

## **William Martin Harris**

Born: 2 Nov 1826

Died: 13 Jan 1888

Father: **William Harris**

Married: **Ophelia Wilson**

Born: 28 Apr 1828 in Dade County, Georgia

Died: 21 Nov 1895

**(Wm.) Martin Harris** was a pioneer settler of Knox County, Tennessee from Dade County, Georgia. He later settled in Marion County, Tennessee. Martin died in Dickson's Cove in Marion County.

**Martin**, a miller and a self taught man that moved fifty times in his life (twice to Alabama). He served in the Federal Army as a pilot of the General Wagner. He was a very patriotic man. Politically he was a Whig, later a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Christian Church. His family owned a cotton gin and a carding factory on the Little Sequachie River. He was a member of the County Court in Marion County and Tracy City, Tennessee.

Martin and Ophelia had seven children.

**George W. Harris** – Sawmill operator and farmer – Married **Martha Foster**

**William H. Harris** – Well known lawyer of Tacoma, Washington

**Marshall Harris** – Contractor of Tacoma Washington

**A. C. J. Harris** – Resident of Marion County

**Ben Easley Wilson Harris** – Resident of Marion County - Married **Mary Jane Foster**

**Martin Prince Harris** – Died at age of 26 Years

See **Robert Foster** for more information.

William Martin and Ephra (Wilson) Harris. Martin was born Nov. 2, 1826. Died Jan. 13, 1899. Ephra L. was born in Dade County Ga., April 28, 1828, died Nov. 21, 1895. Martin was the son of William Harris, a pioneer of Knox County Tenn., he moved there from Dade County Georgia, then settled in Marion County Tenn. Martin Harris a pioneer settler of Knox County Tenn. came from Dade County Ga. He later settled in Marion County Tenn. He died in Dicksons Cove in Marion County. Martin, a miller and self taught man moved fifty times in his life (twice to Alabama). He served in the Federal Army as a pilot of General Wagner. He was a very patriotic man. Politically he was a Whig, later a Republican. He and his wife were members of the Christian Church. He and his family owned a cotton gin and a carding factory on the Little Sequatchie River. He was a member of the County Court in Marion County and Tracy City. He and his wife had seven children.

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Robert Foster was born Jan. 30, 1802 near St. Stephens Chapel in London, England.

He first married Guste Smith of London, England, they had one son Charles who died in Arkansas. He crossed the Atlantic in a Packet in 1835. The Packet was named the Philadelphia. It landed in New York. He first located in Detroit, Mich. He then moved to Cinn., his where he published a paper

called the Western Farmer and Gardener, he settled on a farm in Marion County, Tenn., in 1843. He was a well read and educated man having one of the most complete libraries and paintings in that part of the country. He was also a self taught Artist, Millwright and Draftsman. He served as Chief engineer under Confederate General S.B. Buckner during the Civil War. He traveled all over the world and was with Walker in his Central American Revolution. He later married Martha Shrum in 1852 who was born in Blount County Aug. 14, 1828. The daughter of Moses Shrum, they had seven children.

Mary Jane--wife of Ben. E.W. Harris

Martha--wife of George W. Harris

Ellen--wife of Newton Caults

Sarah--wife of William Price

Elizabeth--wife of Dr. W.R.C. Bocher. Physician living near Bristol, Tenn.

Francis--died in childhood

Robert Troster