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OBJECTIVE: Locate information for William Harris, who married Lydia Dwyer in Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont, on 29 August 1822.

PARAMETERS: Ten hours for research, analysis, and reporting. Restricted to records available online.

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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- William Harris died on 2 April 1836 at Fort Drane in present day Marion County, Florida, while engaged in the Second Seminole War, also known as the Florida War. He is buried in St. Augustine National Cemetery in St. Augustine, St. Johns County, Florida.
 - William Harris enlisted in the United States Army in 1830 and reenlisted in 1835. (See [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#))
 - According to a list of those killed or wounded, William died of an unknown disease at Fort Drane on 2 April 1836. (See [Figure 3](#))
 - William's interment record shows that he was buried at Fort Drane, but the United States military moved his remains to St. Augustine National Cemetery in 1907. (See [Figure 4](#))
- According to William's enlistment records, he was born in Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont. (See [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#))
- I searched multiple databases, but I was unable to locate any information on William Harris's parents.
- Most records for the towns in Vermont are kept at the local level and are not digitized. Locating records for William Harris will require research onsite in Vermont.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

The following information is a summary of the information you gave to me:

Marriage of William Harris and Lydia Dwyer¹ ([See Attachment 1](#))

- William Harris and Lydia Dwyer were married on 29 August 1822 in Salem, Orleans County, Vermont.
- The record is only an index and shows that the actual marriage record appears in Salem Town Records, Book 1, page 107.

1850 United States Census for Lydia Harris² ([See Attachment 2](#))

- Lydia Harris lived with her son Samuel Harris in Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont.
- Lydia was forty-nine years old and born in Vermont.
- Samuel Harris was twenty-five years old and born in Vermont.
- Lydia and Samuel lived in the same house with Lydia's daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Smith McKinty, and their children.
- Lydia and Samuel were the only Harrises living in Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont, during the 1850 census.
- William Harris does not appear with his family, which may indicate that he was deceased.
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Lydia Harris' Death Record³ ([See Attachment 3](#))

- Lydia Dwyer Harris died on 12 November 1872 in Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont.
- Lydia was born in Brownington, Orleans County, Vermont.
- Lydia's parents were Daniel Dwyer and Cynthia Wood.
- Lydia was a widow.
- Lydia died of "Inflammation of stomach".

¹ "Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732-2005," database with images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1987653> : accessed 10 May 2023), Index to Marriages, 1803-1905 (Including town of Salem), Derby, Orleans County, Vermont, 29 August 1822, image 74, Marriage date for William Harris and Lydia Dwyer; citing FSL Film #005488174. (Index gives Salem Town Records, Book 1, Page 107 as the reference.)

² 1850 U.S. Census, Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont, population schedule, pg. 28, penned, image 4, dwelling 22, family 23, Samuel Harris and Lydia Harris, digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 10 May 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 925.

³ "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4661/> : accessed 12 May 2023), 1871 and Later, Hanrahan-Hart, image 3954, death record of Lydia Dwyer Harris; citing Vermont Vital Records, 1871-1908, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

1830 United States Census for William Harris⁴ ([See Attachment 4](#))

- The household shows William Harris as the head of household living in Salem, Orleans County, Vermont.
- The census shows that the household consisted of the following:
 - William, who was between 30-39 years old.
 - One female was 20-29 years old (most likely Lydia).
 - One female was 5-9 years old (most likely Nancy).
 - One Male was 0-4 years old (most likely Samuel).
 - One female was 0-4 years old (most likely Margaret).
- Salem, Orleans County, Vermont, is where William Harris and Lydia Dwyer were married in 1822. William Harris was the only Harris living in Orleans County, Vermont, during the 1830 census. The ages of the members of the household fit the ages of William's wife and children. David Dwyer and John Dwyer appear on the same page as William Harris. This is the correct 1830 census for William Harris.

Analysis

William Harris and Lydia Dwyer were married in Salem, Orleans County, Vermont. They appear in the 1830 census in the same place. In 1850, Lydia lived with her son Samuel and her daughter Nancy in Orleans County, Vermont, suggesting that William had died by 1850. Lydia died in the same county in 1872.

According to the 1830 census, William Harris would have been born between about 1791 and 1800.

⁴ 1830 U.S. Census, Salem, Orleans County, Vermont, population schedule, pg. 247, penned, image 1, William Harris, digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8058/>; accessed 10 May 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 183.

