

Compilers: Quinnie Harper, 111 &  
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Portland, Tennessee

# THE HARPER FAMILY

## John Harpar (1)

**John Harper (1) (Harpar) , The first of his line of whom definite record is found, was of Noke, Oxfordshire, England. John married Margerie or Marjory whose last name has not been found. They both died at Noke in 1584.**

**Children of John and Margerie ; order of birth not known:**

- 1. John (died about 1575)**
- 2. John (again)**
- 3. Christian**
- 4. Katherine**
- 5. Margaret, who married Mr. Nashe**
- 6. Elizabeth, who married Mr. Tommis or Tomes**
- 7. Jane or Joane, who married Mr. Roberte or Roberts**
- 8. John (again) my line**

## **John Harpar (2)**

**John Harpar (2) , son of John and Margarie, was probably the youngest of the three sons named John. He was born about 1575-1576, and died 22 August 1617. John (2) was buried in a vault beside the door of St. Giles Church at Noke, Oxfordshire, England. He made a will August 17, 1617 . His wife was Bryget Greene and they married 26 Nov 1595. John described himself as “husbandman of Noke in ye countie of Oxon.”**

**At sometime before his death, John entered suit in chancery against Joan Bradshaw, who resided at the manor house with her grandson, Benedict Winchcombe. In this suit John recited that his father had been seized in fee of certain freehold land in Noke, and of “customary land held of the Manor of Noke,” which Henry Bradshaw and Joan his wife had agreed to purchase and make him a grant of copyhold. It is evident that the Harpers were a family of very considerable property in the parish.**

### **Children on John Harpar (2) and Bryget Greene Harpar:**

- 1. Margery : Christened 24 July 1596, and married John Day . She was living in 1667.**
- 2. Else or Alice: Christened 9 July 1598, and married 1 Feb 1619 to Richard Cox.**
- 3. Bryget: Christened 24 August 1600, and married Thomas Smith.**

**4. John: Christened 20 Oct. 1602. He apparently either took or was given the name of "George" later to distinguish him from his younger brother who was christened John. He moved to Beckley in the same parish in Oxfordshire.**

**5. John (3): my line-Christened 18 Nov 1604 .**

**\*Pictures of St. Giles Church are available upon request.**

## **John Harper (3)**

**John Harpar (3) , son of John and Bryget (Greene) Harpar(2) , was born at Noke, Oxfordshire, England. He was christened there 18 November 1604 and died the last week of November 1667. John(3) was buried 1 December in the family vault in the St. Giles churchyard at Noke besides the remains of his father. His will probated 21 December 1667 described himself as “ of Noke in ye countie of Oxon, yeoman”. He married Charatie whose surname has not been found. She was buried at Noke 7 Feburary 1641.**

**Children of John Harpar (3) and Charatie Harpar:**

- 1. Bridget Aston : Christened 1 January 1629 (This is the latest reference to the Harper family in the village of Noke).**
- 2. Joan: Christened 3 November 1633 and married Mr. Trudy.  
Child: John**
- 3. John (4) my line : Christened 5 March 1634.**
- 4. Ralph: Christened 7 November 1636.**
- 5. Josias: Christened 14 October 1638.**
- 6. Charatie: Christened 26 April, 1640.**

## **John Harper (4)**

**John Harper (4), immigrant ancestor, son of John Harper (3) and Charatie Harper was born in Noke, Oxfordshire, England and christened there 5 March 1634 by the rector of the parish, Robert Warland. John married Ann Butcher 6 April 1667, and when they moved to America he changed the spelling of his surname from Harpar to Harper. John (4) died in Pennsylvania 29 April, 1716. His will was dated 26 February 1714, and proved 4 May 1716; he and his wife were buried side by side in the churchyard of Trinity Oxford Church (Episcopal) Cemetery in Oxford Township, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. Ann was born in King Sutton, North Hampshire, England in 1646. Her father was Charles Butcher and mother Ann(?). The inscription on the stones are as follows:**

**John Harper  
Son of John Harper  
of Noke, in Oxfordshire in Old England  
Arrived in Pennsylvania 2d of August 1682  
Who died ye 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 1716  
aged 83 years**

**In Memory of  
Ann Butcher  
Widow of John Harper  
And  
Daughter of Charles Butcher  
Of King Sutton, in North Hamptonshire  
In Old England  
Who died ye 4<sup>th</sup> of March 1723/24  
aged 77 years**

**John joined the Quakers at a meeting in Barton, England, on February 3, 1682. The Quakers were not accepted by the monarchy. Many of them were imprisoned. John**

and Ann brought their children to America on one of William Penn's fleet, "Welcome", arriving in Philadelphia August 2, 1682.

