

Jacob Harter b. 16 May 1745 ? d. after 1812, Barnwell Co. S. C.
mar. prior 1786 ?

While no document has been found to prove that Jacob Harter of Barnwell Co. S. C. was the Jacob b. 16 May 1745, a son of Andrew Harter, there is much supporting evidence for this theory and the S. C. family is included with this history. There is a tradition in all branches of the Pennsylvania families that one brother went "south". Descendants of the S. C. Jacob Harter state that he came from Penna. and left brothers there. Note the similarity of names used in both families and there is a remarkable physical resemblance, even to-day, in the descendants.

In February and April 1964 we stopped in the Fairfax, S. C. area searching for records, and personally interviewed many descendants and have corresponded with many others. We are most grateful to the following for help with this branch: Mrs. Ada Harter Platts, RD #1, Fairfax, S. C., daughter of Henry Joel Harter who has her father's Bible, Dr. Bonnie Cone, President of Charlotte College, Charlotte, N. C. who sent the descendants of Henry Joel Harter, Mr. Jesse L. Harter, sr., Fairfax, S. C. who sent descendants of Absolum Harter, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin W. Harter, Route #1, Belpre, Ohio who furnished the complete records of descendants of Rev. William George Harter and his interesting autobiography, Mr. Harold M. DeLorme, jr. professional genealogist of Columbia, S. C. for research in the S. C. Archives and federal census for 1850 and 1880 of Barnwell Dis., S. C.

Following this family record will appear the federal census and court records of Barnwell Co. S. C. Note that frequently the age in the census and family records do not agree. The autobiography of Rev. William George Harter, written in 1836, is quoted in full for the human interest. As will be seen he did not know much about his progenitors, the deed executed by the heirs of John Platts proves that Margaret was not the only daughter.

5 children of Jacob and --- Harter

1. George Harter b. 9 Aug. 1786 d. 27 Apr. 1818

mar. prior 1810 census

Margaret Platts b. 9 Apr. 1786 d. 22 Sept. 1860 (she mar. 2nd v
Benjamin Warren)

Both are buried at Brandt Cemetery, near Fairfax, S. C. with extant tombstones. These dates are from the Bible now (1964) owned by Mrs. Ada Harter Platts who lives very close to this cemetery. As can be seen George Harter died at an early age and the struggle of his family is described in the autobiography of his son William George.

Margaret was a daughter of John and ^{Sophia} Lavinah -- Platts, both of whom died prior 1816, Barnwell District, S. C.

2 children of George and Margaret Harter

a. William George Harter b. 25 Sept. 1811 d. 31 July 1864

mar. 30 Dec. 1846 at Salisbury, N. C.

Margaret Virginia Nuttall b. 11 Dec. 1829 d. 6 July 1857

2nd mar. 6 Jan. 1858 at Silver Run, Ohio

Charlotte E. Hine b. 25 Jan. 1837 d. 29 Nov. 1918

Rev. William George Harter is buried at Hopeful Church Cemetery,

Florence, Kentucky, his first wife is buried at Old Lutheran Cemetery, Concord, N. C. and his second wife at Ferncliff Cemetery, Springfield, Ohio. The early life of William George Harter is described in his own words, he graduated in 1837 from Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary and was licensed 11 Nov. 1837 at St. John's Church, Charleston, S. C. and ordained 13 Nov. 1838 at St. John's Church on Broad River, S. C., he served churches in Cabarrus, Rowan, Stanley and Iredell counties N. C., Barnwell and Newberry counties S. C., Jefferson, Bullitt and Boone counties Ky. He also traveled for the home mission in Penna., Md., Virginia, Tenn., Ky., and N. C. Further record of his work follows his autobiography at the end of this chapter.

8 children of Rev. William George Harter (by 2 wives)

(1) Laura Louisa Euphrasine Harter b. 2 Aug. 1848 at Newton,
N. C.

mar. 1878 Ephraim E. Hughes, a banker at Ehrhardt, S. C.
where they lived, no issue.

