

# THE PENNSYLVANIA HARNs

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Five of the 12 children of **John and Dorcas Davis HARN** migrated to southwestern Pennsylvania between 1813 and 1820. Those who made the trek were **Greenbury HARN, Johnzee HARN, Harriet Harn GRIMES, Ary HARN (female) and Ellen Harn CRAWFORD**. Also migrating to that area was **Thomas S. HARN**, grandson of John & Dorcas HARN (and son of Caleb HARN, brother to the 5 Pennsylvania migrants, above).

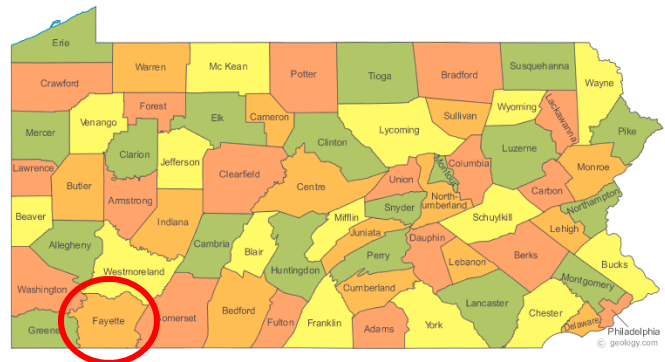
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## Greenbury HARN

**Greenbury HARN**, son of **John and Dorcas Davis HARN**, was born 1770-1774 in Frederick Co., MD and died after 1830, probably in Fayette County, PA. He married **Sarah GRIMES** on 13 Jun 1787 in Frederick Co., MD. Sarah was born by 1776. While in MD, Greenbury bought and sold several parcels of land.

- Deed: *Valley of Strife*, 7 Jan 1804 in Frederick Co., MD purchased from **Joshua GRIMES**
- Deed: *Gilboa Survey*, 20 Jan 1810 in Frederick Co., MD purchased from **David CONDON Sr.**
- Deed: *Valley of Strife, Rich Forrest, Addn to Rich Forrest*, 11 Mar 1811, , Frederick Co., MD sold to **Frederick GRIMES**
- Deed: *Gilboa*, 20 Mar 1813 Frederick Co., MD sold to **George HAMMOND**

On Oct 29, 1793 "Greenberry" HERN and Fred Grimes witnessed the marriage of Basil Grimes and Betsy Picket. This was at the Evangelical Reformed Church in Frederick Town. It was a congregation of the United Church of Christ. By 1810 Greenbury had moved from Frederick Co. to Baltimore Co., MD. On the **1820 census** he appears in German Twp., Fayette Co., PA. Children from his marriage were: 1. **Perry HARN** was born about 1798, 2. **Lloyd HARN** was born about 1799, 3. **Larkin HARN**. Perry HARN was born in Baltimore County, MD and migrated with his family to Fayette county, PA. He married Eva STROHM. Perry was listed on the censuses as a laborer. He and Eva had 10 children who remained in Fayette Co., PA. Their sons were farmers, laborers, and shoemakers. Their children were: 1. David b. 1819. 2. Sarah b. 1820, 3. John b. 1822, 4. William b. 1824 d. 1828, 5. Mary Ann, 6. Robert "Leo" b. 1829, 7. William b. 1831, 8. Aden Green b. 1834, 9. Elizabeth b. 1837 d.infancy, 10. Morgan b. 1838. **Lloyd HARN** did not stay in PA very long. Other researchers have reported that Lloyd married **Susannah ISH** in PA in 1822. His oldest son William was born in PA in 1818. His next son Levi was born in OH in 1820 and John G. was born in OH in 1821. His other children, not including Julia A., were also born in OH. Julia was born in 1840 in Illinois. Three of Lloyd's children were born before 1822. His next child was not born until 1828. The marriage information came from the following source:



[History of Fulton County \(Illinois\)](#) published in 1879 by C. C. Chapman , Lewistown Township

"Lloyd HARN, deceased, was a native of Baltimore, born in April, 1799; moved to Pennsylvania, where in 1822 he married Susannah ISH, daughter of Christian ISH, who was born near Harper's Ferry, Va., in 1802; went to Holmes Co, OH then to Coshocton Co, OH.; in 1837 moved to Lewistown tp., this county, and settled on 80 acres. He was a member of the M. E. Church, & died in 1864. Children: Wm. G., Levi, John, Perry, Emerson, Jonathan & Robert W."