RECORDS AND ANALYSIS

U.S. Army Enlistment Record 1830

Descriptive and Historical Register										of Enlisted Soldiers of the Army									
NAME	Age	Sex	Complexion	Height	Build	Place of Birth	Profession	Date of Enlistment	Place	Name	Age	Sex	Complexion	Height	Build	Place of Birth	Profession	Date of Enlistment	Place
77. Halstead Jacob	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	1. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
78. Halstead James	28	Grey	Sand	Light 5' 8"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	2. Rochester	28	Grey	Sand	Light 5' 8"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
79. Halstead Henry	23	Blue				New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	3. Rochester	23	Blue				New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
80. Halstead Brock	22	Grey	Brown			New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	4. Rochester	22	Grey	Brown			New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
81. Halstead Thomas	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	5. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
82. Halstead William	23	Blue	Dark	5' 8"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	6. Rochester	23	Blue	Dark	5' 8"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
83. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	7. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
84. Halstead Jacob	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	8. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
85. Halstead William	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	9. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
86. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	10. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
87. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	11. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
88. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	12. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
89. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	13. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
90. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	14. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
91. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	15. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
92. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	16. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
93. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	17. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
94. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	18. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
95. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	19. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
96. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	20. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
97. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	21. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
98. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	22. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
99. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	23. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830
100. Halstead John	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830	24. Rochester	21	Black	Black	5' 7"	Medium	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1, 1830

Figure 1: "U.S., Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914," database with images, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1198/>: accessed 17 May 2023), Enlistments for 1828 Jan - 1835, A-Z, pg. 85, image 85, line 110, entry for William Harris; citing NARA.

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10. Harris William 26 blue brown light 5' 8" 1/2 Cooper Farmer 1st Boston

Close-up of Page 2

Russell 43y B Date 1835. Expired of service At Key West Fla

Abstraction

Name: William Harris

Age: 26

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Complexion: Light

Height: 5'6 ¼"

Where born: Coventry, Vermont

Trade or Occupation: Farmer

When enlisted: 4 October 1830

Where enlisted: Boston

By whom enlisted: Lieutenant Russell

For what period: 5 years

Regiment and Company: Company B, 4th Infantry

Date of Discharge: 4 October 1835

Cause of Discharge: Expiration of Service

Remarks: At Key West Florida

Analysis

This army enlistment record shows that William Harris enlisted in Company B, 4th Infantry, in the United States Army, on 4 October 1830.⁵ The document says that he was a farmer, born in Coventry, Vermont, and was twenty-six years old. Our William Harris was the only Harris living in Orleans County, Vermont, in the 1830 census, and his age in the census is very close to the age on the enlistment record, which makes it highly probable that this record belongs to the William Harris we're looking for. The physical description the record gives shows that he was a rather short man, at 5'6 ¼", with fair skin, blue eyes, and brown hair. The record also states that he enlisted for five years and mustered out in Key West, Florida.

⁵ "U.S., Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1198/> : accessed 17 May 2023), Enlistments for 1828 Jan - 1835, A-Z, pg. 85, image 85, line 110, entry for William Harris; citing NARA.

U.S. Army Enlistment Record 1835

Descriptive and Historical Register													
NAME		AGE		COMPLEXION		EYES		HAIR		BIRTH		RELIGION	
NAME		AGE		COMPLEXION		EYES		HAIR		BIRTH		RELIGION	
1. House	Samuel	35	grey	black	dark	5	0	Scotland		Farmer	Scotland		
2. Hayler	Peter	36	blue	light	5	6		Pa		Philadelphia Soldier	Pa		
3. Holmes	Charles	20	blue	light	5	6		Pa		Philadelphia Soldier	Pa		
4. Hambleton	Samuel	24	grey	black	dark	5	6	Germany		Farmer	Germany		
5. Kencely	Samuel	27	grey	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
6. Hammit	William	24	blue	dark	5	6		Pa		Farmer	Pa		
7. Hardy	Alexander	23	grey			5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
8. Hoover	Blair	23	black	brown		5	6	Germany		Farmer	Germany		
9. Hollowell	David	22	blue		grey	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
10. Hughes	Reuben	27	black	black	dark	5	6	Germany		Farmer	Germany		
11. Hughes	John	27	black			5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
12. Hannon	Henry	20	blue	light	grey	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
13. Houghton	Warren	20	blue	light	grey	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
14. Houghton	James	18	blue	light	grey	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
15. Hanson	Henry	22	grey	brown		5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
16. Harris	Amos	20	blue			5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
17. Harris	William	23	black		dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
18. Hill	John	21	blue	light	grey	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
19. Hugg	Daniel	22	black	brown	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
20. Hugg	Charles	22	black	brown	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
21. Hugg	David	22	grey	brown	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
22. Hammond	William	27	blue	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
23. Hayes	William	25	blue	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
24. Hodges	William	22	grey	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
25. Hodge	George	24	black	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
26. Hodge	Alexander	21	black	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
27. Hodge	Patrick	22	black	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
28. Hawley	Charles	32	blue	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
29. Henry	James	31	blue			5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
30. Harris	William	31	blue			5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
31. Harris	George	21	black	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		
32. Hobbins	William	24	black	black	dark	5	6	Pa		Farmer	Pa		