(2) William Olinthus Fontaine Harter b. 8 July 1850 d. 1 June
1934

mar. 19 Mar. 1877

Estelle Winston b. 4 Oct. 1860 d. 5 Oct. 1916

Both are buried at Florence, Ky. William O. F. Harter was born at Mill Place (7 miles from Concord) N. C., he was a saddle maker at Cincinnati, Ohio and later at Marietta, Ohio. After the death of his father he came with his step-mother and the rest of the family to Shelby, Richland Co., Ohio and was apprenticed to learn a trade.

5 children of William and Estelle Harter

(a) Effie Harter b. 8 Nov. 1878 d. 1890

(b) Elizabeth Harter b. 21 Nov. 1880 d. 10 Aug. 1951

mar. Laurence A. Allen of Louisville, Ky.

She is buried at Williamstown, W. Va., was a school teacher, lived in Texas and later Marietta, Ohio, no children who survived infancy.

(c) infant son b. 27 Oct. 1882 d. 28 June 1883

(d) Edwin Stanley Harter b. 23 Nov. 1888 d. 28 Nov. 1888

(e) Edwin Winston Harter b. 27 June 1892

mar. 19 June 1925 at Williamstown, W. Va.

Ethel Dunham

Edwin was a draftsman at Dayton, Ohio and then a farmer at Marietta, now at Belpre, Ohio. (this is the family who furnished much of this material)

(3) Edwin Hazelius Nuttall Harter b. 21 Sept. 1852 d. 16 July
1853 at Mill Place, N. C.

(4) Marie Susan Virginia Harter b. 30 Sept. 1854 d. 1934

mar. 1878 John Edmund Mathis

She was born at Concord, N. C. and lived at Early Branch, S. C.
and died at Orlando, Florida.

3 children of John and Marie Mathis

(a) Martha Virginia Mathis b. 29 Oct. 1880

mar. William Robert Youmans, li. Orlando, Florida

(b) Maude Euphrasine Mathis b. 18 Apr. 1886 unmarried
d. 2 Mar. 1959

(c) John Norman Mathis

mar. Ella Castille

(5) infant daughter b. 23 June 1857 d. 26 July 1857
(and by 2nd wife, Charlotte E. Hine)

(6) George Elwin Harter b. 28 Nov. 1858 d. Jan. 1940

mar. 1879

Mellie Bindley of Kentucky

2nd mar. Sunolia Vaughn of Nashville, Tenn.

He was a salesman of pharmaceutical supplies and lived at Dayton, Ohio; Chicago, Ill. and Toledo, Ohio.

4 children of George E. and Mellie Harter (first wife)

(a) Charlotte Edna Harter mar. Herbert Ellis

(b) Mary Bindley Harter mar. Harry Bollmeyer

(c) George Elwin Harter jr. mar. Lucille ---

(d) Mellie Harter 1887-1890

(7) Margaret Estilla Harter b. 16 Apr. 1861 d. 10 Sept. 1944
mar. 1893

John Duncanson b. 4 Feb. 1866 d. 16 Oct. 1939

He was subscription manager for Crowell Publishing Co., they lived at Springfield, Ohio and in New York, had no issue.

(8) Carrie Lamenta Harter b. 23 Sept. 1864 d. 2 Feb. 1952
mar. 11 Sept. 1895

Edgar Stacey MacPherson b. 8 Feb. 1866 d. 10 Oct. 1947

They lived most of their married life at Springfield, Ohio where he was a machinist.

(a) Georgia Harter b. 25 Apr. 1899 at Bay City, Michigan,
a professor at Wittenberg College.

* b. Henry Joel Harter b. 26 Jan. 1814 d. 6 Feb. 1900
mar. 1 Nov. 1834 Barnwell Dist. S. C.

Elizabeth Lightsey b. 25 Dec. 1809 d. 30 Jan. 1886

2nd mar. 26 Jan. 1888 Barnwell Co. S. C.

