

## Appendix C, Part 2

### Rev. Thomas Harrison and His So-Called Siblings and Supposed Parents.

#### The “4” or “14” Brothers Myths and Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison’s<sup>1</sup> Mythical “Cousins” in America, Comparing Traditions and Coats of Arms with Data Based on History and Y DNA

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When it comes to discussing Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, Sr. and his alleged father Rev. Thomas Harrison with other Harrisons in New England and Virginia in the 1600s, old myths about relationships between “four brothers” who came to America surface. Charles Keith, *The Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison*, supposes the alleged “three brothers” for 1) Benjamin Harrison, early clerk of Virginia, were 2) Richard Harrison, (inaccurately conflated with Richard Harrison of West Kirby, Cheshire, England who settled in New Haven, Connecticut by 1644), 3) Rev. Thomas Harrison of Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire, minister at Jamestown, Virginia by 1640, and 4) a Nathaniel who went north. These “four brothers” were allegedly from Ribblesdale, Yorkshire, on the far side of Yorkshire from Hull.<sup>3</sup> A “four brothers” “tradition was brought to New York early in the 19<sup>th</sup> century by a Congregational minister, the Revd. Joseph Harrison of Skipton, Yorkshire who adds a fifth “brother Edward,” a clergyman, who remained in England.”<sup>4</sup> These four, Thomas,

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter One, “Isaiah Harrison, Sr., the Enigmatic Blacksmith, and His Long Island Roots: Why Was He at Smithtown in 1684, with Scudders from Huntington, Long Island, Three Years before His Supposed Arrival in America at Oyster Bay?” *Scudder Family Historical & Biographical Journal*, Scudder Association Foundation, volume 4, no. 1, (Spring 2022). Excerpts from Boyden, *A Guidebook to the Records for Samuel and Lydia (Harrison) Stewart: New Perspectives from New Data and from Reviewing 100 Years of Collaborative Research, Part I, Long Island Roots and Relationships*. And “Who Was the Father of Isaiah Harrison, the Enigmatic Blacksmith of Long Island?” Appendix C, in *Scudder Family Historical & Biographical Journal*, v. 4, no. 2.

<sup>2</sup> Marc J. Rowe, Bailey Banks & Biddle, “Affixed Seal—Will of Daniel Harrison dtd. June 8, 1767— ‘Azure an eagle displayed or, ducally gorged ar, crest shoulder gules,’” Source, J. Houston Harrison, *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail*,” [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Harrison\\_Family\\_Seal—Daniel\\_Harrison,\\_Augusta\\_County,\\_Virginia—1770.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Harrison_Family_Seal—Daniel_Harrison,_Augusta_County,_Virginia—1770.jpg). Public domain.

<sup>3</sup> Charles B. Keith, *The Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison, president of the United States of America*, 1889–1893, (Philadelphia: 1893), 41–46. Available in searchable form at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).

<sup>4</sup> F. B. Harrison, “Commentaries upon the Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison, V, volume 54, no. 3, (July 1946), 245.

Richard, Benjamin and Nathaniel, are also discussed by F. B. Harrison who says, “The only hint of a possible connection between our Benjamin and any other of these Harrisons...is that the Revd. Thomas bore the demi-lion coat of arms, which was one of the two used a century later by the...descendants of the first Benjamin.”<sup>5</sup> Assumptions were made that Harrisons in early colonial America who shared the surname, or similar symbols on seals were “related”—no documentation required. Other versions<sup>6</sup> add a “four brothers” tradition that refers to Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison’s sons.

J. H. Harrison considers different versions of the four or five or “fourteen brothers”<sup>7</sup> who came to America or to the Shenandoah Valley,<sup>8</sup> that are not supported by historical records documented for these unrelated families involved, or by findings in the Harrison DNA Project. J. Houston Harrison’s history about the family of Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, Sr., to which we are indebted for so much of our understanding of the family, those parts we do know to be fact, did refer to these “brothers” traditions. J. H. Harrison’s expansive tour narration about English Harrisons in *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail*<sup>9</sup> implies some of these alleged connections to other Harrison immigrants to America alluding to them as “brothers,” “cousins” and “relatives” and claims Isaiah<sup>1</sup>’s grandson Robert<sup>3</sup>, son of Daniel, used a 3 demi-lion symbol on the seal on his will. J. H. gives another version of the fourteen brothers on page 9 and the four brothers on page 10.

There are online trees and websites, such as *Harrison Heritage*<sup>10</sup> and *E Scholarly Community Encyclopedia*, that regurgitate the myth that Benjamin Harrison, early settler of the James River in Virginia, who arrived 1630, had 3 “brothers.” Their version of the myth has some variations and goes something like this: “Benjamin had three brothers, Richard, Edward and Thomas, who followed him, but took different routes.... The father of these brothers is said by one source to be Richard Harrison, who descended from...Rowland Harrison of Durham.<sup>11</sup> (In Visitations of London, Rowland’s son Richard went to London, not Yorkshire). Keith’s version

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<sup>5</sup> “Commentaries upon the Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison, V,” v. 54:244–245.

<sup>6</sup> J. Houston Harrison, *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail*, (Originally published Dayton, Va.: 1935.) 9–11. Abbreviated LGT.

<sup>7</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 10, 91.

<sup>8</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 10.

<sup>9</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 67–68,

<sup>10</sup> “Harrisons in England,” *Harrison Heritage*, v. 1, no. 4, (December 1981): 208,

<https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~harrisonrep/genealogy/hhdocs/81DecENG.htm>, and “The Brothers of Rev. Thomas Harrison,” v. 2, no. 1, (March 1982): 239,

<https://freepages.rootsweb.com/~harrisonrep/genealogy/hhdocs/82marhh.htm#revthomasharrison>. Example of error.

<sup>11</sup> “Harrison Family of Virginia,” *E Scholarly Community Encyclopedia*, [https://encyclopedia.pub/entry/history/compare\\_revision/73283](https://encyclopedia.pub/entry/history/compare_revision/73283). Example of error.

would make Richard of Cheshire and New Haven into the son of Rowland of Barnard-Castle, Durham which is contrary to Rowland's Visitation pedigree, as well as to the well documented sources for Richard of West Kirby, Cheshire and of New Haven, Connecticut. No pedigrees registered in Visitations were found that mention anyone named Isaiah Harrison or that link him to Rev. Thomas Harrison or that link Rev. Harrison to his correct father Robert of Kingston-upon-Hull or that link Robert of Hull to his father who is currently unknown. No primary historical records connect Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison to the Rev. Thomas Harrison. There is no *historical or primary source* record for any Isaiah Harrison in the 1600s in England or Ireland found so far in extracted parish registers or nonconformist records digitally available on *FamilySearch*, *Find My Past*, or *Ancestry*. Some false WikiTrees and family trees combine unrelated people into "lineages" that are disproven by historical sources and data in the Harrison DNA Project at *FamilyTreeDNA*.

On page 89 of *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail*, J. H. Harrison mentions contemporary Harrisons in America, *Edward* of Boston, *Benjamin*, Clerk of the James town colony and founder of the James River family, and *Richard* of New Haven, Connecticut, who was born at West Kirby, Cheshire. "Richard of New Haven came to America with his grown children. Several writers of the history of the New Haven family unhesitatingly state that he was a brother of Benjamin Harrison, the clerk of Virginia." These claims do not have any historical record. Y DNA says no. [ED NOTE: It is noteworthy that West Kirby, near Chester, was the residence of this Richard<sup>1</sup> Harrison, prior to his immigration to New Haven, Connecticut, where he took the oath of allegiance in 1644. J. H. Harrison noted the proximity of New Haven to Oyster Bay, and "the remarkable similarity of the early New Haven Harrison names to those of Isaiah's family...for several generations."<sup>12</sup> J. H. also implied they were "cousins." But DNA evidence in the Harrison Y DNA Project at *FamilyTreeDNA* refutes any biological relationship between Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, Sr. and this Richard and there are no historical records that tie the two together. Richard<sup>1</sup> Harrison, later of New Haven, had a son Thomas<sup>2</sup>, born in 1627 at West Kirby,<sup>13</sup> who was, of course, a different

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<sup>12</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 16, 99. The Y DNA of the Isaiah Harrison, Sr. family at *FamilyTreeDNA* shows haplogroup *I1a*. Richard's group was *R1b1c*.

