Mitchell

The name Mitchell is derived from the Saxon word muchel meaning big. It is a corruption of the name Michael which means "who is like god" and "the large man". It is the name of an ancient Scottish family which later settled in Halifax, Yorkshire, England. The following are of an uncertain connection.

Mathew Mitchell of south Outram Parish, Halifax, Yorkshire was born in 1590. He left Bristol, England in 1635 on the ship "James" and arrived in Boston with his wife Susan and sons Jonathan, Thomas (?) and William (?) in the company of Richard Mather. He settled in Charlestown, removed to Concord in 1636, continued on to Springfield, Massachusetts where he was one of the founders of the plantation. From there he went to Saybrook Connecticut, then to Wethersfield Connecticut where he was one of the first settlers.

At Wethersfield Mathew was a member of the General Court in February, March and November 1637 and April 1638. He was a deputy in May 1637. He was on the General Court which declared war on the Pequotts (Indians) and held many offices in the colony.

He had a controversy with Deacon Chaplin and was ordered by the Court to make him satisfaction in some public meeting or own his fault. In spite of having done neither the good people of Wethersfield elected him constable. As he was under censure of the Court, his election being reported for confirmation by the same Court he was found incapable of holding office and was fined 20 nobles for accepting the office and those who voted for him were fined five pounds. Sometime during his residence at Wethersfield he was one of a majority that gave in to a minority in a church dispute and left to purchase (with others) the town of Stanford in 1641.

Mathew's son Jonathan was born in 1624 at Halifax, Yorkshire, was age 11 when
He came to America. He graduated at Harvard in 1649 and was installed as pastor at
Cambridge on January 21, 1650. Brother Thomas settled in Charlestown where he administered a will (?) in 1636. He was a deputy in 1648 and married Mary Molton in 1655.

Brother William settled in Newbury where he married Mary Sawyer in 1648. Mathew is believed to have had another son, John who was a resident of Hartford, Connecticut in 1660. He died in1663. John's children were Mary 28, John 25, Sarah 21, Margaret 19, Mabel 17, and Miriam 15. Daughter Sarah died a year later in1684 and left her siblings a 20 pound estate. She is referred to as Sarah of Wethersfield and this proposes the following theory:

Mathew's son John remained in Wethersfield where he began and stayed with his family after his father moved to Stanford. John moved to Hartford with the rest of the family except Sarah. Such a relationship might fill in the uncertain connection between Mathew and Jacob below.

Booth

Possible ancestors of Anna are Simon Booth who was a first settler of Enfield, Connecticut in 1680. There is an extensive genealogy of this family in "Names of First Puritan settlers of Connecticut" through 1778 but there no mention of Anna who was born in 1772. Richard Booth

was an early settler of Stratford some years before1650.The origin of the family name is English. The name means “small cottage”. A William de Boothe, son of Adam de Boothe resided in the county of Lancaster, England in 1725.

Jacob Mitchell who is the first known member of the family was born in Hartford November 17, 1771. He wed Anna Booth who was born on January 17, 1772 and died January 12, 1815 in Farmington, Connecticut at age 43. Jacob died in 1850 in Farmington.

Jacob and Anna had six children as follows:
1- Cynthia born March 15, 1799.

2 -William Loren, born January 29, 1803.

He settled in Rutherford, North Carolina, in his teens, and married Leticia Hamilton whose mother was a sister of John C. Calhoun. (Mrs. Price genealogy reference librarian at North Carolina State Library wrote to Walter Harris Duke 9/11/1962 that she found no Hiram Mitchell in the 1850 census of Rutherford County. There was however a William Mitchell age 47, merchant born in Connecticut, with wife Leticia age 39 and sons Hiram 14, William 5, John 1, daughters Clarice 16, Sarah 11, Ellen 9, Jane 7, Flora 3, and Delia 1 were all born in North Carolina. The eight children, five girls and three sons were Clara who wed Dr. LaFayette Twitty. Hiram wed Annie Nesbit. Laura wed George Suttle. William wed Sallie Neal. Flora wed Dr. Walter De Paso. Ellen Louise wed Dr. James A. Hague. John Noble wed Mary Eades. Della Letitia wed (?). William died May 21, 1871 in Rutherford where he is buried.

