



*Blue Ridge Baptist Church near Marlin, Texas.
Site of annual Harlan reunion.*

THIRD REPRINT

"The History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family", Alpheus Harlan, Tricentennial edition has been submitted for a third printing. Sales continue to be steady and provide the necessary income to print the Harlan Record. As with all things, the price has gone up. Future copies will be available for \$50 including postage from Peggy Harlan Talley, 104 Fern Drive, Poteau, OK 74953.

TEXAS HARLAN'S 41st ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, October 7, 1990, the Harlan Family Association of Texas held its 41st annual meeting at the Blue Ridge Baptist Church near Marlin, Texas. Approximately 100 members of the family were in attendance.

Joydelle Wolfram, Editor, announced that the Association project - The Descendants of Aaron and Elizabeth (Stuart) Harlan, No. 194 is now nearing completion and

should be delivered from the publishers this Fall. Some 11,000 descendants of Aaron and Elizabeth have been indexed. Anyone desiring a copy should contact Joydelle Wolfram, 915 West Parkview, Marlin, TX 76661.

Everyone at the meeting was delighted to hear that over 30 years of research and preparation is at last completed.

After the meeting, a

covered dish lunch was held in the church yard. Family members spent several hours exchanging information about events of the past year before bidding one another farewell and promising to meet again next year.

All Harlan descendants, no matter where they are from, are always welcome at the annual reunion which is held on the first Sunday every October.

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BOOKS DONATED

The Harlan Family Association has donated copies of the Harlan Genealogy by Alpheus Harlan to the Family History Library, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah and to the Iowa Wesleyan College Library in the Harlan-Lincoln Home, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. It is hoped that these books will be available to future generations who will be thankful for the efforts of current Harlans in seeing that this book has been preserved and reprinted.

HARLAN TRICENTENNIAL FUND FINANCIAL REPORT NOVEMBER 1, 1990

**CASH IN SAVINGS
ACCOUNT 3/1/90** \$12,631.99

INCOME;
Contributions 120.00
Genealogy Book Sales 1,560.00
Interest Earned
(Savings Account) 429.61
Video Sales 40.00

Total \$14,781.60

DISBURSEMENTS:
Newsletter Printing
& Mailing 1,035.00
Postage 165.86
Birmingham, PA
Tricentennial 16.50

Total 1,217.36

**CASH IN SAVINGS
ACCOUNT 11/1/90** \$13,564.24

Genealogy Book
Reprint 7,431.00

BALANCE \$6,133.24

**Donald Harlan**

Donald Wallace Harlan, son of Ira Wallace and Cora Lehman Harlan, was born Aug. 7, 1909, in Piggott, AR, and died April 20, 1990, in Piggott.

He grew up in the church and was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church. He was an Elder for many years.

He was a WWII veteran, retired superintendent of the water and sewer department in Piggott, and retired chief of the city volunteer fire department.

Survivors are his wife, Jean Huston Harlan; son, John M. Harlan; grandchildren, James, Melinda and Michael Harlan and sister, Mrs. Harry (Grace Harlan) Bristol.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Norma Crader at 2 p.m. April 21 at the First Presbyterian Church. Interment was in Piggott Cemetery under the direction of Hoggard and Sons Funeral Home.

Memorials may be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, Piggott.

Pallbearers were Larry Creek, Mike Patterson, Jim Poole, T.V. Jackson, Edd Howard and Bill Hogue.

Honorary pallbearers were Harold Jinks, Carl Howard, Vilas Elder and C.C. Edwards.



HARLAN COUNTY KENTUCKY

BY
JOHN R. HARLAN

As a young man, I had heard of Harlan County, Kentucky, but did not know why it was so named. During my career in the U.S. Army, I would frequently be asked upon arrival at a new station, if I was from Harlan County, Kentucky, since it had gained national recognition and a reputation as a rough "neck of the woods" because of labor strife in the local coal mining industry. My interest and curiosity in the area continued to develop as I learned more about the genealogy of the family. After retirement from the Army, I took the time to visit Harlan County in 1974 with my family to ascertain the reason why it was so named.

