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Date: 2 October 2006

1) Bible Name (Name of family recorded):

Harkreader

2) Contributed by: Name, address, phone, and email: Virginia Gorch Watson

3) Relationship of Bible owner to family in Bible: Great Great Granddaughter of

4) Original date of the Bible: 1814 Jacob Harkreader

Information about family recorded in Bible:

5) Where did the family live (city, county, state): Montgomery & Wythe Counties, VA,
then Wilson Co., TN

6) Occupation of key figure in Bible if known: Jacob Harkreader

7) Brief sketch of the family if known (original place of origin, settlement in Tennessee)

Montgomery and Wythe Counties, VA, then migrated to
Wilson Co. TN in 1832

8) Relationships of family members if not stated in the Bible: see separate sheet

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Signed Virginia Gorch Watson

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FAMILY RECORD.

MARRIAGES.

Sary Parker was
married the twelfth
day of June eighteen ^{hundred} and
twenty eight

Sarah Gillet was
married the ~~twenty~~
twenty seventh
of December 1832

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

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Jacob Harknader
was born in the
Year of Our Lord
Twenty fifth May
One thousand seven
hundred & eighty
three

Sally Harknader
was born in the
Year of Our Lord
fourth March
One thousand seven
hundred & eighty
seven

Sally Harknader
was born March
5th 5 O'clock Afternoon
1809

John Harknader
was born October 4th
9 O'clock Afternoon
Morning 1811

James Augustus
Harknader was
born October 14th
10 O'clock Afternoon
1813

Sylvia Harknader
was born September
20th 1815

FAMILY RECORD.

BIRTHS.

Jacob Harkneder
and Sally Haby
were married
April 4th 1808

Sarah Harkneder was born in
December the 16th in the year
of our lord 1814.

Catherine Harkneder was
born in January the 22nd in
the year of our lord eighteen
hundred and 20.

Elizabeth Harkneder was born
nearly the sixt. in the year
of our lord one thousand eight
hundred and twenty two

William G. Harkneder
was born in February
the twenty third in the
year of our lord eighteen
hundred and twenty
four

DEATHS.

Margaret Maria Harkneder
was born
the 25th of May 1822

Jacob Stephen Harkneder
was born October 2nd
in the evening 1828

Catherine Harkneder
was born in January
the 22 in the year of
eighteen hundred and
20 1820.

Elizabeth Harkneder
was born March
the 6th in the year of
our lord 1822

FAMILY RECORD.

DEATHS.

Jacob Leffen harkreader
departed this world
on the thirtieth of
July eighteen hundred
and twenty ninth
Curtis Guild departed
this life March the
twenty first eighteen
hundred and thirty

Johas harkreader departed
this life the fifteenth
of November ¹⁸³⁴ 1834
at the age of one.
Clerk in the night in
the full triumph of
faith

DEATHS.

William Fisher
departed this life the
second of May ~~1834~~
1834

Sarah Harkreader
departed this life
on Tuesday Evening
the 25th of ~~May~~ 1834

Sarah (Waller)
departed this life
on Monday 12 O'clock
the 21 of February
1853

Jacob Harkreader
departed this life on
Saturday Evening the 15th
of May 1858

Abraham Gleaves departed
this life June 14, 1895
in the triumph of a
glorious faith

Notes on the Jacob Harkreader Bible
by
Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson (Mrs. George F.)
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Mrs. Watson is the great granddaughter of Absolum Gleaves Harkreader and the great great granddaughter of Mrs. Catharine (Harkreader) Logue - both of these were the children of Jacob and Sarah (Halsay) Harkreader. So I am the 2d great granddaughter of Jacob through Absolum and the 3d great granddaughter through Catharine.

The Bible has the spellings Harkarader, Harkrader and Harkreader. In the Wythe and Montgomery Co., VA. deeds and other records, the name is spelled Harkarader, Harkrader, Harkrider, and Harkreader. When Jacob Harkreader and family moved from his home in Wythe Co., VA., to Wilson Co., TN. in 1832, they began using the spelling "Harkreader" exclusively and it has remained as such to the present time.