Annie Laura Hiers b. 9 Jan. 1863 d. 4 Aug. 1910

Henry Joel Harter and his first wife are buried at Brant Cemetery near Fairfax S. C. Annie, the second wife, is buried at St. Nicholas' Lutheran Cemetery. Elizabeth was daughter of John A. Lightsey b. 8 April 1779 d. 22 June 1835 mar. 1 Oct. 1801 to Rebeccah Mole b. 15 April 1785 d. 21 June 1839. Henry Joel Harter must have been a very good and kind man. His daughter, Ada Harter Platts, has a letter written by a minister in Kentucky in reply to Henry Joel. When Rev. William George Harter died in 1864 leaving a family of small children with but little means Henry Joel offered to take these children.

This was during the war and conditions and communications were surely not very good in the south, the widow had taken the children to Ohio and Henry Joel did not know how to get in touch with her but he tried very hard to help.

Henry Joel Harter and both of his wives were members of St. Nicholas' Lutheran Church, near Fairfax, S. C. He was 74 when he married the second time and 82 when his last child was born. Two of his daughters are living in 1964, Mrs. Ada Platts and Mrs. Anna Laura Williams, both of whom remember their father as a very devout Lutheran and that they always knelt beside his chair for prayer before going to bed. Henry Joel Harter had a blacksmith shop. His death was caused by pneumonia, an illness of 10 days.

9 children of Henry Joel and Elizabeth Harter

(1) L. Harriet Harter b. 7 Mar. 1836 d. 22 Apr. 1916

mar. George Jenny, they lived at Jennys, S. C. and had 2 children. George Jenny had 2 other wives.

(2) E. Amanda Harter b. 11 June 1838 d. 8 July 1920

mar. John J. Young, they lived at Fairfax, S. C., had 4 children.

(3) Annie M. Harter b. 28 July 1839

mar. Lawrence Weekly, they had 5 daughters.

- (4) Henry Washington Harter b. 1 July 1841 d. 2 Feb. 1915
 mar. 23 Nov. 1866 Harriet S. Brant
 2nd mar. to Rivan Brant X

Henry Washington Harter was the father of 16 children, 4 boys and 4 girls by each wife. He lived at Fairfax, S. C. and several of his children are living in this area in 1964. Many of this family are buried in Brant Cemetery, near Fairfax.

- (5) Frederic Alfred Harter b. 6 Mar. 1843 d. 27 Jan. 1903
 mar. 21 Feb. 1872 by Rev. G. W. Kinard
 Mary Haseltine Cone b. 6 Oct. 1854 d. 5 Jan. 1935

Frederic Alfred Harter is buried at Brant Cemetery and his wife at Brunson, S. C. Mary H. Cone was daughter of William and Eveline (Barnes) Cone. Frederic A. and Mary Harter were members of Harmony Baptist Church near Fairfax, S. C. Frederic served in the Confederate Army and was wounded by a bullet in the chest which was never removed and caused suffering the remainder of his life. After his death the widow moved to Atlanta, Ga. and later returned to Brunson, S. C. They had 11 children.

- (6) Mahala Janie Harter b. 16 Dec. 1844 d. 22 Dec. 1907
 mar.

John J. Copeland b. 12 May 1837 d. 25 Oct. 1911

They are buried at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church Cemetery, Ehrhardt, S. C. in which church he held office for 35 years. He was 1st Lieut. Co. G. 1st S. C. Vol. in Confederate Army and a mason. They had no children.

- (7) Mary R. Harter b. 13 Jan. 1847 d. 25 June 1933

mar. Henry Deer, they are buried at Salkehatchie near Ulmers, S. C. They had 8 children.

- (8) Ursula Elizabeth Harter b. 25 Apr. 1849 d. 24 Dec. 1928
 mar. Francis Marion Young, a brother to Dr. William

Young and John Young, husband of E. Amanda Harter. They are buried at Fairfax, S. C. Had 4 children.

- (9) Joel Adam Harter b. 23 Feb. 1852 d. age 15 years of black measles and is buried with his parents.

