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# THE LIFE OF Matthias Harvyne AND FAMILY

*The life of an early colonist whose date and place of birth and parentage is unknown. His active part in community affairs—from 1649 in Rhode Island to Oyster Bay and Flushing, Long Island, and finally his move to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, before his sea voyage in 1699,—is told in this writing.*

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... was born on a farm southwest of Leigh, NE to Herman L. Marty and Frances Jane Harvey on February 22, 1922. The oldest of five children, her father died in 1936 when she was 14 years old, in the middle of the great depression. Her mother, a teacher before marriage, knew her children needed an education to rise above mediocrity. She moved the family to the college town of Wayne, NE, where Dorothy worked her way through college and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Education in 1945. She taught school for several years. In 1947 she married Wayne H. Reibold and is the mother of two children. She was office manager for a wholesale grocery distributor for five years was director of a school lunch program for twelve years, and is currently Director of the Budget for the Hazeltine Heights Water District. Dorothy is a member of the Bucks County, Pennsylvania Genealogical Society, and is past member of several Historical Societies. She is the author of "The Ecklin Family Story". She makes her home at Henderson, Colorado. The reader may contact the author at the following address:

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## THOMAS HARVYE 1692 - 1759

2. **THOMAS HARVYE**, second son of Matthias I and Sarah HARRISON HARVYE, was born 22 Oct 1692 at Flushing, Long Island.<sup>290</sup> He moved with his parents to Bucks County, PA in 1697. His father earlier that year had purchased more than one thousand acres of land in the southern part of the present Upper Makefield Township adjacent to the Delaware River. There he lived in a new house his father built less than a mile from the River. This house, with additions, was still standing in 1997. They used the river as their main means of transportation. Thomas was only 7 years old when his father left on a sea voyage never to return, probably lost at sea. Young Thomas was raised by his mother with the help of her brother, John Harrison, and later his stepfather John Jackson.

His share of the estate from his father, the original Matthias Harvy, was 315 acres in Makefield Township. This was located just west of the land inherited by his older brother Matthias Jr. on which the original house stands where he grew up. His younger brother, Benjamin, inherited about the same amount of land to the west of him. As one can see, the three brothers lived and raised their families close to each other. Thomas sold a small parcel of his land to the Falls Monthly Meeting of Friends for a cemetery and in 1752 the Makefield Meeting House was built there. During the Revolutionary War this Meeting House was used as a hospital.<sup>291</sup> Thomas also owned land in Pilesgrove Township, Salem County, NJ at the time of his death. Whether this latter 170 acres had been bought by him or had been acquired through his marriage to Tamar is not known.

In about 1720, Thomas married Tamar, whose maiden name is not known at this writing. They had five sons and six daughters, the two oldest sons having preceded their parents in death. These two sons had both married and upon their death each left a widow and one child. Thomas was also preceded in death by both of his brothers, Matthias in 1742 and Benjamin in 1730. In the last years of his life he acted as patriarch of the Harvy family especially in such instances as when brother Benjamin's son John died under mysterious circumstances. He ordered proper investigations and took care of his nephew John's children's interests to make sure their inheritance was intact until they came of age. Thomas was a pillar in the community, as were his brothers.

Thomas died in Jan 1759 on his plantation in Upper Makefield<sup>292</sup> Township, Bucks

<sup>290</sup> W.W.H. Davis, in his *History of Bucks County* in Vol. 1 pg. 454, gave Thomas' birth date as 27 Oct 1692, and in his *History* Vol. 3 pg. 158, he gave it as 22 Oct 1692.

<sup>291</sup> Falls Monthly Meeting Quaker Records. 1696-1926. Report of Commission of the MM, 9 of 1st mo 1750 in favor of application of Makefield Friends to build on land of Thomas Harvy when purchased. Notice, this was purchased, not received by donation.

<sup>292</sup> By this time, Makefield Township had been divided into Upper and Lower Makefield.



County. His will was proved 2 Feb 1759. Tamar died in 1786 and her will was proved 8 Aug 1786.<sup>293</sup>

\*21. Thomas HARVYE, Jr., 1722 – 1749.