3- Clarissa Ann born March 6, 1805 wed Goodwin Fuller and died
February 16, 1856.

4- Hiram born September 28, 1806 in Harford, Connecticut, died in Spartanburg, South Carolina February 12, 1870. He wed Harriet M. Harris, (born March 14, 1813) May 5, 1842. Hiram and his elder brother William migrated to Rutherford in their early teens. Hiram and Harriet had five children. Anna Elizabeth, born February 21, 1843, wed Thomas A. Hayden on June 6, 1865. (See the Hayden family for the children of Thomas and Anna).When Anna Elizabeth was married she received two houses from her father as a wedding present. The Mitchells were well to do owners of a department store, much land and some slaves. Walter Harris born January 2, 1846 wed Sally Littlejohn on April 19 1981. Hiram Booth born February 10, 1850 wed Annie Arnold September 24, 1873. John Loren born February 10, 1856, died March 25, 1857, buried at Oakwood (South Carolina?). Harriet Cornelia born February 21,1859 in Spartanburg,South Carolina wed William B. Warren Veasey (from Mississippi) 10/26/1887.

5- Laura born January 24, 1811.

6- Maryette born September 6, 1812.

It is not known whether Harriet Harris (died November 24, 1881 in Spartanburg) was born in South, Carolina or New England. However the following was found in New England references.

Harris

The name Harris is of Welsh origin. The first of the family to come to New England was Walter who embarked from the old world March 6, 1631 and came to Plymouth upon an engagement with Mr. John Atwood of London under command of Mr. John Done of Plymouth for five years, and was transferred to Henry Howland on April 8, 1633.

Later he became a freeman and resided at Weymouth, Massachusetts until 1641 when he removed to Dorchester where he signed the inventory of John Pope in 1649.He then went to New London until 1653.

Later immigrants with the same surname are:

William, who was in Rowley, Massachusetts in 1643 from where he removed to Charleston and later to Middletown, Connecticut.

Daniel, undoubtedly a brother of William was also in Rowley in 1643 where he was an innkeeper and a Captain of Militia. He also moved to Middleton in 1652. Daniel with the rank of Lieutenant is listed as a first settler of Connecticut. He had seven children, Daniel, Thomas, William, John (to whom he left Mingo, his Negro), Mary, Johnson, Elizabeth, and Hannah Cook.

Harris was a common name in the early settlement of Massachusetts. Of thirteen Harris' one Richard was a gentleman, three were proprietors, one was a seaman/fisherman, one was a mariner, one was an apprentice, two were servants, one was a child and three did not have their occupations or stations recorded.

Andrew Harris was in Massachusetts as early as 1639. Thomas was in Providence, Rhode Island in 1637.Toleration was killed by Indians in 1675.Samuel was a taverner at Middletown, Connecticut in 1659.John came to Boston from London in the ship "Christopher" in 1634. Richard is listed as a first settler of Wethersfield, Connecticut in 1637 and remained there until 1666 when he died unmarried.

The first known ancestor by this surname was Henry whose only child was Weste Harris. Weste's son Isham was born in 1715. Isham's wife Mary Turner was born February 15, 1722. Their son James was born October 23, 1741 and died September 25, 1804. James's son James was born April 6, 1762 in Tennessee and died at Spartanburg, South Carolina September 23, 1804. James Sr. wed Priscilla Gilliam on September 25, 1784. Priscilla was born June 30, 1766 at Spartanburg and died there on December 5, 1814. James participated in the Revolutionary War in some capacity. James Jr.'s son was Colonel William Washington Harris, born February 25, 1788 and died February 18, 1875 in Spartanburg.

One of Colonel William (and Elizabeth's) daughters was Harriet who was born March 14, 1817 in Spartanburg and died there November 24, 1881. She married Hiram Mitchell who was born in 1806 on May 5, 1842.

See 4- Above for the children of Hiram and Harriet.
Note the children of John Thomas and Elizabeth Hayden Duke are Mary Ann, John Thomas

(died at birth), Francis Bernard, John Roland, Elizabeth Stuart, Charles Decatur, Rose Genevieve, Lilly Agnes, Margaret Catherine, James Augustus, Frances Cecelia, Walter Harris, Frederick Hayden, and Virginia Mercedes

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