngest son, Claiborne.

Most all Harrises seem to be descended from Colonial stock coming from one of three sources:- John Harris of Penna. who was the founder of Harrisburg; Thomas Harris of Isle of Wight Co., Va., was there in 1650; and Thomas Harris, probably the first to come was here 1611 at Jamestown. We are from the latter.

W. Lee Harris.

## Early Harris Record-

## A CHART SHOWING THE RELATION BETWEEN THOMAS (10) &amp; THOMAS (7)



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## Early Harris Record-

Will of Thomas (16) Harris- (Who's Journal is given, in part,  
in these records)

Prince Edward County, Virginia, Clerk's Office:

Will Book No. 1, Page 339: Will of THOMAS HARRIS:

In the name of God, Amen, This Twenty-sixth day of July 1782 I THOMAS HARRIS of Prince Edward County, being weak of body, but of Sound mind, memory and Understanding, do make constitute and declare this my last Will and Testament in Manner and form following. That is to say first I will and order that all my just Debts and funeral expenses be discharged and paid off as soon as conveniently may be after my Decease by my Executors hereafter named -

Item, I five and bequeath to my true and well-beloved wife Elizabeth the plantation whereon I now dwell containing One hundred and fifty acres less or more, for her and her heirs forever, also my Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, household furniture and implements of husbandry, to her and her heirs etc. forever and no more.

Item, I will and order if any of my estate be left after my wife Elizabeth Deceases to be equally divided amongst my children (to wit) David, John, Peter, Shurred, Elizabeth and Judith to them and their heirs forever etc. and no more.

Lastly, I nominate, Constitute and appoint my wife Elizabeth and David Harris Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the Date above written

Signed, sealed and acknowledged by the s'd Thos. Harris to be his last will and Testament in presence of us

John Simmons  
Joseph Simmons  
Richard Peek

His  
Thomas X Harris  
Mark

At a Court held for Prince Edward County February 16, 1784, This last Will and Testament of Thomas Harris deceased was presented in Court and proved by two of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. On the motion of Elizabeth Harris and David Harris Executors therein named who gave bond and took the oath required by Law, Certificate for obtaining a probat thereof in due form is granted them.

Teste. F. Watkins, C.C. (Seal)

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## Early Harris Record-

Copy of 1936 letter to W. Lee Harris from Judge M. K. Harris  
(giving Claiborn as name of Thomas' youngest son)

M. K. Harris  
L. B. Hayhurst  
Rue C. Gibson

HARRIS & HAYHURST  
Attorneys at law  
Fresno, California

January 5, 1936

Mr. W. Lee Harris  
Superintendent of Schools  
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Sir:

"Your letter of December 15 calling attention to errors in my little book almost aroused the ire in me, but having come across an account by one Thomas Harris of Prince Edward County Virginia written in the form of a diary, I thought I would fall in line with you, I found this paper in the family of Walker who claim to be descended of this Thomas Harris who wrote the account and also left a will in said county. It seems that the family came west long ago, and brought the diary with them or parts of it. This account so nearly parallels your statement that I am convinced and have cooled off. You should have been a lawyer the way you sift evidence and reach conclusions.

In this paper I find that Robert Harris was in early life a sailor, but finally settled in Va. Both your account and this one name the children of Thomas H. but I note one discrepancy. This paper I have gives the name of the youngest child as Claiborne while you give the same names except name of the last one as Ned. This may have been a kind of nickname used by the family. And this may account for the fact that you have never been able to identify him among his brothers.

I am now very sorry that I ever wrote the little book that I sent you. If I were some twenty years younger I would write another and more complete one.

The source of William & Temperance must have come from the Overton papers, and they were interested in only William is the reason no other children of Robert were in the list. I am descended from William and Temperance and you will find many of my line in Sumner and Dyer counties, Tennessee. Yet several of them have come west and are in California."

I shall be happy to hear from you any time.

M. K. Harris (signed)

Note:

This is a copy made  
by W. Lee Harris Jan. 14, 1952.

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DEED - Granville Co., N.C.

Claborn Harris

to

Harris Ogilvie

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THIS INDENTURE Made the 6th day of November in the Year of Our Lord Christ One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty Seven Between Claborn Harris & his Juda of Granville County in the State of North Carolina of the one part & Harris Ogilvie of the other part Witnesseth that we the sd Claborn Harris & his wife Juda hath for & in consideration of the sum of One Hundred pounds good & lawful money of the State of North Carolina hath bargained sold made & confirmed unto the sd Harris Ogilvie his heirs & assigns forever One hundred & Twenty acres of land be the same more or less lying in Granville County on both sides of Pauls Creek Beginning at Samuel Harris' corner at red oak on Pauls hill turning North to two pines thence by Harris's line forty eight poles to two red Oaks thence his line thirty pole to a red Oak hickory thence by Potters line east to a corner red Oak near the branch thence a direct line to David Harris' line to a white Oak & a sassafras thence along the sd Harris's line to Freemans Corner thence along Freemans line to his Corner pine thence south to a black Jack in the head of a glade thence West forty poles to a black Jack thence North one hundred pole to a black jack thence east forty pole to the beginning To have hold & peaceably to enjoy the sd One hundred & Twenty acres of land be the same more or less with all houses gardens & all other appertaining to the sd land & bargained premises to the only use and behoof of him the sd Harris Ogilvie his heirs or assigns forever from the claim right or title of the sd Claborn Harris or his wife Juda their heirs or assigns or any other person or persons from or under them the sd Claborn Harris & his wife Juda In witness whereof the sd Claborn Harris & his Wife Juda hath set their hands & affixt their seals the day & year above written

Sign'd Sealed & Delivered }  
in presence of us }

John Tipet

Claborn Harris (Seal)

Judith Harris (Seal)

Granville County Nov Court A.D. 1787

Claborn Harris ack this Deed to be his act & dded which was  
ordered to be Registered

Truly Regd. P.M. Satterwhite PR

Teste

Reuben Searcy, C.C.

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Grant-Earl Granville to Claiborn Harris 1754  
 (this is father of Benjamin Harris, d. 1833)

THIS INDENTURE made the twenty fourth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and fifty four and in the XXVIII<sup>th</sup> year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland Ireland Kind Defender of the faith. Between the Right, Honorable John Earl Granville Viscount Cartaret and Baron Cartaret of Haws in the County of Bedford in the Kingdom of Great Britain Lord Provident of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, and Knight of the most Noble Order of the Garter of the one part and Claiborn Harris of Grandville County in the Province of North Carolina Plantor of the other part, WHEREAS his said most excellent Majesty King George the Second in and by a certain Indenture bearing date the seventeenth day of September in the Eighteenth Year of his reign and the year of our Lord Christ one thousand seven hundred and forty four and made between his said most excellent majesty of the one part and the said John Earl Granville by the Name Stile and Title of the right honourable John Lord Carteret of the other part Did for the consideration therein mentioned give and grant release ratify and confirm unto the said Earl (by the name of John Lord Carteret) and his heirs and Assigns forever a certain District Territory or parcel of Land in the Province of North Carolina in America and all the Sound, Creeks, Havens ports rivers streams and other Royalties, franchises, privileges and Immunities within the same as they are therein set out allotted and granted and confirmed to the said John Earl Granville by the name of one eighth part of the Provinces of South and North Carolina as by the said Indenture duly Enrolled in the High Court of Chancery in Great Britain and the Secretary's Office of the Province of North Carolina relation being thereunto had will amongst other things more fully and at large appear

NOW THIS INDENTURE Witnesseth that as well for and in Consideration of the Sum of three shillings proclamation money to the said John Earl Granville in hand paid by the said Claiborn Harris at or before the Ensealing and Delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof he the said Earl doth hereby acknowledge, as also, for and in Consideration of the Rents Covenants Exceptions Privileges and Agreements hereinafter mentioned reserved and contained, and by and on the part and behalf of the said Claiborn Harris his heirs and Assigns to be paid performed observed and kept he the said Earl hath given granted bargained sold and Confirmed and by these presents doth from himself and his heirs Give Grant Bargain Sell and Confirm unto the said Claiborn Harris his heirs and assigns forever all that piece and parcel of land situate lying and being in the Parrish of --- and County of Granville in the Province of North Carolina in America on both sides of Little Ruin Creek Beginning at a pine East side the said creek thence running South 300 poles to a White Oak thence East 160 poles to a pine thence North 300 poles to a pine thence

Grant - Earl Granville to Claiborn Harris 1754 (Cont'd)

West to the beginning containing in the whole 300 acres of Land, All which premises are more particularly described and set forth in the plan or Map thereof hereunto annexed together with all woods Underwoods Timber and Timber trees Lakes Ponds Fishing Waters Water courses Profits Commodities Appurtenances and Hereditaments Whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining together with the privileges of hunting Hawking and Howling and of taking catching and making use of all sorts of Game in and upon the premises hereby granted and all Mines and Minerals whatsoever therein to be found (except and always reserved out of this present Grant unto the King's most excellent Majesty his heirs and Successors one fourth part of all the gold and Silver Mines to be found in or upon the premises Also except and reserved thereout unto the said John Earl Granville his heirs and Assigns one moiety or half part of the remaining three fourths of all such Gold and Silver Mines as shall be found in or upon or upon the said Premises) TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said piece or parcel of land and all and singular other the premises hereby granted with the appurtenances (except as before excepted) unto the said Claiborn Harris his heirs and Assigns forever Yielding and paying therefore Yearly and every Year forever unto the said Earl his heirs and Assigns the Yearly rent or sum of twelve Shillings which is at the rate of three shillings Sterling or four shillings Proclamation money for every hundred acres at or upon the two most usual feasts or days of payment in the year, that is to say, the feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the feast of Saint Michael the Arch Angel by even and equal portions and to be paid at the Courthouse of the County of Granville aforesaid unto the said Earl or his Deputy Attorney or Receiver for the time being, the first payment thereof to be made on such of the said feast days as shall first happen after the date hereof. And the said Claiborn Harris for himself his heirs and Assigns and for every of them doth hereby covenant promise and agree to and with the said Earl his heirs and assigns and to and with every of them by these presents in manner and form following that is to say, that he the said Claiborn Harris his heirs and Assigns shall and will yearly and every year forever well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Earl his heirs and Assigns or unto his or their Deputy Attorney or Receiver for the time being on the days and at the place aforesaid the aforesaid yearly rent or sum of twelve Shillings by half year by payments as aforesaid and further that he the said Claiborn Harris his heirs or heirs or assigns or some or one of them shall and will within three years to be accounted from the day of the date hereof clear and cultivate at the rate of three Acres for every hundred acres of the said Premises hereby granted PROVIDED always and it is hereby expressly declared and Agreed by and between the said parties hereunto that if it shall happen that the said yearly rent of twelve shillings or any part thereof shall at any time hereafter be behind or unpaid by the space of twenty one days next over or after any of the feast days before limited or appointed for payment thereof (and no sufficient Distress can be found on the premises to levy such Rent and



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Arrears with the charges of Distress) or if the said Claiborn Harris his heirs or Assigns shall not within the space of three years after the date hereof clear and cultivate the lands above granted according to the proportion of three acres for every hundred that then and in either of the said Cases this Present Grant and all Assignments thereof shall be utterly void and of none effect and it shall be lawful for the said Earl his heirs or assigns to regrant the same to any other person or persons whomsoever as if this Grant or any Assignment thereof had never been made. IN WITNESS whereof the parties above named have hereunto set their hands and Seals the Day and Year first above written.

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT the day and Year first above written the Honble Francis Corbin Esq. by virtue of a letter of Attorney and Commission under the hand and seal of the said John Earl Granville duly entered and registered in the Secretary's office in the province of North Carolina did in the Name of the said Earl sign and subscribe this Grant with the said Earl's title and then Seal and Deliver the same as his the said Earl's Act and Deed in the Presence of us, who in his presence have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

In. Haywood

GRANVILLE (S.S.)

Sher. Haywood

by  
Fra. Corbin

At a Court held for Granville County 3 Decemb. 1755.

This Deed was proved by the Oath of Sherwood Haywood one of the Witnesses thereto to be the Act and Deed of Francis Corbin Esq. Agent for Earl Granville and on Motion it was Ordered to be recorded. - - Dan<sup>l</sup> Weldon C. C.

Truly recorded by

Dan<sup>l</sup> Weldon C.C.

Deed Book M at page 37

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DEED - Harris (Claiborn) to Parrish - Deed Examined.

THIS INDENTURE made the nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred fifty eight between Claiborn Harris of Granville County in the Province of North Carolina planter of the one part and Brisse Parrish of the County and Province aforesaid planter of the other part whereas the

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Deed - Harris (Claborn) to Parrish

right honble John Earl Granville (illegible) certain indenture bearing date the 24th day of October in the year of our Lord 1754 did for consideration therein mentioned give grant bargain sell & confirm unto the said Claborn Harris & his heirs & assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land situate lying & being on little Ruin Creek in the County of Granville afd beginning at a pine tree east side the sd Creek thence running S<sup>o</sup> 300 P<sup>o</sup>. to a white Oak thence E. 160 p<sup>o</sup> to a pine thence N 300 P<sup>o</sup> to a pine thence W. to the beginning containing in whole three hundred acres as by the sd Indenture duly registered in the Register Office in Granville County will more fully appear Now This Indenture witnesseth that the said Claborn Harris for an in consideration of the sume of (100) pounds current money of Virga to him in hand paid by the sd Brisse Parrish at or before the Sealing & delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath given granted bargained sold & confirmed and by these presents doth from himself & his heirs give grant bargain sell & confirm unto the sd. Brisse Parrish his heirs & Assigns forever all that part of the above mentioned tract of land lying on the said little Ruin Creek Beginning at a poplar on the said out line thence running So. 150 poles to a corner white oak thence E 160 poles to a pine thence 150 poles to a pine thence W. to the beginning bounded by meanders of the said tract containing by estimation one hundred & fifty acres be the same more or less together with all houses or garden fences woods trees ways meanders water courses and all other profits or emoluments to the said tract of land belonging in anywise appertaining and the reversion & reversions remainder & remainders (illegible) issues & profits thereof of every part & parcell thereof and also all the Estate Right title Interest trust property claim & demand whatsoever either in Equity or in Law of the said Claborn Harris & his heirs of in or to the said One hundred and Fifty acres of land & premises belonging or in anywise appertaining To have and to hold the sd one hundred & fifty acres of land & privileges with appurtenances unto the said Brisse Parrish & his heirs to the only proper use & behoof of the said Brisse Parrish his heirs & assigns forever and the said Claborn Harris for himself his heirs exec. & adms. doth promise grant & agree to & with the said Brisse Parrish his heirs assigns shall & may from time to time & at all times forever hereafter have hold use occupy possess & enjoy the hereby granted premises without the lawful lot hindrance of the said Claborn Harris his heirs or assigns and further that the said Claborn Harris his heirs or Adms.        hereby bargained & sold land & premises with the appurtenances unto the said Brisse Parrish his heirs & assigns against him the said Claborn Harris & his heirs and against all & every other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or pertaining to claim from by or under him them or any of them shall and will warrant and by these presents forever defend

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Deed - Harris (Claborn) to Parrish

In witness whereof the said Claborn Harris hath hereunto set his hand and Seal the day and year first above written.

Claborn Harris (L.S.)

At a Court held for Granville County 20th June 1758.

Claborn Harris acknowledged this Deed to be his Act & Deed and on motion was Ordered to be Registered.

Dan'l Weldon C.C.

Truly Registered.

Willm Eaton, Public Reg.

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Granville County N. C. Records:

Granville Co., N.C. Deeds: (Of Claborn Harris, father of  
Benajmin)

John Earl Granville Book M page 37 October 24, 1754 300A  
to Claborn Harris (planter)- A certain District Territory  
or parcel of land on both sides of little Ruin Creek.

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Claborn Harris  
to Brisse Parrish- Book C page 475 150A L100 June 19,  
1758 - Part of the grant above on little Ruin Creek.

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Richard Wilkins Book O page 244, March 5, 1783 125A L140  
to Claborn Harris- Land on Nicholas Holston's Creek,  
adjoining Samuel Harris, school house, William Ogilvie.

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Claborn Harris Book O page 455 August 23, 1783 150A L200  
to Samuel Kittnell- Other part of this tract, on Little  
Ruin Creek granted to Brissie Parish by the said Harris.

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Claborn Harris Book O page 372 June 15, 1784 125A L 80  
to Robert Harris- Land on Nicholas Holston's Creek,  
adjoining Samuel Harris, William Ogilvie (seems same  
land as above)

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William Ogilvie Book O page 419 March 28, 1785 120A L100  
to Claborn Harris- Land on both sides of Paul's Creek,  
adjoining Samuel Harris, Potter, David Harris, Freeman.

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Jacob Holston Book O page 536 October 9, 1787 230A L100  
to Claborn Harris- Land on north side of Holston's Creek,  
adjoining Hampton.

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Claborn Harris & wife Judith Book O page 534 Nov. 6, 1787  
120A L100  
to Harris Ogilvie- Seems to be the same tract bought by  
Claborn Harris of William Ogilvie Book O page 419.

Other Records Found in Granville Co., N.C.:

Claborn Harris md. Mary Champion (dau. Chas Champton will 1797)  
Sept. 27, 1792. (believe son of Claborn Harris)

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Charles Gilliam m. Jemima Harris 1762 (possibly dau. of Claborn)

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Mary Ogilvie legatee under will of her father Robert Harris  
1786 (likely brother or uncle of Claborn Harris)

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Kimbrough Ogilvie married Nancy Harris, Robert Harris on bond  
1782 (This Nancy believed dau. of Claborn & Judith Harris)

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Claiborn Harris' Revolutionary War Records:

Muster Roll of The Regiment in Granville County, under the  
Command of Colo. William Eaton, as taken at a General Muster  
of the said Regiment 8 October, 1754-

Wm. Person- Lieut. Colo.

James Paine- Major

Captain John Sallis's Company:

No. 73- Claiborn Harris---also from Granville County were:

Gilliam Harris, Jr.- John Harris- Lisha Harris- Nathan  
Harris- Christopher Harris- David Harris- Charles Harris-  
Matthew Harris- Thos. Harris- Robert Harris Jr.- Samuel  
Harris- Sherwood Harris- Edward Harris.

(from North Carolina State Records Vol. 22, page 376)

List of Granville County Militia 1771:

Company Commanded by Capt. Jonathan Kittrell 1771-

Officers: Claborn Harris- Ensign-

Lieutenant-Col. Wm. Taylor- 15th Apr. 1776 to 1st Jan 1781-  
Sixth North Carolina Line (this was Claiborn's Col. after 1776)

(from North Carolina State Records Vol. 22, page 165)

Revolutionary Vouchers - Claiborn Harris:

No. 17, State of North Carolina- Granville County-  
fifteenth December- Anno Dom. 1790- :

This may certify that as Commifsionor for the County afore-  
said I have purchased from Mr. Claibourn Harris five Bushels  
Corn at the prices---- in Spanish Milled Dollars- By Resolution  
of Congrefs---- 25th Febuary 1790. Ammounting in the whole to  
Three & three fourths Spanish Milled Dollars which sum is to  
bear Interest at Six per until paid agreeable to an Act of the  
General Afsembly in that case made. 3 3/4 Dollars

Philip Vafs C.C.

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 Claiborn Harris' Revolutionary War Records contd.

No. 1949. North Carolina  
 Halifax District

This Certifys that Claiborn Harris was allowed Eleaven pounds  
 five Shillings Spence his Report of the Board of Anderson  
 Nov 17, 1791  
 S 11, 5 Wm Green

Revolutionary Service- (from Roster of Soldiers from N.C.  
 in American Revolution - page 251)

Grant No. 883 - Calbern Harris- Private 640 acres  
 84 mo. service- dated May 19, 1784- deeded R. Sugg- Self.

Warrent of Survey 1784- for Land Grant to Claiborn Harris:

State of North Carolina No. 884  
 The Honbl James Glasgow Esquire  
 Secretary of State

To Colonel Martin Armstrong Greeting You are hereby required to  
 lay off & Survey for Claibourn Harris approve \_\_\_\_ cead \_\_\_\_ in  
 the Line of this State Six hundred forty acres of Land within  
 the Limits of the Lands reserved by Law for the officers and  
 soldiers of the Contentental Line in this state obsurving the  
 ceritions of the Act of Afsmbly in such case made and provided  
 for runing out Lands, two just and fair plans- thereof with  
 a certificate to each annexed You are to Transmit to my office  
 within the time Limited by Law.

Given under my Hand at Hillsboro  
 this 19th day of May 1784  
 W. Williams D Sec.

Assignment of Reuben Searcy, for heirs of Claiborn Harris:

Granville County May 22<sup>d</sup> 1784

I hereby afsign all my Right title Interest claim & demand  
 of the within warrent to Reuben Searcy of the afores<sup>d</sup> County as  
 I am heir at law and do desire the Same may be transfer'd into  
 the said Searcys name.