The two last mentioned were soldiers in the late (Civil) war. (page 798, submitted by Danni Hopkins) found on Illinois Ancestors, Fulton Co., IL website. Our list of children for Lloyd HARN, compiled from the census, varies from what was written in the above book:

1. William G. b. 1818, PA,
2. Levi b. 1820, OH,
3. John G. b. 1821, OH,
4. Perry O. b. 1828, OH
5. Jonathan b. 1834, OH,
6. Robert Wilson b. 1837, OH,
7. Julia A. b. 1840, IL

There is no marriage for Julia A. in the IL State Marriage Index, but are marriages for all the males in Fulton Co., IL. Census data indicates that **Greenbury and Sarah HARN** had two daughters. We speculate that at least one of them lived to marry. This speculation is based on a paper found in the military pension file of Thomas S. HARN's second wife, Mary ALTMAN. Mary had to prove that Thomas' first wife was dead. The file contained this:

**M.F.H. Farmer** affidavit states information copied off Priscilla's tombstone reads "Priscilla HARN wife of Thomas S. Harn, d June 30, 1849, aged 50 yrs 8 days; buried at the old Hopewell Grave Yard in Fayette Co., Pennsylvania." A note in the file says **Mrs. Loda/Rhoda? BATES** (full cousin of Thomas HARN) looked up the tombstone information.

**John and Rhoda BATES** appear on the **1850 census** in Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA. John BATES is a shoemaker. John died before 1860. Greenbury's son Perry had a son John. Rhoda lived with John and his family from the **1860 census** through the **1880 census**. Rhoda was a weaver. She is also buried at the Hopewell Presbyterian Cemetery in Fayette Co., PA. Several HARN family members are also buried there. Her tombstone reads: *Rhoda wife of John BATES died July 6, 1885 aged 81 years & 21 days*. This gives a birth date of June 15, 1804. This birth year fits with a daughter on the early census records for Greenbury. In order to be a full cousin to Thomas Harn, Rhoda would have to be a daughter of one of Thomas' aunts or uncles. Greenbury is the best fit in the records.

### Ellen "Nellie" HARN

**Ellen "Nellie" HARN**, daughter of **John & Dorcas Davis HARN**, was born about 1785 in MD and died about 1846 in Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA about age 61. Ellen may have gone to PA with her brothers and sisters. She is first identifiable on the **1830 census** with her husband **Jonathan CRAWFORD** living next door to her brother **Johnzee HARN**. On the **1840 census** the CRAWFORDs live next door to Ellen's sister, **Ary HARN**.

**Otis HARN** stated in a letter that Jonathan CRAWFORD was a tailor by trade and outlived Ellen by many years. He also stated they had no children. This statement leaves a mystery to be solved.

The CRAWFORD living near Johnzee in 1840 is Jonathan CRAWFORD. He is 10 years younger than Ellen. If the data stating that Ellen died about 1846 is correct, there is a CRAWFORD child that could be hers.

In the census below, Jonathan CRAWFORD is living with Johnzee HARN, and has apparently remarried. The child Jonathan, age 8, would have been born about 1842. More research needs to be done to determine if the child is Ellen's or belongs to Jonathan and his second wife.

**1850 census** Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA, Pg 363

Harm [sic] Johnzee 59 Shoemaker \$500 Baltimore Co., MD, Elizabeth 54 Fayette Co., PA, Harriet 33 Fayette Co., PA Greenbury Ingersalles 13 Washington Co., MD, Crawford Jonathan 51 Laborer Washington Co., MD, Elizabeth 42 Washington Co., MD, Jonathan 8 Washington Co., MD

### Ary HARN

**Ary Harn**, daughter of **John & Dorcas Davis HARN**, was born about 1783 in Frederick, Co., MD and died on 23 May, perhaps in 1846 in Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA at age 63.

Ary didn't marry and had no children. **George Upton HARN** (great-grandson of John & Dorcas Davis HARN through their son Caleb and his son John) wrote that she died on 23 May, and noted that she was sick when he visited her December 17, 1845. Thus she must have died in May 1846 or later.

George Upton HARN also wrote that she was a member of the Methodist Church for 47 years. Although he also wrote that Ary made her home with her brother Johnzee, she is enumerated on the 1830 and 1840 census in her own household.

- She appeared on the **1830 census** in Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA.  
Ary Harn, no males; 1 female -5 and 1 female 20-30
- She appeared on the **1840 census** in Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA.  
Ary Harns, no males; 2 females: 1, 40-50 & 1, 50-60

The young girl in Ary's household in 1830 may be a niece. On the **1840 census** Ary would be the woman in the 50-60 age bracket. The other woman is unknown. Perhaps records of the Methodist Church, if they still exist, might add a little to the knowledge of Ary.

### Johnzee HARN

**Johnzee HARN** first appeared on the census in Fayette county, PA in 1820 and last appears in 1850, dying prior to the 1860 census. His wife **Elizabeth Overturf HARN** is listed in 1860 with daughter Harriet and grandson Greenbury (not the same Greenbury mentioned earlier). Both women are listed as seamstresses. Greenbury is a laborer.

