

mentioned in the Huntington town records. He was chosen Constable and Collector May 7, 1771, and is given in the list of inhabitants of the "Town Spot" at the close of the Revolution, "about 1783." In 1801 there was a David Harrison also a resident of the town. (See *Huntington Town Records*, published by the town, Vol. II, pp. 311, 315, 321, 331, and Vol. III, pp. 105 and 217). It appears from a striking similarity of names of these Harrisons with those of Isaiah's known grandchildren that probably Nathaniel was also a grandchild of his, and it may be that the Daniel and Jesse mentioned were on a visit from Augusta County, Virginia, when baptized. Many Harnets are mentioned in the town books as well as Langdons, and it is significant that one of Isaiah's granddaughters of Augusta, married a Langdon, and later a David Harnet.

The maiden name of Isaiah's second wife does not appear to be known for certain, probably owing to the loss of the first records of the old Huntington church. An extensive search of various genealogies relating to many of the early Oyster Bay and Long Island families of this section, including Carpenters, Davieses, Hallocks, Lawrences, Loyds, Smiths, Townsends, Underhills, Warrens, Workes, Whiteheads, Willets and Wrights, has failed to yield anything definite in this connection. However, there are many circumstances indicating that she was a Smith, and of the Smithtown family.

Richard Smith, the immigrant and patentee of Smithtown, came to New England in the early part of 1600 and married Sarah _____, his first wife, by whom he had issue; Jonathan m. Sarah Brewster; Obediah, drowned in 1680, supposed to be the first white person buried in Smithtown; Richard II, m. 1670, Hannah Tooker and d. 1720; Job m. Elizabeth Thompson; Adam m. Elizabeth Brown; Samuel m. Hannah Longbothem; Daniel m. 1st Ruth Tooker, m. 2nd Mary Hilton; Elizabeth m. 1st 1664, Capt. William Lawrence, m. 2nd Capt. Phillip Carteret, Governor of New Jersey, as previously stated; Debora m. 1680, Major William Lawrence, also previously noted, and d. 1743.

Of these; Jonathan had Jonathan II, and Debora; Richard II, had Nathaniel, Richard, Ebenezer, Hannah and Sarah; Job had Job II, St. Richard, Timothy, Aaron, James, Joseph, and Elizabeth; Adam had Edmund who m. Mary Smith, as noted; Samuel had Obediah II, Richard (the Quaker), Mary, Phebe, Anna, and Hannah; Daniel by wife Ruth had Obediah, Daniel II, and Debora and by wife Mary; Solomon, Lorinda, Mary and Sarah. Elizabeth and Capt. Wm. Lawrence had Mary, Thomas, Joseph, Richard, Samuel, Sarah, and James. (Capt. William and a first wife, Elizabeth had William, the Major below, John who m. Elizabeth _____, and Elizabeth who m. Thomas Stevenson of Newton, 1672. (The Lawrences resided at Flushing). Debora and Major William Lawrence had William, Richard, Obedah, Daniel, Samuel, John, Adam, Stephen, (b. 1700), Joshua, Caleb, Debora, Sarah, Elizabeth who m. John Willits. (See, *Thompson's History of Long Island*, Vol. IV, p. 182.)

The genealogical accounts of Richard Smith's family are very fragmentary. It will be observed that Thompson only mentions two children of Jonathan and one son of Adam. As before stated, Jonathan and Adam owned land adjoining Isaiah Harrison, and it may be that Abigail, the wife of Isaiah, was a daughter of Adam Smith, and a sister of Edmund who married Mary Smith one of the witnesses of the deed. As Abigail was, however, evidently much older than Mary Smith the greater probability is that she was a daughter of Jonathan.

John Smith, the immigrant to Augusta County, Virginia, had sons both John and Jonathan as well as a son of Daniel. The coat of arms of the Smithtown patentee, as pictured in Pelletresu's Records of Smithtown, show on the shield six fleur-de-lis set three, two, and one. The fleur-de-lis was also a prominent figure on the arms of the

Augusta family, as shown by the seal on John's will. As will be further observed in succeeding pages, from the time of Isaiah Harrison's settlement at Smithtown until his death the deeds relating to him and his sons are usually witnessed by at least one Smith. Other old records to be mentioned later show that in the case of the children by his second wife there was a marked intimacy of these with various members of the above Smith family of Augusta. Thus from Isaiah's second marriage, and removal from Oyster Bay to Smithtown, may be traced a continuation of his family's long association with many Smiths.

