clining years in the home of Capt.William Richards and Eliza (Miller). After the death of Simon Miller 3rd. who died shortly after his wife, a suit in chancery arose over the deceased's will, which was presented for probate by Capt.William Richards and in which the bulk of the estate was bequeathed to Eliza, his youngest daughter. Simon and his wife Isabella had lived for a considerable time with the Richards family, it having been agreed that if the Richards maintained them they would receive the bulk of their property.

A deposition of John Strode taken March 13 1804 in Culpeper County stated that Simon Miller was a "very aged, wealthy, and reputable man of this County of Culpeper". The deponent (aged 70) went on at some length to say that he recollected about 1780 Simon Miller gave the land and slaves now in dispute to Capt. Richards, and "the late Mrs.Richards informed me" also of this gift, being "for the great care and attention which she said Capt.Richards on all occasions paid to Mr. Miller's interest, to his person, and to his Lady who were both very old and in a manner destitute of any other cordial and affectionate relief".

James Hord (1736-1802), son-in-law and nephew of Simon Miller deceased, hotly contested the will. Many depositions were taken and in 1822 Thomas Humphreys, son-in-law and executor of Capt.William Richards, was named a party to the suit, which seems to have been finally settled in the Richards' favor.

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HARRIS of HANOVER and LOUISA COUNTIES

ROBERT HARRIS came to Virginia from Wales about the year 1650. He married Mary Claiborne, youngest child of William Claiborne, Secretary of the Colony, and wife Elizabeth Butler. The

Claiborne family records show only WILLIAM HARRIS as the issue of Robert and Mary Claiborne Harris. Dr.Malcolm H.Harris, of West Point, Virginia, who published a history of Louisa County in 1936, and spent subsequent years in correcting and finding more information on the Harris family, in a letter to the compiler July 29,1962 stated: "I regret that there is no proof of the Harris-Claiborne marriage. It has been repeated over and over that Major Robert Harris of "The Forks" married Mary Claiborne, the widow of Edward Rice and daughter of Colonel William Claiborne,the Secretary, but there is not a single record to prove it. Captain William Harris of "Cedar Hill" in Hanover County is as far back as we can go with records. He married Temperance Overton, and they were the parents of William Harris Jr. who patented land on Little River in 1725, which was divided among his four sons."

Captain William Harris of "Cedar Hill", St.Martin's Parish, Hanover County, was born 1669 and died 1733. He married Temperance Overton who was born 1679, died 1716 and is buried at "Cedar Hill" where her gravestone may be seen. She was the daughter of William Overton, the immigrant, and his wife Mary Waters. William and Temperance had four children:

1. Major Robert Harris of Albemarle; his will proved there Aug.8,1765, was elected Burgess from Hanover. He resigned to accept the position of Surveyor of Louisa when the new county was split from Hanover. He married Mourning Glenn, and they had three sons and eight daughters.
2. Benjamin Harris, a Quaker, who married Sarah Dumas, a daughter of Dr.Jeremiah Dumas, a physician and French Huguenot immigrant; died ante 1765.
3. John Harris, died 1778 in Caroline County.