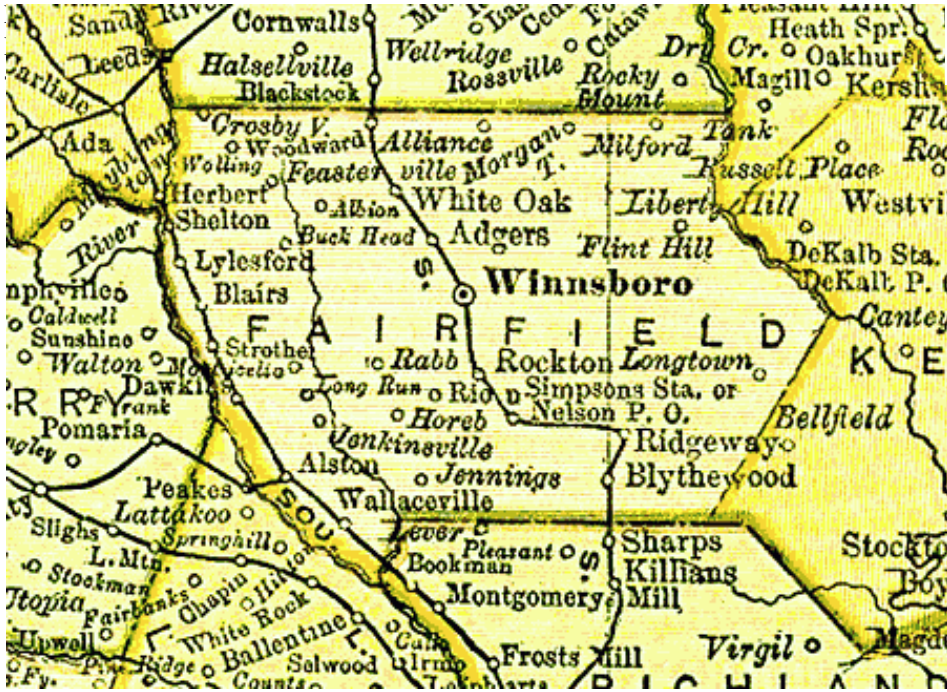


Elder Nicholas and Elbert ‘Birdie’ Roberts
Two Roberts families from Chester-Fairfield, South Carolina

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Fairfield County – 1895 – Chester County 1825

This map shows the area of the Chester-Fairfield counties border. Elder Nicholas Roberts lived in Fairfield County just south of the Chester County border.

In later years, Elbert “Birdie” Roberts would live in Chester County near the New Hope-Armenia Community.

Many of our ancestors lived in or near the Halsellville Community around the Chester-Fairfield County border.

That community is still the home for many of our cousins.

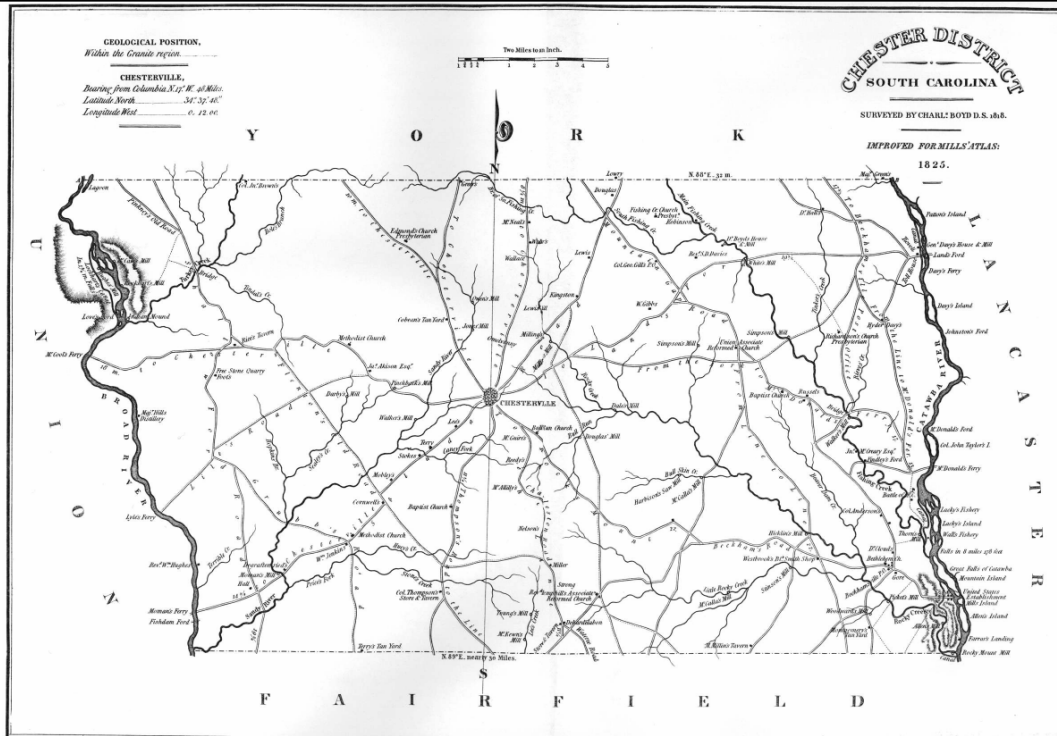


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INTRODUCTION

When I was a student at the University of South Carolina in the 1960's, I had a friend named **Ben Mullins**. Ben was from Marion, a small city in a section of South Carolina my father called the 'lower country.' My dad (**Talton Clark Roberts**) said everything a person needed could be found in the piedmont and upstate foothills. He asserted there was no reason for an intelligent person ever to venture below Columbia and he jokingly ceded all of the land between the state capital and the Atlantic Ocean to gnats, mosquitoes, snakes, gators and Yankees. Ben's beliefs about our state were in direct opposition to my dad's. Ben saw little use for the 'upstate,' which he claimed was inhabited mainly by bootleggers, red necks and hillbillies who married within their own family. To Ben the low country of South Carolina was the cradle of American history and all the favorable aspects of Southern Culture. Ben's main complaint about his heritage in the low country was that he did not live SOB or South of Broad Street in Charleston. Being an SOB Charlestonian was the ultimate measure of 'Old South gentility and culture.'

To complement his low country snobbery, Ben also was interested in his family's history. At that point in my life, genealogy was about as appealing as staying in the dorm to study during the running of the Carolina Cup. But Ben was a good friend so I listened, although not very attentively, when he insisted on discussing a new piece of information he had discovered. Ben knew I had no more interest in my family's history than I did in his. Yet, he persisted in telling me that I should at least talk with my Grandparents about our family and record their stories. Ben warned me that someday I would want to know the family history my grandparents had stored in their memories. It was good advice, but I ignored it for a number of years until my last remaining grandparent, Granny Roberts, (**Martha Lee Clark Roberts**) became ill.

When I asked Granny Roberts about our family, she was pleased to talk about her childhood and her memories of our family. As I listened to her reminisce, I became more and more interested in our family's story. Both of us looked forward to the time we would spend together talking about our family. But Granny's old age, and the weakness it brought, stopped our conversations before she had told me even a small portion of what she wanted me to know. What I learned about our family from Granny Roberts was invaluable, but the most wonderful thing about our discussion was that it helped me discover that your Grandmother can also be a friend. We had far too little time together. Ben had been right. I should have talked with my Grandmother sooner.

These conversations started my obsession with genealogy. I began hanging around the Chester County Courthouse, investigating the stacks at libraries, talking with Aunt Lula (**Lula Roberts Allen**) whenever I was in Columbia or visiting Auntie Marge (**Margie Lee Roberts**). Then along came the Internet and everything changed. Not all of the changes were good, but the amount of available data was unbelievable. I gained a lot of knowledge from Internet connections. Unfortunately, even with the mass of information available, I still have too little information about my direct Roberts ancestors. Many of

them live their lives without leaving a lot of public information.

This manuscript is the result of what I have so far uncovered from digging into the past. The information is incomplete but that's the beauty of genealogy there's always more to uncover. As you read it you may find errors and inaccuracies but none are by design. A few errors may be from my 'sloppy' research but most are inevitable from the nature of genealogical research. The quest for family information is frequently based on such questionable data as relative's faulty memories; inaccurate recordings in family Bibles or on tombstones; poor spelling and carelessness by census takers and other record keepers; and other questionable data. We also must contend with our ancestor's habit of hiding or obscuring information they believed would embarrass the family. The best we can do is to make assumptions based on this data and attempt to verify the assumptions. Our main source of verification is the public record, however even when the assumptions are based on documentary evidence they may still be wrong. Many of our ancestors were poor and uneducated and left few public records. Also, some of the public records that existed were destroyed during the Civil War or by courthouse fires.

By sharing our information we expand the total knowledge available to those interested in studying it, and we also start a process that ultimately makes the data more accurate for all of us.

A genealogical history has to be more than a recitation of research data, facts and records; it is also a collection of stories. Most of the stories in this genealogy are mine, but there is room for your stories too. This is but a start of the telling of our family's story. More will be added as we go along.

ELDER NICHOLAS AND ELBERT 'BIRDIE'

I am starting this history with two very different men with the last name of Roberts. They don't appear to have been related and there are few similarities between them. Nicholas lived in Fairfield County and Elbert lived in Chester County. Nicholas was a Baptist and Elbert was a Methodist. Nicholas Roberts was a prosperous landowner, a farmer and a preacher in the Baptist Church. Elbert was a small landowner known as the "Watermelon King" and nicknamed "Birdie" because he could imitate bird sounds. Nicholas was literate while Elbert was functionally illiterate and had limited ability to either read or write. Nicholas was born in 1747 and Elbert was born in 1825 over three generations later.

Nicholas would be my 5th Great Grandfather and Elbert would be my 2nd Great Grandfather. Nicholas' great, great Grandson was Wade Oscar Roberts. Elbert's daughter was Catherine Sarah Roberts. They met; fell in love and in December 1878 they married. My grandfather was one of their children.

For me these two men have one haunting similarity. They both have been barriers in my

research. I have been unable to determine who their parents were or how they came to be in South Carolina and particularly how they came to be in Chester and Fairfield Counties. This story then focuses on these two men. Their descendants now cover most of the country and many of them are still prominent citizens in Chester and Fairfield counties.

I am convinced that there is an old family bible or an old letter stuck in the back of someone's sock drawer that will unravel some of the mystery surrounding Nicholas and Elbert. This history might inspire all of us to look for more clues to our history.

Our Roberts relatives came to this area either through Charleston or from Northern states, but at this point we do not know which; however family tradition states that Nicholas Roberts originally came to this country from Wales. We don't know if this is true, but there were many Welsh Roberts. As for the origins of Elbert Roberts we only know that he reported on the census that he was born in South Carolina and that his parents were both born in South Carolina. **Wade Oscar Roberts'** side of the family jokingly referred to Granny Kat's (**Catherine Sarah Roberts**) family, as the West Chester Roberts or 'those other Roberts.' They poked good-natured fun by saying 'those other Roberts' were run out of England for stealing horses.

ABBREVIATIONS AND NUMBERS

The abbreviations used in this document are standard with the exception of Bnu, which is a personal notation to indicate that the Birth Name of the individual is Unknown (Birth Name Unknown). It is usually used for the surname but it can also be used to indicate that the individual's given name is unknown.

Each person has a number. There is little significance to this number, except it helps to follow the individual in which you are interested. The numbers for an individual are unique for the section the individual is in. For the descendents of Elder Nicholas Roberts each of his known children has their own section. Children are listed with small case Roman Numerals. If there is a number in front of the child's name that indicated that there is more information on the family that child established. This information on the child will follow in a later portion of the section.

Here is an example of the numbering system and other information:

6. MOSES WISEMAN⁴ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM "BILL SPROUT"³, WILLIAM "DOGWOOD BILL"², NICHOLAS¹*) was born April 17, 1813 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died December 22, 1888 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **NANCY JANE YOUNG** 1844, daughter of **WILLIAM YOUNG** and **DOLLY YOUNG**. She was born March 13, 1816 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died June 5, 1902 in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **MOSES ROBERTS** and **NANCY YOUNG** are:

- i. **WILLIAM⁵ ROBERTS**, born January 4, 1834, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
20. ii. **JOHN ROBERTS**, born April 10, 1836, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died April 24, 1918, Union County, Mississippi.
21. iii. **ELIZABETH JANE ROBERTS**, born August 8, 1838, South Carolina; died about 1861, Mississippi.
22. iv. **MARY ANN ROBERTS**, born March 28, 1841, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died April 12, 1912, Union County, Mississippi.
- v. **NANCY JANE ROBERTS**, born November 29, 1843, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
23. vi. **MOSES YOUNG ROBERTS**, born October 12, 1846, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died October 19, 1930, Union County, Mississippi.
24. vii. **HEZEKIAH CLARK ROBERTS**, born August 1, 1849, Union County, Mississippi; died February 11, 1928, Union County, Mississippi.
25. viii. **REISON PINKERY ROBERTS**, born November 13, 1851, Union County, Mississippi; died 1938, Union County, Mississippi.
26. ix. **JAMES AUSBORN ROBERTS**, born April 16, 1854, Union County, Mississippi; died January 30, 1919, Union County, Mississippi.

The small number between a person's given name and surname indicates the generation of the individual from the original ancestor.

The information that follows the individual and is in parenthesis is the direct ancestors of the individual. In this case, Moses Wiseman is the son of William (Bill Sprout), the grandson of William (Dogwood Bill) and the Great-grandson of Elder Nicholas Roberts

The 1st child of Moses Wiseman and Nancy Young is William. William is designated with an "i" There is no additional information on this individual.

John Roberts is the second child listed for this family group. He is designated "ii." The "20" in front of his name, indicates there is more information about John. This particular John Roberts will always be noted with a 20. Since there are many, many individuals with the name John Roberts, this number lets you be certain you have the information for this specific John Roberts. Remember however that the numbers are specific for the section of the report in which the person appears. (See cousins below)

COUSINS

In the first portion of this history, I am following the descendants of each of Elder Nicholas' children and the families they established. All the information I currently have on the descendants of each of his children is listed in a separate section for that particular child. These children are: William 'Dogwood Bill' Roberts, John Roberts; Sarah Roberts and Lewis E.P. Roberts. Many of our ancestors married one of their cousins. That means that some people will appear under more than one group of descendants.

NAMES

It is often difficult to follow the names in any genealogy. Not only did our ancestors frequently marry one of their cousins, they also gave their children family names. For example, there are many William Roberts in our families history. Sometimes one of our relatives would give his children the same names as one of his siblings had given his children. The problem is compounded by the use of nick names and the problem is truly compounded by the various spellings given the names.

In this history the Halsell surname is recorded as Halsey, Holsey, Halsel. The Wages surname is frequently recorded as Wagers. The Wages/Wagers name is particularly confusing because sometimes within the same family some siblings used the Wages name and some the Wagers name. Even the surname Roberts is recorded as Roberds or Robberts,

Given names are frequently problematic. Not only is the same given name used over and over from generation to generation but frequently the name is spelled differently. The given name of Hezekiah is recorded as Heseekiah. Lewis is spelled Lewis or Louis, occasionally within the same document. Within this history, given names for our Roberts

ancestors are re-used frequently. There are 6 Elizabeths; 13 James; 30 Johns, 26 Marys, 23 Williams and 2 Willies

Nicknames also confuse our search. Many females in with the name Mary are simply recorded as Polly and Elizabeth's are recorded as Betsy. Sometime the given name is a nickname. Some of our ancestors actually named the children Polly, Betsy and even Bill as a given name.

Some of the given name help us identify an ancestor because they are so unique. For example, the Malone family had two daughters who married into our family one of them was named Phenella Bronzolla Malone the other sister was Tallulah Zuela Malone. Our ancestors who migrated from South Carolina picked up many unique given names for their children in their new home states.

In the recent past all public records were hand written and often the handwriting is illegible.

Nicholas Roberts

The history of our Roberts family begins with Nicholas Roberts or more accurately it begins with the Beaver Creek Baptist Church. Although many of the early records of the church have disappeared we do know that it was founded in 1797 near the headwaters of Beaver Creek. Prior to the founding of the church the main religious center in the area was the Mobley Meeting House. Edward Mobley with six sons had emigrated from Maryland to South Carolina and settled in Poplar Ridge on the east side of Beaver Creek in Fairfield County. With the help of **Hans Waggoner**, a Hollander who also migrated to this area, they built a house of worship, which became know as the Mobley Meeting House. All denominations congregated in that house to worship God in the Christian faith. (During the Revolutionary War, the Patriots, under command of Major Winn, defeated a body of British and Tories who had assembled at Mobley Meetings House in June 1780.)

As the number of attendees grew they broke away and formed their own churches. The original Beaver Creek Baptist Church was constructed near the Mobley Meeting House. Later, in 1840, the church was moved to its present location on a hill in Fairfield County near the Chester County border. The church is sometimes referred to as 'Red Hill' to distinguish it from the original Beaver Creek Baptist Church. One of the first preachers at the church was our direct ancestor, **Nicholas Roberts**.

Although I was born and grew up in Greenville, South Carolina, about 90 miles from the Beaver Creek Baptist Church, that church was very important to my family. Granny Roberts who had moved from Fairfield County to Greenville, South Carolina in the 1920's maintained her Beaver Creek Baptist Church membership until her death. She sent money to the church and eagerly sought news of church happenings. When my family made one of our frequent trips to visit our Chester county relatives we always stopped at the old church. When I first heard that one of our direct ancestors had been the first preacher at the church I rejected the information as unsubstantiated rumors. Surely, if one of my direct ancestors had been such an important figure in the establishment of the church, my family would have preserved that information with pride. I stubbornly refused to include any information about Nicholas in my records for a number of years even when evidence of his existence and our relationship kept mounting.

I now know that my 5th great grandfather was Elder Nicholas Roberts and that he was a preacher at the Beaver Creek Baptist Church for close to 35 years, but I still can't understand how this information became lost to the oral history of my family.

THE CICILY FLOYD MYTH

It's printed in books at the library and circulated all over the internet that Elder Nicholas

Roberts was married to Cicily Floyd, the daughter of Reuben Floyd and Mary Jordan. Initially I agreed with this myth based on documentation in a book entitled *Chester County Marriages (1778-1879) Implied in Chester County Probate and Equity Records*. This book states that Nicholas and Cecily Floyd were married as implied in the Court of Equity Bill 85 (1836). One day when I was plundering through the documents in the basement of the Chester Court House I found the original record. (It is also available on microfilm at the South Carolina Archives.) The Equity Court Documents deals with the resolution of a conflict over the disposition of Reuben Floyd's property after his death and the conflict over his wife Mary's re-marriage to William Terry, who abandoned her. The Equity Court record does not say anything about Nicholas being married to Cecily, but it does name Mary Floyd the wife of Nicholas Roberts as an heir of Reuben Floyd and the document named Cecily is a minor. Another Equity Court record in 1839 affirms that Cecily was, at that point, 18 years old and was married to a man named Barton (Looks like Bartie on the record) Pannell. After receiving a small settlement from Reuben's estate, Barton and Cecily moved from the area and settled in Howard County, Arkansas. They raised their children and died in Arkansas.

Transcription of a hand written document
Court of Equity
Chester County, South Carolina

Ex Parte

June Term 1839

Bartlet Pannel
& Siciley Pannel
his wife

To the honorable the chancellors of the said state. Humbly complaining show unto your honors that the father of the wife of your petitioner, Reuben Floyd, departed this life this __ day ___year (*left blank on the original document*) having some real estates and a will was filed for partition and division of this same and the said lands was sold by order of this Honorable court and the avails of this sale of the lands have been received by the former or present commissioners and is lying there unproductive and your petitioners wife had a guardian in chief appointed for her to receive this small portion of said estate coming to her, her father having left several children. Your petitioner further shows unto your honor that he intermarried with Sicily Floyd, now Sicily Pannel the forth of June 1837 and she is now in her eighteenth year. Your petitioner applied to the former court to know whether he could get the small sum coming to his wife out of the proceeds of the said sale who informed him it could not be allowed until she comes of age. Your petitioner prays your honor to grant him an order to receive from the commissioner the sum now in his hands which he is entitled to in right of his wife.

Signed
B Pannell

I do hereby consent that my husband, Barttie Pannell receive the amount of money coming to me from the estate of my Father Reuben Floyd which I wish the Court of Equity to order to be paid to him without any restrictions or conditions..

