OVERTON CARR HARNE

The relationship of Overton HARNE to our HARN family is not proven. Overton's descendants are numerous and well documented but little is known of his parents or how he is related to John HEARN of Frederick Co, MD, if at all. We do have some facts. Overton grew up fatherless. His legal guardian may have been Rafe or Horatio Johnson. A Michael KELLY willed his entire estate to Overton in 1800. According to Ed HARNE, Ellen SMITH and other descendants, "Overton was born at Elkridge Landing, Ann Arundel Co. MD 09/15/1780-86, died at Hagerstown, Washington Co. MD 01/13/1873. His parents were Mary Susan SPRIGG & John O. HARNE III. He is buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Hagerstown, MD. His first name may have originally been "Howerton, Hovedore or Hovenden" which, with "Carr" could have been family surnames." The exact circumstances leading to his becoming an orphan are unclear. If the dates we have are accurate, his parents married in July 1783 in Baltimore, possibly after his birth. His father died prior to November, 1788. John O. HARNE III was a soldier in the revolutionary war, which was in full-swing from 1775 to 1781. The war could have been responsible for his late marriage and perhaps his early death. An unplaced Robert JOHNSON was married to Ann SPRIGG. Her exact relationship to Overton's biological mother, Mary Susan SPRIGG, is unknown. Robert Johnson may have been related to Rafe / Horatio Johnson. Mary's sister's (named Priscilla) 1776 will was witnessed by John O. HARNE. before his marriage to Mary Susan SPRIGG, showing his early connection to the Sprigg family.

IMPORTANT DATES

1776 John O. HARNE witnesses will of Priscilla SPRIGG

Overton Carr HARNE is born, Elkridge Landing, Ann Arundel Co. 1780-86

1783 John O. HARNE III & Mary Susan SPRIGG marry.

mid-1788 John O. HARNE III dies.

late-1788 Mary Susan SPRIGG HARNE is ordered to appear in court

1790 Robert JOHNSON marries Ann SPRIGG

Overton's father died before his mother, Mary Sprigg HARN. It is unclear if she raised Overton or if a Johnson raised him, but Johnson was his legal guardian. We know Overton's mother was summoned by the Anne Arundel Co. Orphan's court in 1788 "to show cause why she does not administer the estate of her deceased husband." She probably appeared in court that same year, confirming she was alive in 1788. Mary HARN may appear on 1790 census (next page) in AA Co. MD, near Horatio Johnson.

JOHN P. HARN'S SPECULATION

- 1. Overton was cared for by his mother, Mary, after the death of his father John O. HARNE. She could have been assisted by her relative, Ann SPRIGG. The Sprigg family had a relationship with John O. HARNE that predated Overton's birth.
- 2. After Ann SPRIGG married Robert Johnson, he, with Horatio/Rafe Johnson were guardians of Overton. If this scenario is correct, Overton would have been about 7-10 years old at the time. His age might explain why he kept the surname HARNE. He may have kept it for legal / inheritance reasons. His mother, Mary HARNE, if alive, may have lived with him or they may have lived apart...
- 3. This scenario does not directly support the account of Overton's lineage given by George U. HARN, below. It is possible that George's account could be missing a generation.

OF OVERTON HARNE, George Upton HARN Sr. (Ellen HARN's brother) writes:

"This old tree (the original HARN immigrant) had three branches, two sons and a daughter. The second son had, I believe, one son, Isaac, whose descendants are chiefly in Howard County (formerly Ann Arundel Co), Maryland and spell their name HEARNE. The daughter left an heir, Overton HARN, of Middletown Valley, Frederick County, Maryland. He has a son Horatio who was elected to the legislature from Washington county, that state. Overton, I learn, is ignorant of how he is related to the family, and, indeed, when I last saw him, twelve years ago (1847), did not know that we were related at all. Horatio, his son, knows and lives in Hagerstown.

SIDE NOTE: Our John HEARN (married to Dorcas DAVIS) rented his farm from Samuel DORSEY. Samuel's wife was Margaret SPRIGG. She was the aunt of Mary Susan SPRIGG, Overton's mother. The three couples: Samuel & Margaret Sprigg DORSEY, John O. (III) & Mary Sprigg HARN and John & Dorcas Davis HARN were all of the same generation. Overton HARNE was one generation younger. There is a record of a "John HARN" carrying money from the state treasurer to Margaret Sprigg DORSEY in 1779. This John HARN is probably John-of-Frederick rather than Overton's father John O. HARNE III, given the fact that John O. HARNE III would not marry into the SPRIGG family for another 4 years and John-of-Frederick was living on Margaret Sprigg DORSEY's land. But both John HARN(E)s were alive in that year.