As Isaiah Harrison bought both of his tracts of land from Lawrence brothers, so he sold both of these tracts to Willis brothers. The 100 acre home tract was sold to Amos Willis, as given by the above deed, while the 200 acres east of the Ninnesqueog was sold to Richard Willis. These Willis were the sons of Thomas Willis (1610-1710) and his wife Dinah, the daughter of Richard and Deliverance (Cole) Townsend. As Richard Townsend was a brother of John, the ancestor of Isaiah's first wife, the Willis were kinsmen of hers. Thomas and Dinah Willis had nine children, viz: Isaac, Amos, Richard, Thomas, Mary, Elizabeth, Hannah, Sarah, and Dinah. Thomas was a son of Richard the immigrant who came from England and settled at Hempstead by 1617. Richard the immigrant married Mary, the daughter of William and Jane Washburn and died before 1666, when his widow removed to Oyster Bay and settled at Jerico. She joined the Quakers and became a minister of the sect. Thomas Sr. settled at Islip which was named for a town of this name in Oxfordshire, England.

Of the children of Thomas and Dinah Willis, Isaac m. 1716, Clement Hallock; Amos m. 1st, 1713, Mary Hallock, m. 2nd, 1719, Rebecca Whiston; Richard m. 1st, Sarah Hallock, m. 2nd, Margaret Hallock, widow of John Powell; Thomas m. 1st 1706, Catherine Hallock, m. 2nd, Rachel, daughter of Thomas Powell; Mary m. 1691, Thomas Powell, son of Thomas; Elizabeth m. John Underhill; Hannah m. Samuel Underhill; and Dinah m. perhaps William Hallock. The wives of Isaac, Amos, Richard and Thomas Willis were sisters, the daughters of John and Abigail (Sweczy) Hallock. John and Abigail Hallock were married in 1679, and had besides these, sons John, Jr. b. 1680; Benjamin; and Peter, who m. Abigail, the daughter of Thomas and Mary Willis Powell; and daughter Abigail, b. 1688, d. unmarried. John and Samuel Underhill were brothers, the sons of John and Mary Underhill. Thomas and Catherine Hallock Willis had among others, sons Isaac, b. 1714, and Isaiah, both of whom removed to Pennsylvania, probably Bucks County. (See, *Long Island Genealogies*, by Mary Powell Bunker, pp. 7) and 81, *The Willet Genealogy* by J. E. Bookstover, p. 103, *Ancestors and Descendants of James and Ann Willis of Little Egg Harbor, N. J.*, by A. C. Willis).

The old road from Oyster Bay and Huntington joins the Jerico turnpike on the western banks of the Ninnesqueog just to the north of Smithtown. At this juncture the turnpike crosses the river eastward and continues on into the town. Several handsome views of this beautiful river are given by Palletreau in his Smithtown volume. The river empties into Smithtown Bay on Long Island Sound. The mention in the deed of the common passage over the river identifies clearly the location of Isaiah Harrison's dwelling. Evidently his home stood on the western banks of the river by the south side of the road leading to Huntington, and was near the present junction of this road and the turnpike. Here passed the old settlers on their way to and from the east of the

Isiah, and here, no doubt, many of them accepted Isiah's friendship and aid in crossing the river—

*"Let me live in my house by the
side of the road,
Where the race of men go by,
They are good, they are bad, they
are weak, they are strong,
Wise, foolish, so am I,
Then why should I sit in the
scornor's seat,
Or haul the cynic's band?
Let me live in my house by the
side of the road
And be friend to man."*

—SAM WALTER FOSS,

Isiah's location was advantageous, and after his removal part of his land early became a mill site. In reference to the "Mill on the Nissequogue" Pellereau gives the following account, which he says was probably written about 1775,

"On the 21th. Day of March 1684, Richard Smith Patronce of Smith-town, conveyed to his son in law, William Lawrence, 500 acres of land at the Common passage over the river Nissequogue, Bounded East by the river.

"In some period after, William Lawrence conveys the 500 acres of land to Isiah Harrison.

"Isiah Harrison conveys the 500 acres to Amos Willits of Islip. Amos Willits while in possession of the above 500 acres of land, about 50 years past, in conjunction with his brother Richard Willits, Daniel Smith and Richard Smith, built a dam across the river and erected a saw mill, each building and owning a quarter of said Mill.

"Daniel Smith and Richard Smith convey each their quarter to Daniel Bates after two or three years, with their right to the pond, upon which Daniel Bates erects the first fulling mill, and Amos Willits afterward the first grist mill.

"Daniel Bates conveys his title to saw mill and fulling mill to James Chipman, and Amos Willits conveys his half of the saw mill and grist mill to Richard Smith, surnamed the Quaker.

"On the 28th. of December, 1730, James Chipman conveys to the above Richard Smith and his brother Obediah, his half of the saw mill and the fulling mill with half the privilege of stream and water, and so much land as is needful for the pond to flow.

"On the 21st. of August, 1735, the above Richard Smith conveys the whole of his title to the said mill to his brother Obediah Smith, bounding him east by the easternmost part or side of the stream and pond as they run."

(See p. 418).