Cicely Pannel
(her mark)

I do certify that the above named Cicely Pannel did this, on a private and separate examination, sign the above writing. 25 June 1839

James Hemphill

(This transcription accurately reflects the various spellings of Cicily's name.)

To further compound the confusion, the Nicholas in these records who is married to Mary Floyd is not Elder Nicholas Roberts instead it is Nicholas Roberts the son of John Roberts and the Grandson of Elder Nicholas Roberts.

At some point Nicholas' wife died and in 1835, when he was an old man, he married **Mary Rogers**. This was Mary's second marriage. She had two daughters Nancy and Martha, from her first marriage.

The Reverend Mr. Ephram Fant married Nicholas Roberts and Mary Rogers at Beaver Creek Baptist Church.

In addition to being a preacher, Elder Nicholas was also a successful farmer. This was his main source of income since the church could not have paid him a living wage for his services. The main portion of the land he farmed was from a state land grant of 200 acres, which had been conveyed to him on April 3, 1786. The plat for the above grant had been certified on September 22, 1784. Nicholas also received a grant of 50 acres on May 27, 1811 in Fairfield District on Rachel's Branch of Pannell's Creek, a branch of the Little River.

Nicholas died in November 1, 1843. The South Carolina Temperance Advocate in its February 8, 1844 issue reported: "Died at his residence in Fairfield District in November 1843, after a lingering illness, Elder **Nicholas Roberts**, aged about 95 years, and pastor of Beaver Creek Church upwards of thirty-two years."

Sometime after his death, his wife Mary and her daughters moved to Mississippi. In the 1850 census of Tippah County, Mississippi Mary is listed as living with her daughter

Nancy who married a R. Carter. Mary's age is listed as 60 meaning she was born in 1790. In 1860, Mary Roberts (age 70) is living with Martha Halsey Tollison and William Tollison in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

We do not know for certain where Nicholas is buried, but my cousin and friend, John Elbert Roberts III, believes he is buried in an abandoned grave yard about 100 yards off the Mt. Olive Church Road near the Hallselville community. The grave is marked with a fieldstone that is worn and unreadable. This site is near land owned by the Dove family. The land granted to Nicholas bordered land owned by Benjamin Dove.

On September 1, 1844 Beaver Creek Church passed the following resolution. "Resolved, that we mourn the loss of our venerable brother, Elder Nicholas Roberts, who was a faithful minister of the gospel for fifty-five years. Resolved further, that we tender to his afflicted family the expression of our heartfelt sympathies. (Membership of the Church at the time the resolution was passed was, 83 white and 28 black)

Nicholas did leave a will. Following is a transcription of the will.

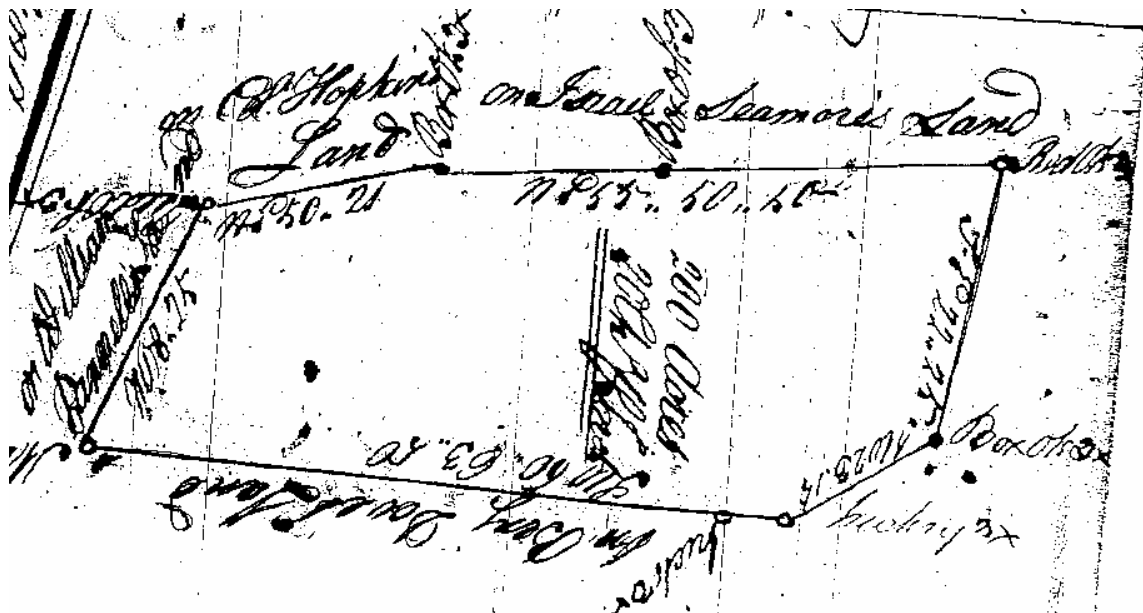
Will of NICHOLAS ROBERTS. -- In the name of God Amen, I, Nicholas Roberts of Fairfield District in the State aforesaid being weak of body, but sound of mind and memory -- Do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in manner and form following and in the first place it is my will that all my just debts be paid by my Executors ---Secondly, I give and bequeath my beloved wife Mary all my estate real and personal of whatever kind, soever the same maybe, as a life estate consisting of the tract of land I now live on, my house and household furniture, my livestock of all kinds consisting of riding horse, cows, hogs and (can not readied The word starts with a C). My reason for making this bequest is that I have lived to a very old age am incapable of labouring for my living and am a dependent for my support and maintenance on my wife and her two daughters. It is therefore my will and desire that she shall have the whole of my estate real and personal and I do hereby give and bequeath the same to her as long as she shall live -- Thirdly it is my will and desire that after my wife's death, or is again married, that then the whole of my estate real and personal property be sold by my Executors and the moneys arising from said sale be equally divided between my children and the two daughters of my said wife shear and shear alike as tenants in common. And if any of my children be dead their children to receive the shear, their father or mother would be entitled to if living under this my will. And I do nominate constitute and appoint my friends Mardicai Holsey and Henry Lotson my Executors to this my last will and testament, disannulling all former wills by me heretofore made, Declaring this to my last. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirteenth day of July 1839, Signed sealed and declared in presence of us -- Elijah Shirly, Jacob Coleman

We have to wonder why Old Nicholas didn't name any of his natural children in his will. At the time the will was signed, I believe Nicholas' sons William was dead, but what of his other children. He also bequeathed his natural children the same share of his estate as his stepchildren. We have to assume that his natural children objected to this provision and probably objected to his marriage to Mary Rogers and her inheritance of his estate.

If there was controversy over the marriage of Nicholas and Mary that may explain the year long delay after Nicholas' death before Beaver Creek Church passed a resolution of recognition for Nicholas' contributions to the Church.

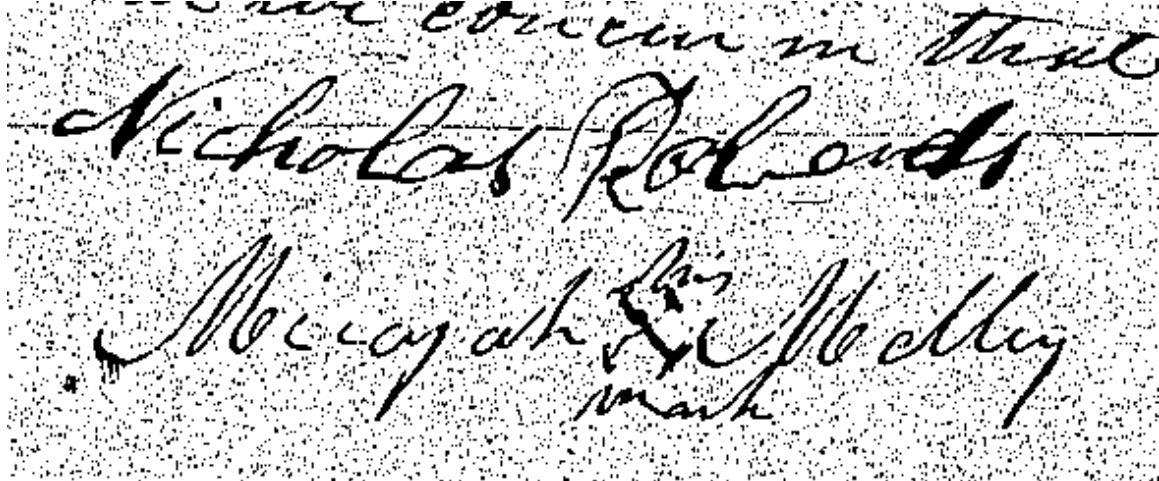
Nicholas' first land grant

This is a copy of the plat for the first land grant Nicholas received on April 3, 1786. His land is bounded by Benjamin Dove and William Pannell. These families would intermarry with our family. His other neighbors are C.L. Hopkins and Israel Seamore. I recently discovered that Israel Seamore was a minister.



In October 1833 Jacob Stone applied for benefits from his service in the Revolutionary War. To attest to his good character he submitted the names on Rev. Nicholas Roberts and Malachi Mobley. From this document we are able to see the signature of our ancestor.

The Signature of Nicholas Roberts



The image shows two handwritten signatures in cursive script. The first signature is "Nicholas Roberts" and the second is "Malachi Mobley". The text is written on a document that has a horizontal line and some faint, illegible text above the signatures.

More information on Beaver Creek Baptist Church.

I have a history of Beaver Creek Baptist Church. It was written by Charles C. Adams and read at the Church's Sesquicentennial celebration September 21, 1947. Mr. Adams discusses the lack of historical information about the early days of the church. The history of the founding of the church had been lost. There was no mention of Rev. Nicholas Roberts in the 1947 history.

There was an earlier history of the church written; however that history has disappeared as have many of the old church records. One theory is that the unknown author of that history took the old church records and never returned them. The loss of the earlier written history and the early church records is a tragedy to those of us interested in our family's history and it is equally tragic to those who want to know more about the little church on the "Red Hill" near the Chester-Fairfield border.

There were a group a Pennsylvania Dutch who came into the area and they formed Baptist Churches in the area. One was a Seventh Day Baptist on Broad River and the other was a Tunker Baptist church founded near Beaver Creek. The history is confused regarding these two congregations and there is a possibility that they merged. There is also a theory that our Beaver Creek Baptist Church broke off from these congregations. The Seventh Day Baptist were called Sabbatarians, they held their worship services on Saturday. The Tunker Baptist, practiced baptism by dunking three times. George Martin and Israel Seymore are early ministers to these congregations. Israel Seymore owned land

adjacent to Elder Nicholas Roberts.

MISSISSIPPI AND ARKANSAS

Most of our history books talk about the Great Migration into our state. In the 1700's, great numbers of settlers came into South Carolina. The state, like many of the other original states, eagerly sought immigrants with promises of free land. South Carolina even hired recruiters to go to places like Ireland and entice settlers. South Carolina also attempted to lure settlers from northern states by offering free or cheap land to anyone willing to relocate and establish a farm. Settlers poured into the state many coming on what was called the Great Philadelphia Wagon trail, a branch of which ran through what would become Chester and Fairfield counties. Chester, South Carolina even took its name because so many people from Chester County, Pennsylvania came into the area.

When Elder Nicholas Roberts' children were coming of age however free land in South Carolina was getting more difficult to obtain. Usually the oldest male child inherited all of his father's land. This left the younger siblings with the prospects of either purchasing or renting land. Unfortunately, the land that was available to them was undesirable. Farming practices during this country's early history did not include crop rotation or fertilization. Instead when land became barren the landowner just moved production to a different piece of land.

In addition cotton and many other crops grew better in Alabama and Mississippi. The land was more fertile. It was easier to cultivate and it produced greater yields at less cost. This was especially true of the Mississippi Delta area.

The influx of Scottish – Irish into the area also, made the available land situation more serious. Initially these new arrivals were not awarded land grants. Later this restriction eased slightly and they could apply, but the grants were not as easy to obtain as previously. That didn't deter these settlers who were industrious and hard working. They began buying land as soon as they could afford to do so.

When the newer states like Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas began offering free or cheap land to entice settlers, the land hungry younger children quickly responded. They left South Carolina, and the other original colony states, in large numbers. When these settlers found life in their new home satisfactory, they sent letters back to their family and friends telling the virtues of their new state and encouraging them to join them. This enticed even more people to move away and South Carolina lost its young citizens in huge numbers.

Our ancestors ended up all over the country; however a large number of them went to Mississippi and the Arkansas. In fact so many settlers from Fairfield County went to Union county Mississippi that one of the sections of the county took the name Fairfield. Much of the information we have about our families comes from letters those early relatives wrote or Bible records they made.

The possible Brothers of NICHOLAS ROBERTS

Some researchers believe that our Nichols Roberts came to this area with his brothers William (yes, another William), Lewis or Louis, John, Archibald and possibly Zachariah. We cannot yet prove what relationship existed between these supposed brothers, but I do believe they were related.

From census records we can find evidence for all of these 'brothers,' except for Nicholas. Who came to the area later than the others.

The earliest public record for any Roberts' in Chester or Fairfield is for a William Roberts. In January 1756 this William petitioned the court that his Mother (names Jane) obtained a Warrant for the Survey of 200 acres of land in Craven County and that she had executed the Warrant on the 27th day of February 1754 and returned the plat to the Surveyor General's office. In 1756 William' Mother, Jane, must be dead because William claimed in court that it was her desire and Intention that the property be resigned to William. The Surveyor General stated:
"I certify that a Plat of 200 acres of land in Craven County surveyed Feb'ry the 27th by John Liviston, D.S. and entered July 2d 1754 for Jane Roberts is not in in Surveyor Generals Office, but out of date." Certified 6 January 1756.
The court granted Williams claim

From this we learn that William's father died sometime before 1754, otherwise the Warrant would have been in his name instead of Jane's. Is it possible that this Jane Roberts is the Mother of our Nicholas, too.

In 1788 Lewis Roberts was issued a Letter of Administration for William Roberts, deceased.

I have not been able to chart the descendants of these early Roberts with the exception of Archibald.

Descendants of Archibald Roberts

Generation No. 1

1. ARCHIBALD ROBERTS was born between 1760 - 1778 in South Carolina. He married a lady named Eunice. We do not yet know her birth name.

Archibald Roberts was granted 300 acres of land on the Sandy River October 16, 1784. In later years he began selling his land and from these recorded real estate transactions. From these transactions we know his wife's first name was Unice (Eunice.)

1 May 1794. Archibald purchased 59 acres from Jacob Barker and his wife Catherine. John Robards (Roberts) was a witness to the transaction

Children of ARCHIBALD ROBERTS and EUNICE ROBERTS are:

- i. DAVID³ ROBERTS², born about 1793, South Carolina.
- ii. ISAAC ROBERTS, born in 1775, South Carolina; died about 1855, Georgia.
- iii. JOHN ROBERTS³, born 22 Jul 1808, South Carolina; died 07 Feb 1871, Green County, Alabama.

In the 1860 census of Green County Alabama, John is 52 years old and listed as a pauper, who cannot read or write. He is living in a household with S. Roberts (39 years old) who is listed as having \$1,300 in real estate.

In 1870 he is 61 years old and listed as an invalid. He is living with Sarah Roberts (49 years old). Also in the household is a female named Eliiz.

(Assume Elizabeth). She is listed as a laborer (second word unreadable)

Generation No. 2

2. ISAAC ROBERTS was born 1775 in South Carolina, and died about 1855 in Georgia. He married ELIZABETH DAVIS about 1795 in South Carolina, daughter of JEREMIAH DAVIS and FRANCES NIX. She was born Aug 1776 in South Carolina, and died in Georgia.

Children of ISAAC ROBERTS and ELIZABETH DAVIS are:

3. i. NANCY⁴ ROBERTS, born about 1797, South Carolina; died about 1877, Murray County, Georgia.
4. ii. FRANCES ROBERTS, born 1795, South Carolina.
- iii. JEREMIAH ROBERTS, born 1807, South Carolina.
- iv. ISAAC ROBERTS II, born 1812, South Carolina.
5. v. WILLIAM ROBERTS, born South Carolina; died Greenville County, South Carolina.
- vi. DAVID ROBERTS, born South Carolina.
Isaac's will (3/17/1854) mentions his deceased son David to whom he had previously given land in South Carolina.

Generation No. 3

3. NANCY ROBERTS was born about 1797 in South Carolina, and died about 1877 in Murray County, Georgia. She married JOHN DAVIS about 1815. He was born 07 Sep 1788 in South Carolina, and died 1877 in Murray County, Georgia.

Children of NANCY ROBERTS and JOHN DAVIS are:

- i. JOHN DAVIS, JR, born 09 May 1817, South Carolina.
- ii. ELIZABETH DAVIS, born 19 Nov 1818, South Carolina.
- iii. ISAAC DAVIS, born 27 Jan 1821, South Carolina.
- iv. NANCY DAVIS, born 22 Apr 1823, South Carolina.
6. v. SPENCER B. DAVIS, born 27 Nov 1826, South Carolina; died 10 Apr 1878, Hardin County, Tennessee.

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- vi. JEREMIAH DAVIS, born 22 Jul 1828, South Carolina.
 - vii. CALEB W. DAVIS, born 22 Dec 1830, South Carolina.
 - viii. REGINA B. DAVIS, born 17 Feb 1833, South Carolina.
 - ix. WILLIAM J. DAVIS, born 23 Aug 1835, South Carolina.
 - x. FRANCIS MARION DAVIS, born 24 Jul 1838, South Carolina.

4. FRANCES ROBERTS was born 1795 in South Carolina. She married JOSEPH PARROTT. He was born 1797 in South Carolina.

Children of FRANCES ROBERTS and JOSEPH PARROTT are:

- i. ELIZABETH PARROTT, born 1831.
- ii. REUBEN PARROTT, born 1833.
- iii. ORANGE PARROTT, .born 1833.
- iv. ISAAC B. PARROTT, born 1836.
- v. WILLIAM H. PARROTT, born 1840.

5. WILLIAM ROBERTS was born in South Carolina, and died in Greenville County, South Carolina. He married ELIZABETH V. MCMILLAN 08 Dec 1839. She was born 1819 in Georgia.

Children of WILLIAM ROBERTS and ELIZABETH MCMILLAN are:

- i. MARCUS LAFAYETTE ROBERTS, born 1840, Georgia.
- ii. JANE MALINDA ROBERTS, born 1841, Georgia.

Generation No. 4

6. SPENCER B. DAVIS was born 27 Nov 1826 in South Carolina, and died 10 Apr 1878 in Hardin County, Tennessee. He married ANNA D. JORDAN 23 Oct 1849 in Murray County, Georgia. She was born 1827 in Elbert County, Georgia, and died Jan 1875 in Hardin County, Tennessee.

Children of SPENCER DAVIS and ANNA JORDAN are:

- i. GEORGE WASHINGTON MARION DAVIS, born 15 Sep 1850, Murray County, Georgia; died 23 Apr 1928, Hockley County, Texas.
- ii. NANCY JANE DAVIS, born 18 Dec 1851, Murray County, Georgia; died 21 Jan 1929, Clarkridge, Arkansas.
- iii. MARY DAVIS, born 1853.
- iv. FRANCES DAVIS, born 1853.

The Children of NICHOLAS ROBERTS

NICHOLAS¹ ROBERTS was born about 1747 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He died on November 1, 1843 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. We do not know who his first wife was, and there is a possibility that he was married to a second unknown lady, but in his old age, he married **MARY ROGERS**. Nicholas and Mary were married in 1835.

I believe Mary was born into the Halsell (Halsey, Holsey) family. Her first marriage was to a Mr. Rogers. Mary was born about 1790. I believe she died in Mississippi. In the 1850 census of Tippah County, Mississippi, Mary is listed at age 60 living with her daughter and son-in-law R. Carter. In 1860, Mary Roberts (age 70) was living with her daughter Martha and son-in-law William Tollison in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. They are listed as William and Martha Halsey Tollison.