Jacob Harkarader

born:	25 May 1783 Montgomery Co., VA., raised in Wythe Co., VA.
son of:	Conrad Harkarader
grandson of:	John Harkarader
died:	15 May 1858 Wilson Co., TN. or Robertson Co., TN.
buried:	Harkreader Cemetery, Beckwith Road, Wilson Co., TN.
marr:	14 April 1808 to Sarah Halsay (Halsey, Halsy) in Nashville, TN.
occupation:	Millwright

It would appear that all of the Harkreaders were in Montgomery Co., VA., first until it was cut off to form Wythe County and then they were automatically residents of Wythe County. From the deeds, they all lived on the waters of Sally Run, a branch of Stoney Fork of Reed Creek.

Jacob was in Nashville in 1808 when he married Sarah Halsay. Possibly one reason for this was that he was seeing to property in Kentucky for his father and himself, or visiting his brother, John Harkarader, who lived in Robertson Co., TN. (note that Jacob's Letters of Estate are recorded in Robertson Co., TN. Will Book 16, p.635 indicating he may have been living with a family member or visiting there when he died as he died without a will. Jacob's home was in Wilson Co. but he may have become ill and moved to Robertson Co. to be with a family member). Jacob's father, Conrad Harkrader of Wythe Co., VA., sold to his son, Jacob, his 1/7 part or 189 and 2/7 acres of land in Jefferson Co., Kentucky where Louisville was built. Conrad later gave Jacob his power of attorney to sue, prosecute and recover if a suit was necessary his 1/7 part of the land in Kentucky on 5 May 1818. The total acreage in KY. was 1,325 acres on the Ohio. Jacob could have been in Nashville in 1808 on a trip to Kentucky to see about the said property for his father and himself when he decided to get married. There were no Harkreaders in Nashville at that time that can be documented. Sarah Halsay could have been visiting a married relative as there were no Halsays in Nashville either. Jacob's brother lived in Robertson Co., TN. in 1820 and later moved to Marion County, Kentucky, and then moved to Wilson Co., TN. where he died. Otherwise, it is a mystery of what Sarah and Jacob were doing in Nashville when they married as young women didn't travel by themselves then.

Jacob was christened, baptized and a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Wythe Co., VA. When he moved to Wilson Co., TN., he became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Wilson Co. since there were no Lutheran Church in the area. He purchased 71 acres on the Stones Creek in Wilson Co., TN. on March 13, 1832. He was a Mason in Wilson Co. His original home was a large log structure which burned and a frame house was then built on the same site and that is the home the later

Harkreaders lived in and where Sidney "Fiddlin Sid" J. Harkreader was born.
Sarah Halsay was also christened, baptized and a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church in Wythe Co., VA.

The Wythe Co., VA. deed indicate that Jacob purchased a total of 554 acres between August 1800 and Aug. 1813. Jacob Harkerader and Jacob Hederich, both of Wythe Co. purchased a total of 104,169 acres in Wythe Co. on 10 August 1815 for a total of \$125.07 as the land was sold at the courthouse for non-payment of taxes. Jacob and his wife, Sarah, sold on 11 April 1836 when living in TN. property in Wythe Co., VA. The deed is in the Wythe Co., VA., Order Book 1833-1837, p.409 but I have not read the actual deed so the number of acres is unknown.

In 1850, Jacob and Sarah lived in District 1 of Wilson Co. and had 1 slave.
Jacob & Sarah named two of their children for Sarah's sister and her husband, Catharine Halsey who married Absolum Gleaves (Methodist preacher in Wilson Co., TN.) Jacob's two children were Catharine Harkreader who married Dr. John C. Logue and Absolum Gleaves Harkreader. The other names of Sylvanus and Stephen appear to be Halsay names while all the others were in the Harkreader family.

Sarah Halsy
born: 4 March 1787 probably in Montgomery or Wythe Co., VA.
daughter of: James Halsay and wife, Sarah Hildreth
died: 25 April 1854 Wilson Co., TN.
buried: Harkreader Cemetery, Beckwith Road, Wilson Co., TN.

They had 10 children, all born in Wythe County, Virginia, as follows:

Sarah (Sara, Sally) Harkarader

born: 6 March 1809
died: 21 Feb. 1853 in Wilson Co., TN.
buried: Leeville Cemetery, on north side of Leeville Road, in Wilson Co., TN.
marr: Twice. 1st to Curtis Grubb on 12 June 1828 in Wythe Co., VA. (Wythe Co., VA. Marriage Records 1790-1853, p.93). Curtis Grubb died 21 March 1830 in Wythe Co., VA. (Jacob Harkreader Bible). They evidently had a child, William Grubb who died on 2 May 1837 in Wilson Co., TN. as the Jacob Harkreader Bible shows his death date.