Figure 2: "U.S., Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914," database with images, Ancestry.com

(<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1198/> : accessed 17 May 2023), Enlistments for 1835-1839,

A-Z, pg. 85, image 82, line 30, entry for William Harris; citing NARA.

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28	Hawley	Charles	32	blue	black	dark	5	6	Pa	Farmer	Pa		
29	Henry	James	31	blue			5	6	Pa	Farmer	Pa		
30	Harris	William	31	blue			5	6	Pa	Farmer	Pa		
31	Harris	George	21	black	black	dark	5	6	Pa	Farmer	Pa		

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32	Hawley	Charles	32	blue	black	dark	5	6	Pa	Farmer	Pa		
33	Henry	James	31	blue			5	6	Pa	Farmer	Pa		
34	Harris	William	31	blue			5	6	Pa	Farmer	Pa		
35	Harris	George	21	black	black	dark	5	6	Pa	Farmer	Pa		

Abstraction

Name: William Harris

Age: 31

Eyes: Blue

Hair: Brown

Complexion: Fair

Height: 5'6 ¼"

Where born: Orleans, Vermont

Trade or Occupation: Soldier

Enlistment date: 13 November 1835

Enlistment place: New York

By whom enlisted: Major Staniford

For what period: 3 years

Regiment and Company: Company B, 1st Artillery

Date of Death: 2 April 1836

Cause of Death: [blank]

Remarks: At Fort Draine [Drane] Florida

Analysis

The information in this second enlistment record matches William's 1830 enlistment (see above), even down to the ¼" of height.⁶ In this record, his occupation is "Soldier," which fits with the fact that he had been a soldier for five years previous to this enlistment. William mustered out of the 4th U.S. Infantry in October 1835 and reenlisted in Company B, 1st Artillery, on 13 November 1835.

⁶ "U.S., Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1198/> : accessed 17 May 2023), Enlistments for 1835-1839, A-Z, pg. 85, image 82, line 30, entry for William Harris; citing NARA.

According to the record, William died at Fort Draine [Drane], Florida, on 2 April 1835. This would explain why William does not appear in the 1840 census and why there is no death record for him in Vermont.

