

## Birth and Marriage Records for Robert Harris and Rebecca Bassett

### Marblehead Births

**HARRIS**

Robert, s. Charles and Andreus, Nov. 12, 1721.  
Robert, s. Charles and Andrea, bp. Mar. 24, 1728. CR2

**BASSET (Bassett)**

Rebecca, d. John, jr. and Charity, bp. Sept. 14, 1718. CR2

### Marblehead Marriages

**HARRIS**

Robert, and Rebekah Basset, June 11, 1741.

## Vital Statistics for Their Children

### Marblehead Births

**HARRIS**

Rebeckah, d. Robert and Rebecca, bp. Oct. 17, 1742. CR2  
Robert, s. Robert and Rebeckah, bp. Sept. 18, 1743. CR2  
Sarah, d. Robert and Rebecca, bp. Nov. 10, 1745. CR2  
Sarah, d. Robert and Rebecca, bp. Jan. 4, 1747. CR2  
John, s. Robert and Rebecca, July 4, 1749.  
Deliverance, d. Robert and Rebecca, bp. June 23, 1751. CR3  
Mason, s. Robert and Rebecca, bp. Aug. 26, 1753. CR2  
William, s. Robert and Rebecca, bp. Jan. 18, 1756. CR2

### Marblehead Marriages

Robert, and Sarah Bennet, June 12, 1767.\*  
John, and Elenor Girdler, Feb. 17, 1774.\*  
Sarah, and [Capt. CR2] Ebenezer Reed, Mar. 12, 1772.  
Mason, and Elizabeth Dennis, Jan. 27, 1776.\*  
Mason, and Mrs. Mary Rich, Dec. 22, 1793.\*  
William, and Elizabeth Smethrush, July 7, 1778.\*

## Marblehead Deaths

**HARRIS**

Robert, Dec. 12, 1794, in his 52d y. GR2  
Sarah, w. Robert, Nov. 19, 1799, in her 64th y. GR2

**REED**

Sarah, wid. Ebenezer, Sept. 23, 1822, a. abt. 75 y.  
Ebenezer, Capt., h. Sarah, May 25, 1785, a. 44 y. 2 m. GR2

**HARRIS**

John, consumption, Aug. 4, 1826, a. 77 y.  
Eleanor (Girdler), w. John, July 31, 1805. [a. 18 y. 9 m. GR1]

Mason [Dea. GR4], Oct. 3, 1833, a. 81 y.  
Elizabeth, w. Mason, Feb. 15, 1793, a. 41 y. GR2  
Mary, w. [Dea. GR4] Mason, Feb. 27, 1827, a. 84 y.

William ["a soldier of the revolution in the battle of Bunker Hill. " CR3], Dec. 28, 1838, a. 85 y.  
Elisabeth, w. William, Apr. 15, 1838, a. 82 y. [Apr. 13. CR5]

## Revolutionary War Records for Their Four Sons

Source: *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*



Harris Robert

Volume 7 page 355  
Harris, Robert, Marblehead. Lieutenant, Capt. William Curtiss's (Curtis's) co.; list dated Watertown, June 15, 1775, of officers of companies that made choice of John Glover for Colonel, recommended for commissions by Committee of Safety June 22, 1775; also, Lieutenant, Capt. William Courtis's (1st) co., Col. John Glover's (21st) regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted April 24, 1775; service, 3 mos. 15 days; also, company return [probably Oct., 1775].



Harris John

Volume 7 page 345  
Harris, John, Marblehead. Prizemaster, ship "Pilgrim," commanded by Capt. Joseph Robinson; descriptive list of officers and crew, dated Aug. 2, 1780; age, 30 yrs.; stature, 5 ft.; complexion, light; residence, Marblehead.

Harris John

Volume 7 page 346  
Harris, John. Capt. John Selman's (8th) co., Col. John Glover's regt.; receipt for advance pay, signed by said Harris and others, dated Marblehead, June 27, 1775; also, order for bounty coat or its equivalent in money dated Cambridge, Jan. 3, 1776.

Harris John

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Harris, John, Marblehead. Private, Capt. John Selman's (8th) co., Col. John Glover's (21st) regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 30, 1775; service, 2 1/4 mos.; also, company return endorsed Oct. 9, 1775; company marched to Cambridge June 22, 1775, "time out" Dec. 31, 1775.

Harris John

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Harris, John. Sergeant, Capt. Francis Felton's co.; company receipt for advance pay, dated Marblehead, Sept. 26, 1775; also, same co.; enlisted July 18, 1775; service to Dec. 31, 1775, 5 mos. 27 days; company raised in Marblehead for defence of seacoast; also, Capt. Felton's (Marblehead) co.; engaged Jan. 4, 1776; service to Nov. 15, 1776, 10 mos. 13 days, in defence of seacoast.



