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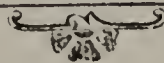
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The old homestead in Winthrop, Maine,
Built by Charles Harris before 1800

Foreword

GENEALOGIES are apt to be personal. This is entirely so, as it has been compiled for the benefit of my own family, having been inspired by family traditions given me by my parents and grandparents.

Many of our ancestors were among the Pilgrims and Puritans. It has been said of these early settlers that "God sifted a nation and sent choice grain into this wilderness." The picture of Rev. John Robinson standing beside the Mayflower passengers with the open Bible in his hand, reading from Gen. 12, 1-3, should inspire their descendants to endeavor to be worthy of their inheritance.

Those early times were filled with hardships, the log cabin, the pine knot, no heat in winter save that of an open fireplace in which they did their cooking. Later came the tallow dip, the oil lamp, the brick oven and the iron stove. Probably few people back of our grandparents ever saw an electric light, a trolley car or an automobile, and wireless telegraphy would have been beyond their wildest dreams. It is equally difficult for us to fully conceive their limitations. Primitive indeed were their homes, their schools, their churches, but Sunday found all families in church, where heads were bowed in praise and thanks to God for his great goodness, and prayers were uttered for his guidance in their daily lives.

Our ancestors left us a faith and hope that will light us into the valley of the shadow, through which we too, in God's own time, shall pass.

Though some of them "doubted" regarding the old time orthodoxy, and seemed to lose the way religiously, they kept strictly to the path of righteousness and morality.

Like ourselves, they had their faults and failings, but it is not the purpose of this book to record these. They were far more than balanced by their many virtues. The wonder is that with such limited opportunities they could leave us such a worthy legacy, in the way of writings which express character and ability of no mean order, and letters which show a surprisingly good average of penmanship, wording and spelling.

We shall do well if we live up to their standards and pass them on to other generations.

*In genealogical research
Two questions oft arise;
If I could see my ancestors
And view with modern eyes
The whole big ancient tribe
Perched in the family tree,
Would I be proud of them?
Ah — would they be proud of me?*



Family Traditions and Reminiscences.

There are many people in the United States who bear the name of Harris and in England the name is even more common. Many Englishmen who bore the name came to America in the early days.

There was a Walter Harris, who settled in Weymouth, Mass., in 1632, coming from Norwich, on the "William and Francis." In 1649 he was in Dorchester and in 1652 in New London, Conn.

Among the earlier settlers of Salem was a George Harris, and Duxbury gives the name of Arthur Harris among her pioneers.

In the settlement of Rowley, Mass., we find the names of John, Thomas and William Harris.

Another Thomas Harris and wife, Elizabeth, kept a ferry between Boston and Charlestown. They had sons, Daniel and Thomas. After the death of Thomas senior, his widow married Deacon William Stinson and he continued the ferry.

Had it not been for family tradition on the part of my grandfather, Caleb Harris, my genealogical search would have been like that for the proverbial "needle in the hay stack."

As children we were entertained with his stories of the past. In a little trunk he kept many letters, records and books. He owned the ancestral family Bible, with records beginning with my great, great grandfather, Obadiah Harris born in 1736.

Among the books was one written by Hannah Adams, "the pioneer of feminine literature in America." There was also a beautifully written letter from her bearing the date of 1813. This was addressed to my great, great aunt, Lois Harris. Hannah's step-mother was Sarah Harris, an aunt to Lois. There were also ties of blood. The two girls had been schoolmates in the old Medfield, Mass., home. It is not likely that they ever met after Lois went to Maine to live with her brother, Charles, my great grandfather, in 1785.

Among interesting family traditions was that of Sylvanus Harris, of the fifth generation. This man had wonderful skill in doing examples in arithmetic, and was constantly "ciphering," as it was called, upon original problems. His mother used to say to him, "Sylvanus, I believe you'll die a-ciphering."

One day, as he was guarding a field at Falmouth, Maine, in company with two men named Morse and Gould, he thought of an interesting problem and taking a piece of paper from his pocket he held it up against a tree trunk and began to work it out. He was shot and instantly killed by an Indian and died as his mother prophesied, "a-ciphering."

Herman and Timothy Harris, two brothers of my grandfather, were sea faring men. Their father was very much opposed to their becoming sailors, telling them that they might be lost at sea or die of some dread disease in a foreign land. He also was a prophet, for Timothy died of small-pox in the Indies and Herman was lost in a storm off Cape Hatteras.

There are many interesting letters from these two young men, neither of whom ever married. In those of Herman, one finds that whenever he reached American shores he haunted the postoffice for a word from home, but between the lines, it is easy to see that it was for news about a fair lass in his own village, even more than from his "dear and honored grandma'am," as he always addressed her.

His letters give a lesson in respect and courtesy of expression that would be a good example to the youth of today. He usually signed himself, "I am, honoured grandma'am," your dutiful grandson, Herman Harris.

He was tremendous in size and in physical power. On one voyage he and Timothy were sailing homeward, (he was captain and Timothy, first mate), when their Spanish crew became mutinous. They seized Herman and threw him overboard. He was like a shark in water and swimming after the vessel he managed to get on board. The Spaniards had grappled with Timothy and were about to treat him likewise when Herman's white face appeared.

Thinking that it was his spirit their knees knocked together in fright and the two brothers soon had them in irons. This sounds like a fairy tale, but my father has told me that it is a matter of history and on record in New York, where the men in irons were landed.

Charles Harris, father of Herman and Timothy, my great grandfather, moved from Wrentham, Mass., to Winthrop, Maine, in 1785. He was a cooper by trade.

He and his father, Obadiah Harris, were revolutionary soldiers, Charles enlisting at the age of sixteen. He is described as over six feet tall with blue eyes and light hair. He received a commission as Sergeant after a short time of service. After moving to Winthrop, he became one of the pillars of the Congregational church and was for years an honored deacon.

