



- PREPARED FOR:** Linda Peterson (Descendant of Thomas W. Harris [1827–1897] of Woodford Co., KY & Stevensville, Ravalli Co., MT)
- RESEARCH SUBJECT:** Disentangling the Three Contemporary Virginia Men Named Nathaniel Harris (1756–1854): Proving the True Birthplace, Parentage, Wife, Service & Death of Lt. Nathaniel Harris (b. ca. 1756–1758, Goochland Co., VA; d. bef. 17 Apr 1817, Woodford Co., KY) vs. Rev. Nathaniel Harris (b. 26 Aug 1759, Powhatan Co., VA; d. Aug 1849, Woodford Co., KY, Pension S. 37,971)
- OBJECTIVES:** (1) Verify whether *The Douglas Register* (Goochland Co., VA) contains a 26 August 1759 birth entry for Nathaniel Harris; (2) Identify the true primary source of the 26 August 1759 birth date and prove the parentage of pensioner Nathaniel Harris (S. 37,971); and (3) Establish the documented primary-source lineage from Capt. Thomas Harris & Mary Giles → David Harris → Harrison Harris (d. 1795) & Martha → Lt. Nathaniel Harris (d. 1817) & Mary ("Molly") Howard → Lewis Harris (m. 1826 Lucinda Berry) → Thomas W. Harris (1827–1897).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. Why Online Trees Have Conflicted on Nathaniel Harris: Nearly every compiled lineage and online family tree for the Harris family of central Virginia and Woodford County, Kentucky, has merged three separate Revolutionary War-era contemporaries named Nathaniel Harris into a single composite biography—attaching the 26 August 1759 birth date and Revolutionary War pension file (NARA File S. 37,971) of a Powhatan and Bedford County, Virginia soldier to your Goochland County, Virginia ancestor Lt. Nathaniel Harris (d. 1817), who married Mary ("Molly") Howard on 18 March 1782.

2. Three Forensic Conclusions Proven by Original Primary Sources (Enclosed Inline Below):

- **Finding A — No "26 August 1759" Birth Exists in *The Douglas Register*:** A complete audit of Rev. William Douglas's St. James Northam Parish Register (Goochland Co., VA, 1750–1797) confirms **zero birth entry for any Nathaniel Harris on 26 August 1759**. Instead, *The Douglas Register* proves the **18 March 1782** marriage of your ancestor "Nat: Harris & Mary Howard, both of Goochland" (p. 26) and the **17 February 1769** birth of bride Molly Howard (p. 216).
- **Finding B — The "26 August 1759" Birth Date Belongs to Rev. Nathaniel Harris (S. 37,971), Son of Charles Harris of Powhatan & Bedford Cos., VA:** The 26 August 1759 birth date derives solely from the 5 May 1834 pension declaration of Rev. Nathaniel Harris, Senr. (S. 37,971), who enlisted in Powhatan County, Virginia in 1778, married Prudence More Mann on 16 December 1779 in Powhatan County, moved with his father to Bedford County, Virginia in 1780, fought at Guilford Courthouse (1781), lived in Jessamine County, Kentucky in 1834, and died in Versailles, Woodford County, in August 1849. Sworn eyewitness depositions in his sister Keziah (Harris) Clark's Widow's Pension File (W. 6,678) and the 1787/1793 Bedford County Will of Charles Harris (Will Book 2:108) prove that the 1759 pensioner was the son of Charles Harris.
- **Finding C — Your Ancestor is Lt. Nathaniel Harris (b. ca. 1756–1758; d. bef. 17 April 1817, Woodford Co., KY), Proven Son of Harrison Harris (d. 1795) & Martha:** Your ancestor served as Ensign (1777) and 2nd Lieutenant (1778) in the Goochland County Militia, married Mary ("Molly") Howard on 17/18 March 1782, inherited 200 acres on South Elkhorn Creek under the 1790/1795 Woodford County Will of his father Harrison Harris (Will Book A:141), joined his five siblings in the 19 August 1795 Goochland Co-Heirs' Deed (DB 16:464), and died intestate in

Woodford County before 17 April 1817 (Will Book E:235)—seventeen years before Pension S. 37,971 was ever filed.

Identifier	Man #1 (YOUR ANCESTOR) Lt. Nathaniel Harris (ca. 1756–1817)	Man #2 (1759 PENSIONER) Rev. Nathaniel Harris (1759–1849)	Man #3 (LOUISA PENSIONER) Pvt. Nathaniel Harris (ca. 1763–1854)
Birth Date & Place	ca. 1756–1758, Goochland Co., VA (of age to be commissioned Ensign 18 Aug 1777)	26 August 1759, Powhatan (then Cumberland) Co., VA (sworn in S. 37,971)	ca. 1760–1763, Hanover Co., VA (aged 69 on 1 Oct 1832 in S. 5,456)
Proven Parents	Harrison Harris (d. 1795) & Martha ("Patty") (Woodford WB A:141; Goochland DB 16:464)	Charles Harris (d. 1793) of Powhatan & Bedford Cos., VA (Pension W. 6,678; Bedford WB 2:108)	Overton / Hanover–Louisa Harris branch (resided Trinity Parish, Louisa Co., VA)
Rev. War Service	Ensign (18 Aug 1777) & 2nd Lt. (20 Apr 1778), Goochland Co., VA Militia (OB 12:512, 13:49; DAR #A051738); died 1817 before 1832 Pension Act	Private, Powhatan & Bedford Co., VA Militia (1778 Capt. Mayo; 1781 Capt. Gwatkins, Col. Lynch, Battle of Guilford Courthouse; Pension S. 37,971)	Private, Louisa Co., VA Infantry (1780 Capt. Robert Barrett, Col. Francis Taylor, guarding Saratoga prisoners in Albemarle Co.; Pension S. 5,456)
Marriage & Spouse	m. 17/18 March 1782, Goochland Co., VA to Mary ("Molly") Howard (b. 17 Feb 1769 – d. Jun 1837, dau. of John Howard & Elizabeth Stanley)	m. 16 December 1779, Powhatan Co., VA to Prudence More Mann [Nunn] (Powhatan Marriage Register, p. 5)	m. 27/29 May 1788, Goochland/Louisa Co., VA to Martha Byars / Byers ("both of Louisa," <i>Douglas Register</i> , p. 25)
Death & Probate	Died intestate bef. 17 April 1817, Woodford Co., KY (WB E:235); widow Mary's estate 29 Jun 1837 (WB K:408) names son Lewis Harris	Died bef. 12 August 1849, Versailles, Woodford Co., KY (Will dated 28 Sep 1844, proved 12 Aug 1849, WB N:385; names Wright grandsons & dau. Martha Ratcliff)	Died 25 April 1854, Smyth Co., VA (never lived in Kentucky; signed by "X" mark)

PART I: DISPROVING THE '26 AUGUST 1759' GOOCHLAND BIRTH MYTH & SEPARATING THE THREE CONTEMPORARY VIRGINIA MEN NAMED NATHANIEL HARRIS

1. Exhaustive Audit of The Douglas Register (Goochland County, Virginia, 1750–1797): Proof of the 1782 Marriage of Lt. Nathaniel Harris & Mary ('Molly') Howard

For decades, online trees and compiled secondary lineages have merged your ancestor, **Lieutenant Nathaniel Harris (b. ca. 1756–1758, Goochland County, Virginia; d. intestate bef. 17 April 1817, Woodford County, Kentucky)**, husband of **Mary ('Molly') Howard** and son of **Harrison Harris (d. 1795) and Martha ('Patty')**, with two other contemporary Virginia Revolutionary War veterans of the identical name. Specifically, online trees frequently assert that your ancestor Nathaniel Harris was born on **26 August 1759** in St. James Northam Parish, Goochland County, Virginia, and cite Rev. William Douglas's parish register (*The Douglas Register*) as the supposed source of that birth date.

An exhaustive, line-by-line inspection of every *Harris* and *Howard* birth, baptism, marriage, and funeral entry in *The Douglas Register* (covering 1750–1797)—as well as a complete chronological audit of every entry recorded for the year 1759 (printed pages 54–58)—proves that **no birth or baptism entry for any Nathaniel Harris on 26 August 1759 exists in The Douglas Register**. Because Harrison Harris (d. 1795) and his wife Martha were active Baptists affiliated with Dover Baptist Church in Goochland County, none of their six children were presented for infant baptism in the Anglican parish register. Instead, *The Douglas Register* records two vital primary-source events for your direct ancestral family—and one contrasting marriage for a neighboring Louisa County contemporary: (1) on **18 March 1782** (original register p. 22; printed p. 26), Rev. William Douglas married '**Nat: Harris & Mary Howard, both of Goochland**' (backed by the original Goochland County marriage bond dated **17 March 1782**, signed by **Nathaniel Harris** and his brother-in-law **Wm. Hix** [William Randolph Hicks, husband of

Nathaniel's sister Mary Elizabeth Harris]); (2) on **17 February 1769** (baptized **20 April 1769**, original p. 84; printed p. 216), Rev. Douglas recorded the birth and baptism of the bride, **'Molly' Howard**, daughter of **John Howard and Elizabeth Stanley** (married 20 April 1755, p. 1); and (3) six years after your ancestor's 1782 marriage, on **29 May 1788** (original p. 25; printed p. 26), Rev. Douglas married a completely separate man, **'Nathaniel Harris & Martha Byers, both of Louisa'** (whose child Polly Harris was born 1 April 1788 and baptized 29 May 1788, p. 121).¹

Primary Source Citation [1]: W. Mac. Jones, trans. and ed., *The Douglas Register: Being a Detailed Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths Together with Other Interesting Notes, as Kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750 to 1797* (Richmond, VA: J. W. Fergusson & Sons, 1928), p. 26 (marriage of "Nat: Harris & Mary Howard, both of Goochland, 1782, Mar: 18, p. 22"), p. 216 (birth and baptism of "Molly," daughter of John Howard & Eliz: Stanley, born 17 Feb 1769, baptized 20 Apr 1769, original p. 84), pp. 25 & 121 (marriage of "Nathaniel Harris & Martha Byers, both of Louisa, 1788, May 29, p. 25" and baptism of daughter Polly, born 1 Apr 1788), and pp. 54–58, 207–210 (complete audit of all Harris births and 1759 entries); coupled with Goochland County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns, 1730–1853, marriage bond of Nathaniel Harris and Mary Howard, dated 17 March 1782, signed by Nathaniel Harris and security/bondsman Wm. Hix [William Randolph Hicks], FamilySearch Digital Film 007578982 (FHL Microfilm 31,650).

Archive Reference / Digital Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/372047>

DOCUMENT 1: THE DOUGLAS REGISTER — ST. JAMES NORTHAM PARISH, GOOCHLAND CO., VA (1750–1797)

Rev. William Douglas's Original Parish Register (W. Mac. Jones ed., Richmond, 1928, pp. 1, 25, 26, 121, 207–210, 216)

1. Marriage of Lt. Nathaniel Harris & Mary ('Molly') Howard — 18 March 1782 (Original p. 22, Printed p. 26):

PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT

"Harris, Nat: & Mary Howard, both of Goochland 1782, Mar: 18 p. 22."