Harlan County is located in the southeastern corner of Kentucky and borders on Virginia in the Pine Mountain area of the Cumberland Mountain Range which includes Black Mountain, the highest point in Kentucky (4,145 feet). The population of the County is 51,107 and the County seat is the town of Harlan, population 4,177. The economic activity of the area is based on coal-mining and forest products. At the time of my visit, no one with the name of Harlan was listed in the local telephone book.

In front of the courthouse is an historical marker that reads as follows: "County named 1819 for Major Silas Harlan, born in Virginia 1752, came to Kentucky in 1774. Built Harlan's Station 7

miles south of Harrodsburg on the Salt river, 1778. Commanded spies, 1779, in Illinois Campaign of General George Rogers Clark who said: "He was one of the bravest soldiers that ever fought by my side." Killed 1782 at the Battle of Blue Lick while commanding his detachment. Buried at Blue Licks." Although this marker summarizes the more significant activities of Silas during his eight years on the frontier, additional detailed information on these activities are of interest.

"In the month of May, 1774, James Harlan (No.216) then age 19 years, and his brother Silas (No.215), two years his senior, joined a company of adventurers from Virginia and Pennsylvania, then being raised by Captain James Harrod. They embarked in pirogues, or canoes, on the Monongahela and Ohio Rivers, and thence to the mouth of the Kentucky River, which they ascended to the mouth of a creek, called (from that fact) "Landing Run", now Oregon, in the lower end of the present county of Mercer, east of the village of Salvisa; thence across to Salt River at "McAfees Station", and up that river to Fountain Blue, and to the place where Harrodsburg now stands," (1) which was the first permanent white settlement in Kentucky.

After the Revolutionary War began in 1775, Indians friendly to the British made repeated attacks on the settlers. This prompted the construction of forts or stockades called stations to which the

settlers could go for protection when the Indians were on the warpath. "About the year 1778, assisted by his brother James, Silas built a stockade fort on the Salt River, 7 miles upstream above the present town of Harrodsburg which was called "Harlan's Station". During this period, many Virginians moved into the Kentucky region which had become a County of Virginia in 1776.

As a part of the Revolutionary War strategy, England hoped to destroy the Kentucky forts and control the region west of the Allegheny Mountains. They supplied the Indians with arms to make war on the pioneers from supply bases at Kaskaskia, Cahokia, and Vincennes in the Northwest Territory. These activities prompted General Clark to capture these forts in 1779 in the so-called Illinois Campaign during which Silas commanded the spies, or scouts as they would be referred to eventually. When the peace treaty was signed in 1783, the British surrendered the Northwest Territory to the United States because it was under General Clark's control.

During the winter and spring of 1782, the Indian attacks began to increase and in May, a party assaulted Ashton's Station resulting in nine killed and four wounded. About August 10, 1782, Major Hoy's station was attacked with the loss of four killed and one wounded. These Indian raids were being instigated by two abandoned men, Captains McKee and Girty. On August 15, 1782, they led a party of some 500 Indians and Canadians against Bryant's

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GENEALOGY UPDATE

Many of you continue to ask about the possibility of an update of the Alpheus' genealogy. For an answer, I direct your attention to the following excerpt written by Miss Maude Harlan, daughter of Alpheus.