2d marr. to Wilson Co., TN Baker on 27 Dec. 1832 prob. in Wythe Co., VA. *-no marriage in Wythe Co.*
as that is where Sarah Grubb lived and the first Baker child was born in Wythe Co., VA. (Jacob Harkreader Bible shows marriage date). Possibly Bakers name was John or James. Sarah Baker moved to Wilson Co., TN. between 1833 and 1834 as her first Baker child, Sarah, was born in 1833 in VA. and the second Baker child, James, was born in 1834 in TN. The other children she had by 1850 were Mary b. 1836 in TN., and John born 1839 in TN. Sarah lived in District No.1, house no.11 in 1850 as shown by the Wilson Co., TN. census p.624. Sarah also appears on the 1840 Wilson Co., TN. census as head of household. So, Sarah (Harkreader) Grubb Baker was a widow by 1840.

John Harkarader

born: 4 Oct. 1811
died: 15 Nov. 1834

never married

James Augustus Harkarader

born: 14 Oct. 1813
died: by August 1850 as he doesn't appear on the TN.Census Index as head of household or in Jacob & Sarah's home

Sylvanus (Silvanus) Harkarader

born: 26 Sept. 1815
died: 11 March 1884 in Wilson Co., TN.
marr. 18 Jan. 1838 to Jane Elvina Dericson (Jan.21, 1817-April 4, 1856); marr. 2d to Nancy Smith Whitaker between 1856 & 1858.

It is from this line that "Fiddlin" Sid Harkreader descended. "Fiddlin Sid" was a member of the original Grand Ole Opry when it began in 1925.

Tirzah (Turza) Harkarader

born: 13 Dec. 1817
marr: James W. Hardy 23 Feb. 1841 in Wilson Co., TN. (Wilson Co., TN. Marriages 1802-1850, trans. by E.R. Whitley, p.177; and Early Middle Tennessee Marriages vol. 2, Brides by Byron Sistler p.236)

died: by 15 Aug. 1900, probably in July, in Wilson Co., TN. Tirzah Hardy's will is recorded 15 Aug. 1900 in the original Wilson Co., TN. Wills and Inventories 1896-1900, pp.406-407 as recorded in "Wilson County, Tennessee, Deeds, Marriages and Wills 1800-1902 comp. by Thomas E. Partlow, 1987, p.74. The will was recorded on 15 August 1900.

Tirzah's heirs in her will were daughters Margaret A. Sanders and M. E. Sherrill, and the children of her deceased daughter, Sarah C. "Dovie" (Hardy) Baird, to wit: Pansy K., Annie S., Tirzah S., James H., and Ed M. Baird. Sarah C. "Dovie" Hardy (2 Oct. 1842- Sept. 1890) married Dan W. Baird (29 July 18__ - 7 Feb. 1913). Their 5 children were: James (Jim), Ed M. Baird who married Vallie D. Wright 2 Sept. 1894, Tirzah S. who married Luke Russel & had no children, Ann S. (unmarried), and Pansy K. Baird (unmarried). One of Ed M. Baird's children, Martha, married Wallis Gutridge and they had one child, Sandra. Mrs. Martha Baird Gutridge lived in Lebanon, TN. until her death in 1997.

Margaret A. Hardy was an attendant in her first cousin's wedding, that of Margaret Tirzah (Maggie) Logue to Dr. Orville Calhoun Omohundro on May 13, 1868.

husband: James W. Hardy was born 27 May 1815 and died 3 March 1883.

buried: James W. Hardy and wife, Tirzah Harkreader, Dan W. & Sarah C. "Dovie" Baird, and Ed M. and Vallie D. Baird are all buried in the Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lebanon, TN. (In addition to the

marriage records, etc., Mrs. Martha Baird Gutridge wrote a letter to Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson Aug. 30, 1983 with the data on the Hardy-Harkreader-Baird-Gutridge families and tombstone inscriptions from the Cedar Grove Cemetery in Lebanon, TN.

Catharine Harkarader

born: 22 Jan. 1820
died: 30 Sept. 1906 Wilson Co., TN.
buried: Suggs Creek Cemetery, Wilson Co., TN.
marr: 16 May 1846 to Dr. John C. Logue in Wilson Co., TN.