<sup>13</sup> Richard Cook, "Richard Harrison of Newark," in Joseph Klett, *Genealogies of New Jersey Families, A-Z*, 250–251. "THOMAS HARRISON, son of Richard HARRISON (#1), baptised December 2, 1627, at Branford, Connecticut [sic-instead West Kirby, Chester, England]. He married first Mrs. Dorothy Thompson and second, on March 29, 1666 at Branford, Mrs. Elizabeth Stent. It would appear that Thomas Harrison intended to go to Newark with his brother, but did not. In the Newark Town Records, Meeting of February 6, 1667, it is stated that as Thomas Harrison had deserted his lot before recording it, he was not entered in the drawing of places for the choosing of lots." Obviously, this is not the same Thomas as Rev. Thomas Harrison and Y DNA shows these two families are not related.

person than Rev. Thomas Harrison, b. 1618 at Kingston-upon-Hull, Yorkshire. (Sources vary for Rev. Harrison's birth year from 1616 to 1619. The "Cambridge Alumni Database" is specific about his being 16 in 1634.) This Richard<sup>1</sup> Harrison of West Kirby and his wife Margaret Picke and their family arrived at New Haven when Rev. Harrison was still in Nansemond, Virginia, and had had no association with Chester prior to the late 1650s. Isaiah<sup>2</sup> and New Haven Harrisons were not related and not "cousins" as shown by Y DNA. A WikiTree and faulty online trees perpetuate this myth. By Y DNA, the New Haven family was also not related to Benjamin, clerk of Virginia, though that was claimed in some circles.

A false WikiTree lineage<sup>14</sup> mixes Rev. Thomas Harrison with a different Thomas baptized at Hemingbrough, Yorkshire in 1617, son of a Richard rather than of a Robert of Kingston-upon-Hull, also mixing Rev. Thomas Harrison with the unrelated Richard Harrison and Margaret Picke of West Kirby, Cheshire and New Haven, Connecticut. This WikiTree also mixes the latter couple with a different couple with somewhat similar names: a different Richard Harrison, ca. 1560, who married Margaret Pilkington at Standish, Lancaster, England in 1583. In 1966–1967, Catherine Murphy reviewed early Harrisons in America and gives this data for Richard Harrison and Margaret Pilkington of Lancashire which should eliminate any confusion between them and Richard Harrison and Margaret Picke of West Kirby, Cheshire. In referring to the Standish, Lancashire couple, after discussing three different Peter Harrisons, including one who was son of a Richard Harrison, possibly pertaining to the Standish Richard, Murphy states:

This Richard Harrison is identified as the one who married Margaret Pilkington at Standish in Lancashire in 1583. He was Master's Mate of Bartholomew Gilbert's expedition to the New England coast. In a search for the lost colonists of Roanoke Island, Richard and Bartholomew were killed by Indians on the coast of what is now Virginia. *This was in 1603*; four years before the founding of Jamestown.<sup>15</sup>

See also Murphy's page 7, where she notes that Worth S. Ray's book "Tennessee Cousins," "thinks Benjamin Harrison, Clerk of the Council, was son of Richard Harrison, the Master's Mate who was killed in 1603 on the Virginia coast. Richard left money with a brother, Peter Harrison of

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<sup>14</sup> WikiTree, <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Harrison-75>. This "lineage" is a hodge-podge of unrelated people, none of whom are related to Rev. Thomas Harrison or Isaiah Harrison, Sr.

<sup>15</sup> Catherine Murphy, *A House of Harrison*, (compiled in the years 1966–1967), 10, <https://archive.org/details/houseofharrison00murp/page/18/mode/2up?view=theater>. (Italics added.)

Warmington, only for a son, Peter. No mention was made of a son, Benjamin. There is a strange coincidence to back up Worth S. Ray's claim. Richard Harrison married Margaret Pilkington. A Margaret Pilkington and her husband, William, were found living next to Benjamin Harrison, Clerk of the Council, in Virginia – as a mother or a close relative, would follow to a new country and settle nearby.”<sup>16</sup> Murphy reviewed material gone over by J. H. Harrison and F. B. Harrison and others, but Murphy's take on the many different Harrisons being reviewed may be valuable in the hunt for the James River Harrison ancestors.

By Y DNA, the James River Harrisons, the New Haven, Connecticut Harrisons and the descendants of Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, Sr. are all unrelated. From 2008 version at *FamilyTreeDNA*:

LINEAGE 3- THE 'LONG GREY TRAIL' HARRISONS<sup>17</sup> // Haplotype,  
is synonymous with I-M253.

- H-14 Thomas Harrison b. c1769 maybe Augusta Co., VA
- H-68 Daniel Harrison b 1701 Smithtown, Long Island , NY
- H-52 Joseph Harrison b. bef. 1740, 1760 res. Rowan Co., NC
- H-64 Elijah Harrison b. c1759 probably NC
- H-81 Rev. Nathan Thomas Harrison b. 1778 VA or NC
- H-90 Rev. Nathan Thomas Harrison b. 1778 VA or NC
- H-22 Joel Bird Harrison b. ~1801 NC
- H-26 Joel Bird Harrison B. ~1801 NC
- H-45 Isaiah Harrison b. c1666 England
- H-28 James A. Harrison b. 1826 TN
- H-32 John Harrison b. c1768 probably VA

DNA sequence to 25 markers for this lineage:

13 22 14 10 14 14 11 14 11 13 11 29 15 8 9 8 11 23 16 20 30 12 14 15 16

LINEAGE 7- ROBERT HARRISON OF BOSTON // Haplotype

- H-47 Robert Harrison d. 1729 Boston, MA

13 22 14 10 13 16 11 15 11 12 12 28 15 8 9 8 11 24 16 18 28 12 14 15 17

LINEAGE 20- RICHARD HARRISON OF LONDON // Haplotype

<sup>16</sup> Murphy, 7.

<sup>17</sup> Patriarch's page for the "Harrison Y-DNA Study," <http://harrison.jhamedia.com/pats.html>.

H-51 Richard Harrison, b. abt 1737 London, England

13 22 14 10 13 14 11 14 11 12 11 29 16 8 9 8 11 21 16 20 28 12 14 14 15

LINEAGE 34 THE JAMES RIVER & PRESIDENTIAL HARRISONS Haplotype R1b

H-4 President William Henry Harrison b. 1773 Charles City Co., VA

LINEAGE 16. RICHARD HARRISON, WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE, & NEW HAVEN, CT

Haplotype R1b1b2

H-91 Thomas Harrison b. 1626 Whetstone, England

H-61 Richard Harrison b. 1559 West Kirby, Cheshire

H-107 Jabez Harrison b. abt 1786 New Jersey

This comparison should be sufficient to eliminate any claims of relationship for the Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison family to the James River and Presidential Harrisons or to the Richard<sup>1</sup> Harrison family of West Kirby, Cheshire and New Haven, Connecticut. See further Y DNA discussion at the end.

If one seriously studies all these different Harrisons and the research-based sources and Y DNA Study that discuss them, it should be obvious how many different and unrelated Harrisons there were in England, and how many had similar names. It should make people more cautious about making up lineages and linking unrelated people and families. Harrison was a common name, originally derived from “Harry’s son,” and there were a lot of unrelated Harrys in England when the country assigned surnames.

Firth concludes:

The tradition which represents [Maj. Gen.Thomas] Harrison as the progenitor of two presidents of the United States, is a tradition one is loth to set aside. It satisfies so admirably the requirements of poetical justice and historic fitness, that one regrets to find it simply a modern tradition.<sup>18</sup>

Is the same true for the Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison family, that its traditions about Rev. Harrison or Maj. General Harrison being their ancestors? The evidence is that neither had a living son at their deaths.

**Common Sense Reasons Why Further Research Is Needed**

After an exhaustive effort to review unsubstantiated claims in J. H. Harrison’s work, and to compare with documented histories for the family’s traditions that claimed two different “fathers,” plus many Long Island sources, the origin of Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, the blacksmith, remains

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<sup>18</sup> “Memoir of Major-General Thomas Harrison,” 446.

an enigma.<sup>19</sup> Nothing was found in the history of Rev. Thomas Harrison or in the history of the other Thomas Harrison, the Regicide, that suggests either had a son Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison. And there is nothing in Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison's documented history that suggests either of these famous men who associated with heads of state was his "father."