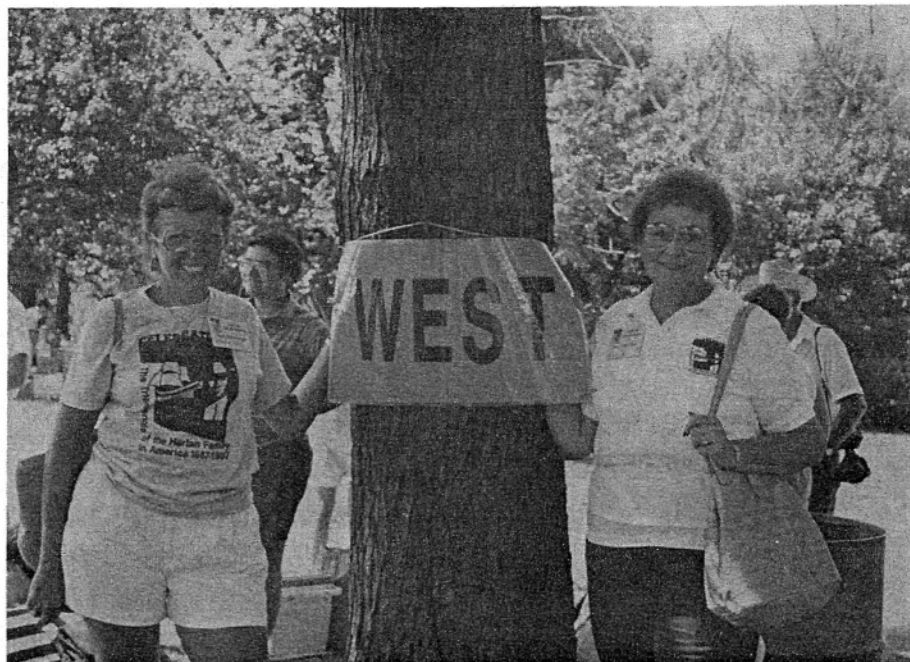
June 15, 1946

Dear Relative:

"About the supplement, the book is so large that if each line were carried on, it would take several volumes. We feel it is advisable for, say you, to trace out your own line, as that is really what you are interested in finding out and place the typed sheets in the book at your record.

You have the early record and can carry on from there.

I had nothing to do with the writing of the book. My brother William helped get it ready for the press. He did the indexing. The close work of years of writing and research resulted in my father losing his eyesight. He was totally blind for more than one year before his death, and had only a poor look at the finished book for his eyes were very bad when it was completed."

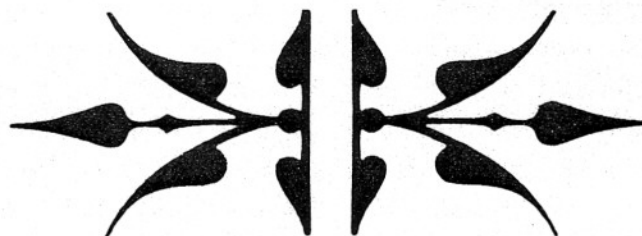


Memories of New Castle, Delaware 1987

HARLAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE?

The Library of Congress, Charles Moore Collection, has two letters signed by Laura Harlan, Secretary to Mrs. Florence Harding, wife of President Warren Harding. One dated April 13, 1922 is an acknowledgement for a book loaned to Mrs. Harding from the Library of Congress. The second is a thank you letter dated February 24, 1923 for a

book on the life of Daniel H. Burnham which had been donated to the White House Library. Correspondence with later dates indicates that Miss Harlan was wed to a Mr. Smith sometime between May 31, 1923 and August 30, 1924. Do you know Laura Harlan's genealogy?



ANNIE

Embreeville 2 March 1950

Annie Harlan died this morning. We'd been expecting her to go for a week or two for she'd not wanted to keep on living especially, and she just faded away gradually. That was the right way for her to go, we decided, staying right there among all the things she'd known all her 79 years, nothing disturbed, nothing moved out, just as she'd wanted it while she was still active. So she lay there those last weeks, in the same bed she'd always lain in, covered with the old homespun wool coverlet of blue and white, looking out through the window set deep in the stout walls. She'd look across the road to the barn where she used to retreat when company came, because she felt too shy, - and on to the tops of the willows along the Brandywine. When I went to see her for the last time, a few days before she went, she told me of skating on the Brandywine, when she and Mamie were little girls, of how their father, Henry Harlan, would go down first and test the ice, and then call them. She talked to me of things she was remembering as she lay there, and I realized afresh what a small world her life had been contained in, yet what a useful, good, and probably fairly contented life it had been. I'd

brought her ice-cream, for she admitted to great fondness for ice-cream; and she sat up against the pillows and the old feather-tick, quakingly sampling the ice-cream but disturbed over it. "Katharine, thee oughtn't to go wasting thee money for me!"

I reminded her of one of my early memories of her, how she knew all her chickens by name, and how for her favorite she dipped its tail in blue indigo on wash-day! I remember there was a riot of flowers, just countryish ones, massed along the front fence in such an abundance of colours that would make you take in your breath while driving past, - golden-glow, zinnias, nasturtium, petunias. Behind the house, among the cabbages and beets, were pansies. Around the little outhouse in the far corner of the back lawn, bergamot and phlox.