Harris Mason

Volume 7 page 364  
Harris, Mason, Marblehead. Sergeant, Capt. John Selman's (8th) co., Col. John Glover's (21st) regt.; company return endorsed Oct. 9, 1775; reported discharged; company marched to Cambridge June 22, 1775, "time out" Dec. 31, 1775.

Harris Mason

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Harris, Mason, Marblehead. Sergeant, Capt. William Courtis's (1st) co., Col. John Glover's (21st) regt.; muster roll dated Aug. 1, 1775; enlisted May 28, 1775; service, 2 mos. 9 days; also, 3d Sergeant, same co. and regt.; company return [probably Oct., 1775]; also, 2d Lieutenant, Capt. John Merritt's (2d) co., 5th Essex Co. regt.; letter from Col. Jonathan Glover to the Council, dated Marblehead, July 17, 1776, requesting that the officers of two militia companies in Marblehead be commissioned; ordered in Council, July 19, 1776, that said officers be commissioned; reported commissioned July 19, 1776.



Harris William

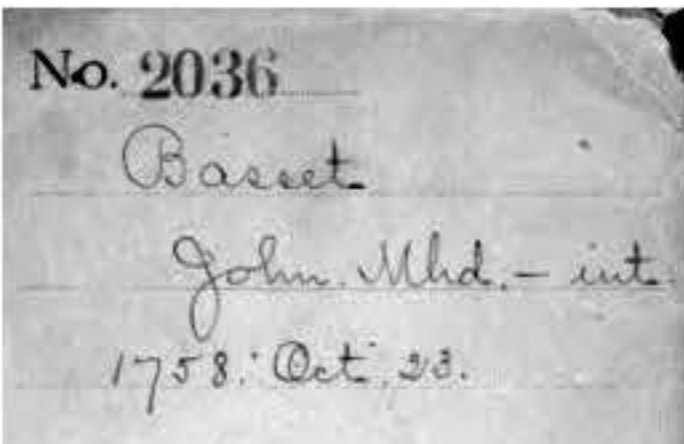
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Harris, William, Marblehead. Gunner, Capt. Samuel Russell Trevett's co., Col. Richard Gridley's regt.; muster roll dated June 21, 1775; enlisted May 18, 1775; service, 1 mo. 6 days.

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Harris William

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Harris, William. Capt. William Hooper's co.; company receipt for advance pay, given to Daniel Hopkins, dated Salem, Sept. 26, 1775; also, Corporal, same co.; service from Nov. 1, 1775, to Dec. 31, 1775, 2 mos. 5 days, in defence of seacoast; roll dated Marblehead.

## Excerpts from the Will of Rebecca Bassett Harris's Father, John Bassett



Received of Major Benjamin Kenly twenty one pounds Nine Shillings Ten pence half penny on Account of Philip Lewis and Sarah his wife as Attorney to them Twenty one pounds Nine Shillings Ten pence half penny on Account of Thomas Morgan and Sarah his wife as Attorney to them and Two pounds Eight Shillings & nine pence on the Account of my self and Rebecca my wife in full of what the Honourable Judge of Probate on or about the thirtieth Day of Novem<sup>r</sup> ber last did order John Bassett of Marblehead mariner to pay to the said Sarah Deliverance and Rebecca in L<sup>ie</sup> of their proportionable Shares of the Real Estate of their Father John Bassett late of said Marblehead Single ~~Widow~~ and the Interest due thereon witness my Hand Sept<sup>r</sup> 16 1758

Robert Harris

I the Subscriber do promise to pay the Adm<sup>r</sup> of Probate of John Bassett late of Marblehead did settle the one half of all debt & Charges against said Estate for which said deceased personal Estate shall be insufficient for myself & two sisters Sarah Lewis & Deliverance Morgan Witness my Hand

Robert Harris

November 13<sup>th</sup> 1758

Test James Tarbox

## Marblehead Gains a Fire Department

### History of Essex County, Massachusetts: with biographical ..., Volume 2, Part 1

edited by Duane Hamilton Hurd

The year 1751 marks an important era in the annals of Marblehead. During that year the fire department was organized. As the township was composed almost entirely of wooden buildings, the necessity of procuring a fire engine was considered of the utmost importance, and in November, 1750, a vote was passed authorizing the selectmen to purchase an engine of the third size, with the necessary pipes and a dozen leather buckets. This vote does not appear to have been carried into effect, however, nor was there any necessity for so doing. Robert Hooper, Esq., a wealthy and generous merchant, anticipating the needs of the community in which he resided, ordered an engine at his own expense, and on its arrival, in March of the following year, presented it to the town. The simple record of the fact speaks volumes for the unostentatious manner of its presentation, and the gratitude with which it was received. "March 19, 1751, for the thanks of the town to Robert Hooper, Esq., for his donation of a Fire Engine, this day made to the town."