**Children of John Harper (4) and Ann Butcher Harper:**

1. Josiah ( b. abt. 1669 in Bichester, Oxfordshire, England , d. 1733 Oxford Twp. Phil. Co. Pa ) m. Lydia Swanson, III about 1700. She was born in 1680.

Lydia's parents were: Ollie Svenson 1640 at sea; Lydia Ashmen b. abt 1645 in Philadelphia, Pa.

Children: (1)John who married Cathrine Brown 17 Jan. 1733 in Christ Church Phil., Pa. John and Cathrine's children: Isaiah b. Nov. 1735 , Ebenzer b. May 1738. John died 1763. (2) Rebecca b. abt. 1721 d. bet. 1772&1785.

2. Charles Alfred ( b. 30 Nov. 1671 in Chesteron, Oxon, England d. abt. 1748 Phil., Pa) m. Mary (?). Children: John (b. before 1730) , Hannah, Sarah, Thomas b. abt. 1730, Ann, Mary, and Rebbeca. Charles Alfred's will dated 7 June 1748, proved 27 July 1748. They lived in Oxford, Pa.

3. John ( b. 1677 in Oxfordshire, England, d. 1714 in Phil., Pa.) m. 31 May, 1711 to Deborah Paver or Parver in Christ Church Phil.,Pa. She died 1716. Children: John b. 25 June 1712, Deborah b. 1714.

4. Elizabeth ( b. 28 Nov. 1684 in Oxford Township, Phil. Pa d. 16 June, 1761) m. Joseph Griffin or Griffeth.

5. Ralph ( b. 2 Nov. 1687 in Oxford Township, Phil. Pa. d. 16 June 1761) m. 1<sup>st</sup> Sarah abt. 1724, Sarah died 1 Feb. 1738/39. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary Gregory b. 12 Sept. 1742 in Christ Church Phil. Pa. Mary died 21 Feb. 1778/79.

Children by Sarah: Sarah b. 1725 and Mary b. 1727.

Children by Mary: Catherine b. 1743, Elizabeth b. 1746, Gregory b. 1747.

6. Mary ( b. abt. 1681 in Oxfordshire, England , d. 1755) m. John Mills of Oxford Twp. Philadelphia Co. Pennsylvania.

7. Joseph ( my line) (b. 30 Nov. 1674 Chesterton, Oxon, d. 1746 Phil. Pa.) m. Sarah

**(Moore) Jackson .**

**8. Bridget (b. in Noke 1669, doesn't seem to have gone to America).**

**\*The will of John Harper (4) may be obtained upon request.**

## Joseph Harper (5)

Joseph Harper (5) was the son of John Harper(4) and Ann Butcher Harper. He was born 30 Nov 1674 in Chesterton, Oxon, England and died 1746 in Philadelphia, Pa. He married Sarah (Moore) Jackson in 1708. Joseph was a joiner and cabinet maker.

### Children of Joseph and Sarah:

1. Joseph ( b.12 June 1714 d. 1752 ) m. Elizabeth Russell (b. 1718 in New Castle, Delaware d. 1805) They married before 1748.
2. Sarah ( b. 12 June 1717 ,Oxbridge Twp. Phil. Pa. d. 1786 ) m. Matthias Keen abt. 1740 . Sons: Matthias b. June 1736, John b. June 1745, Joseph b. Oct. 1747, Jonas b. Feb. 1749, Robert b. April 1752, Josiah b. Feb. 1754.
3. Robert R. ( b. 1718 Oxbridge Twp. Phil., Pa - d. 2 Oct 1782) buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery ( Harper Family Cemetery) Berkley Co. West Virginia. Was the Harper of Harpers Ferry in West Va. Married Rachel Griffin in 1738. They had no children but there are many collateral decendants. Robert was baptized by Rev. John Talbot 27 Nov. 1718.
4. John ( b. 18 Aug. 1720 Oxbridge Twp. Phil., Pa - d. 1793 Berkley Co. West Virginia). 1<sup>st</sup> wife (?), 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Margery Robinson b. 1738 d.(?).
5. Ann ( b. 1712 d. 1747 ) Buried at Trinity Episcopal Church, Oxford Twp. Phil., Pa. Married Moses Wells 1749.
6. Josiah (my line) (b. aft. 1725 d. Frederick Co. Maryland 16 March 1768 ) m. Rachel Owings. \*Joseph Harper's will can be obtained upon request.

