

# Harris County Historical Commission

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<b>Marker #</b>	00209	<b>Year</b>		<b>Inventoried BY</b>	Jim Fisher / Louis L	<b>Date Last Inventory</b>	4/29/2008
<b>Marker TYPE</b>	Monument, Cenotaph			<b>Inventory Notes</b>	Lenz gives location as SE corner of cemetery, actually NE corner in Harris plot near bayou; Adele Lubbock Briscoe Looscan, 1848-1935, cenotaph pre-1936		

**Marker Description** Harris, John Richardson

<b>Marker SIZE</b>	Monument, Cenota	<b>Key Map Coordinates</b>	535 B	<b>Location Address</b>	
<b>Dedication Date</b>		<b>Condition of Marke</b>	Good	2 blks east of Broadway, end of Magnolia Street	

**Notes**

Louis Lenz Inventory # 02 of 71; John Richardson Harris one of Stephen F. Austin's Colonists, came to Texas in 1823; died of yellow fever on August 22, 1829, he was buried in New Orleans; note Cenotaph is a monument erected to someone buried elsewhere; Adele Lubbock Briscoe Looscan, 1848-1935

<b>Location City</b>	Harrisburg	<b>Zip</b>	77012
<b>GPS Latitude</b>	29 43.193	<b>GPS Longitude</b>	95 16.468

<b>DB Ref. #</b>	9801	<b>Individual(s)</b>		<b>Parking</b>	Lot
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- Hispanic     African America     Other Ethni     Women's     Cemetery     Photos

**Marker Text**

As one of Stephen F. Austin's colonists John Richardson Harris of East Cayuga, New York came to Texas in 1823. In 1824 he obtained a grant of 4425 acres of land from the Mexican government. This land was located at the junction of Bray's and Buffalo Bayous. On a portion of this land he laid out and founded the town of Harrisburg in 1826. This family graveyard is a part of that property. In Harrisburg, on Bray's Bayou, he erected a steam sawmill and opened a general merchandise store. He also owned and operated schooners which plied between Texas ports of entry and New Orleans, Louisiana. He was a descendant of John Harris who founded the city of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. His wife was Jane Birdsall, a descendant of Nathan Birdsall who settled Long Island, New York, in 1657. While at the Port of New Orleans on his schooner "The Rights of Man," John Richardson Harris died of Yellow Fever on August 22, 1829. He was buried in New Orleans. This Cenotaph was erected by his Granddaughter, Adele Briscoe Looscan in memory of John Richardson Harris Founder of Harrisburg, Texas on Buffalo Bayou.

**Marker Sponsor:**

**Marker Mentor:**

**Marker Research:**

**Marker Narrative:**

**Directions:** NE corner of Glendale Cemetery in Harris plot near bayou