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**From:** Glenn E Harris <[geharris@juno.com](mailto:geharris@juno.com)>

**Subject:** Re: [HARRIS-HUNTERS] Skimpy Notes about Robert Harris,husband of Lucretia Brown

**Date:** Sun, 17 Apr 2011 21:01:42 -0700

Evelyn,

I have here a little more info on the Robert Harris who married Lucretia. I mostly have stopped sharing with the world as I often find my research, word for word, in someone else's tree as their own research with no credit given. The sources provided were obtained by spending long hours going over every deed, every will and every probate etc. on a microfiche machine so they are accurate. I'm hopeful that someone can add to or interpret this info and we can all learn more. This Robert did not die 11/96. That was a different Robert married to Dicey if I remember correctly. The Surry county will, deed and probate records indicate this Robert died Nov 1809. Since I was once working with Pam Stone on Harris's in Surry County NC, some of this info may have been found by her but where a source is listed I have personally seen and verified the source document.

The 1785 Surry Co. tax list of Capt. Humphries shows the following  
Harrises: Robert Harris, 600A, 1 wp, 5 bp; Jonathan Harris, 1 wp; John Harris, 250 A, 2 wp, 1 bp; Moses Harris, 200 A, 1 wp.

The 1790 Surry co. census, p. 186, Robert Harris, 1 WM 16+; Tyre Harris, 1 WM 16+, 2 WM-16, 2WF; Robert Harris, Jr., 1 WM 16+, 1 Wm-16, 2 WF.

1800 Surry Co. census: Robert Harris, 1 WM 26-45; Robert Harris, 1 WM 16-26, 1 WM26-45, 1 WM 45+, 9 slaves.

(Source from Pam Stone) - Robert's will, Surry Co., NC will book 3, pg 93A. (I have also viewed the original of this will)

LDS 0344623, Surry Co., NC deeds, Vol K-L,N, 1803-1818 - Book K, pg 5,

Robert Harris to Elijah Harris, Feb 21, 1803, for love and affection towards his son Elijah, south branch of Arrarat river, 150 acres. wit: T.A. Ward, ??? Wilmouth. Registered May term 1803.

Surry deed book L, pg 71 - Robert Harris to Bezaleel B. Harris deed of gift, 11 Nov, 1805, for love and affection to son Bezaleel Brown Harris give land bought of Orman? Morgan containing 60 acres with 50 acres adjoining. Wit: Elijah Harris, John McKinney, Benjanin Bledsoe. Reg May term 1805. (Elijah was one of Robert's sons)

LDS 0347735, Surry inventories & accounts of sales, 1784-1809 - Pg 188-190, estate sale of Thomas Gorden?, 25 Aug 1803, Captain Robert Harris to plough and devises; 0.15.0, to books; 0.10.0, SOLOMON Harris to 1 bed; 5.0.0, to cotton; 0.10.0, Robert Harris to dreder?; 0.1.2, to loom and gear; 2.0.0, to 1 jug; 0.9.0, to treey? and churn 0.1.0, Barrzeal (Bezareel) Harris to gear; 0.11.6, Robert Blackwell 2 hogg; 1.4.0, to tub; 0.12.0, Elijah Harris to bee gum; 0.3.0. Submitted to court 15 Oct 1803 and recorded Nov term 1803. (Solomon Harris was my ancestor and married Nancy Blackwell, who was Robert's granddaughter.)

LDS 0347735, Surry inventories & accounts of sales, 1784-1809 - Pg 249, Robert Harris, deceased, inventory, 11 Nov 1809, Signed by executors Elijah Harris, Bazaleel Harris. Recorded Nov term 1809.

LDS 0347735, Surry inventories & accounts of sales, 1784-1809 - Pg 262, Robert Harris, deceased, account of sale, 24 Nov 1809, signed by executor Elijah Harris. Recorded Feb term 1810.

(source email person's name unknown) - Albemarle Co., Deed Book 3, pg 264 infers that Robert Harris is husband of Lucretia Brown.

On Sun, 17 Apr 2011 12:34:48 -0700 (PDT) EVELYN WALLACE

<[hdanw@verizon.net](mailto:hdanw@verizon.net)> writes:

> For what they are worth, here are some skimpy notes on Robert Harris,  
> whose wife  
> was Lucretia Brown.

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> If you find errors, which doubtless you will, please e-mail  
> corrections to me  
> and to Harris-Hunters. We need all the help we can get.

>

> Submitted by E.W.Wallace

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> PS If you use this material in your research, please include the  
> citation where  
> I have given it. This is expected of ALL genealogists--even  
> beginners.

> Question to yourself: Where did you get this stuff? EWW

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> Picked up by a google.com search Aug 2003. Needs verification.