## **Josiah Harper (6)**

**Josiah Harper (6) was the son of Joseph Harper (5) and Sarah Moore Jackson Harper. He was born about 1725 and died in Frederick County Maryland 1768. His brother, Robert, was the executor of his estate. Josiah married Rachel Owings whose father was Robert Owings and mother Rachel Hook.**

**Josiah owned Prospect Plantation in Frederick Co., Maryland.**

### **Children of Josiah and Rachel:**

**1. Josiah (my line) (b. 1762 d. 1838 in Smith Co. Tennessee) - Josiah married Sarah Parrott 27 Dec. 1787 in Franklin Co. Virginia.**

**2. Robert (b. bet. 1765 d. 1841 in Tuscaloosa Co. Alabama) - Married 21 Dec. 1787 to Marjory Payne in Bedford, Va. Her father was John Payne and mother was Mary (?). Child: John Payne Harper b. 22 March 1790 in Va. d. 30 June 1863 in Scottsboro, Jackson, Al. Married Martha Patsy Phillips 12 March 1813 in Madison, Mississippi Territory. She was born 22 Jan 1796 in Ky. and died aft. 1870 in Van Co. ,Tx. They had 10 children.**

**3. Sary ( b. ? d. ? ) , her name is spelled like this in the will.**

**4. Rachel (b. 1788 d. ? ) Married James Duncan abt. 1821. Their children: Joseph b. 1822, Thomas b. 1824, Jefferson b. 1826.**

## **Josiah Harper (7)**

**Josiah Harper (7) was the son of Josiah Harper (6) and Rachel Owings Harper. Josiah was born in 1762 and died 1838 in Smith Co. Tennessee. Josiah married Sarah Parrott 27 Dec. 1787 in Franklin Co. Va. Their minister was Thomas Douglas. Sarah was born in 1761 and died in 1839. They are both buried in Smith Co. Tn. in the Rock City community. Her father was Joseph Parrott and mother's name was Winea (?).**

### **Children of Josiah and Sarah:**

**1. John (b. 1788 in Franklin Co. Va. d. 7 Oct, 1846 Smith Co. Tn. Rock City Community). He was converted in Hogan's Creek Baptist Church July 1827. His 1<sup>st</sup> wife was Miss Hodges and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Jane Fleming Skelton. John and Jane are buried in the Harper/Sampson Cemetery in Smith Co. Tn. John established a church in New Middleton and Plunkett's Creek Baptist Church. We visited their gravesite the summer of 2002.**

**2. Josiah Jr. (b. 1794 Va. d. 28 Sept. 1859 Fayette Co. Tx. m. Elizabeth (?) (b. abt. 1802 Ky.) Josiah was a Primitive Baptist Church Elder in Fayette Co. Tx. Children: Thomas (b. 1823 d. aft. 1874), Robert Hamilton (b. 1833 Al.) Benjamine Franklin (b. 1836 Ark), Rebecca Jane (B. 1841).**

**3. Thomas (b. 1802 Va. d. aft. 1860 Marion Co. Al.) .**

**4. Rachel ( b. 1803 in Va. d. ?) Married Mr. McGuffie.**

**5. Robert (my line)- ( b. 1805 in Tn. d. 1879 in Mississippi Co. Mo.) m. Nancy Williams in 1832.**

**6. Rebecca ( b. ? d.?) m. Nevel Hamilton Smith . Moved to Benton Co. Tn in 1840 and raised a large family.**

**7. Benjamin Franklin (b. ? d.?)**

**\*The will of Josiah Harper (7) can be obtained upon request.**

## **Robert Harper (8)**

**Robert Harper (8) was the son of Josiah Harper (7) and Sarah Parrott. Robert was born in Smith Co. Tn in 1805 and died in the Long Prairie Township of Mississippi Co. Mo. 1879. He married Nancy Williams in 1832. Nancy was born in 1812 in Smith Co. Tn. and died in Mississippi Co. Mo. in 1879. She and Robert moved to Miss. Co. Mo. in 1873. Her father was Giles Williams and mother Agnis (?). Robert and Nancy are buried at Oak Grove Cemetery between Bertrand and Charleston Mo. We visited the gravesite in 2000.**