[Accompanied by Goochland County Marriage Bond dated 17 March 1782, signed by Nathaniel Harris and security/bondsman Wm. Hix (William Randolph Hicks, husband of Nathaniel's sister Mary Elizabeth Harris), FHL Film 31650.]

2. Birth & Baptism of Bride Mary ('Molly') Howard — Born 17 Feb 1769, Bapt. 20 Apr 1769 (Original p. 84, Printed p. 216):

PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT

"John Howard & Eliz: Stanley a Daughter named Molly born feb: 17 1769. Baptized Ap: 20 1769. p. 84."

[Parents' marriage in The Douglas Register, p. 1: "1755, Ap: 20, John Howard & Eliz: Stanley."]

3. Contrasting Louisa County Marriage of Man #3 (Pvt. Nathaniel Harris, S5456) — 29 May 1788 (Printed pp. 26, 121):

"Harris, Nathaniel, & Martha Byers, both of Louisa 1788, May 29 p. 25."

"Nathan Harris & Martha Byers a child Polly born Ap: 1 1788. Baptized 29 May 1788. p. 121."

4. Complete Audit of All 'Harris' Births & Baptisms in The Douglas Register (pp. 207–210 & Year 1759, pp. 54–58):

Exhaustive line-by-line verification confirms ZERO birth or baptism entry for any "Nathaniel Harris" on 26 August 1759 (or in 1759). Harrison Harris (d. 1795) and his wife Martha were Baptists (Dover Baptist Church, Goochland Co., VA); none of their six children were baptized as infants in the Anglican parish register.

KEY PROOF POINT: Proves Lt. Nathaniel Harris of Goochland Co., VA married Mary ('Molly') Howard on 17/18 Mar 1782, while a separate Nathaniel Harris of Louisa Co., VA married Martha Byers on 29 May 1788—and disproves the false online claim that The Douglas Register contains a 26 Aug 1759 birth entry.

Document 1: Verbatim entries from Rev. William Douglas's St. James Northam Parish Register (The Douglas Register, Goochland Co., VA, 1750–1797, pp. 1, 25, 26, 121, 207–210, 216), establishing the 18 March 1782 marriage of Lt. Nathaniel Harris and Mary ('Molly') Howard (b. 17 Feb 1769), contrasting the 29 May 1788 marriage of Nathaniel Harris and Martha Byers ('both of Louisa'), and confirming the complete absence of any 26 August 1759 birth entry.

2. Origin of the '26 August 1759' Birth Date: NARA Revolutionary War Pension File S. 37,971 (Rev. Nathaniel Harris of Powhatan & Bedford Cos., VA, and Jessamine & Woodford Cos., KY)

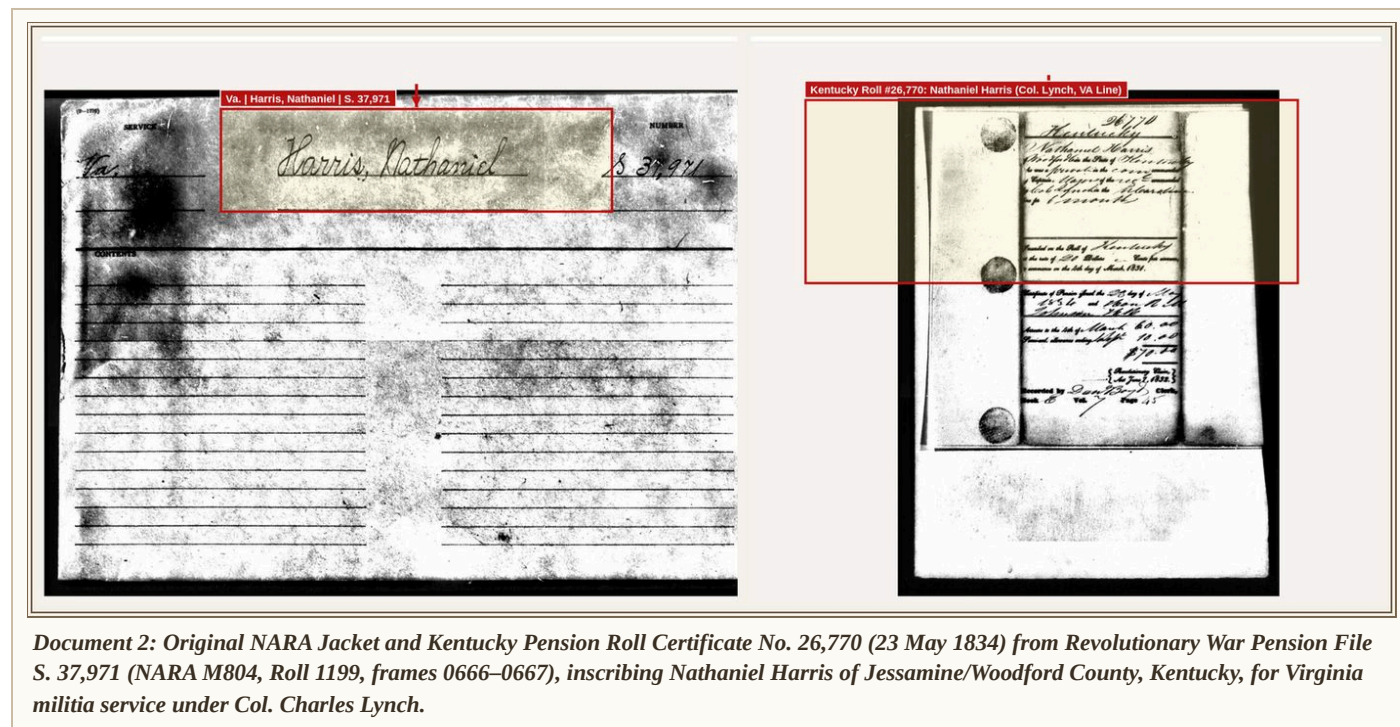
Where, then, did the exact birth date of **26 August 1759** originate? Primary-source examination of all surviving Revolutionary War pension files at the National Archives (NARA Record Group 15, Microfilm Publication M804) reveals that the **26 August 1759** birth date comes exclusively from Revolutionary War Pension Application File **S. 37,971**, filed in Kentucky in May 1834 by a separate contemporary of the same name—**Rev. Nathaniel Harris, Senr. (b. 26 August 1759, Powhatan [then Cumberland] County, Virginia; d. bef. 12 August 1849, Versailles, Woodford County, Kentucky).**

Because this pensioner also settled in central Kentucky (residing for over thirty years in Jessamine County before spending his final years in adjacent Woodford County) and actually appeared before the Woodford County Court on 5 May 1834 to execute his pension declaration, 20th-century researchers assumed that Pension File **S. 37,971** belonged to your ancestor, Lt. Nathaniel

Harris of Goochland County, Virginia, and Woodford County, Kentucky. As proven below by the original NARA jacket and Kentucky Pension Roll Certificate No. 26,770 (inscribed 23 May 1834 at \$20 per annum for service as a Virginia Militia private under Col. Charles Lynch), this pension file belongs to the Powhatan and Bedford County, Virginia soldier who was still living in 1834—whereas your ancestor Lt. Nathaniel Harris had already died intestate in Woodford County seventeen years earlier, in April 1817.²

Primary Source Citation [2]: United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Record Group 15, Microfilm Publication M804, Roll 1199, Application File **S. 37,971, Nathaniel Harris** (Virginia Line; Powhatan and Bedford Counties, Virginia; Jessamine and Woodford Counties, Kentucky), Jacket and Kentucky Pension Roll Certificate No. 26,770 (inscribed at \$20 per annum commencing 4 March 1831; Certificate issued 23 May 1834, recorded Book E, Vol. 7, p. 55).

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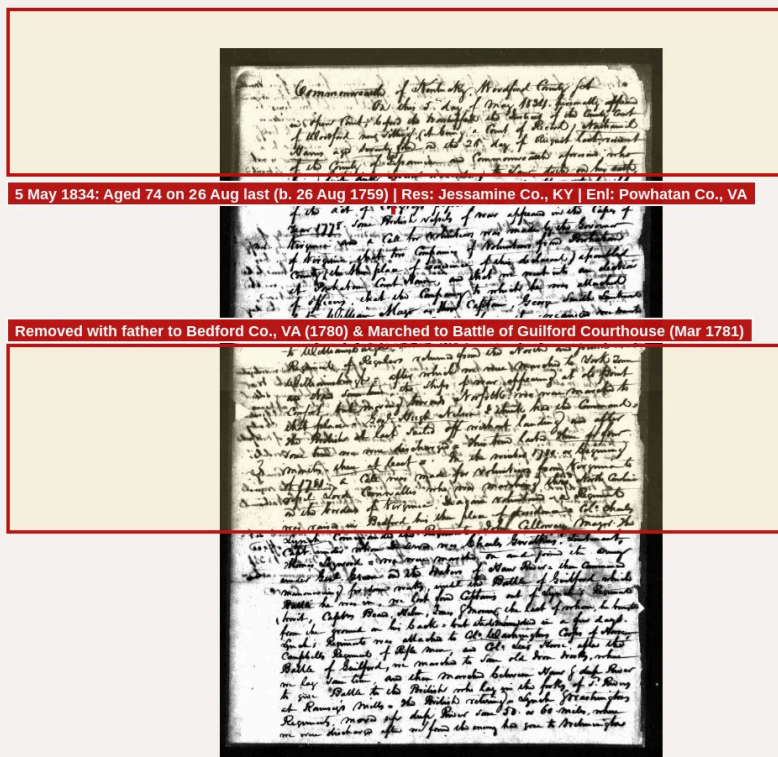
3. The Original 5 May 1834 Handwritten Pension Declaration (File S. 37,971, Frame 0668): First-Person Proof of Powhatan & Bedford County Origin

In his original handwritten declaration sworn in Woodford County Court, Kentucky, on **5 May 1834** before Justice of the Peace John M. Connell (frame 0668), pensioner **Nathaniel Harris, Senr. (S. 37,971)** testified under oath to every detail of his birth, parentage, residences, and military service. He declared that he was a resident of **Jessamine County, Kentucky** (appearing before a Woodford County magistrate out of convenience), and stated that he was '*aged seventy four on the 26 day of August last*'—calculating to an exact birth date of **26 August 1759**.

Crucially, he never lived in Goochland County and never served as an officer in the Goochland County Militia. Instead, he swore that he was living south of the James River in **Powhatan County, Virginia**, in 1778 when he volunteered at age 18 as a Private in Captain William Mayo's company of Powhatan militia, and that '*from there he removed with his father to Bedford County Virginia*' in 1780, where he volunteered in Captain Charles Gwatkins's company under Colonel Charles Lynch and fought at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina on 15 March 1781.³

Primary Source Citation [3]: Sworn Declaration of **Nathaniel Harris, Senr.**, Woodford County Court, Kentucky, dated 5 **May 1834**, before Justice of the Peace John M. Connell, in Revolutionary War Pension Application File **S. 37,971**, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 1199, frame 0668 (stating under oath that he was "*aged seventy four on the 26 day of August last*" [born **26 August 1759**], resided in Powhatan County, Virginia, when he volunteered in 1778 under Capt. William Mayo, "*removed with his father to Bedford County Virginia*" in 1780, marched under Capt. Charles Gwatkins and Col. Charles Lynch to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on 15 March 1781, and resided in Jessamine County, Kentucky, in May 1834).