There appears to be no record of the names of those assigned to the engine, but a few years later (1755) the firewards appointed Robert Harris, captain of the "Great Fire Engine," with the following company: Will. Bowden, John Bowden, Henry Trevett, John Pearce, Richard Wood, William Bassett, John Andrews, Robert Harris, John Neal, Joseph Buhier, Benjamin Darling, 3d, Benjamin Doe, 1st.

The engine presented by Mr. Hooper, was undoubtedly the "Friend," which was located on Front Street near Goodwin's Court. The next engine, which was purchased for the town in London, and was probably that named the "Endeavor." It was located for many years near "Newtown Bridge," on the corner of Washington and School Streets.

\*Footd. That Capt. Nathan Bowen, Capt. George Newmarsh, Robert Hooper, Esq., Capt. Richard Reed and Mr. Jeremiah Lee, be Firewards for the year ensuing." The firewards were authorized to appoint a suitable company for the engine, or any other engine which should belong to the town, "and to covenant with those appointed to work and govern them that they shall be exempt from Military duty and from serving as fence-viewers, hog-rovers, or tything men, so long as they shall serve in said company."



No. 12534  
 Harris  
 Robert  
 1767, May 5  
 7/2

To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> Nathanael Popes Esq<sup>r</sup> Judge of  
 the Probate of Wills &c in the County of Essex

I hereby signify to your  
 Hon<sup>or</sup> that I am content that my son  
 Robert Harris, do take out Letters of  
 Administration on the Estate my late  
 Husband & his Father Robert Harris  
 late of Marblehead. died. Witness my hand  
 the fifth day of May A.D. 1767

Nathanael Popes  
 Juv

You are hereby appointed a Committed  
 to appraise on Oath all the Estate of  
M<sup>r</sup> Robert Harris late of S<sup>t</sup> Marblehead  
Glazier Dec<sup>d</sup>. I make Return into the  
 Registry Office of the Court of Probate  
 for said County. Given under my  
 hand this fifth Day of May A.D. 1767

12534

Nath<sup>l</sup> Popes J. Prob.

Essex. October 29<sup>th</sup> 1767.

Brought over	4411-13.2
6 1/2 lb of feather Bedd 11	3. 4. 0
a striped Blanket 2/ 7 Sheets 28/	1. 10. 0
a linnen hood Cloth 3/ 2 1/2 lb of feather bed 10/6	2. 8. 6
an old blue rugg 2/ a blue quilt 5/	7. 0
an old riding Chair 60/	3. 0. 0
a Suit of old green Curtains 12/	12. 0
a blue cloth Coat 16/ a black ulapen Jacket 6/	1. 2. 0
a drab col <sup>d</sup> great Coat 20/ - a Spy Glass 1/	1. 4. 0
an old quilt 1/ a Stove 2/ a bedstead 2/ a d <sup>o</sup> 3/	8. 0
a Lanthorn 5/ a Table 2/ a small Table 1/	8. 0
a Case with 12 Bottles 7/	9. 0
5 Chairs and a great Chair 6/	6. 0
a warming pan 8/ a white Table 1/	9. 1
a tea kettle 6/ a d <sup>o</sup> 1/ a pair of flat Irons 5/	15. 0
A iron Candlesticks a brass do. 2/	2. 0
a mortar and pestil 1/ 2 pair of andirons 12/	13. 0
2 Trammels 8/ Shovel & Tongs 3/ a pair of Bellows 2/	13. 0
a Scoffer 6/ a gridiron 1/ an iron kettle 1/	3. 6
an iron pot 3/ a frying pan 1/ 2 skillets 2/	6. 0
a pit 2/ Tin ware 6/ 33 <sup>rd</sup> powder 33/	2. 1. 0
Books and pamphlets 7/ - a Spade 1/	11. 0
a Cow 36/	1. 16. 0
	L 467. 1. 6

October 29 1767

Robert Harris

John Mansfield  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> and Reed  
 Geo. Newmarch

Essex ss July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1767 Then Robert Harris Adm<sup>r</sup>  
 presented the afore written and made Oath that