I'm sure Annie didn't think, as she lay there, of the bouquets she made, but we will always remember them for they were like Annie. On the front porch table she'd set an old pickle-jar, soft grey and blue, and in it cram the morning's culling - magenta, orange, red and blue, - all the heads tight packed together. There was no art in it, no design. It was honest, it was cheerful, - her work. When we'd come for eggs and glance at the pickle-jar we'd shudder almost, - but we'll

miss Annie, and her honest, guileless, timid, ever-friendly, and dignified self. We'll miss the sight of her, sitting on the front porch after chores, dressed in a blue gingham dress, rocking and watching the cars go by.

On my last visit I carried her some branches I'd cut from our pear-tree a month ago, to force into bloom in the warm house. I set them in her sunny east window so that she could watch their unfolding into blossoms. They still looked dormant and unpromising but as I passed, a few days later, and glanced up at Annie's window, imagining the withered face on the pillow beyond, I saw the white pear-blossoms there against the pane, knew that as they progressed into life, Annie was progressing away from it.

I reminded her during that visit, too, of one of the customs of the Harlan house, back when the "Captain" and Mamie lived there with her. They invited us to an evening of one of their favourite hot-weather pastimes, - watching the evening primroses unfold. On kitchen chairs placed in a row facing the vegetable garden and close to its edge, we sat, each with a plate on his lap, and on the plate a little heap of molasses taffy. Annie and Mamie had concocted this after their 4:30 supper and it was at a stage of chewiness calculated to let us enjoy its old-time

molasses flavour while forcing us to work somewhat hard at it. This, along with the croaking of frogs from the Brandywine, was accompaniment to the chief entertainment - gazing at some of the tightly-closed buds of the primrose, which as the darkness increased, would unfurl slowly and steadily and open before our eyes into a perfect yellow flower. The whole process would take 5 or 10 minutes, which in other plants requires several weeks! The Harlan sisters had discovered this and other phenomena of the outdoors themselves or had been shown them by their parents, or perhaps had learned them through their devoted study of the Farmer's Almanac. Annie would plant her seeds strictly by advice of the Almanac, plan her day to day life by its prophecies, would be heard to say, "If the moon changes in the neck, it'll be bad weather". Here she was referring to the Almanac's traditional diagram of the human body and its very visible connection with the seasons.

I don't suppose Annie knew any more history than what she'd been taught in Embreeville's one-room school; but she lived close to the tradition of the Harlan house, for she grew up hearing how her great-grandfather had known Mason and Dixon when they camped in the Harlan field to study the

stars; and how he had given them shelter by the old fireplace on cold nights. Did they marvel, as we do now, at the fireplace so big that there's a window at its back?

Geography, too, was limited, probably to her schoolbooks, for her farthest travel was to Philadelphia and back. (She told us last September of a recent trip there and being treated to ice-cream at Strawbridge and Clothier's). But she knew thoroughly the geography around Harlan's Corner, - the cowpaths through the pasture to get mint for jelly, along the Brandywine; the trails through the woods beyond the Star Gazers' Stone where she and Mamie and the Captain could gather wood; the way to the best elderberries for pies. (Did anyone but the Harlans ever make elderberry pie?)

Science at the Embreeville School was probably called Natural Philosophy when Annie was a schoolgirl but she was taken beyond that when Mamie and Captain Markle moved out to live with her. For the Captain, sitting back in the chimney corner, would talk of ships and navigation (all from his background of years sitting at a drafting board in the Navy Yard). He rigged up radio apparatus in Annie's old sitting-room; installed a barometer and kept elaborate records of Embreeville's weather; hung or set up some 13 clocks in the close little room, kept them

repaired and running perfectly, so that after Mamie died, and then the Captain himself, the clocks kept on going, and Annie must have lived her last years in a veritable whirl of ticking and gonging!

When the Aigeldingers moved in and Annie wasn't allowed to do any more of the work around the house, she'd sit rocking again on the front porch, or walk slowly about looking at the same familiar sights of her 79 years. And we marveled at how she remained erect and tall, although she quavered more and more. And her almost aquiline face, very weathered, held the same serene look we'd always known. Eleanor always called Annie beautiful. I wonder what Annie would have thought of that!