Return of Killed and Wounded

1 st Regiment of Artillery -						
No	Names	Rank	Co.	Place of Death	Date of Death	Remarks.
1	Gales Samuel	Captain	C	Veracruz	August 6. 1836.	Disease unknown
1	Brady John	Private	A	Piedmont	May 22. 1836.	Disease unknown
2	Bolles John	"	"	do	June 7. 1836.	do
3	Bader Karl	"	F	Fort Drane	July 19. 1836.	Fever
4	Brittingham Samuel	"	E	near Gandy's Ferry	September 1. 1836.	do
5	Blackie Abraham	"	F	St. Augustine	October 9. 1836.	do
6	Bennet John W.	"	"	Black Creek	October 25. 1836.	do
7	Burridge Thos.	"	"	St. Augustine	February 10. 1836.	Consumption
8	Chambers Moses	Sergeant	H	New Beach	August 5. 1836.	Disease unknown
9	Cornell P.H.	Private	G	St. Augustine	September 15. 1836.	Fever
10	Campbell P.H.	"	B	Fort Hillman	December 12. 1836.	Plumage
11	Croft C.C.	"	F	St. Augustine	January 20. 1838.	Disease unknown
12	Collins James	"	I	Veracruz River	March 31. 1838.	Inflammation of the Bowels
13	Collins Daniel	"	F	Fort Pierce	February 12. 1838.	Disease unknown
14	Curry James	"	A	Piedmont	April 22. 1838.	do
15	Cutler Thomas	"	F	Tampa Bay	August 25. 1837.	Fever
16	Eastman Calvin B.	Artificer	B	Mullet Key	July 30. 1837.	Disease unknown
17	Foley William	Private	F	near Tampa Bay	June 3. 1837.	Fever
18	Fulleton A. H.	"	I	Jupiter Creek	January 15. 1838.	Killed in action
19	Gardner Robert	Sergeant	"	St. Augustine	May 30. 1836.	Fever
20	Gifford Benjamin	"	E	Xacho Creek	November 21. 1836.	Killed in action
21	Harris William	Private	B	Fort Drane	April 2. 1836.	Disease unknown
22	Hill Robert	"	"	Fort Mifflin	June 20. 1836.	do
23	Hamilton John	"	F	Piedmont	April 21. 1836.	Fever
24	Harbord James	Sergeant	H	near Veracruz	August 27. 1836.	do
25	Hardy Daniel	Private	"	St. Augustine	August 20. 1836.	do
26	Harris John	"	B	do	September 6. 1836.	Enraged
27	Horne John	"	A	Tampa Bay	November 9. 1836.	Disease unknown
28	Houlahan Cornelius	"	I	Fort Brooke	December 27. 1836.	do
29	Hickey William	"	B	do	December 1. 1837.	do
30	Hagerty Daniel	"	A	near Fort Pierce	January 3. 1838.	do
31	Humphrey Morgan L.	"	I	Jupiter River	January 14. 1838.	Inflammation of Brain
32	Inglis William	"	H	Fort Brooke	June 12. 1836.	Disease unknown
33	Jones John	"	I	Lake Talontocassa	June 7. 1837.	Intermittent Fever
34	Johnson Augustine	Sergeant	B	St. Augustine	June 4. 1838.	Said of Wounds
35	Kelly Elias	Private	I	Fort Drane	March 2. 1837.	Disease unknown

Figure 3: "U.S. Returns of Killed and Wounded in Battles, 1790-1844," database with images, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3652/> : accessed 17 May 2023), image 70, 1st Regiment of Artillery, line 21, 2 April 1836, killed in action record for William Harris.

Close-up

21	Harris William	Private	B	Fort Drane	April 2. 1836.	Disease unknown
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Abstract

Name: William Harris

Rank: Private

Company: B

Place of Death: Fort Drane

Date of Death: April 2, 1836

Remarks: Disease unknown

Analysis

Above is a record that shows that William Harris died at Fort Drane of an unknown disease on 2 April 1836.⁷ He had enlisted in Company B, 1st Artillery, in 1835, which makes this the correct record. This would explain why he did not appear in the 1850 census with his wife and children. It also explains why there is no death record in Vermont.

⁷ "U.S. Returns of Killed and Wounded in Battles, 1790-1844," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/3652/> : accessed 17 May 2023), image 70, 1st Regiment of Artillery, line 21, 2 April 1836, killed in action record for William Harris.

Burial of William Harris

WAR DEPARTMENT
Q. M. C. Form No. 14
Revised Oct. 6, 1928

Interment in the ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA. National Cemetery
To—The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

NAME			RANK	COMPANY	REGIMENT OR VESSEL			DIVISION, IF WORLD WAR SOLDIER
					Number	State	Arm	
HARRIS, William			Pvt.	B	1st		Artillery	Florida War

DATE OF DEATH			DATE OF INTERMENT			GRAVE MARK		REMARKS Date of discharge and number of Pension Certificate, Disinterments, etc.
Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year	Section	Grave No.	
April	2	1836				Beneath Pyramids		Orig. buried Fort Drane See 213333, April 2, 1907

Shipping point for headstones _____

Superintendent.

(See Instructions on Reverse Side)

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Figure 4: “U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962,” database with images, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2590/> : accessed 17 May 2023), Harris, Will – Harrison, Jerrald S, image 109, Interment card for William Harris; citing NARA RG 92, Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774-1985, The National Archives at St. Louis.

Analysis

This interment record from the United States War Department shows that William was originally buried at Fort Drane, but in 1907, the War Department moved his remains to the pyramids in St. Augustine National Cemetery in Florida.⁸

⁸ “U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962,” database with images, Ancestry.com (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/2590/> : accessed 17 May 2023), Harris, Will – Harrison, Jerrald S, image 109, Interment card for William Harris; citing NARA RG 92, Records of the Office of the Quartermaster General, 1774-1985, The National Archives at St. Louis.

St. Augustine National Cemetery Pyramids



“St. Augustine National Cemetery,” digital photograph, Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration, History Program (<https://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/staugustine.asp> : accessed 20 April 2023).