Teste  
 Saml Harris

Benjamen Harris

Granville Co., N.C. Records (Cont'd)

Claiborn Harris' Revolutionary War Records contd.

Plat & Surveyor's Description of Grant to heirs of Claiborn Harris:

Grant No. 1699-

By virtue of a military Warrent No. 884 Located the 25 day of January 17-- I have Surveyed for Reubin Searcy Edw<sup>d</sup> Douglas & Anthony Sharp for the heirs of Claiborn Harris Six hundred and forty acres of land in Sumner County on the North Side of Cumberland river Beginning at a Sugar tree & cedar on the river bluff corner to James McNiece runing thence up the river according to its meandors four hundred and six poles to an afh & hackberry on the river bank thence East three hundred & two poles to a Stake thence North three hundred & Eighty five poles to a Stake thence West two hundred and Ninety two poles Crofsing Rockey Creek to the Begining

Surveyed 23<sup>d</sup> October 1792 G Winchefter Dep Gr  
Martin Armstrong Sur.

Granville County N.C. Records- North Carolina State Records:

Vol 26 page 210:

Meeting of the Granville Co. Court Aug 10, 1787-  
Juror appointed to attend Hillsboro Supreme Court:  
Samuel Harris.

Vol. 26 page 1267- 1276- 1277:

Tax Payers in Granville Co. 1788:  
Oxford District- Charles Harris- 345 acres- 1 slave.  
Samuel Harris- Vinga. 120 gal. rum  
Sherward Harris- 800 acres- 3 slaves.  
Knap of Leeds District- Claburn Harris- 230 acres.  
Richard Harris-

Vol. 19 page 935:

Archibald Harris signed petition in behalf of Thomas Hunt of Hillsborough Dist. (under sentence of Death for Horse Stealing ) ac 1780.

Granville County N.C. Records Cont'd.

Granville County, North Carolina Census Records:

1790 Census:

Claburn Harris-	Hillsboro Dist.,	Granville Co. (Knap of
Leeds Dist.)		
Samuel (Virga.)	}	Oxford Dist.
Robert		
Sherward		
Samuel	}	Dutch Dist.
John		
Robert		
Charles		

1800 Census:

Harris names in Granville County 1800 Census were:  
 Charles (over 45)- Benjamin (26-45)- Edward (over 45)-  
 Sherwood (over 45)- William (over 45)- Clabourn (26-45)-  
 Samuel (over 45)- David (over 45)- (part if not all of  
 these were surely related to Claburn Harris of early  
 Granville County.

Revolutionary Record of Benjamin Harris (possibly ours- proof  
 lacking) of Granville County, N.C.

From North Carolina State Records Vol. 16, p. 1085:

10th Regiment- Rhode's Co.  
 Harris, Benj. pt.- 1 Augt. '82 - Sergt. Augt. '83.



Granville County N.C. Records - copied from N.C. Archives  
Records Raleigh, N.C.

Granville County N.C. Marriages:

- 1760 Charles Harris to Sarah Allen Bondsman Chas. Harris
- 1778 Sherwood Harris to Rebecca Wilkins Bondsman Sherwood Harris
- 1778 John Harrifs to Mary Lewis Bondsman John Harrifs
- 1777 Richard Harris to Mary Gwin Bondsman Richard Harris
- 1781 Goldman Harris to Elizabeth Bell Bondsman Goldman Harris
- 1775 Robert Harris to Elizabeth Phillips Bondsman Robt. Harris
- 1782 Darwin Harris to Elizabeth Wilkins Bondsman Darwin Harris
- 1782 Newson Harris to Mary Neal Bondsman Newson Harris
- 1783 James Harris to Priscilla Gilliam Bondsman James Harris
- 1783 Rowland Harris to Sarah Daniel Bondsman Rowland Harris
- 1795 Ramson Harris to Elizabeth Gilliam Bondsman Ransom Harris
- 1787 Sherwood Harris to Judith Wadall Bondsman Sherwood Harris
- 1789 William Harris to Catherine Grisfham Bondsman Wm Harris
- 1790 Tyre Harris to Polly Gooch Bondsman Tyre Harris
- 1792 Clabon Harris to Mary Champion Bondsman Clabon Harris
- 1793 Robin Hood Harris to Maneva Harris Bondsman R.H. Harris
- 1793 Mosley Harris to Judith Peace
- 1793 John Harris to Mary Alwood
- 1794 Rowland Harris to Betsy Reavis
- 1794 Spence Harris to Elizabeth Mandon
- Ro Harris to to Mary Jones 1794
- 1796 July 23rd Gideon Harris to Amy Gresham Bondsman Gid Harris
- 1801 James H. Harris to Elizabeth P. Glover
- 1804 Austin Harris to Tabitha Kittrell Bondsman Augustine Harris
- 1800 Arthur Harris
- 1805 Harrises married this year: Ranson; Thomas; John; Handy; Micaiah; Willis; James; Sterling; Thomas
- 1837 May 30th Gidion Harris to Agnes Grisham Bondsman Gideon Harris

Granville Superior Court - Minute Docket:

- 1754 Duke vs Harris et al 46
- 1757 Harrises found in court records this year: Edward; Thomas; Daniel.
- 1758 Robert Harris had court record
- 1759 John Harris & George Harris found in court records
- 176- Nathaniel Harris & Richard Harris found in court records

## Granville Co. N.C. Records Cont'd- from N.C. Archives

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 Richard Harris to Robert Harris page 211

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Edward Harris to Robert Harris ---  
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1793-1797 Book P

Saml Harris together with David; Wm.; Jesse; Charles- all made  
 deeds this year in Granville

1797-1802 Book Q

Harrises making deeds were: Rowland; Saml.; Sherwood; David

1801-1805 Book R

Harrises making ddeds were: Wm.; Sherwood; George; Solomon

1806-1810 Book T

Harrises making deeds were: Saml.; Augustine

1810-1816

Harrises making deeds were: Geo. Sr.; Charles; Christopher;  
 Wm. G.

Tax List:

1787

David-Harris; Richard Harris; Robinhood Harris; Gileson Harris;  
 Edward Harris; Thompson Harris; John Harris; Edward Harris;  
 Christopher Harris; Gilliam Harris; Claibourne Harris; Samuel  
 Harris

1788

Clabourn Harris & others

1789

Claborn Harris & others

1790

Claiborn Harris & others

1791

William Harris & others

Granville Co. N.C. Records Cont'd- from N.C. Archives

Granville County Wills:

Book 1

Sara Harris Aug 1786 page 510- Divisee- Gilliad Harris et al.  
Will witnessed by Robt. Harris Jun; Robin Hood Harris;  
Beverly Harris.

Thomas Harris 1780 May page 277- Divisees- Robert Hood Harris;  
Gilley Harris; Mary Harris; Penny Harris; Samuel Benton  
Harris; Jemima White; Ellyfare Harris.

\*Robert Harris 1786 page 519- Divisees- Mary Harris, niece, dau.  
of David Harris; Thomas Harris, grandson, son of Thomas;  
Mary Ogilvie, dau.; Lemender Hampton, dau.; & sons:  
Christopher, Sherwood, Robert, David & Samuel. Names Col.  
Joseph Taylor as executor and says his land joins that of  
Kimbrough Ogilvie. He signed his name as Robert Harris Snr.

Richard Harris 1787 page 11- Divisees- Jemima Ford; Molly  
Beardin; Lucy Parker; Mary Harris; Richard Harris, Charles  
Harris, Samuel Harris, Tyree Harris & wife Priscilla Harris.

Edward Harris 1807 Book 6 page 310- Divisees- Jonothan Harris;  
Elijah Harris; Anne Upchurch; Fanny Jackson; Mary Bailey;  
Martha Bailey; Priscilla Harris; Edward Harris.

Book 7

Charles Harris 1811 page 176- Divisees- Sarah Harris; Benjamin  
Harris; David Harris; William Harris; Allen Harris; Drury  
Harris.

Richard Harris 1815 page 512- Divisees- Elizabeth Harris;  
Charles H.; Harriett Harris.

Book 8

George Harris 1820 page 300- Divisees- George W.; Keziah Harris;  
Mary Harris.

Book 9

Isham Harris 1824 page 361- Divisees- Martha Harris; Willie  
Harris; Isham Harris; Anderson Green Harris; Newson Harris;  
Randson Harris; Rowland Harris; Hardy Harris; Britain Harris;  
Patsey Revis; Samuel J. Revis.

Book 10

Samuel Harris 1825 page 9- Divisees- (see page 55 too) Augustine  
Harris; Robert Harris; Thomas Harris; Temperance Harris;  
Margrit Hix; Archabald Hix. (believe he was close relative  
of my Claiborn).

In Will made 1763- Sherwood Harris names his brother, Robert,  
as Executor.

1785 Record:

Samuel Harris & Mary Harris witnessed sale of slave to  
Kimbrough Tinseley Ogilvie By Robert Harris Senr. Aug. 31,  
1785.

(these names should help place some of the Granville Harrises,  
as it gives relationship)

Harris -

Granville County, N. C. Deed- made by Benjamin Harris -  
 deeding part of the land granted to his father, Claiborn  
 Harris in 1754. This seems to be about date Benjamin left  
 North Carolina-

Benj<sup>a</sup> Harris }  
 to }  
 Wm Floyd }  
 Ex }

THIS INDENTURE Made the thirteen day of  
 December 1783 Between Benjamin Harris of the one part &  
 William Floyd of the other part Witnesseth that the<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin  
 Harris for & in consideration of the Sum of forty five pounds  
 Virg<sup>s</sup> Money to him in hand paid at or before the ensealing &  
 delivery hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged &  
 the<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin Harris the<sup>d</sup>. William Floyd doth hereby acquit &  
 discharge hath granted bargained & sold released & confirmed  
 unto the<sup>d</sup>. William Floyd his heirs & assigns forever a certain  
 piece or parcel of land lying on the waters of little Ruin  
 Creek Beginning at a Corner in the old field runing west to  
 post oak 216 poles then North 144 poles to a - then east 216  
 poles to a white oak then South to the first Station Containing  
 194 acres of land be the same more or less together with all  
 houses Orchards & all Right Title & interest in & to the<sup>d</sup>.  
 premises reversion & reversions Remainder and Remainders rents  
 issues & profits thereto and every part & parcel thereof with  
 all their appertances thereunto belonging To have & to hold the<sup>d</sup>.  
 tract of land & other the premises & appertances to the same  
 belonging to the<sup>d</sup>. William Floyd his heirs & assigns forever he  
 the<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin Harris his heirs & assigns he the<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin Harris  
 for himself his Ex<sup>d</sup>. Adm.<sup>n</sup> & assigns doth covenant & agree to &  
 with the<sup>d</sup>. William Floyd his heirs & assigns that the above  
 granted land are free & clear of all Incumberance whatsoever &  
 that the<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin Harris hath full power to sell & dispose of  
 the same & the<sup>d</sup>. Benjamin Harris his heirs & assigns shall & will  
 warrent & ever defend the same to the<sup>d</sup>. William Floyd his heirs  
 & assigns forever against the lawful claims of any person or  
 persons whatsoever, In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my  
 hand and affixed his Seal the day & year above Written.

Benjamin Harris (Seal)

Signed Sealed & delivered in the  
 presents of Z. Higgs. Jurat.

Elizabeth Higgs - - - - - Granville County

February Court A D. 1784

This deed was duly proved by the Oath of Zacharius Higgs & ordered  
 to be registered Truly Reg<sup>s</sup> P. M. Satterwhite P.R.

Teste Reuben Searcy C C

Deed Book 0, page 203

To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting:  
KNOW YE, That for and in consideration of  
Five Pounds Sixteen Shillings of                  sterling money,  
paid by Benjamin Harris  
into the treasury for the use of this  
State, We have granted, and by these presents do grant unto  
the said Benjamin Harris, his heirs and  
assigns, a plantation or tract of land, containing Two  
hundred and fifty acres Situated in the District of  
Ninety Six.

having such shape, form and marks as are represented by a plat hereunto annexed, together with all woods, trees, waters, water courses, profits, commodities, appurtenances and hereditaments whatsoever thereunto belonging, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Two hundred and fifty acres of land, and all and singular other the premises hereby granted unto the said Benjamin Harris, his heirs and assigns, forever, in free and common socage.

GIVEN UNDER THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE

WITNESS his Excellency William Moultrie Esquire, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the said State, at Charleston, this Second Day of May Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and Eighty-five and in the Ninth year of the Independence of the United States of America.

William ( L.M.S. ) Moultrie  
And hath thereunto a Plat thereof annexed representing the same,  
certified by

Ephraim Mitchell      Surveyor-General.  
17th August 1784

## Pendleton Dist. S. C. Records

## 1790 Census- Pendleton Co:

Gillison, James- 1 male under 16, 4 males over 16, 2 females  
3 slaves.  
Harris, Benjamin- 1 male under 16, 2 males over 16, 1 female  
(this our Benjamin from N.C.)  
Harris, Stephen- 1 male over 16, 3 females.

## 1800 Pendleton Co., S.C. Census:

Archibald Harris- 3 males under 10, 1 male 26-45, 3 females  
under 10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 16-26,  
1 female 26-45 (believe bro. of Benjamin)  
Sarah Harris- 1 male 10-16, 1 male 10-26, 1 male over 45,  
1 female 16-26, 1 female 26-45.  
John Harris- 1 male under 10, 1 male 26-45, 3 females under  
10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45.  
John Harris- 2 males under 10, 1 male over 45, 1 female over  
45.  
No. 567. Benjamin Harris- 3 males under 10, 1 male 10-16,  
1 male 16-26, 1 male 26-45, 2  
females under 10, 1 female 26-45.  
(our Benjamin)  
Ezekiel Harris- 3 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 26-45,  
2 females under 10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female  
26-45. (Ezekiel Harris of Cobb Co. Ga.  
possible cousin of our Benjamin).  
Stephen Harris- 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 1 female 10-16,  
1 female 26-45 (believe brother of Benjamin)  
No. 523. Claburn Harris- 1 male 16-26, 1 male over 45, 1  
female over 45.

## 1810 Pendleton Co., S. C. Census:

No. 157. Claiborn Harris- 1 male under 10, 1 male 16-26, 1  
female under 10, 1 female 16-26.  
(believe son of Benjamin or Stephen)  
No. 160. Benjamin Harris- 3 males under 10, 1 male 10-16,  
1 male 16-26, 1 male over 45, 1  
female 10-16, 1 female 16-26, 1  
female 26-45 (our Benjamin from N.C.)  
Stephen Harris- 1 male under 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 male over 45,  
1 female under 10, 1 female 26-45 (believe bro.  
of Benjamin)

## 1820 Pendleton Co., S.C. (Anderson Co. after 1826) Census:

Claibourne Harris- 1 male under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male  
25-45, 3 females under 10, 2 females 10-16  
1 female 16-26, 2 slaves (same as No. 157  
in 1810)

These Harrises found in Pendleton Co. 1820, all over 45:

Richard- Sarah- Samuel- John- Edward- Goldman.

1810 Pendleton Dist., S. C. Record of Benjamin Harris

KNOW all men by these presents that I Benjamin Harris late of North Carolina now resident of South Carolina and Pendleton District for divers good causes and considerations me hereunto moving have made ordained constituted and appointed and by these presents do make ordain constitute and appoint my trusty friends Richard Major and Walter Bell of the State of Georgia and Jackson County my two and lawful attorneys for me in my name to ask demand sue for recover and receive of and from any person who may be in possession of lands in the State of Tennessee or elsewhere claimed by Claiborn Harris deceased for services done by him as a regular soldier in the late revolutionary war then a citizen of Granville- County and State of North Carolina under the command of Colo William Taylor giving and granting by these presents to my sd. attorneys full power and authority to take pursue and follow such legal courses for the recovery receiving and obtaining the same as I myself could do were I personally present and upon the receipt of the same &-- other acquitances of the same and other sufficient discharges for me in my name- to make sign seal and deliver to one or more attorney or attorneys under them to substitute or appoint again at his pleasure to make and further to do perform and execute for me & in my name- all and singular thing or things which shall or may be necessary touching- and concerning the premises as fully and entirely as I the said Benjamin Harris in my own person ought or could do in about the same ratifying allowing and confirming whatsoever my said attorney or attorneys shall lawfully do or cause to be done in and about the execution of the the premises by virtue of these presents- In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fifth day of September in the year of Lord One Thousand eight hundred & ten.

Benjamin Harris (LS)

Test:

Josiah Pruitt  
her  
Polley X Harris  
mark

South Carolina  
Pendleton District.

Personally came Josiah Pruitt before me the subscribing Justice and made oath that he saw Benjamin Harris sign seal & acknowledge the within letter of attorney to Richard Major & Walter Bell for the use & purposes therein mentioned and that Polley Harris with himself was a subscribing witness.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 5th of September 1810



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South Carolina - Pendleton Dist. (Cont'd)

George Nash J.P.

Josiah Pruitt

(True)  
Recorded 6th Nov. 1810.

Roster of N. C. Soldiers of Continental Line. Reference N. C. State Records Vol. XVI 1782-1783

A list of warrants for lands granted officers and soldiers in the Continental Line out of the Secretary's office.

No. 883

p. 251 - Claiborn Harris, Private- 640 Acres - 84 months service

(Notice that the name Claiborn is spelled different ways but all mean the same person. This is record referred to above)

Other Pendleton Dist. & Anderson Dist Records:

DEED

Claiborne Harris, Sr. deeded tract of land to Claiborne Harris, Jr. 1814.

Conveyance of Land to Wheeler Posy by Claybourn Harris in Pendleton District, S.C., 627 acres, July 30, 1816

Wit:- A. L. E. Alkin, Luke South & Samuel Black.

Mary L. Harris, wife of Claybourn Harris relinquished her dower. Recorded Nov. 26, 1818.

Signed Mary L. Harris,  
Alabama Territory, Blount Co. 1826.

(these believed Benjamin Harris' brother and sister-in-law).

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Copy of letter from Judge Ralph King, Probate Court, Anderson  
Co., S. C.

Anderson County 15 February 1950

Mrs. Cecil T. Hays  
Chattanooga, Tenn.

RE: Benjamin Harris, Estate

Dear Madam:

I have checked the records of this office and I  
find where one Benjamin Harris died Intestate in 1833.

I have checked over the record, which is very incomplete  
as was the case in those days, and I find that in the pleadings  
they state that he left eleven children, eight boys and three  
girls. I have been able to find these names: Gillison Harris,  
James Harris, Caron Harris, Wyatt Harris, Archibald Harris,  
Sally Harris, and Rebecca Burden. James Harris was appointed  
administrator of the estate. Perhaps, the reason no other  
names appear is because of some indebtedness some of the  
children did not share in the estate.

The other estates listed with us up to 1851 are as follows:

Handy Harris (1805) died Testate  
Jonathan Harris (1822) Intestate  
Benjamin Harris (1833) Intestate  
Jas. S. Harris (1833) Testate  
Nathaniel Harris (1837) Testate  
John Harris (1838) Intestate  
Gillison Harris (1843) Intestate  
John Harris (1844) Intestate  
John Harris, Esq. (1845) Testate  
Joshua Harris (1849) Intestate

Very truly yours,

Ralph F. King  
Judge, Probate Court  
Anderson, S. C.

Sale - The Estate of Benjamin Harris, Deceased.

Amount of Sale - - - - -	\$430.95
Additional	<u>8.32</u>
	\$438.27
Expenses	<u>60.53</u>
	\$378.73

## Sale - Estate of Benjamin Harris (Cont'd)

One-Third for Widow	3 ( \$378.73
Widows share	<u>\$125.24</u>
Balance for children	\$252.49

There are 11 children- 3 girls and 8 boys.

The girls having rec'd from their father in his lifetime Property which they have not accounted for, they are therefore excluded from any part of the above sum.

The boys, as in supposed, having rec'd and about the same from their father and that schedule, except Wyatt from whose share is deducted \$20.00 will give to each boy except Wyatt \$34.06 and to Wyatt the sume of \$14.06

A Sale bill shows the following named persons who, it is supposed are children:

Jas. Gillison Harris, Karon Harris  
 James Harris  
 Caran Harris  
 Archable Harris  
 Rebecca Burden  
 Samuel Harris  
 Wyatt Harris

James Harris was appointed Administrator on May 21, 1832.

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Conveyance of Land by Heirs of Benjamin Harris, and by Karen Harris his widow, to Gillison Harris.

State of S. C.)

