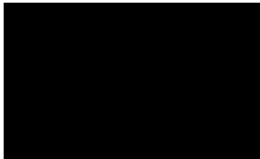




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OBJECTIVE: Locate information for William Harris, who married Lydia Dwyer in Coventry, Orleans County, Vermont, on 29 August 1822.

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.

¹ Orleans County, Vermont, Index to Marriages, 1803-1905, entry for marriage of William Harris and Lydia Dwyer, 29 August 1822, unpaginated; "Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732-2005," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G99D-BWV6?i=1054&cc=1987653&cat=721349> : accessed 10 May 2023), image 1055; FSL Film #2260710, item 6. (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* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 10 May 2023); citing NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 925.

³ New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, Vermont Vital Records, 1871-1908, Death record of Lydia Dwyer Harris, 12 November 1872; "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/819437:4661?tid=&pid=&queryId=1faa936c-f67c-4bc8-9b25-dd76d3d7ac97&phsrc=Zih7028&phstart=successSource> : accessed 12 May 2023), 1871 and Later, Hanrahan-Hart, image 3954.

- Lydia was a widow.
- Lydia died of “Inflammation of stomach”.

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* (<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														
NAME	DESCRIPTION				WHERE BORN				ENLISTED		FUTURE HISTORY			
	Age	Sex	Height	Weight	Place	State	County	Profession	Date	Place	By whom	By whom	By whom	By whom
77. Halstead Jacob	21	black	black	dark	5'	New York	Delaware	Cooper	June 1	1830	Rockester			
78. Nelson James	29	grey	sand	light	5'6"	Mass	Washington	Shoemaker	June 1	1830	Philadelphia			
79. Holden Henry	23	blue			5'4"	Mass	Laborer		June 1	1830	Philadelphia			
80. Hanson Brock	22	grey	brown		5'4"	Mass	Farmer		June 1	1830	New York			
81. Henderson Thomas	21	black	brown	dark	5'4"	England	London	Druggist	June 1	1830	New York			
82. Harris William	23	blue	dark	fair	5'6"	England	Baltimore	Soldier	May 25	1830	New York			
83. Howard Washington	21	grey	brown	light	5'4"	Ohio	Portsmouth	Laborer	June 1	1830	New York			
84. Kelley William	22		dark	light	5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny		June 1	1830	New York			
85. Kelle William	23	black	light	5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer		June 1	1830	New York			
86. Keith Spencer	23	black	light	5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer		June 1	1830	New York			
87. Keel John	21	grey	brown	dark	5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
88. Kern John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
89. Kestley William	25	grey	dark	light	5'4"	Scotland	Dumfries	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
90. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
91. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
92. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
93. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
94. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
95. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
96. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
97. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
98. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
99. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			
100. Keane John	23	blue			5'4"	Pennsylvania	Allegheny	Farmer	June 1	1830	New York			

Figure 1: Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914, 1828 Jan – 1835, A-Z, entry for William Harris, pg. 85; “U.S., Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914,” database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1198/images/MIUSA1798_102878-00089?ssrc=&backlabel=Return : accessed 17 May 2023), image 85; NARA microfilm publication M233.

Close-up of Page 1

100. Harris William 23 blue brown light 5'6" 1830 New York Coventry Farmer 1st Boston

Close-up of Page 2

Russell 4 Sep 35 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 *Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914*, 1828 Jan – 1835, A-Z, entry for William Harris, pg. 85; "U.S., Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1198/images/MIUSA1798_102878-00089?ssrc=&backlabel=Return : accessed 17 May 2023), image 85; NARA microfilm publication M233.