One could reasonably expect that if Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, the blacksmith, had had such a famous, elite father as either of these two men just described, that there would be a *contemporary* statement to be found to that effect somewhere in Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, Sr.'s records or by his children or in local histories. Given the pro-Cromwell sentiments of many early settlers of Suffolk County, New York, such roots would have been a hard secret to conceal.

The fact that the will of Rev. Thomas Harrison contains no reference to a son, including none by the name of Isaiah, certainly calls into question that the reverend was Isaiah<sup>1</sup>'s father. There seem plenty of reasons to be skeptical if one looks beyond "tradition." Also, if one prefers truth over tradition, and if Rev. Harrison was not his father, there is no historical record or reason to suggest that Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, Sr. was from Dublin, Ireland or from Chester, Cheshire, England as portrayed.

No Old-World record such as a will or a deed is found so far in England that refers to an Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison in America, and no historical, primary source record for Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, Sr. refers to a specific place of origin and family in the Old World. There is no parish register entry found so far for an Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison born in England during the 1600s.<sup>20</sup> And, if he was from a British nonconformist family, there may be no record extant, but nonconformists routinely gave their children biblical names, so Isaiah<sup>1</sup> did not have to have a father who was a minister to think of that. Typically, these kinds of corroborating records are considered essential to meet the usual standard to prove specific Old-World parentage for New World immigrants. The J. H. Harrison immigrant scenario has been proven to have other errors, as did his assignments of Isaiah<sup>1</sup>'s mother-in-law Elizabeth<sup>2</sup> (Townsend) (Wright) Ludlam to a wrong 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife Abigail to the Smith family of Smithtown, contrary to Long Island records.<sup>21</sup> Isaiah<sup>1</sup> may have

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<sup>19</sup> "Isaiah Harrison, Sr., the Enigmatic Blacksmith, and His Long Island Roots: Why Was He at Smithtown in 1684, with Scudders from Huntington, Long Island, Three Years before His Supposed Arrival in America at Oyster Bay?" (Spring 2022), <https://scudder.org/isaiah1-harrison-sr-the-enigmatic-blacksmith-and-his-long-island-roots>.

<sup>20</sup> Someone has made up a christening date for Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison at Chester, but it is not on any register there during the right time period.

<sup>21</sup> See chapters 4, 6 and 7 of *Scudder Family Historical & Biographical Journal*, volume 4, no. 1, (Spring 2022), <https://scudder.org/scudder-research-led-to-new-perspectives-about-samuel-and-lydia-stewart/> or *A Guidebook to*

been an immigrant or the son of an immigrant. Although he may have had a connection to the families with similar arms, but J. H.'s speculation about a specific "parent," made without historical record support, and contrary to the alleged "parent's" actual history, should not be taken seriously, especially that we now have the "Harrison DNA Project" and can compare its 92 different Y DNA documented lines, as of this writing, and its many other lines pending testing.

There may be no historical, primary source record still in existence that specifically states Isaiah<sup>1</sup>'s father and place of origin, but it would seem prudent to continue to further exhaust clues and records in America for Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, Sr. before trying to assign Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, Sr. to a *specific* father in the Old World based merely on similarity of symbols on a coat of arms that could apply to others.

### **Comparing the Story of Coats of Arms with the Harrison Y DNA Study**

Taking arms and lineages found in English Visitations and comparing them with the arms found in the seal used on the will of Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, Sr.'s son Daniel<sup>2</sup> Harrison, J. Houston Harrison did an impressive amount of research to build his case for a relationship to a particular Harrison family in England. On the front matter of his book, J. H. Harrison placed the arms similar to a family from Barnard Castle, Durham.



Page 67 of *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail* states, regarding Daniel's will:

The original as preserved at Augusta court still bears the seal as affixed at the time of signing.

...The seal used was circular (or slightly elliptical) in shape, making an impression about the size of our present penny. This impression is yet distinct over approximately one half of the surface to which the seal was applied. The figure of the impression is that of a clearly defined shield on which is displayed an eagle with its wings expanded. (The tail, legs, and feet, of the eagle are for the most part indistinct, but a trace of one foot remains). Around the neck of the eagle may be discerned a collar of the outline of a coronet. The shield is surrounded with a border

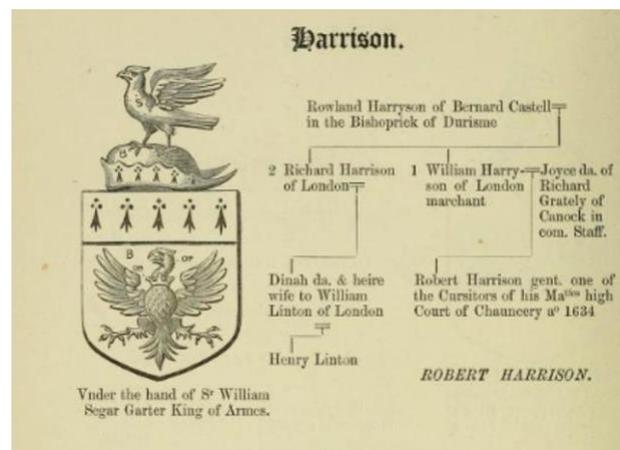
decoration, similar to a wreath; the same being joined together at the top by a small figure in place of the usual knot, resembling a cap. A full sized photograph of the impression submitted to Mr. Marc J. Rowe, one of the foremost heraldic artists of this country, (a former Londoner...discloses that the will bears on its seal the following Coat of Arms, described in Burke's General Armory, 1851, as —

HARRISON, (London, descended from Durham; Heralds Office c. 24).

'Azure an eagle displayed or, ducally gorged ar,' Crest—'On a chapeau azure turned up and indented ermine a bird with wings endorsed sable.'

For J. H. Harrison's further description, see page 67. He continues, "The arms on Daniel Harrison's seal, identified as above, were those of a London family of Harrisons descended from Durham. The significance of the seal therefore, regarding Harrison's descent, is that his father is inferentially traced as a connection of the London family, or as the descendant of a sometime resident of London." The arms he diagrams on page 82, and implies as belonging to Isaiah, Sr.'s family, begin with a Rowland Harryson of Bernard Castell in the Bishoprick of Durisme (Durham). According to the Imperial Gazetteer of England & Wales, 1870, "Bernard-Castle is a town, a township, a chapelry, and a subdistrict, in the district of Teesdale, Durham. The town, the township, and the chapelry are in the parish of Gainford."<sup>22</sup>

This image is from *The Visitation of London anno domini 1633, 1634, and 1635*.<sup>23</sup>



<sup>22</sup> "Barnard Castle, Durham Family History Guide," *Parishmouse Durham*,

<https://www.parishmouse.co.uk/durham/barnard-castle-durham-family-history>. This source lists adjacent parishes and other useful information from which to begin research about Rowland Harryson and other family members.

<sup>23</sup> Joseph Jackson Howard and Joseph Lemuel Chester, eds., *The Visitation of London anno domini 1633, 1634, and 1635, made by Sr. Henry St. George, Kt, Richmond Herald and deputy and marshal to Sr. Richard St. George, Kt, Clarendieux King of Armes*, v. 1, (London: 1880), 356.

In this diagram, there is no reference on the page to a Thomas Harrison, son of a Robert of Hull, Yorkshire. Robert Harrison of London notes his occupation in 1634 as Cursitor of his Majesty's high Court of Chancery, (a courier or runner). Meanwhile, in 1634, Rev. Thomas Harrison was enrolling as a 16-year-old student at Cambridge, where they note on their records that *his* father was Robert Harrison, a merchant of Kingston-upon-Hull in Yorkshire. Robert of London and Robert of Kingston-upon-Hull are obviously not the same person. I have found no other version of a Visitation pedigree for this family that would add other male names to this lineage chart from whom Robert Harrison of Kingston-upon-Hull might descend. J. H. Harrison, on p. 82, states, "As pedigrees are concerned with the tracing of particular lines of descent, *they are more or less fragmentary in naming all of the children of an ancestor*. It is possible that Robert Harrison [the cursitor of London] may have had brothers and sisters, and that Richard may have had other children, although in the latter case as Dinah was his heir it seems likely there were no sons living." It is doubtful that Robert Harrison of London, cursitor, would have a "brother" who was Robert Harrison of Kingston-upon-Hull, who is Rev. Thomas Harrison's confirmed father. There are too many missing links to assign Robert of Kingston-upon-Hull to *his* currently unknown father, and no basis for assigning a father to Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, or for attaching to Rowland Harrison.

