

Thomas Harris, Immigrant from Wales to Jamestown 1611

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Summary:

Thomas Harris was born in 1586 in England. He immigrated to America in 1611 when he was 25 years old. He married Adria Hoare who arrived in America in 1621 and they had two children together. His wife died in 1629 after the birth of their second child. He then married Joane Osborne in 1635 in Virginia. He died in 1649 in Henrico, Virginia, at the age of 63.



Details:

Harris arrived in New England in May 1611 on the *Prosperous* with a group brought by Sir Thomas Dale to establish a settlement in Henricus. On 18 Nov 1618 Harris was given a planter land grant in the Neck of Land, Charles City County, Virginia. He planted tobacco.

Adria Hoare arrived in America in 1621 on the *Marmaduke*. Thomas Harris married Adria Hoare in Virginia in 1621 when he was 35 years old.

In 1624 Thomas Harris served as a member of the House of Burgesses for Charles City County, Virginia.

Their daughter Mary Harris was born around 1625.

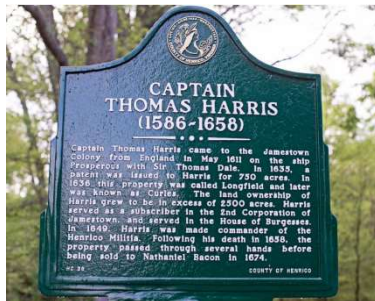
Their son William Harris was born in 1629 in Henrico County, Virginia. Adria Hoare Harris passed away in 1629 at the age of 28. They had been married for 8 years.

Thomas Harris married Joane Osborne Vincent, widow of William Vincent on the 1624 Muster, in Virginia in 1635 when he was 49 years old.

In November 1635, a year after the formal designation of Henrico County as one of the 8 shires (counties) in the Virginia colony, a land patent for 750 acres was granted to Thomas Harris. The tobacco farm was originally referred to as Longfield.

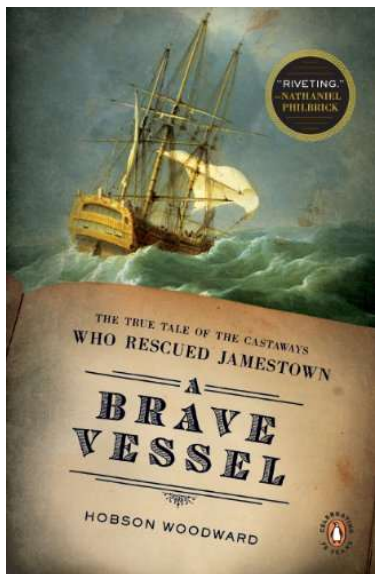
Thomas Harris served as a member of the House of Burgesses in 1640 and 1647-48 for Henrico County, Virginia.

He wrote a will in about 1649. Thomas Harris died in 1649 in Henrico, Virginia, when he was 63 years old.



Sign located 5.5 miles from entrance to Curles Farm Henrico, VA

Sign says, "Captain Thomas Harris (1586-1658) came to the Jamestown Colony from England in May 1611 on the ship Prosperous with Sir Thomas Dale. In 1635, a patent was issued to Harris for 750 acres. In 1636 this property was called Longfield and later was known as Curles. The land ownership of Harris grew to be in excess of 2500 acres. Harris served as a subscriber in the 2nd Corporation of Jamestown, and served in the House of Burgesses. In 1649, Harris was made commander of the Henrico Militia. Following his death in 1658, the property passed through several hands before being sold to Nathaniel Bacon in 1674."



Book to read about the supply ships that rescued Jamestown. According to the information I read on the geni.com website below our ancestor Thomas Harris was an investor in the Virginia Company and was on the ship that got lost in a storm and landed in Bermuda in 1610. When they got back to England William Shakespeare wrote the play *Tempest* about it. Thomas Harris got on the ship Prosperous in 1611 to settle in Virginia.

Sources:

Brightwell-Webb of Virginia tree on Ancestry:

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/27929898/person/300002957668/facts>

<https://www.geni.com/people/Captain-Thomas-Harris-Ancient-Planter/6000000000833949256> - He was in the Indian War of 1622 (The

massacre at Martin's Hundred is told quite well in the "National Geographic", some time in the 1970's.

<https://henrico.us/locations/captain-thomas-harris/> - sign about Captain Thomas Harris

A History of the Virginia House of Delegates

<https://history.house.virginia.gov/>

This multi-year project of the House Clerk's Office was nicknamed "DOME." The website was released in time for the 400th anniversary of the first meeting of the House of Burgesses in 1619.

Available on Google

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U.S. and International Marriage Records, 1560-1900

Places to visit:

Henricus Historical Park – Interactive 17th Century history museum

Deep Bottom Park – boating/canoeing, picnicking Slightly east of mile marker 38.5

Prescuile National Wildlife Reguge – bird watching

Virginia Capital Trail along John Tyler Memorial Highway (Route 5) –
biking, past sign about our ancestor Thomas Harris located at [37.407375,-77.277310](#) (mile markers 38 to 34) Four-Mile Creek Trailhead (mile marker 40) to Herring Creek Trailhead (mile marker 27) or Charles City Courthouse Trailhead (mile marker 20) = 13-20 mile ride

or Dorey Park (mile marker 42) to Edgewood Plantation (between mile marker 28-26) = 15 miles

If I were to go on this bike ride I would go from Edgewood Plantation near the Herring Creek Trailhead near mile 27 up to Four-Mile Creek Trailhead (mile marker 40) or start at Four-Mile and end at Edgewater = 13 miles (about an hour long each way? Two hours total?)

<https://vctf.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapSeries/index.html?appid=e6e8a7a48ace4906880857508845a4be>

Virginia Museum in Richmond - <https://virginiahistory.org/>

Bermuda Hundred – now known as Chester, VA

Shirley Plantation – across James river from Bermuda Hundred

Places to stay: Edgewood Plantation B&B

[Another source to check out:](#) **Some Descendants of Captain
Thomas Harris, ca 1586-1658**
By Robert Witt

<https://www.amazon.com.mx/Descendants-Captain-Thomas-Harris-1586-1658/dp/0788457799>