U.S. Army Enlistment Record 1835

Descriptive and Historical Register														
NAME	Age	Sex	Color	Complexion	Height	Birth, English or English	Place, County or Province	Trade or Occupation	When Enlisted	When Discharged	Remarks	Rank	Company	Regiment
1. Howe	Samuel	35	grey	black	dark	5' 8"	Scotland	Farmer	1835					
2. Hayes	Peter	30	"	brown	fair	5' 7"	Pa	Philadelphia Soldier						
3. Holmes	Charles	20	blue	light	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Labouren						
4. Hambleton	Roman	24	hazel	brown	"	5' 6"	Germany	Farmer						
5. Kencely	Samuel	27	grey	black	dark	5' 2"	Pa	Knickerbocker						
6. Hammett	William	24	blue	dark	"	5' 8"	Pa	Knickerbocker						
7. Hardy	Alexander	23	grey	"	"	5' 6"	Pa	Knickerbocker						
8. Hoover	Blair	23	black	brown	"	5' 7"	Germany	Soldier						
9. Hollowell	Daniel	22	blue	"	fair	5' 9"	N.Y.	Farmer						
10. Hughes	Reinman	25	black	black	dark	5' 6"	Germany	Butcher						
11. Hughes	John	27	hazel	"	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Labouren						
12. Hanson	Henry	20	blue	light	fair	5' 6"	Pa	Reading						
13. Houghton	Warren D	20	"	brown	dark	5' 8"	N.Y.	Farmer						
14. Hardy	James M	18	"	dark	fair	5' 8"	N.Y.	Farmer						
15. Hanson	Henry A	22	grey	brown	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer						
16. Hancock	Amold W	23	"	"	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer						
17. Hunter	William	23	hazel	"	dark	5' 8"	Pa	Farmer						
18. Hill	John R	21	blue	light	fair	5' 8"	N.Y.	Farmer						
19. Hugg	Daniel	22	hazel	brown	dark	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer						
20. Hatcher	Charles	22	"	brown	light	5' 8"	Germany	Farmer						
21. Hatch	Darius	22	grey	brown	dark	5' 8"	N.Y.	Farmer						
22. Hammond	William	27	blue	vandy	dark	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer						
23. Hayes	William	25	"	brown	fair	5' 8"	Pa	Farmer						
24. Hodges	William W	22	grey	brown	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer						
25. Hatch	George	24	black	brown	"	5' 7"	N.Y.	Farmer						
26. Hurr	Alexander	21	hazel	"	"	5' 6"	Germany	Farmer						
27. Hatchell	Patrick	22	vandy	light	5' 8"	Ireland	Farmer							
28. Hawley	Charles	32	blue	dark	"	5' 8"	N.Y.	Farmer						
29. Henry	James	31	blue	"	fair	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer						
30. Harris	William	31	"	brown	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer						
31. Harris	George L	21	hazel	"	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer						
32. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
33. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
34. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
35. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
36. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
37. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
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40. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
41. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
42. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
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45. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
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47. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
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72. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
73. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
74. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
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82. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
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96. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
97. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
98. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
99. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						
100. Habbert	William P	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Farmer						

Figure 2: Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914, 1835-1839, A-Z, entry for William Harris, pg. 85; "U.S., Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914," database with images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1198/images/MIUSA1798_102879-00089?ssrc=&backlabel=Return : accessed 17 May 2023), image 82; NARA microfilm publication M233.

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28	Hawley	Charles	brown	32	blue	dark	"	5' 8"	N.Y.	Farmer	11	N.Y.	Gravel
29	Henry	James	"	31	blue	"	fair	5' 6"	N.Y.	Farmer	11	N.Y.	Gravel
30	Harris	William	"	31	"	brown	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Soldier	13	N.Y.	York
31	Harris	William	"	31	"	brown	"	5' 6"	N.Y.	Soldier	13	N.Y.	York
32	Habbert	William P	"	24	black	black	dark	5' 9"	Pa	Saddler	13	N.Y.	Frederick

Close-up of Page 2

Wheeler	Regt	1846	Disability			At Fort Gibson, T. S.
May Stamford	1st B			3rd		At Fort Draine Fla.
Spencer	2nd	1846	Exp. of service			At Fort Peyton C. Fla. (Sergeant.)

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 *Register of Enlistments in the U.S. Army, 1798-1914, 1835-1839, A-Z*, entry for William Harris, pg. 85; "U.S., Army, Register of Enlistments, 1798-1914," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/1198/images/MIUSA1798_102879-00089?ssrc=&backlabel=Return : accessed 17 May 2023), image 82; NARA microfilm publication M233.