\*22. Ann HARVYE, 1724 - died after 1805.

\*23. Benjamin HARVYE, 1726 – 1750.

\*24. Hannah HARVYE, 1728 – died pre 1786.

\*25. Elizabeth HARVYE, 1730 – 1818.

\*26. Mary HARVYE, 1732 – 1761.

\*27. Joseph HARVYE, 1734 – 1779.

28. **MATTHIAS HARVYE** was born 7 May 1739 on his father's farm in Makefield Township, Bucks County, PA. He inherited about 180 acres of his father's plantation upon the latter's death in Jan 1759. He wasted little time in erecting a new house near Mt. Eyre Road on this land, for the worn date stone on the west gable appears to be 1760. However, he lived in it no longer than did his grandfather Matthias live in the first Harvy house in Pennsylvania.

He apparently completed an apprenticeship as a wheelwright, as he described himself as such when he advertised his Upper Makefield property for sale in the 9 Sep 1762 "Pennsylvania Gazette". It was re-advertised the following February in which the house was described as a "good new stone house and stone kitchen, with two rooms below and three above." It was determined about this time that there were problems with property lines and/or titles of the various parcels carved from the original Harvy property. Several deeds were written among the original Matthias Harvy's descendants in 1763 in order to solve these problems.<sup>294</sup>

By 20 May 1763, Matthias had married Fransina \_\_\_\_\_ and had moved to Hatboro, in present Montgomery County for a deed of that date stated "Matthias and Fransina Harvy of Moreland Township in Philadelphia County" now Montgomery County. Another deed of that same date referred to him as being "of Manor of Moorland in the County of Philadelphia, Inholder." Then in Jun 1763, when advertising his property again he gave his residence as the Crooked Billet at Hatboro. He was finally able to sell his Bucks County property on 5 Apr 1764 to John Merrick.

<sup>293</sup> Find the will of Thomas and the abstract of Tamar's will in the Document Section.

<sup>294</sup> All deeds can be found in Doylestown in the Bucks County Courthouse.

The tavern "Crooked Billet" was built in 1726 by John Dawson, a hat maker, and for many years the small settlement was known by that name, before becoming known as Hatboro. In 1759 this public house was being kept by David Reese. His daughter Rebecca, born 1746, married John Hart of Warminster Township, Bucks County. Did David have another daughter Fransina who was married to Matthias Harvy? Was that why he gave up his new house in Upper Makefield and his trade as wheelwright to become the "Inholder" of the Crooked Billet?

It is not known if Matthias and Fransina had children; if they lived out their lives at Crooked Billet; or the times and places of their deaths. No descendants have been found as of this writing. His nephew William Harvey #275 moved to Lycoming County in about 1810. There are other Harvey's there, so it is possible that some of Matthias' descendants may have migrated to that county and that could be why William moved there. More research needs to be done to find his descendants, if indeed he had any.

\*29. Latitia HARVYE ca 1741-1817

**2(10). SARAH HARVYE** was born in 1745 and probably died by 1786. She was not named in her mother's will. There was a new guardian appointed for her in Sep 1762 at which time she was 17. She was married 9 Jul 1763 at the Presbyterian Church,<sup>295</sup> Churchville, PA, to Thomas BRITTAIN, who was born 1739. He lived in Middletown Township in 1762.

Sarah had joined the Friends as a young woman in 1760 along with her sister Latitia,<sup>296</sup> but 4 months after her marriage, the Falls Meeting disowned her "for giving way to a light and airy mind, visible in her dress, neglecting meeting and marrying by a priest to one not a member." This could have been why her mother did not provide for her in her will, so she may have died later. Her husband, Thomas, married again before 1798, Sarah TALTAR, widow of Thomas Taltar, who was his uncle. It is not known whether there were any children born to Sarah and Thomas.

**2(11). William HARVYE** was born 28 Oct 1748. He inherited his father's land in Salem County, NJ so he and any possible descendants may be found in that state. He had also received 200 lbs. of current Pennsylvania money and his father's writing desk when he "arrived at age". It is not known whether he married and had children. He probably was not Quaker, so no record is available from that source.