Anderson Dist.) ----- Know all men by these Presents that I, Karen Harris (Karenhappuck) wife of Benjamin Harris, deceased and Arch (Archibald) Harris, Mary Harris, Overton Harris, James Harris, Lorenzo Harris, Ezekial Harris, Joseph Thompson and Mary Thompson his wife, Aaron Vandiver and Nancy his wife, John Gear and Elizabeth his wife and Wyatt Harris, Heirs and legal representatives of the said Benjamin Harris, deceased, in consideration of 500 dollars (Five Hundred Dollars) to us in hand paid by Gillison Harris of the State and District aforesaid have granted, bargained and released and sold and by these Presents do grant, bargain and release and sell unto the said Gillison Harris all that plantation or tract of land containing Two Hundred (200) Acres more or less being a part of a tract of land containing 640 acres, more or less, conveyed by Thomas Farrar, Sheriff of Washington District in Pendleton County, now Anderson District and which was originally granted to John Hall, Sr. Bounded by lands of James Shealey, SR & James Shealey, Jr., Samuel Millwee and James Dickson, and Lawson Forbes, with all and singular the rights, heritaments and appertenances to have and to hold all and singular the Premises before mentioned unto the said Gillison Harris His heirs and assigns forever and we do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, our executors and assigns forever, and We do hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all and singular the said Premises unto the said Gillison Harris, his heirs and assigns against ourself and our heirs, executors and administrators to warrant and forever defend all assigns against ourself and our heirs, executors and administrators lawfully claiming any part thereof. Witness our hand and seals this Dec. 5, 1835 and 60th year of American Independence. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

Aaron Vandiver (S)  
John Geer (S)  
Nancy Vandiver (S)  
James Harris (S)  
Mary L. Harris (S)  
Overton Harris (S)

Karen Harris (S)  
Wyatt Harris (S)  
A (Archibald) Harris (S)  
Elizabeth Harris (S)  
Lorenzo Harris (S)  
Ezekial Harris (S)

Wit. in presence of Van Lawhorn, James Neely

H. D. Reese James Dickson.

Micajah Estes

Personally came Van A. Lawhorn before me and made oath that he did see Archibald Harris, Aaron Vandiver and James Harris sign, seal and deliver the within deed of conveyance for the uses

Conveyance of Land (Cont'd)  
and purposes herein mentioned.

Sworn to before the 8th day of June, 1837.- Van A Lawhorn  
Registered, recorded and certified and examined June 8, 1837

Elijah Webb, C.C.J. Ex Off  
C.C.R. M C

Anderson C. House  
Book V page 333

From- Pendleton South Carolina Messenger- 1820  
(S.C. Historical & Genealogical Mag. 47- p. 81)

"Melancholy Accident! Died on Saturday, the 5th instant, Mr. Andrew Robinson, of This District, by a fall from his horse. He was returning from muster, in company with several others, on the road between the house of Mr. Archibald Harris and Christopher Orr's store, some of the company determined to run their horses. Mr. Robinson was chosen to be a Judge of the race; he with another young man pitched upon to be the other judge, set off to take their stand at the other end of the race ground; on the way Robinson's horse ran him against a tree, and distressing to relate, gave him a deadly wound. Medical aid was procured without delay, but in about fifteen or twenty minutes after the physician arrived, the patient expired. His head was bruised, several ribs broken, the fractured ends of which were supposed to have pierced his lungs. Mr. Robinson was in the prime of life; he has left a wife and three children to lament his sudden and unexpected death.

Pendleton, S.C. Messenger February 16.

(this Archibald Harris was son of Benjamin, d. 1833, and father of William b. 1820)

WILL OF JAMES S. HARRIS.

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State of South Carolina )  
 Anderson District )

I, James S. Harris of the Anderson District, District and State aforesaid, feeble in body but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my Last Will and Testament hereby revoking and making void all former Wills by me at any time made heretofore.

1st. I direct that all my just debts be paid out of the first money received of my estate.

2nd. My Will is that should my beloved wife survive me the following property I wish her to have at the appraised value. One Bed and furniture, Segar and Lizzy his wife & my oxen and cart and two horses and two cows and calves and any or all other articles of Household or Kitchen furniture or plantation tools she may wish should the same not exceed the one seventh part of my Estate not hereinafter Willed.

3rd. I will that my daughter Mary E. Harris shall have also at appraised valuation, one bed and furniture and the balance of her distributive share say the one seventh part of whole Estate containing Two hundred Dollars to be deducted- tuition and clothing she has received to be paid to her in cash.

4th. I also Will that my son James C. Harris shall have one bed and furniture, and two negro boys, Dick and John at appraised value.

5th. I also will that my son, William L. Harris shall have one bed and furniture at appraised value and two negro boys namely Mose and Daniel, and one tract of land called the Watt tract containing one hundred and forty nine acres adjoining the land on which I live all at appraised value.

6th. I will that my daughter Jane Amanda Harris shall also have one bed and furniture and two Negro Girls named Lucky and Eliza at appraised valuation.

7th. I will that my son Thomas Alonzo Harris shall have one bed and furniture and the tract of land whereon I now live containing two hundred and thirty acres Two Negro boys named Aron and Tom all at appraised valuation.

8th. I will that my daughter Terrissa A. E. Harris one Bed and furniture Two Negro Girls Nancy and Fanny all at appraised valuation.

9th. My will is that all the balance of my Estate not here in willed be put to sale and out of the proceeds that my own grave and the Grave of my former wife be neatly fixed with brick or stone and neat Marble head stones be placed to each and the balance remaining on hand to be equally divided between the with in named legatees excepting my son William who shall receive fifty Dollars in consequence of Schooling rec'd already which will make my wife and my children all equal, share and share alike Except Mary and William and my Will is that should any of the within named legatees die previous to the age of twenty one years or marrying and securing their property that such deceased share shall be equally divided between the surviving within named legatees and at the death of my within mentioned wife Sarah Harris

## James S. Harris Will (Cont'd)

that all the property willed to her shall be equally divided between my surviving children equally share and share alike together with the issue of the negro lizzy living or their increase and I do hereby nominate constitute and appoint W. B. Clark of the District of Abbeville in the State aforesaid Executor of this my Last Will and Testament in witnefs whereof I do hereby sign and seal the above in the presence of

Robert McAlister  
Jno W. Canon  
Robert N. Smith

June 13, 1831

James S. Harris

(Believe brother of Benjamin Harris)

## CITATION

Whereas Sally Harris having applied to me for Letters of Administration on the Estate of Benjamin Harris late of Anderson District, deceased, the kindred and creditors of the said decease are therefore cited to appear in the Court of Ordinary for Anderson District at Anderson Court House on Friday the 20th Inst To show cause if any they can why said Letters should not be granted.

Given under my hand and Seal this 6th day of March 1837.

Herbert Hammond, O.A.D.

(This- widow of James Harris, believed brother of Benjamin, who made him administrator of his Estate)

## Cherokee land Lottery

The following Harrises from Anderson District South Carolina drew land in the Cherokee Gold Lottery. They moved to Georgia and settled in Forsyth, Gwinnett and Cherokee Counties, as did other members of the family of the late Benjamin Harris.

- 330. Arch Harris, Baker's- 3rd Dist.- 1st Sec.
- 399. Wm. Harris, Hamilton's- 3rd Dist.- 1st Sec.
- 471. Ezekiel T. Harris, Hamilton's- 15th Dist.- 1st Sec.
- 568. E. T. Harris, Hamilton's- 2nd Dist.- 3rd Sec.

## Copy of Grant to Archibald Harris:

## STATE OF GEORGIA

By His Excellency Charles J McDonald Governor and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof.

## TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Know Ye, That in pursuance of the Act of the General Assembly of this State, entitled "an Act to lay out the Gold Region in the lands, at present in the occupancy of the Cherokee Indians, into small lots, and dispose of the same by separte Lottery," passed on the 24th day of December, 1831, I Have Given and Granted, and by these presents Do Give and Grant, unto

Archibald Harris

of Barkers District Gwinnette County his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract or lot of land, containing forty acres, lying and being in the Third district, of the First section, in the county of Cherokee in said State, which said tract, or lot of land, is know and distinguished in the plan of said district, by the Number

Three Hundred And Thirty

having such shape, form, and marks, as appear by a plat of the same hereunto annexed: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or Lot of Land, together with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, whatscever, unto the said Archibald Harris his heirs and assigns; to his and their own proper use, benefit and behoof forever in fee-simple.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the said State, this Eleventh day of December in the year eighteen hundred and thirty nine and of the Independence of the United States of America, the Sixty fourth

Signed by His Excellency the Governor, this 11th day of Decr. 1839- Charles J McDonald- E. A. Glascock S.E.D.  
Registered the 11th day of Decr. 1839.



Cherokee Land Lottery Cont'd.

Copy of Grant to Ezekiel T. Harris:

STATE OF GEORGIA

By His Excellency Wilson Lumpkin Governor and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Know Ye, That in pursuance of the Act of the General assembly of this State, entitled "an Act to lay out the Gold region, in the lands at present in the occupancy of the Cherokee Indians, into small lots, and dispose of the same by separte Lottery," passed on the 24th day of December, 1831, I have Given And Granted, and by these presents Do Give and Grant unto

Ezekiel T. Harris

of Hamilton's District Gwinnett County his heirs and assigns for ever, all that Tract or Lot of Land, containing forty acres, lying and being in the fifteenth district of the first section in the county of Cherokee, in said State, which said tract or lot of land is known and distinguished in the plan of said district by the Number

Four Hundred and Seventy One

having such shape, form and marks, as appear by a plat of the same hereunto annexed: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or Lot of Land, together with all and singular the rights, members and appurtenances thereof, whatsoever, unto the said Ezekiel T. Harris his heirs and assigns; to his and their own proper use, benefit and behoof forever in fee-simple.

Given under my hand, and the Great Seal of the said State, this Twenty-first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and thirty four and of the Independence of the United States of America, the fifty eighth

Signed by His Excellency the Governor, this 25th day of January 1834- Wilson Lumpkin- Wm J W Wellborn S.E.D.  
Registered the 25th day of January 1834.

## Georgia Census Records:

## 1840 Forsyth County, Georgia Census:

R. B. Harris - 1 male 10-15, 1 male 30-40, 1 female 20-30.

James Harris - 1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 30-40  
1 female 5-10, 1 female 30-40

Elizabeth Harris- 1 female 50-60

Archibald Harris (son of Benj. of S.C.)- 2 males 5-10, 2 males 10-15, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 50-60, 2 females under 5, 1 female 15-20, 1 female 40-50.

James Harris (son of Benj. of S.C.)- 1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 15-20, 1 male 40-50, 2 females under 5, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 30-40.

Dow Harris (son of Benj. of S.C.)- 30-40 with wife 20-30, 5 children.

William Harris- 1 male 20-30, 1 male 30-40, 1 female 20-30, 1 female 30-40, 1 female 70-80 (believed to be widow of Benj. of S.C.)

## 1850 Forsyth County, Georgia Census:

William Harris 30 Farmer (S.C.) real. \$1000, wife Jane 23 (N.C.), Children: Nancy C. 7, James W. 5, Mary E. 3, Harris 6 mo. (this son of Archibald Harris- all Children born Ga.)

Arch Harris (son of Benj.) 62 (S.C.) real. \$3000, wife Mary 51 (S.C.), Children: Anderson V. 21, David F. 19, Smith C 17, Sarah J. 14, Frances E. 11, Josephine 9, Drucilla 7, Septian 5.

L. D. Harris (Dow, son of Benj.) 46 (S.C.) real. \$2500, wife Sarah 38 (Ga.), Children: James G. 20, Wm. B. 18, Wilson P. 16, Frances E. 14, Mary E. 11, Frances Garner 58 (S.C.- mother of Sarah) All Children born Ga.)

Ezekiel Harris (son of Benj.) 42 (S.C.) real. \$2500, wife Elizabeth 40 (Ga.), Children: Wm. S. 14, Oliver G. 12, Martha R. 10, Gilford P. 8, Sarah 6, Christopher 4, Mary E. 1. All children born Ga.

James Harris (son of Benj.) 51 (S.C.) real. \$1600, wife Elizabeth 48 (S.C.), Children: Caron 17, Overton 19, Sarah 15, Terrell 13, Mary 11, Martha 9. First 3 children born S.C. others Ga.

Claiborn Harris (believe son of Benj.) 55, wife Sarah 45, Children: Wm. W. 18, James L. 16, Alonzo C. 15, Sarah A. 13, David L. 10, Christopher C 8, Zacharrah T. 5, Nancy E. 2, All Children born S.C.

## 1860 Forsyth County Georgia Census:

Claiborn Harris 67 Cabinet Workman (S.C.- same as 1850), wife Sarah 57 (S.C.), Children: David 20, Christopher 17, Zeckariah 18,

Mary Harris 58 (S.C.- widow of Archibald) Farmer real. \$600 personal \$250, Children: Cepton E. 15.

William Harris (son of Archibald) 40 (S.C.) Farmer real. \$6000 personal \$5300, wife Manirva J. 33 (N.C.), Children: Ja. W. 14, Mary E. 12, Virginier 10, Harout (Harriet) 8, Adaline R (Angie Ray) 2. All children born Ga.

Georgia Census Records Cont'd.

1850 Gwinnett County Georgia Census:

Wyatt Harris (son of Benj.) 55 (S.C. real. \$600, wife Dorcas 45 (S.C.), Children: Gilliam 17, Sebria 16, James 12, Hulda 10, Martha 8, Mary 4.  
John Harris 41 (S.C.), wife Sarah 35 (S.C.)

1850 Cherokee County Georgia Census:

Benj. W. Castleberry 37 (Ga.), wife Caron H. 33 (S.C.- dau. of Archibald Harris), Children: Mary J. 12, Margaret 10, Thomas 8, Archibald H. 6, Satin C. 4, Leonidas 1, (Ch. all born Ga.)  
John P. Revis 35, (N.C.), wife Rosannah 27 (Ga.- dau. of Archibald), Children: Mary 6, Benjamin 5, Sarah 4, Perlina 2. (Children all born Ga.)

Note:

From these Census Records we can determine the time that the family of Benjamin Harris came to Georgia. Children's place of birth show that the widow and children of Benjamin came to Georgia about 1835.

Overton Harris, son of Benjamin of South Carolina, went to Mississippi.

Court Records in Lee County, Miss. of Overton Harris:

April 14, 1876-

Overton Harris, Complainant-VS- James Kincannon, Defendant, found in General Chancery Docket No. 2 Cause No. 648

June 18, 1877-

Overton Harris, Complainant-VS- J.H. Seaboren et al, Defendants, found in General Chancery Docket No. 2 Cause No. 708.

February 6, 1882-

James Kincannon, Complainant-VS- Overton Harris, Defendant, filed in General Chancery Docket No. 2, Cause No. 924.

John A. Rasberry- Chancery Clerk Lee Co. Miss.

Information on the family of Overton Harris, found in Overton Harris Chart, was furnished by his granddaughter, Adele Miller Gibson and his great-granddaughter Lyda Jackson Daggett.

Gravestone Inscriptions-

Archibald Harris, son of Benjamin, buried at Midway Graveyard on  
Atlanta-Cumming Highway.

Gravestone Inscription:

"Archibald Harris Born May 20 1789 Died 1856"

Mary (Polly) Thompson Harris, wife of Archibald Harris, buried  
by Archibald at Midway.

Gravestone Inscription:

"Sacred To The Memory Of Mary Consort And Relic Of Archibald  
Harris Born May 15 1801 Died Sept 7 1886 Blessed Are They  
That Die In The Lord".

James Harris, son of Benjamin, buried in Old Graveyard on his  
farm on Highway No. 9 Atlanta to Dahlonega. Old  
Harris place later known as the Dr. John T.  
Hunter place.

Gravestone Inscription:

"Sacred To The Memory Of James Harris Born December 25 1799  
Died November 10 1857".

Lorenzo Dow Harris, son of Benjamin, buried at Midway Graveyard  
on Atlanta-Cumming Highway.

Gravestone Inscription:

"HARRIS Lorenzo Dow Harris Born Feb. 1 1804 Died May 30 1870".

Overton Harris, son of Benjamin, buried Odd-Fellows Cemetery,  
Okolona Mississippi.

Gravestone Inscription:

"Overton Harris Born 1798 Died 1894 Not Slowful In Business  
Fervant In Spirit Serving The Lord".

Ezekiel Harris, son of Benjamin, buried Stone Church Graveyard  
Ringgold, Georgia.

Gravestone Inscription:

"Ezekiel Husband of E. Harris Born March 30 1808 Died April  
~~16 1858~~ Feb. 13, 1894"

On same stone:

"Elizabeth Wife Of E. Harris Born May 31 1810 Died Oct. 11 1900".

William Harris, son of Archibald and Grandson of Benjamin, buried  
Dogwood Cemetery.

Gravestone Inscription:

"Wm. Harris N. Anderson Dist. S.C. Feb. 1st (Born) Died  
Feb. 3 1884, Age 64 Yrs. 7 Days".

## Copies From Old Family Letters:

(From letter written to Lyda Daggett, Marianna, Ark., great-granddaughter of Overton Harris born 1798. Letter written by Mattie Miller, daughter of Overton Harris):

"Okalona, Miss. Dec. 16, 1920- I heard my father say his father was a fine military man and officer in Rev. War. Tell yr children that yr Harris ancestors originated from the Claiborn Harris Clan of Scotland a military and political party fine blood and Christain Protestants.--- Isham Harris a Tenn. former Senator (U.S.) also Governor of Tenn. when Tenn. seceded was related to our Harris family. Also an old lady in Ga. wrote me that former Governor Nat. Harris of Ga. was a cousin of mine."

(from same dated 1923):

"Mrs. Alice Strickland (grand-daughter of Lorenzo Dow Harris) told me she heard that my father left home or rather ran away from his home in Ga. as his widowed Mother had several sons at home younger than he. My father was the oldest child of a large family-- (There were older children married) I was born when my father was old and remember him saying his father was a very fine looking Military man in his officers uniform."

(from letter written to Mattie Miller by Alice Strickland 1923):

"I have always heard that my grandfather Lorenzo Dow Harris who was a brother to your father had uncles one of which was distinguished in the Rev. War- one was named Clayborn--- They all came originally from S.C. All that I ever knew was that five of the brothers- Archy, James, Wyatt, Ezekiel, and my grandfather Lorenzo Dow all settled in Ga., and your grandfather Overton went to Miss."

(from letter written to Mattie Miller by May Wilson 1923 (granddaughter of Ezekiel Harris):

"Benjamin Harris was born in N.C. and died in S.C. I think his father's name was Claiborne. Benjamin's wife was Caron Gillison. Benjamin Harris had eleven children my father knew six of them Archibald, Dow, Jim, Wyatt, Aunt Caron married a Mr. Gear and went to Texas, and an aunt who married Mr. Joe Thompson. My father thinks the others died in S.C. Except your father, Overton, who went to Miss. The information I have just given you my father told me. He said tell you his grandmother Harris had Scotch-Irish in her."

## Copies From Old Family Letters Cont'd.

(From letter written to Lyda Daggett by Mattie Miller 1921):

"My father's date of birth 1798 was given me by his brother Ezekiel Harris of Ringgold, Ga. A daughter of Mrs. Sallie Smith wrote me that Ben Harris of Ringgold, Ga. had the old Harris Bible.

"Cousin Cristopher Columbus Harris told me the last time I saw him, before his death ten years ago, that our Harris family originated from the Claiborne Harris Clan of Scotland or England."

(from letter written by Overton Harris (son of James Harris and grandson of Benjamin Harris of S.C. Written to his sister Mrs. Sarah Harris Cobb of Forsyth Co., Ga.):

"This June 15th 1881- Dear Brother & family I read your letter of June daith the 11 was truly glad to hear from you & to here that you were all well Said you request me when I come out to bring your part of Mothers Cloathing I would like very much to doe so if conveyant though it would be nearly a dais travil out of the way Charon has them all as I told you Haygood come to my house the day after I got home from thare & got his part of the estait as he calls it & I havent herd from them sence but one they were still mad at me & I dont know yet how we will come if we come in a buggy we couldent fetch much of eny thing I dont have eny ide that we can come in the waggon at that time on account of gethering the crop you shal have Mothers testament at the earlyest conveyance yes I want you to have it I sent Melissa her money or started it in a regestered letter in february & havent heard from it sence if they got it they aught to let me know it maby if you will wright Caron a kind letter She will send them over here & I could have a chance to get them to you we are looking for lots of the kin out thare to se us this summer come your self & get thes you & pete come Said Mother was Born December 18th 1801 & Died January 5th 1881 She did not talk a gradeal about dying on account of being in so much misery I herd her say that all she craived was a easy death & that she had know fears as to the future She started once to tell her experience & stoped not being able to talk I dont know that I will have her funarel preached here as fathers never was preached I havent had our little boys preached & knowing that it dont benefit the dead though I want you to have it preached thare that is the place of her membership I have a splended prospect for a crop up to the preasent & pretty wel up with my work wheat & oats ar good here wheat ready for the thresher come out when crops are laid bye and se us be sure theas lines leave us in tolerably good health hope they come safe to hand & find you all in the best of health nothing moore at preasent onldy remain-  
Your Brother untell death

Overton Harris"

CHART of Proof Records- from Claiborn Harris of Granville Co., N.C. to Claud Callaway, son of Angie Ray Harris.