### **Children of Robert and Nancy:**

- 1. James ( b. 1834 d. abt. 1864 in the Civil War) Had two children :James B. and John H. who were born in Benton Co. Tn.**
- 2. Robert ( b. 1837 in Tn. d. abt. 1864 in the Civil War ) Robert was buried in his father's orchard in Benton Co. Tn. He had two children: Willian F. and Robert H.**
- 3. Sarah Elizabeth ( b. 1839 d. ? in Bertrand Mo. Married 1<sup>st</sup> to Mr. Williams, married 2<sup>nd</sup> to William Love. Children by Sarah and William: Spencer and Ella.**
- 4. Maria Frances ( b. 1841 d. 1915 ) Married 1<sup>st</sup> to Mr. Caleb Macken , 2<sup>nd</sup> to Samuel Walters.**
- 5. John Bell ( my line ) - ( b. 25 Dec. 1844 d. 8 Jan. 1928 in Nashville , Tn.). 1<sup>st</sup> wife was Laura Ann Yarbrough, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife was Rebecca Frances Harrison.**
- 6. Josiah S. (b. 1847 Henry Co. Tn. d. ?) Was in Civil War and lived in Tecumseh, Okla. In Indian Territory. Married Belle (?) and had three children: Will, Cora, and Ophilia.**
- 7. Thomas Jefferson ( b. 22 Dec. 1848 in Benton Co. Tn- d. 16 March 1922 in Greenwood , Ark.) Married Elizabeth Susan Weeks in Carroll Co. Tn**

in 1870. She died 30 Oct. 1905 in Greenwood, Ark.

8. David H. (b. 23 July 1851 Henry Co. Tn. d. 1948 in Liberty, Mo.). Lived in St. Louis in 1922) - 1<sup>st</sup> wife Mabel Dodge m. 1876, d. 1882, 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Lucinda Dodge m. 1884.

9. William L. ( b. 18 Nov. 1855 Henry Co. Tn. d. 1922 Webster Groves, Mo.)  
Married Fannie Ostner (b. 1856 d. 30 Jan. 1913) Children: Ferd, Joe, and Eunice.

10. Green H. ( b. 1855 Henry Co. Tn. d. (?) in Nutbush Tn near Tibbs). In 1922 he was living in Brownsville, Tn. Married Allie B. Love.

\*The will of Robert Harper (8) may be obtained upon request.

## **John Bell Harper (9)**

**John Bell Harper (9) was the son of Robert Harper (8) and Nancy Williams Harper.**

**He was born 25 Dec 1844 in Smith Co. Tn. and died in Nashville, Tn. 8 Jan. 1928. John married his first wife , Laura Ann Yarbrough ( b. 1851 d. 6 May 1898 in Nashville, Tn.) in 1869. Her parents were Issac S. Yarbrough and Mary Ann Burton. His second wife was Frances Rebecca Harrison who was born in 1858 . Rebecca married John in Davidson Co. Tn. in 1916. The date of her death is unknown. John is buried in the Confederate Circle at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tn. Funeral services were held at Belmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tn.**

**John worked with his father, Robert, and siblings on a 160 acre farm in Camden, Tennessee which is in Benton County. Their house was made of logs and planks and had 10 rooms.**

**While living in Benton, County Tn. he enlisted in Captain William A. Jone's Battalion, Company A, Confederate Army which later became the 55<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry Regiment. He fought under General Joe Jackson and was wounded 1 June 1864 at New Hope Church by a minny ball passing through his right lung which disabled him for life. John returned to Benton County and taught school for several years while also studying medicine. Later John moved to Bertrand Mo. which is in Mississippi County. There he worked as a shipper of watermelons, making many trips to Nashville, Tn. with the melons. John also taught school and went in the medical field as a pharmacist. He and his family moved to Nashville, Tn. in 1916, and worked at the Capitol as Commissioner in the Land Office Department until his death in 1928.**

**Children of John and Laura:**

- 1. Blanch (b. 1872 d. 1918 in Chicago, Ill.) Married John Bailey Bruce 28 Aug 1893 and had one son, Bailey Harper Bruce (b. 16 Oct 1894 d. 15 Nov 1969). John was born 1866 and died 28 Aug 1924.**
- 2. Fannie ( b. 1873 d. June 1918 in Nashville, Tn) Married William Frank Burton (b. March 1867) and had two children: Ivo and William.**
- 3. Loula Belle (b. 6 Jan 1882 in Bertrand, Mo. and d. in St. Louis, Mo. 13 Sept 1970 ) . Married Charles Fred Jacobsmeyer 3 May 1905 and had two children, Robert and John. Fred b. 1881 d. 15 April 1964. Fred and Loula are buried in St. Louis at Oak Grove Cemetery. He and Loula were members of Bethel Lutheran Church at University City, St. Louis. Fred was the advertising manager for Mejestic Range Manf. Co. in St. Louis for 49 years. They lived at 155 Linden Ave. Clayton, St. Louis. His brother was named August.**
- 4. Quinnie Bush , Sr (my line) - (b. 4 Jan 1884 , d. 1 July 1966 in Hendersonville, Tn.) Married Edna Cathryne Waltemate.**