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	Tricanopy	August 6, 1836.	Disease unknown
1	Boady John	Private	A	Picolata	May 22, 1836.	Disease unknown
2	Wells John	"	"	do	June 7, 1836.	do
3	Bader Karl	"	F	Fort Drane	July 19, 1836.	Fever
4	Willingham Samuel	"	L	near Sandy Ferry	September 1, 1836.	do
5	Plecker Abraham	"	F	St. Augustine	October 9, 1836.	do
6	Bennet John W.	"	"	Black Creek	October 25, 1836.	do
7	Bennet John W.	"	"	St. Augustine	February 10, 1836.	Consumption
8	Chamberlin Moses	Sergeant	H	New York	August 5, 1836.	Disease unknown
9	Connelly Seth.	Private	G	St. Augustine	November 15, 1836.	Fever
10	Campbell Seth.	"	"	St. Augustine	December 12, 1836.	Fluorid
11	Croft C. C.	"	F	St. Augustine	January 20, 1837.	Disease unknown
12	Collier James	"	I	Tricanopy	March 31, 1837.	Inflammation of the Bowels
13	Collier Daniel	"	F	Fort Drane	February 12, 1837.	Disease unknown
14	Berry James	"	A	Picolata	April 22, 1837.	do
15	Sturley Thomas	"	F	Sandy Bay	August 25, 1837.	Fever
16	Easton Calvin B.	Sergeant	B	Black Bay	July 30, 1837.	Disease unknown
17	Foley William	Private	F	near Sandy Bay	June 3, 1837.	Fever
18	Fulleton A. H.	"	I	Black Creek	January 15, 1838.	Killed in action
19	Ward Robert	Sergeant	G	St. Augustine	May 30, 1836.	Fever
20	Wright Benjamin	"	L	Black Creek	November 21, 1836.	Killed in action
21	Harris William	Private	B	Fort Drane	April 2, 1836.	Disease unknown
22	Wells John	"	"	Fort Drane	June 20, 1836.	do
23	Hamilton John	"	F	Picolata	April 21, 1836.	Fever
24	Hartford James	Sergeant	H	near Tricanopy	August 27, 1836.	do
25	Hardy Daniel	Private	"	St. Augustine	August 20, 1836.	do
26	Harris John	"	G	do	September 6, 1836.	Encephalitis
27	Hosane John	"	A	Sandy 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	Hagarty Daniel	"	A	near Fort Drane	January 3, 1838.	do
31	Humphrey Morgan L.	"	I	Black Creek	January 14, 1838.	Inflammation of Brain
32	Hughes William	"	H	Fort Brooke	June 12, 1836.	Disease unknown
33	James John	"	I	Lake McIntosh	June 7, 1837.	Intermittent Fever
34	Johnson Augustine	Sergeant	G	St. Augustine	June 4, 1838.	Said of Wounds
35	Kelly Elias	Private	L	Fort Drane	March 2, 1837.	Disease unknown

Figure 3: Returns of Killed and Wounded in Battles or Engagements with Indians, British, and Mexican Troops...1790-1840, 1st Regiment of Artillery, entry for William Harris, 2 April 1835, unpaginated; . "U.S. Returns of Killed and Wounded in Battles, 1790-1844," database with images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/929:3652?tid=&pid=&queryId=d98f1c52-7f40-4a09-aa8d-c9aa0a546a7a&phsrc=Zih7032&phstart=successSource> : accessed 17 May 2023), image 70; NARA microfilm publication M1832.

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 *Returns of Killed and Wounded in Battles or Engagements with Indians, British, and Mexican Troops...1790-1840*, 1st Regiment of Artillery, entry for William Harris, 2 April 1835, unpaginated; . "U.S. Returns of Killed and Wounded in Battles, 1790-1844," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/929:3652?tid=&pid=&queryId=d98f1c52-7f40-4a09-aa8d-c9aa0a546a7a&_phsrc=Zih7032&_phstart=successSource : accessed 17 May 2023), image 70; NARA microfilm publication M1832.

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 <small>Date of discharge and number of Pension Certificate, Disinterments, etc.</small>
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: Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962, Harris, Will – Harrison, Jerrald S, card for William Harris, 2 April 1907; “U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2590/images/40479_2421401697_0515-02084?ssrc=&backlabel=Return&pId=2072411 : accessed 17 May 2023), image 109; 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 Department of Defense, Department of the Army, Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962, Harris, Will – Harrison, Jerrald S, card for William Harris, 2 April 1907; “U.S., National Cemetery Interment Control Forms, 1928-1962,” database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2590/images/40479_2421401697_0515-02084?ssrc=&backlabel=Return&pId=2072411 : accessed 17 May 2023), image 109; 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).