Henry Richard Lee HARNE 1818 - 1903 son of Overton Carr HANRE



George Washington HARNE 1832 1875 son of Horatio N. HARNE,

POSSIBLE DESCENDANTS of DANIEL HEARN

A possible pedigree linking John HARN of Frederick Co, Michael HEARN of AA Co & Overton Carr HARNE of AA Co. to each other

This speculation is based on the statement by George Upton HARN, below

Daniel HEARN + Unknown wife B. before 1695, maybe in Ireland.

Lived early in both AA & Prince Georges Co, MD. Owned land adjacent to a DAVIS in Ann Arundel Co, MD 1726 +. Roman Catholic. No records mention children. He could be the "Old Tree" mentioned by George Upton HARN, below. Donald B. REAGAN (in 2009) suspects Daniel HEARN's wife was Catherine RAGAN, daughter of Timothy RAGAN Sr. Handwritten notes by a possible son of Overton HARNE say, "Dads great grandfather came to America from Ireland as a small boy" but source is unconfirmed. Daniel may have died after 1761. Children below are unproven.

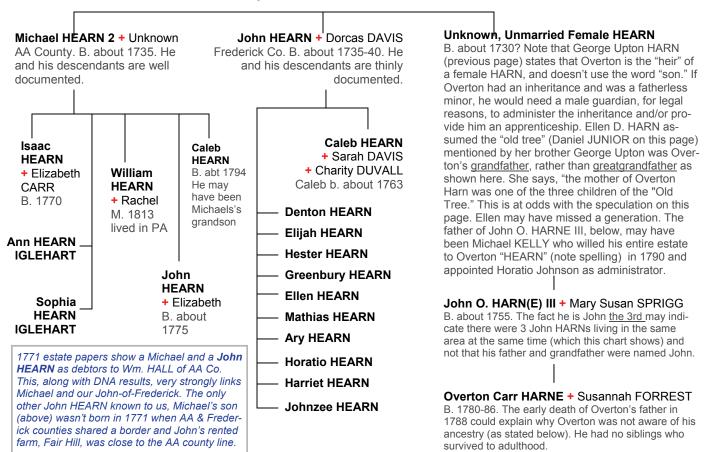
Michael HEARN 1 + Unknown Wife

Because he was at least 21 years old when he witnessed a deed between John MEEK and Thomas CHAPMAN in Ann Arundel County in 1736, he was born in or before 1715. The other witness was Joseph CROSLY. Thus he was of childbearing age in the 1730s-40s. John MEEK (Jr?) appears on the 1756 Doughoregan List with Daniel Hearn, following page.

Daniel HEARN JUNIOR + Unknown Wife

Because he was at least 21 years old when he was sued by Richard SNOWDEN in Ann Arundel County in 1749, he was born in or before 1728. That lawsuit is the only record mentioning Daniel HEARN JR. If he was born before 1720, he would be old enough to father the 3 Hearns, below. Some later records attributed to Dan Sr. may belong to Dan Jr.

The 3 HEARNs below may have descended from either Michael HEARN 1 or Daniel HEARN Jr., above. However it does not appear the Daniel HEARN Jr. was old enough to be the father of Michael and John, below and he too may have been a child of Michael HEARN, above.



The chart above is based on comments written by George Upton HARN, grandson of Caleb & Sarah Davis HARN, in 1859. Parentheses added by John P. HARN, 2009. "This old tree (the original HARN immigrant) had three branches, two sons and a daughter. The second son had, I believe, one son, Isaac, whose descendants are chiefly in Howard County (formerly Ann Arundel Co), Maryland and spell their name HEARNE. The daughter left an heir, Overton HARN, of Middletown Valley, Frederick County, Maryland. He has a son Horatio who was elected to the legislature from Washington county, that state. Overton, I learn, is ignorant of how he is related to the family, and, indeed, when I last saw him, twelve years ago (1847), did not know that we were related at all. Horatio, his son, knows and lives in Hagerstown (Maryland)."

