

A BRIEF SKETCH OF THE GENEALOGY OF MY FATHER & MOTHER'S FAMILY OF HARLAN'S  
IN VIRGINIA AND KENTUCKY

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My Father's name Thos. S. Harlan, was born in Albemarle County Va. near Scottsville. My Mother's name Mary Fleming Harlan of Fluvanna County, Va. They were 2nd cousins. The County lines being close they were raised almost in the same neighborhood. Father's mother was Miss Frances Bailey of Logen County, Ky. near Russillville. She was the Daughter of Dr. William Bailey, who moved to Virginia some years before the Civil War. She married James Harlan, my grandfather and I have heard her tell how she rode horseback from Ky to Va. with him helping to drive a bunch of horses that was bought in Ky by James Harlan, her new husband and the "friendly Indians" helped them down the eastern slope of the Blue Ridge Mountains into Va. Grandmother died at the age of 88 years. Grandfather James Harlan was a large land owner also owned many slave negroes before the War and the home place was "Fortitude" overlooking the James River at what they called the Meadow Farm along the river bottom where they cultivated the crops. Father only had one brother John Harlan, he was a lawyer was exempt from the draft by reason of some Government position but he volunteered during the war and was killed at the front in the Battle of South Mountain, Maryland. He was killed with my Father's uniform on as Father was home for a few days with his family. Uncle John had never married. Father had three Sisters named as follows: Mary, Fayette & Zoa.

At the out break of the War my Father belonged to the "Scottsville Grays" which were trained men like our State Guards, and he was called out with his company and was in the first battle of the war between the States at Manassas, Va. and he served the four years of the war and was in the battle of the Seven Pines around Richmond, Va. and also present at Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court House I think in April 1865. He served in the 19th Virginia Regiment under Gen. George E. Pickett's Division, Gen. Longstreet's Corps, Stonewall Jacksons, Brig. Father came to Ky in 1881.

There was 7 children in our family only one Sister Rosa Harlan who died at the age of about seven years.

The boys names range as follows: James Forbs, Edgar Lessly, Howard Hinton, John Bailey, Thomas Jeffries, Horace Camron. The writer now living the only survivor of this once happy family. The boys mentioned were all native Virginian's. My Father Thos. S. Harlan and his brother John were among the first to import English made percussion shot guns into Va. in the old slavery days. The old Negro Carriage driver was named Willis and he was widely known for his horsemanship and having good Ky bred horses.

My Mother's Father was Jesse Harlan of Fluvanna Co., Va., her mother was a Miss Abby Stratton of the same neighborhood. They had I think four children. My Mother Mary and three brothers named the oldest Pleasant, next Christopher, William and Thomas, Jr. My Mother died about 15 years ago at the ripe old age of 93 years. Grandmother Abby her mother also lived to be very old. Mother's Father was a Millwright as they were called in those days. His Father, my Grandfather Joseph Harlan, built many of the famous grain mills in Virginia, including the old Middleton Mills, a largestone building at Shores, Va. built more than 150 years ago and at one time was operated by Jesse Harlan, Mother's

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Father.

In looking up the history of the Virginia Branch of the Harlan family it recalls the fact that Judge John Marshall Harlan, who was born in Ky. and was one of the greatest Jurist having served as Chief Justice on the Supreme Bench in Washington, D. C. for about 34 years and some months. His father was kin to my father and mother both as they were both Harlan's. Judge Harlan's Father came to Ky I think before the war with a man by name of John Mays of Va., They came by shanty boat to what was then known as Salt Lick and in now Maysville, Ky. The town was named Maysville after John Mays who came with Judge J. M. Harlan's Father from Va. The Va. branch of the Harlan's are a direct decendents of George Harlan of England, who came to America in about 1670 whith a brother Micheal to New York.

Thomas Jeffries Harlan