Little else is known about Johnzee, except that he worked as a shoemaker. Early census records indicate that Johnzee had three daughters and one son, all born prior to 1820. The 1820 census shows several males in his household, but some were too old to be his children. The Harn family book lists three daughters with death dates, but we've been unable to locate any except Harriet in the census. Johnzee's three daughters were

1. Dorcas d 1873, 2. Juliette d 1888, 3. Harriet d 1892

We cannot independently verify the deaths of any of these three daughters. PA had no marriage licenses until 1885, so one must dig through church records to obtain marriage data. We did find Harriet listed on the 1850 census with Johnzee and Elizabeth and a 13 year-old boy Greenbury Ingersalles HARN. We do not know if Harriet is Johnzee's daughter Harriet, or a daughter-in-law.

Both Harriet and Greenbury (2) are living with Johnzee's widow Elizabeth in 1860 and both employed as seamstresses. A young boy, Howard MILLER age 14, is also living with them. It's possible that he, too, is a grandson to Johnzee. We could not find Howard MILLER in the **1850 census**. However, Howard is living with Harriet and Otis [formerly Greenbury] in 1870 along with a Jane KELLY, domestic. By 1880 Howard is gone, Jane KELLY is now Jane MILLER and a 4 year-old James MILLER is living with Harriet and Otis. John HARN and Perry HARN are neighbors.

Census data shows a son for Johnzee, but his name is not known. It also isn't known whether or not that son lived to adulthood, married or had children. Originally, we believed that Otis might be his son who was taken in first by his grandfather, then by his Aunt Harriet. But the **1880 census** disputes that. Otis is listed with Harriet in 1880 as "son".

**Dorcas HARN** b 1810-1820 is listed in the Harn book with a death year of 1873, but we don't have a source for that data. She is named after her grandmother, Dorcas Davis HARN.

**Juliette HARN** b 1810-1820 is listed as died in 1888. We have not been able to find that data either. Based on the census data for Harriet, below, it would seem that one of these women might have married a MILLER. Otis lists the MILLER widow and her son as cousins on the 1900 census.

**1860 census** Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA

Harn Elizabeth 64 Seamstress 0 \$200 PA [Johnzee's widow], Harriet 42 seamstress PA, Greenberry 23 Laborer PA, Miller Howard 14 PA

**1870 census** Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA

Harn Otis 31 Lumberman 500 400 PA, Harriet 51 PA, Miller Howard 22 Laborer PA, Kelly Jane 22 Domestic PA

**1880 census** Luzerne Twp., Fayette Co., PA

Harn Harriet 63 Keeping House PA PA PA, Otis son 43 farmer PA PA PA, Miller Jane 33 boarder PA, James 1 PA

Otis is listed on the 1890 Veteran's schedule as Otis G. Harn [Greenberry of 1850 & 1860.]

He's also still alive on the **1900 census** living in Redstone Twp., Fayette Co., PA.

Harn Otis b Jun 1835 64 Sgl PA PA PA not employed, with Miller Rachael J. cousin 56 Wd b Jul 1843 PA PA PA House Keeper, and Miller James O. cousin 24 Sgl b Nov 1875 Engineer Sawmill

Otis Harn didn't marry and had no children. Unless proof of marriage of Johnzee's daughters is found or the name of the son listed on the early census is discovered, this ends Johnzee's line.

### ***Thomas Sillingsby HARN***

**Thomas Sillingsby Harn**, son of **Caleb Harn** and **Sarah "Sallie" Davis**, was born on 3 Jun 1794 in Frederick Co., MD and died on 30 Jun 1871 in Masontown, Fayette Co., PA at age 77. Thomas was twice married. He first married Priscilla, who was b 24 June 1799 and died on 30 June 1849. She is buried in the Old Hopewell Graveyard at Millsboro, Fayette Co., PA. We do not have a record of their marriage, but other family members report it as 3 Nov 1814. Priscilla's maiden name is unclear. Some family members report it as **Fleming**, while the pension file of Thomas' second wife state it was **Miller**.

Although it seems an odd sequence of events, Thomas joined the military 5 days after his marriage. His military service record for the War of 1812 shows he served in the military from 8 Nov 1814 where he enlisted at Fayette Co., PA, under the name: Stingbury T. Harn. He served under Capt. Hertzog (Fayette Greens) PA Militia as a private.

An affidavit filed by **Jacob Ripper** states: "That said company agreeable to a general order marched for an encampment to be made between Snowden and Baltimore in the State of Maryland from Fayette County in the State of Pennsylvania, that when they reached Mercersburgh one hundred and forty miles from home the orders were countermanded and the company discharged." Children of Thomas S. and Priscilla Harn were.....

**Mary Ann Harn** was born on 22 Apr 1816 in Pennsylvania and died in Morgantown, Monongalia, West Virginia, USA. Mary married **Pettersen Lilly** after 1850.