Pellereau notes from the above that "it is plain that the dam and the first mill were built as early as 1725, and probably a few years earlier". A further reference to this tract reads as follows—see p. 282:

"May 14 day 1716, then layd out a certain tract of land on the right of Debora Lawrence, containing five hundred acres, lying on the west side of Smithtown River a place where the mills now stand, bounded as followeth. Beginning at the Said river at a certain branch of said river lying southward of the said mills Called Peaspunk branch, from thence running north thirty one degrees west one hundred and ninety six rods, then east thirty degrees north 404 rods to a marked tree being the northwest bounds of said tract, then running south thirty degrees one hundred and ninety six rods, to the meadows, then running southward between the meadows and upland one hundred and eight rods, then running east to the said river, then running southwardly up the middle of said river to the first bound at the mouth of the said Peaspunk branch, excluding out of the said tract two acres of land layd out to Daniel Smith joyning to the sayd meadows, and a piece of land twentyfive rods in length and 4 rods in width layd out to Aaron Smith joyning to the Sayd meadows. The above sayd tract is said formerly to have been sold by William Lawrence deceased and his wife Debora Lawrence to Isaiah Harrison, one hundred and thirty acres of the above sayd tract lying southward of the highway that leads over the said river towards the house of Obediah Smith is layd out to the sayd Obediah Smith on the right of the said Debora Lawrence, and the remaining part of the said 100 acres lying northbound of the said highway is layd out on the right of the sayd Debora Lawrence to the heirs of Richard Smith, deceased, son of Samuel Smith deceased." (Book 1715-1747).

As disclosed by the following deed, the year after Isaiah's removal from the Colony of New York he disposed of his final holding on the Island of Namsu.

"THIS INDENTURE, MADE the 28th. day of April in the eighth year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George by the Grace of God King of Great Britain France and Ireland -x-x-x-x-x-x- Defender of the faith &c. Anno Domini 1722 BETWEEN ISAIAH HARRISON Senior of the County of Sussex upon Delaware Blacksmith on the one part and RICHARD WILLETTS of the Islip in the County of Suffolk and Colony of New York on the Isle of Namsu Husbandman of the other part.

WITNESSETH, that the said Isaiah Harrison for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred pounds current money of New York to him in hand paid before the making and delivery hereof by the said Richard Willetts the receipt whereof the said Isaiah Harrison doth hereby acknowledge and himself therewith fully satisfied and contented and paid and thereof and every part and parcel thereof do exonerate acquit and discharge the said Richard Willetts his heirs executors and administrators forever by these presents hath given granted bargained sold alienated enfeoffed released conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth for himself his heirs executors administrators and assigns fully freely and absolutely give grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release convey and confirm unto the said Richard Willetts his heirs and assigns.

ALL that two hundred acres of land situate lying and being in the bounds of Smithtown in the County of Suffolk in the Colony of New York on the Isle of Namsu aforesaid on the east side of the River called Nemoque bounded south by the Common Path; west by the aforesaid River from thence eastward in length a mile and from the aforesaid Common Path northward in breadth one hundred poles taking in all Swamps Meadow Creek thatch with the benefits privileges improvements and commodities thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining thereunto with liberty of fishing fowling & hunting on the neck ye west side of the river aforesaid. and ye liberty off commonage for crowses cutt creek thatch in the said River Nemoque.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said two hundred acres of land and all and singular the within granted premises with their appurtenances to the said Richard Willets his heirs and assigns for is and there own proper use benefit and behoofe forever and the said Isiah Harrison for himself and his heirs executors and administrators doth hereby covenant promise and grant to and with the said Richard Willets his heirs and assigns that he the said Isiah Harrison is at the enen-ling and delivery hereof the true sole and lawfull owner of the above bargained premises and hath in himself good right full power and lawfull authority to sell and dispose of the same in manner as above said and that the Said Richard Willets his heirs and assigns shall and may from time to time and at all times for ever hereafter have hold use and occupy posses and enjoy the said granted premises freely and clearly acquitted and of and from any incumbrances whatsoever and the said Isiah Harrison for himself and his heirs, and assigns doth hereby *beraby* warrant and defend the above granter premises against the just and lawfull claim of any person or persons whatsoever and further to give any better confirmation hereof as shall be reasonably advised or devised by ye sd. Richard Willets his heirs or assigns or his or their counsell learned *learned* at their cost.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said Isiah Harrison hath to these presents set his hand and seal the day & year first above written.

ISIAH HARRISON (Seal)
 ABIGAIL HARRISON (Seal)
 her mark [®]

Sealed & delivered in presence of us
 William Makerton
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SUMEX SS: The above deed of sale was signed sealed & acknowledged by the within Isiah Harrison and Abigail his wife before me Philip Russell, one of his majesties Justices of the Peace for the County of Sumex *sd.* according to the contents thereof.

Test Philip Russell.

Recorded the 13th. day of September 1722.
 L. Congreve

Liber B of Deeds page 91.

(See—Liber B of Deeds, p. 91, at Riverhead, Long Island).

