

**DESCENDANCY**  
**of**  
**JOSIAS HARRISON (est b c1700)**  
**and**  
**MARY DOWNY [CORNELIUS] (est b c1701)**  
Josias' and Mary's parents are not known to us

Note 1: material in smaller type is written by Barbara Ann Fisher (BFE); wife of Karl Frederick Edler Jr (KFE), while larger type material is from our family history database maintained by KFE.

*Note 2: names of direct ancestors of KFE are underlined.*

*Note 3: we have tried for years to find a connection between this Harrison family line and that of the two Presidents Harrison. Edmonia Wallach Edler (paternal grandmother of KFE) often said that she was related to that Virginia family, but we haven't found a recorded descendency, let alone proof of such.*

I. Josias<sup>1</sup> Harrison married Mary Downy [Cornelius] 26 Dec 1723 South River Parish, Anne Arundel Co MD;<sup>1,2</sup> at least two children. The birthdates we show are our estimates.

Some researchers say Mary's name was Dorsey rather than Downy. In any case, she first married Robert Cornelius 12 Dec 1719; son Benjamin born 10 Jan 1722.

A. Josias<sup>2</sup> Harrison, born 3 Jul 1726 Prince George, Anne Arundel Co MD,<sup>3</sup> married Elizabeth Holland

-- see page 11b-2.

B. Richard<sup>2</sup> Harrison was born 16 Sep 1728 All Hallowes Parish, Anne Arundel Co MD.

**JOSIAS HARRISON (b 1726) and ELIZABETH HOLLAND  
and their descendants**

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Josias' parents were Josias Harrison and Mary Downy [Cornelius]

Elizabeth's parents were James Holland and Amy Simmons

**A. Josias<sup>2</sup> Harrison**, born 3 Jul 1726 Prince George, Anne Arundel Co MD,<sup>3</sup> married **Elizabeth Holland** 11 Apr 1753 in MD.<sup>3</sup> Her parents were **James Holland** and **Amy Simmons**. Josias died 20 Apr 1803 Montgomery Co MD,<sup>3,4</sup> age 76.

With the marriage of **Josias Harrison** and **Elizabeth Holland** our **HARRISON** lineage is joined by our **HOLLAND** lineage  
-- see [{Section 10b}](#) --

1. **Nathan<sup>3</sup> Harrison**, born about 1754 Anne Arundel Co, married **Verlinda Browning** and married **Mary Baden** -- see page 11b-3.
2. (---?)<sup>3</sup> **Harrison** was born about 1755. He died about 1803, age about 48.
3. **Peggy<sup>3</sup> Harrison** was born about 1756.
4. **Joshua<sup>3</sup> Harrison**, born about 1758 Anne Arundel Co, married **Sarah Sellman** -- see page 11b-4.
5. **Greenberry<sup>3</sup> Harrison**, born about 1760 Anne Arundel Co, married **Honor Poole** -- see page 11b-5.
6. **Henry<sup>3</sup> Harrison** was born 20 Mar 1763 Prince George Parish, Frederick Co MD.
7. **Sarah Hawkins<sup>3</sup> Harrison**, born about 1765 Anne Arundel Co MD, married **Joseph Crandall**.
8. **Elizabeth<sup>3</sup> Harrison** was born about 1766 Anne Arundel Co.
9. **Amy Hawkins<sup>3</sup> Harrison**, born 16 May 1772 near Baltimore, Anne Arundel Co, married **Rev Archibald Hawkins** 2 Aug 1790.<sup>11</sup> He was born about 1766 in England. His parents were **John Hawkins** and **Susannah Brown**.  
Amy died 3 May 1830 Stubenville, Jefferson Co OH, age 57. Archibald died 25 Mar 1851 Stubenville, age 84.<sup>14</sup>

We were curious about Amy's middle name because it is also the middle name of her older sister Sarah, and thought that perhaps Sarah had died before Amy was born. This was before we found Sarah had lived at least long enough to marry. Then we found the surname of Amy's husband, and are more curious than before!

**NATHAN HARRISON (b c1754) and VERLINDA BROWNING and their descendants  
and  
NATHAN HARRISON and MARY BADAN and their descendants  
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Nathan's parents were Josias Harrison and Elizasbeth Holland  
Verlinda's parents and birthdate are not known to us  
Mary's parents and birthdate are not known to us

1. Nathan<sup>3</sup> **Harrison**, born about 1754 Anne Arundel Co MD, married Verlinda **Browning** 3 Nov 1779 Montgomery Co MD;<sup>5</sup> probably one child.