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> Notes on a Robert Harris

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> - Capt. Robert Harris (3/8/1741-11/1796) (died Surry Co., NC)  
> married Lucretia  
> Brown(1746- 1802) (children: Bernice Harris, Robert Harris, Elijah  
> Harris, Nancy  
> Harris (Boon), Bezaleel Brown Harris, Lucretia Harris, Mourning  
> Harris (Burch),  
> Lucy Harris (Head), Patsy Harris (Turner), Sarah Harris (Blackwell),

> Tyree Rodes  
> Harris)  
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> //////////////////////////////////////  
> Rev 12/2002  
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>  
> ROBERT HARRIS the younger. (b. 1741-?) WIR0543 Son of Maj.  
> Robert Harris  
> of Louisa Co. He was married to Lucretia Brown. Refer to her  
> biography for  
> some transactions between Harris and his father-in-law.  
>  
> Is he the Robert Harris who appears in the tithable list of  
> Capt. Robert  
> Anderson, Trinity Parish, 10 Jun 1767? This was a list taken on  
> South side  
> Southanna River by W. Phillips. His father of the same name was  
> deceased, and  
> probably this is the younger Robert Harris. This is the way the  
> entry appears:  
>  
> Capt. Robt. Anderson: Robert Harris, Jno. Henderson, John  
> Hutchinson [all  
> caps]. [Slaves] Abram, Giles, Charles, Rogers, Jack, David, John,  
> Bob,  
> Hamphier, Bobb, Betty, Betty, Cate, Cate, Febe, Winne, Jenny, Patty,  
> Peter,  
> Judith, Rustley 25 [No. of tithables]-1154 1/2 [acres of land].  
>  
> (Rosalie Edith Davis, LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA TITHABLES AND CENSUS,  
> 1743-1785  
> [Manchester, MO: Published by author, 1988], p. 5)  
>  
> Because Robert's father, Maj. Robert Harris, had died testate  
> ca 1765, this  
> deed probably pertains to the younger Harris:  
>  
> Louisa Co. DB E-156-157, 9 Jun 1777: Moses Going of Louisa Co. &  
> Agness his  
> wife to Robert Harris of same; 100 pds. 353 a... Chas. Smiths  
> corner... Francis  
> Smiths corner... Xopher Smiths line.  
>  
> (Rosalie Edith Davis, LOUISA COUNTY, VIRGINIA DEED BOOKS E & F,  
> 1774-1790  
> [Manchester, MO: Published by author, 1983, p. 18)  
>  
> (Comment: Charles Smith had owned land on N. side of Little River,  
> which he  
> sold to Robt. Garland in Oct 1774. Later he and an Overton male  
> were witnesses  
> to a deed.)  
>  
> Another deed, DB-E-267-268 dated 6 Jul 1778 McCoy to Nuckolls of

> Trinity Par.  
> refer to corner of Robt Harris in said [John] Walton's line, and the  
> land in  
> question was on north side of Cub Creek.  
> (Davis, p. 31-32)  
>  
> Cub Creek, according to current-day transportation maps, is south of  
> Little  
> River and empties into South Anna River.  
>  
> Robert Harris and his wife Lucretia Brown lived in Albemarle Co.,  
> VA and are  
> believed to have migrated later to Surry Co., NC. More research is  
> needed.  
>  
> Refer to the biography of Lucretia Brown for documents in Albemarle  
> Co. in which  
> the couple appear.  
>  
> Publick Service in Albemarle Co.?  
>  
> Is he the Robert Harris of Albemarle Co. whose name appears in the  
> Publick  
> Service Claims?  
>  
> Harris, Robt., Albemarle Co., Court Booklet p. 18; Commissioners Bk  
> II, p. 347  
> (Public Service Claims drawer at VA State Library)  
>  
> A Contemporary Robert Harris and Wife Lucey in North Carolina  
>  
> A Robert Harris, who appears in Rockingham Co., NC deeds in 1787,  
> with wife  
> Lucey, is not the same Robert Harris, as his father, according to  
> the cited  
> deed, was Thompson Harris.  
>  
>  
> Rockingham Co. NC DB C-45 Robert Harris and wife Lucey to Samuel  
> Watt, Jr. for  
> 120 pds. 120 A on Pruets Fork of Hogan's Cr adj Abraham Phillips,  
> being land  
> willed to sd Harris by his father Thompson Harris. Nov 28, 1787.  
> John Watt,  
> Theodrick Stubblefield.  
>  
>  
> (Irene B. Webster, ROCKINGHAM COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA DEED ABSTRACTS  
> 1785-1800  
> [Easley, SC: Southern Historical Press, reprint 1983], p. 31)  
>  
>  
> LUCRETIA BROWN. WIR02134 A series of deeds in Albemarle Co.  
> refer to  
> Lucretia (Brown) Harris and to her husband, Ro. Harris, Jr.  
> Lucretia's mother  
> is reportedly Sarah Dabney (not confirmed). (Robert Harris is  
> called Junr in

