

# BENJAMIN



**Birth:** about 1857

**Place:** Brunswick County, Virginia

**Death:** Monday, March 16, 1931

**Place:** Brunswick County, Virginia

## A Brief History

**Benjamin Harrison**, affectionately known as Ben or Bennie, was born in 1857 in Brunswick County, Virginia. Benjamin grew up on the small Harrison Farm in rural Ante, Brunswick County, Virginia with his siblings John, James, Samuel, Sallie, and Richard.

Benjamin married Mary “Mollie” Powell on Saturday, March 2, 1878, in Brunswick County, Virginia. Mary’s parents were Harriett Phipps and father unknown.

Benjamin and Mary lived in a rural area off Brandy Creek Road, in the unincorporated community of Ante, within the Powellton District of Brunswick County, Virginia. Brunswick County, established in 1720, was formed from parts of Prince George, Surry, and Isle of Wight counties.

Benjamin and Mary’s children were:

William Harrison, Dora Harrison-Banks, Daniel Harrison, Claudia Harrison-Pearson, Arthur Harrison, Vanderbilt Harrison, Eddie Harrison, Gradie Harrison, Eddie Harrison, Harriett Harrison, Mary Harrison-Powell, and Marie Harrison-Daniels.

## THE CHILDREN

Research of the 1880-1950 census records shows that the majority of Benjamin and Mary's children settled and married in both Brunswick and Greenville Counties, Virginia.



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**William Henry Harrison** married 1st wife, Frances Green-Banks, on Wednesday, February 12, 1906, in Greensville County, Virginia. Frances' parents were Billy Williams and Susan "Sue" Green. William and Frances divorced on Tuesday, June 12, 1928, in Brunswick County, Virginia. William Henry married 2nd wife, Maggie "Becky" Brown on Thursday, December 13, 1928, in Brunswick County, Virginia. Maggie's parents were Hillard Brown and Sis Brown.

**Dora Harrison** married Wyatt Banks on Wednesday, April 11, 1900, in Greensville County, Virginia. Wyatt's parents were Wyatt Banks and Frances Banks. Wyatt's parents were Wyatt Banks and Frances Easter-Banks.

**Daniel Harrison** married Donia Easter. Donia's parents were Williams Easter and Mary Jane Easter.

**Claudia Harrison-Pearson** married William Henry Pearson on Sunday, December 11, 1904, in Brunswick County, Virginia. William's parents were Robert "Bob" Pearson and Sylvia Reavis-Pearson.

**Arthur Harrison** was married to Pearl Harrison according to his death records. Pearl's information is being researched.

**Vanderbilt "Van" Harrison** married 1st wife Gertrude Powell. Vanderbilt "Van" Harrison married 2nd wife Martha Easter-Cain on Saturday, June 23, 1934, in Brunswick County, Virginia. Martha's parents were Andrew Easter and Martha Easter.

**Eddie Harrison** information is being researched. He was found in the 1900 household census of Benjamin Harrison and he was listed as Eddie Harrison.

**Benjamin Gradie Harrison, also known as Gradie**, information is being researched. He was found in the 1900, 1910 household census of Benjamin Harrison and he was listed as Gradie Harrison. The 1920 related census found in Ancestry.com indicates that he was listed as a student at Virginia Union University in Richmond Lee Ward, Richmond (Independent City), Virginia.

**Harriett Harrison** information is being researched. She was found in the 1900, 1910 household census of Benjamin Harrison and he was listed as Harriett Harrison.

**Mary Harrison-Powell** married Junius Powell and relocated to Chesapeake, Virginia. Although they had no children of their own, Mary played a nurturing role in raising her sister Marie Harrison-Daniels children after Marie's untimely passing due to tuberculosis in 1935.

**Marie Harrison-Daniels** married George Daniels on Wednesday, December 12, 1923 in Brunswick County, Virginia. George's parents were Lewis Daniels and Henrietta Stewart-Daniels.

## THE GRANDCHILDREN

- William Henry Harrison
  - **Lelia Banks-Pair**
  - **Nephus H. Banks**
  - **Fierce "Peter" Harrison**
  - **Ora Harrison-Lundy**
  - **Marvin Harrison**
  - **Curtis Harrison**
  - **Gladys Harrison-Ross**
  - **Willie Harrison**
  - **Roy E. Harrison**
  - **Lillian Harrison-Jefferson**
  - **Sylena Harrison-Cooper**
  - **Frank Harrison**



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- Dora Harrison-Banks
  - ***Sarah Banks-Williams***
  - ***James W. Banks***
  - ***Daniel Banks***
  - ***Dora Banks-Adams-Lee-Atkins***
  - ***Alice Banks***
  - ***Rassie Banks***
  - ***Ethel Banks-Lee***
  - ***Mary Eva Banks-Brown***
  - ***Elizabeth Banks-Robinson***
- Daniel Harrison
  - ***Mamie Mendoza Harrison***
  - ***Jessie Harrison***
- Claudia Harrison-Pearson
  - ***Helen Pearson-Phipps***
  - ***Sylvia Pearson-Toombs***
  - ***Fannie Pearson-Freeman-Purcell***
  - ***Minnie Pearson-Blizzard***
  - ***Alfred N. Pearson***
  - ***Clarence W. Pearson***
  - ***Stuart Pearson***
  - ***Charlie Pearson***
  - ***George Pearson***
  - ***Byrd Pearson***
- Arthur Harrison
  - ***Fannie V. Harrison-Davis***
  - ***Gertrude H. Gillus***
  - ***James L. Harrison***
  - ***Goretha Harrison***
- Vanderbilt "Van" Harrison
  - ***Paul Harrison***
  - ***Samuel Harrison***
  - ***John Harrison***
  - ***Bettie Harrison***
  - ***James Cephas Harrison***
  - ***Meade Harrison***
  - ***Essie Harrison-Council***
  - ***Isoria Harrison-Burke-Smith***
  - ***Van L. Harrison***

- Eddie Harrison
  - ***Information is being researched***
- Benjamin Gradie Harrison
  - ***Information is being researched***
- Harriett Harrison
  - ***Information is being researched***
- Mary Harrison-Powell
  - ***Did not have children***
- Marie Harrison-Daniels
  - ***Georgia O. Daniels-Ferebee***
  - ***Edward T. Daniels***



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