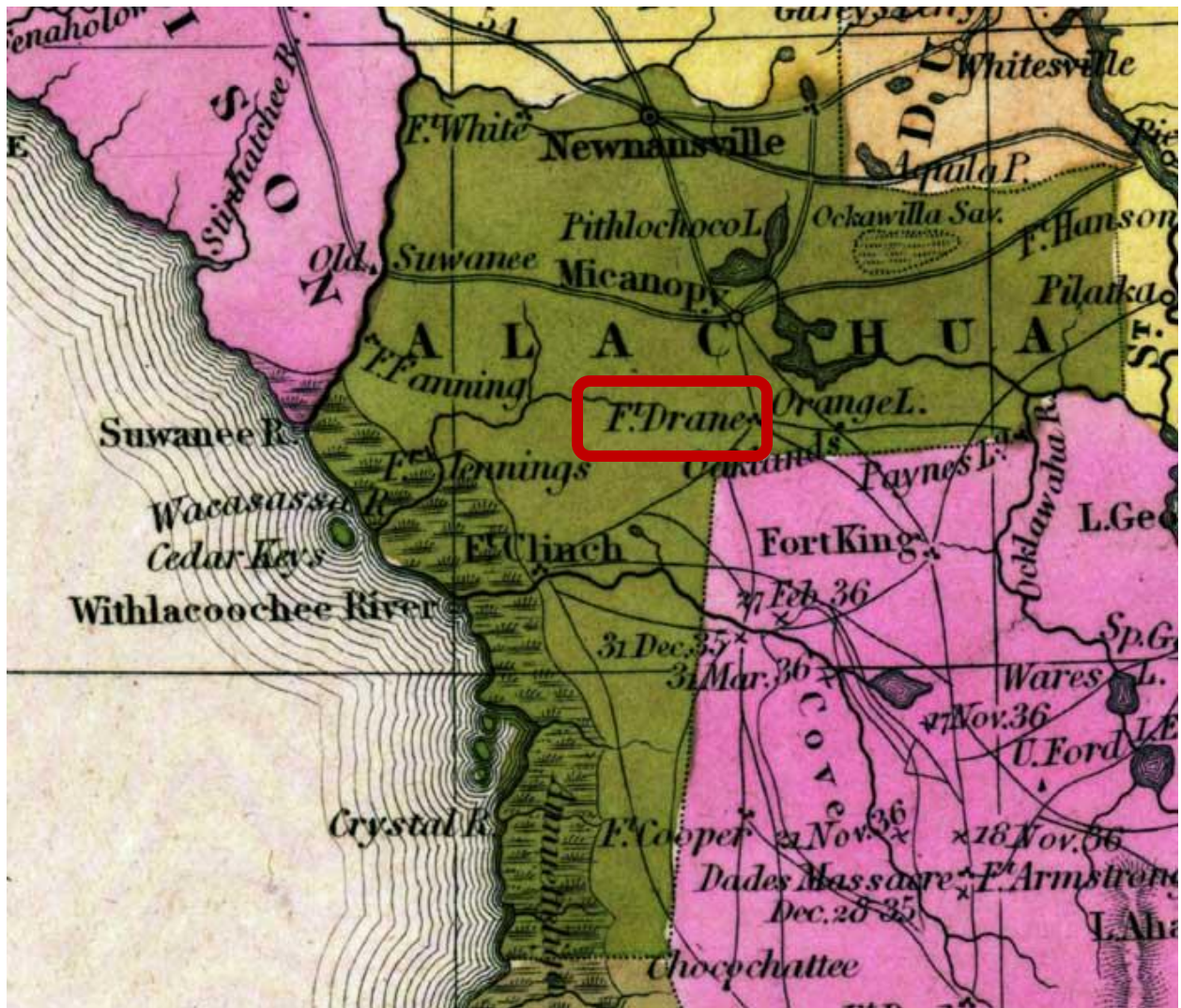
Military History

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; "Orleans County, Vermont Genealogy," FamilySearch research wiki page, FamilySearch (https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Orleans_County_Vermont_Genealogy : 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 at all.

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* (<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* (<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.¹² 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.¹³

Probate Records in Orleans County, Vermont

I checked the probate records in Orleans County, which covers the years 1796-1855.¹⁴ 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.¹⁵ The index had entries for Orleans County from 1780-1970. William did not appear in these records.

¹² "1840 United States Federal Census," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8057/> : accessed 11 May 2023).

¹³ "1842 Census of Canada East," database with images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9808/> : accessed 11 May 2023).

¹⁴ Orleans County, Vermont, Probate Records, Vol. 1-7, 1796-1855; "Probate Records, 1796-1855," digital images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/274384?availability=Family%20History%20Library> : accessed 11 May 2023); FSL film #7714895-7714897.

¹⁵ Orleans County, Vermont, Card Index, 1780-1970, A-J; "Vermont, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1749-1999," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/9084/> : accessed 11 May 2023).

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.¹⁶ 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.¹⁷ 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.¹⁸ 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.¹⁹ His parents were Stephen Harris and Elizabeth. This William married Polly Tyler on 20 August 1818, in Vernon, Vermont.²⁰ 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.

¹⁶ "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/4661/> : accessed 11 May 2023).

