

CHAPTER VII

LT. CHARLES HARRISON - 5TH GENERATION

REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

7. CHARLES HARRISON⁵ (Nath.,⁴ Gabriel,³ Gab.,² Rebecca¹), son of Nathaniel and Olive Harrison, was born about 1750 and died in Brunswick County in 1818. On the 24th of July 1780, at a Court held in Brunswick Co., Lieutenant Charles Harrison was recommended to his Excellency, the Governor, in Council as a proper person to execute the Office in the Militia of that county.¹

The name of the first wife of Charles Harrison is unknown but it is possible that she was the daughter of William Gee who was living with Charles Harrison in 1788.² At least two male children were born to Charles and his first wife. Brunswick County Personal Property Tax Records for 1788 listed him with two males over 16 and under 21 years of age. In 1796, these same records listed him with one male over 16 and under 21. This same year his son, Benjamin Harrison, was listed but had no property. This indicated that he was 21 years of age.

On the 11th of June 1801, Charles married his second wife, BETSY (ELIZABETH) GLADISH. The marriage was performed by Reverend Hubbard Saunders. The marriage bond, obtained on the 26th of May 1801, stated that Betsy was of full age with consent only needed. This was witnessed by Jones Williams and Peter Williams.³

Issue by the above two marriages:

11. i. Charles Benjamin Harrison, b. 1775, d. 1835 (Chapter X)
- ii. James Harrison, b. after 1801 of second marriage and died after 1842 when he administered Elizabeth Harrison's estate. John P. Atkinson and T. A. Chambliss were his Securities. 22nd August 1842. (C.O.B. 36, p. 238) Also, he lived for 40 years on land owned by Benjamin Gladish

1810 U. S. CENSUS FOR BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA:

Charles Harrison - 712 - 20101 - 20210 - 00

2 males between ages of 0 & 10
0 males between ages of 10 & 16
1 male between ages of 16 & 26
0 males between ages of 26 & 45
1 male over 45 years

2 females between ages of 0 & 10
0 females between ages of 10 & 16
2 females between ages of 16 & 26
1 female between ages of 26 & 45
0 females over 45 years

The above Census indicates that in 1810 Charles Harrison had four children born between 1801 and 1810 from his marriage to Betsy Gladish. The three children between the ages of 16 and 26 were probably from his first marriage.

Charles Harrison is listed on Land Tax Records of Brunswick County in 1782 with two 200 acre parcels of land.⁵ This land was owned by his father, Nathaniel Harrison, whose will in 1796 gave this land to Charles, to wit: "I give to my son Charles Harrison the land and Plantation whereon he now lives containing 200 acres." Also, "I give to my son Charles Harrison all my land on the south side of Lanier's Branch."⁶

Charles Harrison is listed on Brunswick County Land Tax Records from 1782-1802 with 400 acres. In 1802 he had only 200 acres having sold 200 acres, on the 9th of June 1801, to Frederick Smith. This land was bounded by Cuddy Harrison, Buckner Harwell, John Gladish, and James Chambliss. This deed was witnessed by Benjamin Harrison and recorded on 22 June 1801.⁷

Since Charles Harrison sold 200 acres of his land in 1801 to Frederick Smith, he apparently was having financial difficulties. He was in debt in 1805 to Joseph Percival of the firm of Percival and Halliday in the amount of 252 pounds, two shillings and 11 pence which had been due on the 28th of March 1804. A Deed of Trust was drawn up by which Charles Harrison deeded 200 acres, land on which he lived, to John Bruce Rice who was Trustee for Joseph Percival.⁸ Land Tax Records show that the 200 acres

was still credited to Charles Harrison during this time.