## **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JOHN BELL HARPER**

**1861 – Volunteered in Company A, Jones Battalion, Confederate Army, which afterwards became the 55<sup>th</sup> Tennessee Infantry.**

**1864 – Wounded at New Hope Church 1 June 1864 by a minny ball passing through his right lung.**

**1880- Lived in Bertrand, Mo with Laura A. Yarbrough his first wife. John was 36, Laura 29 , and children Fannie (8) and Blanch (7). Worked as a drugest and shipper of melons from Bertrand, Mo. to Nashville, Tn .**

**1891-92 – Lived at 417 Cedar Ave. Nashville, Tn.**

**1893 – Insurance Agent while living at 119 Belmont Blvd. Nashville, Tn.**

**1894 – Solicitor, Noel Block Bldgs. 125 McLemore, Nashville, TN.**

**1895-96 – Sold life insurance.**

**1897 – Lived at 125 McLemore St. and worked at 136 So. Market.**

**1898 – Salesman**

**1899 – Insurance salesman, Canvasser, r. 6&7 Twin Bldg.**

**1901 – Captalist**

**1902 – Collector**

**1916 – Married Frances Rebecca Harrison**

**1916 – 1928 - Lived at 1006 Gilmore St. Nashville, Tn. , Commissioner of the State Land Office. He also worked as a Travel Agent during this time.**

**1922 – Made picture at the Confederate Convention in Memphis, Tn. with his siblings: Thomas Jefferson, David, John Bell, Maria, Sarah, Josiah, Green H. Picture available upon request.**

**1928 – Died at 1006 Gilmore St. of the infirmities of his advanced age. Funeral services held at Belmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tn. 2:30 p.m. on a Tuesday.**

### **INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BLANCE AND FANNIE HARPER**

**Blanch at age 18 began working at Tennessee Manufacturing Co. which was located at 108 Wheelers near Gilmore St. in Nashville, Tn. She worked there from 1890 to 1894.**

**Fannie began working for the same company in 1891 when she was 18.**

**From the Enterprise Newspaper in Charleston, Mo. 11 Oct. 1885, “Miss Fannie and Blanch Harper have just returned home from Tennessee, where they have been taking music lessons for more than a year. They were accompanied home by their grandfather, I. C. Yarbrough.”**

## **Quinnie Bush Harper, Sr. (10)**

**Quinnie Bush Harper, Sr (10) was the son of John Bell Harper (9) and Laura Yarbrough Harper. Quinnie was born in Bertrand, Mo. 4 Jan 1884 and died in Hendersonville, Tn. 1 July 1966. He married Edna Cathryne Waltemate 10 Sept 1905 in Columbus, Ky. Edna was born 15 March 1887 in Columbus, Ky. and died 4 Feb 1960. Quinnie and Edna are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tn.**

### **Children of Quinnie and Edna:**

- 1. Frances Lee (b. 5 May 1907 Nashville, Tn. d. 11 April 1977 in Madison, Tn. Married Henry Laux and had 4 children: Barbara Ann (b. 14 Sept. 1927, d. 14 March 1985), Nancy Cathrine (b. 1 Sept. 1928 ), John (Bub) Henry, 111 ( b. 5 Oct. 1930 , d. 12 July 1998), James Harper Laux ( b. 31 July 1933 ,d. 11 May 2001).**
- 2. Quinnie Bush Harper, Jr (my line) - ( b. 19 Oct. 1913 in Nashville, Tn. d. 3 June 1974)- Married Virginia Claire Cox 23 March 1938. Virginia was born 19 Feb. 1921 in Nashville, Tn. and died 18 Nov. 2000 in Madison , Tn.**
- 3. John Bell ( b. 9 Sept 1919 in Hendersonville , d. 19 July 1989 in Donelson, Tn). Married Mary Ann Peden 2 Sept 1949). Children: Julie Ann (b. 14 Aug 1950), Edna Cathryne ( b. 21 July 1954), John Bell ( b. 31 Dec 1955).**
- 4. Edna Cathryne ( b. 11 Feb 1921 in Hendersonville, Tn. d. Jan. 1999 in Louisville, Ky). Buried at MT. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tn, Section 27, Lot 138.**
- 5. Brandon Neville ( b. 21 Feb 1923 in Hendersonville, Tn. d. 17 May 1993 in Louisville, Ky.) Buried in Mr. Olivet, Nashville, Tn. Buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tn. Section 28, Lot 99.**

