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Families Mentioned in This Section:

McDonough, McDonogh, MacDonough
Tower
Denton, Newman
von Christy
Kafer
Droege

Montmorency
Coligny
Janssen
Rapalje
van Nyssen

The Walloons
Saxe-Coburg-Gotha

Gilbert
Kurtz
Dils
Workman
Forsyth

Murphey
Trichka
Wilson
Collyer
Harris
Gorman
Hawes
Lilly

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DEDICATION

I dedicate this work to my wonderful husband, Frank McDonough III, to our lovely daughter, Carol Gorman, and to our daughter Margot Mason, who in her sadly shortened life embodied and enhanced her heritage.

**TO FORGET ONE'S ANCESTORS IS
TO BE A BROOK WITHOUT A SOURCE,
A TREE WITHOUT A ROOT.**

CHINESE PROVERB

"A man will not be the better because he hath a well-born father if he himself is naught. The only thing which is good in noble descent is this — that it makes men ashamed of being worse than their elders."

- comment of Alfred, King of England, 871, written into his Saxon English translation of "Consolation of Philosophy" in Latin by Boetius.

**A PEOPLE WHICH TAKES NO PRIDE IN
THE NOBLE ACHIEVEMENT OF REMOTE ANCESTORS
WILL NEVER ACHIEVE ANYTHING TO BE REMEMBERED
WITH PRIDE BY REMOTE DESCENDANTS.**

LORD MACAULAY

To My Ancestors

I see you toiling down the tedious years
you bearded, gaunt and bent old pioneers,
Sowing and reaping, sowing once again
In patience for an unborn race of men.
I see you struggling in the wilderness
Where failure meant starvation-and success
A cabin in the wilderness, rough-hewn, rude,
Garments of homespun, and the humblest food.
Tradition scarcely tells me whence you came,
I only know a few of you by name:
I only know you lived and multiplied
Suite profligate in progeny and died.
Yet in my heart I know that most of you
Were strong and steadfast and that one or two
At least had weaknesses that still may be
Lost in the trend of atavistic me.
One I am sure was blest with native wit,
I'm thankful he transmitted some of it!
That helped him dodge Dame Trouble's swiftest dart,
And meet Mis Fortune with a merry heart.
One was rather a worthless wight I fear, who
When bluebirds whistled spring was near
Forsook his place - a shiftless sluggard one,
And roamed the woods alone with rod and gun.
And one a gentle dreamer was I trow,
Who lured by shadows let the substance go.
It was he who dared the raging western sea,
I'm glad he handed down his dreams to me!

"Eolus" in the Chicago Tribune

FOREWORD

In looking up one's family, it is not just the dates on the family tree which are of interest, it is the people themselves.

What were their lives like? What sort of times did they live through? The whole panorama of history opens up. The activities of one family leads to interest in other families of their time, whether they were "kin" or not.

What they did, what kind of people they were, how they related to the times in which they lived — this is what is relevant. To me, this is what makes genealogy vastly interesting.

Because I spent much time as a child with my delightful Warner grandparents in the old family home in Longmont, I became interested in family stories at an early age. I never tired of "Daddy" Warner's stories of his New Orleans childhood, "Nana's" of her early life in Marengo, Iowa.

Later, travelling with my husband, as he covered, in all, twenty-two states for his company, I had a chance to do research in most of the places our families had lived. Twice we had no "home base", just travelled his assigned territory for eight months at a time.

While he worked all day in a town or city, he would leave me at a library or at historical society headquarters. I had the time and opportunity to look up the history in which our forebears were included.

Most productive, of course was New England, especially in Vermont and Boston, and at the fine library on the campus of Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. Also the fine libraries in New Orleans, for the Warner histories and John McDonogh.

Every source of information is listed in the Bibliography. Others can go on with the research, seeking what I may have missed.

Also, I am grateful to relatives and friends who were most helpful. Most of these are mentioned in the text.

Maude Mayes Griswold (Mrs. Dan), a dedicated genealogist has been of great help and inspiration also.

Harrises of Virginia and Maryland came from the Wiltshire Harrises, who were the Earls of Mahnsbury.

From the Yorkshire branch came the settlers of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

The Ayrshire Harrises, a third branch, went to Scotland and helped win its independence under Robert Bruce. Those that lived in Ayrshire were Lord Harris, Baron Terrigles, etc.