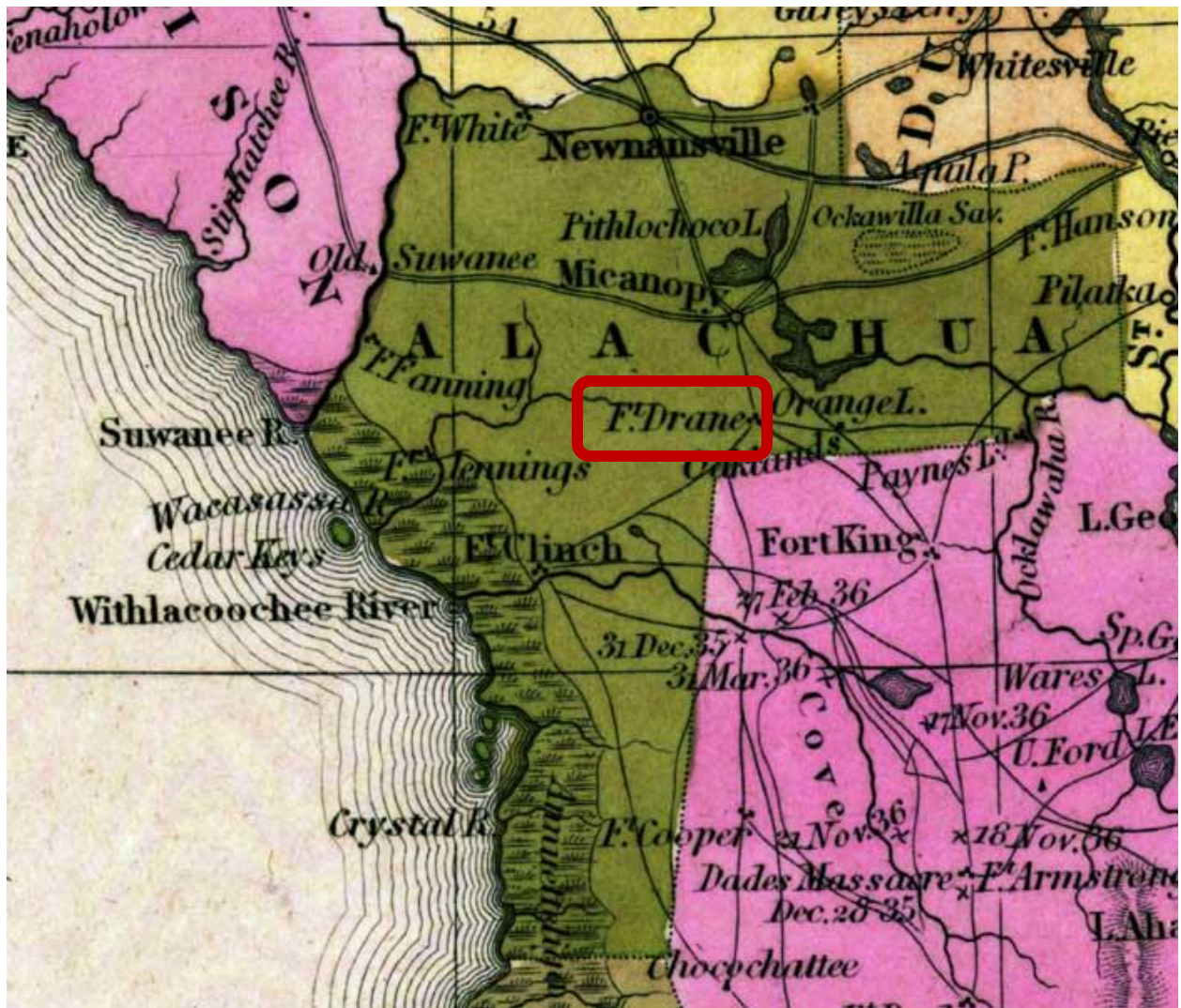
Military History

On 30 May 1830, President Andrew Jackson signed the Indian Removal Act. This act initiated the forced removal of Native Americans from the states east of the Mississippi River. Most likely, this is what William Harris was sent to Florida to do. The Second Seminole War began in Florida about a month after William reenlisted in 1835.

In her book, *The Armed Medical Department, 1818-1865*, Mary C Gillett wrote, "...In the guerrilla struggle that followed, Army regulars and members of various state units sent to subdue the Seminoles fought in an unfamiliar and dangerous land, 'healthy in winter but sickly in summer; . . . a most hideous region,' where insects and bacteria alike thrive and multiplied...For the first five years of a struggle described by one surgeon as an 'inglorious, unthankful and hopeless war,' the high incidence of fevers and diarrhea-like diseases necessitated an end to active campaigning during the summer months."⁹ It seems that William probably succumbed to one of these diseases.