*If* the arms of Rowland Harryson of Bernard-Castle, Durham do apply in any way to Isaiah,<sup>1</sup> Sr., as implied on page 82 of *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail*, there is considerable work to be done to learn more about Rowland Harryson and members of his family who may have or may *not* have gone to London. There is no official Visitation pedigree showing Rev. Thomas Harrison as a direct descendant of the Rowland Harrison family so there is no proof of that and their arms are different. With so many gaps in this or other lineages, before assigning Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, Sr. as a son to Rev. Thomas Harrison, we should ask if Rev. Harrison had the same arms as that found on the seal on the will of Daniel<sup>2</sup> Harrison? In "A National Treasure," *Oscailt Magazine*, author Dennis Aylmer writes:

These four matching chalices were bequeathed to our predecessors in Cook St. Meeting House by Rev. Dr. Thomas Harrison, D. D., under his will dated 16th June, 1682, which states 'I give unto the congregation of Cook St. whereunto I do belong, £20 to buy plate for the Lord's Table....' £20 was a very considerable sum in those days, and the congregation of Cook St. commissioned one of the top goldsmiths in the country, Andrew Gergory, to make them.... They are inscribed

with a coat of arms of three lions rampant, and the following words: ‘The legacy of Dr. Thomas Harrison decd. September 18th anno Dom. 1682, for ye Service of the Lord’s Supper, Bequeathed to ye use of His Church at the Meeting House in Cook St. Dublin’....<sup>24</sup>

This invaluable description of the plate for the Lord’s supper does confirm the three lions rampant symbol used on Rev. Harrison’s gift to his Dublin congregation. This is not the same symbol used by Rowland Harrison’s Durham family.

This image of a version of the three lions rampant arms is claimed by this submitter for the James River/Presidential Harrison line. But is it exactly the same as Rev. Harrison’s arms? or the same as Isaiah’s grandson’s “2<sup>nd</sup> set” of arms? Some similarities in symbols used in seals from various families’ arms show potential for confusion or the temptation to inaccurately assign specific relationships without supporting historical record evidence:

#### HARRISON COAT OF ARMS

**AUTHORITY:** *Burke's General Armory* 1884

**SHIELD:** azure (blue) three demi lions or (gold), a canton or (gold)

**CREST:** a demi lion or (gold) supporting a chaplet of roses vert (green)

**MOTTO:** Vincit qui patitur - He conquers who endures

**SUBMITTED BY:** [Dabney Bruce Harrison \(Count Brucie\)](#)

#### [Benjamin Harrison II](#)

- **Arms** - Azure, three demi lions rampant, or.
- **Crest** - A demi lion rampant, argent, holding a laurel branch, vert.
- **Motto** - Vincit qui patitur. (He conquers who endures).

*This COA is identical to that of Benjamin II except that there is a slight difference in the description of the crest.*

The origin of coats of arms dates from the time of the Crusades in Medieval Europe. Heraldry is the last remnant of the ancient symbolism and a legitimate branch of Christian art. Every genuine old coat of arms preaches a lesson of chivalric honour and Christian principle to those who inherit it. All the designs and colors on the shield have a symbolic meaning and follow definite rules.

The SHIELD is the "heart" of the arms. Here it is azure (blue) which stands for loyalty and truth. The demi lions are or (gold), the symbol for justice and stainless honour as well as generosity. The canton is a special award of merit and is painted argent (silver) which stands for sincerity and peace and purity. The design of the shield is exclusive and may not be copied.

Above the SHIELD is the HELMET worn on the field of battle.

The CREST was held in highest esteem because only knights who had seen actual service in the field could acquire a crest. Here is the demi lion supporting a chaplet of roses vert (green). The lion is the king of beasts and was originally granted only to members of royalty.

The MANTLE was made to hang from two twisted skeins of silk called the TORSE, and was placed directly on the helmet to protect the wearer from the heat of the sun as well as to help entangle the sword of the adversary. It must be painted of the principle color of the shield and the principle metal.

Coats of Arms were originally to be displayed on shields so as to distinguish friend from foe in battle. Arms are the sign for technical rank of gentility. The possession of and use of a Coat of Arms is a privilege.

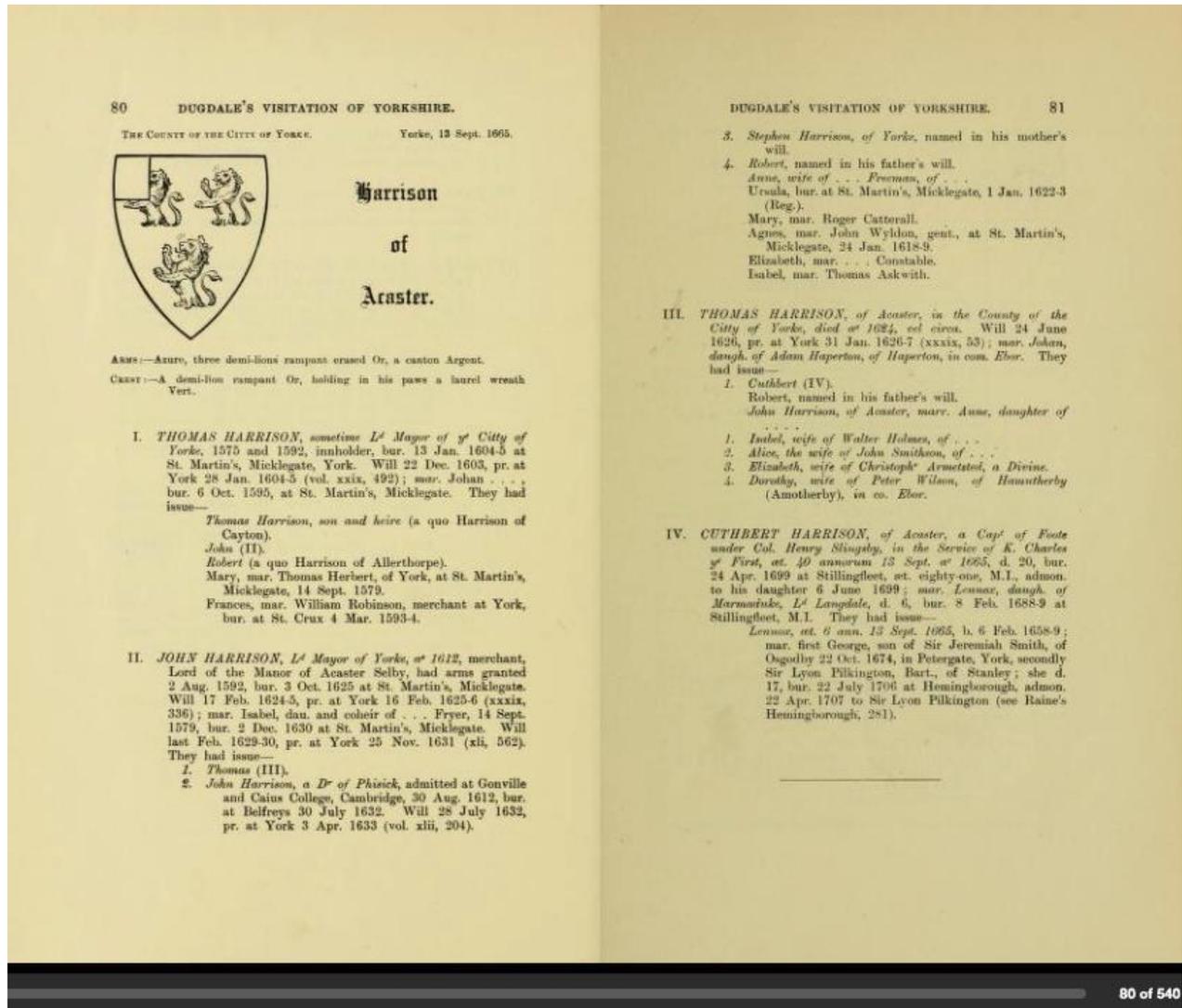


<sup>24</sup> Dennis Aylmer, “A National Treasure,” *Oscailt Magazine*, Ireland’s Unitarian Magazine, March 2006, <http://www.oscailtmagazine.com/unitarian%20magazine/NATIONAL%20TREASURE.html>.