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<sup>295</sup> Church Records.

<sup>296</sup> Vol. VII pg. 1000 *Hinshaw's Encyclopedia of Quaker Genealogy*.



## **Thomas Harvy 1722 - 1749**

21. **THOMAS HARVY** was born ca 1722 on his father's plantation in Makefield Township, Bucks County and died in 1749. His will was written 14 Nov 1749 and proved 9 Dec 1749. These are Old Style Dates and if they were not converted to New Style by a previous researcher, then the 9 Dec date should be 9 Mar 1750 and a statement that he died 13 Feb 1750 would be correct. He was a young man when he died yet he made out a will, which makes one believe he had an accident and was preparing for an early death.

Thomas was married ca 1747 to Magdalen \_\_\_\_\_, and had one child at the time of his death. About eight years after his death, his widow was married a second time, as "Lean" Harvy, to Thomas BULGAR on 10 Mar 1768 at the Churchville, PA Presbyterian Church. He may have been the Thomas HARVY, Jr. who was living with Joseph and Mary HARVY #13 SIMCOCK in Lower Makefield Township, in 1742 and who was taxed as a single man.

## **Ann Harvy 1748 - \_\_\_\_\_**

211. **Ann HARVY**, born ca 1748 was married before 1773 to a man by the name of HARTFORD, first name unknown at this writing. In 1762 a new guardian was appointed for her to protect her interests in her grandfather Thomas Harvy's estate. She was 14.

***This concludes the descendants of Thomas Harvy  
son of Thomas Harvy, son of Matthias Harvy***

## **Ann Harvy 1724 – post 1805**

**22. ANN HARVYE** was born ca 1724 on her father's plantation in Makefield Township, Bucks County and was still living in 1805 at the time of her husband's death. She was named in her mother's will in 1786. Ann had joined the Quakers by her own request in Jun 1741. She was bequeathed 20 lbs. in her father Thomas Harvy's will in 1759. She was married on 2 Dec 1741 to Edward BAYLEY, yeoman,<sup>297</sup> who was born 1712 and died 1805, son of Edward Bayley. They owned a plantation in Lower Makefield Township where they raised their children and lived their entire lives. Edward's will was written on 7 Jan 1798 and proved 15 Apr 1805.<sup>298</sup> Ann received an inheritance in lieu of her dower. She was named an executrix but renounced in favor of son Samuel and two sons-in-law, John Roberts and David Watson.

**221. Samuel BAYLEY**, born ca 1743, was executor of his father's will and received the plantation, which was bordered by the property of John Brown, Jesse Palmer, Peter Vansant and James Winder.

**222. Hannah BAYLEY** was born ca 1745 and married a YARDLEY. She was named in her father's will in which she was bequeathed the interest on 100 lbs. during her natural life. After her death, the 100 lbs. was to go to her children. This compiler has not been able to find the names of her children or any of her descendants.

**223. Mary BAYLEY** was born ca 1747 and married a JOHNSON. She was named in her father's will in which she was bequeathed 100 lbs. to be paid to her 4 years after his death. No record of issue.

**224. Martha BAYLEY** was born ca 1749 and also married a JOHNSON. She was named in her father's will in which she was bequeathed 100 lbs. to be paid to her 4 years after his death. No record of issue.

**225. Letitia BAYLEY** was born ca 1751 and married John ROBERTS. He was named as one of the executors in her father's will after her mother, Ann, renounced in favor of her son and 2 sons-in-law. Letitia was named in her father's will in which he bequeathed 100 lbs. to be paid to her 4 years after his decease. No record of issue.

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<sup>297</sup> Permission granted 9-4-1741 (4 Nov 1741) by the Falls Meeting, marriage accomplished 10-2-1741 (2 December 1741). Old style dating used, showing numbers, converted to new style date using name of month. The Gregorian Calendar was adopted in 1582, from the Julian Calendar. England and her colonies did not make the change until 1752. New Year on the Old Style was March 25, so February was the 12th month, December was the 10th month.