Claiborn Harris - citizen of Granville County, N.C. at time he gave service in Rev. War. Given land grant in Tenn. for his Rev. Service. Was mentioned as deceased in 1810 (this from court record of his son, Benjamin, on record in Anderson Co. So. Carolina Book K page 248 Pendleton Dist. Records). Deeds as early as 1754 found in Granville Co., N.C. to him, one 1787 naming wife of Claiborn Harris as Judith. Our Claiborn Harris would have had to have been born by ac 1745 or likely before to have been of age to have been grandfather by 1789 or before, so it is most likely that the first record found in Granville Co., N.C. deed 1754, is of our Claiborn. There was evidently a younger Claiborn in Granville Co. as we find records too late to be of the father of Benjamin. The younger Claiborn most likely was the son of the elder Claiborn, as we find mentioned in old family letter, that Benjamin had a brother Claiborn.

Benjamin Harris- born in North Carolina, son of Claiborn Harris of Granville Co., N.C. Married before 1792 Karenhappuch Gillison, daughter of Archibald Gillison (his will 1792 Abbeville, S.C. names his daughter, Karenhappuch Harris. Archibald Gillison was from Parish Brumfield, Culpeper Co., Va., where we find deed mentioning him and his wife Jean (Jane) 1760). Benjamin Harris' son, Archibald was born May 20, 1789. Benjamin Harris died 1833 in Anderson Co., S.C. leaving, as mentioned in court record, wife Karen Harris, 8 sons and 3 daughters, named were: Archibald (b. 1789 d. 1856 Forsyth Co., Ga.); Mary; Overton (b. 1798 N.C. d. 1894 Miss.); James (b. 1795 d. 1857 Forsyth Co., Ga.); Lorenzo Dow (b. 1804 d. 1870 Forsyth Co., Ga.); Ezekiel (b. 1808 d. 1894 Ringgold Ga.); Elizabeth (m. John Geer); Wyatt. Benjamin Harris' wife and children moved to Georgia (most in Forsyth Co.) after his death.

Archibald Harris- born May 20, 1789 (family records give N.C.) died Dec. 22, 1856 Forsyth Co., Ga. Married Mary (Polly) Thompson, b. 1801 d. 1886 (dau. of Joseph Thompson of Anderson Dist. S.C.). Archibald Harris' son William b. in Anderson Dist. S.C. Feb. 1. 1820, d. Feb. 8, 1884 Whitfield Co., Ga. Other children of Archibald & Mary were: Anderson V. b. ac 1829; David F. b. ac 1831; Smith C. b. ac 1833; Sarah J. b. ac 1836; Frances E. b. ac 1839; Josephine b. 1841; Drucilla b. ac 1843, Septian b. ac 1845. This can be found in 1850 Forsyth Co., Ga. Census. Archibald, Mary & Son William records found on tombstones.

## Chart of proof records (Cont'd)

William Harris son of Archibald & Mary (Polly) Harris- born Feb. 1, 1820 in Anderson Dist. S.C. (Civil War records & tombstone) died Feb. 8 1884 in Whitfield Co., Ga. Married Menirva Jane Whitsitt (b. Dec. 23, 1827 in Rockingham Co., N.C., d. May 16, 1904 Whitfield Co., Ga.) married Dec. 18, 1842 in Forsyth Co., Ga. Their children: Nancy Caroline b. 1843; Mary Elizabeth b. 1847; Virginia Corneilla b. 1851; James Whitsitt b. 1845; Harriette Elizabeth b. 1855; Angie Ray b. 1858; William Whitsitt b. 1864. All except William Whitsitt were born in Forsyth Co., Ga. he is Whitfield Co. Ga.

Angie Ray Harris - born Forsyth Co., Ga. July 23, 1858 died Sept. 25, 1925 in Chattanooga, Tenn. Married Dec. 16, 1880 Luke Henry Callaway (b. Oct. 7, 1860 d. July 10, 1929) in Whitfield Co., Ga. Their Children all born in Whitfield Co., Ga.: William Claud 1883; Jessie H. 1886; Samuel Guy 1888; Nettie J. 1891; Troy Ray 1899.

William Claud Callaway- son of Angie Ray Harris was born April 13, 1883 in Whitfield Co., Ga. Married June 20, 1905 Elnora Koons in Chattanooga, Tenn.



## TALES OF THE SONS OF BENJAMIN HARRIS

Told by Their Grandchildren

Archibald Harris- written by his granddaughter, Cora Powell:

"I saw my grandmother Harris. I was so small I only remember her as being blind and smoking a pipe. I heard Mother speak of Grandpa Harris as owning a large farm and having lots of negroes. One negro called Mose left some grass round a stump and Grandpa called him back to get it, for he wouldn't leave any grass any where. Mose was afraid to pull it out, so Grandpa took his finger to show him how, didn't get it all so took his other finger and brought out a large snake. He clamped his wrist and begged them to cut off the finger, but none would do it. He had spells every year, until he died at that same time of year. So the snake caused his death."

James Harris- written by his granddaughter, Esther Harris Phillips:

"I heard my father tell many stories of James Harris, who was my grandfather. I never did see him, as he died long before I was born. Grandfather's hobby was raising deer. He had deer and hogs and log cabins for his negroes. When they killed hogs, Grandfather used to come out and holler, "put a cob in that hogs mouth". He raised lots of corn and wheat and was very wealthy. He had a horn full of gold. He kept it behind the logs in the wall. He had slaves in slave time. He died during the Civil War and left Grandmother with the freed slaves on her hands. So she lost her negro slaves."

Overton Harris- written by his granddaughter, Adel Miller Gibson:

"Overton Harris came to Mississippi when he was about fifteen years old. One of the first years he was in Mississippi he lost a coin purse with \$1.75 in it, he was broke. The next year when he was plowing he found that purse and said that after that time he was never again broke. He worked hard, saved his money, bought land and was very successful in business.

"When the war between the states closed he had about 300 slaves. A number of them wanted to stay with him. Some left and came back. He fired an overseer once because he cursed a negro slave. An old slave, Uncle Bill Moore, told me how he and my grandfather hid the family silver 'down in the bottom' from the Yankes. Some of them tried to make him tell where the silver was hidden, and tied him up by his thumbs. My grandfather found an officer from the northern side who made them take the negro down.

Tales of the sons of Benjamin Harris Cont'd.

Overton Harris Cont'd-

"Overton Harris continued to have a great deal of talent for making money, up to his very old age. After he was ninety years old, he was riding a mule or horse to see if it was what he wanted to buy. It threw him and broke his leg.

"Years after his death we were told of many charitable deeds he performed, which he never mentioned. He gave unlimited help to many ministers and their families over a period of years. He bought and furnished a home for one 'circuit rider' minister.

"My two sisters and I own the plantation where grandfather lived. This land has been in our family ever since Ann Elizabeth Clark bought it from the Indians."

Lorenzo Dow Harris- written by his grandson, Charlie Harrell:

"This one about Uncle Zeak's visit- One day Grandma and Grandpa was sitting on the porch and the kids and darkies playing in the yard. A wagon stopped, a man got out and came walking towards the house. All eyes and mouths were open. Grandpa was the first to recognize Uncle Zeak. He jumped off the porch and ran to meet him with arms up. They ran together and clinched and began going round and round, laughing and crying and chanting in an unknown tongue. The kids and darkies were excited, but could see that they were not fighting, so they formed around in a circle and went round and round. Finally Uncle Zeak blubbered, "Dow, I love you better than you do me". Grandpa says, "how can you tell?". Uncle Zeak says, "I am hugging you harder than you are me". Then they all knew who it was, and negroes fell down and began rolling and hollering and laughing and the kids ran up and grabbed them by the legs, climbed up on their backs and shoulders and mixed up in the hugging and kissing jubilee. That was the Harris way."

"This one on Grandpa- During the Civil War, with their men away and Yankees prowling in the vicinity, Aunt Martha and Aunt Caline gave the negroes the meat to hide in the woods. When the Yanks were gone, the meat was gone also. They put their heads together, as to what to do. One said, "all I know is to go to Dad's, but I had rather take a beating". The other said, "so had I, but there is no consolation; when he gets through calling us out we will get the meat". Sure enough when they got there with their tale of woe, he snorted and they stood, heads down, and listened to his uncomplimentary remarks about their gray matter, or the lack of it. Then another snort with his nose in the air, he grabbed their sacks, filled them with ham and fat backs tied them on their saddles and as they rode off he gave this parting shout, "if you two block heads find your way home stay there you need not be coming back here". When out of range they sang out

Tales of the sons of Benjamin Harris Cont'd.

Eorenzo Dow Harris- Cont'd.

in unison, "O.K. Dad we won't until we get out of meat again". And they laughed all the way home, two and half miles, and continued to laugh every time they told it, which they had to do at every family gathering. That sent us on our ways laughing and crying and loving each other more and more. He never blamed the darkies or ask why they stole the meat. He knew why; it was the only way they had to get sweet meats for their women and children, that they loved as we do ours. Fuss with them, not Grandpa. He kept the gate open to their cabin and they practiced the good neighbour policy with the early settlers. There was never a one of his family but what you might well be proud to claim kin. With Harrises hanging around every forks road, some pulling some pushing to keep me headed in the right direction, I never had a chance to get in trouble or see inside of a Hoos-gow in my 88 years. Blessed be their name for ever more."

Ezekiel Harris- written by his granddaughter, Lorah Harris Graham:

"My grandfather, Ezekiel Harris, was recognized as an outstanding citizen of the highest honor and integrity, and very public spirited. I think he came from Forsyth County to Catoosa County, Georgia, nearly one hundred years ago. He was a large land owner and successful farmer. After the Civil War some of his slaves refused to leave his employe and bought property and worked for his family as long as they lived. He was so honest at heart and in all his dealings that he judged other men largely to be the same and often lent money without even taking a simple note to secure payment.

"Grandfather was a man of deeply religious faith. He was an outstanding Methodist of his day and a generous giver. He considered it his privilege and pleasure to attend the Methodist Conferences along with the preachers, and gave so generously to the various calls of the Church that he often had to borrow money from his friends to get home.

"Grandfather once owned the present Catoosa Target Range, and large acreage around there. In his spacious house on the hill I remember attending his and Grandmother's Golden Wedding Anniversary, about seventy years ago. Hundred of guests were present.

"Grandmother was the personification of gentleness. Grandfather was sometimes bluntly outspoken, but he had a heart of gold. In their hospitable home God was honored dailey and the Bible was the guide for solving their many problems."

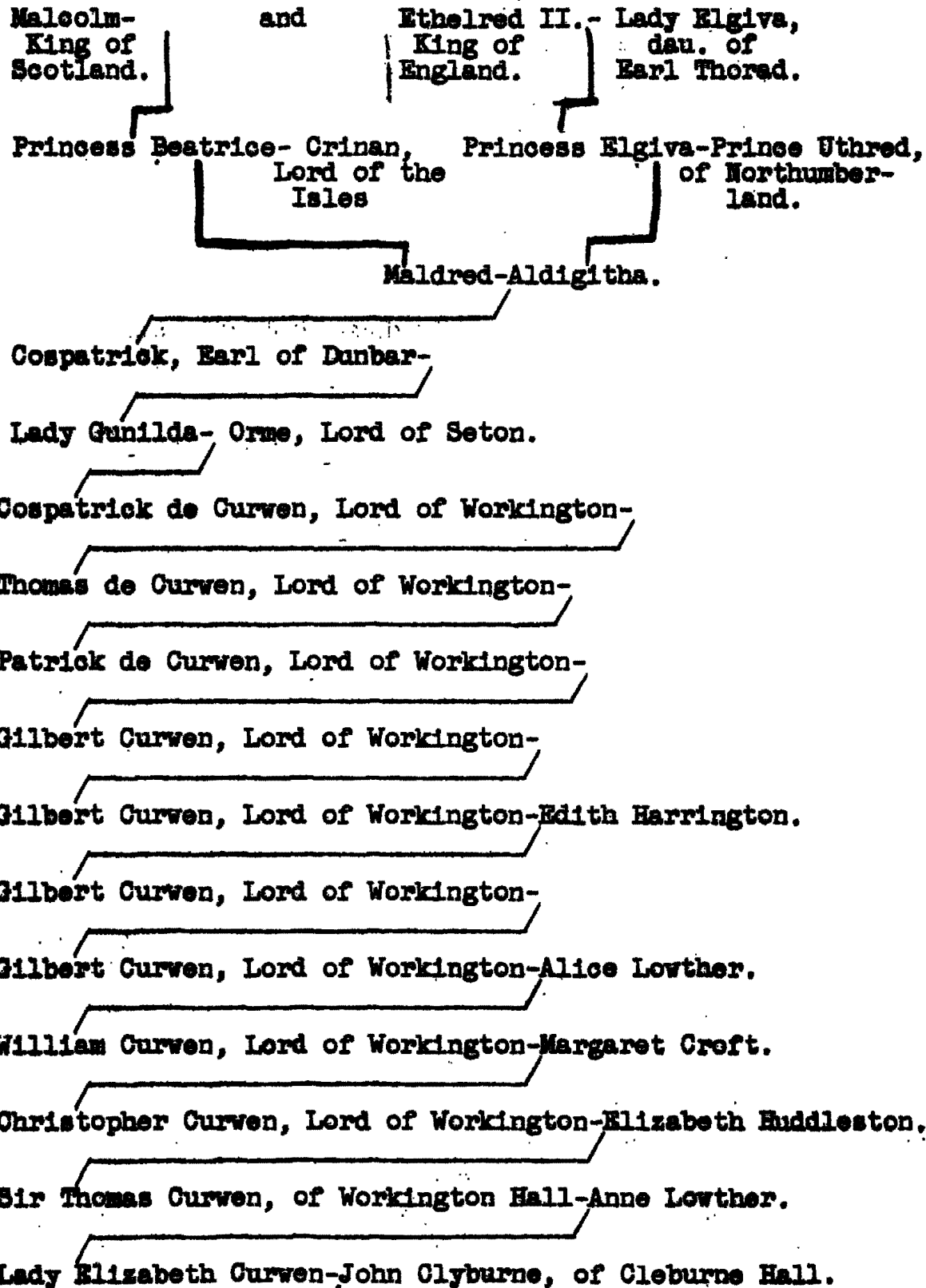


## CLAIBORNE RECORDS

### Connection-

Captain Robert Harris, son of Thomas Harris,  
The Immigrant, married a widow, Mary Claiborne  
Rice, daughter of Col. William Claiborne, first  
Secretary of State of the Colony of Virginia

DESCENT OF  
COL. WILLIAM CLAIBORNE  
FROM



## Descent of Col. William Claiborne (Cont'd)

Lady Elizabeth Curwen-John Clyburne, of Cleburne Hall.

Thomas Clyburne, of Cleburne Hall-

Robert Cliburne, of Cleburne Hall and Killerby- Emma Kirk-  
bride, of  
Kirkbride

Edmund Cleburne, of Cleburne Hall and Anne Layton, of  
Killerby- Dalemain.

Richard Cleburne, of Cleburne Hall and Eleanor Lancaster,  
Killerby- of Stockbridge.

Edmund Cleburne, of Cleburne Hall-Grace Bellingham, of  
Helsington.

Sec. William Claiborne, of "Romanceke," Va.-Jane Butler,  
of London.

Mary Claiborne, of Virginia,- 2nd Robert Harris of "Cedar  
Hill", Virginia.

## DESCENT OF COL. WILLIAM CLAIBORNE

FROM  
ROLF, THE NORSEMAN

Rolf

The Norseman, who conquered Normandy in the year 912 A.D.

William "Longsword"  
Duke of Normandy. Died 943.Richard, surnamed "The Fearless"  
Reigned in Normandy fifty years. Died 996.

Richard, surnamed "The Good"  
Reigned in Normandy thirty years. Died 1026. Richard's sister Emma married in the year 1002, Aethelred, the Saxon King of England. After his death she married the Danish King Cnut. His children were Richard, Duke of Normandy, whose wife was Judith, and a daughter Avicia, who married Geoffrey, Duke of Brittany.

Richard  
Duke of Normandy, whose  
wife was Judith.

Robert--Harlotta

William The Conqueror  
(born 1027), married Matilda

Their children

Adela     Robert     William II  
         Duke of     King of  
         Normandy     England  
         Henry I.     Constance  
King of England     Married Alan  
                         Fergeant, son  
                         of Hoel.

Geoffrey, otherwise Galfridus  
Duke of Brittany, whose wife  
was Avicia, sister of Richard,  
Duke of Normandy.

Alan  
Whose wife  
was Bertha.

Their children

Avicia  
Who married  
Hoel

Conan  
Duke of  
Brittany

Eudo  
Whose wife  
was Agnes.

Their sons were

Stephen Alan Niger  
Duke of Alan Rufus Geoffrey  
Brittany     Ribald  
                 Bardolph

## DESCENT FROM BARDOLPH

1. Bardolph, Lord of Ravenswath, great landowner in Yorkshire. In his old age became a monk.
2. Akaris, or Acarius Fitz Bardolph, founded the abbey of Fors A.D. 1140, Died A.D. 1161.
3. Hervey FitzAkaris (A.D. 1165, ob. 1182).



## Descent from Bardolph (Cont'd)

4. Alan, dictus "Cleburne".
5. Hervey de Cliburne.
6. Geoffrey Fitz Hervey (de Cleburne).
7. Sir Robert de Cleburne.
8. John de Cleburne. (Ceburne).
9. John of John de Ceburne.
10. Rowland Cleburne.
11. John Clyburne, of Cleburne Hall died Aug. 8, 1489.
12. Thomas Clyburne, of Cleburne Hall born 1467.
13. Robert Cliburne, of Cleburne Hall and Killerby m. Emma Kirkbride, of Kirkbride.
14. Edmund Cleburne, of Cleburne Hall and Killerby m. Anne Layton, of Dalemain.
15. Richard Cleburne, of Cleburne Hall and Killerby m. Eleanor Lancaster, of Stockbridge.
16. Edmund Cleburne, of Cleburne Hall m. Grace Bellingham, of Helsington.
17. Sec. (Col.) William Claiborne, of Romancoke, Virginia m. Jane Butler of London.
18. Mary Claiborne, of Virginia, m. 1st Rice, m. 2nd Robert Harris, of Cedar Hill, Virginia.

Claiborne - Page 5.

CLAIBORNE- From "Claiborne (Pedigree) Family" by G. M.  
Claiborne 1900

Edmund Cleburne of Killerby, Yorkshire & Cleburne Hall (1585) married Grace, daughter of Sir Alan Bellingham of Levins, Westmoreland. Their childrens:

1. Thomas of Cleburne (1602) married Frances, daughter of Sir Richard Lowther, Westmoreland.
2. Robert.
3. William born ac. 1587. Came to Virginia with Gov. Wyatt 1621. Appointed Secretary of State for Colony of Virginia by Gov. Yeardley 1625. Married Elizabeth Buttler, by whom he had issue: 1. William- 2. Thomas- 3. Leonard- 4. Jane- 5. Mary- 6. -

Mary Claiborne, daughter of Secretary Claiborne married first Rice, second Robert Harris in 1660- Issue: Edward Rice, William Harris, Edward Rice. Some of Mary Claiborne had son, Claiborne Rice. William Harris, son of Mary Claiborne & Robert Harris married Temperance Overton, issue: Maj. Robert Harris who married Mourning Glenn.

From "Terra Mariae" by Edward D. Neill: "Cleyborne settled in the Valley of the Pamunkey".

CLAIBORNE ARMS- From Crozier's General Armory

William Clayborne 1621 (Westmoreland)

Argent, three chevronels interlaced in base sable a chief & bordure of the last.

Crest- A dove & olive branch.

Motto- Pax et copia.

Placque to Secretary William Claiborne:

Copied from placque in Old Church Tower at Jamestown, Va.

"To the Glory of God and to the honored memory of William Claiborne son of Edmund and Grace Bellingham Claiborne of Claiborne Hall Westmoreland County England born 1587 settled in Virginia 1621 Member of Council 1623-1660 Secretary of State 1625-35 1656-60 Treasurer 1642-65 Deputy Governor 1653 Commanded Expeditions against the Indians 1629 & 1644 at Kent Island he made the first settlement within the present boundary of Maryland"

## Claiborne Records (Cont'd)

From- John Fiske's Old Virginia and Her Neighbors:

"William Claiborne, a younger son of Earl Claiborne, of Westmoreland, England, Lord of two manoral estates, a cousin of the Countess of Pembroke. William Herbert Earl, of Pembroke, was a nephew of Sir Philip Sidney, a devoted friend of William Shakespeare. Times of Charles I, William Claiborne appointed as Secretary of State in the Colony "Our Kingdom of Virginia", came to Virginia in 1621, prospered greatly, acquiring large landed estates, owned 24,000 acres of land in King William County, was member of the King's Council. Mary Claiborne, his daughter, married Edward Rice, and after his death she married Robert Harris, of the "Forks", in Hanover County, Va."