The couple lived on Stewart's Ferry Pike, Wilson Co., TN., in the Logue home which is still standing today. Dr. Logue and Catharine are buried in the Logue lot in the Sugg's Creek Cemetery about 1/4 mile from their home. See the biographical sketch on the Logues in the compilation by Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson, "History of the Logue Homes in West Wilson Co., TN." comp. in 1986. Copy in the Tennessee State Library & Archives. Mrs. Watson has an oil portrait of Catharine (Harkreader) Logue and a pastel portrait of Dr. John C. Logue.

Elizabeth W. Harkarader

born: 6 March 1822
marr: 26 July 1848 to Rufus A. Rozell in Wilson Co., TN. (Early Middle TN. Marriages vol. 2, Brides, comp. by Byron Sistler, p.236 and Marriages of Wilson Co., TN. 1802-1850 by E.R. Whitley, p.222)
died: after 1860 in Williamson Co., TN.
buried: Mt. Olivet Cem., Nashville, TN.

husband: Rufus A. Rozell was born 17 Nov. 1810 in TN., the son of

Solomon Rozell. Rufus's brother was Ashley Bascom Rozell (born 11 June 1811 in S.C.) who was ordained as a Methodist minister in 1822 and served various churches in the Tennessee Conference until he retired from the ministry in 1833. Although retired from the ministry, Ashley was instrumental in the founding of the Brentwood United Methodist Church. When Ashley died on 26 Nov. 1886 at his home "Mountview" in Brentwood, TN., he was a very wealthy man owning 1,640 acres in Ark., 110 acres in Memphis lots and large holdings in Texas in addition to his Brentwood holdings. Ashley purchased Mountview in 1865 and it remained in the family until 1925 when Charles P. Wilson bought it. Ray Bell, Nashville contractor purchased it in 1980 and he has sold it recently in late 1997 or early 1998.

The 1840 Rutherford Co., TN. census shows Ruford A. Rozell with his 1st wife and 3 females under 5, his brother, Ashley B. Rozell living in District 1 of Rutherford Co. He lived on Stones River in Smyrna near the Sam Davis residence and also close to Dr. John Claiborne Gooch. When Ashley came to Franklin to purchase a home and stopped at Mountview in 1865, Ashley purchased Mountview immediately.

Rufus and his first wife lived in Wilson Co., TN. in 1840. Rufus and his 2d wife, Elizabeth W. Harkreader, lived in Wilson Co., TN. in 1850 with 5 children from Rufus's 1st marriage and their first child, Ruford A., (or Rufus A.) aged 1. This first child of Rufus and Elizabeth was born April 19, 1849 and died July 2, 1850 and is buried in the Leeville Cemetery, Leeville, in Wilson Co., TN. (Annotated Cemetery Records of West Wilson County area of Tennessee, pub. by the Mt. Juliet-West Wilson County Historical Society, p.75) R.A. Rozell purchased 133 1/2 acres from the estate of Ezekial Cloyd on Stoner's Creek on July 1, 1853 (Wilson Co., TN., Deed Book Z, pp.327-328). Between 1853 and 1860, Rufus and

Elizabeth moved to Williamson Co., TN., 15th District to the Rozell home on Franklin Pike known as Mountview.

Rufus A. Rozell was dead by 1886 when his brother died as Ashley reserved a burial ground on his extensive farm at the southwest corner of what is now Murray Lane and Franklin Pike in Brentwood, TN. Ashley's brother, R.A. Rozell and Ashley's granddaughter, Zula A. Murray, were already buried in the cemetery. Rufus A. Rozell's wife, Elizabeth (Harkreader) was probably buried there but it is not known whether she died before or after her husband, Rufus. Ashley left funds to erect a stone wall around the cemetery and head and foot stones over his own grave and those of Rufus and Zula. All of the Rozell family buried in the cemetery were moved to Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Nashville Sept. 23, 1892 in Section 15, Lot 2. The large Rozell monument in Mt. Olivet has 13 names inscribed on it. Rufus A. Rozell's death date was never filled in but he was dead by 1886. Elizabeth (Harkreader) Rozell was not on this monument nor on either of the two footmarkers on the lot. She could have lived beyond 1886, perhaps with one of her sisters or children and could have died in another state. The 1880 Williamson Co., TN. census does NOT show Rufus A. and Elizabeth living with Ashley or as head of household. HOWEVER, it is known that Elizabeth's niece, Lillie Forrest Harkreader, daughter of Absolum Gleaves Harkreader, used to visit her aunt "Betty" Rozell in Mountview when she was going to school at Maplehill Seminary in Lebanon and Ward Seminary in Nashville. Lillie entered Ward Seminary in 1884 and graduated in 1886, so she visited sometime during the early 1880's or perhaps the late 1870's. Lillie used to talk about it to her daughter, Mrs. Mary Omohundro Gooch and her granddaughter, Mrs. Virginia Gooch Watson.

