

HARGIS FAMILY

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The first Hargis in America seems to have been one George Hartis who was transported to Virginia in 1642 by Thomas Benton.

In 1669, Thomas Hargace and William Hargace possible sons of George Hargis above, patented a tract of land in Charles County, Maryland, near Zachiah Swamp. Thomas Hargace died in Charles County, Maryland, and left four sons, Thomas, William Francis, and Abraham.

Abraham Hargis was born January 7, 1707. He lived in Prince George County, Maryland, then in Charles County, Maryland; moved to Fairfax County, Virginia about 1750, and then to North Carolina about 1765. Date of his death is not known. We have some records of five of his sons. Shaderach Hargis born about 1740; Thomas Hargis born about 1852; William Hargis, 1760-1836; Richard Hargis, and Abraham Hargis, Jr. All the sons served in the American Revolution except possibly Richard.

William Hargis, son of Abraham Hargis, was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, 16 July 1760. His father moved to Caswell County, North Carolina about 1765, while a resident of Caswell County, North Carolina, he was called to the army; drew \$26 for eight months service as a private, and \$30 for the three months as an Ensign. Was in the battle of Gilford. William's brother Shaderqach Hargis was a Captain in the Revolutionary War. William's discharge was signed by "Efrm. Washington, B. Major" at Camp McLaine's Bluff, 19 November 1781, and states "This may certify that William Hargis, Ensign in Capt. Moore's Co., has served three months and is hereby discharged by the order of General Butler."

William Hargis lived in Caswell County, North Caroline, each time that he was called into service. He continued to live in Caswell County for something like twenty years, then moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina, then to Knox County, Tennessee. From thence he came to White County, Tennessee where he resided until his death on 11 March 1836.

On 12 September 1782 William Hargis married Elizabeth Jay, daughter of James Jay and Mary Voss Jay and granddaughter of William Jay and Mary Vestal Jay. The children of William Hargis and Elizabeth Jay Hargis were as follows: Abraham Hargis married Rebecca Floyd; James Jay Hargis married Mary Anderson; Solomon Hargis married Sarah Ayres Shoal; Susannah Hargis married John Suggle; Jean Hargis married Mr. Hutson; William Asa Hargis married Sarah Hudson; Sally Hargis married Mr. Moore; Elizabeth Jay Hargis married Mr. Johnson; Washington Greene Hargis married Margaret Johnson; Mary Hargis married Joseph Johnson. (Note: Joseph Johnson and Margaret Johnson were brother and sister and children of Samuel Johnson and Winney Norton Johnson) Thomas Lea Hargis. Story submitted by Bob Hargis.

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