From- "Louisa County, Virginia" by Dr. Malcolm H. Harris:

"Robert Harris son of Capt. Thos. & Adria Osborne was born as 1615. He came to Va. ac. 1650 & married Mary Claiborne Rice, widow of Edward & dau. of Col. Wm. Claiborne of King William Co. They lived in New Kent Co., that part later being Hanover, at the "Forks" which indicates that they were near the junction of the north & south branches of the Pamunkey- (see Claiborne Family by Claiborne)"

Record sent by Dr. Malcolm H. Harris July 7, 1952:

"William Claiborne (d. 1705) left a will which has been preserved. He mentioned his sisters Ursula Gooch, Mary Claiborne, daughters, Elizabeth, Unity, Philadelphia, Mary, Catherine and a son William. This will was proved in 1705." (this William Claiborne was son of Col. William Claiborne and brother of Mary Claiborne, wife of Robert Harris)

From- "First Families of America" Vols. I & II:

"Claiborne (Clayborne), William (1587-1676, son of Edmund Cleborne of 'Cliburn Hall', Lord of the manor of Cliburn & Killerby) from Eng. to Va. with Governor Wyatt 1621; sec. of state of Va. 1625, et seq.; mem Council 1625-60; made treas. for life, 1642; dep. gov., 1653; comd. against Indians 1629 & 1644; m. Elizabeth Butler.---- Robert Harris, son of Thomas Harris (1573-1658), of "The Forks", m. Mrs. Mary (Claiborne) Rice, dau. Col. William Claiborne, first sec. Va. Colony."

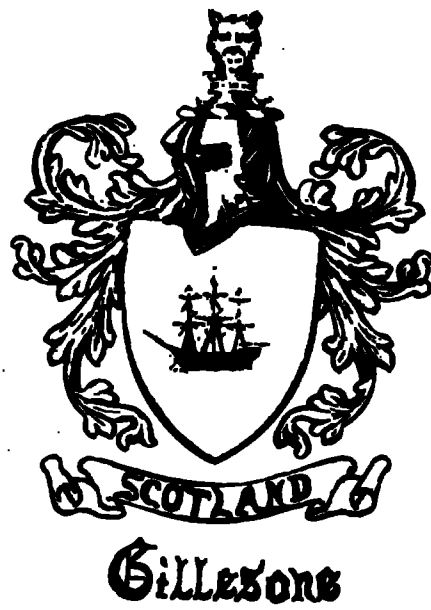
## Claiborne Records (Cont'd)

## Family Record:

As related by Mattie Harris Miller in a letter, written in 1921 to Lyda Daggett.

"Cousin C.C. Harris told me the last time he was here, before his death ten years ago, that he was going to get a cousin of ours to get up a family history for me. He was proud of it. He was one who told me our Harris family originated from the Claiborne Harris Clan of Scotland or England."

(this was Cristopher Columbus Harris, son of Ezekiel Harris. He was born in 1847 died 1911)



## GILLISON RECORDS

## Connection-

Benjamin Harris, son of Claiborn Harris of Granville County, North Carolina, great-great-grandson of Thomas Harris, The Immigrant, married Karenhappuch (Karen) Gillison, daughter of Archibald Gillison of Culpeper County, Virginia and later of Abbeville County, South Carolina.

GILLESONE (GILLISON) ARMS

"Gillesone (Scotland)- Or, a three-masted ship, her sails furred sa."

( From, Encyclopaedia of Heraldry- The General Armory of England, Scotland and Ireland- by Burke )

Crest- A leopard's head, erased, ermine, ducally gorged azure. ( From, Fairbairn )

## GILLISON CHART-

From the earliest known ancestor, Archibald Gillison, to the Harris connection, Archibald Gillison's daughter, Karen married Caliborn Harris' son Benjamin.

A- John Gillison- Gentleman in Caroline Co., Va. 1759- Captain in Revolution from Culpeper Co., Va. 1776- m. Molly Harrison, daughter of Thomas Harrison of Fauquier Co., Va. Their son: John Gillison (Jr.)- mentioned in his grandfather's, Thomas Harrison, will in 1773- m. Sarah Alexander Sept. 13, 1782 in Fauquier Co., Va.

B- James Gillison- Killed in French & Indian War- left his estate to his nephew, John Gillison, Jr., and his brother, Archibald Gillison- d. 1774.

\*C- Archibald Gillison- b. 1728- d. 1792 in S.C.- m. Jean, d. 1796 in S.C.- they were living in Culpeper Co., Va. 1760- moved to S.C. about 1772- Their Children:

Elizabeth Gillison- m. Price.

Mary Gillison- m. Harris.

James Gillison.

Karenhappuch (Karen) Gillison- b. ~~1734~~ 1734- d. in Georgia- m. Benjamin Harris b. N.C., d. S.C., 1833.

( Archibald Gillison mentioned as his daughter, Ann Gillison, in his will. It is believed she was his daughter-in-law, widow of a deceased son, as he also mentions her son as, John Gillison)

## D.A.R. credit:

Archibald Gillison's Revolutionary Record was verified by National Daughters Of The American Revolution, on Jan. 13, 1953, and lineage proven to Maud Callaway Hays (granddaughter of the late Angie Harris Callaway). D.A.R. No. 368507.

## Early Family History-

Earliest records we have of the Gillisons in this country, are of the three brothers, I John, II James and III Archibald of Caroline and Culpeper counties in Virginia in the mid-seventeen hundreds.

I- John, first of the three Gillison brothers of Virginia, was a captain in the Revolutionary War, had a son, John Gillison, Jr.

From- Virginia Magazine Vol. 79 page 392:  
 "John Gillison, Captain 10th Va. Nov. 18, 177- transferred to 6th Va., Sept. 14, 1778; taken prisoner at Charleston, May 12, 1780, retired Jan. 1, 1783."

From- Notes on Culpeper County- by Green II page 2:  
 Culpeper In The Revolution

"Immediately on the breaking out of the war in 1775 Patrick Henry, then commander of the Virginia troops, sent to this section of the colony for assistance. Upon his summons, 150 men from Culpeper (eight companies, one raised by Captain John Gillison), 100 from Orange, and 100 from Fauquier, rendezvoused here, half a mile west of Fairfax. These were the first Minute Men in Virginia. The Flag used by the Culpeper men bore in its center the figure of a rattlesnake coiled in the act of striking- above which was inscribed 'The Culpeper Minute Men', on either side 'Liberty or Death' and beneath 'Don't Tread on Me'. The corps were dressed in green hunting shirts with the words 'Liberty or Death' in large letters on their bosoms. They wore in their hats bucktails and in their belts tomahawks and scalping knives. Their savage, war like appearance excited the terror of the inhabitants as they marched to Williamsburg, from there, those armed with rifles marched into Norfolk County and were engaged in the battle of the Great Bridge----- Capt. Jno. Gillison, while leading his men to attack at Brandywine, was struck in the forehead by a musket ball; the surgeon examined the wound and exclaimed, oh, Captain! it is a noble wound, right in the middle of the forehead, and no harm done."

From- Notes on Culpeper County- by Green II page 4:  
 "To the list of Culpeper worthies should be added the name of Colonel Gillison." (whether he was officially promoted to colonel or not is unknown)

From- Tax Payers- Culpeper Co., Va. 1783:  
 "John Gillison"

From- Virginia Magazine- Vol. 24 page 211:  
 "Thomas Harrison settled in Fauquier Co., Va., had children:  
 1. Thomas- 2. Benjamin- 3. William- 4. Burr, born 1738- 5. Nancy- 6. Molly, married Mr. Gillison of Va. (most certainly John Gillison)- 7. Susan."



## Early Family History - (Cont'd)

From- Virginia Magazine- Vol. 23 page 332:

"John Gillison, Jr., grandson of Thomas Harrison"- as mentioned in Thomas Harrison's will dated 1773- Fauquier Co., Va., proved 1774.

From- William & Mary Vol 12 page 258:

Marriage Bonds in Fauquier Co., Va.

"John Gillison & Sarah Alexander, Sept. 13, 1782" (this evidently John Gillison, Jr.)

II- James, second of the Gillison brothers, died during the French & Indian War (1758-1759), leaving his property in Culpeper Co., Va. to John Gillison, Jr. (son of his brother, John of Caroline Co., Va.) and to his brother, Archibald Gillison.

From- Henning Vol. 7 page 23:

"March 1756- 29th George III To The Militia of the County of Culpeper, viz- To nineteen foot soldiers viz- John Strother, assignee of James Gillison."

III- Archibald, third of the three Gillison brothers of Virginia, with wife, Jean, found in Culpeper County, Va. 1759- '60-'61-'62-'63-'64

From- Abstracts- Culpeper County, Virginia- Court Records 1763-1764:

19 March 1763- page (292)

"James Barbour Jr. v. Archibald Gillison- Judgt. for Plff."

22 April 1763- page (319)

"John Rawson appointed road surveyor in place of Archibald Gillison."

21 May 1763- page (353)

"James v. Archibald Gillison- Cont'd on security of Francis Slaughter & William Robinson."

23 July 1763- page (390)

"Joseph James v. Archibald Gillison- Process awarded."

19 January 1764- page (467)

"On motion of James Slaughter for road near school house by Archibald Gillison's to his mill, Christopher Hutchins, John Barbee, James Spilman & Archibald Gillison appointed viewers."

Next record of Archibald Gillison is found in two land grants in South Carolina, dated 1772 & 1774. He must have moved to S.C. about this date.

Revolutionary War Records of Archibald Gillison and his son James: (From- "Stubs and Indents to Claims Growing out of the Revolution" by A. S. Salley, Jr.)

No. 440 Lib. Q Book Q: Issued 21st April 1785 to Mr. Archibald Gillison for Eighteen Pounds, Seventeen Shillings and one penny half penny Sterling, Duty done in the Militia in 1779 & 1780 as per account audited. Principal £ 18:17:1½ Interest £ 1:5:4

## Early Family History- (Cont'd)

No. 273 Bk P: Issued the 21st of April 1785 to Mr. James Gillison for Fifteen pounds Sterling, for Duty done in the Militia per account audited. Principal £ 15:0:0 Interest £ 1:1:0

## WILL OF JAMES GILLISON

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, I James Gillison of Culpeper County being of perfect sence & Memory, Memory and Judgment, and reflecting that Death is the common fate of all mankind but they are left in the Dark with regard to the Time and Manner of it; To prevent any disputes that might arise after my decease about the distribution of what worldly Estate it has pleased the Devine providence to bless me with, I do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, in manner following Viz<sup>t</sup>  
 Imprimis I Give and Devise all my Lands in Culpeper County to John Gillison Jun<sup>r</sup>. my Nephew son to my Brother John Gillison of Caroline County Gent to him & his Heirs forever  
 Item I give and Bequeath to the said John Gillison Jun<sup>r</sup>. and to my Brother Archibald Gillison all my Negroes and Personal Estate of what kind soever (to be Equally Dived between them) to them & their Heirs forever  
 Lastly I Constitute and Appoint my Brothers John Gillison and Archibald Gillison Executors of this my last Will and Testament In TESTIMONY whereof I have hereunto put my Hand & seal the fifth day of Feb<sup>r</sup>. in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & fifty Nine.

Signed, Sealed published and  
 Declared as the last Will and  
 Testament of the above named  
 James Gillison in presence of us  
 hereto subscribing ---

James Gillison (LS)

Adam Smith  
 his  
 John X Ambergoe  
 mark  
 his  
 John X Thomas  
 mark

At a Court held for the County of Culpeper on Thursday the 21st day of August 1760.  
 This last Will & Testament of James Gillison dec<sup>d</sup>. was Exhibited to the Court by Archibald Gillison one of the Executors therein named and was proved by the Oaths of Adam Smith, John Ambergoe & John Thomas witnesses thereto Ordered to be Recorded at the same Time the said Archibald Gillison refused to take upon him the Burthion of the Execution thereof.

Tests

Roger Dixon Clk

see fol. 233.

(Will Book A, p. 230 Culpeper Co., Va.)

## Gillison- Page 6.

## Division of The Estate of James Gillison-

In obedience to the same Order we have Divided the Estate of James Gilleson dec<sup>d</sup>. between John Gillison Jun<sup>r</sup>. and Archibald Gillison as followeth --

To John Gillison Jun<sup>r</sup>.

To 1 negro named Pompey . . . . .	80..0..0
To 1 negro Woman named Sarah. . . . .	12..0..0
To 1 D <sup>o</sup> named Janey . . . . .	70..0..0
To 1 Negro man named Bob. . . . .	23..0..0
To 1 Bed 7 , 15 head of Cattle 18..15, 26 sheep 9..2 .	34..17..0
To 1 Iron pott 12/6, 2 broad hoes 8/. 4 old Axes 10/ . .	1..10..6
To 4 Grub hoes 8/. 2 hilling hoes 2/. 2 wedges 5/. . . .	0..15..0
To 1 plow hoe & drawing knife 3/6. 1 Grindstone 10/. . .	0..13..6
To 1 Gun 35/, 6 tile Cask 30/, 1 horse Collar & trace Ropes 2/6 . . . . .	3..7..6
To pewter 4/, 2 reaphooks 1/3, 1 flower Tubb 3/, 1 washing tubb 4/,. . . . .	0..12..3
To 2 old baggs 2/6, To 2 Horses 18 , 1 Cart 70/. . . .	<u>21..12..6</u>
	248..8..3

To Archibald Gillison --

To 1 Negro named Jack . . . . .	80..0..0
To 1 D <sup>o</sup> . named York . . . . .	80..0..0
To 1 negro woman named Lucy . . . . .	75..0..0
To 1 Bed 7, 1 large Iron pott 25/, 3 broad Hoes 12/. .	8..17..0
To 1 foot Adz 5/. 1 Augur 2/. 1 pair Stillards 20/. .	1..7..0
To 2 stone Juggs 5/6, 1 Rundlet 2/6. . . . .	0..8..0
To 1 Bason 4/, 4 Tite hhds 16/.. . . . .	<u>1..0..0</u>
	246..12..0

February 19th, 1761.

These Accounts returned into Court  
Ordered to be Recorded.

Roger Dixon Clk

Dan<sup>l</sup> Brown  
John Dillard  
John Brown

(Will Book A, p. 241, Culpeper Co., Va.)

## Deed to Archibald Gilleson from John Towles-

THIS INDENTURE made the Twentieth day of September in the year of our Lord Christ one Thousand seven Hundred & fifty nine By & Between John Towles & Margaret his Wife now in the Parish of Brumfield in the County of Culpeper and Colony of Virginia of the one part & Archibald Gilleson of the Parish County County & Colony of the other part WITNESSETH that they the said John Towles & Margaret his wife for & in consideration of the sum of Eighteen pounds five shillings & Six pence Current Money to them in Hand paid the receipt whereof the said John Towles & Margaret his Wife doth hereby confess & acknowledge themselves fully satisfied & paid doth give grant Bargain sell Enfeoff & Confirm & by these presents hath Given Granted Bargained Sold Enfeoffed & Confirmed unto him the said Archibald Gilleson his heirs or Assigns forever one Certain Tract or parcel of Land situate lying & being in the aforesaid County & Colony & in the said parish of Brumfield & Known by the name of Turkey Hole & Bounded as follows (to wit) BEGINNING at two Dogwoods & Spanish Oaks and runing thence south forty nine Degrees west Two hundred & thirty two pole to a Chestnut & Spanish Oak thence north Forty Five Degrees West Eighty poles & thence North sixty two poles to Two Black Oaks thence North fifty two Degrees Two hundred & forty pole to a poplar, Gum & Locust & from thence to the Beginning, Together with all & singular the profits commodities & appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise Appertaining TO HAVE & TO HOLD the above mentioned Tract of Land & premises with the appurtenances unto him the said Archibald Gilleson his Heirs & Assigns forever Together with all & singular the profits Commodities Heriditaments & appurtenances whatsoever to the same belonging or in any wise Appertaining unto the Land & premises aforesaid & the said John Towles & Margaret his Wife for themselves their Heirs &c. the said Land & premises with their & every of their appurtenances unto the said Archibald Gilleson his Heirs & Assigns shall & will Warrant & forever Defend by these presents against any person or persons having or Lawfully Claiming any right or Title thereto or any part or parcel thereof & further the said John Towles & Margaret his Wife at the time & sealing of these presents Stands Lawfully Seized of & Indefeasible Estate in Fee simple of the said Land & premises & hath good right full full power & Lawfull Authority to sell & Convey the same in manner & form aforesaid & that the same shall be & remain forever unto him the said Archibald Gilleson his heirs and Assigns forever freely Clearly Exonerated Acquited & Discharged of all former Bargains Sales Gifts Grants Dowers or any other right thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining the Quitrents only Excepted IN WITNESS whereof the said John Towles & Margaret his Wife hath hereunto set their Hands & seals the Day & year above Written.

Sign'd Seal'd & Delivered  
In the Presence of us

John Towles (IS)

her

Margaret X Towles (IS)

mark

Alex<sup>r</sup>. McQueen, John Flint  
his

Peter P B Butler  
mark

Deed to Archibald Gilleson from John Towles- (Cont'd)

Memorandum that Quiet & Peaceable possession & Seisen of the within mentioned Land & premises was had & taken by the within named Archibald Gilleson from the within named John Towles & Margaret his wife on the within Day & year within mentioned according to the form & Effect of the within written Deed

In presence of

John Flint

Alex<sup>r</sup>. McQueen

his

Peter P B Butler

mark

John Towles (IS)

her

Margaret X Towles (IS)

mark

At a Court held for the County of Culpeper on Thursday the 20th day of September 1759.

This Indenture of Feoffment from John Towles & Margaret his Wife to Archibald Gilleson was acknowledged by the parties & together with the memorandum of Livery of Seisen Endorsed is Ordered to be Recorded to be Recorded previous to which the said Margaret was first privily Examined as the Law Directs.

Tests Roger Dixon Clk

Ex<sup>d</sup>.

(Found in Culpeper Co., Va. in Deed Book C, p. 224)

## Deed- Gilleson to Creamour

This Indenture made the Twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord God one Thousand Seven hundred and Sixty and in the Thirty fourth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second between Archibald Gilleson and Jeane his wife of the County of Culpeper and Parish of Brumfield of the one part and Henry Creamour of the County and Parish aforesaid of the other Part Witnesseth that the said Archibald Gilleson and Jeane his wife for and in Consideration of Twenty pounds Current money to them in hand paid by the said Henry Creamour at and before the Ensealing and Delivery of these presents the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge and themselves therewith fully Satisfied Hath Granted Bargained and sold Enfeoffed and Confirmed and by these presents Doth grant Bargain, Sell, Enfeoff and Confirmed and by these presents Doth grant Bargain, Sell, Enfeoff and Confirm unto the said Henry Creamour his Heirs and Assigns all that Tract or Parcel of Land Situate lying and being In the County & Parish aforesaid and known by the Name of Turkey Hole Containing two Hundred Acres and Bounded as follows (to wit) Begining at two Dogwoods and a Spanish Oak and running thence South forty nine Degrees West two hundred and Thirty two poles to a Chestnut and Spanish Oaks, Thence North Forty five Degrees West Eighty poles & thence north Sixty two poles to two Black Oaks thence North fifty two Degrees Two hundred and forty poles to a Poplar, Gum & Locust, and from Thence to the Beginning and all houses, Edifices Buildings Inclosures Water and Water Courses, Profits and Emoluments Whatsoever to the same Belonging or in anywise appertaining and the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders thereof and of every part or Parcel thereof all the Estate Right, Title, and Interest whatsoever of them the said Archibald Gilleson and Jeane his wife of in and to the said Bargained premises and every Part and Parcel thereof To Have And To Hold the said Tract of Land and all and Singular the premises with the appurtenances unto the said Henry Creamour his Heirs Exors Admors and Assigns to the only proper use and Behoof of him the said Henry Creamour his Heirs and Assigns forever and the said Archibald Gilleson and Jeane his wife and their Heirs, Exors & Administrators the said Tract of Land and all and Singular the premises and appurtenances unto the said Henry Creamour his Heirs and Assigns forever and the said Archibald Gilleson and Jeane his wife for themselves and their Heirs Exors and Administrators Do Covenant and agree to and with the said Henry Creamour his Heirs and Assigns in manner and form following (to wit) Archibald Gilleson and Jeane his wife at the Time of Sealing and Delivery of these presents is and Stands Seised of an Indifeasible Estate of fee simple in the said Land and premises and hath full power and Authority to sell and Convey the same in manner and form aforesaid and the said Henry Creamour his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns shall and may forever hereafter Peaceably and Quietly have hold and Possess and Enjoy all and Singular the Premises with the appurtenances without the Let Suit or molestation of any person or Persons whatsoever and that the said Tract of Land and premises with the appurtenances shall forever hereafter remain unto the said Henry Creamour his Heirs

Deed- Gilleson to Creamour - (Cont'd)

and Assigns freed and Discharged of and from all Estate Rights  
Titles Dowers Debts Judgements and Executions and Lastly that  
the said Archibald Gilleson and Jane his wife and their Heirs  
shall and will at any time hereafter make and Execute such  
further Act or Acts Conveyance and Conveyances Necessary in  
Law for the further and better Assuring & Conveying the said  
Land and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Henry  
Creamour, his Heirs and Assigns as by the said Henry Creamour  
his Heirs Exors Administrators and Assigns or by his or their  
Council Learned in the Law shall be Devised Advised or Required  
IN WITNESS whereof the Parties to these presents have Inter-  
changeably Set their Hands and Fix'd their Seals the day and  
Year first above Written.

