

MOSES HARLAN
(1683-1747-49)
Ireland to America, 1687

Moses, Yeoman, Friend, was born 12, 20, 1683, in the Parish of Donnahlong, County of Down, in the Province of Ulster, Ireland. He came to America with his parents, George and Elizabeth Duck Harlan, when he was four years old. He m. 1712, by ceremony of Friends, at Newark Meeting, Margaret Ray ("spinster"), who came from the same county in Ireland as the Harlan's, and was a member of the same meeting-Lurgan. Her certificate of membership in that meeting was received by Newark Meeting 1, 7, 1713.

Moses and Margaret settled upon a farm in Kennet Twp., and remained there for some years, when they moved to and settled on lands in London Grove, and in 1738 had gone from there in Lancaster (now in) Adams Co., where they remained during the balance of their lives.

"Moses Harlan and his wife Margaret, and William Webb, conveyed to Henry Woodward 180 acres of land (apart of the 280 acres Moses received from his father) by deed of lease and release, dated '4th 5th April 1727. On the 9th day of October, 1745, he obtained a patent for 855 acres of land on the upper fork of Conewago Creek, in Menallen Twp., Lancaster (now in) Adams Co., and on the 21st day of July, 1747, he and his wife conveyed 250 acres of it to his son-in-law John Blackburn."

Moses Harlan died in Menallen Twp. between 10, 10, 1747 (the date of the making his will), and 3, 27, 1749, at which time the Same was filed for probating. Margaret, the wife, died some years subsequent to his death, and both were probably buried in Friends' Burying Grounds, at Menallen Meeting House, now in Adams Co., Pa.

Children of Moses and Margaret Ray Harlan:

1. *Mary Harlan- who was probably the eldest, married John Cox, at London Grove Meeting, Chester Co., Pa., 1735, and later went with her husband and her parents into what is now Adams Co., that state, and probably died there, date not known at this time but before 1753. She had at least four children whose identity can be established, among the many of the name Cox, who belonged to Huntington Meeting, in what is now York Co., viz.:*

Children of John Cox and Mary Harlan:

- i. *Jacob, who was disowned by that meeting, 10, 21, 1758, for disobedience to his father. He is also named in his grandfather, Moses Harlan's will.*
- ii. *Eamey, who married John Wierman, 6, 28, 1753, at Huntington Meeting. Her mother was deceased at that time.*
- iii. *Dinah, who married Finley McGrew, 1759, contrary to the usages of Friends. Her acknowledgement was accepted, 6 14, 1760, by that meeting for her marriage, "by a priest." Finley, a son of James McGrew and Mary from Hopewell M.M, Va. later to Warrington M.M, in 1750, was born 1, 13, 1735/6; died 4, 9, 1812. Dinah and Finley's issues: (a) John (b) James (c) Mary (d) Nathan (e) Finley (f) Dinah (g) Rebecca (h) Jacob*
- iv. *Rebecca, disowned, 10, 11, 1760, for "accompanying her sister Dinah, in her marriage out." The birth date of Rebecca not given.*

Will of Moses Harlan



The will of Moses Harlan of Menallen Township, in Lancaster County, dated 10, 10, 1747, and proven March 29, 1749, says in part:

“My body to be decently buried by this my Deare and well beloved wife, and my son (son-in-law) John Blackburn, whom I order and appoint my Executors.... To my grandson Jacob Cox, 200 acres of my real estate on the North side of Conewago Creek, he paying 5 lbs to each of his sisters now in being, and if he dies without issue, the lands to go to the next male heir of his mother Mary Cox; and male heirs failing, then to his sisters.

“To (my) grandsons, Thomas and Moses Blackburn, 100 acres on the south side of Conewago Creek. To (my) grand daughter Dinah Cox, my young bay mare two years old. My wife Margaret Harlan, to hold the above lands in her possession I leave to her disposing.

Moses Harlan (seal)

Witnesses:

Rebecca Blackburn

John Blackburn

Charles Pidgeon

George Hodgson