His father, Obadiah, saw much service in the revolutionary war. He was in the battle of Ticonderoga, July 6, 1758, when Lord Howe was killed and at Fort William Henry, when it capitulated to Montcalm.

Caleb Harris, my grandfather, and Henry Harris, my father, were both born in Winthrop, Maine, the old home still being in existence there. When my father was twelve years old they moved to Mercer, Maine. Caleb Harris, like his father, was a cooper by trade.

He was a man of strong personality and therefore made strong friends and some enemies as well, for he was a fearless champion of whatever he believed to be right. In his day the use of intoxicating liquor was common and he took a stand for total abstinence, in consequence of which he once came near losing his life. When liquor was spilled in the village streets he often had a hand in it. Not one of his descendants has ever been addicted to its use, so far as I know.

He was a strong anti-slavery man in its early days, he and Dr. Andrew Crosswell standing, at first, alone in the community. Dr. Crosswell was a Harvard graduate, descended from Plymouth families. His daughter, Susan, married Admiral Thatcher of naval fame, a grandson of Gen. Knox, one of Washington's naval officers. The houses

where these people lived are still in a good state of preservation in Mercer village.

On one occasion my grandfather drove fourteen miles to attend a pro-slavery meeting. At the close of the address, which was most misleading and untrue, he asked if he might put a few questions to the speaker. Permission was granted and very soon the entire sentiment of the meeting changed completely, and the former speaker vanished from the place.

He was a reader of history and the classics and possessed much natural literary ability. When his native town of Winthrop celebrated its one hundredth anniversary, he was chosen as the poet for the occasion. He was the author of many humorous rhymes that told the droll happenings of the time, some of them appearing in the local newspapers.



Homestead at Mercer, Maine

When my grandfather moved to Mercer in 1843, he purchased a little story and a half house that had been built by my great grandfather on my mother's side, Timothy Ellis, Jr., who had moved there from Medfield, Mass., sawing the timber for it at his mill at a nearby stream. This old homestead is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Allen F. Hilton and their three children. Mrs. Hilton was Jennie Harris, my half sister.



HENRY HARRIS

My father, Henry Harris, was the youngest of his family. As a boy he developed most unusual musical talent. There was much prejudice against the violin and my grandfather did not favor his becoming "a fiddler," but no talent is so persistent in its demands upon its possessor as the musical one. When a small boy in his early teens he crossed the stream east of the farm one dark night on a raft, purchased, with his small savings, a violin and after the family was asleep at night he would climb a ladder into the hayloft, dig up his beloved instrument and in the darkness play upon it. It was impossible for it to remain a secret and when his ability was discovered he was permitted to do his playing in the house, to the delight of his sisters and friends. One of Maine's most famous violinists, hearing him play, offered to educate him in music, but my grandfather would not give his consent.

He became an old-time teacher of "singing schools" and a maker of excellent violins, working upon them and playing delightfully upon them from the age of fourteen until he was past eighty.



Henry Harris in his workshop when over eighty years of age



The finished product. A group of his violins

My mother, Abbie Maria (Hatch), was also musical and possessed a fine contralto voice. Her father sang and played the 'cello. There was always music in our home which made it a musical center for the surrounding country.

Among my happiest childhood memories are those of winter evenings, when friends from out of town would come for music. There would be a merry jingle of sleigh bells outside, mingled with happy voices, and whole families would appear, sometimes with cornets and violins. Perhaps a sleeping baby would be laid upon the "spare bed," not to awaken during the whole evening or the long ride home over the crisp snow.

Then there were the evenings when there was "a sing" and sitting around the table, with no accompaniment, the strong, rich voices of men and women would blend in such ancient anthems as, "Fly like a youthful hart or roe, Over the hills where spices grow, o-o-over the hi-i-ills where spi-i-ices grow."

The singing school gatherings where my father took us children were always a delight. I still have the little four octave melodeon, which he would fold and tuck away under the seat of the sleigh for our accompaniments. A good foundation for the knowledge of harmony and sight reading was laid in these "do, re, mi" meetings, and many good times enjoyed.

Yes, there were the glad times and the sad times, as well. As a small girl of five I can remember my patient little grandmother Harris watching nightly for the return of her "soldier boy," hoping against hope that he might escape from rebel prison and come home to her and his wife and four children. And I remember when the letters came that told of his death from starvation and how brave and hopeful he was to the very end. He was my father's only brother, a younger one having died in infancy.

And the sad winter when our little mother went from us left an indelible impression, although I was but seven. Before spring came, four of us five little children had typhoid fever and but for the tender care of our three aunts we might not have lived. Aunt Mary, my father's oldest sister, came

and mothered us as best she could for four years. Aunt Emily and Aunt Eliza lived at the old home and we in a newer one near by.

Among happy experiences were the times when my father's three married sisters used to come in the stage, Aunt Hannah and Aunt Julia from Lowell, Mass., and Aunt Olive from Winthrop, Maine. When Aunt Julia passed away in Lowell, Mass., in 1914, she was the last remnant of her family. My sister, Josie, and I attended her funeral. The officiating clergyman, who was just beginning his work there, said "It was never my pleasure to meet this woman but turning to my church records I found these words, 'William and Julia Ingalls united with this church in 1864 by letter from the church at Mercer, Maine.' They sang in the choir and he was for years a deacon. They were always in good standing."



Church at Mercer, Maine

In this churchyard our parents and grandparents were buried. In the church my father and mother sang and from the time I was eleven to fourteen I played the small cabinet organ at church services.