On the 12th day of August 1809, John B. Rice, Trustee for Percival and Halliday, advertized the tract of land containing 200 acres that Charles Harrison had conveyed to him in a Deed of Trust. This land was described as being bounded by Cuddy Harrison and others. The 200 acres was sold at Smokey Ordinary for two hundred pounds, eighteen shillings, and three pence, to Benjamin Harrison who was the highest bidder. This deed was recorded in Brunswick County on the 26th of March 1810.⁹ Land Tax Records for 1811 shows that the 200 acres, previously credited to Charles Harrison, was now credited to Benjamin Harrison. A list of Alterations of land in St. Andrew's Parish for 1811 gives this notation: Charles Harrison, 200 acres, to Benja. Harrison.

On the 29th of Oct. 1811, one year after Benjamin Harrison had bought the 200 acres of land from John B. Rice, he sold this parcel of land to his father, Charles, for the sum of \$1.00. This deed was signed by both Benjamin and Charles Harrison and described the land as being in Brunswick County and bounded by the lands of Cuddy Harrison.¹⁰ On the same day, 29th of Oct. 1811, Charles Harrison and his wife, Elizabeth, sold the 200 acres of land to Joseph Percival. This land was bounded by Cuthbert Harrison, Armistead Goodwyn, Thomas Simmons, and Henry Morris, Sen'r. This Indenture was signed in the presence of Hartwell Bass, Lewis A. Brown, and Wm. M. Dugger.¹¹

Charles Harrison died intestate. On the 26th of October 1818, Edward C. Smith was appointed to administer his estate together with Benjamin Harrison and Benjamin Gladish as his Securities. Merritt Birdsing, Gabriel Harrison, James Goodwyn, John Atkinson, Benjamin Gladish and Thomas Burge or any three of them were sworn to appraise the estate of Charles Harrison, dec'd.¹²

(Edward C. Smith witnessed the will of Cuddy Harrison in 1815, a deed for Benjamin and Sylvia Harrison in 1816 and in 1835 he witnessed the will of Benjamin Harrison.)

Joseph Percival died in 1818 and on the 8th of Jan. 1819, a tract of land containing 200 acres and bounded by the lands of James Goodwyn and

Gabriel Harrison, was sold at auction and Elizabeth Harrison was the highest bidder. It was said to be the land that Joseph Percival, dec'd. had purchased from Charles Harrison. Jesse Reid, Edward C. Smith and Samuel M. Harris signed the Indenture. James Goodwyn, Benja. H. Bass and Hamlin Sturdivant were witnesses.¹³

On the 5th of July 1820 Elizabeth, also referred to as Eliza Harrison, deeded the 200 acres of land to Lewis Atkinson in trust for \$1.00. This Indenture stated that Eliza was indebted to the Commissioners in the sum of \$277 which was due on the 8th of Jan. 1822. David Jackson and Benjamin Gladish were her Securities. In order to secure them from any injury that might occur from her failure to pay this sum, she listed her land as security for that purpose. This Deed of Trust was signed, Betsy Harrison, and was witnessed by James Goodwyn, Thomas Lundie and Armistead Goodwyn and was recorded in Court in Brunswick County on 28th of Jan. 1822.¹⁴ The land was listed under Eliza Harrison's name on the Land Tax Records for the years 1820-1822.

On the 6th of Jan. 1823, Lewis Atkinson sold 200 acres of land to Heartwell Tucker for the sum of one hundred dollars. This land was located on both sides of Sturgeon Creek in Brunswick County and was bounded by the lands of James Goodwyn, Gabriel Harrison, and Theophilus Field.¹⁵

NOTE: In 1811 when Charles and Elizabeth Harrison sold 200 acres of land to Joseph Percival, it was described as being on Sturgeon Creek and bounded by the lands of Cuthbert Harrison, Armistead Goodwyn, Thomas Simmons and Henry Morris, Sen'r. When Elizabeth bought this land in 1819, it was described as being bounded by the lands of Gabriel Harrison and James Goodwyn, and was the same land that Joseph Percival had bought from Charles Harrison. Gabriel Harrison inherited this land from his father, Cuddy Harrison, who died in 1815.