And I wonder what Annie would have thought of this, - from Mr. Aigeldinger, yesterday, a few hours before she died: "My wife says Annie'll die soon. She heard Mr. Markle's footsteps upstairs today, just the way he used to walk. He's come for her. That's the way it happens at the end, they say -".

Annie was the last Harlan to live in the 1724 stone house at the site of the Star-Gazer's Stone (a marker for the Mason-Dixon line) in Embreeville, PA. This obituary, written by a Mrs. Hayes, was furnished to Martha Smith by Dr. Kate Roby who now owns and lives in the old house.

Station, five miles northeast of Lexington. This station was under siege for three days resulting in four killed and three wounded in the Station. After the Indians departure, Colonel Todd, Colonel Trigg, Major Silas Harlan and Colonel Daniel Boone assembled one hundred and seventy six well armed men and pursued the Indians.

This force caught up with the Indians the next day, August 19th, at a bend in the Licking River about forty-three miles northeast of Lexington. After the forces crossed the river, a fierce battle ensued. Being outnumbered they were obliged to retreat back across the river with a loss of sixty killed and seven taken prisoner. Among those killed were Colonels Todd and Trigg, Major Silas Harlan, and Boone's second son. After being reinforced by Colonel Logan, they returned to the scene of the battle and buried the dead. Accordingly, Silas Harlan was buried on the south side of the Licking River at the Blueicks (so named for a fine salt spring).(2)

This monograph does not propose to be a complete treatise on Silas Harlan and is intended only to share information gathered by the writer to be available at the Tricentennial celebration. It would be interesting to know exactly where Harlan's Station was situated and whether there is a grave marker at Blueicks. Also, it would be interesting to research the history of General Clark's Illinois Campaign for any references

to Silas Harlan. We do know he was descended from George (No. 3), James (No. 11), and George (No. 45), and that he was never married. "In stature he was about 6 feet 2 inches tall; of fine personal appearance, and when he was killed, was 29 years old. He was regarded as a brave, generous, and active man."(3)

(1) A. H. Harlan's "History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family."

(2) John Filson's "The Discovery, Settlement and Present State of Kentucke" including an Appendix on the Adventures of Daniel Boone - printed by James Adams, in 1784, at Wilmington - which was furnished to the writer by Martha Suter Smith, Chadds Ford, PA.

(3) Collins "History of Kentucky" from A.H. Harlan's "History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family."

HARLAN RESEARCHES CAMELS

(Excerpted from Report of the Commissioner of Patents, 1853)

General Harlan, of Cochranville, Chester county, PA resided nineteen years in the East, during a part of which he was actively involved in the military operations of Dost Mahomed, Amur of Cabul, and Rungeet Sing, Prince of Punjaub, prior to the conquest of Cabul by the British. As general of the staff, he commanded a division of the army of Cabul, destined to the invasion of Bulk, a part of ancient Bac-

tria. On this expedition he was accompanied by a caravan of sixteen hundred camels, of northern stock, in addition to four hundred attached to his own command. Being compelled to cross the highest range of the Indian Caucasus, and to superintend his own commissariat, he enjoyed the most ample opportunity for becoming practically familiar with the capacities of northern or Bactrian camel, as he had been previously with those of the dromedary of the plains.

A condensation of General Harlan's manuscript on the habits, management, diseases, and peculiarities of the camel and dromedary formed the basis for a report to congress in 1854. At that time Congress was considering a bill which would support the introduction of the camel as a beast of burden in portions of the Western territories - areas of "broad prairies and elevated plains nearly destitute of water, and offering but a scanty supply of herbage, of an indifferent quality." The report urged support of this bill, "Because of the nature of the country, and the necessity of communicating with Oregon and California by beasts of burden, the demands for camels would be increased rather than diminished by the construction of any possible railroad to the Pacific."

(Does anyone know the identity and genealogy of General Harlan?)