Beside the old stage road that leads to my grandfather's house there is, at the foot of the hill, a large flat rock. My father told me that when, as a little boy of twelve, he rode past that rock on the load of goods with his father, their entire household possessions from the Winthrop home, he saw an attractive little brown haired girl in a "buff" gown sitting there and he thought what a nice playmate he was to have. She afterward became our mother. Four of us inherited the dark hair. My sister Annie had the blue eyes of the Harris family.

It was my mother's grandfather who built the homestead and his sawmill was near by.

Only a trace of the foundation of the mill can be found today and our little mother has been gone for half a century but the home, the letters and the papers, yellowed with age, remain. It is our privilege today to lovingly gather up the fragments of family history and preserve them for future generations.

Genealogy

THE FIRST GENERATION

Thomas Harris and wife, Elizabeth, — with his brother William Harris and a sister who married Thomas Roberts of Newport, R. I., came to America from Deal, Kent County, England, on the ship "Lyon," with Rev. Roger Williams in 1632.

They first appear in the Plymouth records, later in Salem, and in 1636 they were associates of Roger Williams in the founding of Providence, R. I.

Thomas Harris was a surveyor, laying out the land. He also held many public offices, serving as Deputy to the General Court, and for years was a member of the Town Council. The maiden name of his wife is unknown.

THE SECOND GENERATION

The children of Thomas and Elizabeth — Harris were:
Thomas, born —, married Elnathan Tew, Nov. 3, 1664.
 She was the daughter of Richard and Mary (Clarke) Tew of Newport, R. I., and was born in 1644.

Mary, born in 1639 and died Dec. 14, 1722. She married Samuel Whipple and had five children.

Martha, born —, died 1717. She married Thomas Field and had six children.

THE THIRD GENERATION

Thomas Harris married Elnathan Tew Nov. 3, 1664. He died Feb. 27, 1711. Their children were:

Thomas, born August 19, 1665, died, Nov. 1, 1741. He married Phœbe Brown, daughter of Henry and Waite (Waterman) Brown and had eight children.

Richard, born Nov. 14, 1668, and died in 1750. He married Lydia King.

Nicholas, born April 15, 1671, and died March 27, 1746. He married Anne Hopkins, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Smith) Hopkins.

William, born May 11, 1673 and Jan. 14, 1726. He married Abigail — and had five children.

Henry, born Nov. 10, 1675, and died March 29, 1727. He married Lydia Olney and had three children.

Amity, born Dec. 10, 1667. Married —, Christopher Smith.

Elnathan, born —, died —, married Nathaniel Brown and had three children.

Job, born Jan. 11, 1681. He married Mary —.

Mary, born —, married first, Gabriel Bernon, a Huguenot refugee and a noted man in R. I. They had three children. She married second, Nathaniel Brown. No children.

THE FOURTH GENERATION

Nicholas, born April 15, 1671, married Anne Hopkins. Their children were:

Nicholas, born Oct. 1691, died May 18, 1775. He married Hannah Blake, daughter of John and Joanna (Whiting) Blake.

Thomas, born, —, died —, married Sarah (Collins) Rutenberg, widow of John Rutenberg.

Christopher, born Dec. 13, 1706, died July 27, 1781. He married his cousin, Anna Harris, daughter of Toleration who was a son of William Harris.

Jedidiah, born —, died —, married Patience Brown.

Joseph, born —, died —, married — Sweet.

Zeruiah, born, March 19, 1701, married Zuriel Waterman.

Anna, born —, died —, married Samuel Kilton.

Amity, —

Sarah, — married Israel Carpenter.

Mary, —

THE FIFTH GENERATION

Nicholas, born Oct. 1691, died May 18, 1775. He married Hannah Blake. Their children were:

Sylvanus, born 1721. He was killed by an Indian while "ciphering."

Reuben, born Nov. 15, 1722.

Nicholas, born Oct. 19, 1724. He lived in Walpole, Mass. His daughter, Sarah, married Thomas Adams of Medfield and became step-mother to Hannah Adams, the authoress.

John, born May 6, 1726, married Deborah —.

Zipporah, born Feb. 19, 1728, married Dr. Obadiah Blake in 1749.

Freelove, born Sept. 30, 1729, married Eliphalet Carpenter in 1769.

Erastus, born 1731. Married Rebecca Adams and moved to Packersfield, N. H.

Joseph, born 1734, moved to Thompson, Conn.

Simeon, born 1735.

Obadiah, born July 7, 1736, married Lois Ellis, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Barnard) Ellis.

Ashael, baptized May 14, 1738.

Hannah, born —, died —, married an Ellis and moved to Washington, Conn.

THE SIXTH GENERATION

Obadiah, born July 7, 1736 married Lois Ellis, daughter of Ebenezer and Elizabeth (Barnard) Ellis of Dedham. She was born July 1, 1736. Their children were:

Charles, born June 3, 1760. He married Melatiah Hawes, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Ware) Hawes.

Lucippe, born Nov. 30, 1761, married her cousin Ziba Harris and moved to Walpole. She and her three children died in 1790. He afterward married and moved to Conn. The family Bible records are beautifully written by Lucippe.

Lois, born Oct. 2, 1763. Unmarried. Died Sept. 2, 1829 in Winthrop, Maine. She was a woman of refinement, a teacher, giving her life in service to her family. When her sister Rhoda died, she mothered her children. She was a friend of Hannah Adams.

Obadiah, born 1765, died 1789.

Clarissa, born Nov. 7, 1767.

Rhoda, born 1769, married Benjamin Allen.

Herman, born 1772, died 1778.

Harlowe, born 1774, settled in Portland, Maine, and lived to be over eighty. He had a son, Samuel, who was a clerk in the Secretary of State's office at Augusta, Maine, and afterward became a clerk in the Navy Department at Washington, D. C. In 1850 Samuel lost his four children with scarlet fever. Other children were born later.