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Document 3: Original handwritten sworn declaration of Nathaniel Harris, Senr., dated 5 May 1834 in Woodford County, Kentucky (NARA File S. 37,971, M804, Roll 1199, frame 0668), stating he was 'aged seventy four on the 26 day of August last' [b. 26 Aug 1759], resided in Jessamine County, KY, enlisted in Powhatan County, VA (1778), and 'removed with his father to Bedford County Virginia' (1780) before fighting at Guilford Courthouse (March 1781).

4. Full Verbatim Transcript & Original Autograph Signature ('Nathl. Harris Senr') in Pension File S. 37,971

To ensure complete paleographic clarity alongside the original 1834 manuscript scan above, the complete verbatim transcription of NARA File **S. 37,971** prepared by C. Leon Harris (*Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters*), including the embedded facsimile of the pensioner's original autograph signature—'**Nathl. Harris Senr**'—is reproduced inline below. Notice his specific statement in the second paragraph explaining his father's migration from Powhatan County to Bedford County, Virginia, as well as the supporting character certificate of Rev. Edmund Waller and Robert B. Mosby in Woodford County.⁴

Primary Source Citation [4]: Verbatim Transcription and Original Handwritten Signature Reproduction of "**Nathl. Harris Senr**" (5 May 1834), transcribed by C. Leon Harris, *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters*, File **S37971**, pp. 1–2; citing NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 1199, frames 0668–0669.

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[Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters](#)

Sworn 5 May 1834; aged seventy four on the 26 day of August last; Volunteered in Powhatan Co., VA (1778)

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 25 Aug 2014.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Woodford County Set

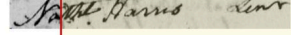
On this 5 day of May 1834 personally appeared in open Court, before the worshipful the Justices of the County Court of Woodford now sitting (it being a Court of Record), Nathaniel Harris aged seventy four on the 26 day of August last, resident of the County of Jessamine and Commonwealth aforesaid, who being first duly sworn according to Law, doth on his oath, make the following declaration, in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed 7 June 1832: That in the year 1778 some British vessels of war appeared in the Cape of Virginia and a call for volunteers was made by the Governor of Virginia, that two Companies of volunteers from Powhatan County (the then place of residence of this declarant) assembled at Powhatan Court House, and that we went into an election of officers, that the Company to which he was attached elected William Mayo as their Captain, George Smith Lieutenant and George Stokes Smith Ensign – being thus organized we marched to Williamsburgh [sic: Williamsburg],

From there he removed with his father to Bedford County Virginia | Battle of Guilford Courthouse (15 Mar 1781) in the North and joined us at

Williamsburgh, after which we were marched to York Town and staid some time, the ships of war appearing at old Point Comfort, but moving through Norfolk, we were marched to that place. Genl. Hugh Nelson I think had the Command. The British at last sailed off without landing and after some time we were discharged. This term lasted three or four months – three at least. In the winter 1780 or beginning of 1781 a call was made for volunteers from Virginia to repel Lord Cornwallis who was marching thru North Carolina on the borders of Virginia. I again volunteered – a Regiment was raised in Bedford his then place of residence. Col. Charles Lynch commanded the Regiment. John Calloway [sic: John

Callaway], Major. The Capt. under whom he served was Charles Gwatkins, Lieutenant, Thomas Logwood – we were marched on and joined the army under Genl. Green [sic: Nathanael Greene] on the waters of Haw River [in North Carolina] – then commenced maneuvering for some weeks, until the Battle of Guilford [sic: Battle of Guilford Courthouse, 15 Mar 1781] which Battle he was in. we lost four Captains out of Lynch's Regiment (towit, Captns Beard, Helm, Jones & Moore [David Beard, Thomas Helm, William Jones, and Jacob Moon; but see endnote], the last of whom, he brought from the ground on his back – but that man died in a few days. Lynch's Regiment was attached to Colo. Washingtons [William Washington's] Corps of Horse, Campbells [Col. William Campbell's] Regiment of Rifle men, and Colo. [Henry] Lee's Horse. after the Battle of Guilford, we marched to some old Iron Works [Troublesome Iron Works, also called Speedwell's Furnace, on Reedy Fork about 16 miles north of Guilford Courthouse] where we lay for some time, and then marched between Haw & Deep River to give Battle to the British who lay in the forks of sd. Rivers at Ramsey's Mills [sic: Ramsey's Mill, site of skirmishing on 19 March]. The British retiring, Lynch & Washingtons Regiments marched up deep River some 50 or 60 miles, where we were discharged after we found the enemy had gone to Wilmington North Carolina. on this tour he thinks he served four or five months but on account of his not being able to speak particularly from his advanced age as to the length of time – He will state that in the two tours he served six months at least. That he has no documentary evidence and that he knows of no person, whose Testimony he can procure to testify as to his service. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present, and declares that his name is not on the pension roll of the agency of any state. Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

Original Signature: 'Nathl. Harris Senr'



Document 4: Complete verbatim transcription of NARA Pension File S. 37,971 (5 May 1834) with inset reproduction of the declarant's original handwritten signature, 'Nathl. Harris Senr' (NARA M804, Roll 1199, frames 0668–0669).

5. Bureau of Pensions Official Case Summary (Frame 0670) & Powhatan County Marriage Record (16 December 1779)

Frame 0670 of NARA File S. 37,971 preserves the U.S. Bureau of Pensions' official case summary sheet for 'Nathaniel Harris Senior', which explicitly abstracts the exact birth date from his file on its final line: '**b. Aug. 26, 1759**', alongside his residences at enlistment ('**Powhatan Co., Va. & 2nd enl. Bedford Co. Va.**'), his battle service ('**Guilford**'), and his residence at application ('**Jessamine Co., Ky.**').

Furthermore, Powhatan County, Virginia marriage records prove that this pensioner married in Powhatan County—prior to his father's 1780 removal to Bedford County—on **16 December 1779** (Powhatan Co. Marriage Register, p. 5, FHL Film 33,067) to **Prudence More Mann** (also read as *Prudence Moore Nunn*), with Miller Woodson (Clerk of Powhatan County) as surety. Thus, on 18 March 1782, when your ancestor Lt. Nathaniel Harris married 13-year-old Mary ('Molly') Howard in Goochland County, Virginia, the 26 August 1759 Nathaniel Harris was already married to Prudence and living with his father in Bedford County, Virginia.⁵

Primary Source Citation [5]: United States Bureau of Pensions, Official Case Summary Sheet ("Brief in the Case of Nathaniel Harris Senior"), Revolutionary War Pension Application File S. 37,971, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 1199, frame 0670 (confirming date of birth "**Aug. 26, 1759**", residences at enlistment in **Powhatan Co., Va.** and **Bedford Co., Va.**, battle service at **Guilford**, and 1834 residence in **Jessamine Co., Ky.**); together with Powhatan County, Virginia, Marriage Register (1777–1830), p. 5, marriage of **Nathaniel Harris** and **Prudence More Mann** [Nunn], dated **16 December 1779**, surety Miller Woodson (FHL Microfilm 33,067).

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to your request of _____, received _____
 for a statement of the military history of Nathaniel Harris son
 of a soldier of the REVOLUTIONARY WAR, you will find below the desired
 information as contained in his (or her) application for pen-
 sion on file in this Bureau. S. 37,971

Date of	Location of	OFFICERS UNDER WHOM SERVICE WAS RENDERED.
1778	Summ.	William Mayo
1780-81	Bedford Co.	Charles Gwatkins
		Charles Lynch

Battles engaged in, Guilford
 Residence of soldier at enlistment, Powhatan Co. Va.
 Date of application for pension, May 5, 1834
 Residence at date of application, Jessamine Co., Ky.
 Age at date of application, 54
 Remarks: there is no family data on file.

Very respectfully,
 Commissioner.

Document 5: Official U.S. Bureau of Pensions Case Summary Sheet in NARA File S. 37,971 (frame 0670), explicitly recording 'b. Aug. 26, 1759', enlistment in Powhatan and Bedford Counties, Virginia, battle service at Guilford Courthouse, and 1834 residence in Jessamine County, Kentucky.

PART II: PROVING THE PARENTAGE OF THE 1759 PENSIONER (SON OF CHARLES HARRIS OF POWHATAN & BEDFORD COS., VA) & ELIMINATING THE LOUISA/SMYTH CO. CONTEMPORARY

6. Direct Eyewitness Proof of the Father of the 26 August 1759 Pensioner: Widow's Pension File W. 6,678 (Micajah & Keziah [Harris] Clark)

In his 5 May 1834 declaration (Document 3), Rev. Nathaniel Harris (b. 26 August 1759) stated that he '*removed with his father to Bedford County Virginia*' from Powhatan County in 1780, without naming his father in the sentence. However, his sister **Keziah (Harris) Clark (b. ca. 1761, Powhatan Co., VA; d. aft. 1843, Amherst Co., VA)**, widow of Revolutionary War Corporal and Ensign **Micajah Clark (1758–1832)**, filed Widow's Pension Application **W. 6,678** in Amherst and Bedford Counties, Virginia, in 1838–1839. Her file contains two independent, sworn eyewitness depositions by lifelong Bedford County neighbors that name the father of Keziah and Nathaniel Harris explicitly:

On **28 March 1839**, **Mrs. Frances Leftwich** (aged 77) testified under oath in Bedford County that she was 17 or 18 years old when Micajah Clark and his family moved to Bedford County from Powhatan County, and that '*said clarke she understood married Kiziah Harris, daughter of Chas. Harris [Charles Harris], of Powhattan county.*' The very next day, on **29 March 1839**, **Mrs. Sally P. Sale** (aged 68) testified under oath in Bedford County that she recollected Micajah Clark perfectly well at the time of the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in March 1781, and that '*said clarke was married in Powhattan County as she understood and to Miss Kiziah Harris daughter of Chas. Harris who also moved to said county of Bedford when clarke and wife did.*'⁶

Primary Source Citation [6]: United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 565, Widow's Pension Application File **W. 6,678**, **Micajah Clark and Widow Keziah (Harris) Clark** (Virginia Line; Powhatan, Bedford, and Amherst Counties, Virginia), Sworn Eyewitness Depositions of **Mrs. Frances Leftwich** (dated 28 March 1839, Bedford Co., VA, before Justice Lodowick McDaniel) and **Mrs. Sally P. Sale** (dated 29 March 1839, Bedford Co., VA, before Justice Thomas Sale), testifying independently that Micajah Clark married in Powhatan County "*to Miss Kiziah Harris daughter of Chas. Harris [Charles Harris] who also moved to said county of Bedford*".

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Sam'l Woodson) for October 1777 [http://revwarapps.org/b88.pdf] after which on a diligent search through the rolls of the Regiment his name is not found.