**6. Betty Sue ( b. 6 June 1927 in Nashville, Tn. d. 23 Nov 2000 ). Buried at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville, Tn. Section 27, Lot 138.**

**Quinnie Sr. and Edna Cathryne were affectionaly call by many as Daddy Harper and Mama Harper.**

# **Quinnie Bush Harper, Jr.(11)**

**Quinnie Bush Harper, Jr (11) was th son of Quinnie Bush Harper, Sr. (10) and Edna Cathryne Waltemate Harper. Quinnie was born 19 Oct. 1913 in Nashville,Tn. and died 3 June 1974 in Madison, Tn. He married Virginia Claire Cox 23 March 1938 in Franklin, Ky. Virginia was born 19 Feb. 1921 in Nashville, Tn. and died 18 Nov 2000 in Madison,Tn.**

## **Children of Quinnie and Virginia:**

- 1. Quinnie Bush, Ill (my line) - (b. 16 Nov 1940 in Nashville, Tn.) , Married Betty Malone Farley 11 Feb. 1967 at Gallatin Road Baptist Church in Nashville, Tn. ; Reverend W. W. Harrison officiating.**
- 2. Richard Dale ( b. 3 Dec. 1945 in Nashville, Tn.) Married Suzanne Driver at Gallatin Road Baptist Church in Madison,Tennessee 21 September 1968.**

## **Children of Dale and Susanne:**

- 1. Emily Suzanne ( b. 15 March 1970 in Madison,Tn.) m. Chad Travis Mack Eads 1 Feb 1999. Chad was born 25 Jan. 1970.  
Childern: Carson Williams b. 21 March 2004 in Johnson City, Tn. ; Carley Suzanne b. 27 JULY 2005 in Johnson City, Tn.**
- 2. Richard Reid ( b. 13 March 1975 in Madison, Tn.) m. Breanna Melynda Dean 11 April 2003. Breanna was born 24 Jan. 1976.  
Child: Davis Jason b. 17 March 2005 in Atlanta, Ga.**
- 3. Wallace Drew ( b. 7 Feb. 1981 in Madison, Tn.)**

## **Quinnie Bush Harper, III (12)**

**Quinnie Bush Harper, III (12) is the son of Quinnie Bush Harper, Jr. (11) and Virginia Claire Cox. Quinnie was born 16 Nov. 1940. On 11 Feb. 1967 he married Betty Malone Farley of Nashville, Tn. Betty was born 15 March 1945 in Nashville, Tn. Her parents: Glen Malone Farley (b. 4 Dec. 1914, d. 31 Aug. 1988 and Mary Ann Garner Farley b. 31 Dec. 1919). As of 2002 Mary Ann has lived at the Christian Towers in Hendersonville, Tn.**

### **Children of Quinnie and Betty:**

**1. Elizabeth (Beth) Anne Harper McReynolds ( b. 10 Oct. 1972 in Madison, Tn.). Beth married Randy Quentin McReynolds 16 Nov. 1990 at Southside Baptist Church in Gallatin, Tn.**

### **Children of Randy and Beth:**

**(1) Alexander Quentin ( b. 29 Dec 1996 in Gallatin , Tn.)**

**(2) Charis Elizabeth ( b.19 June 1999 in St. Louis, Mo.)**

**(3) Kendal Elise (b. 12 Oct. 2002 in Sedalia , Mo.)**

**(4) Camden Asher (b. 27 Aug 2006) in Bristol, Tn.**

**2. Amanda (Mandi) Margaret ( b. 8 April 1977 in Madison, Tn.)**

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# Fayette County, Alabama

## ~ Harper Family of Marion and Fayette Counties ~

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**Thomas A. HARPER** b. 1802, VA, m. (1) in TN, (Unknown), b. (1800/1810), d. (aft 1840), (Warren Co., TN), m. (2) Mary E. --?--, b. abt 1817, TN, d. (after 1850), Marion Co., AL, m. (3) Mary Jane GRIGGS, b. 1829, AL, (dau of Jesse GRIGGS and Rebecca TUCKER) d. 1890, AL, bur. Old Poplar Cemetery near Winfield, Marion Co., AL. Thomas died (after 1860), Marion Co., AL.