See image of chalices earlier in this article, on page liii pictured with Rev. Thomas Harrison’s will.

## Thomas Harrison of Acaster, the Harrisons of Allerthorpe and Harrisons of Caton.<sup>25</sup>

From Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire in 1612, these Visitations show the given names Thomas and Robert were used in the Acaster family, but their Visitations give no place for the Robert Harrison we are looking for to fill in the missing blanks, Robert Harrison, mercer, living at Kingston-upon-Hull in 1634. Images of these pages for these families J. H. Harrison discussed, are given for comparison and the reader's convenience:



## Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire, with additions

### Harrisons of Allerthorpe.

<sup>25</sup> J. W. Clay, ed., *Dugdale's Visitation of Yorkshire, with additions*, v. III, (Exeter; William Pollard & Co. Ltd., The Printing Works, 1917), 1612.

HANG EAST WAPENTAKE.

York, 22<sup>o</sup> Martij 1665.



Harrison  
of  
Allerthorpe.

ARMS.—Azure, three demi-lions rampant erased Or, a crescent for difference; an escutcheon of pretence Azure, a man's head Or (Cogrove).  
CREST.—A demi-lion rampant Or, holding a wreath Vert.

- I. **THOMAS HARRISON**, sometime *Ld Mayor of the City of York*, 1575 and 1592, imboldler, bur. 13 Jan. 1601-2 at St. Martin, Micklegate, York. Will 22 Dec. 1603, pr. at York 28 Jan. 1604-5; mar. Johan . . . bur. 6 Oct. 1595 at St. Martin, Micklegate. They had issue—
  1. *Thomas Harrison, son and heir* (a quo Harrison, of Cayton, see Dugdale's Visitation).
  2. *John Harrison*, of Acaster (see vol. iii, p. 80).
  3. *Robert* (II).

Mary, mar. Thomas Herbert, of York, at St. Martin, Micklegate, 14 Sept. 1575.  
Francis, mar. William Robinson, merchant, of York.
- II. **ROBERT HARRISON**, *Alderm. of st City of York*, or 1612, *Lord Mayor* 1607, died intest., bur. 2 June 1616 at St. Martin, Micklegate, York; admors. 26 July 1616; mar. *Francis*, daughter of *Will. Robinson, Alderman of York*, and of *Allerthorpe* (ancestor of the Marquess of Ripon), bur. 16 Mar. 1630-1 at St. Martin, Micklegate. Will 14 Mar. 1630-31, ge. at York 24 Oct. 1631 (vol. xi, 550). They had issue—
  1. *St. Thomas* (III).
  2. *Robert Harrison*, of *Wpke*, in co. *Ebor.*  
Mary, mar. first 11 July 1603 at St. Martin's, Micklegate, *Henry Faux*, secondly 22 Dec. 1609 at same place *William Robinson*.  
Elizabeth, mar. 21 Nov. 1613 at St. Martin's, Micklegate, *Christopher Croft*.  
Grace, mar. *Marmaduke Croft*.  
Daughter, mar. *Thomas Maisterman*.  
Daughter, mar. *Robert Hemsworth*.

- III. **S<sup>r</sup> THOMAS HARRISON**, late of *Cogrove*, in co. *Ebor.*, *Knt.*, died or 1664, knighted at York 11 Oct. 1640, High Sheriff of Yorkshire 1655-7, bur. 13 Apr. 1664 at St. Saviour's, York. Will 27 Sept. 1661 (vol. xviii, 301); mar. *Margaret*, daughter unto *Cogrove, Lt. Darcy and Cogrove*, lic. 1625 at Hornby, bur. 1668 at Burneston. M.I. (Whitaker's Rich., vol. ii, 129). They had issue—
  1. *Thomas* (IV).
  2. *Henry Harrison*, of *Haltby*, in co. *Ebor.*, at 21 ann. 22<sup>o</sup> Martij 1662, bp. at Belfreys, York, 20 Dec. 1633, bur. at Hornby 9 Mar. 1668. M.I. (Whitaker's Rich., vol. ii, 47); mar. 24 Sept. 1656 at Hornby, *Elizabeth*, da. & sole heir to *Darcy Cogrove*, of *Haltby*, in co. *Ebor.* (remar. *Thomas Preston*, organist of York Minster), bur. at Belfreys 4 Apr. 1709. M.I. They had issue—
    1. *Cogrove Harrison*, son and heir, at 2 an. 23<sup>o</sup> Martij 1665, bp. at Hornby 11 Feb. 1662-4.
    2. *Thomas*, of *Haltby*, Captain, bp. 4 July 1665 at Hornby.
  1. *Margaret*, mar. first *Charles Wood*, merchant, of York, secondly *Samuel Mancklin*, merchant, York, firstly 27 Nov. 1659 at York Minster, Rev. Canon Dryden, Rector of Lonsborough, she died 1 May 1735, bur. at St. Maurice, York (Skaffe's York Minster Register).
  2. *Elizabeth*, bp. 7 Oct. 1662 at Hornby. Mary, bp. 9 Mar. 1666-7 at Hornby; mar. 10 Feb. 1697 to *Thomas Walsley*, at York Minster, organist there, bur. Nov. 1718 at Belfreys.  
Anne, bp. 15 Sept. 1668 at Hornby, died 1 Feb. 1735, bur. at St. Maurice, York.
  1. *Margaret*, wife of *Rich. Musgrave, Esq.*, son & heir to *St. Philip Musgrave*, of *Hartley Castle*, in co. *Wateslowd*, bur. at Belfreys 20 June 1655, she was bp. there 16 Aug. 1626.
  2. *Anne*, wife of *Henry Herbert, Esq.*, son and heir to *St. Tho. Herbert*, of *Tintore*, in co. *Manmsth*, bur. bp. at Belfreys 19 Oct. 1632, bur. at St. Saviour's, York, 19 July 1670.
  3. *Dorothy*, died unmarried, bp. at Belfreys 20 Feb. 1628-40.
  4. *Mary*.
- IV. **THOMAS HARRISON**, of *Allerthorpe*, in *Ridmoudshire*, in co. *Ebor.*, *Esq.*, at 38 ann. 22<sup>o</sup> Martij 1662, bp. at Belfreys 31 July 1627, died 29 Dec. 1687, bur. at Burneston. M.I. (Whitaker's Rich., vol. ii, 129); mar. *Mary*, daughter

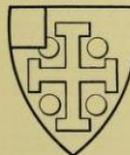
of *St. William Roberts*, of *Wilsden*, in the county of *Widdlowse*, died 25 June 1679, bur. at Burneston. M.I. (Whitaker's Rich., vol. ii, 129). They had issue—

1. *Thomas* (V).
2. *William*, b. 1652.
3. *Robert*, admitted at Gray's Inn 21 June 1671.
4. *Edward*, b. 1664.
1. *Eleanor*, (f) bp. at Belfreys 21 May 1651, bur. at Burneston 1668 in her sixteenth year. M.I. brass (Whitaker's Rich., vol. ii, 129).
2. *Margaret*.
3. *Sarah*, mar. 1691 Rev. *George Grey*, Vicar of Burneston, died July 1692, s.p., bur. there (Skaffe's Durham, vol. ii, 19).
4. *Frances*.  
Mary, twelfth child, b. 7 Oct. 1666, died 9, bur. 11 July 1689 at York Minster (Skaffe). Will 26 June, pr. 31 July 1690 (Reg. Test., vol. lxi, 378).

- V. **THOMAS HARRISON**, of *Cogrove*, b. 1650, admitted at Gray's Inn 29 Mar. 1667; mar. *Elizabeth* . . . bur. at *Cogrove* 3 Oct. 1707 (M.G.H.).
- In Add. MS. 24,458 Richard Harrison, of the Inner Temple, is said to be the representative of the Cogrove family.