With great respect/ Your Obt Ser't/ peter Hagner Aud

State of Virginia/ Bedford county to witt,

On this 28th day of March 1839, personally appeared before me Lodowick McDaniel a Justice of the peace in and for said county, Mrs. Frances Leftwich, a respectable resident of said county, who being

Deposition of Frances Leftwich (28 Mar 1839): 'married Kiziah Harris, daughter of Chas. Harris [Charles Harris] of Powhattan County' y next – that she was 17 or 18 years old when Mr Micajah Clarke and family move to said county from the county of Powhattan – that said clark she understood married Kiziah Harris, daughter of Chas. Harris [Charles Harris], of Powhattan county – that said clark lived next neighbour to Mr. Francis Halley (the Father of deponent Frances Leftwich) at the time the militia was called in to service from the said county of Bedford to go to the battle of Gilford which she thinks was the same year (and in the Spring) that Lord Cornwallis was captured [19 Oct 1781] – And that all the men from her neighbourhood went into service on said occasion, (that is the battle of Gilford) and among the number that went, she recollects that Micajah Clarke was one – for she recollects distinctly that while said Clarke was in the army, that her Farther Francis Halley used to superintend his Clarkes plantation business for him, and lent his hands to assist said Clarkes woman Hagar in working on the plantation – that she thinks it was the latter part of the winter or early part of Spring that he went into service, and towards the latter part of Spring or the early part of Summer that he said Clarke and the other neighbours, returned from the Army – for it was warm weather – that she had heard said Clarke speak of his having been at the battle of German-Town previous to his going into service on said occasion at the battle of Gilford That he Clarke told her he was taken prisoner at the battle of German-Town and that while he was in prison, the women came to the prison to see him and endeavoured to effect his escape by dressing him in Female apparel – that said clark got a piece of his ear shot off at said battle of German Town as he told her – that at the time said clark went into service at the battle of Gilford – which she thinks was in 1781 – that he said Clarke and his present widow Kiziah Clarke – was living together as man and wife, and legally married no doubt at least so considered by all who knew them and that they said clark and wife had one or Two children at the time said clark went to the said battle of Gilford – And further the said clark and family a few years afterwards removed from said county of Bedford to the County of Amherst where they lived as she has been informed untill said clarkes death and where as she is informed his widow Kiziah Clarke now resides – and further that said clark was a carpenter by trade and that Chas. Halley went over into Amherst to work at the carpenters trade with him. That said clark was a highly respectable man, a professor of religion and considered a man of strict veracity and she does not believe that he would have related any thing in regard to his service that was not strictly true. [signed] Francis Leftwich

State of Virginia/ Bedford County to witt,

On this 29 day of March 1839, personally appeared before me Thomas Sale a Justice of the peace in and for said county, Mrs. Sally P. Sale a Respectable Resident of said County, who being first duly

Deposition of Sally P. Sale (29 Mar 1839): 'married in Powhattan County,... to Miss Kiziah Harris daughter of Chas. Harris' y next that she was 10 years and 1 month old at the battle of Gilford which was in March 1781 that she recollects Micajah clark perfectly well, that said clark was married in Powhattan County as she understood and to Miss Kiziah Harris daughter of Chas. Harris who also moved to said county of Bedford when clark and wife did – that in the month of November or December of 1780 the militia was called into service from the

Document 6: Sworn eyewitness depositions of Mrs. Frances Leftwich (28 March 1839) and Mrs. Sally P. Sale (29 March 1839) in Bedford County, Virginia, from Widow's Pension File W. 6,678 (Micajah & Keziah [Harris] Clark, NARA M804, Roll 565), proving that Keziah Harris was the 'daughter of Chas. Harris [Charles Harris] of Powhattan County who also moved to said county of Bedford.'

7. Direct Eyewitness & Family Bible Proof Linking Brother-in-Law Nathaniel Harris (S. 37,971) to Sister Keziah (Harris) Clark & Father Charles Harris (Will Proved 1793)

Continuing her sworn deposition on **29 March 1839** (page 3 of the transcript), **Mrs. Sally P. Sale** clinched the sibling relationship between Keziah (Harris) Clark and Rev. Nathaniel Harris (S. 37,971) by testifying that while Micajah Clark was away serving in the militia in 1780–1781, she '*stayed seven weeks at clarkes Brother in law Harris, (Nath'l.) while he was gone.*' Furthermore, the original **Micajah and Keziah (Harris) Clark Family Bible Register** (copied ca. 1809–1810 and submitted with Keziah's 11 June 1838 declaration in File W. 6,678) records that Keziah named her eldest son **Charles Harris Clark (born 16 March 1782)** after her father **Charles Harris**, and her third son **Nathaniel Harris Clark (born 20 June 1790)** after her only brother, **Nathaniel Harris**.

This pension testimony is fully corroborated by the **Last Will and Testament of Charles Harris of Bedford County, Virginia** (dated **9 July 1787**; proved **22 April 1793**, Bedford County Will Book 2, p. 108, FHL Film 30,592). In his will, Charles Harris named his daughter **Keziah Clarke**, his daughter **Sarah Harris**, his grandson **Charles Harris Clarke**, his granddaughter **Elizabeth Clarke**, and his son **Nathaniel Harris**, appointing his son **Nathaniel Harris** and son-in-law **Micajah Clarke** as his executors. After Charles Harris's estate was proved in Bedford County in April 1793, his son Rev. Nathaniel Harris migrated to Fayette/Jessamine County, Kentucky. This proves beyond all doubt that the Nathaniel Harris born **26 August 1759** (Pension S. 37,971) was the son of **Charles Harris of Powhatan and Bedford Counties, Virginia**—and **not** the son of Harrison Harris of Goochland County.⁷

Primary Source Citation [7]: Continuation of Sworn Deposition of **Mrs. Sally P. Sale** (29 March 1839) and Original **Micajah & Keziah (Harris) Clark Family Bible Register** (copied ca. 1809–1810, annexed to Widow's Declaration of 11 June 1838), in Revolutionary War Pension File **W. 6,678**, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 565 (proving that Sally P. Sale "*stayed seven weeks at clarkes Brother in law Harris, (Nath'l.) while he was gone*" to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in March 1781, and recording the births of Keziah's sons **Charles Harris Clark** on 16 March 1782 and **Nathaniel Harris Clark** on 20 June 1790); corroborated by the Last Will and Testament of **Charles Harris**, Bedford County, Virginia, Will Book 2, p. 108 (dated 9 July 1787; proved 22 April 1793; FHL Microfilm 30,592).
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county of Bedford and that among the number that went from the neighbourhood in which the deponent lived, that Micajah Clarke aforesaid was among the number – that the troops called into service on said Sally P. Sale (p. 2): "*stayed seven weeks at clarkes Brother in law Harris, (Nath'l.) [Nathaniel Harris, pension S37971]*" when they came up to Richmond and Goochland county – that she lived near neighbour to said Clarke when he went into service on said occasion and stayed seven weeks at clarkes Brother in law Harris, (Nath'l.) [Nathaniel Harris, pension application S37971] while he was gone, that said Clarkes family suffered much during his absence – that said Clarke did not return home until some time after the Battle of Guilford – that she is under the impression that said Clarke served six months in the army on said occasion before he returned home – which she thinks it was the latter part of the spring of 1781 – that she thinks Clarke had one child at that time which was name Betsy. That said Clarke told deponent that he was taken prisoner at German Town, and was a prisoner 8 or 9 months and was exchanged – that he hid under a barn where he was taken prisoner – that he had a piece of ear shot off. That Clarke was a professor of religion a man of strict veracity – that he would not say anything in regard to his services that was not true. That Clarke was a carpenter by trade, that he removed from said county to the county of Amherst where Clarke and family resided until his death – and where his widow Kiziah Clarke now resides (as she is informed.)
[signed] Sally P Sale

NOTE:

No record was found at the time showing that Micajah Clark had been an officer. However, J. T. McAllister's *Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War* (Westminster MD: Heritage Books, 1913 [2006]) cites Bedford County records showing that Micajah Clark was recommended for a commission as an Ensign in the militia on 24 Sep 1781.

Several supporting declarations repeat much of the information in the statements by Keziah Clarke and Frances Leftwich. On 28 March 1839 Lodowick McDaniel stated that Micajah Clark "had a mark on one of his ears as alluded to in Mrs. Leftwich's affidavit which I heard him say was done by a british soldier." On 9 April 1839 John Merrit, 64, stated that "Clarke had a piece of his ear shot of which would be received in an engagement that he Clarke had a conflict with 3 british soldiers that he defeated them and made his escape."

The family record mentioned in Keziah Clark's statement and transcribed below was certified by Micajah I. Clarke as having been largely copied about 1809 or 1810 by John Covey, a schoolmaster, from the original in the handwriting of his father, Micajah Clarke.

Elizabeth Dawson Clark was born on the 8th. July 1780.
Charles Harris Clark was born on the 16th. March 1782.
William Madison Clark was born November 30th. 1783.
Sarah Dickerson Clark was born August 2nd. 1786.
Nathaniel Harris Clark was born June 20th. 1790.
Ira Ellis Clark was born on the 9th. November 1792.

Joseph Garland Clark was born January 8th. 1795.
Keziah Snelson Clark was born December 12th. 1797.
Micajah Lynch Clark was born on the 2nd. May 1800.
Nancy Thomas Clark born on the 30th May [page torn here and below at *]
Harriot Living Cl[?] was born July 7th [*]
Elbert H Clar[*] Was born May the 14th 1823
Elbert H Clark was born may 14th 1823 son of Micajah Clark

Document 7: Continuation of Sally P. Sale's deposition ('stayed seven weeks at clarkes Brother in law Harris, (Nath'l.) while he was gone') and the Micajah & Keziah (Harris) Clark Family Bible Register in NARA File W. 6,678, recording grandsons 'Charles Harris Clark was born the 16th of March 1782' and 'Nathaniel Harris Clark was born the 20th of June 1790'.

8. Eliminating the Third Contemporary: Pvt. Nathaniel ('Nathan') Harris of Hanover, Louisa & Smyth Counties, Virginia (Pension File S. 5,456; d. 25 April 1854)

Before turning to the positive primary-source proof for your own ancestor, we must also account for the third contemporary Virginian of the same name: **Private Nathaniel ('Nathan') Harris (b. ca. 1760–1763, Hanover County, Virginia; d. 25 April 1854, Smyth County, Virginia)**, who filed Revolutionary War Pension Application **S. 5,456** in Smyth County, Virginia, on **1 October 1832** (and whose file is frequently confused with Goochland/Louisa Harris lines).