Notes Relating to the Preceding Page

Edited Version of Michael KELLY's Will

"In the name of God Amen. I Michael Kelly, now of the City of Baltimore...give unto Hovenden (Overton) HEARN the negro woman Milley, negro boy Jack, negro boy Jim, negro girl Rashel, negro girl Nell for the following term of years...Milley to serve ten years after my decease, Jack to serve until the year 1819, Jim to serve until the year 1825, Rachel to serve six years after the expiration of my indenture given on her to Annabelle Marguetta Henderson, Nell to serve until the year 1823. The aforesaid negros to be in the care and disposal of my executor and the profits arising from said negros with all of my other property to be applied towards educating and supporting the said Hovenden Hearn. And lastly I appoint my said friend Horatio Johnson Senior Executor of this my will this ninth day of November, 1799." Michael Kelly /SEAL/ Witnesses: Joseph Paillottet & Edw. Johnson (Michael KELLY died by May 14, 1800 in Baltimore Co.) A.A. Co. Jct./ the 26th day of November 1800/ Then came Horatio Johnson and made oath that this is the true Will of Michael Kelly late of Ann Arundel County deceased.

There are 3 interesting census images, from 1790:

Mary HARN (could be "HAM" but comparing the handwriting to other names on the page, looks more like HARN) appears in AA Co. living VERY close to Horatio Johnson. She has no husband and has 3 males under 16, 2 of which might be Overton and his brother Wilberdear (speculation). She has 4 slaves, who could possibly be "on loan" from Michael Kelley who wills 5 slaves to Overton 9 years later (speculation).

- 2. Horatio JOHNSON is on the <u>next page</u> after Mary (above) in AA Co. They lived 20 households apart. Horatio was the executor of Michael KELLY's will in which everything was left to Overton HEARN.
- 3. Michael KELLEY lives in Balto Co. Kelley, directly next to a Daniel CARROLL. Daniel HEARN bought land together with a Daniel CARROLL in 1717 but these two Daniel CARROLLS are surely different people, given the dates, but might be close relatives. Or the presence of Daniel Carroll next to Michael Kelly may mean nothing. John P. HARN

Dear John: Ellen SMITH sent me the following:

A note found by Jan and Harry Craig, Buckhannon, WV, which was in the possession of Meda Harne Craig, is what confirmed that the parents of Overton C. HARNE were John O. HARN and Mary Susan SPRIGG. Since then we have found records in the Sprigg history that Mary Susan SPRIGG married John O. HARN III, confirming what Harry and Jan Craig found. Also "Revolutionary Patriots of Anne Arundel County, Maryland" by Henry C. Peden, Jr., refers to him as John Harn 3rd. The notes which Meda Craig found may have been written by Andrew Jackson HARNE, son of Overton. There is a scratched note written by an "unknown person" with different handwriting, which says "Dads great grandfather came to America from Ireland as a small boy."

We have no idea who wrote this or who the great grandfather is. If Overton's son, Andrew Jackson HARNE, wrote the note, this fits within your theory. Overton's great grandfather would have been Daniel HEARN, whom you suggest may have been born in Ireland.

Chris HARNE

I found that Horatio Johnson, who lived at Elk Ridge, was Inspector of Tobacco at Elk Ridge Landing. He had a home "Chantilly" there in 1797 according to his father's family info in "Founders of Anne Arundel & Howard Counties" pages 535 & 536.

Carole HUTCHISON

I suspect the first RAGANs in America were Irish Catholics. Our family tradition stated that we came from "Old Sod" (a nick-name for Ireland). There is also a family tradition that five RAGAN brothers were ready to emigrate to the New World after the defeat of Cromwell's army but only two brothers arrived in America. I found that my ancestor, Timothy RAGAN, Sr. and his wife Mary LARY were Anglicans in Anne Arundel/Baltimore County, MD. The Catholic church was not allowed to flourish during those times. The Anglican church was very similar to the Catholic church. It occurred to me that the wife of Daniel HEARN was maybe the daughter of Timothy and Mary Lary RAGAN. But I have no proof. There was a Bill of Sale between Daniel Hearn and Timothy Ragan Sr., John Ragan, & Timothy Ragan Jr. during the 1720's in A.A. County. What prompted me to think about the wife of Daniel Hearn is the 1748 petition to the MD General Assembly. On this 1748 petition, Timothy Ragan Jr., my direct lineage, appeared. Then his father-in-law, Robert Nelson appeared eight lines down and Daniel HEARN appeared four lines down from that. It appears that they were living in the same neighborhood. I have two daughters that belonged to Timothy Ragan and Mary Lary: Catherine circa 1704, and Mary circa 1712. Both were born in A.A. County. I do not have anything on their marriages. Neither Catherine or Mary were listed in Mary Ragan's will in 1752.