**Samuel Davis Harn** was born 8 Aug 1818 in PA, died in 1865 in Fayette Co., PA at age 47, and was buried in 1865 in McClellandtown, Fayette Co., PA.

**John Hanson Thornton Harn** was born on 10 Jan 1821 in PA and died on 21 Sep 1886 in Vermont Twp., Fulton Co., Illinois at age 65.  
John married **Frances Leighty** before 1838 in PA. Frances died 16 Jan 1863 in Appanoose county, Iowa. On 15 April 1863 John married Frances Leighty Merrill in McDonough Co., IL. She was a widowed cousin of his first wife.

**Richard William Harn** was born on 29 Aug 1823 in PA and died on 16 Mar 1877 in Tippecanoe, Fayette Co., PA at age 53.

Richard married **Lucretia Cannon**, born in 1828 and died in 1914 at age 86.

**Thornton Fleming Harn** was born on 26 Sep 1826 in Merrittstown, Fayette Co., PA, died in 1878 in Scottsville, Mitchell Co., Kansas at age 52, and was buried there.  
Thornton married **Martha Ann Cumpston** on 8 Nov 1848. Martha was born about 1833 in PA.

**Sarah Elizabeth Harn** was born on 14 May 1828 in PA and died on 22 May 1851 at age 23.  
She never married and had no children

**Alfred Milton Harn** was born on 14 Oct 1833 in PA.

**Thomas Harn** was a shoemaker, as were several of his sons. Included in the military pension file was a small piece of paper that appears to be some type of account record of Thomas dated 1849 for **William Stewart Dr.** The paper lists several dates and the work he had done for Mr. Stewart with charges and payments.

After the death of Priscilla, Thomas married **Mary Altman** in Masontown, county of Fayette, State of PA on 15th July 1850 by M. A. Racter, Methodist Minister. Proof of this marriage was included in Mary's military pension file. Mary was the daughter of **Solomon Altman** and **Elizabeth Mapel**. Mary was born about 1823 in PA or MD and died on 11 Jun 1902 in Monesson, Westmoreland Co., PA about age 79. Children from this marriage were:

**Elmer Harn** was born about 1853 in PA.

**Corilla Maria Harn** was born about 1854 in PA.

**George Harn** was born about 1857 in PA.

**Lenora "Nora" E. Harn** was born about 1859 in PA. Lenora married **H. G. Campbell**

**Alvin Miller Harn** was born on 7 Dec 1862 in Masontown, Fayette Co., Pennsylvania, died on 9 Apr 1951 in Dayton, Montgomery Co., Ohio at age 88, and was buried in North Belle Vernon Fayette Co., PA. Alvin married **Elmira "Myra" Pine** about 1893. Elmira was born on 3 Jul 1873 in N Brunswick, Canada, died on 28 Jan 1925 in Monesson, Westmoreland Co., PA at age 51, and was buried in Belle Vernon, Fayette Co., PA.

Also included in the military pension records was an application for a Bounty Land Warrant, dated 7 May 1857. Although he served only from 8 Nov 1814 to 22 Nov 1814, he had enlisted for a period of six months. In this record he listed his age as 60, a resident of Carmichaels, PA. He stated that he had volunteered at German Township in Fayette Co. and was honorably discharged. His pension form was signed Thomas Harn. His file contains a Bounty Land record number 86903-160-55. When we located his Warrant on the Gov't site, we found Patentee: Heirs of Thomas Harn, issue date 30 Mar 1905, authority May 20, 1862, Homestead Entry Orig. A copy of this record shows this land is in Colorado. It is unknown which heirs claimed the land from Thomas' Bounty Land Warrant.

In her military pension application Mary A. Altman Harn described Thomas at the time of their marriage. He was 57 years of age, shoemaker, born near Baltimore, MD in 1793 of dark hair, blue eyes, about 5'10-11" in height. She also stated her husband's full name was Thomas Sillingsby Harn. "but not liking the name Sillingsby he rarely ever used it. He nearly always signed his name Thomas Harn."

On 15 July 1902 **Nora E. Campbell** of Monessen wrote a letter to her Congressman E. F. Acheson stating that her mother died leaving doctors bill, nurses expenses and funeral expenses. Since she died before the July voucher could be sent in, she did not receive her pension for the last quarter. She was inquiring if she was entitled to that pension or any assistance for taking care of her mother for the last 6 months.

One of the sons of **Thomas S. HARN** also appears in Fulton Co., IL in 1865. He had migrated to Appanoose Co., Iowa, from PA, then came back to live in Vermont township, IL, not far from the family of Lloyd **HARN**. We do not know the burial place of either Thomas S. Harn or his second wife Mary Altman Harn.