In his sworn declaration in Smyth County Court on 1 October 1832, this Nathaniel Harris stated that he was aged 69 years (born ca. 1763), enlisted in **Louisa County, Virginia** in 1780 as a Private under Captain Robert Barrett in Colonel Francis Taylor's Convention Guards (guarding General Burgoyne's Saratoga prisoners at Albemarle Barracks), signed his declaration by mark ('*Nathaniel his X mark Harris*'—unlike both your ancestor Lt. Nathaniel Harris and Rev. Nathaniel Harris [S. 37,971], both of whom were literate and signed their names in full), declared that he had '*constantly been a Citizen of Virginia since the Revolutionary War,*' and died in Smyth County, Virginia, on **25 April 1854**. He is the '*Nathaniel Harris & Martha Byers, both of Louisa*' who married on **29 May 1788** in *The Douglas Register* (p. 25; bond dated 27 May 1788 in Louisa County with consent of bride's parents Capt. John Byars Sr. and Elizabeth Thomason, whom he later accompanied to Washington/Smyth

County in southwestern Virginia). (A fourth file, Rejected Pension **R. 4,678**, belongs to a North Carolina Cherokee War soldier named **Nathaniel Harrison / Nat Harris** of Surry and Stokes Counties, NC, who died 10 March 1842.)⁸

Primary Source Citation [8]: United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 1199, Application File **S. 5,456**, **Nathaniel ("Nathan") Harris** (Virginia Line; Hanover, Louisa, and Smyth Counties, Virginia), Sworn Declaration in Smyth County Court, Virginia, dated **1 October 1832** before Judge Benjamin Estill (stating he was aged 69 years, enlisted in **Louisa County, Virginia** in 1780 under Capt. Robert Barrett and Col. Francis Taylor guarding Burgoyne's prisoners in Albemarle County, signed by mark "*Nathaniel his X mark Harris*," had "*constantly been a Citizen of Virginia since the Revolutionary War*," and died **25 April 1854** in Smyth County, Virginia); together with Rejected Pension File **R. 4,678**, **Nathaniel Harrison / Nat Harris** of Surry and Stokes Counties, North Carolina.

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Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension Application of Nathaniel Harris S5456

Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris. Revised 18 March 2012.

1 Oct 1832 Declaration (S5456): Resident of Smyth Co., VA, aged 69 (b. ca. 1763) — Separate from KY Men

Virginia Smyth County to wit

On the first day of October 1832 personally appeared in Open Court being a Court of Record for the Circuit 15th and holden by the Honorable Benjamin Estill Judge of the Circuit Superior Court of Law & Chancery in the said County, Nathaniel Harris resident in the said County of Smyth aged 69 years who being first sworn according to Law on his oath makes the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the Act of Congress of June 7th 1832

Enlisted 1780 in Louisa Co., VA under Capt. Robert Barrett (Guarding Saratoga Prisoners in Albemarle Co.)

That is to say that he enlisted into the United States service in the Company of Infantry commanded by Captain Robert Barrett in the County of Louisa in the State of Virginia in the Year 1780 that he joined the Regiment commanded by Col. James Taylor [sic: Francis Taylor] and march'd to the County of Albemarle and there placed as a guard over the Prisoners taken with Gen'l Burgoin [sic: Burgoyne at Saratoga, 17

Oct 1777], that the post was sometimes commanded by Col. [Theodorick] Bland and during his time of service he was placed under the command of Richard Pollet Captain in consequence of the resignation of the first Captain Barrett – that he remained in the service fourteen months and to the end of the War, being discharged shortly after the surrender of Cornwallis at York [19 Oct 1781] when the Prisoners were removed to the North – that he was a Private Soldier all the time of his service until he was discharged that his Discharge has been lost – that hereby relinquishes every claim whatsoever to a Pension except the

Signed by 'X' Mark ('constantly a Citizen of Virginia') & Died 25 Apr 1854 in Smyth Co., VA

I do solemnly swear I have constantly been a Citizen of Virginia since the Revolutionary War.

Nathaniel hisXmark Harris

NOTE: A letter in the file states that Nathaniel Harris died on 25 Apr 1854.

Document 8: Sworn Revolutionary War Pension Declaration of Pvt. Nathaniel Harris of Louisa and Smyth Counties, Virginia (NARA File S. 5,456, 1 October 1832), proving he enlisted in Louisa Co., VA in 1780, signed by 'X' mark, remained 'constantly a Citizen of Virginia,' and died 25 April 1854 in Smyth Co., VA.

PART III: DIRECT PRIMARY-SOURCE PROOF OF LINDA PETERSON'S ANCESTRAL LINE (DAVID HARRIS → HARRISON HARRIS → LT. NATHANIEL HARRIS → LEWIS HARRIS → THOMAS W. HARRIS)

9. Direct Probate & Deed Proof of Father Harrison Harris (d. Jul/Aug 1795): Woodford Co., KY Will Book A, p. 141 & Goochland Co., VA Deed Book 16, p. 464 (19 August 1795)

Having stripped away the conflated records of Rev. Nathaniel Harris (1759–1849, son of Charles Harris of Powhatan and Bedford Counties) and Pvt. Nathaniel Harris (ca. 1763–1854, of Louisa and Smyth Counties), the authentic primary-source record trail for your direct ancestor, **Lieutenant Nathaniel Harris (b. ca. 1756–1758, Goochland County, Virginia; d. bef. 17 April 1817, Woodford County, Kentucky)**, stands out with crystal clarity. Because he qualified as an **Ensign** in the Goochland County Militia on **18 August 1777** (Goochland Co. Order Book 12, p. 512) and as a **Second Lieutenant** on **20 April 1778** (Order Book 13, p. 49; DAR Patriot #A051738), he was at least 19–21 years of age in August 1777, placing his birth in Goochland County between **1756 and 1758**.

His parentage as the son of **Harrison Harris (b. ca. 1725–1730, Hanover Co., VA; d. Jul/Aug 1795, Woodford Co., KY)** and his wife **Martha ('Patty')** is proven by two ironclad, independent primary sources recorded in August 1795: (1) the **Last**

Will and Testament of Harrison Harris (dated **14 December 1790** in Goochland Co., VA; proved **August Court 1795** in **Woodford County, Kentucky, Will Book A, p. 141**), which provides for his wife **Martha**, specifically devises to his son **Nathaniel Harris 200 acres of land on South Elkhorn Creek in Woodford County, Kentucky**, and names all six of his children as equal legatees (**Susanna Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hicks, Caleb Harris, Mourning Adams, David Harris, and Nathaniel Harris**); and (2) the **Goochland County Co-Heirs' Deed of Partition** dated **19 August 1795 (Goochland Co., VA Deed Book 16, p. 464)**, executed jointly by '*John Hicks, William R. Hicks, Caleb Harris, Willson Adams, David Harris and Nathaniel Harris, Co-heirs of Harrison Harris, decd.*' conveying part of their father's Goochland home plantation to John Richards.⁹

Primary Source Citation [9]: Woodford County, Kentucky, Will Book A, p. 141, Last Will and Testament of **Harrison Harris** (dated 14 December 1790 in Goochland County, Virginia; proved August Court 1795 in Woodford County, Kentucky; FHL Microfilm 252,321), naming wife **Martha**, devising 200 acres on South Elkhorn Creek in Woodford County to son **Nathaniel Harris**, and naming all six children: **Susanna Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hicks, Caleb Harris, Mourning Adams, David Harris, and Nathaniel Harris**; corroborated by Goochland County, Virginia, Deed Book 16, p. 464, Co-Heirs' Deed of Partition dated **19 August 1795** executed by "*John Hicks, William R. Hicks, Caleb Harris, Willson Adams, David Harris and Nathaniel Harris, Co-heirs of Harrison Harris, decd.*" to John Richards (FHL Microfilm 31,658); and Goochland County Order Book 12, p. 512 (18 Aug 1777, Ensign commission) and Order Book 13, p. 49 (20 Apr 1778, Second Lieutenant commission), DAR Patriot Index #A051738.

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DOCUMENT 9: PRIMARY PROBATE & DEED PROOF OF FATHER HARRISON HARRIS (d. 1795)

Woodford Co., KY Will Book A, p. 141 (Proved Aug 1795) & Goochland Co., VA Deed Book 16, p. 464 (19 Aug 1795)

1. Last Will & Testament of Harrison Harris — Woodford Co., KY Will Book A, p. 141 (Dated 14 Dec 1790; Proved Aug 1795):

PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT

- Testator: Harrison Harris of Goochland Co., VA (subsequently died in Woodford Co., KY between July & August 1795).
- Beloved Wife: Martha ("Patty") Harris — life estate in Goochland Co., VA plantation and personal property.
- Specific Kentucky Land Bequest to Son Nathaniel Harris: Devises to his son Nathaniel Harris 200 acres of land in Woodford County, Kentucky, on South Elkhorn Creek.
- Names All Six Children as Equal Legatees: (1) Susanna Hicks [wife of John Hicks], (2) Mary Elizabeth Hicks [wife of William Randolph Hicks, bondsman on Nathaniel's 1782 marriage bond], (3) Caleb Harris, (4) Mourning Adams [wife of Willson Adams], (5) David Harris, and (6) Nathaniel Harris.

2. Goochland County Co-Heirs' Deed of Partition — Goochland Co., VA Deed Book 16, p. 464 (Dated 19 August 1795):

PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT

- Executed immediately after Harrison Harris's death by "John Hicks, William R. Hicks, Caleb Harris, Willson Adams, David Harris and Nathaniel Harris, Co-heirs of Harrison Harris, decd."
- Conveys a portion of the late Harrison Harris's Goochland County home plantation to John Richards (husband of granddaughter/niece Martha Hicks), legally binding all six surviving children or their spouses in a single primary-source instrument.

3. Pre-Migration Goochland County Militia & Tax Records of Lt. Nathaniel Harris (1777–1787):

- Goochland Co., VA Order Book 12, p. 512 (18 Aug 1777) & Order Book 13, p. 49 (20 Apr 1778): Nathaniel Harris qualifies as Ensign (1777) and Second Lieutenant (1778) in the Goochland County Militia (referenced in DAR Patriot #A051738).
- 1782–1787 Goochland Co., VA Personal Property Tax Lists: Harrison Harris and his sons Caleb, David, and Nathaniel Harris appear together in Goochland Co. prior to their 1788–1790 migration to Woodford Co., KY.

KEY PROOF POINT: Two independent 1795 primary records (Woodford Co., KY Will Book A:141 and Goochland Co., VA Deed Book 16:464) prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that Lt. Nathaniel Harris of Goochland Co., VA and Woodford Co., KY was the son of Harrison Harris and wife Martha.

Document 9: Primary-source abstract plate of the Last Will and Testament of Harrison Harris (Woodford Co., KY Will Book A, p. 141, proved Aug 1795) and the Goochland County Co-Heirs' Deed of Partition (Goochland Co., VA Deed Book 16, p. 464, dated 19 Aug 1795), jointly proving all six children of Harrison Harris and wife Martha, including son Lt. Nathaniel Harris.

10. Reconstructing the Earlier Virginia Lineage Across Burned Hanover County Records: The 1745–1765 Land Chain Linking Harrison Harris to Father David Harris & Grandparents Capt. Thomas Harris & Mary Giles

How do we trace **Harrison Harris (d. 1795)** back one generation further to his father **David Harris (b. ca. 1695–1700, Henrico/Hanover Co., VA; d. ca. 1765–1775, Hanover Co., VA)** and paternal grandparents **Capt. Thomas Harris (ca. 1669–1730)** and **Mary Giles** when the colonial court, deed, and probate books of Hanover County, Virginia (formed 1720 from New Kent County) were destroyed in the burning of Richmond in April 1865? In burned-county Virginia genealogy, proof of parentage is established by tracing land patents, inter-sibling deeds in surviving adjacent counties (Amelia, Prince Edward, Goochland, and Louisa), and the surviving *Vestry Book of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County, Virginia (1706–1786)*.