THE AUSTIN.

York, 20 Martij 1665.

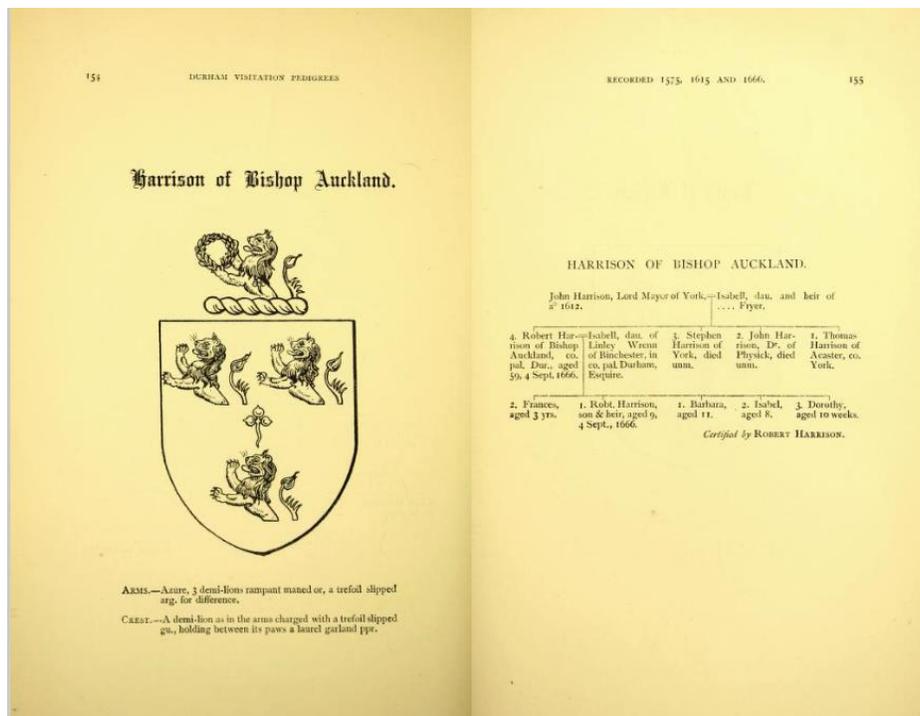
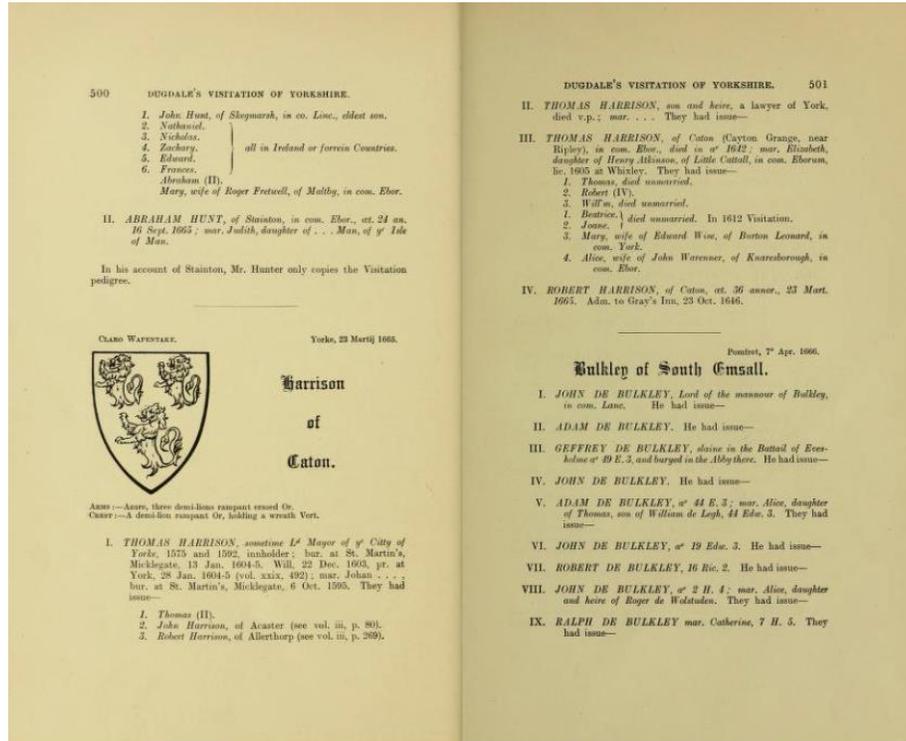


Breakey  
of  
York.

ARMS.—Argent, a cross potent gules between four torteaux, a canton Azure.

- I. **WALTER BREAKEY**, of *Leodes*, in co. *Ebor.*, *Gest.*, bur. at St. John's, Micklegate, York, 28 Dec. 1662, said to have been 100 years old; mar. . . . daughter of *Robert Brooke*. They had issue—

**Harrisons of Caton.** While all of these lines related Thomas of Acaster use the names Thomas and Robert, none are Robert Harrison of Kingston-upon-Hull or his son Rev. Thomas Harrison.



Comparing coats of arms is interesting but comparing Y DNA is more distinguishing.

# Isaiah Harrison Line Y DNA Is Unique Compared to Others in “Harrison DNA Project”<sup>26</sup>

## LINEAGE 03- ISAIAH HARRISON LINE- I-M 253 or II. High incidence in Scandinavia, especially Sweden.

Wikipedia: I-M253 is found at its highest density in Northern Europe and other countries that experienced extensive migration from Northern Europe, either in the [Migration Period](#), the [Viking Age](#), or modern times. It is found in all places invaded by the Norse.

During the modern era, significant I-M253 populations have taken root in immigrant nations and former European colonies, such as [United States](#), [Australia](#), [New Zealand](#) and [Canada](#).

Harrison Lineage 03		12	21	14	10	14-14	11	14	11	13	11	29	15	8-9	8	10	22	15	20	30	12-14-15-16	10	11	19-21	14	14	12	18	32-37	12	10	11	8	15-15	8	11	10	8	9	9	12	23-24	15	
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MAX		13	22	14	10	14-14	11	14	11	13	11	29	15	8-9	8	11	23	16	20	30	12-14-15-16	11	12	19-21	14	14	12	22	36-38	13	10	11	8	15-15	8	11	10	8	9	9	12	23-25	15	
MODE		13	22	14	10	14-14	11	14	11	13	11	29	15	8-9	8	11	23	16	20	30	12-14-15-16	11	12	19-21	14	14	12	20	36-39	13	10	11	8	15-15	8	11	10	8	9	9	12	23-25	15	
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106323	England	I-M253	13	22	14	10	14-14	11	14	11	13	11	29	15	8-9	8	11	23	16	20	30	12-14-15-16	10	12	19-21	14	14	12	22	36-38	13	10	11	8	15-15	8	11	10	8	9	9	12	23-25	15
124164	Unknown Origin	I-M253	13	22	14	10	14-14	11	14	11	13	11	29	15	8-9	8	11	23	16																									

Ireland that is predominantly Protestant. This similarity does not mean that Isaiah<sup>1</sup> came from Ireland, but that someone with a similar Y DNA sequence was supposedly in Ireland at some point. No Long Island or Delaware records found refer to Isaiah<sup>1</sup> as an Irishman.

This I-M 253 haplotype for the family seems to differentiate Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, Sr. from the James River Harrisons, the West Kirby and New Haven Harrisons, others in Virginia and New England, that are I-M 269, and from the other 91 Y DNA Harrison lines that have been tested.

Although the next lines featured have the same haplotype of I-M 269, their sequences are all different.

### LINEAGE 16- RICHARD HARRISON OF WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE, BRANFORD, CT AND ORANGE, NJ LINE- I-M269

Haplogroup R-M269 is the most common European Y- chromosomal lineage, increasing in frequency from east to west, and carried by 110 million European men.