HARRISON TO SMITH - 1801 (D.B. 18, p. 132)

This Indenture, made the 9th day of June 1801, between Charles Harrison of the county of Brunswick of the one part & Frederick Smith of the sd county of the other part. Witness that the sd Charles Harrison for... the sum of two hundred pounds current money of Va. paid by the sd Frederick

Smith...doth bargain, sell, & confirm unto sd Frederick Smith...one certain tract of land lying & being in the sd county of Brunswick whereon the middle church formerly stood containing by estimation two hundred acres...more or less & bounded by Buckner Harwell, Cuddy Harrison, John Gladdish, James Chambliss, the sd Frederick Smith & Charles Harrison... To have & to hold the sd tract or parcel of land & all singular premises.. & every part & parcel thereof...to the sd Frederick Smith & his heirs & assigns forever...In witness whereof the said Charles Harrison hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his Seal the day & year above written.

Charles Harrison (LS)

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in the presence of: Benja Harrison
Brunswick County Court June 22nd 1801

This Indenture of bargain & sale was acknowledged by Chas. Harrison to be his act & Deed & ordered to be recorded. Teste, Herbert Hill BC

RICE TO HARRISON (1810) (D.B. 21, p. 42-43)

This Indenture made this 10th day of September 1809, between John B. Rice of the county of Brunswick of the one part & Benjamin Harrison of the county aforesaid of the other part. Witnesseth that whereas Charles Harrison of the county aforesaid executed a deed of Trust to the sd John B. Rice as Trustee for Percival & Halliday on the 31st of May 1805 in order to secure a debt due to the sd Percival & Halliday conveying a certain Tract of Land lying & being in the sd county of Brunswick adjoining the Lands of Cuddy Harrison & others, containing 200 acres more or less whereas the sd John B. Rice as Trustee advertized the sd Tract of land & sold it at the Smokey Ordinary in the county of Brunswick on the 12th of Aug. 1809 agreeably to Law which 200 acres of land was bid out by Benjamin Harrison the highest bidder for the sum of 200 pounds, 18 shillings, & 3 pence current money of Va. payable at the rising of the next Va. Legislature... In witness whereof I have set my hand & affixed my Seal the day & year first above written.

John B. Rice (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in presence of: Will Rice, Jr., David Dugger, Jr., Phil Claiborne
Brunswick County Court March 26th 1810

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale was acknowledged by John B. Rice party hereto to be his act & deed & ordered to be recroded. Teste, H. Hill, C.B.C.

HARRISON TO HARRISON (D.B. 21, p. 369, Brunswick Co., Va.)

This Indenture made and entered into this 29th day of October 1811 between Benjamin Harrison of the one part & Charles Harrison of the other part. Witnesseth the sd Benjmain Harrison for & in consideration of the sum of one dollar to him in hand paid by the sd Charles Harrison the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted, bargained, sold & released...unto the sd Charles Harrison...one certain tract of land lying & being in the county of Brunswick containing by estimation two hundred acres more or less & bounded as follows: by the lands of Cuddy Harrison & others. To have & to hold the sd tract or parcel of land...The sd Benjamin Harrison doth hereby covenant, promise & agree to warrant & defend the right & title of the sd land & premises to the said Charles Harrison... In witness whereof the said Benjamin Harrison hath hereunto set his hand & affixed his seal this day & date first above written.

Benja Harrison (Seal)
Charles Harrison (Seal)

Sealed and delivered in presence of: Teste, Hartwell Bass, Fred'k Peebles, J. Rice.