Specifically, on **1 August 1745** (VA Patent Book 22, p. 350), **Major Robert Harris (1696–1765)** of Hanover and Louisa Counties (proven son of Capt. Thomas Harris and Mary Giles) patented 400 acres on the upper fork of Little Briery Creek in Amelia (later Prince Edward) County. Robert Harris sold that 400-acre tract in 1751 to Richard Woodson (Amelia DB 4:245), who conveyed the exact same 400-acre tract ('*granted to Robert Harris by patent bearing date August 1, 1745*') to **Harrison Harris** on **10 February 1761** (Prince Edward DB 2:53). Then, on **19 August 1765**, in two consecutive deeds recorded in **Prince Edward County Deed Book 3, pp. 18–19 and 19–20, 'Harrison Harris and Martha his wife of Goochland County'** divided and conveyed that 400-acre Little Briery Creek tract in equal 200-acre halves to his brothers **Lewis Harris** and **Giles Harris** (who carried the exact maiden surname of their grandmother **Mary Giles**). In the surviving *St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book* land processioning returns for Precinct 10 in Hanover County (1731–1779), **David Harris's** land adjoining his brothers Robert, John, and William Harris is processioned directly by his sons **Giles Harris ('for David Harris')**, **Lewis Harris**, and **Nathan Harris**—while Harrison Harris named his own second son **David Harris** after his father and his son Lt. Nathaniel Harris named a son **Lewis Harris**.¹⁰

Primary Source Citation [10]: Virginia Colonial Land Office Patents, Patent Book 22, p. 350, Crown Grant to **Robert Harris** for 400 acres in Amelia County on the upper fork of Little Briery Creek, dated **1 August 1745** (Library of Virginia, Richmond); Amelia County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, p. 245 (25 Sep 1751, Robert Harris to Richard Woodson); Prince Edward County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, p. 53 (10 Feb 1761, Richard Woodson to **Harrison Harris** for the same 400-acre 1745 Robert Harris patent); Prince Edward County, Virginia, Deed Book 3, pp. 18–19 and 19–20 (two deeds dated **19 August 1765** from "**Harrison Harris and Martha his wife of Goochland County**" conveying 200 acres each of the 1745 Robert Harris patent to brothers **Lewis Harris** and **Giles Harris**; FHL Microfilm 33,199); and C. G. Chamberlayne, ed., *The Vestry Book of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County, Virginia, 1706–1786* (Richmond: Library Board, 1940), Processioning Returns for Precinct 10 (1731–1779, recording **David Harris** adjoining brothers Robert, John, and William Harris, succeeded by sons **Giles Harris** ["for David Harris"], **Lewis Harris**, and **Nathan Harris**).

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DOCUMENT 10: THE 1745–1765 VIRGINIA LAND CHAIN LINKING HARRISON HARRIS TO DAVID HARRIS

Virginia Patent Book 22, p. 350 (1 Aug 1745); Amelia DB 4:245 (1751); Prince Edward DB 2:53 (1761) & DB 3:18–20 (19 Aug 1765)

1. Crown Patent to Uncle Capt./Maj. Robert Harris — VA Land Patent Book 22, p. 350 (1 August 1745):

- Crown grant to Robert Harris (b. ca. 1696 – d. 1765, Albemarle Co. Will Book 2, p. 185, son of Capt. Thomas Harris & Mary Giles of Henrico/Hanover Co.) for 400 acres in Amelia County on the South Side of Bush River ("being the upper fork of Little Briery Creek").

2. Conveyance to Harrison Harris — Amelia Co. DB 4:245 (25 Sep 1751) & Prince Edward Co. DB 2:53 (10 Feb 1761):

- Robert Harris sells the 400-acre Little Briery Creek tract to Richard Woodson (1751), who conveys the identical 400-acre tract ("granted to Robert Harris by patent bearing date August 1, 1745") to Harrison Harris on 10 February 1761.

3. Deeds of Harrison Harris & Wife Martha to Lewis Harris & Giles Harris — Prince Edward Co. DB 3, pp. 18–20 (19 Aug 1765):

PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT

- Deed Book 3, pp. 18–19 (19 Aug 1765): "Harrison Harris and Martha his wife of Goochland County" convey 200 acres (half of the 1745 Robert Harris patent on Little Briery Creek) to Lewis Harris.
- Deed Book 3, pp. 19–20 (19 Aug 1765): On the same day, "Harrison Harris and Martha his wife of Goochland County" convey the remaining 200 acres of the same tract to Giles Harris (bearing the unmistakable surname of paternal grandmother Mary Giles).

4. St. Paul's Parish Processioning Records (Hanover Co., VA, 1731–1779) — Identifying Father David Harris:

PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT

- St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book (Precinct 10, Hanover Co., VA) records David Harris owning land adjoining his brothers Robert Harris, John Harris, and William Harris on totopotomoy/ Cedar Creek, followed in the 1755–1779 returns by Giles Harris ("for David Harris"), Lewis Harris, and Nathan Harris—confirming Harrison, Giles, and Lewis Harris as sons of David Harris of Hanover Co., VA.

KEY PROOF POINT: Explains the exact documentary origin of the 3-generation lineage (Thomas Harris & Mary Giles -> David Harris -> Harrison Harris & Martha -> Lt. Nathaniel Harris), while noting where burned Hanover Co. probate records require land-chain reconstruction.

Document 10: Primary-source land chain (1745–1765) in Virginia Patent Book 22:350, Amelia DB 4:245, Prince Edward DB 2:53 and DB 3:18–20 (19 Aug 1765), and the St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book (Hanover Co., VA), linking 'Harrison Harris and Martha his wife of Goochland County' to brothers Giles Harris and Lewis Harris and father David Harris of Hanover County.

11. Kentucky Census, Marriage & Probate Proof (1799–1849): Separating the Estates of Lt. Nathaniel Harris (d. 1817) & Widow Mary Howard (d. 1837) from Rev. Nathaniel Harris (d. 1849)

Finally, Kentucky census, marriage, and probate records in Woodford and Jessamine Counties confirm that your ancestor **Lt. Nathaniel Harris** and the pensioner **Rev. Nathaniel Harris (S. 37,971)** lived simultaneously in adjacent counties as two completely distinct heads of household with non-overlapping wives and children, and died thirty-two years apart:

- **1810 U.S. Federal Census:** Both men are enumerated simultaneously—your ancestor **Nathaniel Harris** in **Woodford County, KY (p. 392)** (1 male 45+ [b. ca. 1756–58], 1 female 26–44 [wife **Mary 'Molly' Howard**, b. 1769, age 41], and 8 children in the home), and the pensioner **Nathaniel Harris** in adjacent **Jessamine County, KY (p. 53)** (1 male 45+ [b. 1759], 1 female 45+ [wife **Prudence More Mann**], 3 younger persons, and 11 slaves).
- **1817 Intestate Estate of Lt. Nathaniel Harris & 1837 Estate of Widow Mary ('Molly' Howard) Harris:** Your ancestor died intestate in Woodford County before **17 April 1817 (Woodford Co. Will Book E, p. 235; settlement in Will Book F, p. 69, Nov 1819)**, seventeen years *before* Rev. Nathaniel Harris applied for Pension S. 37,971 in May 1834. His eldest son **John Howard Harris (1785–1859)** served as administrator, and guardianship/estate records name his younger sons, including your ancestor **Lewis Harris (b. ca. 1805; d. ca. 1842)**. When widow **Mary ('Molly' Howard) Harris** died in Woodford County in June 1837, her estate distribution on **29 June 1837 (Woodford Co. Will Book K, p. 408)** explicitly named her surviving children: **John H. Harris**, **Nancy W. Cole**, **Jackson Harris**, **Lewis Harris**, and **William S. Harris** (alongside deceased children Elizabeth Givens, Polly Mitchell, and Richard C. Harris).
- **Link to Linda Peterson's Line (Lewis Harris → Thomas W. Harris of Montana):** On **10 August 1826** in Woodford County (FHL Film 252,332), your ancestor **Lewis Harris** married **Lucinda Berry** (daughter of Samuel Berry). Their eldest son was **Thomas W. Harris (born 4 August 1827, Woodford Co., KY; died 27 May 1897, Stevensville, Ravalli Co., MT)**. After Lewis Harris died young ca. 1842, widow Lucinda (Berry) Harris married second John W. Sallinger on 19 January 1843 in Woodford County.
- **Contrasting Family & 1844/1849 Will of Rev. Nathaniel Harris (S. 37,971):** By contrast, Rev. Nathaniel Harris signed a personal marriage consent in Jessamine County on **4 November 1799** for his daughter **Ginnet Harris** to marry William Wright (witnessed by Handy Handley, who married Rev. Nathaniel's daughter **Polly Harris** on **16 June 1800**), and left a Last Will and Testament dated **28 September 1844** (codicil 7 Nov 1846; proved **12 August 1849, Woodford Co. Will Book N, p. 385**) naming only his grandsons **Nathan, Thomas, and John Wright** and his daughter **Martha Ratcliff**.¹¹

Primary Source Citation [11]: 1810 United States Federal Census, Woodford County, Kentucky, p. 392, line 14, household of **Nathaniel Harris** [Lt. Nathaniel Harris, d. 1817] vs. Jessamine County, Kentucky, p. 53, household of **Nathaniel Harris** [Rev. Nathaniel Harris, S37971] (NARA Microfilm M252, Roll 8); Woodford County, Kentucky, Will Book E, p. 235 (17 April 1817 Inventory & Appraisal of the Estate of **Nathaniel Harris, decd.**, administered by eldest son **John H. Harris**) and Will Book F, p. 69 (November 1819 Settlement); Woodford County, Kentucky, Will Book K, p. 408 (29 June 1837 Probate & Estate Distribution of widow **Mary ["Molly" Howard] Harris**, naming children John H. Harris, Nancy W. Cole, Jackson Harris, **Lewis Harris**, and William S. Harris; FHL Microfilm 252,324); Woodford County Marriage Register (10 August 1826 marriage of son **Lewis Harris** to **Lucinda Berry**, parents of **Thomas W. Harris [1827–1897]** of Stevensville, Ravalli Co., MT; FHL Microfilm 252,332); contrasted with Jessamine County Marriage Bonds (4 Nov 1799 signed consent of **Nathaniel Harris** for daughter **Ginnet Harris** to marry William Wright, and 16 Jun 1800 marriage of daughter **Polly Harris** to Handy Handley; FHL Microfilm 183,390) and Woodford County Will Book N, p. 385 (Last Will & Testament of **Rev. Nathaniel Harris**, dated 28 Sep 1844, codicil 7 Nov 1846, proved 12 Aug 1849).

Archive Reference / Digital Link: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/257828>

DOCUMENT 11: WOODFORD & JESSAMINE CO., KY CENSUS, MARRIAGE & PROBATE RECORDS (1799–1849)

Separating Lt. Nathaniel Harris (d. 1817) & Widow Mary Howard (d. 1837) from Rev. Nathaniel Harris (d. 1849)

1. 1810 U.S. Federal Census — Both Men Enumerated Simultaneously in Adjacent Kentucky Counties:**PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT**

- Woodford Co., KY (1810 Census, p. 392): "Nathaniel Harris" — 1 male 45+ [Lt. Nathaniel, b. ca. 1756–58], 1 female 26–44 [wife Mary "Molly" Howard, b. 1769, age 41], plus 6 sons and 2 daughters matching his 9 proven children.
- Jessamine Co., KY (1810 Census, p. 53): "Nathaniel Harris" — 1 male 45+ [Rev. Nathaniel, b. 1759], 1 female 45+ [wife Prudence More Mann, m. 1779], 2 younger males, 1 younger female, 11 slaves.