4 children of Henry Joel and Annie L. Harter

- (10) Martha Ada Harter b. 14 Nov. 1888 d. Dec. 23, 1973
 mar. July 1904

Owen Platts They had 11 children. She lived near Jennys, S. C. and the Brant Cemetery and has her father's Bible.

- (11) Laura Anna Harter b. 7 July 1890
 mar. 2 Sept. 1908

Arthur Williams They lived near Fairfax, S. C. and had 4 children.

- (12) Leacy Carrie Harter b. 1 Aug. 1892 d. 8 Apr. 1962
 mar. Leroy Johns and lived Augusta, Ga., had 1 child.

- (13) Jacob Francis Harter b. 30 Oct. 1896 d. 3 Mar. 1940

mar. Annie Lou Williams, sister of Arthur Williams, and had 3 children.

2. Absolum Harter b. ca 1790 (May-1791)
 mar. Rebecca Mathews They lived in the same area near Fairfax, S. C.
 b. 30 Sep. 1797

6 children of Absolum and Rebecca Harter

- a. George Harter b. 11 Nov. 1821 d. 12 May 1887

- / mar. Theresa Elizabeth Williams b. 22 Dec. 1830 d. 28 Jan. 1872

George Martin Harter

or Theresa Elizabeth Harter? (Brant-Manuel p.53)

2nd mar. Mary Williams b. 18 Sept. 1840 d. 10 May 1887
All three, as well as many others of this family, are buried at Harter
Cemetery near Ulmers, S. C. a well kept family cemetery.

George Harter, a teacher, engineer, merchant and farmer, survived
the war although he was captured by the Union forces and held prisoner
until Feb. 14, 1865.

- 17 children of George Harter and his 2 wives (sisters)
- (1) Mary Harter b. 26 Feb. 1855 d. 16 Mar. 1924
mar. Angus P. Thomas d. 23 May 1911
 - (2) William H. Harter b. 3 Aug. 1856 d. 4 May 1936
mar. Anna Ayer
 - (3) Ella Harter b. ca 1858
mar. Lewis M. Ayer
 - (4) Amanda Harter b. 22 Dec. 1859 d. 10 Dec. 1933
mar. 1 May 1884
- Jacob Harter d. 2 Aug. 1926

1860
Census Mary -
Their son, Jesse L. Harter, Fairfax, S. C., furnished the data on
the family of Absolum Harter.

- (5) H. Walton Harter b. 14 Aug. 1860 d. 6 Feb. 1921
- (6) Luther G. Harter b. 30 Sept. 1861 d. 4 Feb. 1925
mar. Carrie Ayer
- (7) Sally Harter b. 12 Sept. 1862 d. 13 Dec. 1937
mar. V. W. Manuel
- (8) Dr. Jasper Harter b. ca 1864
- (9) Harriet Harter b. 16 June 1866 d. 27 Jan. 1937
mar. -- Cadle
- (10) Joyce Harter b. ca 1870
mar. George Cope
- (11) J. Wyman Harter b. ca 1872
- (12) John J. Harter b. 6 Aug. 1873 d. 6 Oct. 1899
mar. Countye Creech
- (13) E. Frampton Harter b. 13 Sept. 1878 d. 16 Nov. 1960
mar. Lizzie --
- (14) Elizabeth Harter b. after 1880
mar. Owen Brant
- (15) Molly Harter never married
- (16) J. Perry Harter b. 6 Aug. 1883 d. 10 Feb. 1961
mar. Hattie Platts
- (17) Archie Harter

b. Miley Ann Harter b. 18 Sept. 1827 d. 10 May 1887
mar. P. L. Williams 1837-1902 (Preston L. Wms, Brant/Harper, p. 52)

c. Saleda Harter b. 24 Nov. 1831 d. 23 Apr. 1891
mar. -- Lewis

d. Thursday Ann Harter b. ca 1836 (Rebecca Thirza Ann Harter)
mar. -- Lewis (Jaw) b. 23 Nov 1837

e. Allen Harter d. unmarried, died in Confederate Army (b. June 1824)

f. Jacob Harter b. ca 1840 d. unmarried, died in Confederate
(Jacob Absolum Harter b. 6-1842) Army