BETHEL INDIANA SITE OF HARLAN HISTORY

Descendents of Elihu (#737) and Nathan (#2500) will want to visit the village of Bethel, Wayne CO, IN, situated on IN-227 about a mile from the Ohio State Line. Elihu and his wife, Anna Gist, and two children settled on 160 acres in this area before there was a town. Dr. James Ruby purchased two acres from Elihu in 1832 and a corner of the land later served as one corner of the village. Elihu was one of the most benevolent men in that area. He refused to sell any of his surplus crops to those who had the money to pay for it, but reserved it for those who were not so well supplied and gave them the corn without the money, trusting to their paying when they became able to do so. (See "The Book", p. 239) Elihu and Anna were both buried in Bethel Cemetery less than one-half mile east of their home. In 1896 Elihu's son Nathan and his wife, Sarah Tillson, were residing upon the farm. In 1936 the former home of State Sen. Nathan Harlan was occupied by John Harding.

GENEALOGY TIPS

Martha Smith, Chadds Ford, PA has provided the following Bibliography to assist those interested in our family history in Chester County.

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HARLAN'S GATHER IN MICHIGAN

The descendants of George Guy Harlan (1881-1959) and Mary Hilts Harlan (1888-1984) held their initial reunion in Manchester, Michigan August 2, 3 and 4, 1990. The event was hosted by Gene and Judi (Harlan) Graber at their home. Fifty five family members of a potential sixty two attended from Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, South Carolina and Tennessee. Those in attendance included four of George and Mary's children and the widow of their other son, representing four generations. George Guy is the 10th generation and his line is George #3, Aaron #8, Aaron #41, James #739, George #2508 and John Franklin #6326. The family intends to continue having these reunions periodically at different locations.



HARLAN'S TAKE LEADERSHIP ROLES IN DAR.

Edi Hartly (right above), Florida State Regent, Daughters of the American Revolution is a Harlan. She traces her Harlan line to an Aaron Harlan in the Revolutionary war. The picture above was provided by Sara Jo Reynolds, (left) also a Harlan. Sara Jo is vice regent of the DAR chapter in Brandon, Alafia River Chapter. It is nice to hear of all the networking and sharing of genealogy information.

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HARLAN CLASSIFIEDS

Max J. Gardner is seeking information on descendants of Sarah Edith Harlan (#6365) who married Thomas K. Gardner in Drain, OR, August 7, 1900. 3301 Lovers Lane, Dallas, TX 75225.

Virginia Harlan Williams has a 4 generation photo for the first person from this line to request it. Last Name: Docxon or Doxon. Lists baby as Bill Doxon, Mertyle Neikirk, Agnes Grover Davis with their mother. Photo c. 1900. Please provide proof of descent to **Virginia Williams, 5485 El Captain Way, Las Vegas, NV 89129**

Has anyone done research on Harlan's in Ireland? **Richard L. Harlan, 9625 S.E. 34th Court, Milwaukie, OR 97222** is looking for information about his great grandfather, James Mack Harlan, born 1842, Dublin, Ireland. Or information on any Lorenzo Dow that

may provide a connection to his uncle Lorenzo Dow Harlan, born Nov. 13, 1900, Marietta, IL.

Dorothy Wear, M.P. o.64R, Mathews Rd., Washougal, WA 98671 has a listing of Harlan marriages from St. Louis, MO 1881-1910 if that will help your research.

WANTED: Photocopies of original Harlan records. Does anyone know how many issues were printed? We have Vol. 1 No. 1 and would like to insure that copies of all issues are preserved in the Harlan archives. **Marylee Harlan, P.O. Box 667, Belfair, WA 98528.**

Thelma Hines Sappington, Box 30, McGirk, MO 65055 is interested in corresponding with anyone having information on the following line: No. 208

John, No. 803 Geo. Barton, No. 2774 Geo. Barton. Ms. Sappington is a great-granddaughter of No. 7032 Lorenzo B., first child of No. 1774 Geo Barton.

Does anyone know what happened to the notes, letters and other information used by Alpheus Harlan in the compilation of the "History and Genealogy of the Harlan Family." We would be interested in hearing from any of his descendants. **Marylee Harlan, PO Box 667, Belfair, WA 98528.**

Kathleen P. Mirabella, 9 Cindy Court, Millstone Township, NJ 07728, wishes to correspond with anyone with information on ancestors/descendants of James Wheeler and Catherine Harlan #2903. Catherine Harlan #2903, b. 1809 in Christian Co., KY, m. James Wheeler circa 1824.

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