2. Intestate Estate of Lt. Nathaniel Harris (1817) & Will of Widow Mary ('Molly') Howard Harris (1837) — Woodford Co., KY:**PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT**

- Woodford Co., KY Will Book E, p. 235 (17 Apr 1817) & Will Book F, p. 69 (Nov 1819): Inventory, appraisal, and settlement of the estate of Nathaniel Harris, decd., administered by eldest son John Howard Harris; names orphan sons Jackson, Lewis, and William S. Harris.
- Woodford Co., KY Will Book K, p. 408 (29 Jun 1837): Estate of widow Mary ("Molly" Howard) Harris, decd.; distributions to her children John H. Harris, Nancy W. Cole, Jackson Harris, Lewis Harris, and William S. Harris.

3. Proof of Linda Peterson's Next Generation — Marriage & Estate of Son Lewis Harris (ca. 1805 – ca. 1842):**PRIMARY PROOF CALLOUT**

- Woodford Co., KY Marriage Records (10 Aug 1826, FHL Film 252332): Lewis Harris (son of Lt. Nathaniel Harris & Mary Howard) marries Lucinda Berry (dau. of Samuel Berry; m. [2] 19 Jan 1843 John W. Sallinger). Their eldest son is Thomas W. Harris (b. 4 Aug 1827, Woodford Co., KY – d. 27 May 1897, Stevensville, Ravalli Co., MT).

4. Contrasting KY Marriage Consents (1799–1800) & Will (1844/1849) of Rev. Nathaniel Harris (S37971):

- Jessamine Co., KY Marriage Bonds (4 Nov 1799 & 16 Jun 1800, FHL Film 183390): Signed consent of "Nathaniel Harris" for daughter Ginnet Harris to marry William Wright (witnessed by Handy Handley), and marriage of daughter Polly Harris to Handy Handley.
- Woodford Co., KY Will Book N, p. 385 (Written 28 Sep 1844; Codicil 7 Nov 1846; Proved 12 Aug 1849): Will of Rev. Nathaniel Harris of Versailles, KY, naming grandsons Nathan, Thomas & John Wright (sons of dau. Ginnet Wright) and dau. Martha Ratcliff.

KEY PROOF POINT: Lt. Nathaniel Harris died intestate in Woodford Co., KY before 17 April 1817—seventeen years BEFORE Rev. Nathaniel Harris (S37971) ever applied for his Revolutionary War pension on 5 May 1834!

Document 11: Primary-source comparison of the 1810 Woodford Co. (p. 392) and Jessamine Co. (p. 53) Censuses, the 17 April 1817 Intestate Inventory of Lt. Nathaniel Harris (Woodford Will Book E:235), the 29 June 1837 Estate Distribution of Widow Mary ('Molly' Howard) Harris (Woodford Will Book K:408), the 10 August 1826 marriage of son Lewis Harris to Lucinda Berry, and the contrasting 1799/1800 Jessamine Co. marriages and 1844/1849 Will of Rev. Nathaniel Harris (Woodford Will Book N:385).

VERIFIED SIX-GENERATION ANCESTRAL LINE FOR LINDA PETERSON (GENERATIONS 1 TO 6)

Generation 1: Capt. Thomas Harris (b. ca. 1669, Henrico Co., VA – d. ca. 1729/30, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co., VA) & wife **Mary Giles** (daughter of William Giles and Bethania Knowles of Henrico Co., VA).

Generation 2: David Harris (b. ca. 1695–1700, Henrico/New Kent Co., VA – d. ca. 1765–1775, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co., VA); land in Precinct 10 processioned with brothers Maj. Robert Harris (1696–1765), John Harris, and William Harris, and succeeded by sons Harrison, Giles, Lewis, and Nathan Harris.

Generation 3: Harrison Harris (b. ca. 1725–1730, Hanover Co., VA – d. Jul/Aug 1795, Woodford Co., KY; Will Book A, p. 141; Goochland Co-Heirs' Deed DB 16, p. 464) & wife **Martha ("Patty")** (married bef. 1754; executed Prince Edward Co. DB 3:18–20 on 19 Aug 1765).

Generation 4: Lt. Nathaniel Harris (b. ca. 1756–1758, Goochland Co., VA – d. intestate bef. 17 Apr 1817, Woodford Co., KY; Will Book E, p. 235; Ensign 1777 & 2nd Lt. 1778, Goochland Co. Militia, DAR #A051738) & wife **Mary ("Molly") Howard** (b. 17 Feb 1769, bapt. 20 Apr 1769, St. James Northam Parish, Goochland Co., VA – d. bef. 29 Jun 1837, Woodford Co., KY; Will Book K, p. 408; married 17/18 Mar 1782, Goochland Co., VA, dau. of John Howard & Elizabeth Stanley).

Generation 5: Lewis Harris (b. ca. 1805, Woodford Co., KY – d. ca. 1842, Woodford Co., KY; named in father's 1817/1819 estate and mother Mary's 29 Jun 1837 estate distribution, Will Book K:408) & wife **Lucinda Berry** (b. ca. 1807, Woodford Co., KY; married 10 Aug 1826, Woodford Co., KY, dau. of Samuel Berry; she m. [2] 19 Jan 1843 John W. Sallinger).

Generation 6: Thomas W. Harris (b. 4 Aug 1827, Woodford Co., KY – d. 27 May 1897, Stevensville, Ravalli Co., MT) — *Great-grandfather of client Linda Peterson.*

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PART IV: COMPLETE NUMBERED SOURCE CITATIONS (LEGACY 9.0 / CHICAGO OVERRIDE FORMAT)

1. W. Mac. Jones, trans. and ed., *The Douglas Register: Being a Detailed Record of Births, Marriages and Deaths Together with Other Interesting Notes, as Kept by the Rev. William Douglas, from 1750 to 1797* (Richmond, VA: J. W. Fergusson & Sons, 1928), p. 26 (marriage of "Nat: Harris & Mary Howard, both of Goochland, 1782, Mar: 18, p. 22"), p. 216 (birth and baptism of "Molly," daughter of John Howard & Eliz: Stanley, born 17 Feb 1769, baptized 20 Apr 1769, original p. 84), pp. 25 & 121 (marriage of "Nathaniel Harris & Martha Byers, both of Louisa, 1788, May 29, p. 25" and baptism of daughter Polly, born 1 Apr 1788), and pp. 54–58, 207–210 (complete audit of all Harris births and 1759 entries); coupled with Goochland County, Virginia, Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns, 1730–1853, marriage bond of Nathaniel Harris and Mary Howard, dated 17 March 1782, signed by Nathaniel Harris and security/bondsman Wm. Hix [William Randolph Hicks], FamilySearch Digital Film 007578982 (FHL Microfilm 31,650). [Online reference: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/372047>]
2. United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Record Group 15, Microfilm Publication M804, Roll 1199, Application File **S. 37,971, Nathaniel Harris** (Virginia Line; Powhatan and Bedford Counties, Virginia; Jessamine and Woodford Counties, Kentucky), Jacket and Kentucky Pension Roll Certificate No. 26,770 (inscribed at \$20 per annum commencing 4 March 1831; Certificate issued 23 May 1834, recorded Book E, Vol. 7, p. 55). [Online reference: <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/300022>]
3. Sworn Declaration of **Nathaniel Harris, Senr.**, Woodford County Court, Kentucky, dated **5 May 1834**, before Justice of the Peace John M. Connell, in Revolutionary War Pension Application File **S. 37,971**, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 1199, frame 0668 (stating under oath that he was "*aged seventy four on the 26 day of August last*" [born **26 August 1759**], resided in Powhatan County, Virginia, when he volunteered in 1778 under Capt. William Mayo, "*removed with his father to Bedford County Virginia*" in 1780, marched under Capt. Charles Gwatkins and Col. Charles Lynch to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse on 15 March 1781, and resided in Jessamine County, Kentucky, in May 1834). [Online reference: <https://revwarapps.org/s37971.pdf>]
4. Verbatim Transcription and Original Handwritten Signature Reproduction of "**Nathl. Harris Senr**" (5 May 1834), transcribed by C. Leon Harris, *Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters*, File **S37971**, pp. 1–2; citing NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 1199, frames 0668–0669. [Online reference: <https://revwarapps.org/s37971.pdf>]
5. United States Bureau of Pensions, Official Case Summary Sheet ("Brief in the Case of Nathaniel Harris Senior"), Revolutionary War Pension Application File **S. 37,971**, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 1199, frame 0670 (confirming date of birth "**Aug. 26, 1759**", residences at enlistment in **Powhatan Co., Va.** and **Bedford Co., Va.**, battle service at **Guilford**, and 1834 residence in **Jessamine Co., Ky.**); together with Powhatan County, Virginia, Marriage Register (1777–1830), p. 5, marriage of **Nathaniel Harris** and **Prudence More Mann** [Nunn], dated **16 December 1779**, surety Miller Woodson (FHL Microfilm 33,067). [Online reference: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/376749>]
6. United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 565, Widow's Pension Application File **W. 6,678, Micajah Clark and Widow Keziah (Harris) Clark** (Virginia Line; Powhatan, Bedford, and Amherst Counties, Virginia), Sworn Eyewitness Depositions of **Mrs. Frances Leftwich** (dated 28 March 1839, Bedford Co., VA, before Justice Lodowick McDaniel) and **Mrs. Sally P. Sale** (dated 29 March 1839, Bedford Co., VA, before Justice Thomas Sale), testifying independently that Micajah Clark married in Powhatan County "*to Miss Kiziah Harris daughter of Chas. Harris [Charles Harris] who also moved to said county of Bedford*". [Online reference: <https://revwarapps.org/w6678.pdf>]
7. Continuation of Sworn Deposition of **Mrs. Sally P. Sale** (29 March 1839) and Original **Micajah & Keziah (Harris) Clark Family Bible Register** (copied ca. 1809–1810, annexed to Widow's Declaration of 11 June 1838), in Revolutionary War Pension File **W. 6,678**, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 565 (proving that Sally P. Sale "*stayed seven weeks at clarkes Brother in law Harris, (Nath'l.) while he was gone*" to the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in March 1781, and recording the births of Keziah's sons **Charles Harris Clark** on 16 March 1782 and **Nathaniel Harris Clark** on 20 June 1790); corroborated by the Last Will and Testament of **Charles Harris**, Bedford County, Virginia, Will Book 2, p. 108 (dated 9 July 1787; proved 22 April 1793; FHL Microfilm 30,592). [Online reference: <https://revwarapps.org/w6678.pdf>]
8. United States Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files, NARA Microfilm M804, Roll 1199, Application File **S. 5,456, Nathaniel ("Nathan") Harris** (Virginia Line; Hanover, Louisa, and Smyth Counties, Virginia), Sworn Declaration in Smyth County Court, Virginia, dated **1 October 1832** before Judge Benjamin Estill (stating he was aged 69 years, enlisted in **Louisa County, Virginia** in 1780 under Capt. Robert Barrett and Col. Francis Taylor guarding Burgoyne's prisoners in Albemarle County, signed by mark "*Nathaniel his X mark Harris*," had "*constantly been a Citizen of Virginia since the Revolutionary War*," and died **25 April 1854** in Smyth County, Virginia); together with Rejected Pension File **R. 4,678, Nathaniel Harrison / Nat Harris** of Surry and Stokes Counties, North Carolina. [Online reference: <https://revwarapps.org/s5456.pdf>]
9. Woodford County, Kentucky, Will Book A, p. 141, Last Will and Testament of **Harrison Harris** (dated 14 December 1790 in Goochland County, Virginia; proved August Court 1795 in Woodford County, Kentucky; FHL Microfilm 252,321), naming wife **Martha**, devising 200 acres on South Elkhorn Creek in Woodford County to son **Nathaniel Harris**, and naming all six children: **Susanna Hicks, Mary Elizabeth Hicks, Caleb Harris, Mourning Adams, David Harris, and Nathaniel Harris**; corroborated by Goochland County, Virginia, Deed Book 16, p. 464, Co-Heirs' Deed of Partition dated **19 August 1795** executed by "*John Hicks, William R. Hicks, Caleb Harris, Willson Adams, David Harris and Nathaniel Harris, Co-heirs of Harrison Harris, decd.*" to John Richards (FHL Microfilm 31,658); and Goochland County Order Book 12, p. 512 (18 Aug 1777, Ensign commission) and Order Book 13, p. 49 (20 Apr 1778, Second Lieutenant commission), DAR Patriot Index #A051738. [Online reference: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/257828>]