Sign'd Seal'd and Delivered In Presence of: Archibald Gilleson (LS)  
Jane Gilleson (LS)

The words Containing two Hundred Acres was Interlined before  
sign'd--

Teste- Roger Dixon Clk 21st August 1760

(Deed Book C- page 386)



1772 South Carolina Land Grant to Archibald Gillison:

GOERGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, and fo forth,

To all to whom thefe Prefents fhall come, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That We, of our fpecial Grace, certain Knowledge and mere Motion, have given and granted, and by thefe Prefents for Us, our Heirs and Succeffours, DO GIVE AND GRANT unto Archibald Gillison, his

Heirs and Affigns, a Plantation or Tract of Land containing one hundred and fifty acres situated in Berlkey County on the North Side of Saludy River, bounded on all sides by vacant land

And hath fuch Shape, Form and Marks, as appear by a Plat thereof, hereunto annexed: Together with all Woods, Underwoods, Timber and Timber-Trees, Lakes, Ponds, Fifhings, Waters, Water-Courfes, Profits, Commodities, Appurtenances and Hereditaments, whatfoever thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining: Together with Privilege of Hunting, Hawking and Fowling in and upon the fame, and all Mines and Minerals whatfoever; Saving and Referving, nevertheless, To Us, Our Heirs and Succeffours, all white Pine Trees, if any there fhould be found growing thereon; and alfo Saving and Referving, nevertheless, to Us, Our Heirs and Succeffours, One Tenth Part of Mines of Gold and Silver only: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the faid Tract of one hundred and fifty

Acres of Land, and all and fingular other the Premifes hereby granted unto the faid Archibald Gillison, his Heirs and Affigns for ever, in free and common Soccage. The faid Archibald Gillison, his

Heirs and Affigns yielding and paying therefor, unto Us, Our Heirs and Succeffours, or to Our Receiver-General for the Time being, or to his Deputy or Deputies for the Time being, Yearly, that is to fay, on the Twenty-fifth Day of March, in every Year, at the Rate of Three Shillings Sterling, or four Shillings Proclamation-Money, for every Hundred Acres, and fo in Proportion, according to the number of Acres contained herein; the fame to commence at the Expiration of Two Years from the date hereof. Provided Always, and this prefent Grant is upon Condition, nevertheless, that the faid Archibald Gillison, his

Heirs or Affigns, fhall and do Yearly, and every Year, after the Date of thefe Prefents, clear and cultivate at the Rate of Three Acres for every Hundred Acres of Land, and fo in Proportion, according to the Number of Acres herein contained, and alfo fhall and do enter a Minute or Docket of thefe Our Letters Patent, in the office of Our Auditor-General for the Time being, in Our faid Province, within Six Months from the Date hereof; And upon Condition, that if the faid Rent hereby referved, fhall happen to be in Arrear and unpaid for the fpace of Three Years, from the Time it fhall become due, and no Distress can be found on the faid Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby

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granted; or if the said Archibald Gillison, his

Heirs or Assigns, shall neglect to clear and cultivate Yearly, and every Year, at the Rate of Three Acres for every Hundred Acres of Land, and so in Proportion, according to the Number of Acres herein contained; or if a Minute or Docket of these Our Letters Patent, shall not be entered in the Office of Our Auditor-General for the Time being, in Our said Province, within Six Months from the Date hereof, that then, and in any of these Cases, this present Grant shall cease, determine, and be utterly void, and the said Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments hereby granted, and every Part and Parcel thereof shall revert to Us, our Heirs and Successors, as fully and absolutely, as if the same had never been granted.

GIVEN UNDER THE GREAT SEAL OF OUR SAID PROVINCE:

WITNESS His Excellency, the Rt. Honorable Lord Charles  
Greville Montagu Capt. General  
Governour and Commander in Chief in and over Our said  
Province of South Carolina, this

Nineteenth Day of November Anno Dom. 1772 in the  
thirteenth Year of Our Reign

C. G. (L.M.S.) Montagu

Signed by his Excellency, the Governour in Council,  
George Davidson pro.

And hath thereunto a Plat thereof annexed, representing  
the same, certified by

John Bremar, Deputy  
Surveyour-General.  
24th July, 1772

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1774 South Carolina Land Grant to Archibald Gillison:

GEORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France,  
and Ireland, KING, Defender of the Faith, and fo forth,

To all to whom thefe Prefents fhall come, Greeting:

KNOW YE, That We, of ourfpecial Grace, certain Knowledge and  
mere Motion, have given and granted, and by thefe Prefents for  
Us, our Heirs and Succeffours, DO GIVE AND GRANT unto  
Archibald Gillison, his

Heirs and Affigns, A Plantation or Tract of Land containing  
three hundred acres in Granville County bounding East on Saludy  
River and all other sides on vacant land.

" - - - - (Grant worded same as 1772 grant)"

GIVEN UNDER THE GREAT SEAL OF OUR FAID PROVINCE:

WITNESS The Honorable William Bull Esq. Lieut.

Governour and Commander in Chief in and over Our faid  
Province of South Carolina, this

Eighth Day of July Anno Dom. 1774 in the  
Fourteenth Year of Our Reign.

William (L.M.S.) Bull

Signed by his Honor, the Lieut. Governour in Council,  
Thos. Winstanley

And hath thereunto a Plat thereof annexed, repreftenting  
the fame, certified by

John Bremar,  
Surveyour-General.  
June 7, 1774

## WILL OF ARCHIBALD GILLISON

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN. I Archibald Gillison of Abbeville County and State of South Carolina being but low and weak in Body but of sound and perfect mind and memory, (Thanks be to God) do make this my last Will and Testament. Principally and first of all I recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God who gave it me and my Body to be Buried in Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors. And as touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to blefs me in this life I give and devise in manner and form following -----

Imprimis, I give and Bequeath to my beloved Wife Jean Gillison my whole Estate both Real and Personal during her Widowhood. In case she marries or when she deceases my Will is that my four Children Namely Elizabeth Price, Mary Harris, James Gillison and Karenhappuch Harris, do each of them Receive Twenty Shillings Sterling out of my Estate. This money to be raised by Selling something that my Executors may think can be best spared off the Plantation-

Item I give and bequeath to my Daughter Ann Gillison (at my Wifes decease or Marriage) all that Tract of Land whereon I now do live Containing One Hundred and Twenty Five Acres, and all my Household Furniture, Likewise one Bay Filley, and all that part of my Cattle and Hogs that is now called hers, both them and their increase -----

Item, In like manner I give and bequeath to John Gillison, Son of my Daughter Ann Gillison all the rimainder of my Estate of every kind or quality whatsoever, and my Will and desire is that he shall have a good and liberal Education given him, and that there be a reserve made by my Executors out of my Estate (before any division) of a Sufficiency to defray the expence of his Schooling -----

And I do hereby Constitute and appoint my three friends Tomas Nash, Stephen Harris, and Larkin Nash Executors to this my last Will and Testament, hereby disclaiming, Revoking and Disannulling All other Wills and Testaments whatsoever, and do proclaim, publish, Pronounce and declare this to be my last Will and Testament-----

Given under my Hand and Seal this third day of January in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety Two----

Sealed, Signed, & Acknowledged  
In presence of

Archibald Gillison (Seal)

George Nash  
James Thornhill  
Valatine Nash

(Anderson Co., S. C. Court Records)

## GILLISON- Archibald's Grave-

From Mrs. Vandiver's History of Anderson County 1928- p. 177

Old Rutledge Graveyard- near Emmerson Bridge Road on Drake land.

Rutledge settled before Revolution on Government lands, laid out immense plantation, built two-story house, piped water from spring to 'Wash Place'. He had three daughters: one married Zacheriah Hall, another married John Martin and the third, Ann married James Emmerson, both Ann and James Emmerson along with a son are buried in this old graveyard. There are two graves marked by the rough native stones, but some care has been taken to shape them and the names and dates are chiseled on them. One is Arch Gillison, age 64, who died in March 1792. The inscription is almost illegible now, but by careful peering and using the fingers as the blind do, it may be deciphered. The other is Jane (Jean) Gillison, died Nov. 2, 1796, age 32 (should be 62, as she was age to have died in 1760 in Culpeper County, Va.) Whether she was his wife or his daughter is not stated (most surely was his wife). It is known where a Gillison house once stood in the neighborhood, but there are none of the name or kindred in the county now.

(this leaves a doubtful possibility that the Gillisons were related to the Rutledges).



## THOMPSON RECORDS

### Connection:

Mary (Polly) Thompson, daughter of Joseph Thompson of Pendleton District, South Carolina, married Archibald Harris, son of Benjamin Harris of Anderson District, South Carolina. Her brother, Joseph Thompson, Jr. married Benjamin Harris' daughter, Mary Harris.

### 2nd Thompson Line: (included in the Whitsett Records)

Nancy Thompson, daughter of Anthony Thompson of Orange County, North Carolina, married 1st ---- Bird; 2nd Moses Whitsett; 3rd William Ray (Will of Nancy's father, Anthony Thompson of Orange County, North Carolina - 1790 Census- can be found in the Whitsett Records, along with records of Nancy).

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Records of Joseph Thompson, father of Mary (Polly) Thompson,  
who married Archibald Harris:

## Pendleton District, South Carolina Records-

1800 Pendleton Dist., S.C. Census:

No. 491- Joseph Thompson- 2 males under 10- 1 male  
10 to 16- 2 males 16 to 26- 1 male over 45- 1 female  
under 10- 1 female 10 to 16.

## Last Will of Joseph Thompson- 1810

In the name of God, Amen, I Joseph Thompson of the State of South Carolina and District of Pendleton, being very sick and weak in body but of perfect mind and memory do make and ordain this my Last Will and Testament, that is to say principally and first of all I give my soul to the Hand of Almighty God that gave it nothing doubting that I shall receive the same at the General Resurrection. My body I recommend to the earth to be buried at the discretion of my executors and as touching such worldly estate as it has pleased God to bless me with, I give, devise and bequeath in the following manner; that is to say I give Robert Thompson five shillings, Randson Thompson five shillings, Betty Garner five shillings; Zachariah Thompson five shillings and Joseph Thompson five shillings (each). The rest after my debts are paid I leave to Molly Thompson freely to possess during life, then to be equally divided between my three younger children, Rebecca, John and Polly. I leave Robert Thompson and Molly Thompson my true executor and executrix and I do utterly revoke and disallow all former wills, bequests, Executors and Executrix and declare this to be my last will and testament. In witness where unto I have set my hand and affixed my seal This Twenty-fifth day of February, One Thousand Eight and Ten. I leave Molly Thompson my lawful executrix to make rights to Robert Thompson for Ninety-six (96) acres of land which he bought of me and has not had rights, through neglect.

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of us who  
have set our hand hereunto

Joseph Thompson (Seal)  
Feb. 25, 1810  
Record Anderson, South Carolina

Zachariah Thompson  
Randson Thompson  
Joseph Thompson



## THOMPSON - Page 2.

Forsyth County, Georgia Census Records (of Joseph Thompson, brother of Mary Polly Thompson Harris and husband of Mary Harris Thompson)

1840 Forsyth County, Ga. Census:  
Joseph R. Thompson - 40 to 50- wife 40 to 50- 8 children.

1850 Forsyth County Ga. Census:  
J. R. Thompson- 59 (S.C.) with property \$2180- Mary 58 (S.C.)  
Andrew J. 18 (Ga.)- Mary J. 16 (Ga.)

(This is son of Joseph Thompson who made will in Pendleton Dist., S.C. 1810)

## Thompson Arms:

From- American Heraldica- page 50:

## Thompson-

These arms were brought over, in this country, by John Thompson, who reached Long Island, by way of Holland, in 1634. He was the son of the Reverend William Thompson, of county Lancaster, England; and the shield is that of the extinct barony of Haversham, once belonging to an ancient family of the county Herts.

Crest: Out of a ducal coronet, a cubit arm, erect, habited, azure. In the hand, proper, five ears of wheat, or.

Motto: In lumine luce (Shine in the light).

Arms: Or, on a fess, dancettee, az., three stars of the field (sometimes arg.) on a Canton, of the second, the sun, in its splendor- proper.

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***WHITSETT-WHITSITT***  
***RECORDS***



## WHITSETT RECORDS

## Connection-

William Harris, son of Archibald Harris, great-great-great-great-grandson of Thomas Harris, The Immigrant, married Minerva Jane Whitsett, daughter of Moses Whitsett, great-great-granddaughter of William Whitsett, The Immigrant.

## WHITSETT (WHITSITT) CHART-

From the ancestor, Samuel Whitsett of Ireland (grandfather of William Whitsett, The Immigrant), to the eighth generation, children of Minerva Jane Whitsett Harris

- \*A (1) Samuel Whitsett- of Ireland:
- \*A (2) William Whitsett- of Ireland.
- \*A (2) William Whitsett's (of Ireland) Family:
  - \*A (3) William Whitsett, The Immigrant- b. in Ireland 1709- m. in Ireland to Elizabeth Dawson- came to Pennsylvania about 1740.
  - B (3) John Whitsett- b. in Ireland- came to Penn. about 1740.
  - C (3) Joseph Whitsett- b. Ireland- came to Penn. about 1740.
- \*A (3) William, The Immigrant & Elizabeth Dawson Whitsett Family:
  - \*A (4) Henry Whitsett- b. in Ireland 1725 or 1730 d. 1800- m. Jane Mebane- came to North Carolina 1770.
  - B (4) William Whitsett- b. in Ireland Aug. 20, 1731- d. July 14, 1811- m. about 1763 to Ellen Menees- had children:
    - 1. Elizabeth 2. Frances 3. Margaret 4. Jane 5. James
    - 6. Samuel 7. Nancy 8. Ellen 9. William 10. Sarah
    - 11. Susan (this family known as the Nashville Whitsitts)
- \*A (4) Henry Whitsett & Jane Mebane Whitsett Family:
  - \*A(5) Samuel Whitsett- b. 1752- d. 1832- m. Mary Stockard- b. 1760- d. 1830.
- \*A (5) Samuel Whitsett & Mary Stockard Whitsett Family:
  - \*A (6) Moses Whitsett- d. Oct. 8, 1834- m. Jan. 11, 1827 to Nancy Thompson Bird- b. 1800 in Orange Co., N.C. - d. 1882- she re m. 1836 to William H. Ray.
  - B (6) James Whitsett- m. Sarah Jackson.
  - C (6) John Whitsett- b. 1782- d. 1845- m. Ruth Low- b. 1790- d. 1864- had son Austin b. 1807, who was grandfather of William T. Whitsett of Guilford County, North Carolina.
  - d. (6) William Whitsett- m. Jane Harden- was a Presbyterian minister in Tennessee
- \*A (6) Moses Whitsett & Nancy Thompson Bird Whitsett Family:
  - \*A (7) Minerva Jane Whitsett- b. Dec. 23, 1827 in North Carolina- d. May 16, 1904- m. Dec. 18, 1842 to William Harris- b. Feb. 1820 in South Carolina- d. Feb. 8, 1884.
  - B (7) Cornelia A Whitsett- b. Aug. 10, 1829- m. July 2, 1873 to R. W. Blackstock.
  - C (7) William J. Whitsett (Capt. Jimps)- b. Oct. 7, 1831 in Rockingham County, N. C.- d. 1911- m. Dec. 1, 1853 to Harriet Willis.
  - D (7) Joseph G. Whitsett- b. May 14, 1833- m. May 18, 1854 to Sarah E. Green
  - E (7) Moses G. Whitsett, Jr.- b. April 8, 1835- m. Aug. 8, 1860 to nannie E. McCrary.

## WHITSETT (WHITSITT) CHART- (Cont'd)

- \*A (7) Minerva Jane Whitsett Harris & William Harris Family:
  - A (8) Caroline (Calline) Harris- b. Dec. 7, 1843- d. Sept. 1924- m. Jan. 1860 to William (Big Bud) Harris-
  - B (8) James Whitsett Harris (Bud)- b. Nov. 3, 1845- d. Sept. 21, 1923- m. Nov. 19, 1868 to Nahalie E. Love
  - C (8) Mary Elizabeth (Molly) Harris- b. Sept. 28, 1847- d. Dec. 22, 1915- m. Dec. 20, 1865 to John W. Love.
  - D (8) Virginia Cornelia (Jennie) Harris- b. March 19, 1852- d. May 11, 1919- m. Nov. 21, 1871 to William Ross Quinn.
  - E (8) Harriet Elizabeth (Hattie) Harris- b. Aug. 25, 1855- d. July 9, 1946 - m. April 15, 1881 to Joseph Deck.
- \*F (8) Angie Ray Harris- b. July 23, 1858- d. Sept. 5, 1925- m. Dec. 16, 1880 to Luke Henry Callaway.
- G (8) William Whitsett (Willie) Harris- b. March 23, 1861- d. March 25, 1940- m. Dec. 31, 1884 to Bettie Nesbitt

(lines of these children of Minerva Jane & William Harris are carried on in the Harris Chart)

(proof records used to make up the foregoing chart are:  
 "Annals of a Scotch-Irish Family" by William H. Whitsitt.  
 "The Abridged Compendium of American Genealogies" Vol. 3, page 478.  
 "First Families of America" Vols. III & IV.  
 "Orange County, N.C. Marriage Bonds 1827"  
 "Records of William Thornton Whitsett, Guilford Co., N.C."  
 "Bible Records, from Grandma Ray's Bible", in possession of Mae Harris Fryar)

Records of Dr. William Thornton Whitsett (b. 1866, d. 1936)  
 Copied verbatim (original records in University of North  
 Carolina Library)

### Life in Antrim and Armagh

In this section of Ireland most of the inhabitants lived in simple cottages with thatched roofs, and turf was used for fuel for the fires. Oat-cakes and oatmeal formed the chief diet. Meats were scarce and seldom appeared upon the table. The clothing was rough and home-made. The schools were poor, teaching only spelling, writing and the rudiments of English grammar and the teachers were in most cases very inefficient.

Farming was on a very primitive scale, and money scarce. Employment was difficult to find, wages were very low and often paid in produce from the farm. Many of these farms consisted of only three to five acres of land. Books were rare, reading matter scarce, and libraries unknown.

The moral tone of these Scotch-Irish people was sincere and true. They prized highly their Psalm-books and Bibles, and memorizing favorite passages of Scripture was common. Striking texts were marked, memorized, and often quoted. Living in many cases in houses without either chimneys or windows, with poverty pinching on every side, they had but little to lighten their gloom or bring good cheer. It must always be a marvel how amid such conditions these sturdy Scotch-Irish prayed and perserved and kept unshaken their faith in God's wisdom and His kindly providence.

Remembering conditions in Ireland in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it is easy to understand the impression produced by the reports coming from America; rich lands in abundance; great forests of valuable woods; abundant coal and iron; good wages; unlimited opportunities of every kind, and the almost-Utopian promise of equality, freedom from injustice, civil and religious liberty, and, above all, a cessation of the intrigues of kings and rulers that had been the curse of Europe for centuries. Emigration to America promised salvation from a thousand ills and misfortunes. Original leases of lands began to expire in 1714; famines followed in 1725 and 1740, and hence it is easy to understand why large bodies of colonists turned to America; five hundred reached Boston at one time in 1718; and Pennsylvania, Virginia, North Carolina and other sections soon had thousands of the Scotch-Irish settlers who afterwards played such an important part in the growth and development of the United States. They had learned invaluable lessons in the past in the school of adversity, and could deeply appreciate the opportunities which their new homes offered.

There is much valuable source material of early families of Antrim and Armagh counties, Ireland, to be found in the records in charge of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland at Belfast. There are very old congregational registers for both Antrim and Armagh, containing baptismal list, &c. Then there are the Muster Rolls for these counties for 1631 and the Hearth Money Rolls, 1669, for Antrim. In the Antrim book dating from 1674 to 1733 are found 2,600 entries of baptisms and 600 entries of

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marriages; the Armagh books date from 1707 to 1728 and from 1796 to 1809. While these old registers are very difficult to decipher in many instances, still to one familiar with such work, this ancient story is easily available. These lists of names concerning birth, baptism, marriage and death serve to connect the family history with days long past, and while all definite personal record concerning most of the individual names can never be had in full; still this source material is highly valuable as establishing the fact of place of family residence. It also serves to connect the family with the work of the church in many instances, because the mere fact that incidents in family life were entered upon the church records proves a regard for church ordinances, and a respect for church customs, that it is pleasant to remember after the lapse of these centuries

## From Ireland to America

William Whitsitt, Joseph Whitsitt, and John Whitsett, three brothers, came from Antrim county, Ireland, to America in 1740. Antrim county was in the province of Ulster, and the brothers lived in the valley of the Lagan river. This district bore the name of Antrim as far back as the 14th century, and has many remains of the ancient days such as cairns, cromlechs, and ancient castles, among them Glenarm and Carrickfergus.