Children of **NICHOLAS ROBERTS** and his unknown first wife:

- i. **WILLIAM² ROBERTS** "Dogwood Bill" was born about 1773 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He died about 1836-1838 in South Carolina. He married **SARAH ELIZABETH LEE**. She was the daughter of **ISHAM LEE**.
- ii. **JOHN ROBERTS** was born about 1780 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married a lady named **MALONE**.
- iii. **SARAH ROBERTS** was born after 1781. She married **JAMES (Elihugh) WAGES**.
- iv. **LEWIS E. P. ROBERTS** was born during 1782 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He died about 1822 in South Carolina. He was married to **RHODA ROSANNA DOVE** about 1790 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Based on some deed information and information from early census data, Nicholas may have had at least one more daughter who married a William Wages. I have not been able to find any additional information on her and the family she established with William Wages.

The information that follows outlines the known descendants of Nicholas' children. I have given each of Nicholas's children have there own section. Refer to the Table of Contents

The known children of William "Dogwood Bill" Roberts, a son of Elder Nicholas Roberts, and Sarah Elizabeth Lee

William Roberts "Bill Sprout" born 1787-1800 died unknown	Bill Sprout remained in South Carolina. Some of his children stayed in South Carolina. Other children migrated to other states, mainly Mississippi.
Elizabeth Roberts born 9/25/1815 died 4/21/1901	Elizabeth migrated to Mississippi. Her known children were in Mississippi.
Penelope Roberts born 1789 died - 1847	Penelope and her family migrated to Mississippi.
Lee Roberts Born 1791 Died - Unknown	I have no additional information on Lee Roberts. Rumor has it that he and another brother, named Sterling, migrated to Anderson, South Carolina.
James L. Roberts Born 1795 Died 1842	John L. moved to Mississippi. He never married and was murdered by his slaves.
Lewis Edward Dekalb Roberts Born 3/29/1810 Died 5/7/1859	Lewis migrated to Mississippi. His children were born and/or raised in Mississippi. Lewis, too, was murdered in Mississippi. Lewis's murderer was a young man named Jim Holiday.
There may have been more children in this family	

Descendants of William Roberts, a son of Elder Nicholas Roberts, and his wife Elizabeth Lee

Our Roberts ancestors had a particular fondness for naming their male children William or John. This is very confusing to us today and it was somewhat confusing to them, so to distinguish among the different William Roberts' they used nicknames. Nicholas' son William was called 'Dogwood Bill.' Nicholas' grandson William was called 'Bill Sprout'. Nicholas' great grandson William was called 'Little Bill Sprout.' Folklore says that Elder Nicholas' son William Roberts gained his nickname "Dogwood Bill" due to his love of the dogwood tree.

1. WILLIAM "Dogwood Bill" ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS*², *ROBERTS*¹) was born about 1773 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died about 1836 in South Carolina. He married **SARAH ELIZABETH LEE**, daughter of **ISHAM LEE, SR.** She was born 1785 in South Carolina.

John Elbert Roberts III believes that William Roberts, Sr. is buried at Beaver Creek Baptist Church in a grave marked with a large natural headstone and a smaller footstone. The only information on the headstone is a date. The date is very worn. You can tell there are numerals on the stone but it is close to impossible to say with any accuracy what they are.

We are fortunate that this William and his family left a few public records. From a deed recorded 25 May 1808 we verify Elizabeth (nee Lee) Roberts, wife of W. Roberts, Sr. when she relinquished her Rights of Dower.

On another deed recorded 25 May 1808 (Chester County, South Carolina) Penelope Lee, Milly Lee, John Lee, Wm. Roberts, Martha Hartin Relinquished their rights in the estate of Thomas Lee to Isham Lee. (I believe this Isham Lee to be Elizabeth Lee Roberts' brother.)

In Fairfield County Deed Book PP, Page 65 (1842) there is a deed for a tract of land on Pannell Creek, a tributary of Little River that mentions William Roberts, Lewis E.D. Roberts, Elizabeth Roberts Sr., and Elizabeth Roberts, Jr. I believe this is part of the estate of William ("Dogwood Bill") Roberts and that the people mentioned are two of his sons William (Bill Sprout) Roberts and Lewis Edward Dekalb Roberts, William's wife Elizabeth and another Elizabeth Roberts. It is difficult to place this Elizabeth Roberts, named Elizabeth Roberts, Jr. on the deed. William's daughter Elizabeth was already married to James Elihugh Wages based on the ages of their children but I have not found another Elizabeth to fit the time line.

It has been reported that Sarah Elizabeth moved to Mississippi after William's death. There is an Elizabeth Roberts listed in the 1870 census for Potomac County, Mississippi, New Albany, living in the household headed by Elizabeth Wages 52 who was born in

South Carolina. She is herself as a farmer with property valued at \$1,000 and \$550 for personal property. She had the following people in her household: William Wages- 13 years old and born in Mississippi; James Wages - 11 years old and born in Mississippi; and Elizabeth Roberts - 64 years old and born in South Carolina. This Elizabeth's age makes it unlikely that she is our Elizabeth Roberts

There was also an Elizabeth Roberts living in Fairfield County with the David Roberts family. In 1850 this Elizabeth listed her age as 72. This Elizabeth is close to the age our Elizabeth would be, but at this point we can't identify this David Roberts and we do not know if he is connected with our family.

Children of WILLIAM ROBERTS and SARAH LEE are:

- i. UNKNOWN ROBERTS³, born between 1787 and 1800, South Carolina. This may be Sterling Roberts who was rumored to have migrated to Anderson County, South Carolina. There is a Sterling Roberts who was born in South Carolina on 16 August 1790. He was in Hall County, Georgia on the 1840 census and he listed his occupation as "Clergyman." He died in Hall County 30 September 1866.
2. ii. **WILLIAM ROBERTS**, "Bill Sprout" born between 1787 and 1800, South Carolina.
- iii. **LEE ROBERTS** born 1791, South Carolina.
- iv. **JOHN L. ROBERTS**, born 1795, South Carolina; died 27 December 1842, in Kemper County, Mississippi.
3. v. **PENELOPE ROBERTS**, born 08 April 1798, South Carolina; died 05 April 1847, Mississippi.
4. vi. **LEWIS EDWARD DEKALB ROBERTS**, born 29 March 1810, South Carolina; died 07 May 1859, Mississippi.
5. vii. **ELIZABETH ROBERTS**, born 25 September 1815, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died 21 April 1901, Mississippi.

Generation No. 2

I am listing John L. Roberts out of order. He was unmarried and had no known children but he has an interesting story.

JOHN L. ROBERTS (Son of William and Sarah Elizabeth Roberts) was born 1795 in South Carolina and he died 27 December 1841 in Kemper County, Mississippi. John never married. He migrated to Kemper County Mississippi and managed to gather enough wealth to have a number of slaves.

The 1840 Census of Kemper County, Mississippi list John L Roberts as living alone and being between 30-40 years old. That would put his birth date between 1800 -1810. We show his birth date to be 1795, but being loose with facts was common when a federal government census taker was involved. The census also list that he owned four slaves;

two males aged between 24-35, one male between 36-55 and one female between 10-24 years old.

The Murder of John L. Roberts

His slaves reportedly murdered John L. Roberts on December 27, 1841. The following letter from H.W. Roberts to Lewis Roberts tells of this event. Later Leroy Roberts would recount the murder of a 'Pully' Roberts by his slaves. I believe John L. Roberts to be the 'Pully' Roberts in the 1914 letter from Leroy Roberts to James A. Roberts. (A transcription of the 1914 letter from Leroy Roberts to James A. Roberts is recorded in a later part of this history. See Table of Contents.)

What follows is a transcription of a letter from H.W. Roberts to Lewis Roberts relating the story of this murder.

*Lewis Roberts
South Carolina, Fairfield District,
Crosby P. O.*

Wahlak, Ms

Postmarked and cancelled Feb 9th

State of Mississippi, Kemper County, January. 27th, 1842

Dear Uncle and Aunt,

I take my pen in hand to inform you of one of the most horrible circumstances ever perpetrated by human cruelty, it is of the murder of Uncle John L. Roberts, whose fate we lament as a relative dear to us all, but it becomes us to submit with reverance to the decrees of Almighty Provider. That dreadful occurrence took place on the night of the 27th of December last, only two days after I had left for home, it was on a Saturday. I left his house and on the succeeding Monday Night that he was slain by his Negroes, while asleep, the particulars of that horrible affair I have not space to relate now. Suffice it to say he was slain in the most barbarous manner by his own Negroes, who after they had beaten him, in the most cruel manner, with clubs, to death they hauled him about one mile and a half, took him out and carried him about one hundred yards, threw him down beside a tree, took his braines & rubbed them on the tree to make the neighbors think he had been killed by his mare, he lay here near a week before he was found, the neighbors wrote to me as soon as they found, but having directed the letter to a wrong office I never received it, but merely heard of it by common rumor, which has been very

recently. The Negroes have been arrested and sent to prison, but long before I got intimation of the murder. I want you to come if you can, for the affairs are in a bad situation. Almost before he got cold, his creditors began to rush in for their dues. The Sheriff of this County has levied on every thing which is to be sold on the first Monday in February next to satisfy an execution of about 800 dollars. And as there is nothing allowed by the State for criminals, they will be a total loss. Their trial will come on in April, unless they get a grant to a petition, sent on by them, praying that a special Court may be called and try them forthwith.

I have been to see them since I came up, and heard their confessions. It appears that it had been in contemplation for about a year, first by poison, which failed, and then they resolved to murder him. I, recently, was conducted to the place where he was thrown! Saw, with melting heart, the place where he lay! His head had been beaten all in pieces, and a great many of them, with some of his hair were still to be found. After pausing and sobbing, I gathered up all I could find, and put them in his grave!

If he never answered your letter, it was in consequence of his ill health, for since August he has been severly afflicted in a strange manner, during the greater part of which time, he was near on the point of death. To be continued.

*Yours respectfully,
H. W. Roberts*

Our cousin, Tommy Bryant, believes H.W. Roberts to be Hezekiah W. Roberts who shows up on census records. There is a H.W. Roberts listed in the 1850 census for Lauderdale County Mississippi. Lauderdale County is adjacent to Kemper County. This H.W. was 28 years old in 1850. He lists his occupation as a merchant. Living with him are Thomas Roberts 22, also born in South Carolina and John or Joseph Roberts 21. Thomas and John/Joseph list their occupation as clerking. We know H.W. is closely related to us, but we have not yet discovered how he connects with our family.

The earliest record I have found of John in Kemper County is on the 1837 tax list. He is also listed on the 1839 tax list and in 1842 his estate is listed on the tax list.

2. WILLIAM "Bill Sprout"⁴ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born about 1791 in South Carolina. He married **MARY "POLLY" WAGES**. She was born about 1792 in South Carolina.

The Wages and Roberts families were closely connected. Many of them intermarried. This Mary Wages, who married William "Bill Sprout" Roberts is one of the many Wages (Wagers) that intermarried with members of our family. I have been unable to identify her parents.

During this generation, William Roberts' sister Elizabeth would marry

George Washington Wages and William's brother Lewis Edward Dekalb Roberts would marry Sarah Gainey Wages.

I am convinced Mary 'Polly' Wages is related to George Washington Wages and Sarah Gainey Wages, but I have been unable to make any connections or to find any additional information about her.

Trading with a Negro

A William Roberts was arrested 9 May 1846 for trading with a Negro. Since there were a number of William Roberts, three of whom are my direct ancestors, the first question is which William Roberts are we talking about. I believe "Dogwood Bill" was dead by 1846. That would leave William Roberts, known as "Bill Sprout", and his son William Roberts, known as "Little Bill Sprout." The court papers repeatedly refer to William Roberts, Senior. The use of Senior or Junior in old court records was used to distinguish between people with the same name. It does not always imply a relationship. Since the legal documents made such an effort to distinguish between two people with the name William Roberts, there is little doubt that the older William known as "Bill Sprout" was our relative who got in trouble with the law by trading with the slave.

William traded shoes with Joe, a slave belonging to Mr. Francis Land. John Halsell and Samuel Brice posted bond for William. John Halsell must have been John H. Halsell, Jane Halsell's brother. Jane Halsell had recently married William's son "Little Bill Sprout." There is a close relationship between Francis Land and his family and ours. Francis was married to Elizabeth Halsell, the daughter of John Halsell and Margaret Waggoner and the Aunt of Jane Halsell, the wife of William 'Little Bill Sprout' Roberts.

Following are transcripts of the court documents:

Notes for WILLIAM ROBERTS:

This William was called "Bill Sprout"

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William traded shoes with Joe a slave of Mr. Francis Land. John Halsell and Samuel Brice posted bond. John Halsell was probably John H Halsell son of Peter and Sarah Combest Halsell. Jane Halsell had recently married William's son "Little Bill Sprout." Following are transcripts I made of the court documents.

TRANSCRIPTION OF COURT DOCUMENTS
SOUTH CAROLINA
CHESTER DISTRICT

Whereas Elarey H. Land makes complaints on oath unto me, Wm.. Thomas Magistrate. that on the night of the fourth of May inst William Roberts Snor(Senior) did by (buy) corn from a Negro man contrary to the laws of South Carolina. Sworn before me the 5th day of May 1846.

Signed E.H. Land and by W. Thomas Magistrate

THE WARRANT

To Cephas Bolick Special Constable, these are therefore in the name of the State to command you forthwith to apprehend the said William Roberts and bring him before me to be dealt with according to the law in that case. Given under my hand and seal the fifth day of May one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

Wm. Thomas Magistrate

THE FORMAL CHARGE

Recorded on a pre-printed form titled in the upper right corner
Indictment for Negro Trading - Morgan's Pt. Columbia

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Chester District

At a court of General Session, begun and holden in and for the district of Chester in the State of South Carolina at Chester Court House in the District and state aforesaid, on the first Monday after the fourth Monday of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six.

The jurors of and for the District of Chester in the State of South Carolina aforesaid, that is to say upon their oaths, present, that William Roberts, Senior late of Chester district, laborer, in the District of Chester on the fourth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty six with force and arms at Chester Court House in the District of Chester aforesaid, did buy and purchase for and from a certain slave of Frances Land named Joe a quantity of corn of the value of fifty cents the said slave then and there not having a permit so to sell, from or under the hand of the said F. Land or from and under the hand of any person having the care and management of said slave; against the form of the Act of General Assembly, in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the same State aforesaid and the Jurors aforesaid, on their oaths aforesaid, do further present, that the said William Roberts on the Forth day of May in the same year aforesaid, with force and arms at Chester Court House in the district of Chester aforesaid, did deal, trade and traffic with a certain slave of Frances Land named Joe by buying and purchasing from said slave a quantity of Indian corn and selling to said slave one pair of shoes the said slave then and there not having a permit so to deal , trade or traffic, from or under the hand of the said F. Land or from and under the hand of any person having the care and management of the said Slave, against the form of the Act of the General Assembly in such case made and provided, and against the peace and dignity

of the said state aforesaid.

Signature (Appears to be Dawekins Lola)

Summary of Document

On June 6, 1846

Cephas Bolick, Special Constable was commissioned to bring the following before the court to provide testimony.

Wm.. Hedgepath, Cephas Bolick, Charles Parrott, Samuel Brice, John Thompson, (scratched through name), Jesse Simpson, John Halsell, F.H. Land.

William Roberts was found guilty November 3 1846

He appeared to have been fined \$93.15

On the 1850 Census of Chester County, South Carolina his occupation is listed as None

This is a fascinating story that raises some questions in my mind:

1. Was Bill Sprout trying to obtain food for his family or raw materials for the manufacture of whisky?

(Most of his children were grown so it is unlikely that Bill Sprout needed the food. He probably wanted the corn to make whisky and generate cash.)

2. What happened to Joe the slave who traded the Indian corn to Bill Sprout for shoes?

(Due to the climate in the area just before the Civil War and the fear white South Carolinians had of slaves revolting. The stealing of corn would have been seen as a show of independence and it would have been considered a serious offense. Since Joe traded for shoes it seems likely that the Land family would have considered him a runaway risk. Joe was probably harshly punished.)

The 1850 Census of Chester County list the following

William Roberts	59	no occupation
Mary Roberts	58	
Elizabeth	30	
Emeline	16	
James L	15	
Hezekiah	13	

Children of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **MARY WAGES** are:

6. i. **MOSES WISEMAN⁵ ROBERTS**, born 17 Apr 1813, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died 22 Dec 1888, Union County, Mississippi.
7. ii. **MILLIE ROBERTS**, born 1817, South Carolina; died about 1880.
- iii. **JOHN L. ROBERTS**, born 1835, South Carolina; married **ELIZABETH BAILEY**; born about 1835.

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- He is listed on the 1860 Census for Chester County, South Carolina. Living in the household is Jane Bailey (65 years old)
8. iv. **WILLIAM ROBERTS**, born about 1827, Chester County, South Carolina; died between 1858 - 1859, Chester County, South Carolina.
 - v. **JAMES ROBERTS**, born about 1835, South Carolina; married UNKNOWN BAILEY.
 9. vi. **HESAKIAH ROBERTS**, born 1840, South Carolina; died 1865, South Carolina.
 10. vii. **ELIZABETH 'BETSY' ROBERTS**, born 1826, South Carolina; died Aft. 1860.
 - viii. **MARY 'POLLY' ROBERTS**, born between 1833 - 1849, South Carolina; married JASON WAGES.
 11. ix. **EMILY 'EMALINE' ROBERTS**, born 1833, South Carolina.

3. PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*)¹ was born 08 Apr 1798 in South Carolina, and died 05 Apr 1847 in Union County, Mississippi. She married **WILLIAM S.P. STONE**. He was born 15 Jul 1793 in South Carolina, and died 18 Apr 1876 in Union County, Mississippi. William and Penelope Roberts Stone are buried in the Stone Family Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

The Will of William S.P. Stone

Our petitioner shows that about the 18th day of April A.D. 1856 William Stone, late of said County, departed this life, intestate, as petitioner is informed and believes, leaving in said County, where his last domicil and last residence was, an estate consisting of personal property, debts due him and about the value four thousand dollars, and a tract of 601 acres of land. That the personal property so left consists of horses, cattle and other stock, household furniture and farming utensils. That said decedent left as his heirs, Elizabeth Wages, wife of John W. Wages, Sarah Pannell, wife of William Pannell, Emeline Stone, Caroline Stone and Milly Stone, all of whom are of mature age, and John Stone who is a minor, and none others,- That all of said heirs reside in said County of Pontotoc; That heirs and next of kin, desire to waive and relinquish their prior right to administrator, and that petitioner shall be appointed administrator of said estate, as is evidence by the paper herewith filed and made a part of this petition, marked " Exhibit A", Signed by said John W. Wages, William Pannell and the other heirs

Petitioner believes and represents that the interest of said estate requires someone should be appointed administrator of said estate, and your petitioner being willing to accept said trust, prays your honor to grant unto him letters of administration on said estate- that all necessary orders may be made in premises- your petitioner offering to enter into bond with securities as your honor may require & c.

W.D. Sloan

13 day of May 1856

To Hon'bl John S. Neely, Judge of the Probate Court for Pontotoc Co Ms.

Sir,

The undersigned legatees of William Stone deceased, would respectfully inform your Honor, that we have selected W.D. Sloan and have obtained his consent to accept of the appointment of administrator, to wind up the estate of the aforesaid William Stone deceased, and hope that you will appoint him administrator as requested and your petitioners will ever pray & c.

May "6 1856

Test

Moses W. Roberts

John W. Wages

William Pannell

Emeline Stone

Caroline Stone

John Stone

Milly Stone (her mark)

Children of **PENELOPE ROBERTS** and **WILLIAM STONE** are:

- i. **SARAH⁵ STONE**, born 28 Jul 1820, South Carolina; died 25 Nov 1891, Mississippi; married **WILLIAM PRESSLEY PANNELL**; born 08 Apr 1816; died 10 Apr 1894, Mississippi. William and Sarah Stone Pannell are buried in the Stone Family Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.
12. ii. **ELIZABETH STONE**, born about 1821, South Carolina; died Aft. 1859.
- iii. **R.B. STONE**, born 18 Jun 1822, South Carolina; died Aug 1841, Mississippi.
He is buried in the Stone Family cemetery in Union County, Mississippi
13. iv. **EMALINE STONE**, born 07 Jul 1831, South Carolina; died 03 May 1897, Mississippi.
- v. **MARTHA 'MILLY' STONE**, born 1827, South Carolina; died 1847, Mississippi.
She is buried in the Stone Family Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi
- vi. **PERMELIA STONE**, born 02 Apr 1829, South Carolina; died 30 May 1879, Mississippi.
She is buried in the Stone Family Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi
14. vii. **CAROLYN JANE STONE**, born 07 Mar 1834, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died 04 Aug 1879, Mississippi.
- viii. **JOHN STONE**, born after 1837; died Bet. 1850 - 1860.

4. LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 29 Mar 1810 in South Carolina, and died 07 May 1859 in Mississippi. He married **SARAH GAINEY WAGES** 14 Apr 1836 in Richland County, South Carolina, daughter of **MOSES WAGES** and **REBECCA CRAWLEY**. She was born 20 Oct 1814 in South Carolina, and died 11 Apr 1908 in Mississippi. Lewis and Sarah Wages Roberts are buried in the Stone Family Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

The Murder of Lewis Edward Dekalb Roberts

It appears that Lewis and his family moved to Mississippi about 1846 and that Lewis became involved in the community. By 1859 Lewis was serving as the Secretary of the Mt. Giliad Baptist Church near Blue Springs, Mississippi.

The story that follows originated from our cousin Tommy Bryant. He is relating a story personally told to him by one of our cousins, Sheriff John Jolly (Sheriff was Mr. Jolly's given name. He was not a sheriff.)

In 1859, Lewis Edward Dekalb Roberts' daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, married Samuel G. McCraw. For some reason, Lewis did not approve of the marriage and did not care for Sam McCraw. Lewis seems to have been very vocal in his criticism of Sam and one of his comments angered one of Sam's nephews, a young man named Jim Holiday. As a result of Lewis' criticism a verbal interchange between Lewis and Jim Holiday erupted, during which Jim expressed his plans to get revenge against Lewis.

On 7 May 1859, Lewis was traveling to the Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. Near the church Jim Holiday lay in ambush and when he passed, Jim shot and killed Lewis. Lewis was buried in Stone Cemetery, in Union County.

Sheriff John Holly said, "Lewis was not fond of Sam, and said so. One day, a nephew of Sam's, a 16-year-old boy named Jim Holiday, mentioned the sore spot to Lewis, and spoke well of Sam. Apparently, tempers flared, and Lewis rebuked Jim. Later, on the witness stand, Jim said no harsh words were exchanged; Lewis merely told him 'Get out of here, or I'll slap you down!' However, Jim was humiliated, and couldn't forget it. He knew Lewis would be traveling from his home to Mt. Gilead Baptist Church the next Saturday for church business. That day, on the road to the church, off the Blue Springs-Wallerville Road, Jim lay down behind a log, and when Lewis passed by, shot and killed Lewis. He was later tried, convicted, and hanged.

"The young boy, after his conviction and death sentence, requested a pine box casket, so he could go 'through Hell a'poppin'. He was buried face down, with a rock over his head, in a north-south direction, instead of the usual east-west, since he had always been 'cross wise to the world'." (Story told to me (Tommy Bryant) by Sheriff John Jolly, 1981)

There is no court record of this in Pontotoc County, but the story has been told and retold through the Roberts, McCraw, Jolly, and Holiday families, and must be true. Coupled with the absence of both a legal record and an identifiable cemetery grave for him, this might indicate Jim Holiday was dealt vigilante justice.

Lewis purchased land in Union County Mississippi. His first purchase was for 159 60/100 acres. A land patent was issued on October 9, 1845. A second land patent was issued for 160 14/100 on December 15, 1847.

This letter is to son in law Lewis Edward DeKalb Roberts from Moses Wages. The origin and destination of the letter is not known. Sarah is Moses' daughter and Lewis' wife; the grandson is John Lee Roberts, born 25 January 1837. The location and owner of the original letter is not known; this came from a copy owned by Bobbie Jolly Rorie, of Union County, Mississippi, about 1981. (It must have been while the families were still in Fairfield County, South Carolina.)

Feb 21st 1837

Sir

Wish you to hall my cotten to Columbia. Not to start for a few weeks except you here of the cotten market rising. I shall not like to sell at the price that I have here. I understand that cotten ante worth more than forteen cents which I should not like to take that for my cotten. I want you to have a cerain acount of the price of cotten before you start with mine. I inten to hold back my cotten till the last of March except cotten rises to some thing like sixteen or seventeen. When you hall I wish you to bring me 25 lb shuger and the cheepest sack of salt you can get and five gallon of molase as to my house. I'd know what to say to you yet as to the gray mare. Shall not want her to go because I shall keep her up here. One reson that I don't want her to go I think she is infold. Tell Sarah to take good care of my little gransun and when I come down I will fetch him a present. You be shore not to let Wesley know when you go. If he goes with you don't you let him have one dollar of the money you get for the cotten, no more.

But remain yours,

Moses Wages.

Children of **LEWIS ROBERTS** and **SARAH WAGES** are:

15. i. **JOHN LEE⁵ ROBERTS**, born 25 Jul 1837, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- ii. **MALINDA REBECA ROBERTS²**, born 23 Sep 1838, Fairfield County, South Carolina; married **JOHN CALVIN²**; born Union County, Mississippi; died Mississippi.
16. iii. **SARAH ELIZABETH ROBERTS**, born 25 Feb 1840, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died 08 Aug 1925, Union County, Mississippi.
- iv. **JAMES GILBERT LOUIS ROBERTS**, born 05 Jan 1843, South Carolina. This story was related by Tommy Bryant from a conversation he had with Sheriff John Jolly (Jolley). Sheriff is his name not his title.

"Gill was a soldier in the Civil War, and did not return following the surrender and was feared dead, like his older brother. One day Johnana, his little sister, was in her front yard, when a one legged man walked up and asked for a drink of water. Johnana went inside to get that for him, and

mentioned to her mother that there was a man outside who reminded her of her lost brother. Her mother ran out to see, and sure enough, it was Gill, on crutches, due to the loss of a leg. He had walked all the way home to Blue Springs, Mississippi with crutches on one leg from either Atlanta or Chattanooga where he had been hospitalized. (Story told to Tommy Bryant by Sheriff John Jolly, 1981)

- v. **LOUISA CAROLINE ALPINE ROBERTS**, born 08 Feb 1844, Fairfield County, South Carolina; married **DRUE SIMS RODGERS**, 27 Oct 1868, Mississippi³; born 06 May 1843, South Carolina; died 20 Feb 1895, Union County, Mississippi.
In the 1900 MS Census, Blue Springs District, Louisa Roberts Rodgers is listed as being 56 years old, a widow, and had no children. Her mother, Sarah G. Roberts, is living the house with her, is 85 years old, had twelve children and six of them living. Louisa S. Rodgers is house number 103, Drucilla L. is 102, Sarah M. is 101, and Rachel is 100.
- vi. **MARY ANN GAINEY ROBERTS**⁴, born 1846, Mississippi; married **JOHN GREENWOOD**⁴.
- 17. vii. **WILLIAM LOUIS DOGAN ROBERTS**, born Jun 1850, Mississippi; died 22 Apr 1935, Union County Mississippi.
- viii. **REGINA PAULINE G. ROBERTS**, b. 1847, Mississippi; married **BUD ROBERTS**; born about 1845.
- 18. ix. **JOHANNNA MCNEIL ROBERTS**, born 10 Jan 1852, Mississippi; died 15 Jan 1950, Mississippi.
- 19. x. **HIRAM THOMAS G.B. ROBERTS**, born 1859, Mississippi; died 1922, Arkansas.
- xi. **SWEET LOVE ROBERTS**, died Died young - Did not survive infancy.
- xii. **BUDDY ROBERTS**.

5. ELIZABETH⁴ **ROBERTS** (*WILLIAM*³, *NICHOLAS*², *ROBERTS*¹) was born 25 Sep 1815 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 21 Apr 1901 in Mississippi. She married **GEORGE WASHINGTON WAGES** 1838 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, son of **WILLIAM WAGES** and **MARY GREENE**. He was born 08 Jul 1816 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 27 Aug 1903 in Prentiss County, Mississippi. George Washington Wages is buried in Leborne Cemetery in Mississippi.

George Washington Wages was a private in Company E "Buncombe's Fighting Cocks" 1st Mississippi partisan Rangers, 7th regiment Mississippi Calvary. I do have an old photograph of George Washington Wages, but it is a copy of a copy and I am unable to publish it with any clarity

In 1848 George and Elizabeth were received into the membership of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Union County, Mississippi. Then in April 1871 George, Elizabeth and their daughter Elizabeth and son H.H. were dismissed from the church's membership. I assume this was when they relocated to Prentiss County.

Children of **ELIZABETH ROBERTS** and **GEORGE WAGES** are:

- i. **ELIZABETH⁵ WAGES**, born 1839, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died Tippah County, Mississippi; married **S.L. RISNER**; born about 1835.
- ii. **DRACUS WAGES**, born 1840, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- iii. **ISIAH M. WAGES**, born 1843, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
ISIAH M. WAGES served in the Civil War - Company "H", 23 - Mississippi - Private
- iv. **WILLIAM WAGES**, born 1847, Fairfield County, South Carolina; married **ABIGAIL BRADFORD**, 17 Oct 1861, Tippah County, Mississippi; born about 1845.
20. v. **JAMES MANCER WAGES**, born Jun 1848, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- vi. **JOHN WAGES**, born 1849, Fairfield County, South Carolina; married **ANNIE LOU WAGES**.
- vii. **ROSEANNA WAGES**, born 1852, Mississippi.
21. viii. **HENRY HEARL WAGES**, born 17 Jan 1852, Mississippi; died 04 Jan 1892, Mississippi.
- ix. **SUSAN JANE WAGES**, born 1855, Mississippi.
22. x. **GEORGE MCBRICE WAGES**, born 15 May 1855, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 17 Mar 1929, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
23. xi. **MARY ANN WAGES**, born 07 Mar 1857, Mississippi; died 1940.
- xii. **ALLISTER WAGES**, born 1859, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- xiii. **SARAH WAGES**, b. 1859, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

Generation No. 3

6. MOSES WISEMAN⁵ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 17 Apr 1813 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 22 Dec 1888 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **NANCY JANE YOUNG** about 1845 in Chester, South Carolina⁵, daughter of **WILLIAM YOUNG** and **DOLLY YOUNG**. She was born 13 Mar 1816 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 05 Jun 1902 in Union County, Mississippi. Moses and Nancy Young Roberts are buried in the Stone Family Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi. Moses' tombstone dates - born 4/13/1813 - died 3/23/1888

Children of **MOSES ROBERTS** and **NANCY YOUNG** are:

- i. **WILLIAM⁶ ROBERTS**, born 04 Jan 1834, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- ii. **JOHN ROBERTS**, born 10 Apr 1836, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died 24 Apr 1918, Union County, Mississippi; married **MARY ELLEN CALDWELL**; died 08 Dec 1863.
John served in the 45th Mississippi Infantry during the Civil War
24. iii. **ELIZABETH JANE ROBERTS**, born 08 Aug 1838, South Carolina; died about 1861, Mississippi.
25. iv. **MARY ANN ROBERTS**, born 28 Mar 1841, Fairfield County, South

- Carolina; died 12 Apr 1912, Union County, Mississippi.
- v. **NANCY JANE ROBERTS**, born 29 Nov 1843, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
26. vi. **MOSES YOUNG ROBERTS**, born 12 Oct 1846, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died 19 Oct 1930, Union County, Mississippi.
27. vii. **HEZEKIAH CLARK ROBERTS**, born 01 Aug 1849, Union County, Mississippi; died 11 Feb 1928, Union County, Mississippi.
28. viii. **REISON PINKERY ROBERTS**, born 13 Nov 1851, Union County, Mississippi; died 1938, Union County, Mississippi.
29. ix. **JAMES AUSBORN ROBERTS**, born 16 Apr 1854, Pontotoc, Mississippi; died 30 Jan 1917, Union County, Mississippi.

7. MILLIE⁵ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1817 in South Carolina, and died about 1880. She married **JOHN ROBERTS**. He was born between 1820 - 1850.

We do not know the relationship between Millie Roberts and John Roberts.

Child of **MILLIE ROBERTS** and **JOHN ROBERTS** is:

30. i. **ALLEN⁶ ROBERTS**, born 1843; died 1919, Mississippi.

8. WILLIAM⁵ "Little Bill Sprout" ROBERTS (*WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born about 1827 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died Bet. 1858 - 1859 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married **JANE HALSELL** 04 Mar 1844, daughter of **PETER HALSELL** and **SARAH COMBEST**. She was born 16 Nov 1819 in Chester, South Carolina - Halsellville Community.

Much of the information about Jane and William was verified during conversations with Lula Roberts Allen before her death. Unfortunately, when I was talking with Aunt Lula I didn't ask enough questions. I'd particularly like to know what happened to "Little Bill Sprout" to make him disappear for our history and I would like to know where William and Jane are buried.

William is already gone when the 1860 census was taken. From the 1860 Census - Chester County Halsellville Community.

From the 1860 Census - Chester County Halsellville Community

Jane Roberts	40	Farmer	South Carolina
Leroy	15		
Sobaske	13		
Wade O	9		
Abigail Sutherland	7		
Elizabeth J	4		

From the 1870 Census - Chester County Halsellville Community

Roberts, Jane	50	F	W	Farmer No Real Estate \$100 personal property
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Roberts, Abigail 17	F	W	Cannot read or write
Roberts, Elizabeth 14	F	W	Cannot read or write

On the 1880 Census Jane is living with Wade Oscar and Catherine Roberts

What happened to all the William Roberts'?

There are many mysteries surrounding all of our William Roberts ancestors. The first William Roberts (Dogwood Bill) seems to have died early and left few records of his life.

His son William Roberts (Bill Sprout) married Mary Wages. "Bill Sprout" is our ancestor who was arrested for trading with a slave. "Bill Sprout" is listed in the 1850 census of Chester County as being 59 years old and having no occupation. This is unusual since most people listed their occupation as 'farmer' or 'laborer.' In all probability "Bill Sprout" was sick or disabled in 1850. He does not appear on the 1860 census. This leads me to believe that he died between 1850 and 1860.

"Bill Sprout's" son William was called "Little Bill Sprout." He married Jane Halsell. "Little Bill Sprout" was listed with Jane and their children in the 1850 census of Chester County. He reported that he was 23 years old and that he was a farmer. Jane Halsell Roberts reported her age as 28 years old. "Little Bill Sprout" does not appear on the 1860 census. Did he die between the censuses or did he abandon his family?

Children of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **JANE HALSELL** are:

31. i. **LEROY⁶ ROBERTS**, born 17 Dec 1844, Chester, South Carolina - Halsellville Community; died 30 Dec 1918, Covington, TN.
- ii. **SOBASKI COMBEST ROBERTS**, born 03 Feb 1847, Chester County; died 01 Jul 1900, Covington, Tipton, Tennessee; married SARAH C. BNU; born about 1842, South Carolina.
Sobaski Combest Roberts enlisted in the South Carolina Reserves September 15 1864. Company E 3rd Battalion. He is listed in the 1880 census to Tennessee living in Tipton County. We know little about his family or his life in Tennessee. On the census his wife list that she was born in South Carolina and that both of her parents were also born in South Carolina.
- iii. **PETER ALBERT ROBERTS**, born 26 Feb 1849, Chester County, South Carolina.
- iv. **ABIGAIL ROBERTS**, born 01 Jul 1853, Chester County, South Carolina.
- v. **ELIZABETH ROBERTS**, born 03 Jan 1856, Chester County, South Carolina.
32. vi. **WADE OSCAR ROBERTS**, born 19 May 1858, Chester, South Carolina; died 20 May 1925, Chester, South Carolina.

9. HESAKIAH⁵ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1840 in South Carolina, and died 1865 in South Carolina. He married **SINTELIA PRICELLA SHANNON**, daughter of **DAVID SHANNON** and **SARAH WAGES**. She was born 22 May 1843 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 18 Jan 1926 in Richland County, South Carolina.

I have been unable to establish the history of this Sarah Wages.

MAYBE A CLUE?

We have a hint that William "Little Bill Sprout" Roberts may have had a middle initial of "T." In a publication call *The Working Christian* there is an announcement that on 10 June 1880 at the residence of W.T. Roberts of Chester County, Rev. J.D. Mahon married W.G. Orr of Fairfield County to Miss Abi Roberts. "Little Bill Sprout" had a daughter Abigail. Additionally, Little Bill Sprout's sister Elizabeth married John Orr and they had a son named Wade G. Orr. If this announcement refers to our ancestors then we know a middle initial for our William "Little Bill Sprout" Roberts. Abigail Roberts and Wade Orr would be 1st cousins.

THE MURDER OF HESAKIAH ROBERTS

There are many stories about our family, but there is one in particular I have been trying to verify for many years. John Elbert Roberts, II told me the first version of the story at a family reunion and challenged me to research it. The story was part of the family legend and John Elbert was interested in verifying it. Later Agnes Roberts Banks confirmed that she too had heard the story and added some details.

It seems that at some point something happened between two of our relatives. One was named Kiah (short for Hezekiah) and the other was named Lee. In the course of settling the dispute Lee shot, and reportedly killed, Kiah. It does not appear that Lee went to jail for the murder. It may have been that there was some justification for the event or the murder might have gotten lost in the confusion around the Civil War or perhaps the law enforcement officials never connected Lee with the shooting. However, Lee did leave the county and the state. As he left, he reportedly said he would never again set his feet in the dirt of either South Carolina or Chester County. His parting words indicate that he was angry with many people, including members of his family, who must have judged him more harshly than the legal system.

Although I have never found any records of this event, our Cousin John Howell, a direct descendent of Hezekiah, confirms that Hezekiah was killed in approximately 1865. He was shot and killed in his house. The assailant shot from outside the house through a window killing Hezekiah. John reports that the assailant was a relative.

Recently some of the family gathered at the home of John Elbert Roberts III. Kirk and Pres (Gary Preston) Roberts were talking about this incident. The story they remember involves a dispute between Hezekiah and a close relative named Lee. Lee was probably a cousin, but he was younger than Hezekiah. We do not know if Lee was his first name or middle name or nickname. One day when members of the family were together, the dispute escalated and in anger Hezekiah threw a brick at Lee. The brick missed its

intended target, but it did hit Lee's father, who died from his injury. Naturally this further intensified the dispute and Lee vowed that one day he would kill Hezekiah in retribution. It was some years later when Lee kept his promise and shot Hezekiah. Supposedly Lee was sentenced to serve in the confederate Army for his offense. This part of the story is doubtful since Hezekiah was killed in 1865 and the war would have been over before Lee could have been sentenced.

There are a number of mysteries surrounding this incident. First, who is the Lee Roberts who killed Hezekiah? There is a Lee Roberts who is the son of William Roberts and Elizabeth Lee Roberts. He would be Hezekiah's uncle. I have not yet found a younger Lee.

In all probability the answer to this mystery rest in an old letter hidden away in one of our relative's cedar chest.

There is a H. Roberts listed in the 1860 census of Fairfield County. His wife is listed a Cynthia. They have one child a girl named Polly A.(Mary). Living with this family is a Polly Roberts aged 65. I believe this to be Hezekiah. Cynthia I believe to be Sintellia misspelled by the census taker. The 65 year old Polly I believe to be Hezekiah's mother Polly Wages Roberts.

The murder of Hezekiah occurred in Richland County. Court records for the period are at the state archives, but they have not yet been catalogued.

1860 Census

Fairfield County, South Carolina

H. Roberts	25
Cynthia Roberts	16
Polly A. Roberts	1
Polly Roberts	65

This Polly Roberts may be Mary "Polly" Wages Roberts. Heseekiah's mother.

Children of **HESAKIAH ROBERTS** and **SINTELIA SHANNON** are:

33. i. **MARY JANE⁶ ROBERTS**, born 24 Aug 1860, Chester County, South Carolina; died 30 Nov 1927, Lexington County, South Carolina.
- ii. **SARAH ELIZABETH ROBERTS**, born 25 Nov 1862, Richland County, South Carolina; died 1947; married (1) **JOEL BROWN**; married (2) **WILLIAM WISE**; married (3) **CAINE DRAWDY**.

10. ELIZABETH 'BETSY'⁵ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1826 in South Carolina, and died Aft. 1860. She married **JOHN ORR**. He was born 1824 in South Carolina.

