



# Iowa Society DAR

## PATRIOT STORIES

### William Harris, Virginia, A052037

- Private, Pension #S13314
- Born: 1763, Goochland Co VA
- Died: Ante 21 Aug 1850, Estill Co KY

William was one of eight sons of Cornelius Harris (b 1735 d aft 1807) and Keturah Webber. It is unknown whether there were any daughters. William married Anna Oldham 2 Feb 1790.

William married Polly (Dolly) Dunbar, his second wife, in Madison Co KY on 28 Nov 1803. Polly died 22 Jan 1833 in Palmer Estill CO KY. Both William and Polly are buried there.

Ten children are known to be born into William's marriage to Polly; there may be two more (Catherine and Sally (Sarah)).

As of Summer 2021, NSDAR recognizes daughters from Leander, Sophia, Mary Ann, Jeremiah Vardeman.

- John H. (b 1804 d aft 1852) married Isabelle C. (Belle) Garrison.
- Leander (b 1805 d 1833 KY) and married Clanikan Howard (b 1798 d p1835) on 5 Dec 1821 KY.
- Adocia (or Dorcia b 1808) who married James Berryman.
- Sophia (b 9 Aug 1810 in Estell Co KY d 4 Jul 1896 in Panola KY) married Isaac Chrisman (5 Feb 1800 at Jessamine Co KY died 1867 at Combs KY) on 21 Dec 1837.
- Jeremiah Vardeman (b 5 Oct 1811 KY d 7 Mar 1882 Madison Co KY) married Frances (Franny) Pearson (b 20 Jan 1819 KY d 29 Jun 1906 Madison Co KY) on 4 May 1937.
- Overton (b 1815 d 30 Mar 1876 IL) who married Nancy Naomi Fielding.
- Pauline (Netty) (b 1817 d bef 1850) who married William Carr.
- Thomas (b 15 Nov 1822 d 10 Jul 1915) who married Paulina (Plina) Keene.
- Mary Ann (Polly) (b 1825 d 17 Nov 1891 in Madison Co KY) married James Thurman (d 17 Nov 1890) Madison Co KY on 2 Nov 1841.
- Marilda (Serilda) who married Thomas Lamb.

William was drafted into the Militia from Louisa Co VA for four months. Captain Sanders was his company commander along with Lieutenant Colonel Crook and General Nelson. William's service brought him from Louisa Co to Hanover Co to the cities of Manchester, Bowling Green, Williamsburg and back to Richmond, VA.

Upon release from this duty, he volunteered for three months with Captain White and Colonel Fontaine. At the end of this service, William returned to his family. He must not have spoken of any specific battles as it was said he had been out to fight the British.



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