*st marriage*  
1840  
census

Thomas HARPER was the son of Josiah HARPER (1759-1838) and Sarah PARROTT (1761-1839) of Virginia and Tennessee. Very little is known of Thomas' early life. He was first married possibly in Smith Co., TN, where he was named in a lawsuit in 1835. By the 1840 U.S. census, he had settled in nearby Warren County [p. 341]. His daughter Sarah (see #1 below) married there in 1842 but moved to northwest Alabama before the birth of her first child in 1843. The HARPERs almost certainly arrived in Alabama at this same time. *lawsuit Sarah*

*1850 census*

The 1850 U.S. census finds the HARPER and McWHIRTER families living side by side in Marion Co., AL [p. 118]. Thomas clearly had remarried since the previous census, considering that his current wife (Mary E.) was only 8 years older than his daughter Sarah. Together, he and Mary had at least one child (see #11 below) and perhaps as many as four. The previous year (1849), Thomas had acquired from the federal government approximately 40 acres in Section 10, Township 13S, Range 11W — an area now bordered by Glen Allen to the west, Walker County to the east and Fayette County to the south.

The HARPERs attended Hopewell Baptist Church (located in present Fayette County), which Thomas represented as a delegate to the North River Baptist Association from 1855 to 1860. During this same time period, he acquired several more federal land patents to the north and south of the church. Thomas reported owning real property valued at \$5,000 and personal property worth \$1,500 on the 1860 census of Marion County [p. 615]. He then disappeared from the records and is supposed to have died before 1870.

If Thomas outlived the Civil War, his final years were plagued by tragedy and grief. Seven of his sons were old enough to have served in the conflict — three are known to have enlisted in the Union army, and at least two joined the Confederate army. Of these seven brothers, four died from illness or wounds received during the war, and one was hanged as a Union sympathizer. No military service records have been found for the other two brothers, but the evidence suggests that they too were lost during the deadly decade. In addition, at least one of Thomas' sons-in-law died in the war.

Thomas A. Harper

Children by Unknown Wife:

1. **Sarah HARPER** b. June 24, 1825, TN, m. June 7, 1842, in Warren Co., TN, Andrew Ferrier McWHIRTER, b. Nov 9, 1824, TN, d. Oct 23, 1862, Nashville, TN. Sarah died Dec 28, 1883, AL, bur. O'Mary Cemetery, Marion Co., AL. [1]
2. **Robert HARPER** b. abt 1826, TN, d. 1862, Corinth, MS. [2]
3. **James W. HARPER** b. abt 1829, TN, m. abt 1848, in AL, Sarah Drucilla BYARS, b. abt 1834, AL. James died Oct 3, 1868, Galilee, Marion Co., AL. [3]
4. **Mary Emmoline HARPER** b. abt 1832, TN, m. abt 1852, in AL, James R. TUCKER, b. May 26, 1826, AL, (son of George TUCKER Jr. and Milla ROBERTS). Mary died before 1867, probably Marion Co., AL. [4]
5. **Josiah Houston HARPER** b. Mar 12, 1833, TN, m. Nancy Jane BERRYHILL, b. abt 1857, AL. Josiah died July 22, 1864, bur. Hopewell Cemetery, Fayette Co., AL. [5]
6. **Rebecca Jane HARPER** b. abt 1836, TN, m. Daniel Webster TUCKER, b. May 26, 1825, AL, d. Dec 15, 1901, Union Parish, LA. Rebecca died Feb 1, 1902, Union Parish, LA, bur. Zion Hill Cemetery. [6]
7. **Thomas Wade HARPER** b. abt 1839, TN, m. Mary Elizabeth LANE (daughter of John LANE and Phoebe WALDEN). Thomas died Sept 15, 1862, Knoxville, TN, bur. Bethel (Confederate) Cemetery. [7]

Children by Unknown Wife or Mary E. --?--:

8. **Elisha Denton "Dent" HARPER** b. abt 1841, TN, m. abt 1862, in AL, Lucinda Ann LYLE, b. abt 1840, GA, (daughter of John P. LYLE and Elizabeth NOLAND). Dent died 1866/1870, AL. [8]
9. **Tennessee Polk HARPER** b. abt 1843, AL, d. Dec 9, 1862, bur. National Cemetery, Nashville, TN (grave #7159). [9] Madison
10. **George M.D. HARPER** b. abt 1845, AL, date and place of death/burial unknown.