<sup>298</sup> Will #3278 recorded Bucks County PA. Register of Wills.

\*226. Elizabeth BAYLEY born ca 1753-\_\_\_\_\_

227. **Tamar BAYLEY** was born ca 1755 and was married to David WATSON. She was bequeathed 100 lbs. to be paid 1 year after her father's death. Her husband David Watson was also named as one of the executors in her father's will after her mother, Ann, declined.

228. **Mercy BAYLEY** was born ca 1757 and died unmarried. She was named in her father's will in which she was bequeathed 100 lbs. to be paid to her 1 year after his death. She also was to receive a horse and the privilege of living in the house with her mother until she married.

229. **Thomas BAYLEY** was born ca 1759, probably after the death of his grandfather, Thomas Harvy #2. He was not named in his grandfather's will, whereas other grandsons carrying the name Thomas were named. Thomas received from his father 2 acres on which to build a house. A codicil in 1803 added 100 lbs. one half of which was to be paid in 2 years and the balance in 6 years. No record of marriage or issue.

Elizabeth Bayley 1753 - \_\_\_\_\_

226. **ELIZABETH BAYLEY**, born ca 1753, was married to Abner BUCKMAN on 2 Dec 1778 at Amwell, NJ by Rev. Frazer.<sup>299</sup> She was bequeathed 120 lbs. to be paid to her 1 year after her father's death.

2261. **Edward BUCKMAN**, born 1779 or later, was named in the will of his grandfather Edward BAYLEY as being under 21 in 1798. He was to "receive 5 lbs. when he comes of age". Here again is a situation where a namesake received an inheritance. Some parents made sure they named a child after each of the grandfathers to insure an inheritance.

***This concludes the descendants of ANN HARVYE  
daughter of Thomas Harvy, son of Matthias Harvy I***

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<sup>299</sup> Rev. Frazer's Marriages 1768-1795 published by Bucks County Genealogical Society. Future notes will refer to Rev. Frazer Marriages.



## WILL OF THOMAS HARVYE, 1759

I, Thomas Harvy of Makefield Township, Bucks County in the Province of Pennsylvania, yeoman, being at present antient and infirm of body but of sound mind and memory thanks be to Almighty God. I do make this my last will and testament in manner following Vizt.

Imprimes, my will is that all my just debts and funeral charges be fourthwith discharged and paid after my decease.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, Tamar Harvy, the sum of 100 lbs current money of Pennsylvania and an equal half part of all my household goods the desk excepted to her own proper use for ever and in full of her dowry.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my 2 sons Joseph Harvy and Matthias Harvy the place of plantation I now live on to be divided as follows Vizt:

That my son Matthias Harvy shall have 180 acres of land the survey being as follows and let it be either more or less Beginning at a hickory marked sapling standing in the line of Benjamin Taylor's land thence running south 2 degrees and 30 minutes East 247 perches and 9 links to an old stump being the South East Corner of said land and in also a North West corner to John Duer's land thence east four degrees north on the line of partition between Thomas Harvy and John Duer's land 180 perches to a stone in the road for a corner then north 102 perches and 8 links to a white oak tree for a corner, thence west 9 perches and 3 links to another white oak tree for a corner thence north 145 perches and 18 links to a stone for a corner standing in the line of Joseph Johnson's land from thence west 4 degrees South to the first mentioned be the same mentioned premises more or less and the remainder Part of my plantation to my son Joseph Harvy to them and their heirs and assigns for ever.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my youngest son William Harvy 170 acres of land lying and being in the township of Pilesgrove in the county of Salem and Western Division of the Province of West New Jersey and 200 lbs current money of Pennsylvania to him and his heirs and assigns forever. And the said money to be put out to Interest with sufficient security when he shall arrive to the age of ten years and that the Interest arising from the same to be for him proper use forever. I also give him my said son William my writing desk when he shall arrive at age. It is my will that if my son Joseph should dye without issue or heirs of his body that then his estate of land shall be equally divided between my 2 other sons to witt—Matthias and Wm. Harvy and in like manner if either of the other sons should dye before they arrive at age or without issue or heirs of their bodys it is my will that their part of the land and money be equally divided betwixt the survivors of the sons.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my daughter Ann Bailey 20 lbs current money of Pennsylvania and to my daughter Hannah Milnor the sum of 40 lbs current money aforesaid. And to my daughter Elizabeth Coryell the sum of 20 lbs current money aforesaid. And to my daughter Mary Holcombe the sum of 40 lbs current money aforesaid, and to my daughter Latitia Harvy