Previous studies suggested a Paleolithic origin; however, two recent studies agree that this haplogroup has a more recent origin in Europe—yet they disagree on the timing of its spread.<sup>27</sup>

Harrison Lineage 16			13	25	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	17	9-9	11	11	25	14	19	29	14-15-16-17	11	11	19-23	15	15	18	17	35-37	11	12	11	9	14-16	8	10	10
MIN			14	26	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	19	10-10	12	11	26	15	19	30	15-15-16-18	11	11	19-23	15	15	19	17	37-39	11	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
MAX			13	25	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	18	9-10	12	11	26	15	19	29	15-15-16-18	11	11	19-23	15	15	18	17	36-38	11	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
MODE			13	25	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	17	10-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	14-15-16-18	11	11	19-23	15	15	18	17	35-38	11	12						
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125859	Unknown Origin	R-M269	13	25	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	18	9-10	11	11	26	15	19	29	15-15-16-18	11	11	19-23	15	15	18	17	36-38	11	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
N56000	United Kingdom	R-M269	13	25	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	18	9-10	12	11	26	15	19	29	15-15-16-18	11	11	19-23	15	15	18	17	36-38	11	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
B210281	England	R-FGC11211	13	25	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	18	9-10	12	11	26	15	19	29	15-15-16-18	11	11	19-23	15	15	18	17	36-38	11	12	11	9	14-16	8	10	10
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129036	England	R-DF49	13	26	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	18	9-10	12	11	26	15	19	30	15-15-16-18	11	11	19-23	15	15	19	17	36-38	11	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
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226503	Unknown Origin	R-M269	14	25	14	9	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	31	18	9-9	12	11	26	15	19	29	15-15-16-18	11	11	19-23	15	15	18	17	36-38	11	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10

### LINEAGE 34- PRESIDENTIAL AND JAMES RIVER HARRISONS- R-M 269.

Harrison Lineage 34			14	23	14	12	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	24	15	19	29	15-15-16-18	10	11	19-23	15	14	16	18	36-37	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
MIN			14	23	14	12	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	17	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-16-19	10	11	19-23	16	14	16	19	37-38	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
MAX			14	23	14	12	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	26	15	19	29	15-15-16-19	10	11	19-23	16	14	16	18	37-37	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
MODE			14	23	14	12	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-16-19	10	11	19-23	16	14	16	18	37-37	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
B739044	United States	R-M269	14	23	14	12	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	24	15	19	29	15-15-16-19	10	11	19-23	16	14	16	18	36-37	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
415532	United Kingdom	R-M269	14	23	14	12	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-16-19	10	11	19-23	15	14	16	18	37-38	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
26287	England	R-M269	14	23	14	12	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	26	15	19	29	15-15-16-19	10	11	19-23	16	14	16	19	37-37	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
9266	United States	R-M269	14	23	14	12	11-15	12	12	11	13	13	29	17	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-16-19	10	11	19-23	16	14	16	18	37-38	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10

### LINEAGE 17 A LATER BARNARD CASTLE LINE FROM THE 1800s. R-M269.

Harrison Lineage 17			12	24	14	10	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	11	11	19-23	16	14	17	17	36-36	12	13
MIN			12	24	14	10	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	11	11	19-23	16	14	17	17	36-36	12	13
MAX			12	24	14	10	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	11	11	19-23	16	14	17	17	36-36	12	13
MODE			12	24	14	10	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	11	11	19-23	16	14	17	17	36-36	12	13
99953	Unknown Origin	R-M269	12	24	14	10	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	16	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	11	11	19-23	16	14	17	17	36-36	12	13

### LINEAGE 22 LORD MAYOR OF YORK, ACASTER, ALLERTHORPE AND CATON LINES –R-M269.

Harrison Lineage 22			13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	19	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-16-17	10	11	15-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
MIN			13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	19	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-16-17	10	11	15-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
MAX			13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	20	9-10	11	11	26	15	20	30	15-15-17-17	10	11	16-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
MODE			13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	19	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	10	11	15-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
116793	United Kingdom	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	19	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	10	11	15-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12						
59744	England	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	19	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	10	11	15-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
493128	United States	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	19	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	10	11	15-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12	11	9	15-16	8	10	10
924399	Unknown Origin	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	19	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	30	15-15-17-17	10	11	15-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12						
606103	Unknown Origin	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	20	9-10	11	11	25	15	19	29	15-15-17-17	10	11	15-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12						
106723	England	R-M269	13	24	14	11	11-14	12	12	12	13	13	29	19	9-10	11	11	26	15	20	29	15-15-16-17	10	11	16-19	15	15	19	17	35-36	12	12						

Ironically, a submitter of a pedigree on the Patriarchs Page for Lineage 22 claims Lord Mayor of York’s lineage for Burr Harrison while the James River Harrisons don’t specify a connection, although some in the Presidential and James River line claim the coat of arms of Thomas, Lord Mayor of York associated with the Acaster, Allertorpe and Caton lines. Y DNA sequence says that the Burr Harrisons are not related to the James River Harrisons. The Patriarch’s Page needs historical record proofs to claim any specific relationship.

<sup>27</sup> From Michael Hammer, University of Arizona, 9<sup>th</sup> Annual FamilyTreeDNA Conference, 2013.

The haplotype shown by the Y DNA of Isaiah's family is found in Britain but more common among those of Scandinavian or Germanic roots. It differs from most others in the Harrison DNA Project, including those with implied relationships by coats of arms in *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail*. Y DNA differences have more credibility than suppositions from arms.

While Rev. Thomas Harrison's specific father is not known, the reverend's coat of arms on the chalices does have some similarity to the Yorkshire family that includes the Lord Mayor of York. Were the 3 demi-lions a popular symbol for other Yorkshire families to use? We cannot conclude Rev. Harrison's arms are a sign he is a direct line ancestor and specifically relevant to the "second" set of arms in the will of Isaiah's grandson Robert<sup>3</sup>. The reverend's will that makes no mention of any son, including no Isaiah, and the missing links in the "lineage" and the many Harrisons and different Harrison lines should be deterrents to assigning him as a father, or any other specific father, without corroborating historical record evidence. Perspectives about the folly of assuming relationships among Harrison families might increase from a thoughtful perusal of the many Harrisons and Harrison lines on the Patriarch's Page of the "Harrison DNA Project."

Since there is zero historical evidence that Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison was the Reverend Thomas Harrison's son, and other parts of the scenario have been shown to be incorrect, then there is no reason to accept J. H. Harrison's scenario that Isaiah<sup>1</sup> sailed from Dublin, Ireland to Long Island in 1687. Isaiah<sup>1</sup> did not immigrate in 1687 for he was already documented on Smithtown records in 1684.<sup>28</sup> Before perpetuating "the immigration on the *Spotted Calf* in 1687 from Dublin scenario" found in nearly all accounts of Isaiah<sup>1</sup>'s life, we need to recall that this claimed arrival was three years after Isaiah<sup>1</sup> is known to have been at Huntington/Smithtown. There is no immigration record for Isaiah<sup>1</sup> or historical record that proves Isaiah<sup>1</sup> immigrated from Ireland, only a claim that was speculation to fit a tradition. The will of Rev. Thomas Harrison does not support the notion.

### **What about J. H. Harrison's Artifacts and Other Relics of Information Scenario?**

An heirloom water bottle, handed down through the family is displayed in the old Daniel<sup>2</sup> Harrison home in Virginia. Fort Harrison, another name for the property, is a national historical site in Dayton, Virginia, outside of Harrisonburg. I have been to the home and don't question the relic's existence. The bottle is pictured opposite page 72 and carries with it this unproven tradition.

The bottle is of very ancient date, and was brought over from England on a ship called the *Spotted Calf* by 'one of the Harrison ancestors,'—the immigrant of

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<sup>28</sup> "Isaiah Harrison, the Enigmatic Blacksmith, and His Long Island Roots and Relationships," 2.

the Rockingham family, —on his voyage to America. The vessel was three or more months in crossing the Atlantic, and during the time the drinking water supply ran low. In the emergency a pint of water per day was rationed out to each passenger, and the bottle was used by the immigrant to store his portion of the water....

This tradition does not seem to have primary source support and Isaiah<sup>l</sup> has no immigration record.