Secondly, he married Mary **Badan** 21 Jan 1787; probably at least three children.

He died before 20 Apr 1803, age about 49 (according to the family file<sup>4</sup>), or he died 3 May 1830 Steubenville OH, age about 76 (according to the Montgomery County Historical Society).

a. Verlinda<sup>4</sup> “Linny/Leny” **Harrison**<sup>6</sup>, born about 1780, married Greenberry **Wilson** Jun 1812. She married Thomas H **Mills** about 1817. They went to Perry Co OH. She may have had seven children. She died 7 Jan 1861, age about 81. Thomas died 27 Dec 1888.

b. Sarah Hawkins<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**. We don't know her birthdate, so we can't be sure she was Mary's child.

c. Rebecca<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**, born about 1793, married Enoch **Holland** -- see Section 10b.

d. Ann<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**, born about 1794 in MD, married Christian **Wallick** 15 Nov 1814;<sup>9</sup> two children. His parents were Georg **Wallick** and Anna Maria **Lober**. Christian died between 7 Jun 1816 (date of will) and 26 Jun 1816 (date of probate).<sup>9,10</sup>

Secondly, Ann married Jacob **Miller** 10 Jul 1823; six children. She died about 1842 in MD, age about 48.

With the marriage of **Ann Harrison** and **Christian Wallick**  
our **HARRISON** lineage joins our **WALLICK** lineage  
– see {Section 13} --

With the marriage of **Ann Harrison [Wallick]** and **Jacob Miller**  
our **HARRISON** lineage joins our **MILLER** lineage  
– see {Section 12a} --

**JOSHUA HARRISON (b c1758) and SARAH SELLMAN  
and their descendants**

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Joshua's parents were Josias Harrison and Elizabeth Holland  
Sarah's parents and birthdate are not known to us

4. Joshua<sup>3</sup> **Harrison**, born about 1758 Anne Arundel Co MD, married Sarah **Sellman** (Selmon?)<sup>11</sup> about 1776; at least eight children. They went to Hardin Co KY about 1784 and later to Harrison Co IN. He died 1839 Harrison Co,<sup>11</sup> age about 81.

a. Cabel<sup>4</sup> **Harrison** may have married Elizabeth **Deaver** Aug 1801.

b. Joshua<sup>4</sup> **Harrison** may have married Sarah **Parrish** Mar 1803.

c. Nancy<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**,<sup>9,12</sup> born about 1782 in MD, married John **Swank** 8 Jun 1797 Hardin Co KY. He was born about 1775. Nancy died Hardin Co KY.

Five children: Joshua, Susan, William H, Wesley, and America.

d. Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**, born about 1785 in KY, married her first cousin Ezekiel **Harrison** 3 Apr 1807 Shelby Co KY;<sup>8,12</sup> five children. His parents were Greenberry Harrison and Honor **Poole**, page 11b-5. Elizabeth and Ezekiel settled in Harrison Co IN.

e. John<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**, born 5 Jan 1787 in KY, married Mary "Polly" **Ashby** 31 Jan 1809.<sup>12</sup> She was born 11 Dec 1791. They both died Jan 1874 Pleasantville, Marion Co IA. He was about 87 and she was about 83.

Twelve children: Joshua M, Lattice, Sally, Franklin, Nancy, John Jr, Polly, Silas Ashby, Elizabeth V, Pameo Canery, Bladen Ashby, and Ann Almira.<sup>12</sup>

Polly Ashby was a sister of Nancy Ashby, who married John Harrison's brother Eli. In other words, two sisters married two brothers.

We think Polly and John may have died of influenza, during its worldwide epidemic in 1873-1875.

f. Eli<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**,<sup>9,12</sup> born 7 Jul 1792 in KY, married Nancy **Ashby** 22 Sep 1814. She was born 24 Sep 1793 in KY. He died 4 Mar 1874 Clarke Co IA, age 81. She died 19 May 1883 Clarke Co, age 89.

Eight children: Harriet M, Forman M, Thompson V, Milton S, Elizabeth V, Sarah S, Eli M, and Francis M.

Eli's brother John married Nancy's sister Polly. Their parents were Thompson Ashby (born about 1771 Prince George's Co MD) and Letitia **Van Meter** (born 2 Apr 1772 Bedford Co PA).

