

OBITUARY COLUMN - Published in the 02 May 1845 Issue of the "Pendleton Messenger" ...

Departed this life on Saturday the 26th of April 1845, John Harris, Esq., in the 84th year of his age. A tried soldier of the Revolution ... leaves a large family of children and grandchildren.

John was the son of Rev. John Harris, Sr. and Mary Dashiell Handy.

When a small boy, John Harris moved to N.C. and one year later settled on the Little River in Abbeville District, S.C.

He enlisted during 1778 under Captain Alexander Noble and Colonel Williamson. He became a guard under Lieutenant Joseph Calhoun at McGowan's Blockhouse.

In 1779 he served under Captain Noble and Colonel Pickens and was wounded in the head during an engagement on the Savannah River against Colonel Boyd. In late 1780 and early 1781, he served under Captain (later Colonel) James McCall, Captain Alexander Luckie and Colonel Pickens, and was in the battle at Cowpens. In addition, he served under Colonel Clarke.

In August 1781, he was with a Virginia regiment under the command of Captain Johnson and Colonel Sampson Matthews. He served under General Lafayette at Yorktown.

After the War, he married Mary Pickens in April 1785 in the Ninety-Six District; a daughter of General Andrew Pickens and Rebecca Floride Calhoun.

He was a member of the State Convention of 1790, was sheriff for a short time, and was ordinary of Pendleton and Anderson Districts for about 40 years. In addition, he practiced medicine as a "Steam Doctor".

WILL OF JOHN HARRIS

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THIS JOHN HARRIS WAS NOT THE HUSBAND OF SARAH (nee HAMILTON)

NOTE: The small marker representing service in the War of 1812, is actually for his son, Colonel John Ewing Harris. It was affixed by mistake to John Harris, II who served in the Revolutionary War.

CEMETERY HISTORY:

This was a typical Slave labor plantation that was located along the Keowee River. During the forming of Lake Hartwell, the area where the plantation was located got covered by water. Because the cemetery was located on a high knoll, it survived the lake's forming.

The non re-internment of these graves is covered by Corps of Engineers lake construction reference location X-24001C1.

Corps of Engineers cemetery plot drawing.

N79 degrees 20'E 110.0'

N10 degrees 40'W 110.0'

S79 degrees 20'W 110.0'

S10 degrees 40'E 110.0'

The SW corner of cemetery has a line pointing south saying N16 degrees 00'E 50 40'.

It also references George Randolph property at the end of this line saying N73 degrees 30'W and N11 degrees 05'E.

TOMBSTONE TRANSCRIPTION NOTES:

(48) UNKNOWN GRAVES

HARRIS, Andrew Pickens, b. 30-jan-1785, d. 27-jun-1859

HARRIS, Handy, b. 7-jan-1760, d. 17-jan-1852

HARRIS, Jane (nee Russell), b. 16-jan-1787, d. 15-jan-1847, wife of Andrew Pickens Harris

HARRIS, John (Dr.), b. 25-sept-1725, d. 1790

HARRIS, John III, b. 22-feb-1789, d. 31-jan-1838

HARRIS, John (Dr.), b. 6-dec-1762, d. 24-apr-1845, Revolutionary War Private in Colonel Williamson's SC Regiment, War of 1812

HARRIS, Mary Handy, b. ca. 1796, d. 1839

HARRIS, Mary Handy, b. 1742, d. est. 1800-1810, wife of Dr. John Harris

HARRIS, Mary (nee Pickens), wife of John Harris and daughter of Andrew Pickens

HARRIS, Sarah Gillis Irvin, wife of John Harris

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NOTE: There is a Harris Family Cemetery compiled for Oconee County where some believe John Harris and wife Mary Pickens are interred along with other family members.

Inscription

PVT-Col. Williamson's Regt. Revolutionary War