Other than references to Isaiah Harrison's "history" that all lead back to J. H. Houston's inaccurate scenario, after a reasonable search of sources for ship names to America from Britain in the 1600s, I found only one ship documented from Britain to America called the *Spotted Calf*. This vessel sailed from England via Cork to Virginia in 1693,<sup>29</sup> nine years after Isaiah<sup>l</sup> Harrison, Sr. was already at Long Island. There is an entry in O'Callaghan's, *The Documentary History of New York*, that gives a reference to an earlier vessel called the *Spotted Cow* that apparently traveled in 1660 and 1663 between New York and Amsterdam. Rev. William<sup>l</sup> Leverich sailed from New Amsterdam to Holland and returned during which time he was considered minister of Huntington while also being recruited by the town of Middelburgh, later known as Newtown.<sup>30</sup>

A supply of drugs was sent from Holland in the spring of this year [1663], for an English Clergyman, 'versed in the art of Physic, and willing to serve in the capacity of Physician.' The Rev. William Leverich is supposed to be the clergyman alluded to. He had sailed in October 1660, from New Amsterdam for Holland, in the ship SPOTTED COW [*Bontekoe*], and returned the fall or winter of 1662....

On the records at Albany in 1660 Gov. Stuyvesant writing to the directors of the West India Company at Amsterdam, Holland, says 'that the Rev. William Leverich was to sail on the first out-going vessel for the purpose of obtaining medicines for the Colony. But it was the following year before he sailed, and in 1663 the medicines were sent to the 'English Clergyman, versed in the art of physic'...<sup>31</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> David Dobson, *Ships from Ireland to Early America, 1623–1850*, v. 2, (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2004), 122. Dobson has several volumes in this series and perhaps a future volume will assist us, but not for 1687.

<sup>30</sup> Michael E. Leveridge in collaboration with Thomas V. Leverich, *A Godly Minister, The Reverend William Leverich of Great Britain, New England and New York*, (Cambridge, 2008), 170–180, [https://leverichgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/A\\_Godly\\_Minister.pdf](https://leverichgenealogy.org/wp-content/uploads/A_Godly_Minister.pdf).

*From Conscience to Liberty: Diverse Long Island Families in a Crucible that Gave Rise to Religious Freedom, 1526–1664*, v. 1, Part B, 438-439, 659–650.

<sup>31</sup> E. B. O'Callaghan, *The Documentary History of the State of New York*, (Albany, N.Y., 1849-51), 3:52–63; E. B. O'Callaghan, *The register of New Netherland, 1626 to 1674*, (Albany, N. Y., 1865), 127n. Leveridge and Leverich, 180.

These were the only “Spotted Calf/Cow” vessels that I found in documented sources as having sailed between America and the Old World, but my search was not all encompassing. The *Spotted Cow*, (*Bontekoe* in Dutch) sailed between New Amsterdam and Holland, nearly twenty-five years before Isaiah<sup>l</sup>’s “arrival” at Long Island. J. H. Harrison’s references to the “Spotted Calf” were in the Old World in 1691 to prove the ship existed but did not document a *Spotted Calf* that sailed to America in the 1680s. The reference by J. H. on page 75 was from the *Calendar of State Papers* in 1691 and refers to matters between the Irish and the Dutch, and not America.

According to Hotten’s *Lists of Emigrants to Virginia*, there was an earlier ship bearing the name “The Pied Cow” that transported a WILLIAM HARRISON FROM LONDON TO BOSTON in 1635, and J. H. Harrison reviewed that possibility concluding he found “no further trace,” but that the name of the *Pied Cow* was also suggestive of a *Spotted Calf*.<sup>32</sup> The ship and passenger lists that have survived are by no means complete,<sup>33</sup> and probably never were. Isaiah<sup>l</sup>’s immigration story in *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail* was a scenario constructed to meet the specs of a tradition and “the 1687 voyage of the Spotted Calf from Dublin, Ireland to Oyster Bay” likely never occurred. It is not a historically documented, accurate portrayal of why Isaiah<sup>l</sup> was already in New York by 1684 or how he got there.

No DNA evidence yet matches Isaiah<sup>l</sup>, Sr.’s descendants to other American colonial families, although his family shares the same halotype *II* with a Robert Harrison who died 1729 at Boston. Early Boston Harrison families were also reviewed in *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail*.<sup>34</sup>

### **Is There More to Find by Concentrating Efforts on Research Closer to Home?**

Most first settlers of seventeenth century Long Island English towns were more likely to have come with the Puritan migration through Boston or Connecticut or were of the next generation. A JOHN HARRISON of Wethersfield, near Hartford Connecticut died in 1664. He left children, John (b. 1642), Joseph, Thomas, Mary and Sarah. J. H. Harrison found no reference to Isaiah<sup>l</sup> in Wethersfield records<sup>35</sup> and following this family’s history does not lead to Isaiah<sup>l</sup>.

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<sup>32</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 73–75.

<sup>33</sup> A. Harold Lancour, comp., *Passenger Lists of Ships Coming to North America, 1607-1825, a Bibliography*, (New York: The New York Public Library, 1937), 3. He states, “Of estimable value to genealogical and historical students would be a record of every emigrant who sailed from Europe to North America in the early years of our nation’s history. But no such record exists. Actually, the ravages of fire and time have left to succeeding generations but little of the all too incomplete documents made by the shipping and port authorities in those early days. Those that do remain are now preserved in the archives and libraries of the United States and Europe.”

<sup>34</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 73–75.

<sup>35</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 90.

To complete the search for a possible American father for Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, J. H. Harrison carefully eliminated to *his* satisfaction all the Harrisons he found that had *permanently* settled in New England and Virginia by the time of Isaiah's advent in America, but were there more? He mentioned a JOHN HARRISON, Gent. of the Massachusetts Bay Colony BY 1638. He died at Boston in 1684, aged 77. He had a son *John* who was born 1652, an *Eliashib*, bapt. 1655, and Elizabeth, Anne, Bethiah, *Abraham* and *Isaac*.<sup>36</sup> This family is an example of typical Puritan families who used biblical names, so a "reverend" father is not a requirement to account for Isaiah<sup>1</sup>'s name.

### **Next Steps for Research for Skeptics of Traditions that Conflict with Historical Records**

A serious search should be made for blacksmith apprenticeship records in the Old World and the New World. If Isaiah<sup>1</sup>'s exists, it may note place of origin and name of his father. It may not yield, but it may be fruitful to learn more about the early residents of Huntington with whom Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, Sr. was first found in America, including the connection some had to Fairfield, Connecticut and other locales. Without a true immigration record for Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, we lack proof of exact timing, who he immigrated with, or if he was an immigrant. Might he even have had a stepfather or other family member with a different surname who could account for his presence at Long Island, but for whom no record has yet surfaced to identify those types of relationships?

No record has been found to identify a relationship to two other Harrisons contemporary to Isaiah<sup>1</sup> who had connections to Oyster Bay:<sup>37</sup> John<sup>1</sup> Harrison of Flushing, Jamaica, Oyster Bay, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, (Appendix B),<sup>38</sup> whose sister married into Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison's mother-in-law's extended family. Or Samuel<sup>1</sup> Harrison, whose daughter's father-in-law had land at Oyster Bay, near Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, Sr.'s in-laws. See pages 173–176. There may be no blood relationship between any of these three early Long Island Harrisons, but further research could be done to conclusively eliminate them or to possibly find new clues to pursue. And we should watch for more tested families to be added to the Harrison Y DNA Project. It has been fun to get to know Isaiah<sup>1</sup> Harrison, Sr. better by delving deeper into his Long Island records and family contexts.

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<sup>36</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 74. See *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail* for sources for all these other families cited.

<sup>37</sup> J. H. Harrison, LGT, 16-18.

See Appendix B, "Research Notes: Abridged Timeline for John Harrison of Flushing, Jamaica, Oyster Bay and Harrison, New York, and Pennsylvania and New Jersey," in Margery Boyden, *A Guidebook to the Records for Samuel and Lydia (Harrison) Stewart: New Perspectives from New Data and from Reviewing 100 Years of Collaborative Research, Part I, Long Island Roots and Relationships*.

<sup>38</sup> Gale Ion Harris in "John Harrison of New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, volume 124, no. 2, (April 1993) notes several provoking clues that need further research. And J. H. Harrison, LGT, 167–168 implies that Isaiah<sup>1</sup>, Sr.'s granddaughter Phoebe<sup>3</sup> (Harrison) Davisson visited John<sup>1</sup> Harrison of New Jersey's descendants three times, who were associated in N.J. with her husband's Davisson family.