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RUEBEN HARISON was born sometime before 1760, probably in South Carolina. He married Sarah Burge (or Burgess) around 1782 in SC; and died in Fairfield District, SC after 13 March 1835 (date of will).

His second wife was named Nancy, and probably was a Kirkland.

He had ten children:

Richard B., born around 1783

→ William H.

John....married Lucy Rives

James...died unmarried

Kirkland....married Harriet

Mary...born 4 April 1792, married Charles Moores

Frances...married a Brevard

Nancy....married Anderson Rochelle

David...married Margaret A. Smith

Willoughby....married Elizabeth Rives, died after 1826, probably in Alabama, left son Richard.

Rueben lived "in the manner of Virginia gentry", and left an estate valued at \$25,000 when he died in 1835.

As a young man, he served in the Revolutionary War....in General Henderson's brigade under Capt. Starks. He received pay for this service in 1785, and began buying land along the Wateree River and its tributaries (Fairfield District). Later he began buying slaves and planting cotton. He also purchased stud horses, and later there was a Harrison racetrack.

The remains of Rueben and his family were buried on Dutchman's Creek near the first home site. When the Duke Power Co. built the present lake, the great-grandson John Douglas Harrison moved their remains and the old vault to the Longtown Presbyterian Cemetery, and it may still be seen from the highway.

All the records and the family Bible were burned in the John Harrison house.

The HARRISON FAMILY was one of the first to come into what is now Fairfield County. Land grants from the Crown bear this out....one to James Harrison, moving to Georgia from this section.

They were attracted to Fairfield County because of its charm, beauty and fertility, and settled on the Wateree River. They inter-married with the KIRKLANDS very early.

They came from Berkely County, Virginia, and some say were closely related to Pres. Wm. Henry Harrison.

Rueben's mother was a Kirkland. Her father, CAPT. RICHARD KIRKLAND and his brother Joseph, came into Camden District, about 1752, with a group of Quaker ... "companion settlers, though not members of the sect"...and moved into Fairfield District soon after.

Rueben's grandfather was possibly BENJAMIN HARRISON, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

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Rueben's father was possibly WILLIAM HARRISON, married to Ann Kirkland (she married a Graves after Harrison died, and she lived to be over 100 years old).

*This definitely
Rueben's
mother*
OF WILLIAM HARRISON, his children were:

Mary....eldest daughter, married to a McKenny

James....eldest son

Sarah....married a Davis

Rueben....our ancestor

Willibee....

Patience....

The will of this William Harrison was probated 15 April 1774.

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WILLIAM HARRISON was the son of Rueben Harrison and Sarah Burge (or Burgess). He was born between 1771 and 1780 in South Carolina. He was married first to Ann Perry, then to Phoebe Trapp. Phoebe was born between 1801 and 1810, and they married by 1818, probably in Fairfield Dist., SC; and died in 1839.

William's death date is uncertain. Two different sources say 1825 and 1827. His own will was not probated until 7 Nov 1836. However, his father's will of 1835 shows William to be already deceased. Perhaps he did die earlier, and his will not probated until his father's death, necessitated then so that his children could inherit from his father.

Little is known about William, other than the names of his three youngest children: Mary, Emma, and Richard.

He apparently was not well, as his will mentions "being of infirm health."