Donald B. REAGAN

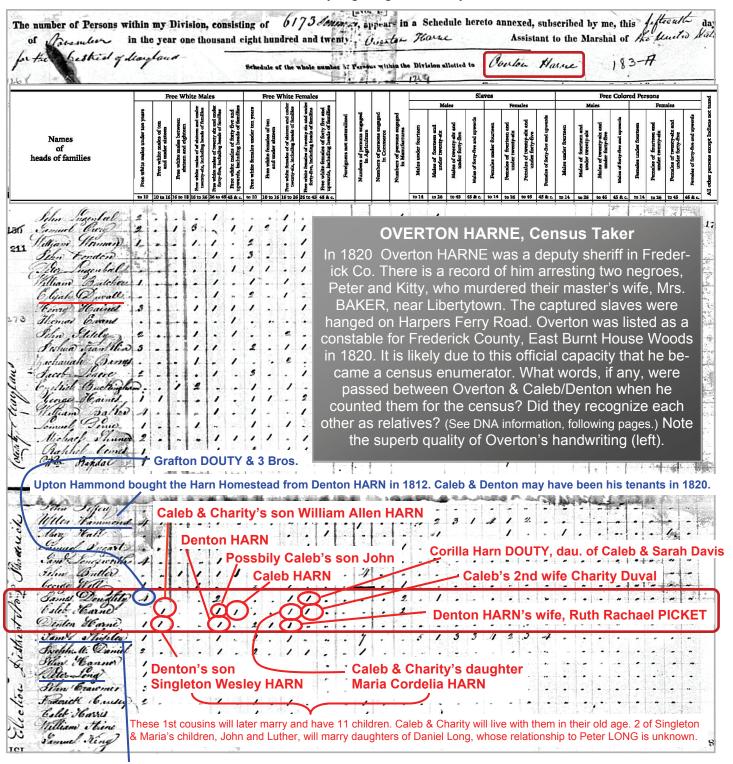
Possible Census Record of Mary Susan Sprigg HARN wife of John HARN III & mother of Overton HARNE 1790. Ann Arundel Co. MD

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What appears to be Mary "HAM" (middle right, above) could be Mary "HARN." She does not appear on the 1800 census, under either spelling. When asked if this might be Mary HARN, mother of Overton HARNE, Carole Hutchison (a current HARN researcher) said: "I'd say this Mary was probably the mother of Overton. The John Sprigg Belt near her was the 2nd cousin of Mary (Sprigg) Harn according to my Sprigg info. I have no note of it, but as most widows did in that time, Mary was probably remarried by 1800." And Ed HARNE, a descendant of Overton HARNE (and current HARN researcher) said: "I believe it is probable. The three young children don't bother me, as there are many ways it could be explained." Supporting the claim that this is Overton's mother is the fact that Horatio Johnson (who Michael KELLY appointed in his will to administer the transfer of Michael KELLY's assets to Overton (see previous pages), appears on the next page, making them close neighbors 9 years before Michael KELLY willed his entire estate to Overton. In addition, it is likely that Overton's future in-laws, the FORRESTs, appear on the left side of the page. When asked if this FORISTER family could be the FOREST family that included Overton's future wife, Ed HARNE replied: "Probably, but I am bothered by the "ER" at the end, as it seems to make it a different surname. But in looking through my Forrest Book, it was occasionally written that way. Also, the given names are right, so it probably is the Forrest family. I know that they owned land in that area, and there are records of Jonathan Forrest conducting marriages in Ann Arundel County up until 1789. A few years later he was conducting them in Frederick County." We can see a John Forister who has only a wife, meaning they could be old and the parents of the others. We also see Jacob and Jonathan Forister, given names that match Susanna's FORREST family. It looks like Jonathan, Susannah's likely father, has 1 son and 4 daughters. Ed HARNE: "Now that tightens things up a bit. In 1790 my records show one son and three daughters for Jonathan."