An Ad for the Sale of the Home of Mason Harris after His Death

Salem Gazette

Tuesday, April 08, 1834 | Salem, Massachusetts | Volume: XII | Issue: 28

**AUCTIONS.**

**SALE THIS DAY.  
 EXECUTOR'S SALE.**

**PUBLIC AUCTION.**

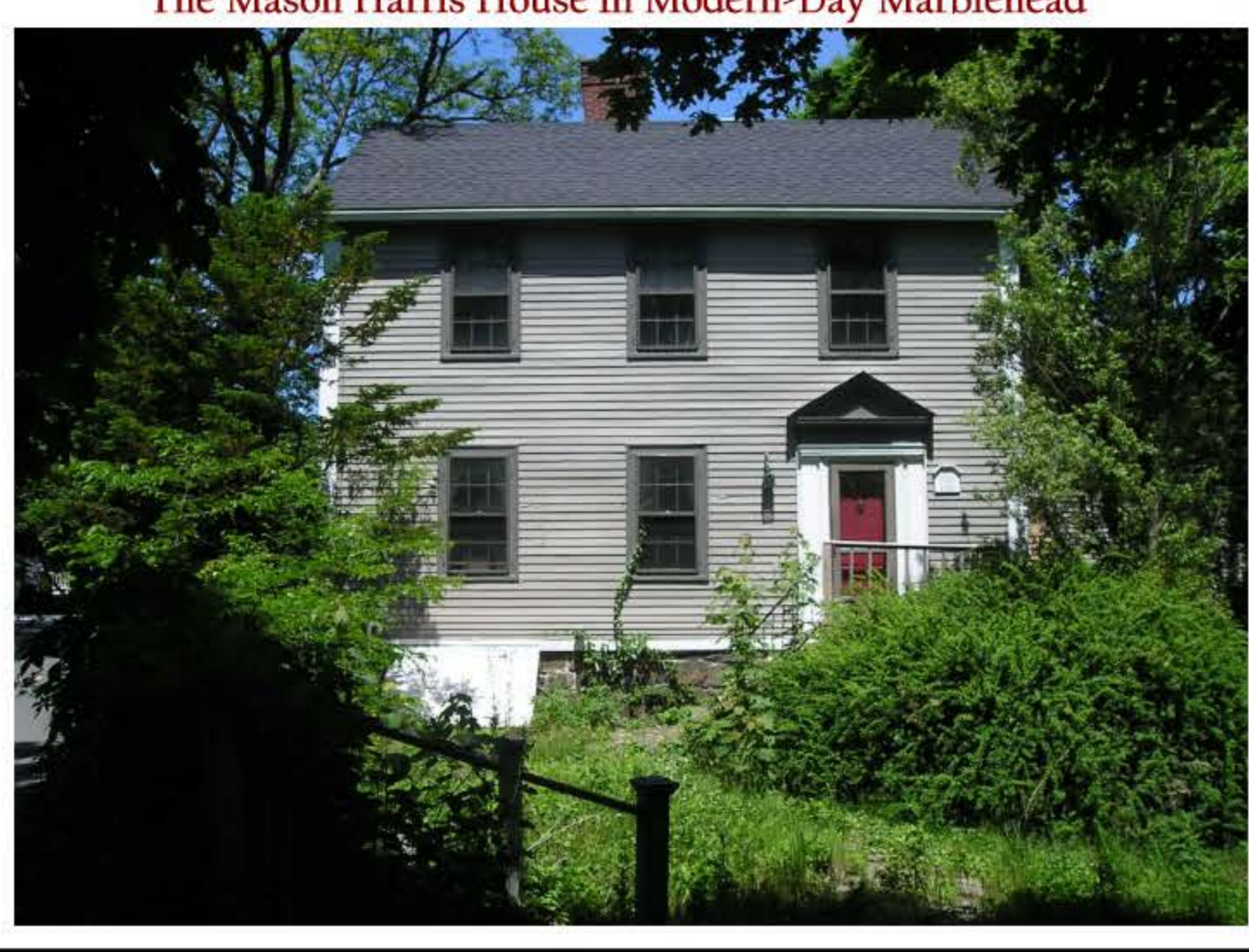
By order of the Probate Court, will be sold at  
 Public Auction, on Tuesday 8th April, 10 o'  
 clock A M on the premises.



A certain dwelling-house and  
 barn, with the land under and  
 belonging to the same situated in  
 Elm Street, in Marblehead, being  
 the property of the late Deacon Mason Harris de-  
 ceased and the same premises lately occupied by  
 Robert Harris Jr. deceased.

Conditions made known at the sale:  
**ELIZABETH HARRIS, Executrix.**  
 Marblehead, March 13, 1834.

The Mason Harris House in Modern-Day Marblehead



The William Harris House in Modern-Day Marblehead



Harris Farm - Marblehead MA Image