Elizabeth and Rufus Rozell had two known children, Ruford A. Rozell born 19 April 1849 and died 2 July 1850; and William C. Rozell born 1858.

Absolum Gleaves Harkarader

born: 23 Feb. 1824
died: 14 June 1895 Verona, Lee Co., Mississippi (now part of Tupelo)
marr: Twice: 1st 11 Nov. 1845 to Mary A. H. Smith (1827-bet.1850-54)
in Wilson Co., TN.; 2d on 18 July 1855 to Martha Tennessee
Viverett in Wilson Co., TN.
buried: Verona Cemetery, Lee Co., Mississippi, now part of Tupelo

Absolum was a Planter and large land owner. According to his daughter, Lillie (Harkreader) Omohundro's papers, Absolum left home at age 10 and got a job, where he was a close student of both law and medicine reading it by firelight and being a man of untiring energy. At his death in 1895, he was the largest land owner in Mississippi. Absolum moved to Miss. in 1868 after the Civil War where he raised race horses, bred Percheron horses and bred a rare breed of Jacks and Jennets traveling to Spain often to purchase them. Absolum joined the Confederate Army as a private in the 7th Tenn. Infantry under Capt. Hatton, and rose to rank of Major; later joined Nathan Bedford Forrest's cavalry and was captured at Mt. Juliet and sent to prison at Johnson's Island, Ohio, where he was 6 months prior to the war ending in 1865. He was a member of the Verona Lodge No.263 in 1875, later a member of the Ivanhoe Commandery No.10 where he was a Knight Templar. He took his Knight Templar degree in Scotland on one of his many trips there to purchase some of his blooded stock. He was Commander of the Ivanhoe Commandery. He was a Methodist, owned a brickyard in Verona, Miss. with a partner named Paine in 1877; Served in the Mississippi General Assembly from 1880-1882 from Lee County, Miss. Passed the "new railroad law" but refused the offer to take a Senate seat. His home in Verona on Palmetto Road, was still standing in April 1977 and owned by George V. Sample. The Samples changed the interior by adding paneling, etc. but the marbleized woodwork still showed but they had put paneling on some of the walls.

Absolum and his 1st wife had 3 children, and he and his 2d wife had 7 children that lived. Martha had 6 miscarriages totaling 13 pregnancies. It was the 2d marriage that Lillie Forrest Harkreader was born to and named for Absolum's close friend and commanding officer, General Nathan Bedford Forrest.

Margaret Mariah Harkarader

born:

25 May 1826 or 1827 (the last digit is very difficult to read in the Jacob Harkreader Bible but I believe it is 1826 or 1827 based on the other birth dates of the children

died:

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marr:

_____ Brown. No marriage is found in Wilson Co., TN., or in the Early Tennessee Marriages for East, Middle or West TN. Mrs. Lillie F. (Harkreader) Omohundro, daughter of Absolum Gleaves Harkreader, wrote a family record and stated that Margaret married a Brown. No Brown with a wife, Margaret Mariah, was found on the 1850 TN. Census Index. There are 4 Brown men who married a Margaret that was born in either 1826 or 1827 that appear on the 1850 census. They are:

William Brown 27, Margaret 24 (b. 1826) living in Anderson Co., TN. They had a son, Ferrill H., and the H. could have stood for Harkreader.

William P. Brown, 26, Marg 24 (b. 1826) living in Green Co. They had a child, Sarah 1 year old, This child could have been named for Margaret's mother, Sarah.

Reuben Brown 22, Margaret 23 (b. 1827) living in Dickson Co.

Thomas Brown 26, Margaret 23 (b. 1827) living in White Co.

There were no Brown entries for a M.M., or Mariah or Margaret Mariah. Since the family has no further record of Margaret Mariah (Harkreader) Brown, possibly she did live in East TN rather than Middle TN., or out of the state altogether. The family lost contact with her completely.

Jacob Stephen Harkarader

born:

2 Oct. 1828

died:

30 July 1829 in Wythe Co., VA.