¹⁷ New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, Vermont Vital Records, 1870 and Prior, Death record of William Harris, 25 September 1849; "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/819437:4661?tid=&pid=&queryId=1faa936c-f67c-4bc8-9b25-dd76d3d7ac97&_phsrc=Zih7028&_phstart=successSource : accessed 12 May 2023), 1870 and prior, Harris, S - Hasbrook, image 323.

¹⁸ New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, Vermont Vital Records, 1870 and prior, Marriage record of William Harris and Jemima Wood, 19 December 1816; "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/4661/images/41268_312334-00317?ssrc=&backlabel=Return : accessed 12 May 2023), 1870 and Prior, Harris, S – Hasbrook, image 318.

¹⁹ New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, Vermont Vital Records, 1870 and prior, Birth record of William Harris, 17 January 1798; "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/4661/images/41268_312334-00302?ssrc=&backlabel=Return : accessed 12 May 2023), 1870 and prior, Harris, S – Hasbrook, image 303.

²⁰ New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, Vermont Vital Records, 1870 and Prior, Marriage record of William Harris and Polly Tyler, 20 August 1818; "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/4661/images/41268_312334-00313?ssrc=&backlabel=Return&pId=317674 : accessed 12 May 2023), 1870 and Prior, Harris, S – Hasbrook, image 314.

I also checked the Vermont Town Clerk Vital Records on FamilySearch, but they did not have any records for Orleans County for that period.²¹

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 company's that William served in.
- Look for a military pension for William or his widow Lydia.

²¹ "Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732-2005," database with images, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/search/catalog/1987653> : accessed 11 May 2023).

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: Orleans County, Vermont, Index to Marriages, 1803-1905, entry for marriage of William Harris and Lydia Dwyer, 29 August 1822, unpaginated; "Vermont, Town Clerk, Vital and Town Records, 1732-2005," database with images, FamilySearch (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QSQ-G99D-BWV6?i=1054&cc=1987653&cat=721349> : accessed 10 May 2023), image 1055; FSL Film #2260710, item 6. (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	"				
		Phibe "	55	F				"				
		Caroline "	33	F				"				
		Patrick Conway	17	M		Laborer		relana				
22	23	Smith Haskins	38	M		Farmer	100	"				
		Harvey "	27	F				"				
		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, pg. 28, penned, image 4, dwelling 22, family 23, Samuel Harris and Lydia Harris, digital image, *Ancestry* (<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	Single Married Widowed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Divorced
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: New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts, Vermont Vital Records, 1871-1908, Death record of Lydia Dwyer Harris, 12 November 1872; "Vermont, U.S., Vital Records, 1720-1908," database with images, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/819437:4661?tid=&pid=&queryId=1faa936c-f67c-4bc8-9b25-dd76d3d7ac97&phsrc=Zih7028&phstart=successSource> : accessed 12 May 2023), 1871 and Later, Hanrahan-Hart, image 3954.

1830 United States Census

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.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under thirty.	Of thirty and under forty.	Of forty and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Of seventy and under eighty.	Of eighty and under ninety.	Of ninety and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and over.	Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under thirty.	Of thirty and under forty.	Of forty and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Of seventy and under eighty.	Of eighty and under ninety.	Of ninety and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and over.	Under five years of age.	Of five and under ten.	Of ten and under fifteen.	Of fifteen and under twenty.	Of twenty and under thirty.	Of thirty and under forty.	Of forty and under fifty.	Of fifty and under sixty.	Of sixty and under seventy.	Of seventy and under eighty.	Of eighty and under ninety.	Of ninety and under one hundred.	Of one hundred and over.																	
		under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.	under 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	80 to 90	90 to 100	100, &c.																	
Orleans County, Township	Daniel French					1									1				1									1																													
	Eliphaz Blake	2					1								1	2	2			1																																					
	Joseph Brown										1											1																																			
	James Brown					1													1																																						
	Abiel Cole	1					1								2	1				1																																					
	Joseph Cole				1							1					3	1																																							
	Calvin Clark	1	1			1									2	1			1																																						
	Isaac D. Lupton		1				1								2	1	1			1																																					
	Orin Lupton	1	1	1		2		1									1				1																																				
	John Hawton		4	2				1							3		1			1																																					
	Wash. Allen			1	1						1						1				1																																				
	Joseph Crandall	2	1	1				1							1		1	1			1																																				
	John Wilson		1			1									1				1																																						
	Timothy Hummer	1	1				1								2	2	2		1																																						
	Daniel Dwyer							1									1				1																																				
John Dwyer		2	1	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		1																																					

Salem, Orleans County, Vermont

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