⁹ Mary C Gillett, *The Armed Medical Department, 1818-1865* (Washington, D.C. : Center of Military History United States Army, 1987), digitized, AMEDD Center of History & Heritage (<https://achh.army.mil/history/book-civil-gillett2-gillett> : accessed 20 April 2023), Chapter 3, pg. 56.

Map of Fort Drane



"Detail – Florida 1839," digital image, Florida Center for Instructional Technology (<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/maps/pages/9800/f9851/f9851.htm> : accessed 20 April 2023); citing Henry Schenck Tanner, *Tanner's Universal Atlas* (Philadelphia, PA: Carey & Hart, 1839), pg. 21.

Locating William Harris' Parents and Birthplace

Orleans County and Surrounding Counties



Map of the Town Boundaries in Orleans County, Vermont, USA, created by DiltsGD, a FamilySearch Research Wiki user, online map, *FamilySearch.org* (www.familysearch.org : accessed 10 May 2023).

Orleans County was formed from part of Orange and Chittenden Counties in 1792. This would have been about the time that William Harris was born. The map below shows that Coventry is in the north-central part of the county. Greensboro, where William and Lydia's son William lived in 1850 (see below), borders on Caledonia County. Just north of Orleans County is the province of Quebec, Canada. There may be records for William in any of these counties.

1850 United States Census

While Lydia Harris and her son Samuel Harris were the only Harrises living in Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont, during the 1830 census, there were two other Harrises living in Orleans County in 1850: William R. Harris¹⁰ and Moses K. Harris.¹¹

1. William R. Harris was Lydia's son, and he was living in Greensboro, Orleans County, Vermont. He was living in the household of Seth and Lucinda Moodmany.
2. Moses K. Harris was also living in Greensboro, Orleans County, Vermont. Moses was a farmer born in New Hampshire and was seventy-six years old. His wife, Rachel, was also born in New Hampshire and was sixty-four years old. They were living in the household of Moses and Deborah Hains. Deborah was thirty-four and was born in New Hampshire. Deborah could be Moses' daughter.

Moses K Harris could be related to William Harris. He would have been born about 1774, which makes it possible for Moses to be William's father, uncle, or some other relationship. I would need to do further research to determine if they are related.

¹⁰ 1850 U.S. Census, Greensboro, Orleans County, Vermont, population schedule, pg. 96b, typed, image 21, dwelling 1369, family 1369, William R Harris in household of Seth Moodmany; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 13 May 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 925.

¹¹ 1850 U.S. Census, Greensboro, Orleans County, Vermont, population schedule, pg. 94a, typed, image 17, dwelling 1325, family 1325, Moses K Harris in household of Moses Hains; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 13 May 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 925.

1840 United States Census

I did a page-by-page search of the 1840 census in Covington, Orleans County, Vermont, and in Greensboro, Orleans County, Vermont. There were no Harrises in either of those towns. I also did a typical Ancestry.com search in the 1840 census for any Harrises in Orleans County, and it didn't show any. Since William died in 1836, Lydia and her children were likely living with friends or family. The 1840 census only shows the name of the head of household, so if Lydia and her children were living with someone else, their names would not appear on the census.

I also checked the 1842 Census of Canada, but there was not a Lydia Harris in Quebec Province either.

Probate Records in Orleans County, Vermont

I checked the probate records in Orleans County, which covers the years 1796-1855.¹² William was not in these records. It's possible that he died without any real property, and therefore didn't need a probate.

I also searched an index on Ancestry for Vermont, Wills and Probate Records.¹³ The index had entries for Orleans County from 1780-1970. William did not appear in these records.

¹² "Probate Records, 1796-1855," digital images, *FamilySearch.org* (www.familysearch.org : accessed 11 May 2023), Orleans County, Vermont, Probate Records Vol. 1-7, 1796-1855.

¹³ "Vermont, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1749-1999," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (www.ancestry.com : accessed 11 May 2023), Orleans County, Card Index, 1780-1970, A-J.

Birth, Marriage, and Death Records in Orleans County, Vermont

I checked the database of vital records on Ancestry.com and found several documents for different William Harris.¹⁴ The following records fit within the period of our William's approximate birth year and death year.