Children of **ELIZABETH ROBERTS** and **JOHN ORR** are:

- i. **DRUCILLA⁶ ORR**, born 1853, South Carolina.
- ii. **DORCAS ORR**, born 1855, South Carolina.
- iii. **RESIN N. ORR**, born 1856, South Carolina.
- iv. **WADE G. ORR**, born 1857, South Carolina.

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- v. **JAMES ORR**, born 1860, South Carolina.
 - vi. **WILLIAM ORR**, born 1862, South Carolina.

11. EMILY 'EMALINE'⁵ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1833 in South Carolina. She married **VINCENT W. PEAY**, son of **JOHN PEAY** and **ELIZABETH PEAY**. He was born about 1834 in South Carolina.

Children of **EMILY ROBERTS** and **VINCENT PEAY** are:

- 34. i. **WILLIAM ELI⁶ PEAY**, born Sep 1855, Chester County, South Carolina; died 07 Jul 1915, Whitmire, Newberry County, SC.
- 35. ii. **JOHN JACKSON PEAY**, born 23 Sep 1858, Chester County, South Carolina; died 19 Aug 1941, Chester County, South Carolina.
- iii. **DIXON PEAY**, born about 1862, South Carolina.
- iv. **MARTHA ELIZABETH PEAY**, born 05 Jun 1868, Chester County, South Carolina; died 07 Feb 1940, Chester County, South Carolina.
- v. **ALICE PEAY**, born about 1872, South Carolina.

12. ELIZABETH⁵ STONE (*PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born about 1821 in South Carolina, and died Aft. 1859. She married **JOHN WESLEY WAGES**, son of **WILLIAM WAGES** and **MARY GREENE**. He was born 17 Apr 1819 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 25 Dec 1864 in Tippah County, Mississippi.

John Wesley Wages enlisted in the CSA army on February 17, 1863. He was killed December 25, 1864 at Brice's Crossroad while serving with General Nathan Bedford Forrest. Two of his sons served with him in Company "C" - Captain Houston's State Militia. He served as constable of Pontotoc County, Mississippi from 1858 until Jan 1864.

Children of **ELIZABETH STONE** and **JOHN WAGES** are:

- i. **HEZEKIAH⁶ WAGES**, born 08 Oct 1842; died 26 Aug 1856, Mississippi. He is buried at the Stone Family cemetery in Union County, Mississippi
- ii. **JOHN W. WAGES**, born about 1848.
- iii. **MARY AMES WAGES**, born about 1851.
- iv. **WILLIAM WAGES**, born about 1857.
- v. **JAMES WAGES**, born about 1859.
- vi. **G.L. WAGES**.

- vii. **PENELOPE WAGES**.

13. EMALINE⁵ STONE (*PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 07 Jul 1831 in South Carolina, and died 03 May 1897 in Mississippi. She married **JOHN W. FRANKLIN**. He was born 04 Jul 1825, and died 02 Mar 1919 in Mississippi. John and Emaline Stone Franklin are buried at the Stone Family cemetery in Union County, Mississippi

Child of **EMALINE STONE** and **JOHN FRANKLIN** is:

- i. **J. TOM⁶ FRANKLIN**, born 1869; died 1913.

14. CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE (*PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 07 Mar 1834 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 04 Aug 1879 in Mississippi. She married **SION SNIPES⁶** 09 Jul 1856 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, son of **MATTHEW SNIPES** and **ELIZABETH CHAMBLEE**. He was born 01 Jan 1833 in Anderson, South Carolina, and died 17 Jan 1909 in Union County, Mississippi. Caroline Jane is buried at the Stone Family Cemetery in Union County Mississippi. Her grave maker in list her name as J.C. Snipes

Children of **CAROLYN STONE** and **SION SNIPES** are:

- i. **WILLIAM CULLEN⁶ SNIPES**, born 16 Jan 1858, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
36. ii. **MARY ANN IRENE PENELOPE "MOLLY" SNIPES**, born 24 Mar 1860, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 14 Apr 1932, Mississippi.
37. iii. **MATTHEW T. SNIPES**, born 24 Oct 1863, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- iv. **JOHN L.S. SNIPES**, born 09 Jan 1864, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- v. **SARAH ALICE SNIPES**, born about 1866, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- vi. **SAMUEL PITTS SNIPES**, born 25 Aug 1874, Blue Springs, Union County, Mississippi.

15. JOHN LEE⁵ ROBERTS (*LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*)⁷ was born 25 Jul 1837 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married **LUCRETIA SCREASY JOLLEY** 20 Mar 1858 in Mississippi, daughter of **ASBURY JOLLEY** and **MALINDA HAMRICK**. She was born 1838 in North Carolina, and died 1869 in Mississippi.

John Lee reportedly went off to war and never returned. He was presumed to have been killed. However, the ages of his reported children makes this story questionable at best.

Children of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **LUCRETIA JOLLEY** are:

- i. **THOMAS S.⁶ ROBERTS**, born 18 Dec 1858, Mississippi; died 08 Nov 1935, Oklahoma; married **MARY JAMES MORRIS**, 10 Nov 1880, Lee County, Mississippi; born 18 Jul 1856; died 11 Jan 1931, Oklahoma.
- ii. **REGINA ROBERTS**, born Mississippi.
- iii. **JACQUELINE ROBERTS**, born 1857, Mississippi.

16. SARAH ELIZABETH⁵ ROBERTS

(LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹)⁸ was born 25 Feb 1840 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 08 Aug 1925 in Union County, Mississippi. She married **SAMUEL G. MCCRAW⁸** 19 Feb 1859 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, son of **BENJAMIN MCCRAW** and **AURANAH JOLLEY**. He was born 23 Feb 1835 in Rutherford, North Carolina, and died 12 Nov 1924 in Union County, Mississippi.

He served in the Civil war in Company K -31st Mississippi Infantry.

Samuel and Sarah Roberts McCraw are buried in Fairfield Presbyterian Cemetery in Union County Mississippi



Samuel and Sarah E. Roberts McCraw

Children of **SARAH ROBERTS** and **SAMUEL MCCRAW** are:

- i. **THOMAS LOUIS REASIN⁶ MCCRAW**, born 14 Jan 1860, Pontotoc, Mississippi; died 30 Nov 1936, Lee County Mississippi; married **MARTHA MARTIN⁸**, 26 Feb 1882⁸; born 18 Oct 1858; died 29 Dec 1925.
38. ii. **MOLLIE MARY MCCRAW**, born 08 Jun 1864, Pontotoc, Mississippi; died 29 Feb 1956, Union County, Mississippi.
- iii. **CORDELIA MCCRAW**, born 19 Mar 1866, Pontotoc, Mississippi; died 11 Jul 1957; married **MORRIS LITTLEJOHN**, 14 Dec 1894, Union County, Mississippi; born 03 Feb 1873, Mississippi; died 11 Jul 1899.
- iv. **AURANAH MCCRAW**, born 08 Jun 1870, Union County, Mississippi; died 21 Dec 1916, Union County, Mississippi; married **JHNO (not John) BRYANT**, 19 Jan 1900.
- v. **EMMA MCCRAW**, born 25 Mar 1872, Union County, Mississippi; died 16 Sep 1901, Union County, Mississippi.
- vi. **WILLIAM B. MCCRAW**, born 06 Mar 1874, Union County, Mississippi; died 17 Nov 1892, Mississippi.
- vii. **KISIAH SUSANNA REBECCA MCCRAW**, born 24 Jan 1876, Union County, Mississippi; died 15 Aug 1964, Lee County Mississippi; married **WILLIAM ROBERT BRYANT**, 19 Dec 1899, Union County, Mississippi; born 06 Sep 1881, Union County, Mississippi; died 07 Jul 1915, Union County, Mississippi.
- viii. **AMANDA MCCRAW**, born 24 Mar 1879, Union County, Mississippi; died 05 Sep 1969, Lee County Mississippi; married **HENRY HACKDEN DALTON BROWN⁸**, 04 Mar 1905, Union County, Mississippi; born 22 Aug 1883; died May 1956.

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- ix. **SARAH JANE MCCRAW**, born 1882, Union County, Mississippi; died Texas; married **R.A. KNIGHT**, 19 Jun 1879; born about 1880.

17. WILLIAM LOUIS DOGAN⁵ ROBERTS (*LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born Jun 1850 in Mississippi, and died 22 Apr 1935 in Union County Mississippi. He married **MARGRET ADELINE COBB⁹** 10 Jun 1868 in Mississippi. She was born 29 Feb 1848 in Mississippi, and died 22 Nov 1922 in Union County Mississippi. William and Margret Cobb Roberts are buried in the Fairfield Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi.

Children of WILLIAM ROBERTS and MARGRET COBB are:

39. i. **JOHN LEE⁶ ROBERTS**, born 1868; died 1936.
ii. **EVALINE ROBERTS**, born 1870, Mississippi; died 1962; married **NUTE PUTT**; born about 1870.
iii. **JAMES HUEY ROBERTS**, born 1874; died 1935; married **LAVANNA ROWAN**; born 1871; died 1950.
iv. **KEZEKIAH ROBERTS**, born 1877; died 1950; married **ALICE BEASLEY**; born about 1875.
v. **HENRY H. ROBERTS**, born 1879; died 1951; married (1) **ELLER JOLLEY**; married (2) **RENA COBB**
vi. **WILLIAM ROBERTS**, born 1881.
vii. **JESSIE B. ROBERTS**, born 1882; died 1966.
viii. **ALBERT R. ROBERTS**, born 1884; died 1964; married **OLLIE BENNETT**.
ix. **FAWN LAFAYETTE ROBERTS**, born 1885; died 1952; married **BESSIE LEE WILLIAMS**; born 1903; died 1972.
x. **LINDSEY ELIHUE ROBERTS**, born Jun 1889; died Oct 1941, Union County Mississippi; married **JAMIE BRYANT**.
xi. **SHELLY O. ROBERTS**, born 1892; died 1971.

18. JOHANNNA MCNEIL⁵ ROBERTS (*LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 10 Jan 1852 in Mississippi, and died 15 Jan 1950 in Mississippi. She married **ROBERT ASBURY JOLLEY** about 1873 in Mississippi, son of **ASBURY JOLLEY** and **MALINDA HAMRICK**. He was born 09 Mar 1853 in Mississippi, and died 28 Feb 1935 in Mississippi.

A story from our cousin Tommy Bryant

In 1980, I spoke with her tenth child, Sheriff John Jolly, himself at that time close to ninety. He said he remembered his mother talking about the time the Yankees came through Blue Springs, and how they hid their only mule, and what little cotton they had, in their house. Luckily, the Yankees did not search their home. I remember thinking to myself at the time, "How often can a person in 1980 meet someone just one generation removed from the Civil War?" Sheriff (his given name, not a title) was a retired rural mail carrier and postmaster of the Blue Springs Post Office, and knew every person and every road in the area. He took me out to the Stone Cemetery, which was so over grown,

we had to crawl into it on our hands and knees. He was one of my main sources for the early history of the Roberts, McCraw, Jolly, and Bryant data.

Children of **JOHNANNA ROBERTS** and **ROBERT JOLLEY** are:

40. i. **SHERIFF JOHN⁶ JOLLEY**, born 21 Aug 1895, Mississippi; died 24 May 1992, Mississippi.
- ii. **EISSA JOLLEY**, born 1875.
- iii. **RUTH CAROLINE JOLLEY**, born 1879.
- iv. **OTTIE JOLLEY**, born 1889.
- v. **ETHEL JOLLEY**, born 1893.
- vi. **PHOEBE JOLLEY**, born 1881.
- vii. **CLARA JOLLEY**, born 1884.
- viii. **WILLIE BLANCHE JOLLEY**.
- ix. **LIZZIE JOLLEY**.

19. HIRAM THOMAS G.B.⁵ ROBERTS (*LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1859 in Mississippi, and died 1922 in Arkansas. He married **MARTHA BNU**.

Child of **HIRAM ROBERTS** and **MARTHA BNU** is:

- i. **LEANETTE⁶ ROBERTS**, born 1880.

20. JAMES MANCEL⁵ WAGES (*ELIZABETH⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born Jun 1848 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married **MARY EMILY WAGES** 1866 in Mississippi. She was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Children of **JAMES WAGES** and **MARY WAGES** are:

- i. **IRA L.⁶ WAGES**, born Nov 1877, Mississippi.
- ii. **JOSEPH L. WAGES**, born Aug 1879, Mississippi.
- iii. **JESSE WAGES**, born Sep 1881, Mississippi.

21. HENRY HEARL⁵ WAGES (*ELIZABETH⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 17 Jan 1852 in Mississippi, and died 04 Jan 1892 in Mississippi. He married **CLAUDEUS E. WALLIS** 07 Aug 1870 in Prentiss County, Mississippi. She was born 28 Nov 1848 in Tippah County, Mississippi, and died 09 Sep 1918 in Tippah County, Mississippi.

Child of **HENRY WAGES** and **CLAUDEUS WALLIS** is:

- i. **JOHN E.⁶ WAGES**, born 06 Aug 1871, Prentiss County, Mississippi; died 19 Jun 1934, Prentiss County, Mississippi; married **LOU ELLA WAGES**; born 12 Aug 1878, Union County, Mississippi; died 19 Jun 1934, Prentiss County, Mississippi.

22. GEORGE MCBRICE⁵ WAGES (*ELIZABETH⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³,*

NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹) was born 15 May 1855 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and died 17 Mar 1929 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. He married **MARGARET ANN PORTER** 08 Oct 1879 in Tippah County, Mississippi. She was born 20 Mar 1864 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and died 04 Feb 1929 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

Children of **GEORGE WAGES** and **MARGARET PORTER** are:

- i. **WALTER HAROLD⁶ WAGES**, born Mississippi; died Mississippi.
- ii. **GEORGE WALTER WAGES**, born 1880, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 19 Apr 1961, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; married **ANN BRYSON**, 1899, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; born Mississippi; died Mississippi.
- iii. **ALBERT LEE WAGES**, born 06 Jan 1881, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 29 May 1952, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; married **TEMPLE HANCOCK**; born 1904.
- iv. **BENJAMIN WAGES**, born 1882, Tippah County, Mississippi.
- v. **JULIAN GULES WAGES**, born 13 Dec 1883, Tippah County, Mississippi; died 05 Dec 1963, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; married **KATIE LEE**; born 04 May 1890, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 28 Feb 1960, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- vi. **HEARL HAROLD WAGES**, born 06 Jun 1885, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; married **BERTIE DILLARD**, 10 Aug 1909, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; born 27 Sep 1889, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- vii. **JOHN BANYAN WAGES**, born 19 Mar 1887, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 06 Aug 1958, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- viii. **BULEAH NANCY ELIZABETH WAGES**, born 14 May 1894, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 09 Feb 1950, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; married **LONNIE THOMAS HENRY DAVIS MORPHIS**, 26 Jul 1907, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; born 26 Aug 1886, Union County, Mississippi; died 25 Oct 1977, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- ix. **EVIE LELA WAGES**, born 27 Mar 1897, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 23 Nov 1991, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; married **WILLIE LEE MORPHIS**, 11 Feb 1916, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; born 23 Jan 1892, Union County, Mississippi; died 18 Dec 1955, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- x. **LUTHER JACK WAGES**, born 27 Mar 1898, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 04 Feb 1970, Chickasaw County, Mississippi; married **DAISEY BUCHANAN**.
- xi. **WILLIAM WAGES**, born 1900, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; married **BETSY LEE**; born 09 Feb 1904, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 22 Feb 1963, Chickasaw County, Mississippi.
- xii. **MARY EMMA WAGES**, born 03 Sep 1900, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died Chickasaw County, Mississippi; married **THOMAS ANDREW BUCHANAN**; born 25 Jan 1896, Chickasaw County, Mississippi; died 16 Oct 1961, Chickasaw County, Mississippi.
- xiii. **JACK WAGES**, born 20 Dec 1905, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 26 May 1982, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; married **MARY MOORMAN**, 02 Nov 1928, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; born 15 Apr 1912, Pontotoc

- County, Mississippi; died 10 Aug 1982, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- xiv. **WINSTON WAGES**, born 1906, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
 - xv. **HUBERT WAGES**, born 18 Aug 1911, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 20 Nov 1912, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

23. MARY ANN⁵ WAGES (*ELIZABETH⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*)¹⁰ was born 07 Mar 1857 in Mississippi, and died 1940. She married **HIRAM THOMPSON ROBERTS**, son of **BENJAMIN ROBERTS** and **MARY WAGES**. He was born 06 Feb 1852 in South Carolina, and died 25 Oct 1920 in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **MARY WAGES** and **HIRAM ROBERTS** are:

- i. **HIRAM BUNYAN⁶ ROBERTS**, born 23 Oct 1873, Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- ii. **MARY LENA ROBERTS**, born about 1877, Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- 41. iii. **JAMES EDMOND ROBERTS**, born Dec 1878, Prentiss County, Mississippi; died 1953.
- iv. **PEARL ANN ROBERTS**, born Jul 1882.
- v. **JULIUS DALTON ROBERTS**, born 11 Mar 1884; married ANNIE BELLE COX; born about 1910.
- vi. **EFFIE MYRTLE ROBERTS**, born 17 Aug 1888.
- vii. **ADA BELL ROBERTS**, born 24 Mar 1893; died 25 Jan 1945, Union County Mississippi; married **CLARK ROBERTS**; born about 1890. Ada Bell Roberts is buried at Zion Hill Cemetery - Union County, Mississippi
- viii. **IDA MAE ROBERTS**, born 24 Mar 1893.
- 42. ix. **ANGIE BEULAH ROBERTS**, born 28 Jul 1894, Mississippi; died Mississippi.
- x. **BIRD ROBERTS**, born 20 Nov 1896; married GUY MOORE; born 1904; died 1968.
- xi. **LOLIE BEATRICE ROBERTS**, born Jan 1905.

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24. ELIZABETH JANE⁶ ROBERTS (*MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 08 Aug 1838 in South Carolina, and died about 1861 in Mississippi. She married **JOHN J. BEASLEY**. He was born about 1831 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 28 Feb 1872 in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **ELIZABETH ROBERTS** and **JOHN BEASLEY** are:

- i. **GEORGEAN⁷ BEASLEY**, born 18 Aug 1855, Union County, Mississippi; died 12 Oct 1899, Union County, Mississippi; married **JOHN THOMPSON SNIPES**, 30 Oct 1880, Mississippi; born 24 Jul 1859, Union County, Mississippi; died 22 Aug 1940, Shelby, Tennessee.
- ii. **CAROLINE JOSEPHINE BEASLEY**, born 06 May 1859, Union County, Mississippi; died 22 Feb 1937, Cross County, Arkansas.

25. MARY ANN⁶ ROBERTS (*MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 28 Mar 1841 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 12 Apr 1912 in Union County, Mississippi. She married (1) **JOHN THOMAS TOLLISON** 20 Jan 1859 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, son of JAMES TOLLISON and PHOEBE YOUNG. He was born 30 Dec 1826, and died 11 Jul 1863. She married (2) **LEONARD F. DANIEL** 15 Dec 1865 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. He was born 11 May 1844 in Mississippi, and died 15 Aug 1893.
Mary Ann is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery, Mound City, Mississippi

Child of **MARY ROBERTS** and **JOHN TOLLISON** is:

43. i. **WILLIAM TRIPLETT⁷ TOLLISON**, born 13 Nov 1861, Mississippi; died 09 Aug 1896.

26. MOSES YOUNG⁶ ROBERTS (*MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 12 Oct 1846 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 19 Oct 1930 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **MARY JANE CALDWELL**. She was born about 1845 in South Carolina.
Moses served in the 12th Mississippi Calvary during the Civil War. He is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery - Union County Mississippi

Children of **MOSES ROBERTS** and **MARY CALDWELL** are:

44. i. **WILLIAM ELLIHUGH⁷ ROBERTS**, born 03 Jan 1865, Union County, Mississippi; died 19 May 1928, Union County, Mississippi.
45. ii. **NANCY ELIZABETH ROBERTS**, born about 1870, Mississippi; died 07 Nov 1935, Union County, Mississippi.
- iii. **REBECKER A. ROBERTS**, born about 1872, Union County, Mississippi; married **J.H. BRYANT**; born about 1870.
- iv. **LAURA ESTER ROBERTS**, born 02 Nov 1873, Union County, Mississippi; died 11 Jul 1962; married **SION WALKER SNIPES**; born 19 Oct 1864, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died 16 Feb 1948, Memphis, Tennessee.
- v. **MARGRET ROBERTS**, born Aug 1877, Union County, Mississippi.