10. Virginia Colonial Land Office Patents, Patent Book 22, p. 350, Crown Grant to **Robert Harris** for 400 acres in Amelia County on the upper fork of Little Briery Creek, dated **1 August 1745** (Library of Virginia, Richmond); Amelia County, Virginia, Deed Book 4, p. 245 (25 Sep 1751, Robert Harris to Richard Woodson); Prince Edward County, Virginia, Deed Book 2, p. 53 (10 Feb 1761, Richard Woodson to **Harrison Harris** for the same 400-acre 1745 Robert Harris patent); Prince Edward County, Virginia, Deed Book 3, pp. 18–19 and 19–20 (two deeds dated **19 August 1765** from "**Harrison Harris and Martha his wife of Goochland County**" conveying 200 acres each of the 1745 Robert Harris patent to brothers **Lewis Harris** and **Giles Harris**; FHL Microfilm 33,199); and C. G. Chamberlayne, ed., *The Vestry Book of St. Paul's Parish, Hanover County, Virginia, 1706–1786* (Richmond: Library Board, 1940), Processioning Returns for Precinct 10 (1731–1779, recording **David Harris** adjoining brothers Robert, John, and William Harris, succeeded by sons **Giles Harris** ["for David Harris"], **Lewis Harris**, and **Nathan Harris**). [Online reference: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/365008>]
11. 1810 United States Federal Census, Woodford County, Kentucky, p. 392, line 14, household of **Nathaniel Harris** [Lt. Nathaniel Harris, d. 1817] vs. Jessamine County, Kentucky, p. 53, household of **Nathaniel Harris** [Rev. Nathaniel Harris, S37971] (NARA Microfilm M252, Roll 8); Woodford County, Kentucky, Will Book E, p. 235 (17 April 1817 Inventory & Appraisal of the Estate of **Nathaniel Harris, decd.**, administered by eldest son **John H. Harris**) and Will Book F, p. 69 (November 1819 Settlement); Woodford County, Kentucky, Will Book K, p. 408 (29 June 1837 Probate & Estate Distribution of widow **Mary ["Molly" Howard] Harris**, naming children John H. Harris, Nancy W. Cole, Jackson Harris, **Lewis Harris**, and William S. Harris; FHL Microfilm 252,324); Woodford County Marriage Register (10 August 1826 marriage of son **Lewis Harris** to **Lucinda Berry**, parents of **Thomas W. Harris [1827–1897]** of Stevensville, Ravalli Co., MT; FHL Microfilm 252,332); contrasted with Jessamine County Marriage Bonds (4 Nov 1799 signed consent of **Nathaniel Harris** for daughter **Ginnet Harris** to marry William Wright, and 16 Jun 1800 marriage of daughter **Polly Harris** to Handy Handley; FHL Microfilm 183,390) and Woodford County Will Book N, p. 385 (Last Will & Testament of **Rev. Nathaniel Harris**, dated 28 Sep 1844, codicil 7 Nov 1846, proved 12 Aug 1849). [Online reference: <https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/257828>]

PART V: RESEARCH CALENDAR & LOG OF ENCLOSED PRIMARY-SOURCE DOCUMENTS

Doc #	Record Date	Jurisdiction / Repository	Source Citation & Film / Call No.	Summary of Evidentiary Proof
Doc. 1	1755–1788	Goochland & Louisa Cos., VA	The Douglas Register (St. James Northam Parish, 1750–1797), pp. 1, 25, 26, 54–58, 121, 207–210, 216; & Goochland Marriage Bond (17 Mar 1782, FHL Film 31,650)	Proves 17/18 Mar 1782 marriage of Nat: Harris & Mary Howard (bond signed by brother-in-law Wm. Hix); 17 Feb 1769 birth of Molly Howard; 29 May 1788 marriage of Nathaniel Harris & Martha Byers ('both of Louisa'); and ZERO 26 Aug 1759 birth entry.
Doc. 2	23 May 1834	Woodford & Jessamine Cos., KY (NARA)	Rev. War Pension Application File S. 37,971 (Nathaniel Harris, VA Line), NARA M804, Roll 1199, Jacket & Kentucky Roll Certificate #26,770 (frame 0667)	Inscribes Nathaniel Harris of Jessamine/Woodford Co., KY at \$20/yr for service as Private in VA Line under Col. Charles Lynch.
Doc. 3	5 May 1834	Woodford Co., KY (Powhatan & Bedford Cos., VA)	Original Handwritten Sworn Declaration of Nathaniel Harris, Senr., Woodford Co. Court, KY, in NARA Pension File S. 37,971 (frame 0668)	Declarant states he was 'aged seventy four on the 26 day of August last' [b. 26 Aug 1759], resided in Jessamine Co., KY, enlisted 1778 in Powhatan Co., VA, and 'removed with his father to Bedford County Virginia' (1780) before Guilford Courthouse (15 Mar 1781).
Doc. 4	5 May 1834	Woodford Co., KY	Verbatim Transcription & Original Handwritten Signature ('Nathl. Harris Senr') in Pension File S. 37,971 (transcribed by C. Leon Harris, revwarapps.org)	Provides full paleographic transcript and original autograph signature of Rev. Nathaniel Harris, Senr., plus character voucher of Rev. Edmund Waller.
Doc. 5	16 Dec 1779 & 1834	Powhatan Co., VA & Jessamine Co., KY	U.S. Bureau of Pensions Summary Sheet (NARA File S. 37,971, frame 0670) & Powhatan Co., VA Marriage Register, p. 5 (FHL Film 33,067)	Bureau sheet abstracts 'b. Aug. 26, 1759 Powhatan Co., Va. & 2nd enl. Bedford Co. Va Guilford Jessamine Co., Ky.' Marriage register proves he married Prudence More Mann on 16 Dec 1779 in Powhatan Co., VA.

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Doc. 6	28–29 Mar 1839	Powhatan, Bedford & Amherst Cos., VA	Widow's Pension File W. 6,678 (Micajah & Keziah [Harris] Clark, NARA M804, Roll 565), Sworn Depositions of Mrs. Frances Leftwich & Mrs. Sally P. Sale	Two eyewitness neighbors testify independently that Micajah Clark married in Powhatan Co., VA to 'Miss Kiziah Harris daughter of Chas. Harris [Charles Harris] who also moved to said county of Bedford.'
Doc. 7	1780–1839 (1787/1793)	Bedford & Amherst Cos., VA	Sally P. Sale Deposition (p. 2) & Clark Family Bible Register in NARA File W. 6,678; & Will of Charles Harris, Bedford Co., VA Will Book 2, p. 108 (FHL Film 30,592)	Proves Sally Sale 'stayed seven weeks at clarkes Brother in law Harris, (Nath'l.) while he was gone' (1781); Bible names sons Charles Harris Clark (b. 1782) & Nathaniel Harris Clark (b. 1790); Charles Harris's 1787/1793 Will names son Nathaniel Harris & dau. Keziah Clarke.
Doc. 8	1 Oct 1832 & 25 Apr 1854	Hanover, Louisa & Smyth Cos., VA	Rev. War Pension File S. 5,456 (Nathaniel ['Nathan'] Harris, NARA M804, Roll 1199) & Rejected File R. 4,678 (Nathaniel Harrison / Nat Harris, NC)	Eliminates Man #3: Pvt. Nathaniel Harris (b. ca. 1763; d. 25 Apr 1854, Smyth Co., VA), who enlisted in Louisa Co., VA (1780), married Martha Byers (29 May 1788), signed by 'X' mark, and never left Virginia.
Doc. 9	1777–1795 (Aug 1795)	Goochland Co., VA & Woodford Co., KY	Will of Harrison Harris, Woodford Co., KY Will Book A, p. 141 (FHL Film 252,321); Goochland Co., VA Deed Book 16, p. 464 (19 Aug 1795, FHL Film 31,658); & Goochland Order Books 12:512 & 13:49	Proves Linda Peterson's ancestor Lt. Nathaniel Harris (Ensign 1777, 2nd Lt. 1778, Goochland Militia) is the son of Harrison Harris (d. 1795) and wife Martha, receiving 200 acres on South Elkhorn Creek and joining his 5 siblings in the 19 Aug 1795 Co-Heirs' Deed.
Doc. 10	1745–1765 (19 Aug 1765)	Hanover, Amelia, Prince Edward & Goochland Cos., VA	VA Patent Book 22:350 (1 Aug 1745); Amelia DB 4:245; Prince Edward DB 2:53 & DB 3:18–20 (19 Aug 1765, FHL Film 33,199); & St. Paul's Parish Vestry Book (Hanover Co., VA)	Proves 'Harrison Harris and Martha his wife of Goochland County' conveyed the 400-acre 1745 Robert Harris patent in 200-acre halves to brothers Lewis Harris & Giles Harris, sons of David Harris of Precinct 10, St. Paul's Parish, Hanover Co., VA.
Doc. 11	1799–1849 (1817 / 1837 / 1849)	Woodford & Jessamine Cos., KY	1810 Census (Woodford p. 392 vs. Jessamine p. 53); Woodford Will Books E:235 (1817), F:69 (1819), K:408 (1837), N:385 (1849); Woodford Marriages (10 Aug 1826); Jessamine Marriages (4 Nov 1799)	Proves Lt. Nathaniel Harris died intestate bef. 17 Apr 1817 and widow Mary ('Molly' Howard) Harris died Jun 1837 leaving son Lewis Harris (m. 1826 Lucinda Berry, parents of Thomas W. Harris [1827–1897] of MT), whereas Rev. Nathaniel Harris (S37971) died in Aug 1849.