THE SEVENTH GENERATION

Charles, born June 3, 1760, in Wrentham, Mass., married Melatiah Hawes, daughter of Timothy and Mary (Ware) Hawes. Their children were:

Timothy, born Oct. 9, 1784, at Wrentham, Mass. Never married.

Herman, born July 22, 1786, at Winthrop, Maine. Unmarried. These two brothers followed the sea.

Julia, born Sept. 10, 1788. She married first Jonathan Chandler, and second, Col. John May. Her step-son William May, named his daughter for her, Julia Harris May. She became a well known writer of poetry and conducted a select school at Farmington, Maine.

Caleb, born June 15, 1790, in Winthrop, married Dorcas Cole, daughter of Tobias and Mary (Gray) Cole of Cornish, Maine. They moved to Mercer, Maine, in 1843.

Pliny, born Feb. 20, 1792, married Lucy Foster, Feb. 12, 1824.

Cynthia, born Feb. 21, 1794, married Jacob Cochran, Nov. 23, 1815. Their son, Charles, was a physician, a graduate of Harvard and settled in South Weymouth, Mass. He afterward moved to California.

Obadiah, born Nov. 18, 1796, married Mrs. Mary (Saugus) Nye, widow of Anson Nye, and their home was in Union, Maine,

Mary, born January 19, 1798, married Joseph Johnson of Gardiner, Maine, where their descendants live.

Daniel, born Feb. 28, 1802, died, unmarried, Oct. 23, 1824.

Charles, born Jan. 17, 1804, died in infancy.

Josiah, born July 19, 1807. He became a physician and lived for many years at Coshocton, Ohio. His living children are John Marshall Harris, born in 1858. He is unmarried and lives at Kansas City, Mo.

Mary Louise Harris, born in 1860, married Elmer Ware and now lives in East Philadelphia. She is a widow without children.

THE EIGHTH GENERATION



CALEB HARRIS



DORCAS (COLE) HARRIS

Caleb Harris, born in Winthrop, Maine, June 15, 1790, married Dorcas Cole, daughter of Tobias and Mary (Gray) Cole of Cornish, Maine. Dorcas was born in Cornish in March 1791. They were married March 14, 1814. Their children, all born in Winthrop, Maine, were as follows:

Mary Gray, born April 25, 1815. She died, unmarried, in Winthrop, Feb. 27, 1894, and was buried in Mercer-Maine.

Olive Lambert, born Oct. 5, 1816, married Cyrus Bishop. (See "The Winthrop Line.")

Charles, born Oct. 5, 1818, died Aug. 5, 1822.

Emily, born Feb. 28, 1820, died Feb. 17, 1902, in Mercer.

Eliza, born Dec. 11, 1822, married Levi Foster of Corinna, Maine, late in life.

Hannah Hoxie, born Nov. 5, 1823, married Benjamin Turner of Lowell, Mass. No children.

George, born Aug. 30, 1825, married Laura Pressy in Mercer. He lost his life in Rebel prison. Their children were:

George Herman, married and lives in Lewiston, Maine. No children.

Charles, married and lives in New Portland, Maine. No children.

Fred, unmarried, lives in same town.

Ellen, married Charles Lisherness. No children.

Julia May, born June 3, 1827, married William Ingalls of Mercer and moved to Lowell, Mass. One child that died in infancy.

Henry, born Jan. 18, 1831, married Abbie Maria Hatch.

THE NINTH GENERATION

Henry Harris, born Jan. 18, 1831, married Abbie Maria Hatch daughter of Francis and Maria Bloomfield (Ellis) Hatch of Mercer. He died in Mercer April 30, 1913. Their children were:

William Henry, born Oct. 10, 1856, in Mercer, married Isa Austin, daughter of Norman and Amanda (Fuller) Austin. They live in Wilton, Maine.

Arthur Edwin, born in Mercer, March 28, 1858, married Minnie Durocher of Lynn, Mass. She died Nov. 11, 1889. He is a well known violinist and composer and lives in Boston.



Maria Bloomfield (Ellis) Hatch



Abbie Maria (Hatch) Harris



Mary Frances (Harris) Shaw Attwood



Alta (Shaw) Hill

FOUR GENERATIONS

Mary Frances, born April 1, 1860, in New Sharon, Maine, married first Alton J. Shaw, son of Joseph Chase and Sarah Ann (Pettingill) Shaw of Auburn, Maine. He was a descendant of the Weymouth, Mass., Shaw family: Alton J.⁹, Joseph C.⁸, Amos⁷, Jotham C.⁶, John⁵, Joseph⁴, John³, John², Abraham¹.

Alton J. Shaw was a graduate of the University of Maine and the inventor of the Shaw Electric Crane, which is manufactured in Muskegon, Mich. At the time of his death, June 22, 1895, he was president of the company. Their children were:

Sara Manilla, born in Stamford, Conn., Aug. 5, 1883, died in Milwaukee, Wis., May 5, 1888.

Alta, born Aug. 18, 1887, in Milwaukee, Wis. She graduated from Quincy Mansion School, Wollaston, Mass., in 1906 and from the Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y., in 1910. She married at South Weymouth, Mass., Oct. 2, 1912, Roger Frank Hill, (Dartmouth, 1908, Boston Technology 1910,) son of Frank and Clara (Scribner) Hill of Tilton, N. H. Alta Shaw Hill passed away in Rochester, N. Y., Oct. 8, 1918.

("Never till life and memory perish
Can I forget how dear thou art to me.")

Mary Frances (Harris) Shaw married second, Rev. Luther Weston Attwood, April 12, 1899. He was pastor of the South Weymouth Universalist Church for 21 years. Since 1916 he has been pastor at Abington, Mass. He was graduated from Tufts College in 1891 and is a son of Luther Bridgham and Eliza Ann (Bearce) Attwood. He is descended from the Carver, Mass., Attwood line: Luther W.⁷, Luther B.⁶, Stephen⁵, Ichabod⁴, Lt. Nathaniel³, Dea. Nathaniel², John¹.