27. HEZEKIAH CLARK⁶ ROBERTS (*MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 01 Aug 1849 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 11 Feb 1928 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **NANCY J. BRIDGES**. She was born 27 Nov 1848 in Mississippi, and died 01 Jun 1931 in Mississippi.
Hezekiah served in the 12 Mississippi Calvary during the Civil War. He is buried in the Ellistown Cemetery - Union County, Mississippi

Children of **HEZEKIAH ROBERTS** and **NANCY BRIDGES** are:

- i. **JOHN WILEY⁷ ROBERTS**, born 12 Sep 1869, Mississippi; died 24 Apr 1957, Union County Mississippi; married **ANNIE SNIPES**; born 09 Nov

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- 1869; died 13 Jul 1959, Union County Mississippi.
John and Annie Snipes Roberts are buried in the Hopewell Cemetery - Union County, Mississippi
46. ii. **JAMES HEZEKIAH ROBERTS**, born 13 Jul 1875, Mississippi; died 29 Oct 1957, Union County, Mississippi; married **IDA BRASSFIELD**; born about 1875.
James is buried in the Ellistown Cemetery - Union County, Mississippi
46. iii. **MARY GABEL ROBERTS**, born 16 Jun 1882, Mississippi; died 05 Jan 1931, Union County, Mississippi.
46. iv. **CARRIE J. ROBERTS**, born 18 Nov 1883, Mississippi; died 17 Nov 1907, Union County, Mississippi.
Carrie is buried in the Ellistown Cemetery - Union County, Mississippi
47. v. **MADISON MOSES ROBERTS**, born 10 Dec 1871, Mississippi; died 13 Mar 1959, Union County, Mississippi.
47. vi. **DOLLIE ADALINE ROBERTS**, born 1878, Union County, Mississippi; died 1950, Union County, Mississippi; married **WILLIAM HENRY WIGGINTON**; born about 1875.

28. REISON PINKERY⁶ ROBERTS (*MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 13 Nov 1851 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 1938 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **JULIA DUNLAP**, daughter of **GEORGE DUNLAP** and **ELIZABETH SNIPES**. She was born Dec 1854 in Mississippi.

Children of **REISON ROBERTS** and **JULIA DUNLAP** are:

- i. **JOHN M.⁷ ROBERTS**, born about 1873, Union County, MS; died Apr 1952, Union County, MS.
From *THE RED CLAY OF BUNCOMBE* by Brenda Rayman.
John Roberts was, evidently, rather strange. He was called "Coon John"—why, I don't know unless he hunted raccoons or had black circles under his eyes. According to my grandmother's sister, Rudell Rakestraw Miller, John was too lazy to work and his father, Reese, often became angry with him because of this. Rudell also said that whenever someone died, John would put his fingers in his ears—not wanting to hear about the death, I suppose.
48. ii. **MARY DALLAS ROBERTS**, born 22 Jul 1875, Union County, Mississippi; died Oct 1968; married **DALTON GRUBBS**; born 01 Aug 1873; died Jul 1931.
48. iii. **MAGGIE ROBERTS**, born 24 Aug 1877, Union County, MS; died 21 Dec 1966, Union County, MS.
49. iv. **ADA ROBERTS**, born 20 Jun 1880, Union County, MS; died 02 Dec 1970, Union County, MS.
50. v. **CLEMMIE ROBERTS**, born 10 May 1885, Union County, MS; died 02 Oct 1970, Union County, MS.
- vi. **ALLIE ROBERTS**, born about 1888, Union County, MS.

29. JAMES AUSBORN⁶ ROBERTS (*MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 16 Apr 1854 in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and died 30 Jan 1917 in Union County, Mississippi. He married (1) **MARGARET ANN BAKER**. She was born about 1860. He married (2) **DOROTHY GILLIAM**. She was born 1871, and died 1949.

James is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi

Children of **JAMES ROBERTS** and **MARGARET BAKER** are:

- i. **JAMES DALTON⁷ ROBERTS**, born 09 Jun 1879; died 13 Dec 1948, Union County Mississippi.
James is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi
- ii. **WILLIE RICKMAN ROBERTS**, born 1881.
- iii. **MARGARET ANN ROBERTS**, born 11 Aug 1884.
- iv. **STEPHEN DOUGLAS ROBERTS**, born 02 Jan 1892.
- v. **JOHN LUTHER ROBERTS**, born 23 Jan 1897; died 04 Jun 1965, Union County Mississippi.
John is buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi

30. ALLEN⁶ ROBERTS (*MILLIE⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1843, and died 1919 in Mississippi. He married **JANE SWAN**. She was born about 1840, and died in Mississippi.

Child of **ALLEN ROBERTS** and **JANE SWAN** is:

- i. **AMDEDA⁷ ROBERTS**, born Nov 1867, Mississippi.

31. LEROY⁶ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 17 Dec 1844 in Chester, South Carolina - Halsellville Community, and died 30 Dec 1918 in Covington, TN. He married **DARCUS WEIR** in 1871. She was born 1853 in Chester, South Carolina - Halsellville Community, and died 1881 in Chester, South Carolina - Blackstock Community.
Leroy served in South Carolina 23rd Regiment Company F in the Civil War. He was captured and imprisoned at Hart's Island

The Letter from Leroy Roberts to James A. Roberts

The letter was written to James Roberts (**James Ausborn Roberts**, son of **Moses Wiseman Roberts** and **Nancy Jane Young**). **Agnes Roberts** the wife of **Walter Roberts**, who was the son of James Ausborn Roberts, found the letter in an old trunk. It was published in THE BULLETIN, a publication of the Chester District Genealogical Society. The letter gives us much information about our family, and it tells us a lot about Leroy Roberts.

(NOTE: Within the letter Betty Gary's notations are in parentheses and underlined.)

Burleson, Tnn.
January. 15, 1914

Mr. James A. Roberts
New Albany, Miss.

Cousin James:

I write in answer to your letter received a few days ago. Was glad to hear from you and to hear your well. This leaves me well. I will try to give you more information about your uncles and aunts than you seem to know. Grandfather Roberts had 9 children. Moses, your father, was the oldest. John, William (my father), James, Hesakiah, Millie, Polly, Betsy, and Emily, the youngest. All are dead now.

Aunt Betsy's family and aunt Emily's are back in South Carolina, in Chester Co. I will tell who all married, the girls in order: Aunt Miller married John Roberts. Polly married Jason Wages. They left S. C. when I was quite small. Bettie married John Orr. Emily married Vincent Peay. The boys married, 1st your father married Nancy Young, as you know. I do not know who John married, as it might be he married in Georgia. If I ever saw him I do not remember. William, my father, married Jane Halsell. James married a Bailey. They had only one child, a girl. Heszkiah married a Shannon. Their 3 children are in S. C. near Columbia, in Richland County.

Yes, our grandfather's name was William. Also our g-grandfather was called "Dogwood Bill". Our grandfather was called Bill Sprout - off of the Dogwood. My father was called "Young Bill Sprout". There was another Bill called Santa Anna, who I think, is Nick Bradshaw's grandfather. As I have heard he was murdered. We had a great uncle murdered by his own negroes in Miss., before the war. He was called Pully Roberts. He was never married. I have seen the Negro woman who told on the rest of the Negroes who killed him. They hanged 5 of them. He was sick and they took advantage of that and killed him. He was a very large stout man.

Now I will tell you something of myself and my father and mother. They were married the first of the year 1844. (BLG: this was Moses Robert's brother, Wm.) I was born December 17th 1844, so you see I am past 69 years old. There were 6 of us. Our names in order: Myself, Leroy, Bombest called Bess, Peter and Wade. The girls were Abigail and Elizabeth. All are dead except me and Wade. I married a Weir of Fairfield Co. S. C., in the year 1871. She died in 1881 and left me with 3 children. 2 boys and a girl. My baby was only 3 months old He lived until he was over 2 and died. The other two is living yet. After my baby died I broke up

house keeping, rented my place out and went to south Fla. Stayed there 27 months, came back to S. C. and farmed. I sold fruit trees for 3 years. Have traveled some, run a market house. Tried boarding house and various other things. I saw that my place was running down so I sold it and came here and am living with my son, as I never married a 2nd time. My daughter is married. She lives in Ga. My son went to the army in the Spanish American war. He came from Cuba to Tnn. He has 5 children. 4 boys and a girl. We have bought land here. This is a fine farming country, especially up and down the Hatchie river. I have been out here 8 years. I was in Lee's army in Va. Came through with but one wound. Was in most of the battles fought around Richmond and in Petersburg in Maryland, and 2 battles in N. C. I was taken prisoner near Appomattox and carried up in N. Y. Got home in July 1865, after the surrender. So you see I have a great deal to be thankful for. Our grandmother's name, before she married, was Polly Wages. Our g—grandmother was a Lee. I will stop now as I don't want to go back to Adam and Eve. I am going to write to Nick Bradshaw, as I would like to trace him a little further. Also, I will write to your brother, John. I owe Moose a letter as he has written to me a few times. I shall have to close as my fingers have begun to take the cramps and I am trying to write by a flickering light. Let me know if any of Ben Roberts's family is out there. I have heard that aunt Millie's son, Allen married Dickson Robert's widow. Ben's boy's names are Dickson, Wesley, and Greek ? (could not make out his name), Thomas and Eddied The girls: Rebecca, Nancy, Irene and maybe some younger ones. I would like to hear from them. My youngest brother is 3 years older than you are. I think you are mistaken in the year uncle Moose left S. C., as I can remember being at his house when he was getting ready to leave there. It must have been 1846 or 47. I was very small, yet I remember one of the children carried me on their back and ran with me. It is like a faint dream to me, but my mother has told me that was where we were. I owned a place near there since I was married. If your mother was living I could describe it so she would know, for her father's old house stood near for many years afterwards. Write and ask any questions about our ancestors and I will be glad to answer same.

*Your cousin,
Leroy Roberts*

Leroy served in the 12th Infantry, Company E and in the 23rd Infantry, Company F. Leroy was captured on April 11, 1865 and held prisoner in Hart's Island, New York Harbor. He was released on June 16, 1865. Leroy signed an Oath of Allegiance to the United States on June 16, 1865. His military record lists him as having a fair complexion, light hair and blue eyes. Leroy was five feet one inch tall.

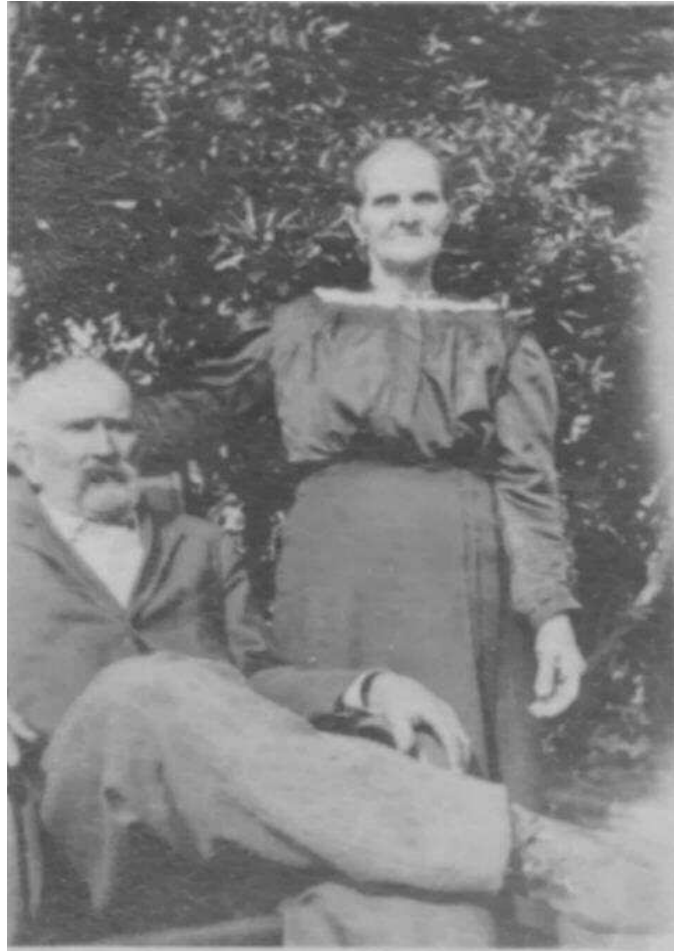
I cannot identify Nick Bradshaw or the William Roberts who was called 'Santa Anna.' I

am puzzled that Leroy did not mention the murder of his brother Hezekiah.

Children of **LEROY ROBERTS** and **DARCUS WEIR** are:

51. i. **EDWARD HALSELL⁷ ROBERTS**, born 20 Apr 1876, Chester County, South Carolina; died 25 Dec 1958, Memphis, Tennessee.
- ii. **LILLY ROBERTS**, born Apr 1880, Chester County, South Carolina.
- iii. **INFANT SON ROBERTS**, born Bet. 1880 - 1881; died Bet. 1880 - 1881.

32. WADE OSCAR⁶ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 19 May 1858 in Chester, South Carolina, and died 20 May 1925 in Chester, South Carolina. He married **CATHERINE SARA ROBERTS** Dec 1878, daughter of **ELBERT "Birdie" ROBERTS** and **MARY LONG**. She was born 16 Feb 1858 in Chester, South Carolina, and died 17 Nov 1944 in Chester, South Carolina.



Catherine Sarah Roberts or Sarah Catherine Roberts?

What was her real name? Her obituary referred to her Catherine Sarah Roberts, but Wade Oscar, her husband and his family referred to her as Sarah Catherine. Wade's will list his wife, Sarah Catherine Roberts, as executor. I'm going with the information from her obituary.

In his will Wade names 10 children. **Eunice Taylor, Mary Jane Kimmie, Martha Elizabeth Dove, Samuel BORN**

Roberts, James Wade Roberts, Lula BORN Allen, Evelyn Green, Estelle Wilson, Marion D. Roberts and John Elbert Roberts. The will directs that \$1.00 be given to **William H. Roberts** and **Margaret C. Roberts** the children of a predeceased son P.O.(Peter Oscar) The will specified that the \$1.00 was not an indication of his love and affection but because their father's estate had taken care of them. Wade Oscar also

Wade Oscar Roberts and Catherine Sarah Roberts Roberts. I don't believe their stern appearance is indicative of their personalities. They must have been cheerful and loving people to have parented such a remarkable group of people.

directed that his son, John Elbert, be paid \$500.00 as repayment for a loan his son gave him at the conclusion of the World War. The will was signed with a signature on 23 July 1924.

Both Wade Oscar and Catherine Sarah Roberts Roberts are buried in the Beaver Creek Baptist Church cemetery in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Kirk and Halsell Roberts remember their Granny Kat, who lived with their family in her old age. She always referred to all of her grandchildren by the name Doosey regardless of whom she was talking. This frequently caused a problem for the children, who didn't always know who she was calling, but they all knew to move when she called. Granny Kat was to be obeyed.

Catherine also knew and practiced folk remedies. Kirk and Halsell remember once when she was displeased with the appearance of the pears growing on the old pear tree at the front of their property, she ordered a quart of turpentine which she divided into smaller bottles and hung those from the tree. The following year the pears were flawless.

On another occasion a cat had spread fleas into the upstairs of the old home place, she ordered that limbs and leaves from a black walnut tree be laid on the floor. In less than a week all the fleas were gone.

Catherine Sarah Roberts died on November 17, 1944. Prior to her death her grandsons Kirk and Halsell Roberts remember one evening when she came walking from the house. She made her way all over the farm, inspecting everything as she went. She looked in each corncrib, barn smoke house and shed. After completing her inspection she smiled to show her pleasure and said that "with the Lord's help John Elbert brought in a fine crop." She returned to the house and that was the last time either Kirk or Halsell remember her leaving the house.

On the day she died Kirk and Halsell were going fishing when their father Elbert overtook them driving his old Desoto and told them to return home because their grandmother had died.

Children of **WADE ROBERTS** and **CATHERINE ROBERTS** are:

52. i. **PETER OSCAR⁷ ROBERTS**, born 19 Nov 1879, South Carolina; died 11 Aug 1921, Columbia, South Carolina.
53. ii. **EUNICE ROBERTS**, born 24 Dec 1880, Halsellville Community, Chester, South Carolina; died 24 Feb 1960, Chester County, South Carolina.
54. iii. **MARY JANE ROBERTS**, born 26 Jan 1882, South Carolina; died 18 Jan 1968, Richland County, South Carolina.
55. iv. **MARTHA ELIZABETH ROBERTS**, born 10 Apr 1884, South Carolina; died 25 Nov 1968, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
56. v. **MARGARET EVELYN ROBERTS**, born about 1885, South Carolina.
57. vi. **LAURA VIOLA ROBERTS**, born 21 Feb 1888, Chester County, South

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- Carolina; died 02 Nov 1910, South Carolina.
58. vii. **JAMES WADE ROBERTS**, born 05 Jan 1890, Chester County, South Carolina; died 21 Jun 1958, Greenville, South Carolina.
59. viii. **JOHN ELBERT ROBERTS**, born 05 Mar 1892, Chester, South Carolina; died 15 Dec 1968, Chester, South Carolina.
60. ix. **LULA B. ROBERTS**, born 23 Jun 1895, Chester, South Carolina; died 21 May 1985, Columbia, South Carolina.
61. x. **SAMUEL BOROUGHS ROBERTS**, born 15 Apr 1896, Chester County; died 06 Oct 1962, Columbia, South Carolina.
- xi. **ESTELLE ROBERTS**, born 26 Nov 1900, Chester County, South Carolina; died 03 Nov 1925; married STEVE WILSON; born about 1900.
62. xii. **MARION DOUGLAS ROBERTS**, born 19 Aug 1903, Chester County, South Carolina; died 13 Jan 1965, Atkinson, NC (Pender County).

33. MARY JANE⁶ ROBERTS (*HESAKIAH⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 24 Aug 1860 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 30 Nov 1927 in Lexington County, South Carolina. She married **JOHN HENRY WISE**. He was born 21 Sep 1853 in Swansea, South Carolina, and died 02 Aug 1928 in Richland County, South Carolina.

Children of **MARY ROBERTS** and **JOHN WISE** are:

- i. **HENRY EZEKIAH⁷ WISE**, born 1877, South Carolina.
 - ii. **DELORES ELLASTINE WISE**, born 1879, South Carolina.
 - iii. **LILY BLANCHE WISE**, born 1881, South Carolina.
 - iv. **JOHN WESLEY WISE**, born 1884, South Carolina.
63. v. **MYRTLE MINERVA WISE**, born 03 Dec 1900, Swansea, South Carolina; died 01 Jun 1997, South Carolina.

34. WILLIAM ELI⁶ PEAY (*EMILY 'EMALINE'⁵ ROBERTS, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born Sep 1855 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 07 Jul 1915 in Whitmire, Newberry County, South Carolina. He married **NANCY WEIR**. She was born Jan 1859 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 1902 in South Carolina.

Children of **WILLIAM PEAY** and **NANCY WEIR** are:

- i. **THOMAS DAVIS⁷ PEAY**, born Jun 1879, Chester County, South Carolina.
- ii. **CARRIE JANE PEAY**, born Jun 1882, South Carolina.
- iii. **JOHN L. PEAY**, born Jul 1885, South Carolina.
- iv. **ALICE J. PEAY**, born Jun 1888, South Carolina.
- v. **DURWOOD C. PEAY**, born Mar 1891, South Carolina.
- vi. **HAROLD R. PEAY**, born Sep 1899, South Carolina.
- vii. **MARIAN E. PEAY**, born Sep 1899, South Carolina.
- viii. **WILLIAM J. PEAY**, born 1876, South Carolina.

35. JOHN JACKSON⁶ PEAY (*EMILY 'EMALINE'⁵ ROBERTS, WILLIAM⁴,*

WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹) was born 23 Sep 1858 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 19 Aug 1941 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married **MARY ELLEN BEAM¹¹**, daughter of **JESSE BEAM** and **MARY WAGES**. She was born 17 Apr 1856 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 18 Mar 1935 in Chester County, South Carolina.