CALEB HARN & HIS BROTHER DENTON HARN, 1820

1820 census showing **Caleb HARNE** and Denton HARNE, 2 sons of **John HEARN** & **Dorcas DAVIS**, living at the Fair Hill farm in Frederick Co MD. They are tenants since the farm was sold to Upton HAMMOND in 1812. Neither owned slaves but many neighbors did. No one in Caleb's house was engaged in agriculture or commerce, one was engaged in manufacture. This matches Ellen's description of Caleb as a "builder." Denton's occupation is not shown. He was one of the first HARNs to migrate to Ohio, 1821-29. The census taker was <u>Overton Carr HARNE</u> (see next page). There is no 1820 census record for their parents, John & Dorcas Davis HARN, and no one of the right age in either Caleb or Denton's household, suggesting their deaths prior to 1820. All of their other children had migrated out of Maryland by 1820, so it is highly unlikely they are with another family. Caleb will live another 20 years, staying near this location. Denton will live another 16 years, dieing in 1836 in western Ohio, across the border from their sister Hester Harn DAVIS in Indiana, where she moved after initially migrating to Kentucky about 1795 with husband John DAVIS.



OVERTON CARR HARNE

Copy of original newspaper obituary of Overton C. HARNE sent to John P. HARN by Ellen SMITH, a descendant of Overton, in 2008. Name and date of publication unknown.

John P. HARN and LouAnn Harn CAMERON, believe there are probably some factual errors in this account.

DEATH OF THE OLDEST PRINTER IN MARY-LAND. - Overton C. Il arne died at his residence on the Williamsport pike, on the 13th day of January, 1873, aged 92 years, 3 months and 28 days He was born near Elkridge Landing, Md., in the year 1780. His father fought in the Revo-Intlouary War He had but one brother (Wilberdenr) who died young. O. C. Harne was left an infant in care of Rafe Johnson, Tobacco Inspector, at Elkridge Landing, at that time, who put him to the printing business on the Baltimore American, edited by Mr. Peaching, la 1795, in which office he served his apprenticeship. He then went to Winchester, Va. He then returned, and lived with John Thomas, the lather of ex-Governor Francis Thomas. Afterwards be went to Hauver's District, where he married Susan Forrest, daughter of Rev. Jonathan Forrest, and suberquently removed to Frederick City, and published, in company with Mathias Bartgie, The Republican Citizen, which they conducted for one year. In 1812, he worked on the old Federal Gasette and Republican Guzette, Harnet & Co. From Frederick City be removed to Pipe Creck, and taught school, rode as deputy sheriff, constable, and took the census, all at the same time, and arrested the blacks who murdered . Mrs. Baker and their owners: and when Baltimore was threatened by the British, and the company at New Windsor was called, he, being lieutenaut, was the only man who went to her defence, and was discharged on Columpia 11:11, after which he returned to Hauver's District, where he served as juror. Judge of the District Court, Justice of the Peace, &c, and raised seven sons and one daughter, and where one of his sons still lives. The rest of his children live in Washington County .- Mad.

DNA TESTING of John P. HARN & others

In September, 2008 John P. HARN and (Charles) Ed HARNE took paternal DNA tests to try to establish a connection between Overton C. HARNE and John HEARN (m. Dorcas Davis) of Frederick Co. The test compared certain "markers" on the Y chromosome which only males inherit from their fathers and which are passed from generation to generation, father to son, as long as there are male descendants. Since the Y chromosome is handed down only from father to son, comparing Y chromosomes from any two males can show if they share a common male ancestor and, if so, about how long ago that ancestor lived. The test will not tell you who the common ancestor was, only IF such a person existed, and if so, roughly when. The test will not work for women since they do not have Y chromosomes.

According to conventional research, Ed HARNE is a direct male-line descendant of Overton HARNE and John P. HARN is a direct male-line descendant of John HEARN of Frederick. Therefore, if John-of-Frederick and Overton shared a common male ancestor, so should John P. HARN and Ed HARNE. A DNA match between John P. and Ed would confirm a family link between John-of-Frederick and Overton. Unfortunately, John P. and Ed's DNA *did not match*. In November, 2009 Christopher HARNE, another direct male-line descendant of Overton HARNE repeated the test, with the same results. This very strongly suggests that Overton and John-of-Frederick did *not* share a common male ancestor.