Annie Maria Harris, born in New Sharon, Dec. 22, 1861 married William A. Paul, Feb. 24, 1885, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Paul, of Auburn, Maine. Their children were:

Harriet Catherine, born March 8, 1886, a graduate of Wellesley, 1908.

Lena Isabel, born Sept. 8, 1887, Wellesley, 1909, married June 16, 1914, to Harrison Atwood, Bowdoin, 1908, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tascus Atwood, of Auburn, Maine. They live in Scarsdale, N. Y. They have three daughters, Catherine, Patricia and Harriet.

Abbie Augusta Harris, born in Mercer Nov. 29, 1863, married first, Joseph Walters. One son, Philip Harris Walters, born March 30, 1888. He is a graduate of the Winthrop High School, 1908, Kent's Hill, 1909, and the University of Maine, 1915, making his education possible almost entirely by his own efforts.

Abbie Augusta (Harris-Walters) married second, Joshua Winslow of Readfield, Maine. One child, Alton Joshua, born Feb. 28, 1893. After his father's death he was adopted and bears the name of Alton Farnham. He graduated from Kent's Hill school in 1914.

Abbie Augusta married third, Arthur Handy of Readfield. One child, Archie, born Feb. 16, 1898. After his mother's death he was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin B. Smith and bears their name.

Abbie Maria Harris, (our mother) died Jan. 5, 1867.

Henry Harris, (our father) married second, Jan. 11, 1872, Ruth Works of New Sharon. She and her infant son died in 1875.

Henry Harris married third, a niece of Ruth Works, Jan. 1, 1876, Rose Pickens, daughter of John D. and Adelaide (Works) Pickens of Abbott, Maine. Their children were: Josie Adelaide, born in Auburn, Maine, Nov. 14, 1876, living in Boston, Mass.

Jennie Florence, born in Auburn, Feb. 21, 1878, married Allen F. Hilton, son of Benjamin and Mary Hilton of Madison, Maine. They have three children, Irene, born in Boston, March 11, 1904; Herman, born in Mercer, Maine, at the old homestead, March 2, 1908, and a daughter, Ada Miriam, born there Oct. 20, 1917.

Ada, born in Mercer, Sept. 28, 1881, married Clifford Keep. They have one child, Dorothy, born July 24, 1903. They live at Wilton, Maine.

THE WINTHROP BRANCH

Olive Lambert (Harris) Bishop, and her descendants.

Olive Lambert Harris (**Caleb, Charles, Obadiah, Nicholas, Nicholas, Thomas, Thomas**), was born in Winthrop, Maine, Oct. 5, 1816. She married Cyrus Bishop, being his second wife. Their children were:

Isabel Frances Bishop, born Oct. 17, 1848, married Charles Prescott Hannaford, Feb. 4, 1869. He was born Feb. 1847 and died Jan. 15, 1917. Their children were: Annie May, born Nov. 23, 1869, married Adelbert Merton Towle, Sept. 18, 1897. They have two children, Harold Adelbert Towle, born March 19, 1898 and Charles Hannaford Towle, born July 7, 1908.

Maggie Leona Hannaford, born February 22, 1873, died August 28, 1874.

Newland Leroy Hannaford, born Dec. 20, 1876, married Clara Marilla True, Sept. 1, 1897. They have one child, Dorothy Isabel, born Nov. 22, 1899.

Newland Bishop, son of Cyrus and Olive (Lambert) Bishop, was born March 25, 1854, and married Ada Piper, Nov. 3, 1875. He died March 2, 1915. Their children were: Joseph Melville Bishop, born Oct. 23, 1877; Cyrus Dana Bishop, born July 11, 1882; Harris Cory Bishop, born April 30, 1886.

Cyrus Dana Bishop married Mabel Sears, Nov. 28, 1906. Their children are; Virginia Irene Elizabeth, born Nov. 13, 1908; Barbara, born in Honolulu, May 9, 1914.

THE UNION BRANCH

Obadiah Harris,⁷ (**Charles,⁶ Obadiah,⁵ Nicholas,⁴ Nicholas,³ Thomas,² Thomas,¹**) was born in Winthrop, Maine, November 18, 1795. He married (Mrs.) Mary (Saugus) Nye, widow of Anson Nye. Their children were:

Herman Harris,⁸ who married Gustana Stubbs. He died in Greenville, Me., in 1814, aged 86.

Edwin Harris,⁸ unmarried, killed in the Civil War.

William Harris,⁸ unmarried.

Mary F. Harris,⁸ married Horatio M. Clouse.

Issac Harris,⁸ married Francena Mink. He died in rebel prison at Andersonville, Ga.

Charles Harris,⁹ unmarried.

Herman Harris,⁹ married Augusta Stubbs, daughter of Rev. Peter and Rachel Stubbs of Appleton, Maine. Their children were:

McKendrie Harris,⁹ born Aug. 17, 1860, married May E. Mithee. Lives in Boston.

Augustus Harris,⁹ lives at Greenville, Maine.

Grace Harris,⁹ not living.

Arthur E. Harris,⁹ a Lynn, Mass., physician.

Mary Harris,⁹ not living.

Mary Harris,⁸ (**Obadiah,⁷ Charles,⁶ Obadiah,⁵ Nicholas,⁴ Nicholas,³ Thomas,² Thomas,¹**) married Horatio M. Clouse. Their children were:

Adelbert A. Clouse,⁹ born 1852.

Mary Olive Clouse,⁹ born July 17, 1859, married Henry Dale.
They live in Boston.

