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HARRIS

The Royal Descent of the Harris family traces back to the noble House of Percy.

Sir Henry Percy, K.G., Earl of Northumberland, born Feb. 3, 1392/3, slain at St. Albans May 22, 1455, married Eleanor Neville (died 1463), daughter of Ralph de Neville, K.G., first Earl of Westmoreland, and Jean Beaufort, daughter of John of Gaunt.

(Through this marriage, descent is from Charlemagne, Alfred the Great, William the Conqueror, Edward I, many other Royal and Noble Houses, and Magna Charta Barons).

From the above Sir Henry Percy, we have, in direct line, Sir Thomas Percy and his wife, Eleanor Harbottle. Their daughter, Johanna Percy, married Arthur Harris.

William Harris, son of the above marriage, of Southminster, who died 1556, married (2) Johanna Cook of Essex. Their son was Arthur Harris.

Arthur Harris, Esquire of Woodham, County Essex, who died 1597, married Dorothy Walgrave, daughter of Sir William Walgrave (died 1554), of Smallbridge, County, Suffolk. Their son was Sir William Harris.

Sir William Harris, Knt., of Crixise, Kent, England, married Alice Smith, the daughter of Sir Thomas Smith of Weston Hanger, Kent. Sir Thomas Smith was the first Treasurer of the London Co., of Va. and was instrumental in the development of Va. Their son was Thomas, the migrant ancestor of this family.

Captain Thomas Harris, born 1587, came to Virginia in the ship Prosperous in 1611. Settled in Henrico County and was a member of the House of Burgess, 1623, 39 and 47. He was Captain in Charles City regiment in 1623 against the Indians. He married (1) in England, Adria Gurganey, born 1598, died 1626; married (2) Joane Osborne, daughter of Captain Thomas Osborne, who came from England to Virginia in 1619. Two sons by the second marriage: Thomas and William.

Major William Harris, born Henrico Co., Va., 1629, died 1778. Justice of Henrico County, member House of Burgesses, 1650 to 1658; Major of a Regiment in Charles City. He married 1647, Lucy Stewart, born Henrico Co., 1628, died 1688.

Thomas Harris, son of the above marriage, who died Cumberland Co., Va., 1730, married 1720, Mary Smith, born Henrico, Co., 1702, died Cumberland Co., 1745. They had a son John and a daughter Elizabeth.

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First record of Harris family was Arthur Harris who married Johanna Percy, dau of Sir Thomas Percy & his wife Eleanor Harbottle. Their son was W^m Harris (d. 1539) who married Johanna Capke. Their son was Arthur Harris (d. 1595) who married Dorothy Walgrave - of Royal Descent. Their son was Sir W^m Harris (d. 1616) who married Alice Smith, their son was Capt. Thomas Harris above mentioned born 1586 who was in Virginia in 1611 & their dau Mary Harris married as above Lt. Col. Thomas Ligon.

Major W^m Ligon son of Lt. Col. Thomas Ligon & Mary Harris born Henrico Co. Va. will proved there 1689 married Mary Tanner

W^m Ligon son of Lt. Col. Ligon born Henrico Co. 1682 died 1764 married Elizabeth Batte, dau of Henry & Mary (Lounsbey) Batte, & des of John Batte who came to Va. in 1646. A son was Joseph Ligon

Joseph Ligon born Henrico Co. 1704 will proved 1752 married & was father of Captain Joseph Ligon.

Capt. Joseph Ligon born Henrico Co. 1725 died Halifax Co. Va. 1770 married Judith who was living in 1780 a son of Blackman Ligon.