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The Harris Letters
Collection of letters of Chas. Wilson Harris
(b. 1771 d. 1884) to his uncle Dr. Charles
Harris and to his brother Robert Wilson
Two other Harris letters in addition
one by Robert Harris, father, & one by
Robert Wilson Harris brother of Charles
Wilson Harris - name "Harris" is
perhaps one of the most frequent in
N.C. It traces back to Edward Harris
of Wiltshire, England who removed to
Ayrshire Scotland in the latter part
of 17th century & there brought up a
Gorge family. One of his sons, Edward
married Flora Douglas of the celebrated

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Scotch border family of that name. Five
sons of this union James, Samuel, Thomas,
Richard & Charles appear to have emigrated
to America, sometime in 2nd quarter of
18th century - some settled in Pennsylvania
& others in Virginia in 1751 Charles
came from Virginia to N.C. & purchased
a large tract of land on Rocky Hill
in popular Tent District. This Charles
was twice married - first to Jane
McElhanney and these children in
order Robert, Martha Jane, Thomas and
James by second wife Elizabeth
Baker Charles and Samuel Harris
H. M. Waystaff author Chapel Hill
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bear upon the Harris genealogy