> the deeds but in reality is of a said-to-be long line of Robert  
> Harrises.  
>  
> Robert, Jr. is said to have had a great-grandfather called Robert  
> Harris.  
> Whether Robert I is the immigrant ancestor is difficult to prove,  
> due to paucity  
> of documents for colonial New Kent Co.  
>  
> Although this great-grandfather, the said-to-be-father of William  
> Harris, whose  
> wife was Temperance Overton of Hanover Co., allegedly was married to  
> a Mary  
> Claiborne, noted Virginia genealogist John Frederick Dorman, in his  
> recent  
> history of the Claiborne family, says there is no proof of such a  
> marriage.  
>  
> At any rate, Lucretia Brown and Robert Harris may have been married  
> ca 1748 as  
> implied in a deed index of Albemarle Co. The deed itself has not  
> been read.  
> However, the grantee may have been the elder Major Robert Harris of  
> Louisa Co.,  
> father of Robert Harris, Jr.  
>  
> Deed Items: Cross Index of Parties [Albemarle Co., VA]  
>  
> Page Grantor Grantee  
>  
> 360 - May 1748 Benj. Brown & wife Sarah to Robt. Harris  
>  
>  
>  
> From Albemarle Co., VA Deed Bk 3:  
>  
> p. 173: 3 Apr 1762 Ro. Harris, planter, to son Ro. Jr., love  
> - on Blue  
> Ridge, Doyle River, pat. of 521 acs 6 Dec 1753. Wit: Jas. Harris,  
> Christopher  
> Harris, Wm. Brown.  
>  
>  
> p. 174: [same date] Benj. Brown, to dtr. Lucretia Harris;  
> love, slave,  
> Moll. Wit: Jas. Harris, Christopher Harris, Wm. Brown. \*  
>  
> p. 175: [same date] Benj. Brown, to dtr. Lucretia Harris;  
> love; Blue  
> Ridge tract and Doyle's River - where she lives, adj. Jno. Statham,  
> Benj.  
> Thurman - 400 acs. Wit: Jas. Harris, Christopher Harris, Wm.  
> Brown, Benj.  
> Thurman...  
>  
> (From The Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, THE DEEDS OF AMHERST COUNTY,  
> VIRGINIA,

> 1761-1807 AND ALBEMARLE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, 1748-1763 (Easley, SC:  
> Southern  
> Historical Press, 1979], pp. 54-55.)  
>  
> Less abstracted deeds of Albemarle Co. probably can be found in he  
> works of Ruth  
> and Sam Sparacio of The Antient Press, McLean, VA.  
>  
> Earlier, Benj. Brown had deeded land to Benj. Brown, Jr. of  
> Hanover, for 71  
> pds. 305 acres E. side Doyle River, adj. Sr. & Jr., Wm. Rice. Wit:  
> Ro. Harris,  
> Wm. Brown, James Harris, Jno. Mulling. (Albemarle DB 3-178).  
>  
>  
> We learn from other deeds of Benjamin Brown, Sr. that his  
> daughter  
> Elizabeth, wife of Jno. Price, had died by June 1762. Brown, Sr.  
> deeded on 10  
> June 1762 to his granddaughter Lucinda Price and to his son-in-law  
> Jno. Price  
> (to longest liver) 280 acs. of land at foot of Great Mts. adj. some  
> in Louisa.  
> Wit: Ro. Harris, Ro. Harris Jr., Jas. Harris.  
>  
>  
> Albemarle Co. DB 5-p. 181-182 10 May 1770 Robert Harriss & Lucreasia  
> his wife of  
> Albemarle Co. to William Cox of Orange Co.... for 90 pds. current  
> money.. 377  
> acres in Albemarle Co. on the Great Muntain... W side of a branch of  
> Doyles  
> River.. south fork of Doyle's R.  
>  
>  
> [no witnesses shown] Robert Harriss  
>  
> The deed was ackd. by Robert Harris. Lucreasia, wife of said  
> Robert, personally  
> apeared in Court... and relinquished her right of Dower.  
>  
> (adapted from Ruth & Sam Sparacio, DEED ABSTRACTS OF ALBEMARLE  
> COUNTY, VIRGINIA  
> 1768-1772, AUGUST COURT 1768-DECEMBER COURT 1770 [McLean, VA: The  
> Antient  
> Press], p. 91-92)  
>  
>  
> \* Jane, reported daughter of James Harris [which one?] married a  
> Cornelius  
> Dabney [which one?].  
>  
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