Children of **JOHN PEAY** and **MARY BEAM** are:

- i. **MARY E.⁷ PEAY**, born May 1879, Chester County, South Carolina.
- ii. **LAURA J. PEAY**, born Apr 1883, Chester County, South Carolina.
- iii. **GEORGE W. PEAY**, born 20 Mar 1885, Chester County, South Carolina.
- iv. **JESSIE VANCE PEAY**, born 30 May 1887, Chester County, South Carolina.
- v. **MARGARETTA A. PEAY**, born Mar 1889, Chester County, South Carolina.
- vi. **RICHARD A. PEAY**, born Oct 1892, Chester County, South Carolina.

36. MARY ANN IRENE PENELOPE "MOLLY"⁶ SNIPES (CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE, PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹) was born 24 Mar 1860 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and died 14 Apr 1932 in Mississippi. She married **SAMUEL MCCLARKIN ROBERTS¹²** 17 Jun 1880 in Mississippi, son of **BENJAMIN ROBERTS** and **MARY WAGES**. He was born 22 Aug 1860 in Mississippi, and died 10 Apr 1929 in Union County, Mississippi. Samuel and Mary Ann Snipes Roberts are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi

Children of **MARY SNIPES** and **SAMUEL ROBERTS** are:

64. i. **MARY JANE⁷ ROBERTS**, born 1884, Mississippi.
65. ii. **CURTIS MCWORTER ROBERTS**, born 23 Jul 1895, Mississippi; died 15 Mar 1957, Union County Mississippi.
66. iii. **ZELLA PEARL ROBERTS**, born 1887, Mississippi.
- iv. **LEILA ROBERTS**, born 1889, Mississippi; married **MUNFORD L FRAZIER**, 1905; born about 1885.
- v. **HENRY FRED ROBERTS**, born 1892, Mississippi; married (1) **ADDIE HITT**; married (2) **MARY LOU BAKER**.

37. MATHEW T.⁶ SNIPES (CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE, PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹) was born 24 Oct 1863 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. He married **PUELLAR MCDONALD**.

Child of **MATHEW SNIPES** and **PUELLAR MCDONALD** is:

67. i. **LOIS⁷ SNIPES**, born 29 Dec 1906; died 01 Jan 1975, Mississippi.

38. MOLLIE MARY⁶ MCCRAW (SARAH ELIZABETH⁵ ROBERTS, LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹) was born 08 Jun 1864 in Pontotoc, Mississippi, and died 29 Feb 1956 in Union County, Mississippi. She married

JOHN M.L. HITT 18 Feb 1884 in Union County, Mississippi. He was born 13 Dec 1861 in Mississippi, and died 11 Jul 1928.

Children of **MOLLIE MCCRAW** and **JOHN HITT** are:

- i. **GEORGE WASHINGTON⁷ HITT**, born 17 Nov 1884, Mississippi.
- ii. **SARAH M. HITT**, born Oct 1886, Mississippi.
- iii. **WILLIAM G. HITT**, born 16 Dec 1887, Mississippi.
- iv. **MARY CAROLINE HITT**, born 05 Nov 1890, Mississippi.
- v. **ADDIE M. HITT**, born May 1892, Mississippi.
- vi. **JAMES H. HITT**, born 27 Jul 1894, Mississippi.
- vii. **LONNIE HITT**, born 23 Jan 1897, Mississippi.
- viii. **JOHN LOUIS HITT**, born 20 Mar 1899, Mississippi.
- ix. **CLARA PARTHENIA HITT**, born 21 Dec 1902, Mississippi.

39. JOHN LEE⁶ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM LOUIS DOGAN⁵, LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1868, and died 1936. He married **EFFIE L. THOMASON**. She was born 1866, and died 1952.

Children of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **EFFIE THOMASON** are:

- i. **QUINCEY L.⁷ ROBERTS**, born 1891.
- ii. **ADDIE P. ROBERTS**, born 1896.
- iii. **JOE WHEELER ROBERTS**, born 1898.

40. SHERIFF JOHN⁶ JOLLEY (*JOHNANNA MCNEIL⁵ ROBERTS, LEWIS (LOUIS) EDWARD DEKALB⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 21 Aug 1895 in Mississippi¹³, and died 24 May 1992 in Mississippi.

Child of **SHERIFF JOHN JOLLEY** is:

- i. **BOBBYE ANN⁷ JOLLEY**.

41. JAMES EDMOND⁶ ROBERTS (*MARY ANN⁵ WAGES, ELIZABETH⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born Dec 1878 in Prentiss County, Mississippi, and died 1953. He married UNKNOWN.

Children of **JAMES ROBERTS** and UNKNOWN are:

- i. **LONNIE A.⁷ ROBERTS**, born 14 Feb 1900, Mississippi; died 06 May 1994, Mississippi; married FANNIE BNU.
Lonnie is buried at Camp Creek Cemetery, Lee County, Mississippi
- ii. **DALTON ROBERTS**, born about 1901, Mississippi.

42. ANGIE BEULAH⁶ ROBERTS (*MARY ANN⁵ WAGES, ELIZABETH⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*)¹⁴ was born 28 Jul 1894 in Mississippi, and died in Mississippi. She married **HOWARD BASDEN¹⁴**. He was born 08 Nov 1895, and died 10 Apr 1971 in Mississippi.

Notes for ANGIE BEULAH ROBERTS:

Bonnie Wiseman Montgomery reports: " Mother Basden said she remembered hearing that her Grandfather (Benjamin Roberts) was in the Civil War probably in South Carolina, She remembers hearing that they came from South Carolina in a covered wagon when her daddy Thompson Roberts (Hiram Thompson Roberts) was 12 years old. She told me these things in June 1975"

Child of **ANGIE ROBERTS** and **HOWARD BASDEN** is:

68. i. **LESTER H.⁷ BASDEN**, born Mississippi.

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43. WILLIAM TRIPLETT⁷ TOLLISON (*MARY ANN⁶ ROBERTS, MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 13 Nov 1861 in Mississippi, and died 09 Aug 1896. He married (1) **LOUISA LOVE**. She was born 1882. He married (2) **POLLY SARAH BRAUDAWAY** 02 Aug 1883. She was born 1866, and died 1968.

Children of **WILLIAM TOLLISON** and **POLLY BRAUDAWAY** are:

- i. **JIN FRANK⁸ TOLLISON**, born 15 Aug 1884.
- ii. **CECIL MARTIN TOLLISON**, born 06 Nov 1885.
- iii. **JOHN HENRY TOLLISON**, born 29 Dec 1888.
- iv. **ANNIE TOLLISON**, born 22 Aug 1891.
- v. **CYNTHIA MAE TOLLISON**, born 06 Mar 1894.
- vi. **MILLE JANE TOLLISON**, born 22 Sep 1896.

44. WILLIAM ELLIHUGH⁷ ROBERTS (*MOSES YOUNG⁶, MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 03 Jan 1865 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 19 May 1928 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **NANCY MATILDA SNIPES**, daughter of **JOHN SNIPES** and **MARY CALDWELL**. She was born 27 Aug 1867 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and died 14 Nov 1951 in Mississippi.

William Ellihugh and Nancy Snipes Roberts are buried in the Hopewell Cemetery - Union County, Mississippi

Children of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **NANCY SNIPES** are:

- i. **OLIVER YOUNG⁸ ROBERTS**, born Apr 1889, Mississippi; died 1967; married **CLARECY MAHALLEY SPECKS**, 1910; born 1888; died 1970.
- ii. **ANNIE PEARL ROBERTS**, born Dec 1890, Mississippi; died 1968; married **BENJAMIN FREDERICK LITTLEJOHN**, 1908; born 1887; died 1968.
- iii. **MARY LENORA ROBERTS**, born Dec 1892, Mississippi; died 1977; married (1) **ANDREW PLEASANT BUSH**, 1914; born about 1890; died 1939; married (2) **CLAUDE FLORANZO DUVALL**, 1940; died 1958.
- iv. **WILLIAM HUBERT ROBERTS**, born 27 Sep 1895, Mississippi; died 24

Mar 1969, Union County, Mississippi; married **MARY LUCY COLEMAN**, 1917; born 10 Jun 1898; died 04 Jun 1988, Mississippi.

William and Mary Coleman Roberts are buried in the New Albany Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi

- v. **SAMUEL LEWIS ROBERTS**, born 22 Mar 1898, Mississippi; died 17 Aug 1977, Mississippi; married **ELSIE CAROLYN SLOAN**, 1917; born 1897; died 1973.
- vi. **THEO THOMPSON ROBERTS**, born 1902, Mississippi; died 1977.
- vii. **ALTON LINDSAY ROBERTS**, born 19 Jul 1904, Mississippi; died 17 Aug 1977, Union County Mississippi.
Alton is buried in the Hopewell Cemetery - Union County, Mississippi
- viii. **MARGARET GERTRUDE ROBERTS**, born 1907, Mississippi; died 1982.
- ix. **LUTHER BOYD ROBERTS**, born 1910, Mississippi.
- x. **EDWARD ELLIS ROBERTS**, born 1912, Mississippi.

45. NANCY ELIZABETH⁷ ROBERTS (*MOSES YOUNG⁶, MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born about 1870 in Mississippi, and died 07 Nov 1935 in Union County, Mississippi. She married **WILLIAM LEVI COX** 11 Sep 1884 in Union County, Mississippi. He was born 21 May 1864, and died 15 Sep 1939 in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **NANCY ROBERTS** and **WILLIAM COX** are:

- i. **MOSES LEVI⁸ COX**, born 16 Nov 1885, Mississippi.
- ii. **ROLAND YOUNG COX**, born 22 Jan 1887, Mississippi; died 10 Jan 1922, Union County, Mississippi.
- iii. **LEILA COX**, born about 1891, Mississippi.
- iv. **WILLIAM THOMAS COX**, born 22 May 1892, Mississippi; died Uma, Arizona.
- v. **JAMES WALKER COX**, born 29 Dec 1894, Mississippi; died Birmingham, Alabama.
- vi. **JOHN ORR COX**, born 26 Nov 1896, Mississippi; died New Orleans, Louisiana.
- vii. **ROBERT HUGHIE COX**, born 05 Mar 1901, Mississippi.
- viii. **DOLLIE A. COX**, born 07 Oct 1904, Mississippi; died 28 May 1978, Union County, Mississippi.
- ix. **JANE COX**, born 28 Sep 1905; died 10 Jul 1934, Elliston, Mississippi.
- x. **MARY ELIZABETH COX**, born 1890; died 1985.

46. MARY GABEL⁷ ROBERTS (*HEZEKIAH CLARK⁶, MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 16 Jun 1882 in Mississippi, and died 05 Jan 1931 in Union County, Mississippi. She married **JULIUS BERRY WAGES**. He was born 19 Aug 1879 in Mississippi, and died 1967 in Union County, Mississippi.

Julius and Mary Roberts Wages are buried in the Ellistown Cemetery, Union County,

Mississippi

Children of **MARY ROBERTS** and **JULIUS WAGES** are:

- i. **NANNIE SUE⁸ WAGES**, born 01 Oct 1907, Mississippi; married **WILLIAM BRUCE ROBUCK**; born about 1905.
- ii. **THEO D. WAGES**, born Mississippi.
- iii. **BESSIE WAGES**, born Mississippi.
- iv. **ERSKIN BERRY WAGES**, born Mississippi.
- v. **CLANNY LEON WAGES**, born Mississippi.
- vi. **JULIUS CLYDE WAGES**, born Mississippi.
- vii. **LUCILLE WAGES**, born Mississippi.

47. MADISON MOSES⁷ ROBERTS (*HEZEKIAH CLARK⁶, MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 10 Dec 1871 in Mississippi, and died 13 Mar 1959 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **MARTHA ISABEL PANNELL**. She was born 1871, and died 1952.

Child of MADISON ROBERTS and MARTHA PANNELL is:

- i. **JOHNNY FRED⁸ ROBERTS**, born 27 Sep 1898, Union County, Mississippi; died 07 Feb 1945, Union County, Mississippi; married **VISTA INEZ PANNELL**; born 02 Aug 1901, Union County, Mississippi; died 26 Dec 1945, Union County, Mississippi.
Johnny and Vista Pannell Roberts are buried in the Ellistown Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi

48. MAGGIE⁷ ROBERTS (*REISON PINKERY⁶, MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 24 Aug 1877 in Union County, MS, and died 21 Dec 1966 in Union County, MS. She married (1) **MONROE GAINUM RAKESTRAW** 24 Feb 1895 in Union County, Mississippi, son of **GAINUM RAKESTRAW** and **LOUISA TOLLISON**. He was born 15 Jun 1876 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 21 Oct 1918 in Union County, MS. She married (2) **NATHAN BRAMLETT** 1919. He was born about 1875. She married (3) **HUBERT ALDIN BELL** Aft. 1945. He was born 03 Nov 1879 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 14 Jan 1958 in Union County, Mississippi.

From THE RED CLAY OF BUNCOMBE, 2001 Brenda Ledbetter Rayman

Maggie's husband, Monroe Rakestraw, died in 1918. Her second husband, Nathan Bramlett, turned out to be a poor choice. My grandmother (Maggie's daughter, Clytee) could not stand the sight of Bramlett. Apparently, he was a mean-spirited individual, who mistreated both Maggie and her son, Jack. My grandmother interceded on behalf of her younger brother (Jack) telling her mother, ". . . he'll not lay a hand on Jack." According to Darrell Rakestraw (Jack's son), his father came to live with my grandparents (Clytee and Arnold Turner) at age 13 for a brief period of time. Jack next went to live with his sister, Minnie, and then his older brother, Virgil (in Arkansas). It was in Arkansas that Jack met

and married Esther Whitley. Maggie left the odious Bramlett, but they were never divorced. I'm sure family members breathed a sigh of relief and said, "Good riddance!" (Note: There is NO mention of Bramlett in Maggie's obituary.) After Bramlett's death, Maggie married Hubert Bell, a widower and, from all accounts, a good man. Hubert's first wife, Emma Rakestraw, was the sister of Maggie's first husband, Monroe Gainum Rakestraw.

Obituary of Maggie Roberts (from family scrapbook, no date): Mrs. Maggie Bell Services Will Be Held In Ellistown Church. New Albany, Miss. --- Mrs. Maggie Roberts Bell, lifelong resident of Union County, died in New Albany at 8:45 a.m. Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Miller, after an illness of two weeks. She was 88. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday in Ellistown Baptist Church with the Revs. Clark Rakestraw and Ernest Rakestraw officiating. Burial will be in Ellistown Cemetery with National Funeral Home of New Albany in charge. Mrs. Bell was a daughter of the late R.P. Roberts and Julie Dunlap Roberts, was a member of Ellistown Baptist Church and had resided with her daughter in New Albany for five years, having formerly resided in Ellistown. She was first married to M.G. Rakestraw, who died in 1945 [Note: This is incorrect. He died in 1918.], then was married to Hubert Bell of New Albany, who died on January 14, 1958. She leaves two sons, Virgil Rakestraw of Blytheville, Ark., and Homer G. Rakestraw of Memphis; four daughters, Mrs. Frank (Rudell) Miller of New Albany, Mrs. Ernest (Minnie) Brassfield of Tupelo, Mrs. Arnold (Clytee) Turner of Blue Springs and Mrs. Wilie (Opal) Weems of Birmingham, Ala.; four sisters, Mrs. Ada Rakestraw of Wallerville, Mrs. Clemmie Rakestraw of Parks, Mrs. Dallas Grubbs of Sherman and Mrs. Allie Todds of Memphis; 19 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren. Pallbearers will be James, Ames and Wayne Bell, Ethel [Ethrel], Gary and Hulon Roberts [probably Hulan Rakestraw].

Children of **MAGGIE ROBERTS** and **MONROE RAKESTRAW** are:

- i. **VIRGIL BROOKS⁸ RAKESTRAW**, born 29 Feb 1896, Union County, Mississippi; died 17 May 1967, Osceola, Arkansas.
- ii. **MINNIE RAKESTRAW**, born 02 Mar 1898, Union County, Mississippi; died 11 May 1981, Memphis, Tennessee; married **ERNEST BRASSFIELD**.
- iii. **INA CLYTEE RAKESTRAW**, born 25 Sep 1900, Union County, Mississippi; died 13 Feb 1994, Jackson, Tennessee; married **ARNOLD TURNER**; born about 1900.
- iv. **RUDELL RAKESTRAW**, born 25 Oct 1902, Union County, Mississippi; married **FRANK MILLER**; born about 1900.
- v. **OPAL RAKESTRAW**, born 25 Feb 1905, Union County, Mississippi; died 23 Nov 1967, Birmingham, Alabama; married **WILLIAM WEEMS**; born about 1900.
- vi. **HOMER GAINUM RAKESTRAW**, born 12 Oct 1913, Union County, Mississippi; died 12 Jul 1994, Tupelo, Mississippi.

49. ADA⁷ ROBERTS (*REISON PINKERY⁶, MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 20 Jun 1880 in Union County, MS, and

died 02 Dec 1970 in Union County, MS. She married **JOHN RAKESTRAW** 10 Oct 1894 in Union County, Mississippi, son of **GAINUM RAKESTRAW** and **LOUISA TOLLISON**. He was born 12 Mar 1874 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 01 Aug 1948 in Union County, MS.

John and Ada Roberts Rakestraw are buried in the Ellistown Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi

Children of **ADA ROBERTS** and **JOHN RAKESTRAW** are:

- i. **ARTHUR⁸ RAKESTRAW**, born 22 Apr 1895, Union County, Mississippi; died 22 Jun 1897, Union County, Mississippi.
- ii. **REGINALD ADAM RAKESTRAW**, born 07 Mar 1898, Union County, Mississippi; died 20 Apr 1986, Lee County, Mississippi.
- iii. **DEWEY M. RAKESTRAW**, born 23 Dec 1900, Union County, Mississippi; died 15 Nov 1990, Water Valley, Mississippi.
- iv. **ARAH RAKESTRAW**, born 03 Aug 1904, Union County, Mississippi.
- v. **RUEL RAKESTRAW**, born 30 Jan 1910, Union County, Mississippi; died 29 Jun 1983, Memphis, Tennessee.
- vi. **MERLE RAKESTRAW**, born 24 Feb 1919, Union County, Mississippi; died 17 Mar 1947, Union County, Mississippi.

50. CLEMMIE⁷ ROBERTS (*REISON PINKERY⁶, MOSES WISEMAN⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 10 May 1885 in Union County, MS, and died 02 Oct 1970 in Union County, MS. She married **HENRY CLAY RAKESTRAW**, son of **GAINUM RAKESTRAW** and **LOUISA TOLLISON**. He was born 08 Mar 1879 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 08 Apr 1965 in Union County, MS. Henry Clay and Clemmie Roberts Rakestraw are buried in the Center Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi

Children of **CLEMMIE ROBERTS** and **HENRY RAKESTRAW** are:

- i. **BIRDIE⁸ RAKESTRAW**, born about 1905, Mississippi.
- ii. **TOYCE RAKESTRAW**, born 03 Jul 1906, Mississippi; died Apr 2000.
- iii. **LAVADA RAKESTRAW**, born about 1910, Mississippi.
- iv. **ROY RAKESTRAW**, born 16 Oct 1901, Union County, Mississippi; died 09 May 1981, Union County, Mississippi.
- v. **TRAVIS RAKESTRAW**, born about 1915, Mississippi.
- vi. **W.C. RAKESTRAW**, born 25 Oct 1916, Mississippi.
- vii. **MARY RAKESTRAW**, born about 1918, Mississippi.
- viii. **PAULINE RAKESTRAW**, born about 1919, Mississippi.

51. EDWARD HALSELL⁷ ROBERTS (*LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 20 Apr 1876 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 25 Dec 1958 in Memphis, Tennessee. He married **MATILDA ANN GRIFFIN** 16 Sep 1900 in Covington, TN. She was born 17 Oct 1886 in Tennessee, and died 28 May 1971 in Covington, Tipton, Tennessee.

On the 1910 Census for Tipton County, Tennessee. Edward's father Leroy (son of

William and Jane Halsell Roberts) is living with his son Edward H. Roberts.