the sum of 90 lbs current money aforesaid, and to my daughter Sarah Harvy the sum of 90 lbs current money aforesaid. And my will is that if either of the daughters should die before they arrive at the age of 18 years and their share of the money shall be equally divided Amongst the rest of the daughters that survives.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my grandson Thomas Harvy, son of Benjamin Harvy, deceased, the sum of 90 lbs current money aforesaid to be paid to him when he shall arrive at the age of 21 years. But in case he should die before he comes to age, That then my will is that the said 90 lbs shall be equally divided betwixt all the rest of my children that then may be living.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my grandson Thomas Milnor, son of John Milnor the sum of 5 lbs current money aforesaid to be paid to him when he arrives to the age of 21 years.

Item—I give and bequeath unto my granddaughter Ann Harvy, daughter of Thomas Harvy Jr. deceased the sum of 5 lbs current money aforesaid to be paid to her when she arrives at the age of 18 years. And further my will is that when the aforesaid Legacies are discharged and paid to each particular person that the overplus money if any be, shall be given to my youngest son Wm. Harvy and further my will is that my widow shall enjoy all Rents \_\_\_\_\_ and Privileges of all and singular my lands and tenements goods and chattels to the support of herself and children until my sons severally arrive at age aforesaid. And further my will is that my wife shall have 2 rooms in the house where she now lives in at her own choice and she is to have half the cellar under the said house without being in any wise interrupted or molested by the said Joseph Harvy or any other person or persons whatsoever. And my will is that my son Joseph shall keep two cows and one horse both winter and summer for his mothers use and also cut and haul firewood for her what she shall have occasion for and he shall not molest or vest his mother neither hinder her of any of her privileges during her widowhood. But if my widow should marry, her husband shall not have any Power to waste impoverish any part of the children's estate nor any thing only such part as I willed to her that is her proper right. And further my will is that if my widow does not choose to live with my son Joseph Harvy but lives elsewhere that the said Joseph shall pay to his mother 8 lbs per year during her widowhood for her privileges aforesaid.

Now for the accomplishment of this my last will and testament I do appoint my dearly beloved wife Tamar Harvy and my son in law Richard Holcombe of the township of Amwell in the county of Hunterdon and Province of West Jersey and William Pearson of Buckingham township Pennsylvania Executors and Executrix of this my last will and testament. Ratifying and confirming this and no other be my last will and testament whereof I have heretofore set my hands and seal this 23rd day of August 1758.

Signed Thomas Harvy

Witness—Edmund Briggs

Stephen Field—Solemn affirmation

James Dyer—solemn oath

Proved 2 Feb 1759. Will #980 written 23 Aug 1758. Recorded in Register of Wills Bucks County Vol. 2, page 354.

## ABSTRACT OF THE WILL OF TAMAR HARVYE, 1786

*Tamar Harvyé widow of Thomas Harvyé*

*Executor--Nathaniel Ellicott, son in law  
witnesses--Tacy Ellicott and David Forst*

*Bequeaths to the following  
dau. Elizabeth Coryell  
granddaughter, Sarah Ellicott  
dau. Ann Bayly  
dau. Letitia Ellicott*

She did not name daughters Hannah Milnor, Mary Holcombe and Sarah Brittain. Mary had died in 1761. Hannah was probably deceased, but nothing is known about her after her marriage, and discipline by the Quakers. Tamar named only daughters and specific granddaughters.

Will #2050 written 21st day April 1786 recorded in Bucks County Register of Wills Bk. 4, pg. 526.

Will proved 8 Aug 1786.