There are 3 possible explanations for the fact that ED and John P.'s DNA did not match:

- 1. John O. HARN III, father of Overton HARNE is not related to John HEARN of Frederick. OR,
- 2. Overton (or more likely his father, John O. HARN III) was the son of a female HARN and this female HARN <u>was</u> related to John-of-Frederick. The test Ed and John P. took traces lineage only through the male line. So if Overton was related to John of Frederick through a female HARN, the test would miss it. <u>George Upton HARN's description of the "Old Tree" actually claims exactly this.</u> Apparently, George Upton's information came from Caleb HARN, son of John-of-Frederick. OR,
- 3. There was an error at the DNA testing lab.

Supporting either conclusion #1 or #2 (above) is Steve Harn REDMAN's DNA test result. Steve is a direct

male-line descendant of John-of-Frederick's son Denton and John P. is a direct male-line descendant of John-of-Frederick's Caleb. DNA results show they shared a common ancestor (Johnof-Frederick) who lived about 280 vears ago. Steve Redman also did not match Ed & **HARNE** Chris (who did match each other), casting further doubt on a male-line ancestral connection between Overton HARNE John-Harnand

of-Frederick.



SUMMARY OF DNA RESULTS

The following people have taken the Y chromosome paternal DNA test as of March, 2009:

James Batson HEARN James HEARN Steve Harn REDMAN Charles (ED) HARNE	of New York of Athens, Georgia of Salt Lake City, Utah of Issue, Maryland	Haplogroup R1b Haplogroup R1b1b2 Haplogroup R1b Haplogroup R1b
Christopher HARNE	of Orlando, Florida	Haplogroup R1b
John Peter HARN Daniel Phillip HEARN	of Portland, Oregon of New Mexico / MD	Haplogroup R1b Haplogroup R1b
Alan Duane HARN	of Illinois	Haplogroup R1b

The information below assumes the DNA tests are accurate and error free.

MATCHING DNA

JAMES BATSON HEARN matches JAMES HEARN

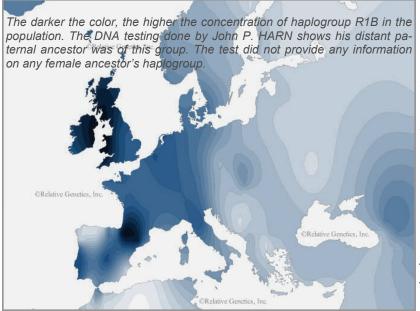
James Batson HEARN (of NY) and James HEARN (of GA)'s most common recent ancestor lived 7 generations ago, or approximately 1800. This was predicted by other, traditional research. Their common ancestor was one of the early Eastern Shore MD HEARNS (not related to our HARNS).

HAPLOGROUPS In addition to showing if two individual men share a common male ancestor, the Ychromosome DNA test also shows the main population group the male line belongs to. In this case all people at left belong to the same R1b group which likely points to an origin in Britain. The haplogroup of any female ancestor is not shown since only the Y chromosome is tested.

STEVE HARN REDMAN, JOHN PETER HARN & ALAN D. HARN all match

This supports accepted traditional research showing all 3 to be direct, male-line descendants of John HARN of Frederick Co, MD, who was born about 1735-40.

DANIEL PHILLIP HEARN matches STEVE H. REDMAN, JOHN P. HARN & ALAN D. HARN



This supports George U. HARN's assertion that the Howard Co. MD HEARNS are descended from the same "old tree" as the John of Frederick HARNs. Daniel Phillip HEARN traces his ancestry back to Michael HEARN born about 1735 (?) in Ann Arundel Co, MD. THEREFORE, this Michael HEARN and John of Frederick HARN are closely related.

NON-MATCHING DNA:

STEVE REDMAN, CHARLES (ED)
HARNE, DANIEL P. HEARN, ALAN
D. HARN & JOHN P. HARN do not
match JAMES B. HEARN or JAMES
HEARN

Therefore, John HEARN of Freder-

ick is not descended from the Eastern Shore MD HEARNS.

CHARLES (ED) & CHRISTOPHER HARN both do not match STEVE REDMAN, JOHN P. HARN or ALAN D. HARN. Other research predicted a match might occur about 10 generations ago.

Therefore, John HARN of Frederick Co. MD (born abt 1744) was not related through male lineage to Overton C. HARNE of Frederick Co. MD (born 1780) (but may be related by female lineage, as implied in letter by George Upton HARN and described further on previous & following pages).