Brunswick County Court March 25th 1812. This Indenture of Bargain and sale was proved by the oaths of the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, Herbert Hill CBC

HARRISON TO PERCIVALL - 1812 (D.B. 21, p. 354-355)

This Indenture made this 29th of Oct. 1811, between Charles Harrison & Elizabeth Harrison his wife of the one part & Joseph Percivall of the other part, witnesseth that for an in consideration of the sum of 114 pounds, 2 shillins, & 5 pence current money of Va. to him in hand paid, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hat granted, bargained, sold & confirmed unto the sd Joseph Percivall...one certain tract of land situate, lying & being in the co. of Brunswick on Sturgeon Creek containing

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day of October 1811 Benjamin Harrison of the con-
gress and Charles Johnson of the office sent ^{for} the
books Benjamin Harrison for and in consideration of the sum
of one dollar to him in hand paid by the said Charles
Johnson the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge

Benjamin Harrison hath received of the hand and

affixed his seal this day 1st date first above written

And as witness
a presence of

Benjamin Harrison
Charles Johnson

John
Benjamin
Harrison
Charles Johnson

Benjamin Harrison
Charles Johnson

200 acres more or less & bounded by the lands of Cuthbert Harrison, Armstead Goodwyn, Thomas Simmons, & Henry Morris, Senior, it being all that tract of land whereon the sd Charles Harrison now resides, & also one negro woman named Jenny...unto the sd Joseph Percivall...In witness whereof the sd Charles Harrison & Elizabeth, his wife, & Joseph Percivall have hereunto set their hands & affixed their seals the day & date above written.

CHARLES HARRISON (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & Delivered in presence of: Wm. M. Dugger as CH & JP,
Lewis H. Brown as to CH & JP, Hartwell Bass
Brunswick County Court March 23, 1812

This Indenture of Bargain & Sale was acknowledged by Charles Harrison party thereto to be their act & deed & ordered to be recorded.

Teste, Herbert Hill CBC

HARRISON TO JACKSON & C - 1822 (D.B. 25, p. 256)

This Indenture made this 5th day of July 1820 between Elizabeth Harrison of the county of Brunswick of the 1st part & Lewis Atkinson of the said county of the 2nd part. Witnesseth that the sd Elizabeth Harrison for & in consideration of the sum of \$1.00 to her in hand paid by the sd Lewis Atkinson, the receipt whereof she doth hereby acknowledge, hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened & confirmed unto the sd. Lewis Atkinson... a certain tract of Land lying in the sd county of Brunswick containing 200 acres more or less & adjoining the lands of James Goodwyn, Gabriel Harrison, it being the land the sd Eliza Harrison purchased from Percivall's Commissioner's...Upon Trust nevertheless that it is the true intent & meaning of these presents that whereas the sd Elizabeth Harrison stands just indebted to the Commissioners appointed to sell a tract of land belonging to the estate of Joseph Percivall, dec'd in the sum of \$277.00 due & payable the 8th day of January 1822 with interest from the 8th of July 1820 with David Jackson & Benjamin Gladish as her securities for the payment of sd sum of money due in five different bonds & whereas the sd Elizabeth Harrison being willing & desirous to secure the sd David Jackson & Benjamin Gladish from any injury, that may occur on her failure to pay sd sum of money, has made

her land as aforesaid to the sd Lewis Atkinson as Trustee for the purpose. If therefore the sd Elizabeth Harrison shall fail to pay...to the sd Commissioners...the debt & interest...it shall & may be lawful at any time at the request of sd Jackson & Gladish or either of them for the sd Trustee on giving ten days public notice by an advertisement at the front door of the Brunswick Courthouse on one or more Court days & at one or more public places in the vicinity of sd land to sell the same to the highest bidder for ready money & to pay unto the Commissioners...the debts & interest aforesaid...In witness whereof the sd parties have hereunto set their hands & Seals the day & date above written.

Betsy Harrison (Seal)

Witness: James Goodwyn, Thomas F. Lundie, Armstead Goodwyn

Brunswick County Court January 28th, 1822

This Deed of Trust was proven by the Oaths of Thomas F. Lundie, and Armstead Goodwyn witnesses thereto & having been proved by the Oaths of James Goodwyn also witness thereto.