These three brothers became early settlers in the lower valley of the Susquehanna River in Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg, then known as Harris' Ferry; one of them later lived at Hannastown which was burned by the Indians in 1781; and still another settled at Pittsburg. The Indians gave such trouble to early settlers in this section, and all three brothers became noted Indian fighters; William Whitsitt, especially serving as scout and spy over what is now the counties of Fayette, Washington and Greene, and he never relented in his operations against the Indians because of their depredations in which his home had been destroyed. William Whitsitt seems to have been easily the leader of the brothers, and many traditions preserve accounts of his bravery and his fearless spirit in the frontier life of his day. When the Indian saw the ascending smoke of the first rude log cabins along the Susquehanna and the Monongahela he read the doom of his happy-hunting grounds, but it took stout hearts and unyielding spirit to face the painted warriors who swept down under the leadership of such chieftains as Logan and Tecumseh bent on death and destruction; William Whitsitt and his brothers were equal to the stern call of the hour. The small round log cabin of the white man had come to stay; to be replaced as time passed by the two-story, hewed log house, and later by sawn timbers, brick, and stone. The pioneer with coon-skin cap, and weather-beaten face, was finally to conquer the Alleghenies, and push westward towards the Rockies.

Much interest attaches to William Whitsitt, Joseph Whitsitt, and John Whitsitt because so far as known they were the first of their name to come to America, set up families, and become

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the founders of many family lines. Others of their name and connection rapidly followed, but these have the distinction of being the first immigrants.

## Immigrant Ancestors

Samuel Whitsett (1664-1754) born, lived and died in Antrim county, Ireland.

William Whitsett (1689-1769) son of above, born, lived, and died in Antrim county, Ireland.

William Whitsett (1709-1798) son of above; married Elizabeth Dawson in Ireland, and came with his wife, and son, William Whitsett who was born in Ireland August 20, 1731, to Pennsylvania in 1740.

John Whitsett (1711-1796) came with his brother, William Whitsett (1709-1798) to Pennsylvania in 1740.

Joseph Whitsett (1711-1796) came with his brother, William Whitsett (1709-1798) and John Whitsett (1711-1796) to Pennsylvania in 1740.

The history of the earliest branch of the Whitsett family in the United States traces back to the family group that reached Pennsylvania in 1740; a group of five consisting of the three brothers, William, John, and Joseph Whitsett together with the wife and son of William Whitsett. The descendants of these three brothers became widely scattered over many states.

When they landed in Pennsylvania in 1740, William Whitsett and his wife, Elizabeth Dawson Whitsett, had one son as stated, William Whitsett, then nine years old, their other children were born here. (With exception of Henry b. 1730 in Ireland). John Whitsett and Joseph Whitsett married soon after their arrival and both had large families, so even before the Revolutionary War there were both children and grandchildren of the three original Whitsett brothers who had come across as the first immigrants of this family line. Certain of these families have preserved the family record and are able to trace their lines back to the original immigrants, but others are unable to do so, although they know in a general way that they are descended from this Scotch-Irish ancestry.

It must be remembered, also, that following 1740 there were several other immigrants of the Whitsett name coming from Antrim and Armagh counties, Ireland, to America who became the founders of families of this name but not of direct kinship with the family from which William, Joseph, and John Whitsett had come. For this reason, while numerous Whitsett families trace to these three Pennsylvania Whitsett brothers, other Whitsett families trace to other immigrants of the family who came across after the year 1740. All, though, have the same general Scotch-Irish ancestry as herein explained.



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## The Austin Whitsett Family Branch

Austin Whitsett was born in Orange county, North Carolina, Feb. 5, 1808, and died Nov. 29, 1890, near Graham, Alamance county, and is buried in Providence Cemetery. He was married in March, 1833, to Margaret Barbara Bason, born Oct. 9, 1817, died Nov. 30, 1902. She was a daughter of Joseph Bason whose wife was Barbara Foust, a sister of Daniel Foust of Guilford county.

Austin Whitsett's parents were John Whitsett (1782-1845) and Ruth (Low) Whitsett (1790-1846).

His grandparents were Samuel Whitsett (1752-1832) and Mary (Stockard) Whitsett (1760-1830).

His great grandparents were Henry Whitsett (1730-1800) who came to North Carolina in 1770 from Pennsylvania or Virginia, and his wife, Jane (Mebane) Whitsett who died in 1802. This Henry Whitsett was a brother of William Whitsett (1731-1811), and both were born in Ireland, and had come to America with their parents in 1740.

His great great grandparents were the original immigrants, William Whitsett (1709-1798) and his wife Elizabeth (Dawson) Whitsett who came to America from Ireland in 1740 with their two sons, Henry and William, and two brothers, John Whitsett and Joseph Whitsett.

Samuel Whitsett, grandfather of Austin Whitsett, had four sons, - Moses, James who married Sarah Jackson, John who married Ruth L. Low, and William who married Jane Harden and was a Presbyterian minister in Tennessee.

Austin Whitsett had four brothers who moved to Missouri, - Alfred, James, Low and Emsley; and two sisters, one married Hugh Shaw, the other Rev. Joseph Albright.

Margaret (Bason) Whitsett, wife of Austin Whitsett, had five brother, Jeremiah who married Celia Dickey, Henry who married Mary Trollinger, Joseph R. who married Julia Fogleman, George, and Dr. William F., also four sisters, Maria who married Constantine Sellers, Catharine who married Andrew Murray, Sarah, and Barbara.

On May 27, 1928 a handsome granite and bronze memorial marker was erected to the memory of Jacob Bason (1741-1800) the pioneer of the Bason family in this part of North Carolina. It stands in Hawfield's Cemetery, near Mebane, North Carolina, and was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies in the presence of a large gathering, and the historical address of the occasion traced the story of the Bason family to its original sources.

Doctor William Thornton Whitsett-  
Genealogist for Whitsett Family:

From- "Who's Who in Geanelogy" 1932:

"Whitsett- Dr. Wm. Thornton- Genealogist for Whitsett, Bason, Foust, Summers, Hoffman, Clapp families; historian of Guilford Co., N.C. Compiler; Founders of Church & State; Landmarks & Pioneers; Brick Church & The Clapp Family; Alamance Co. & the

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Whitsell-Hoffman Families; and to be published, Capt. Peter Summers, Rev. Hero; Whitsett-Bason Family History (his notes on this are in the Manuscript Library of the University of North Carolina, he died before this history was finished, a verbatim copy of his Whitsett records are given above\*). Dr. Whitsett was born Whitsett, N.C. Aug. 5, 1866; A. M., Ph.D., North Carolina College, and University of North Carolina. Married June 30, 1906 Carrie E. Brewer of Winston Salem, N.C. Founder in 1888 & president until 1918, Whitsett Inst. Member S.A.R. Whitsett, N.C." (Dr. Whitsett died in 1934)

## Whitsitt Records- Doctor William Heth Whitsitt:

Whitsitt- William Heth (Nov. 25, 1841- Jan. 20, 1911)  
 Baptist minister and theological seminary president, son of  
 Reuben Ewing Whitsitt of Nashville, grandson of Rev. James  
 Whitsitt. Educated: Union University, University of Virginia,  
 Sou. Baptist Seminary, University of Leipzig & Berlin. His  
 final work was professor of philosophy at Richmond College.  
 Married Florence Wallace of Woolford Co., Ky. in 1881. Wrote  
 "Annals of a Scotch-Irish Family" copied here in part:

"Preliminary- The Whitsitt family is widely extended.  
 Persons bearing their name and blood may be found in nearly  
 every portion of the United States and Canada, as also in  
 Ireland and Scotland. -----

Nomenclature- The Whitsitts are a numerous tribe in Ireland,  
 where they bore and still bear the name of Whiteside. Mr. Hanna  
 in his important work, "The Scotch-Irish; or the Scot in North  
 Britain, North Ireland and North America", does not mention  
 the name Whitsitt as occurring in Ireland, but there is quite a  
 force of the Whitesides there, mainly in the counties of Antrim  
 and Armagh. James Whiteside of county Wicklow ac 1806 became  
 Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench in Ireland.-----  
 In their Scottish home the Whitesides appear to have been a  
 sept of the Bell clan of Annandale. In the year 1685 John Bell,  
 of Whiteside, seems to have been at the head of this clan, and  
 the following notice is taken of his death: "Sir Robert Grierson,  
 of Lagg, having the command of a party of Claverhouse's troop,  
 and Strachan's Dragoons, surprised John Bell, of Whiteside;  
 David Halliday, portioner of Mayfield; Andrew McCrabit, James  
 Clement and Robert Lenox, of Irlintoun, and barbarously killed  
 them after quarter, without time allowed to pray. When John  
 Bell of Whiteside, begged a little time to pray, Lagg answered:  
 Whatt the devil have ye been doing? Have ye not prayed enough  
 these many years in the hills? and he shot him presently, in the  
 Parish of Tongland in Galloway, February 1685. (Hanna II p 258)"--

First Entry- William Whitsitt II, the son of William  
 Whitsitt I, the son of Samuel Whitsitt (all of Ireland), married  
 Elizabeth Dawson, of Ireland. William Whitsitt III, son of the  
 aforesaid William, married Miss Ellen Menees, daughter of James  
 Menees----- He died at the residence of his son, the Rev. James  
 Whitsitt, in the vicinity of Nashville, Tennessee, July 14, 1811.  
 Here are four generations of the family. Of these the first two  
 died in Ireland. William Whitsitt II was the immigrant, and  
 shortly after the year 1731 he came over the sea with his wife,  
 Elizabeth (Dawson) Whitsitt and their son, William Whitsitt III,  
 who had been born in their Irish home on the 20th of August 1731.  
 (also their son, Henry born in Ireland in 1730, is given in other  
 records). It is assumed that the Nashville Whitsitts landed in  
 Pennsylvania along with the other Scotch-Irish immigrants; but  
 the ship that bore them and the precise date of its arrival are  
 as yet unknown.

## Whitsitt Records - Dr. Wm. Heth Whitsitt: (Cont'd)

From- Foote's Sketches of Virginia- "On the 10th of February 1890, a letter from Mr. Joseph G. Whitsitt (this was son of Moses Whitsitt and sister of Minerva Jane Whitsitt Harris) of Belton, Texas, inquired regarding a tradition to effect that his ancestors came to America in the same ship with the ancestors of General Samuel Houston. The names of five of the Houstons occur in connection with that of William Whiteside, and it seems not improbable that the Whitsitts of Belton were derived from him. The name of Moses Whiteside also appears. Among the Whitsitts of north Georgia the name of Moses has been often used."

Whiteside Creek- William Whiteside II, the immigrant found a home in the midst of the stout Scotch-Irish colonists, who, coming down the Valley of Virginia, had crossed the Blue Ridge into Albemarle at and after the year 1737. The South Fork of Mechums River ran through his land and acquired the name of Whiteside Creek, which it has carried ever since on the maps of Albemarle. He sold this land July 7, 1767.

William Whiteside III- William III was a member of the Albemarle Militia (Hening 7, 203) ----- He married ac 1763 Ellen Menees, who lived near Amherst Court House. At this time he purchased 200 acres of land from John Wade. With this record he began to change his name spelling back to Whitsitt. He sold this land and purchased in 1767, 300 acres from his father-in-law in Amherst. William II, the immigrant could not resist following his son to Amherst, where he died ac 1770. It is possible that William the immigrant and Elizabeth had other children than William III (not only possible but a fact, Henry born in Ireland 1730 being a son).

Changing the Name- The responsibility of changing the name of the Nashville family from Whiteside to Whitsitt appears to rest with William Whitsitt III. His father always signed himself Whiteside, and the name of the son was written Whiteside in the records of the Albemarle Militia. But records of the Amherst period show he called himself Whitsitt. Nearly all of those who have contracted the name from Whiteside prefer to spell it Whitsett, but the Nashville family have always insisted upon the form Whitsitt."

(the family of Moses Whitsett used the Whitsitt spelling mainly, although Moses himself spelled it Whitsett. So both forms of spelling, also Whiteside will be found in these records, but all are members of the same family of the immigrant, William Whitsett II)

Whitsett Record- as found in First Families of America Vol IV:

"Whitsett, William (1709-98) came from Ireland to Pa., 1740

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Whitsett Records- As found in First Families of America Vol IV:  
(Cont'd)

with his two brothers, John and Joseph. Married in Ireland- Elizabeth Dawson, and had two sons born in Ireland, Henry b. 1730 and William b. 1731."

Naturalization Record- Adam Whitsett (probably son of John or Joseph) and Henry (son of William II, the immigrant, and grandfather of Moses Whitsett):

From Orange County Court Records:

North Carolina, Hillsborough District-

"At a Superior Court of Justice begun and held for the district aforesaid at the Court house in Hillsborough on Saturday the 22nd day of September 1770. Present- The Honorable Henderson, Associate Justice- Adam Whitsett & Henry Whitsett appeared in open court & took the oaths prescribed by Parliament for Naturalization. Court adjourned till Monday 10 o'clock."

North Carolina Land Grants to Samuel Whitsett:

North Carolina State  
Orange County

No. 326      270 Acres

This Plan Represents a tract of Land Survey<sup>d</sup> for Samuel Whitsett on the Waters of Black Creek Adjoyning the Lands of James Whitsett-

Beginning at a B. O. Running thence South 18 Ch<sup>s</sup>. to a Hie then South 70 Deg<sup>s</sup>. East 38 Ch<sup>s</sup>. to a W. O. at the for of a Branch South 45 Deg<sup>s</sup>. East 33 Ch<sup>s</sup>. to a B. jack North 3½ Ch<sup>s</sup>. to a B. O. West 25 Ch<sup>s</sup>. to a Hie North 48½ Ch<sup>s</sup>. to P.O. then East 75 Ch<sup>s</sup>. to the first Station Containing 270 Acres Survey<sup>d</sup>. The 27th July 1782

Tho<sup>s</sup> Muthollan

State of North Carolina

Rockingham County- By Virtue of a Warrant No. 958 52 3/4 Acres

I hereby certify that on the nineteenth day of December 1807 I surveyed a tract of land situat lying and being on the waters of Jacobs creek, according to the anexed plan

Beginning at a pine Then East Forty seven poles to a dogwood on William Godsey line then North on Samuel and John Whitsetts lines crofsing of Jacobs creek One hundred and Ninty two poles to a white oak on Alexander Martins line Then West Forty two poles to a white Oak then South one & East Thirty six poles to another white oak then South Two & West One hundred and Fifty

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North Carolina Land Grants to Samuel Whitsett (Cont'd)

seven poles to the first Station

John Wall- sec  
Robert Napin

C. Philips D.S.  
approved  
C Philips

Orange County, North Carolina Records:

Orange Co. Tax Payers 1790- from North Carolina State Records  
page 1286 Vol 26:  
Sam'l Whiteside- 200 acres- Orange Dist.  
(this Samuel Whitsett, father of Moses)

Orange Co. Records of Deeds

1807- Deed Book 13 page 112:

Thomas Jones to Samuel Whitsett-

This Indenture made the 4th day in the year of Our Lord 1807 between Thomas Jones of the one part living in Bertie Co. State of N.C. and Samuel Whitsett on the other part witnesseth that the said Thomas Jones for an in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars the sum to him in bond paid by the said Samuel Whitsett receipt where of the said Thomas Jones doth hereby acknowledge hath given granted & bargained sell alien enclose & confirm unto the said Samuel Whitsett his heirs and assigns forever all that real tract or parcel of land situated lying & belong in the Co. of Guilford on the waters of Reedy fork Beginning at a Pest Oak joining Jacob Christman then----- Joining Boston Gereneys----- containing 200 acres be the some more or less-

Wm. Whitsett Witnesses  
Leve Stow

Duly passed in open court  
Test J. Saylor

Orange Co. Records of Deeds

Book 13 page 353

Wm. Dixon to John Whitsett both of the Co. of Orange & State of N.C. for \$250 dollars on the waters of the little Alamance. Beginning at Michael Holts corner 200 acres be it more or less.

Samuel Whitsett Witness  
Wm. Holt

Orange County, North Carolina Records (Cont'd)

Orange Co. Records of Deeds

Book 15 page 91

Jacob Wilhoit to John Whitsett 15 Aug 1814 situated in Orange Co. on waters of Great Alamance- adjoining said Whitsetts own land.

Orange Co. Records of Deeds

Book 18 page 374

Moses Whitsett from James Wood 154 acres on waters of Mill Creek  
(This deed, in full, will follow the Orange County Census Records)

Orange Co. Records of Deeds

John Whitsett to James Whitsett both of Orange Co. 96½ acres  
on Little Alamance- 1824  
(brothers of Moses Whitsett)

Orange Co. Marriage Bonds

22 Aug 1801

Whitsett, James to Sarah Jackson  
(brother of Moses Whitsett)

1800 Orange County, N. C. Census Records

John Whitsett 1 male under 10 1 male 16 to 26 1 female  
16 to 26 1 female over 45  
(brother of Moses Whitsett)

1810 Orange County, N.C. Census Records

Wm Whitsitt 1 male 26 to 45 2 females under 10 1 female  
16 to 26 (brother of Moses Whitsett)

1820 Orange County, N. C. Census Records

Sam<sup>l</sup> Whitsett 2 males 26 to 45 1 male over 45 1 female  
16 to 26 1 female over 45

(believed to be father of Moses Whitsett and Moses one of the  
males 26 to 45 living with his father)

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Deed- Wood to Whitsett Orange County, N. C.

This Indenture made this the 2<sup>d</sup> day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & Twenty between James Woods of the County of Orange & State of North Carolina of the one part and Moses Whitsett of the same County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that he the said James Woods for an in consideration of the Sum of One Thousand Five hundred & fifty nine dollars to him in hand paid before the sealing of these presents the Receipt whereof he the said James Woods doth hereby acknowledge hath given, granted, bargained, & sold and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien, enfeoff & confirm unto the said Moses Whitsett all that Tract or parcel of Land situate in said County on the Waters of Mill Creek and is bounded as follows (To Wit) Beginning at a white oak on John Pattens line then South 10° East forty one chains to a Stake on Masons line then South 78° West Twenty six chains & fifty links to a White Oak, then North Six chains & seventy five links to a stake, then South 78° West 15 to Poali P. Ashe's line then North 10° West thirty three chains & a half to a stake the subdividing line then N° 48° East Forty chains & seventy five links to the first station containing One hundred & fifty four and a half acres be the same more or less; with all the Estate Interest, right, title, claim and demand whatsoever as well in Equity, as in Law of him the said James Woods his heirs or assigns, to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Moses Whitsett and his heirs & assigns forever. This Indenture now Witnesseth that the said James Woods doth covenant and agree to & with the said Moses Whitsett that the right and Title to said Land with the hereditaments thereunto belonging, he the said Woods will Warrent and forever defend from himself his heirs & assigns and from every other Person claiming or to claim Witness whereof he the said James Woods hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day & year first above mentioned --

Signed Sealed & delivered  
In the Presence of  
Johnston Freeland  
James Hamilton

James Woods (seal)

Orange County November Term 1820

The Execution of the above deed was duly proved in Open Court by the Oath of James Hamilton a Subscribing Witness thereto & ordered to be registered

Test J. Taylor C. C.



Deed to Moses Whitsitt- Orange County, N. C.