Scotch Irish Harrises of U.S. descended from Edward, born 1620 of County Donegal, Ireland. Several of these married Douglasses.

Three brothers, Edward had 2 sons and 1 daughter; Robert had 7 sons and 1 daughter; James had 4 sons, all emigrated to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania early in 18th century.

Robert Harris (who died in sight of land on way to Pennsylvania), his wife, Dorothy Wylie, and seven sons, settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Bought land from Thomas Penn in 1737.

Thomas, William, Robert, James, Charles, Samuel, and John about 1750 to 1755 the last five moved to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina (now Cabarrus County) and settled on Rocky River. John later moved to Blount County, Tennessee, with his eight children. The brothers remained in Maryland and reared large families. From them are descended the Harrises, known thruout the South as the Scotch-Irish Harrises of Mecklenburg.

Caroline County Harrises

Henry Harris
married Anne Adams
died in 1744

John Harris
married Sara Standard, died in 1778
died in 1777

Children: John, born August 26, 1763
married Lucy, daughter of William Day
and married Anne, June 8, 1785
lived at "Oxford" (Louisa County, Virginia or
Pammilery River, Caroline County)
Children: John Overton, etc.

Captain William Harris
born 1669, died about 1731
married Temperance Overton

Children: William Harris, Jr.
married a Burnett
had eleven children including:
John, married Miss Clough
Frederick, married Eliza, daughter of
Richman and Nancy Overton Ferrell.
son, James Overton Harris, married Ann Fleming.
had eight others.
Major Robert Harris, married Mourning Glen
son, Will, born 1765
lived in Albemarle County in 1792
had eight children including:
Joel married Anne Waller
James born 1766 married Mary McColloch
Their daughter Mary married a James Harris of
Huguent descent in 1729
settled in Albemarle, Virginia

THE HARRIS FAMILY

Maude Mayes Griswold researched this.

Major Robert Harris was a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses from Hanover County, Virginia 1736 to 1738, 1740-1742, and Justice of Peace of Louisa County 1742, and surveyor in 1744. His wife, Mary Claiborne Rice, daughter of Secretary William Claiborne, who came to Virginia with George Wyant 1621. William Claiborne was born in 1587 died 1676, married Elizabeth Butler. He was secretary of State of Virginia, 1625-1635, 1652-1660, Treasurer in 1642-1660. Surveyer General in 1621-1625.

He was a Justice of Peace of York and Northumberland in 1653. Member of the Council in 1623. In 1629 he commanded an expedition against the Indians; and again in 1644. In Northhampton records April 1653, is an order referring to the Worshipful Colonel William Claiborne Esqr. ---- Governor. (couldn't decipher the word between).

Major Robert Harris's son William Harris married Temperance Overton who came to this country with three brothers and settled in Waters, Colonel William Overton served under Oliver Cromwell and was at the battle of Dunbar.

William Harris & Temperance Overton were parents of Major Robert. The land office records of Virginia shows numerous patents to William Harris from 1713 to 1735, aggregating 4322 acres.

Richard Gentry's book taken from records and he says Robert Harris came from England to Virginia and 1650 and in 1660 married Mary Rice formerly Claiborne. He calls him Robert, Harris, the emigrant. He finds he came in what was called the Gentleman period. They owned boats and brought over emigrants and traded tobacco for tea, coffee, rum and the like. I have an old ledger or accounts book, has names of so many early Virginians, they were all planters those days.

To William Harris and wife Temperance were born three sons to our knowledge:

Christopher Harris
Major Robert Harris married Mourning Glenn
Overton Harris married Anne Nelson

Major Robert Harris — born ca. 1690 or 1700
married Mourning Glenn, January 30, 1720

Children:

Anna Harris
born March 31, 1724
married John Dabney

Christopher Harris
born February 5, 1725
married first Mary Dabney
married second Agnes McCord, December 21, 1740 in Colony of Virginia.

Tyree Harris
born April 8, 1728
married first Miss Chapmar
married second Mary Simpson

Mary Harris
born February 10, 1724

James Harris

Lucy Harris
born April 12, 1734
married William Shelton

Sarah Harris
born May 24, 1736
married John Rodes