Child by Mary E. --?-- (may be others):

11. **Jasper GREEN HARPER** b. June 1850, Marion Co., AL, m. (1) Dec 17, 1874, Mary Elizabeth HYDER, b. 1855, AL, d. 1898, bur. Hyder Cemetery, Fayette Co., AL, m. (2) Nov 4, 1899, Mattie GILREATH, d. 1903. Green died 1925, AL, bur. New River Cemetery (unmarked).

*Children by Mary Jane Griggs:*

12. **Martha Ann HARPER** b. Sept 14, 1854, Marion Co., AL, m. Kimber Foster TUCKER, b. July 14, 1847, AL, d. June 30, 1922, OK Martha died Sept 13, 1914, OK, bur. Talahina Cemetery, Leflore Co., OK. [12]
13. **Nancy HARPER** b. 1855, AL, m./d. before 1870 [census].
14. **Malyssa (Melissa) A. HARPER** b. June 1857, Marion Co., AL, m. June 28, 1888, in AL, Eligha J. WHITE (*a.k.a. Lige White or E.J. White*), b. July 1855, AL. Melissa died in AR, date unknown.
15. **Jesse HARPER** b. 1860, Marion Co., AL, m. Sept 3, 1882, Sarah (Sallie) WHITEHEAD, b. 1862, Fayette Co., AL, d. 1959. Jesse died 1942, AL, bur. Griggs Cemetery, Marion Co., AL. [13]

*Please send additions/corrections to the compiler:*

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## NOTES

- 1) Sarah Harper was married at her father's home, according to her application for pension. Andrew McWhirter served in the First Alabama Cavalry, Co. K, USA, and died of measles in a Union hospital.
- 2) Robert Harper served in the First Alabama Cavalry, Co. B, USA, and died of wounds received in battle.
- 3) James W. Harper served in the First Alabama Cavalry, Co. G, CSA. He was wounded in battle and "sent home to die," which he did three years after the war ended. James was survived by his wife and eight children born between 1849-1865 (source: Widow's Pension application). Sarah Drucilla's maiden name, Byars, is proved by the death certificate of her daughter, Elizah (Harper) Love, who was born at Old Pikeville, Marion Co., AL.
- 4) Mary E. Harper was 18 on the 1850 census and was married a short time later. James and Mary Tucker were living in Astons Store Beat with other married children of Thomas A. Harper and very near to Thomas Harper's household in the 1860 Marion County census. James Tucker had remarried by the 1870 census to a Didemy or Deniece (maiden name unknown). Mary Harper had a son, Josiah Newton Tucker, who reared a large family in Fayette County.
- 5) Josiah H. Harper enlisted in the First Alabama Cavalry, Co. B, USA. On a return visit to his home, he was captured and killed by the Confederate Home Guards. He left a wife and four children (source: Southern Claims Commission, John Lyons, Case No. 20850, Marion Co., AL).
- 6) Daniel W. Tucker served in the Civil War for the Confederacy in Texas.
- 7) Thomas W. Harper, a soldier in the 43rd Alabama Infantry, Co. H, CSA, was killed in the Battle of Knoxville. His widow's pension application states that they had no children.

Thomas Wade Harper must have married Mary shortly before he joined the army. He enlisted in 1862 and died about five months later, according to a request for bounty pay that Mary obtained for his service. Mary and family left for Texas about 1869; she remarried in 1871 to John BOREN from Texas. Her parents' full names were John Madison Lane and Phoebe Ann Walden (source: ADAH). **UPDATE!**

8) Elisha Denton Harper married in the early 1860s and was last recorded on the 1866 Alabama state census. He and Lucinda Lyle had two children: Mary E. Harper (1863-1900/1910) and John Thomas Harper (1865-1930). Mary married James J. DUTTON, 1879, in Walker Co., AL – Lucinda Harper signed a handwritten note giving permission for her underage daughter to marry (source: The Zachariah Dutton Genealogy Web); John T. Harper married Francis Evoline WELCH. Lucinda A. (Lyle) Harper was recorded in the household with her father, John P. Lyle, and family in the 1880 census. The nickname "Dent" was contributed by a great-granddaughter, June (Harper) Barton Symonds, of Jasper, AL.

9) Tennessee P. Harper served in the First Alabama Cavalry, Co. K, USA. His date of death was found in National Archives Service Records. **UPDATE!**

12) Kimber F. Tucker served for the Confederacy in the Indian Territory (now Oklahoma).

13) Jesse and Sallie Harper had 15 children.

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