1. William Harris died on 25 September 1849 in Brattleboro, Orleans County, Vermont.¹⁵ This William was fifty-eight years old, which fits within the window of William's approximate birth year from the 1830 census. His parents were William Harris and Abiah Brooks. He married Jemima Wood on 19 December 1816 in Brattleboro.¹⁶ However, in the 1830 census, there is a William Harris Junior living in Brattleboro who fits the age range, so this is probably not our William.
2. There was also a William Harris, born 17 January 1798 in Vernon, Vermont.¹⁷ His parents were Stephen Harris and Elizabeth. This William married Polly Tyler on 20 August 1818, in Vernon, Vermont.¹⁸ Once again, there is a William Harris in Windham County, Vermont, in the 1830 census who fits this age range, so this is also probably not our William.

I also checked the Vermont Town Clerk Vital Records on FamilySearch, but they did not have any records for Orleans County for that period.¹⁹

¹⁴ "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4661/> : accessed 11 May 2023).

¹⁵ "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4661/> : accessed 12 May 2023), 1870 and Prior, Harris, S – Hasbrook, image 323, 25 September 1849, death record of William Harris; citing Vermont Vital Records through 1870, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

¹⁶ "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4661/> : accessed 12 May 2023), 1870 and Prior, Harris, S – Hasbrook, image 318, 19 December 1816, marriage record of William Harris and Jemima Wood; citing Vermont Vital Records through 1870, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

¹⁷ "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4661/> : accessed 12 May 2023), 1870 and Prior, Harris, S – Hasbrook, image 303, 17 January 1798, birth record of William Harris; citing Vermont Vital Records through 1870, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

¹⁸ "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4661/> : accessed 12 May 2023), 1870 and Prior, Harris, S – Hasbrook, image 314, marriage record of William Harris and Polly Tyler; citing Vermont Vital Records through 1870, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

¹⁹ "Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732-2005," database with images, *FamilySearch.org* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1987653> : accessed 11 May 2023).

SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

- Contact Coventry Town Clerk – P.O. Box 104, Coventry, VT 05825
 - Phone: 802-754-2288
 - Email: clerk@coventryvt.org
- Look for other Harris families around Orleans County, Vermont, in census, birth, death, and marriage records.
- Research William and Lydia's children for any additional clues.
- Research Orleans County histories for any Harris families.
- Research land records to see if William purchased any land and what became of it.
- Research the history of the companies that William served in.
- Look for a military pension for William or his widow Lydia.

ATTACHMENTS

Index to Marriages in Salem, Orleans County, Vermont

Book	Page	GROOM	TO	BRIDE	Date
<i>Marriages</i>					
2	48	Holt, Fred S.	"	Ida V. Abbott	Jan'y. 11, 1881
		Huskins, Alta	"	Jennie Irish	Mar. 9, 1881
	49	House Joseph B.	"	Hattie Beebe	June 20, 1881
	49	Hill Tuston	"	Annie K. Wade	July 5, 1881
	50	Hill, Charles J.	"	Laura Raymo	Sept. 17, 1881
	50	Hopkins, Charles P.	"	Annis C. Richardson	Nov. 18, 1881
	50	Harver Hamilton	"	Emma L. Gould	Nov. 12, 1881
	50	Hinsman, Willie S.	"	Millie O. Moon	Nov. 9, 1881
	51	Harris W. M.	"	Jennie Whelan	Jan'y. 3, 1882
	51	Hill, Joshua N.	"	Olive Davis	July 5, 1882
	52	Hill, Charles D.	"	Nestha Gibson	Sept. 4, 1882
	52	Huskins, Henry	"	Mary Peasley	Oct. 14, 1882
	52	Howe, Eva M.	"	J. M. Ball	Oct. 11, 1882
	53	Heath Reuben	"	Marionette M. Jones	Nov. 14, 1882
	54	Humphrey Edwin	"	Miee E. Jones	Feb'y. 12, 1868
<i>Salem Town Records</i>					
1	106	Hamblat William	"	Ida A. Farnell	May 25, 1846
	107	Harris, William	"	Lydia Dwyer	Aug. 29, 1822
2	318	Hammond Lyman	"	Mary Ann Blake	June 30, 1846
	319	Holton, John	"	Abbie M. Farnem	May 3, 1846
	322	Holt Horace	"	Lucy Ann Paul	Mar. 30, 1865

Attachment 1: "Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732-2005," database with images, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1987653> : accessed 10 April 2023), Index to Marriages, 1803-1905 (Including town of Salem), Derby, Orleans County, Vermont, 29 August 1822, im. 74, Marriage date for William Harris and Lydia Dwyer; citing FSL Film #005488174. (Index gives Salem Town Records, Book 1, Page 107 as the reference.)