Sara Merritt Clouse,⁹ born Dec. 2, 1862, married Clifton Thompson and lives in Portland, Maine.

George Gardner Clouse,⁹ born Dec. 5, 1864, lives in Union.

The children of Clifton and Sara Merritt(Clouse⁹) Thompson were, Hovey Gardner,¹⁰ born Nov. 22, 1883, married March 24, 1909, and second June 23, 1913. One child, Ella Ware Thompson,¹¹ born October 24, 1910. Arthur Clifton,¹⁰ born Oct. 4, 1885, married Sept. 20, 1909, died April, 1911. One child, James Arthur Thompson,¹¹ born Feb. 18, 1911. William Howard,¹⁰ born March 21, 1888.

Isaac Harris,⁸ (**Obadiah,⁷ Charles,⁶ Obadiah,⁵ Nicholas,⁴ Nicholas,³ Thomas,² Thomas,¹**) married Francena Mink.
Their children were:

Ida C. Harris,⁹ born Feb. 17, 1859, married Fred Nye.

Charles Edwin Harris,⁹ born June 15, 1861. Lives at South Hope, Maine.

McKendrie Harris,⁹ son of Herman, born August 17, 1860, married May E. Mithee. Their children were:

Herbert E. Harris,¹⁰ born Oct. 29, 1883, married Gertrude Joy of Ashburnham. One child Beatrice I. Harris.¹¹

Mada C. Harris,¹⁰ born Sept. 10, 1885, married Augustus C. Nelke. They have two children, Lloyd,¹¹ and Dorothy B. Nelke.¹¹

Robert Harris,¹⁰ born Oct. 1887, married Edith Parsons of Watertown, Mass.

John Herman,¹⁰ born March 27, 1889, unmarried. Lives at Ashburnham, Mass.

There are descendants in Gardiner, Maine, of Mary Harris, sister of my grandfather, who married Joseph Johnson. Their children were: Mary Harris Johnson, Joseph Addison Johnson, Charles W. Johnson, Edgar and Edwin Johnson (twins) and Orinda S. Johnson.

Mrs. Caroline I. Fowler Ham of Albany, N. Y., has compiled an interesting Harris Genealogy. She descended as follows from Thomas Harris of Providence, R. I.

Thomas Harris and Elizabeth —.

Thomas Harris and Elnathan Tew.

Nicholas Harris and Anne Hopkins.

Jedidiah Harris and Patience Brown.

Nicholas Harris and Phoebe Tibbits.

Nicholas Brown Harris, M. D., and Martha Carmichael.

Martha Carolina Harris and Amos Fowler, M. D.

Caroline Isabella Fowler and Thomas H. Ham.

The late Albert Hutchinson of Keene, N. H., compiled a genealogy of his Harris ancestral line; his descent from Thomas Harris was as follows:

Thomas Harris and Elizabeth —.

Thomas Harris and Elnathan Tew.

Nicholas Harris and Anne Hopkins.

Nicholas Harris and Hannah Blake.

Erastus Harris and Hannah Adams.

Bethuel Harris and Deborah Twichell.

Mary Harris and Abner S. Hutchinson.

Albert Hutchinson and Mary B. Davis.

Joseph Harris Cowell, M. D., of Saginaw, Michigan, is descended from both Thomas Harris and his brother William. He and his brother Benjamin, of Peoria, Ill., are collecting data for a Harris genealogy. Their descent is as follows:

Thomas Harris and Elizabeth —.

Thomas Harris and Elnathan Tew.

Richard Harris and Lydia King.

David Harris and Martha Jenckes.

Joseph Harris and Hepsibah Bunker.

Samuel Bunker Harris and Amey Wilkinson.

Amey Wilkinson Harris and Benjamin Cowell.

Joseph Harris Cowell, M. D.

Mr. Walter D. Harris of Olneyville, R. I., (Elisha S., Robert, Robert, Abner, Jonathan, Richard, Thomas, Thomas) has collected much Harris genealogical data, which will be valuable, when published.

Paternal Ancestors

The Cole Line

John¹ of Kittery, Maine, married in 1700 Elizabeth, daughter of Robert and Hannah (White) Allen.

John² married Elizabeth Hill, daughter of David and Anne (Adams Couch) Hill.

Tobias³ born Jan. 5, 1753, at Kittery, died in Cornish, Aug. 5, 1818. Married Mary Gray of Kittery.

The Gray Line

George Gray,¹ Scotchman from the North of Ireland, settled in Kittery, Me., had wife Sarah.

James² born in Kittery.

James³ married Mary Hamilton.

Mary Gray⁴ married Tobias Cole, my great grandfather. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

Tew

Henry Tew was a native of Northampton County, England. His wife's name was Ellen ——. Their son, Richard Tew, married Mary Clarke, daughter of William Clarke in England and came to America in 1640. One child was born on the voyage and named "Seaborn." A sister of "Seaborn," named Elnathan, married our ancestor, Thomas Harris of the second generation. Richard Tew became a Quaker. On a trip to England he died in London. In his will he made a gift to his brother as follows; "To brother John Tew, of Towchester, County of Northampton, doctor of physick, 20s. to buy him a ring to wear for my sake.

Hopkins

William Hopkins married Jcanna Arnold in England and they emigrated to America in 1635. They were in the early Providence settlement. Their son, Thomas Hopkins, married Elizabeth Arnold. Thomas Hopkins of the third generation married Mary Smith and their daughter, Anne Hopkins, married our ancestor, Nicholas Harris.

Arnold

The name of Arnold is one of great antiquity, having its origin among the ancient princes of Wales.

William Arnold, born June 24, 1587, married Christian Peak, daughter of Thomas Peak. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married her cousin, Thomas Hopkins, son of Wm. Hopkins and Joanna (Arnold) Hopkins. Thomas Hopkins, their son, married Mary Smith, and Anne, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Smith) Hopkins, married Nicholas Harris.

