

HARRIS FAMILY HISTORY

Eli Harris and his wife Lucretia (Ransom) came to Oxford County in 1802 from New York state, they being Loyalists. They may have been from Otsego County. On the 1812 agricultural assesment for Oxford, Eli Harris was the assessor. Elis Harris died 1813 (see Baptists Work in Oxford)

Eli Harris and Lucretia Harris had eleven children - 8 sons and three daughters. Six of the sons became ministers (not all Baptists) -see Early Days of Baptists in Oxford by Zella Hotson.

Children of Eli Harris and Lucretia (Ransom)

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2. Elisha Harris, born 1787 in N.Y. state.

He was an English Army officer. He married Angelina Loomis, who was born in 1793. Her father was in the King's Army also. Angelina died in 1866. They had 15 children.

1. Charles Harris, born 1810 died 1874 Sept.

2. Lucy Harris, born 1812 died 1879

3. Amanda Harris, born 1813 died 1892

4. Dimmis Harris, born 1815 died 1893

5. Lois Marie, Harris, born 1816 died 1914

6. Harriet Harris, born 1818 died 1883

7. Martha Harris, born 1820 died 1891

8. Marie Harris, born 1822 died 1849

9. Ezra Harris, born 1823 died 1851

10. Sarah Jane Harris, born Oct 7, 1826. She married Nov 16, 1847 to James Augustus Crawford, son of Benjamin Benedict Crawford & Jane Catherine Lyon. They had 10 children. Sarah Jane died Sept 2, 1868 and is buried in Ingersoll Rural Cemetery.

11. Bernice Harris, born 1827 died 1914

12. Elisha Harris, born 1830 died 1891 he married Maria Sharp

13. Franklin Harris, born 1832 died 1836

14. Sabrina Harris, born 1834 died 1886

15. Andrew Harris, born 1836 died 1886

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3. James Harris, born

James Harris joined the regular baptists. He preached for the Free Will baptists June 1822 and was ordained, along with Darius Cross.

4. Elder John Harris, born the 7th child of Eli and Lucretia Harris

His son was Alanson Harris.

His grandson was John Harris, who died at age 47

His great grandson was Chester Harris, 207 Weston Rd. S., Toronto, Ont. (in
June 1953)

5. George H, Harris

"Another class leader (of the Methodists) was George H. Harris, who preached at the 16th line East Zorra, riding 40 miles back and forth from his home." - see Baptist Work in Oxford by Zella Hotson page 149



headstone of Elisha Harris 1787-1868 & his wife, Angelina Loomis, 1793-1866 located in the Harris Street Cemetery, South West Oxford.