THIS INDENTURE made this 31st day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred & Twenty one between Thomas Clancy Sheriff of the County of Orange & State of North Carolina on the one part & Moses Whitsitt of the County of Orange & State aforesaid on the other part Witnesseth that whereas by virtue of an Execution issuing from the County Court of Orange against John Hamilton & others for the sum of Eight hundred & seventy nine dollars 52½ cents which said sum was recovered by Elijah Pickard against the said John Hamilton & others as on Record may appear And whereas the said Execution was directed and delivered to the said Thomas Clancy sheriff as aforesaid commanding him that the Goods, chattels, lands & tenements of the said John Hamilton & others therein named he should cause to be made the aforesaid Sum of eight hundred & Seventy nine Dollars fifty two & onehalf cents to satisfy the said Execution & the said Thomas Clancy Sheriff as aforesaid in pursuance & by virtue of his office & the aforesaid Execution (no goods or chattels to be found) did levy on a certain piece or parcel of Land situate lying & being in the said County of Orange bounded as follows (That is to say) by James Mebane & William Paisley on the waters of Mill Creek containing by Estimation Eighty Six Acres be the same more or less. And the said Thomas Clancey Sheriff as aforesaid after due advertisement according to Law did cause the said piece or parcel of land with all the appurtenances thereunto belonging to be put up at Public Sale to the highest bidder on the thirty first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & Twenty one at which time & place the aforesaid Moses Whitsitt became the last and highest bidder at the Sum of One hundred & Seventy eight dollars & fifty cents for the said land with the appurtenances thereto belonging: Now therefore the said Thomas Clancy Sheriff of Orange County as aforesaid for & in consideration of the Sum of One hundred & Seventy eight dollars fifty cents to him in hand paid by the said Moses Whitsitt at and before the sealing & signing of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged he the said Thomas Clancy Sheriff doth hereby bargain, sell, alien, enfeof, convey & confirm to the said Moses Whitsitt his Executors, administrators or assigns forever all the aforesaid Lands tenements & appurtenances with all right title, claim, or demand of or unto the aforesaid piece or parcel of land with all the hereditaments to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining To have & to hold to him the said Moses Whitsitt his heirs executors, administrators or assigns forever in as full & ample a manner as he the said Sheriff is empowered by virtue of his office and further the said Thomas Clancy Sheriff doth hereby covenant promise & grant, to & with the said Moses Whitsitt his heirs, Executors, administrators or assigns who shall & may from time to time & at all times hereafter have hold occupy possess & enjoy the said premises with the appurtenances clear & free from all incumbrance had made done or committed by him the said Sheriff or by his Order means or procurements & that he the said Thomas Clancy Sheriff Will Warrent & defend the same to the

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Deed to Moses Whitsitt - (Cont'd)

said Moses Whitsitt his heirs Executors, Admrs. or assigns forever so far as his Office of Sheriff will admit & no further. In witness whereof the said Thomas Clancy Sheriff of Orange County hath hereunto set his hand & seal the day and year above written.

Signed sealed & delivered )  
In the presence of )  
Samuel Bigelow )

Thomas Clancy Shff. (Seal)

Orange County May Term 1822  
The Execution of the within Deed was duly  
acknowledged in open court by Thomas Clancy  
the subscriber thereto & order to be  
Registered

Test J. Taylor C. C.

## Georgia Census Records:

## 1850 Forsyth County Georgia Census:

Nancy T. Ray 50 (N.C.- widow of Moses Whitsitt) real \$600  
William J. Whitsitt 18 Farmer (N.C.- son of Moses Whitsitt)  
Joseph G. Whitsitt 17 Farmer (N.C.- son of Moses Whitsitt)  
Moses G. Whitsitt 15 (Ga.- son of Moses Whitsitt)  
R. W. Blackstock 29, wife C.A. (N.C.- daughter of Moses Whitsitt)

## 1860 Forsyth County Georgia Census:

William Harris 40 Farmer (S.C.) real. \$6000- personal \$5300,  
wife Manirva (Menirva) J. 33 (N.C.- daughter of Moses Whitsitt),  
Children: Jas. W. 14, Mary E. 12, Virginier (Virginia) 10,  
Harout (Harriet) 8, Adaline R (Angie Ray) 2. All children born Ga.

(this shows that the family of Moses Whitsitt came to Georgia  
about 1835)

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Will of Anthony Thompson- Father of Nancy Thompson Bird, who later married Moses Whitsett.

In the name of God Amen.

I Anthony Thompson of the County of Orange and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory do make this my last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and disannulling all other wills by me heretofore made and do pronounce this to be my last Will & Testament.

I recommend my soul to God who gave it and my body to be decently buried and for what worldly goods it hath pleased God to bestow on me I give devise and direct in the following manner & form, to wit:

I have given and advanced unto my son Anderson Thompson fifty acres of land by a reference to the deed. Will more fully appear the said fifty acres of land I charge him six hundred dollars to be settled and accounted for in the settlement of my estate. I have also advanced unto my said Son Anderson one horse creature, some stock, household & kitchen furniture and I authorize and desire my executors or my wife to give to each child a like as near as can be done in value, stock, household & kitchen furniture as has been given in the out fitt of each of eldest children, provided it can be made out of my own without purchasing.

Item 2'd. I give and bequeath unto my son William Thompson fifty acres of land whereon he now lives including all I own on the south side of the great road west of Isaac Watts Gum Corner and then run parallel with Kecks line for compliment, which land I value at Five hundred dollars to be accounted for at the final settlement of my estate.

Item 3'd. I give and bequeath unto my son Marmaduk Michael Thompson the tract of land adjoining the land of Barney clap and others on Beaver Creek, containing thirty acres more or less at the price of Two Hundred Dollars to be accounted for at the settlement of my Estate.

Item 4th. I lend the use of all the remaining part of land unto my loving wife during her natural life with all the improvements thereon and undisturbed by any person and after her death I give and bequeath unto my son Anthony (after the death of my wife) all that tract of land loaned her whereon I now live bounded by William Thompson's Track yet to be laid off & others with all the improvements thereon to him & his heirs forever at the rate and price of eight hundred dollars to be settled and accounted for in the settlement of my estate.

Item 5th. I lend unto my beloved wife during her natural life (after selling a sufficiency to discharge all my debts) all my

## Will of Anthony Thompson (Cont'd)

stock of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep & my wagon, Black smith tools, farming & tools of all kinds which are on the plantation, all my household & kitchen furniture and I further lend unto my beloved wife during her natural life (under the following requisitions) all my negro slaves for her use & benefit during her natural life but should it so happen that ny negroes should so increase agreeable to the common course of nature of things all the first negroes born after the date of this will so soon as they arrive to the age of five or six years of age to be given at its fair valuation to be valued by three freeholders in the neighbourhood and the said valuation made out in writing which shall be evidence of the value or in any other just way so that the value may be perpetuated which shall be the amount said child shall account for at the final settlement of my estate, the gift shall commence with my daughters first until they have negro property nearly to equal with the price of my sons land after giving each daughter one negro then after that may happen it is my will & desire that my son Marmaduk M. Thompson shall have the next young negro at its valuation as above.

Item 6th. I give and bequeath unto my daughter Polly one negro girl of the value of one hundred and fifty dollars after the death of my wife or value thereof in the final settlement of my estate over and above all the rest of my children on account of her misfortune of having one of her hands injured.

Item 7th. After the death of my wife it is my will and desire that all my negroes shall be divided amongst all my children by valuation of three good and lawfull men appointed by the County Court or by any three Justices our of Court who shall be unconnected to either party, and in the first those men shall value all the negroes and distribute them amongst the children as nearly equal as can be done by charging each Son with the price of his land as above stated & also the daughters with those negroes advanced to them should there be any at the price and valuation made at the time of the delivering of the said negroes (in the first place reserving one if there should be such a one of the value of One Hundred & Fifty dollars for Polly as above mentioned) and charge each child with the amount he has received and so on with the balance of negroes on hand until the whole are distributed round and those children who should happen to have the larger amount shall pay to the lesser until the whole of my children shall have equal share & share alike, to wit: Nancy, Jane, Anderson, Letty, William, Dilly, Marmaduk, and Anthony, and my Daughter Polly to have one hundred and fifty dollars over and above all the rest and I further provide that after the death of my wife for all my stock, household & kitchen furniture or any property not herein provided to be sold and the money arising therefrom perhaps maybe sufficient to bring & make up the unequal fractions due in the division of the negroes which division when completed to each of my said children above, or to them, or their heirs forever.

## Will of Anthony Thompson (Cont'd)

And I further provide that should some of my or their, heirs, live in some distant country and not present at the time of said division as above directed then & in that case, the men appointed to make the said division shall make out an account for each child for the land and negroes so divided by naming at full length the name of each negro & land to the different legatees and make a return of the same to court for safe keeping. And should one of my legatees be about and not money enough raised by the sale of property as above mentioned for to make up a fraction that might be due from his or her lot of negroes, then & in that case it is my will that those negroes shall be hired out until the money can be made and the legatees who are entitle to receive the same shall wait until the money may be received by the hiring the said negroes and pay the money due in such case.

I nominate my wife Polly Thompson my Executrix to this my last Will & Testament - during her life and after her death I request the County Court to appoint two good men capable to divide and settle my estate agreeable to the foregoing Will.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 5th day of August 1824.

Signed, sealed and acknowledged in the presence of Mich'l Holt Alfred A Holt Joel C. Yancy.	Anthony	his X Thompson (SEAL) mark
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## Codicil To The Foregoing Will

I have in the foregoing Will bequeath unto my daughter Jane, wife of John James, an interest in the division of distribution of my negroes slaves as by said will directed. I do hereby revoke said bequest and in lieu thereof I bequeath to my sons Marmaduke M. Thompson and Anthony Thompson, Jr. and to the survivor or survivors of them and to the Executors or Administrators of the survivor of them the negro slaves allotted to her in the foregoing will according to the distribution when made in trust for my daughter Jane wife of John James during her natural life but subject to be taken out of her possession and hired out by the said Trustees whenever they may think proper, it being my intention that she shall have the use of the said slaves for her support and maintenance free and clear from any disposition or control of her husband and no way liable to his debts, and after the death of the said Jane to be equally divided amongst her children including all the increase of said negro slaves.

In the distribution of my land to my sons, certain tracks at certain prices and an exchange of lands of swap of lands have taken place between my two sons William & Marmaduke, and for the purpose of carrying into full effect the said exchange I have executed a deed for Marmaduke's land to William's use and William has received the money for the same I have in the foregoing will bequeathed unto my son William fifty acres of land at the price of five hundred dollars. I do hereby revoke the bequest of land to my son William and in lieu thereof I give and bequeath the same land unto my son Marmaduke M. Thompson to him and his heirs forever. I do hereby revoke the bequest of land on Beaver Creek to my son Marmaduke M. Thompson have sold the same to son William's use and benefit.

In the foregoing codicil I have revoked and charged the gift of land between my sons William & Marmaduke but I do not intend to change the sums of money which I have charged them, in the settlement of my estate for Marmaduke has paid William the difference of price in his own funds, I do hereby provide & bequeath that my son William Thompson shall account in the settlement of my estate and be charged with the same, the sum of five hundred dollars for benefits received in land and I do hereby provide & bequeath that my son Marmaduke M. Thompson shall account in the settlement of my estate and be charged with the same the sum of Two Hundred Dollars for benefits rec'd in land.

It is my will and desire in the settlement of my estate that each of my children that have rec'd stock of any kind, household or kitchen furniture, & not to be noticed in a final settlement of my estate that each child, to be charged with the price of his land or negro slaves and not for any small article - It is my will and desire that my daughter Nancy be charged at the final settlement of my estate with the sum of fifty dollars by advancement to her for the moving of her and her family from the

## Codicil To the Foregoing Will (Cont'd)

State of Tennessee and that sum shall be charged to her with the price of a negro or negroes at the final settlement of my estate and I do hereby revoke any thing in the foregoing will to the contrary notwithstanding.

I do hereby give and bequeath unto Archibald D. Murphy the sum of fifty dollars for the purpose of reimbursing to the said Archibald D. Murphy that sum which he advanced to my daughter Nancy without my consent to him or his heirs forever.

In witness of the foregoing codicil I do hereby sign seal and acknowledge this 7th day of June 1826.

Anthony                      his  
                                    X Thompson (SEAL)  
                                    mark

Signed, sealed and acknowledged  
In the presence of  
    Mich. Holt  
    Alfred A Holt

Orange County November Term 1836

The Execution of the foregoing Last Will and Testament of Anthony Thompson dec'd was duly proved in open court by the oath of Mich Holt, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and the Codicil thereunto annexed was duly proved by the oath of Mich Holt and ordered to be recorded. At the same time Polly Thompson the Executrix therein named appeared in open court and qualified accordingly.

(Orange Co. Will Book E, p. 396)

Test.

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## Marriage Bond of Moses Whitsett &amp; Nancy Thompson Bird:

State of North-Carolina.- Orange County Marriage Bonds, W.

We acknowledge ourselves indebted to Haliday G Burton Governor, &c. in the sum of five hundred pounds: but to be void on condition that there is no lawful cause to obstruct a marriage between Moses Whitsett and Nancy Bird for whom a license now issues. Witness our hands and seals, this 8th day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1827.

J. Taylor

Moses Whitsett (Seal)  
Archibald \_\_\_\_\_ (Seal)

(At time of their marriage or soon there after Moses & Nancy Whitsett settled in Rockingham County, North Carolina. Their first child, Minerva Jane, was born in Rockingham County)

## Whitsett Bible Records (Bible in possession of Mae Harris Friar)

## Births:

Nancy T. Ray  
Was Born Feb. 18th 1800

Moses G Whitsitt  
Was Born April 8th 1835

M. J. Whitsitt  
Was Born Dec. 23th 1827

Augustus H Ray  
Was Born Dec 12th 1836

Cornelia A Whitsitt  
Was Born Aug 10th 1829

Henry L Ray  
Was Born July 8th 1838

William J Whitsitt  
Was Born Oct 7th 1831

Mary A Ray (Angie)  
Was Born Jany 9th 1842

Joseph G Whitsitt  
Was Born May 14th 1833

## Deaths:

Moses G. Whitsitt Sen  
Departed this Life  
Oct 8th 1834

Nancy T. Ray Departed this  
Life May 26th 1882 Aged  
82 years 3 months & 3 Days

William H Ray  
Departed this Life  
Nov 14th 1843

Wm. Harris Departed this  
Life Februry 8th 1884 Aged  
64 years and 8 days

M. A. Ray Departed this  
Life 21st June 1858 aged  
16 years 6 months & 12 days

M. J. Harris Departed this  
Life May 16th 1904 Aged 76  
years 4 months 23 days



## Whitsett Bible Records (Cont'd)

## Deaths:

Henry L. Ray Departed this Life  
 December 13th 1873 Aged  
 35 years 5 months 11 days

## Marriages:

Moses G & Nancy T Whitsitt  
 Was Married Jany 11th 1827

William H & N. T. Ray  
 Was Married Feb 20 1836

Wm Harris & Mifs M. J. Whitsitt  
 Was Married Dec 18 1842  
 Cumming Geo

R. W. Blackstock & Mifs  
 C. A. Whitsitt Was Married  
 July 2d 1843 Cumming Ga.

W. J. Whitsitt & Harriett Willis  
 Was Married 1 December 1853

Joseph G Whitsitt & Sarah E  
 Green Was Married May 18 1854

M. G. Whitsitt & Nannie E.  
 McCrory Was Married Aug 8th  
 1860 Fort Smith Ark

A. H. Ray & Mifs Emma Miller  
 Was Married May 2 1859  
 Fort Smith Ark

Henry L Ray & Annie Thornton  
 Was Married Dec 14 1865  
 Henry L Ray & Miss Lou Sharp  
 Was Married July 18 1872

(This Bible Record of Nancy Thompson Bird Whitsitt Ray, shows  
 she used spelling of Whitsitt- her 2nd husband, Moses Whitsett,  
 spelled it Whitsett before his marriage, so in this family  
 both forms were used)

## Marriage Record of Minerva Jane Whitsett:

Proof from her brither-in-law, who was witness at her wedding:

State of Texas  
County of Fannin

Before the undersigned authority of this day personally appeared Richard Blackstock and after being duly Sworn by me dispose and says that he was present and witnessed the marriage of Wm Harris and Jane Whitsett in the month of December 1842 in the county of Forsith and State of Georgia

Richard W Blackstock

Sworn and Subscribed to before me this 20th day of March 1891

A. L. Dickey J Peace  
Notary Public in the and for  
Fannin County Texas

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Jane (Whitsett) Harris' Civil War Record:

Headquarters District Of The Etowah  
Chattanooga, August 1st, 1864.

Jane Harris, Loyal Citizen of Tunnell Hill residing on the W & A RR is exempted from the operation of Paragraph I, General Order No. 2, from these Headquarters, of June 28, 1864, She having obliged herself to act at all times when practicable, as informant to the Federal authorities of all matters coming within her knowledge pertaining to the safety of its armies, lines of communications, guards, employees and property. A Failure to act as required by the conditions of this permit will be taken as full evidence that the party obtaining it is a spy, "lurking within the lines of the Federal army," and will be treated accordingly.

By Command of Major General Steedman

S Bwor A.A.G.

(this is proof that Jane Whitsett Harris was a Confederate Spy, as he worked actively and without fear for the Confederacy)

## Pension Record of Jane Whitsett Harris:

State of Georgia

Attorney-General's Office Atlanta, June 28, 1898.

Mrs. Jane Harris, c/o Ordinary, Dalton, Ga.

Dear Madam:

Enclosed herewith I hand you check for \$60 to cover your pension for 1898.

Please acknowledge receipt, and oblige.

Yours very truly,

Enc.

J. M. Terrell Attorney-General

From a Child of the Civil War-

(as told by Harriet Harris Deck, granddaughter of Moses Whitsett and daughter of Minerva Jane Whitsett Harris)

"I can remember the war. I was seven or eight years old, Angie was about four (her sister, Angie Harris Callaway). There were no men folks left at home, Pa and Bud were away fighting in the war. All the negroes were helping fight or had run away, except one old negro left to help Ma and an old negro mammy, who tried to keep to keep some thing cooked to feed us children.

"One day the Yankees come to our house looking for victuals. There was a basket of sweet potatoes in the kitchen. One of the Yankee soldiers picked up the basket and started out with it. Jennie (her sister, Virginia Harris Quinn) grabbed his coattail and followed him, pulling on him and saying, "Man, man, them's our taters!". He didn't pay her any mind. We had a barrel of molasses under a stairway. When the soldiers searched the house, to see if we had any thing hid, Grandma Ray put her chair in front of the little door that opened under the stairs and sat down. She sat there until they left and they didn't find the molasses. They started to take Ma's old horse, the only one left on the place. She took a butcher knife and went out and stood by the horse and dared them to take it. They got on their horses and went away."

Grandma Ray's Gravestone:

Stone Church Graveyard, near Ringgold, Ga.

Inscription: Nancy T. Ray Born Orange Co., N.C. Feb. 18, 1800  
Died May 26, 1882.

Death Notice- Minerva Jane Whitsett Harris:

Dalton, Ga. May 16, 1904-

Death of Mrs. M. J. Harris

Mrs. M. J. Harris, mother of Mrs. Luke Callaway, died at the suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Callaway, Monday night and was buried at Dog Wood Church, Tuesday, Rev. W. F. Quillen officiating. Mrs. Harris was born in North Carolina on December 23d, 1827, and was a consistent member of the Methodist Church for 45 years. She was married to Mr. William Harris, Dec. 18th 1842, and leaves seven children and many grandchildren to mourn her loss. Her children are Mrs. M. C. Harris, Haile, Texas; J. W. Harris, Dodd, Mrs. M. E. Love, Dodd, Texas; Mrs. Jennie Quinn, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Mrs. Hattie Deck, Walker County, Ga.; Mrs. Angie Callaway, Dalton, and W. W. Harris, Scruggs, Tenn.

Death Notice- Minerva Jane Whitsett Harris (Cont'd)

Her Gravestone Inscription- Dog Wood Graveyard:

M. J. Whitsitte- Wife of Wm Harris  
Born Dec. 28, 1827 Died May 16, 1904  
'Having finished lifes duties she sweetly rests'

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#### CAPTAIN WHITSITT CLAIMED BY DEATH

Oldest Settler in the County Came Here in 1854, Fifty Seven Years Ago.

The death of Capt. Whitsitt took place at his home here Monday night at 12:00 o'clock, after a short illness of La-Grippe. His death brings to our little town universal sorrow.

Capt. Whitsitt was born in Rockingham County N.C. Oct. 7, 1831. He moved to Catoosa County in 1858 and lived here ever since, except four years spent in the civil war. He enlisted at the outbreak of the war as a private in Company B, 1st Georgia battallion, soon rising to the rank of Captain in the 1st Georgia regiment. He also served this county as sheriff and treasurer.

He was a member of the Methodist Church at this place and until his health failed a few years ago, his place was never vacant. He was a great lover of children and made friends of all the little folks in town.

In the death of Capt. Whitsitt our town and county has sustained a great loss and Camp Joe McConnell one of its truest and most loyal members.

Surviving Capt. Whitsitt are his wife, one son, C. H. Whitsitt, of Chattanooga, a granddaughter, Mrs. W. H. Whorley of Nashville, a brother, Joe Whitsitt of Belton Tex., a half brother, C. H. Ray of Youngport, Tex.

A touching scene at his funeral was the presence of eleven of his old comrades acting as honorary pallbearers: J. A. Smith, R. B. Trimmier, J. T. Robinson, J. H. Anderson, W. H. Neal, J. C. Hix, J. W. Smith, W. W. Batey, Luke Dempsey, W. C. McDonald and I. L. Magill.

The funeral was conducted at the late residence yesterday morning at nine o'clock by Rev. M. L. Harris, the interment following in the Anderson cemetery.

The Record offers sincerest sympathy to the sorrowing family.

(this was William J. Whitsitt, son of Moses Whitsitt and brother of Minerva Jane Whitsitt Harris)