Whiting

Nathaniel Whiting was the first man to operate a corn mill in Dedham. He married Hannah Dwight, daughter of John and Hannah Dwight. Their son, Nathaniel Whiting, married Joanna Gay, daughter of John and Joanna Gay, early settlers of Dedham. Their daughter, Joanna, married John Blake at Wrentham, Feb. 6, 1689. Their daughter, Hannah Blake, born in 1700, married Nicholas Harris of the fourth generation from Thomas.

Dwight

John Dwight and Hannah —, his wife, and two sons, came from Dedham, England, to America, in 1634. He became a "wealthy farmer" of Dedham, Mass., owning land in neighboring towns. He is described in the town records as "a great peace maker and publicly useful." He was one of the founders of the Church of Christ in Dedham in 1638. As the ancestor of Timothy Dwight, President of Yale College, his name is well known. His daughter, Hannah, married Nathaniel Whiting and from them descended Hannah Blake who married the second Nicholas Harris.

Gay

John Gay was one of the founders of Dedham. He married in England a widow Baldwicke. Their daughter, Joanna, married Nathaniel Whiting and was the grandmother of Hannah Blake. Her sister, Abigail Gay, married Daniel Hawes and she was great grandmother to Melatiah Hawes, who married Charles Harris, our ancestor. Thus we are twice descended from the Gay family.

Hawes

The home of Edward Hawes, the emigrant from England, still stands at Dedham, Mass. He was a mason and came to America in 1648. He married Elvira Lombard.

Their son, Daniel, married Abigail Gay.

Their son, Daniel, married Beriah Mann.

Their son, Timothy, married Mary Ware.

Their daughter, Melatiah Hawes, married Charles Harris in Wrentham, Mass., and moved to Winthrop, Maine.

Mann

William Mann, born about 1607, in England, settled in Cambridge, Mass. He married first Mary Jared and their one, and only child, was a son, named Samuel, born July 6, 1747.

Rev. Samuel Mann graduated from Harvard in 1665 and settled in Dedham. In connection with his ministerial labors in that town and in Wrentham he also taught school. He continued his ministerial labors until his death in 1719. In the story of his life we find these words, "He was not only a very good man but a very great and learned man." He married Esther Ware, daughter of Robert and Margaret (Hunting) Ware. Their daughter, Beriah Mann, married Daniel Hawes, ancestor of Melatiah Hawes, who married Charles Harris. Horace Mann, LL. D., the noted educator, was of the sixth generation of the descendants of William Mann.

Ware

Not only are we descended from Robert Ware through the Mann line, but Mary Ware, of the fourth generation, daughter of second Nathaniel Ware, married Timothy Hawes, father of Melatiah Hawes. Mary Ware, our great, great grandmother, was born in 1730. Robert Ware was one of the earliest settlers of Dedham.

Maternal Lines

The Hatch line given me by the Hatch Genealogical Society of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Thomas¹ and wife Grace.

Jonathan Hatch² and Sarah Rowley.

Benjamin Hatch³ (Barnstable, Mass., 1655) married Mary Hamblin.

Benjamin Hatch⁴

Benjamin⁵

Benjamin⁶

Reuben Hatch,⁷ born in Martha's Vineyard — moved to Wilton, Maine. He married in Martha's Vineyard, Lucy Tilton, daughter of Ezra Tilton and Elizabeth Bassett. Their son, Francis, was my mother's father. He lived in Mercer, Me., and married Maria Ellis. He was christened Shearjashub, probably for Shearjashub Bourne of Martha's Vineyard. When of age he had his name changed to Francis. My mother was christened Rhoda but changed it to Abbie.

Metcalf

The Metcalf name is an ancient and honored one in England, where records are found dating back to the 14th Century. Michael Metcalf, son of Rev. Leonard Metcalf, Rector of Tatterford, Norfolk County, England, was born there June 17, 1587. He married Sarah Elwyn of Hingham, England. She was born June 17, 1593, and they were married Oct. 13, 1616. Because of the religious persecutions of Bishop Wren, they sailed for New England April 15, 1637. He was an embroidery weaver. Their son, Michael, married

Mary Fairbanks, daughter of Jonathan, the pioneer. Michael and Mary (Fairbanks) Metcalf had a son, Deacon Eleazer, who married Melatiah Fisher, daughter of Samuel and Melatiah (Snow) Fisher. A daughter of Deacon Eleazar and Melatiah, named for her mother, married Joseph Ellis. Their son, Timothy Ellis, Sr., married Sarah Richardson and their son, Timothy Ellis, Jr., married Deborah Partridge (Job, Benjamin, Eleazar, John) and built the old homestead at Mercer, Maine, emigrating from Medfield, Mass., early in the last century. He was our mother's grandfather.

Fairbanks

Jonathan Fairbanks was born in England before 1600. He came to America in 1633 and from him is descended the large family bearing that name, including a Vice President of the United States and other notables. The family homestead built in Dedham is still occupied by a descendant of the name and family reunions are held there annually.

Partridge

"Partridge, the Norman" was given land in Essex, England, in 1135, in recognition of military service.

"Richard de Pertriche" (the Norman spelling of the name) received royal grants in the County of Gloucester. This marks the family as one of distinction.

John Partridge came to Medfield in 1653 with his brother William and sister Margery, who married Thomas Mason. Theirs was the first marriage in the Medfield records. Lowell Mason, the noted musician and hymn writer, was descended from them. John and William took up house lots in "Bachelors Roe," now North Street. John married Magdalen Bullard, daughter of John and Magdalen Bullard. Deborah Partridge, (Job, Benjamin, Eleazar, John) was our great grandmother. She married Timothy Ellis, Jr., and moved to Mercer, Maine. After her death he married Abigail Hunt and after selling the Mercer house to our grandfather, Caleb Harris, he moved to Abbott, Maine. Others of the family live at Westminster, Mass.