3. Andrew Harter b. ca 1795 d. after 1850, unmarried

4. daughter b. prior 1800, probably died in youth (appears in census)

5. John Jacob Harter b. after 1800 d. prior 1835 unmarried

FEDERAL CENSUS RECORDS

1790 South Carolina page 99 Jacob Harter 1 male over 16, 2 males
under 16
2 females.

1810 Barnwell District S. C. page 801 Jacob Harter - 1 male over 45,
1 male under 10, 2 males 16 to 26 1 female 10 to 16, 1 female 26 to 45
George Harter 1 male 16 to 26 and 1 female 16 to 26
2nd house from

* Lovinah Platts: 1 male 10 to 16, 3 males 16 to 26 1 female 10 to 16,
1 female over 45 (could be the widow of John Platts and mother of
Margaret)

1830 Barnwell District, S. C. page 145
Absolam Harter: 2 males 5 to 10, 1 male 40 to 50. 1 female under 5,
1 female 10 to 15, 1 female 30 to 40

Andrew Harter: 1 male 20 to 30, 1 male 30 to 40; 1 female 20 to 30, 1
female 40 to 50

The following records were abstracted for me, by Mr. Harold M.
DeLorme, jr., Columbia, S. C., from the Deed Records of Barnwell
Co. S. C.

Book F - p. 220. 2 May 1812, Jacob Harter, Planter for love and
affection for George Harter 50 acres, a part of 240 acres surveyed for
Jacob Harter the 30 Sept. 1786.

Book F - p. 222. 2 May 1812, Jacob Harter, Planter, to his sons:
George, Andrew, Absalom and John Jacob Harter - 400 acres in Barnwell
District on Pretty Creek waters of Big Saltcatcher River and is adjacent
to George Howard, Jacob and George Koup, Jacob Harter and was surveyed
2 Oct. 1809. Witnesses to both deeds were William Weekly and Owen
Hallford and they were recorded 5 June 1812.

Book J - p. 327. On 26 Dec. 1816, John Platts, David Platts, John Adam
(x) All and Elizabeth (x) All his wife, Henry (x) Brant and Caterenah (x)
Brant his wife, John Coone, George Harter and Margaret (x) Harter his
wife, all of Barnwell District, and Michel Kinard and Miley (x) Kinard
his wife of Lexington District, and Abraham (x) Hiers and Nancy (x) Hiers
his wife of Colleten District, George Howard and Christenah (x) Howard
his wife to Georgia sell to George Platts of Barnwell District, 300 acres
being two tracts. 200 Acres on Hog branch and 100 acres on Pretty
Creek and on waters of Saltketcher and was granted to John Platts, decd.
and the land descends to us. Witnesses were: John Jenny and George
Moles.

Book U - p. 263. On 7 Dec. 1835 Absalom (x) Harter, Benjamin (x)
Warren, William G. Harter, Henry J. Harter sold to Andrew Harter 132,

acres, his full share and part of land granted to Jacob Harter, decd. and is on the S. side of Great Saltcatcher River and is on Pretty Creek branch and is adjacent to George Kopes, Benjamin Warren, William G. Harter, Henry J. Harter, Absalom Harter, Jacob Kope. Margareth (x) Warren and Rebecca (x) Harter - wives of Benjamin Warren and Absalom Harter sign their dower rights on the 17 Dec. 1835. wit: David Platts, Jacob Kope.

Book U - p. 265. 17 Dec. 1835 Andrew Harter sold to George Kope 132 acres being 1/3 part of land granted to Jacob Harter for 400 acres. wit: Jacob Kope, David Platts.

Book U - p. 368. 22 Feb. 1836 William G. Harter and Henry J. Harter sold to Jacob Kope 132 acres adjacent to Jacob Kope, Absalom Harter, George Kope. Elizabeth Harter, wife of Henry J. Harter, signed her dower rights on 9 Apr. 1836. wit. to deed: David Platts and Henry Carter.