1850 United States Census
Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont

SCHEDULE I. Free Inhabitants in Coventry **in the County of** Orleans **State**
of Vermont **enumerated by me, on the** 24 **day of** August **1850.** William Brown Jr. **Post Marshal.**

Dwelling-houses numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Sarah M.	12	F				Vt		1		
		Samuel C.	1	M								
21	21	Amos Plastridge	60	M		Farmer	100	" Vt				
		Phibe "	55	F				" Vt				
		Caroline "	33	F				" Vt				
		Patrick Conway	17	M		Laborer		relana ✓				
22	23	Smith Haskins	38	M		Farmer	100	" Vt				
		Harvey "	27	F				" Vt				
		Lydia "	41	F				"				
		George "	1	M				"				
23		Samuel Harris	26	M		"		"				
		Lydia "	49	F				"				
23	24	John Baldwin	39	M				"				
		Emeline "	36	F				"				
		Sarah Ann	12	F				"		1		
		Wesley	5	M				"		1		
		Eliza "	5	M				"		1		
		Eril "	2	M				"				

Attachment 2: 1850 U.S. Census, Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont, population schedule, p. 28,
penned, image 4, dwelling 22, family 23, Samuel Harris and Lydia Harris, digital image, [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)
(<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 10 May 2023); citing NARA microfilm
publication M432, roll 925.

Death Record of Lydia Dwyer Harris

DEATH - FEMALE	
Full Name of Deceased	Harris, Lydia (Dwyer) 835
Usual Residence	
If in Hospital or Institution, its Name	
Color	
Age	71 Yrs. 3 Mos. 13 Days
Occupation	
Birthplace	Bromington
Father's Name	Daniel Dwyer
Father's Birthplace	
Mother's Maiden Name	Cynthia Wood
Mother's Birthplace	
Date of Death	1872 Month Nov Day 12
Disease Causing Death	Inflammation of stomach
Contributing Disease	
Medical Attendant	Corentry
Town	Greenleaf Baynton Town Clerk

Attachment 3: "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry.com* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4661/> : accessed 12 May 2023), 1871 and Later, Hanrahan-Hart, image 3954, death record of Lydia Dwyer Harris; citing Vermont Vital Records, 1871-1908, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

1830 United States Census
Salem, Orleans County, Vermont

Name of County, City, Ward, Town, Township, Parish, Precinct, Hundred, or District.	NAMES or HEADS OF FAMILIES. <i>of Salem</i>	MALES																				FEMALES																								
		Under five years of age.	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	80 to 85	85 to 90	90 to 95	95 to 100	100 & over	Under five years of age.	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	80 to 85	85 to 90	90 to 95	95 to 100	100 & over			
		Under five years of age.	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	80 to 85	85 to 90	90 to 95	95 to 100	100 & over	Under five years of age.	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 30	30 to 35	35 to 40	40 to 45	45 to 50	50 to 55	55 to 60	60 to 65	65 to 70	70 to 75	75 to 80	80 to 85	85 to 90	90 to 95	95 to 100	100 & over			
Orleans County, Township	Daniel French					1																1																								
	Eliphalet Blake	2					1															1	2	2					1																	
	Joseph Brown													1																																
	James Brown					1																																								
	Abiel Cole	1						1														2	1						1																	
	Joseph Cole				1										1										3	1																				
	Calvin Clark	1	1			1																2	1					1																		
	Jerb W. Luythe		1				1																2	1	1				1																	
	Erin Luythe	1	1	1		2			1																	1																				
	John Hawton		4	2				1														3		1					1																	
	Wash. Allen			1	1										1									1																						
	Joseph Cranclab	2	1	1					1													1		1	1																					
	John Wilson		1			1																1					1																			
	Timothy Hummer	1					1															2	2	2		1																				
	Daniel Dwyer								1																1																					
John Dwyer		2	1	1				1																1				1																		
Francis Place							1														2						1																			
Wm H. Blake	1				1																						1																			
Mary Bunn		1				1															2	2						1																		
William Harris	2						1														1	1				1																				
Leonard Barker	3	2			1	1																	1					1																		
Geo Johnson	2	1			1		1																		2	1																				

Attachment 4: 1830 U.S. Census, Salem, Orleans County, Vermont, population schedule, pg. 247, penned, image 1, William Harris, digital image, [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8058/> : accessed 10 May 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 183.