Ellis

We have two Ellis lines. On our father's side we are descended from Richard Ellis and Elizabeth French.

John Ellis and Elizabeth Fisher.

Ebenezer Ellis and Elizabeth Barnard.

Lois Ellis and Obadiah Harris.

On the maternal side we are descended from John Ellis supposed to be a brother of Richard.

John Ellis and Susan Lumber (or Lombard?)

Joseph Ellis and Lydia Lovell.

Joseph Ellis and Elizabeth Partridge.

Joseph Ellis and Melatiah Metcalf.

Timothy Ellis and Sarah Richardson.

Timothy Ellis, Jr. and Deborah Partridge.

The Partridge line comes in twice.

Adams

There are few lines that are more interesting than that of the Adams family. From Henry Adams and his eight sons has come an army of ministers and doctors, statesmen, and lawyers, and hosts of workers in occupations large and small.

Henry Adams was given a grant of forty acres at Mt. Wollaston, now Quincy and Braintree. Of his sons, Joseph alone remained in Braintree. Lt. Henry, Deacon Jonathan, Ensign Edward and Peter settled in Medfield.

We are descended from Ensign Edward as follows:

Edward Adams and Lydia Rockwood.

John Adams and Susanna Breck.

Hannah Adams and William Richardson. (She married first a Timothy Ellis and was a widow when she married William Richardson. Their daughter, Sarah Richardson, married Timothy Ellis, Sen.

Hannah Adams, the first woman to publish a book in America, was descended from Peter Adams. From Joseph Adams of Braintree was descended the first Vice President and second President of the United States, John Adams, also John Quincy Adams, and the Boston Patriot and Signer of the Declaration of Independence, Hon. Samuel Adams.

THE MAYHEW LINE

It is a source of happiness to find ourselves descended from this worthy family.

Thomas Mayhew was the first governor of Martha's Vineyard and his son, Rev. Thomas Mayhew, was a famous missionary to the Indians. When Thomas, Jr., was about to make a journey to England, three thousand Indians are said to have congregated to bid him farewell, each bearing a stone and making a "witness heap," according to Genesis 31.

Their beloved pastor was lost at sea and the mention of his name would often bring tears to the eyes of his dusky friends.

In recent years the Daughters of the American Revolution have placed a cross above this heap of stones with "Gen. 31-46, 49, Galeed and Mizpah," inscribed upon it. For five generations the Mayhews ministered to the native Indians, entirely changing their condition and the character of the community. Our line runs as follows:

Thomas Mayhew and Martha Parkhurst. He married second, a widow, Mrs. Jane Paine. Rev. Thomas Mayhew, his son, married a daughter of his step-mother.

Thomas Mayhew and Jane Paine.

Rev. John Mayhew (I cannot find his marriage.)

Simon Mayhew and Ruth —.

Jean Mayhew, b. 1713, mar. 1735 John Bassett.

Elizabeth Bassett, b. 1736, and Ezra Tilton.

Lucy Tilton and Reuben Hatch.

Reuben and Lucy (Tilton) Hatch came to Mercer in 1800 and located half a mile from our homestead.

As a child, I remember my great Uncle, Ezra Tilton Hatch, an aged bachelor. Grandfather Hatch was musical. He died when we were children.

My grandmother Hatch was a tiny woman with bright black eyes, an indomitable "worker." I can see her in my mind always sewing or knitting, taking her knitting when she went to make a call. My mother was small, never weighing a hundred pounds. Her children have taken their size from the Harris side.

Mayflower Ancestors

TILLEY AND HOWLAND

John Tilley, wife Elizabeth, and daughter Elizabeth, were among the Mayflower passengers, also Edward Tilley and his wife. Before the end of the first dreadful winter John Tilley and his wife and Edward and his wife had died. Elizabeth married John Howland, who was also a Mayflower passenger.

We are descended from them as follows:

John Tilley and Elizabeth.

Elizabeth Tilley and John Howland.

Hope Howland and Elder John Chipman.

Hope Chipman and John Huckins.

Mary Huckins and Nathan Bassett.

John Bassett and Jean Mayhew.

Elizabeth Bassett and Ezra Tilton.

Lucy Tilton and Reuben Hatch.

Francis Hatch and Maria Ellis.

Abbie Maria Hatch and Henry Harris.

BASSETT

During the first winter at Plymouth half the colony died. It was nearly a year after the landing at Plymouth Rock when an Indian came running with the news that a ship was in sight. As England was at war with France they feared it was a French vessel and everybody was called in defence, with Miles Standish in command and Gov. Carver with his spy glass in hand. A cannon was fired and what was their joy to see in response their dear English flag unfurled. It was the good ship Fortune and a warm welcome was given to the hungry passengers, whose

supplies had given out. Among the many notable people on board was William Bassett, who had been with the colonists in Leyden, Holland. He was a most unusual man, finely educated and broad minded. Later he became one of the original proprietors of Bridgewater. By trade he was a gunsmith. When he died he left a fine collection of books for that time. His daughter Sarah married Peregrine White.

Our descent from William Bassett is as follows:

William Bassett and Elizabeth Tilden.

William Bassett and Mary Burt.

Nathaniel Bassett and Mary Huckins.

John Bassett and Jean Mayhew.

Elizabeth Bassett and Ezra Tilton.

Lucy Tilton and Reuben Hatch.

Francis Hatch and Maria Ellis, our grandparents.

There are many other extremely interesting families connected with ours and a lifetime might be spent in tracing them.

MARY SHAW ATTWOOD.



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