We wonder if Eli died of influenza, in the 1873-1875 epidemic. Clarke Co isn't far from Marion Co, where his brother John and sister-in-law Polly had died a few weeks earlier.

g. Mary<sup>4</sup> **Harrison** married John **Ray**.<sup>12</sup>

h. Sarah<sup>4</sup> **Harrison** married Washington **McGehee**.<sup>12</sup>

**GREENBERRY HARRISON (b c1760) and HONOR POOLE**  
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Greenberry's parents were Josias Harrison and Elizabeth Holland  
Honor's parents and birthdate are not known to us

5. Greenberry<sup>3</sup> **Harrison**, born about 1760 Montgomery Co MD, married Honor **Poole**,<sup>156</sup> at least eight children. They went to Hardin Co KY about 1784. He died Oct 1816 Harrison Co IN,<sup>11</sup> age about 56.

The listing below indicates that Greenberry and Honor had children over a period of 32 years, not completely impossible but certainly very unusual.

We are curious, however, about the 17 year gap between the births of Ruth and William Wesley. Was Honor the first wife of Greenberry, and was a second wife the mother of the last three children?

**a.** Ezekiel<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**,<sup>8,12</sup> born about 1773, married his first cousin Elizabeth **Harrison** 3 Apr 1807 Shelby Co KY; five children. Her parents were Joshua Harrison and Sarah **Sellman**, page 11b-4. Elizabeth and Ezekiel settled in Harrison Co IN.

**b.** Reuben Thomas<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**,<sup>11,12</sup> born about 1775 in MD, married Rhoda **Paris** 10 Apr 1805 Shelby Co KY. Her parents were Robert Paris and Anna **Howe**. Reuben died about 1831 Harrison Co IN, age about 56.

Nine children: Greenberry, Amy, Robert S, Mary Rebecca, William, Sarah P, Ruth Anna, James Clayton, and Reuben Thomas Jr.

**c.** Josiah<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**,<sup>8,11</sup> born about 1777, married Hannah **Bristow** 15 Dec 1812 Shelby Co KY.

**d.** Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> “Betsy” **Harrison**,<sup>8,11</sup> born about 1779, married Ezekiel **Newman** 27 Apr 1797.

**e.** Ruth<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**,<sup>8,11</sup> born about 1781, married John **Bulman** 28 Apr 1830.

**f.** William Wesley<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**,<sup>11</sup> born about 1798, married Elizabeth **Borden** 4 Jul 1830.

**g.** Catherine<sup>4</sup> “Caty” **Harrison**,<sup>8,11</sup> born about 1800, married Solomon **Mock** 4 Oct 1828.<sup>11</sup>

**h.** Benjamin<sup>4</sup> **Harrison**,<sup>11</sup> born 22 Feb 1805, married Celia **Byrne** 11 Nov 1832. He died 25 Dec 1852, age 47.

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**-- Selected Endnotes, Section 11b --**

*Note: where we have information from sources available to the public, we show those sources below. In some cases, however, we received the information from individuals, and it is in our database only. We hope showing it may, nevertheless, be of some help to a future researcher.*

1. Surname research file, Montgomery Co, MD Historical Society Library, Harrison folder.
2. F Edward Wright, *Anne Arundel County Church Records of the 17th and 18th Centuries* (Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1989), p 37.
3. LDS Family Group Records Archive, LDS Family History Centers; FGR, Josias Harrison, film 1274270.
4. Harry Wright Newman Collection (Research files), Southern Maryland Studies Center, College of Southern Maryland, Harrison file: Josias Harrison of Montgomery Co, MD - Will summary, citing Montgomery Co Wills, Liber E, folio 107. Hereinafter cited as Newman Collection.
5. LDS Family Research Registry, LDS Family History Centers, listing by Dixie Wallace Thilges.
6. Newman Collection, Extract, will of Josias Harrison proved 16 Nov 1803, Montgomery Co MD.
7. Correspondence from Marjorie C Satterlee of Mt. Airy MD, email 3 Jul 1999.
8. RootsWeb WorldConnect file "Walton Hall" by Marvin Walton (walt5659@aol.com), citing LDS Ancestral File.
9. Birth Certificate and Will of Christian Wallich, Montgomery Co MD Register of Wills, Liber I Folio 449.
10. Mary G Malloy, Jane C Sween and Janet D Manuel, compilers, *Abstracts of Wills, Montgomery County, Maryland 1776 - 1825* (n.p.: n.pub., 1977), p 140.
11. Correspondence from Diane Graham (meregra@avalon.net).
12. Correspondence from Diane Graham, Sep 1996, citing *My Kinfolks, Past and Present* by John William Gregson, 1992.
13. RootsWeb WorldConnect file "Ancestors of Patricia Christine Luke Herzog" by Patricia Herzog (fancytrish@aol.com).
14. Robert W Barnes, *British Roots of Maryland Families*, Vol 1 (Baltimore: GPC, 1999), p 236.

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