Children of **EDWARD ROBERTS** and **MATILDA GRIFFIN** are:

- i. **LONA⁸ ROBERTS**, born 04 Aug 1902, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee; died 02 Oct 1960, Nashville, Tennessee.
69. ii. **ASHLEY E. ROBERTS**, born 10 Oct 1904, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee; died 21 Aug 1981, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.
70. iii. **ROY LEE ROBERTS**, born 15 Mar 1907, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee; died 10 Feb 1939, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.
71. iv. **BURDETTE ROBERTS**, born 30 Apr 1909, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee; died 27 Apr 1984, Covington, Tennessee.
72. v. **JOHN A ROBERTS**, born 29 Apr 1911, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.
- vi. **EUNICE ROBERTS**, born 19 Feb 1914, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee; married **FRED HARVEY BRAYNER¹⁵**, 06 Mar 1941, West Memphis, Arkansas; born 24 Mar 1912, Kiefer, Creek County, Oklahoma; died 24 Aug 1987, Los Angeles, California.
Fred Brayner was an Air Line Pilot
73. vii. **ROBERTA ROBERTS**, born 14 Aug 1917, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.
- viii. **RAYMOND ROBERTS**, born 05 Nov 1922, Tennessee.
74. ix. **BERNICE ROBERTS**, born 05 Sep 1925, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.
75. x. **JOYCE ROBERTS**, born 28 May 1931, Covington, Tennessee.

52. PETER OSCAR⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 19 Nov 1879 in South Carolina, and died 11 Aug 1921 in Columbia, South Carolina. He married (1) **BEULAH BNU**. She was born 1898. He married (2) **PHENELLA BRONZOLLA MALONE** 19 Jun 1901 in South Carolina, daughter of **JAMES MALONE** and **CHARITY MCCRARY**. She was born 06 Dec 1883 in Oconee County, South Carolina, and died 19 Jan 1967 in Columbia, South Carolina. P.O. Roberts is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Richland County, South Carolina.

Child of **PETER ROBERTS** and **PHENELLA MALONE** is:

76. ii. **WILLIAM HALSELL⁸ ROBERTS, SR.**, born 13 Aug 1903, South Carolina; died 08 Feb 1975,



Peter Oscar and Phenella Malone Roberts

Andalusia, Alabama.

Child of **PETER ROBERTS** and **BEULAH BNU** is:

77. i. **MARGARET⁸ ROBERTS**, born 29 Jun 1917, Columbia, South Carolina; died 28 Oct 2000, Columbia, South Carolina.

53. EUNICE⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 24 Dec 1880 in Halsellville Community, Chester, South Carolina, and died 24 Feb 1960 in Chester County, South Carolina. She married **ANDREW JACK TAYLOR**. He was born 09 Jan 1877 in South Carolina, and died 07 Oct 1968.

Andrew Taylor is buried at the Beaver Creek Baptist Church, Fairfield South Carolina

Children of **EUNICE ROBERTS** and **ANDREW TAYLOR** are:

- i. **INEZ⁸ TAYLOR**, born about 1905, South Carolina.
- ii. **LUCILLE TAYLOR**, born about 1907, South Carolina.
- iii. **VELMA TAYLOR**, born about 1909, South Carolina.
- iv. **ANDREW TAYLOR**, born about 1911, South Carolina.
- v. **SALLY TAYLOR**, born about 1917, South Carolina.
- vi. **OSCAR TAYLOR**, born about 1918, South Carolina.
- vii. **THOMAS C. TAYLOR**, born about 1921, South Carolina.

54. MARY JANE⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 26 Jan 1882 in South Carolina, and died 18 Jan 1968 in Richland County, South Carolina. She married **MARION HENRY KEMME**. He died 15 Jan 1947 in Richland County, South Carolina.

Mary Jane Roberts is buried at Greenlawn Memorial Park - Columbia, South Carolina

1910 Census – Richland County, South Carolina

Marion H. Kemme	Head	21
Mary Kemme	Wife	21
Pearl	Daughter	1



My Grandmother kept this picture of a young Pearl Kemme.

Child of **MARY ROBERTS** and **MARION KEMME** is:

- i. **PEARL⁸ KEMME¹⁶**, born about 1909, Richland County, South Carolina.

55. MARTHA ELIZABETH⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 10 Apr 1884 in South Carolina, and died 25 Nov 1968 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. She married **FITZHUGH HENRY DOVE**, son of **RICHARD DOVE** and **NANCY WEIR**. He was born 14 Nov 1880 in

South Carolina, and died 31 Jul 1965 in Winnsboro, South Carolina.

Children of **MARTHA ROBERTS** and **FITZHUGH DOVE** are:

78. i. **FITZHUGH HENRY⁸ DOVE, JR.**, born 20 Nov 1911, South Carolina; died 07 Apr 1977, South Carolina.
- ii. **HERBERT PAUL DOVE**, born Aft. 1900, South Carolina; married **ANNA LEOLA STEVENSON**; born Aft. 1912.
- iii. **HELEN DOVE**, born 1908, South Carolina.
- iv. **ROBERTA DOVE**, born Aft. 1908, South Carolina.

56. MARGARET EVELYN⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born about 1885 in South Carolina. She married **CURTIS GREEN**.

Children of **MARGARET ROBERTS** and **CURTIS GREEN** are:

- i. **BERNICE⁸ GREEN**.
- ii. **MARVIN GREEN**.

57. LAURA VIOLA⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 21 Feb 1888 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 02 Nov 1910 in South Carolina. She married **CLIFFORD F. BURKE**. He was born about 1888.

Clifford and Laura Viola Roberts Burke are buried at Beaver Creek Baptist Church, Fairfield South Carolina

Child of **LAURA ROBERTS** and **CLIFFORD BURKE** is:

- i. **CLIFFORD F.⁸ BURKE, Jr.**, born 22 Oct 1908, South Carolina; died 09 Dec 1908, South Carolina.

58. JAMES WADE⁶ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, WILLIAM², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 05 January 1890 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 21 June 1958 in Greenville, South Carolina. He married **MARTHA LEE CLARK** 25 December 1912 in Beaver Creek Baptist Church - Fairfield County, South Carolina, daughter of **TALTON ELAM CLARK** and **MARGARET PAMELIA ROBINSON**. She was born 13 September 1892 in Chester, South Carolina, and died 03 March 1976 in Greenville, South Carolina. James Wade Roberts was buried 23 June 1958 at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, South Carolina. Martha Clark Roberts was buried 05



James Wade Roberts

March 1976 at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, South Carolina.

James and Martha Lee Clark married at the Beaver Creek Church Parsonage. **Rev. E.D. Wells** conducted the service on December 25 1912. The wedding witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. R.D. Vandiford (Martha's sister and brother-in-law) and Lula Roberts and Elbert Roberts (James' brother and sister)

James Wade Roberts and Martha Lee Clark Roberts lived the early years of their marriage in a house on 103 acres on the Fairfield/Chester border. Many people call their old home place the 'Clark Place.' Just before they left the area Granny Roberts was given this land by her father, Talton Elam Clark. On January 20, 1916 he conveyed to Martha L. Roberts 102 1/4 acres of land he had inherited with his wife Maggie P. Robinson Clark from the estate of John E. Robinson. On February 9, 1916 John E. Robinson, J.F. Clark and Mary C. Vandiford released to J.W. Roberts the rights to the above land.

While they lived at their old home place, my grandfather tried to grow many different crops, but he was never successful with them. That may be part of the reason he left the area. I have always wondered why my family moved to Greenville. I do know that the booming Textile industry sent recruiters into the rural areas of South Carolina, North Carolina and Tennessee in an effort to get new workers, but since my Grandfather didn't work in textiles until later in his life, I never believed a textile job was an enticement to move. Margie Lee Roberts believes that my Grandfather came to Greenville lured by the prospects of going into business with his brother-in-law, who had already relocated to Greenville County

My grandfather was a stern man, but unlike his brother John Elbert, my grandfather was known to lose his temper when disciplining children. I only saw my Grandfather a couple of times. In the early 1940's he left my Grandmother and their children and moved in with a lady named Bertha Allen. My family would go to the house they shared but we, as children, were never allowed to go into their house, only my father could do that. We usually were restricted to the car to wait. Only once do I remember being allowed out of the car when my dad visited his father. Then we were allowed to play in the yard under the watchful care of my mother.

I have no memory of every talking with my Grandfather and I do not remember ever seeing Ms. Allen.

I remember Grandfather Roberts as being somewhat aloof when he joined us for trips from Greenville to Chester. He didn't say much to any of his grandchildren during the trip. I do remember Aunt Jessie (Jessie Wages Roberts) telling my grandfather that he was always welcome in her house, but 'that woman' was not.

My Grandmother spent most of her adult life trying to understand why her husband abandoned her and his children; why her oldest daughter Margie Lee Roberts was afflicted with a debilitating mental illness and why alcoholism consumed her sons Arthur

and Talton. Through it all she remained supportive and inspirational and she never lost her faith or her belief that there was a design and a plan that justified the misfortunes she endured.

I recently learned that towards the end of my Grandfather's life, Ms. Allen found his care to be too demanding and called my father for help. My father took my grandfather to the hospital. Before my Grandfather died my father took my Grandmother to his hospital room and gave them some private time together. We will never know what they said in that hospital room, but I hope they found the courage to forgive each other. I never heard my grandmother say anything negative about her husband or Ms. Allen.

Once when I was a boy, my father loaded our family into our car and with Granny Roberts and Aunt Marge we headed to the mountains to see the aftereffects of a massive forest fire. As we rode along my father flipped a cigarette from the car and I scolded him, since the radio had said a careless smoker caused the fire. My sweet mild-mannered grandmother turned to me and in a stern commanding voice, that stopped me cold with its authority said, "William, you are never to talk to you father like that." That was one of the most effective disciplinary actions I ever received. No one ever wanted to disappoint my Granny Roberts.

Children of **JAMES ROBERTS** and **MARTHA CLARK** are:

- i. **JAMES ARTHUR⁸ ROBERTS**, born 13 Oct 1914, Chester County; died 05 Jan 1980, Greenville, South Carolina; married **JENNIE LUCILLE CATHCART**, 23 Jan 1937; born 27 Apr 1916, Laurens, South Carolina. James Arthur was buried 07 Jan 1980, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, South Carolina. Most people called him Rob. Uncle Rob and his wife, Jennie, lived close to my family when I was born and during my early years. They spent a great deal of time with me and I accompanied them on outings, day trips and even visits to Laurens, South Carolina where Jennie's parents lived.

I have many pictures of me as a toddler with my Aunt Jennie Cathcart Roberts. However, Rob and Jennie separated and divorced before I became old enough to have any memories of her. I do however have some vivid memories of Uncle Rob. Rob was the oldest child in his family, but he became addicted to alcohol early in his life and spent most of his adult years in a struggle maintaining both a job and his health. Through it all, however, he cared about me and he took a personal interest in what I did. He taught me how to play solitaire and showed me where he kept his playing cards so I could get them on those Sunday afternoon when my family was visiting and I became bored. When I started driving, it was Uncle Rob who explained why you shouldn't change from reverse to first gear and use the transmission to stop the car's backwards movement. When I started wearing ties it was Uncle Rob who taught me how to tie a four in hand and a Windsor knot.

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- ii. **INFANT ROBERTS**, born 05 Jul 1915, Chester County; died Jul 1915, Chester County.
Infant Roberts died shortly after birth. He is buried in a family graveyard on the 102 1/4 acre tract of land Talton Elam Clark conveyed to Martha Lee Clark Roberts. My brother, TC; my cousin, Karen Foster; and I visited this graveyard and recorded the readable markers. Most are from the Estes Family. There is no visible marker for Infant Roberts.

As a boy, my family would take my Grandmother (Martha Lee Clark Roberts) to Chester. My father forced his car up the long deeply trenched path of a road to the old home place and my Grandmother, regardless of her health, would trek through the briars to the old burying ground. The grave of her infant son was unmarked even then, but she knew where the grave was and she always stood for a moment at his grave.

- iii. **MARGARET 'MARGIE' LEE ROBERTS**, born 15 Sep 1917, Chester, South Carolina; died 20 Feb 2002, Greenville, South Carolina.
Aunt Margie was buried 21 Feb 2002 at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, South Carolina.

Aunt Marge spent most of her life a prisoner of schizophrenia, but for me she was a most favorite person. This is the eulogy I gave at her memorial service.

Margie Lee Roberts, A Eulogy

September 15, 1917 - February 20, 2002

On a day like today, it is easy to imagine Margie heading out to work in her yard. She'd be wearing one of her old housedresses and a button up sweater with a scarf tied around her neck. On her hands would be a pair of gloves with the fingers neatly cut out so she could feel the dirt and handle her tools better. She'd be starting one of her yard projects. Today it might be digging a new drainage ditch or maybe burying all the leaves that had fallen in the neighborhood. There was no project that was too big once she decided it needed to be done.

Her ability to make things grow was almost magical. Prunings from her garden quickly turned into rooted plants. Old seed she had saved for years and years in recycled jars sprang to life when she planted them in the ground. She knew every thing that grew in her yard from the smallest piece of candy tuff to the showy flowering almonds and bearded iris. She could tell you where each plant came from and who had given it to her. She knew the genealogy of her flowers and plants as surely as she knew the genealogy of her family.

What better way to honor Margie Roberts than for her friends and family to stand outside together on such a beautiful day?

Thank you for coming today and joining us as we mourn the loss of a truly unique and wonderful woman, Margie Lee Roberts.

Margie was born September 15, 1917 in rural Fairfield County near the Chester County border. In those days people didn't go to the hospital to have babies, so Margie was born with no medical assistance and only her mother's care and experience to deliver her safely into the world. She was born in a house with no electricity and no running water. When she was about three years old, her family moved to Greenville, South Carolina. The move gave her father a better opportunity to make a living for the family, but it also meant that the family got electricity, running water and plumbing.

Margie was the second child of Martha Lee Clark and James Wade Roberts. She had an older brother James Arthur; four younger brothers, the twins Charles Franklin and William Morrison, then Talton Clark and Eugene White; and one younger sister Mary Halsel.

Margie went to Greenville High School. After graduating, she started a career and eventually, she became a successful Interior Decorator whose services were used to furnish some of the most prestigious homes in the county. As a young woman she was active and adventurous. She went to USO dances at the Sears Shelter and enjoyed the Saturday night square dances at River Falls. Frequently, she took her little car on day trips into the mountains and once she even went on a road trip to New Orleans with her cousin Maggie Harris.

I have so many fond memories of my Aunt Marge. When I was a pre-school boy Marge would load me into her Plymouth Coupe and take me to all kinds of places. My first pony ride was in Cleveland Park with Aunt Marge looking on. Sunday afternoons she would take me to the old Greenville Zoo in the upper corner of Cleveland Park. It wasn't much of a zoo - a buffalo, a stinky old lion, some monkeys crammed into a small cage and a family of prairie dogs - but she made it fun for me. As I got older, she taught me to play canasta. We would spend long afternoons playing cards in the living room or in the back yard under a tree. And I remember the evenings when my family would visit at Granny Roberts' house. Aunt Marge would come into the room fresh from the bath with the fragrance of Cashmere Bouquet soap filling the air around her.

But things changed and Margie became ill. I was too young to realize what was happening as Margie withdrew, but her mother, her brothers and her sister were dramatically and personally impacted. They suffered from their inability to protect her from the attack of the demons whose voices would stay in her head for the remainder of her life.

We can only imagine the great battles this remarkable lady fought with the voices

in her head. Those cruel and unrelenting voices dominated most of her adult life. They stole her life when she was a beautiful, intelligent and talented young woman with an unlimited future. As she slipped deeper and deeper into the mire of her disease, sometimes it was difficult to talk with her. Sometimes, in fact, it was difficult even to be with her. But when she did gain some control over the voices, her basic intelligence and love was so apparent that the bad times became trivial in comparison.

Margie wanted to understand life. She knew she was not like other people and she was determined to find a reason for the difference. Sometimes she thought that numbers and their relationship could provide an explanation. Sometimes she believed that her uniqueness was a factor of not being married. She did know that neither the voices in her head nor the lessons her mother taught her were enough to explain the conflicts happening around her.

Margie's biggest challenges came when members of her family, the people she loved most, did things she believed to be wrong. Her love for us would never allow her to reject us but she had difficulty resolving the conflict between the fantasy life in her head with the reality that was happening to her family.

Towards the end of her life she began winning more and more of the battles with her demons. Recently, she told Maddie and me that the voices had started singing sweet music to her and that they sometimes made her feel comfortable. It wasn't a complete victory, the voices continued to haunt her till the end but it gives me comfort knowing that she never became so weak or so discouraged that she allowed them a complete victory.

Now that she is gone the voices that haunted her are gone too but I believe those of us who will remember her will find the silence to be almost unbearable. Our lives will not be the same without her.

Regardless of the mess we made of our individual lives or how far away we wandered, we always knew that when we got it together and came home again, Margie would be there, that she would still love us and that she would have a small package, tightly wrapped in ancient paper and neatly tied with recycled twine or old worn ribbon waiting for us.

Thank you

February 21, 2002

79. iv. **CHARLES FRANKLIN ROBERTS**, born 11 Dec 1919, Chester County, South Carolina; died 10 Mar 1982, Greenville, South Carolina.
80. v. **WILLIAM MORRISON ROBERTS**, born 11 Dec 1919, Chester County, South Carolina; died 29 Apr 1983, Greenville, South Carolina.
81. vi. **TALTON CLARK ROBERTS**, born 10 Mar 1922, Greenville, South Carolina; died 19 Oct 1964, Greenville, South Carolina.

82. vii. **MARY HALSEL ROBERTS**, born 30 Apr 1925, Greenville, South Carolina.
- viii. **EUGENE WHITE ROBERTS**, born 18 Feb 1928, Greenville, South Carolina; died 19 Feb 1984, Greenville, South Carolina.
Gene Roberts was buried 21 February 1984, at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, South Carolina.

59. JOHN ELBERT⁶ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁵, WILLIAM "LITTLE BILL SPROUT"⁴, WILLIAM "BILL SPROUT"³, WILLIAM "DOGWOOD BILL"², NICHOLAS¹*) was born March 5, 1892 in Chester, South Carolina, and died December 15, 1968 in Chester, South Carolina. He married **JESSIE MARIE WAGES**, daughter of **JAMES CLEVELAND WAGES** and **AGNES ROBERTS**. Jessie was born October 11, 1893 in Chester, South Carolina, and died July 19, 1970 in Chester County. Elbert and Jessie Wages Roberts are buried in the Beaver Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Fairfield County, South Carolina.



Jessie Wagers Roberts and her children
Jessie Wagers Roberts, holding Troy Wagers, Agnes, John Elbert, Margaret Katherine, James Wade, Gary Preston, Halsell Edward, Jessie Dorothy "Cissy" and Kirk Lyles

On the 1920 census John Elbert and Jessie with daughter Agnes were enumerated with Wade Oscar and Catherine Roberts.

Elbert's nickname was 'Dick,' but I can't remember anyone in the family calling him

anything other than Elbert or more likely 'Sir.'

Jessie's mother Agnes' maiden name was Roberts. Her mother was Josephine Roberts and we believe that her grandmother was Nancy Roberts. We have no evidence regarding her father or grandfather. Some researchers believe that Agnes's father was a Beam.

Jessie Marie Wages Roberts' obituary states that she was the daughter of James Caldwell and Agnes Roberts Wages. She was survived by 5 sons: J.E. Roberts, Jr., Gary P. Roberts, Kirk L. Roberts, J. Wade Roberts and E. Halsell Roberts - three daughters Mrs. J.E. Wright, Mrs. McHenry Banks, Mrs. Larry Stevenson. She also was survived by one sister Mrs. Sadie W. Edwards of Inman.

John Elbert served in World War I

JOHN ELBERT's DRAFT REGISTRATION CARD

Form 1 100 REGISTRATION CARD 1368-121

1 Name in full *John Elbert Roberts* Age at reg. *25*
(Given name) (Family name)

2 Home address *Route 2 Chester SC*
(No.) (Street) (City) (State)

3 Date of birth *March - 5 - 1892*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

4 Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)? *Natural born*

5 Where were you born? *Chester SC US*
(Town) (State) (Nation)

6 If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?

7 What is your present trade, occupation, or office? *Farming*

8 By whom employed? *W O Roberts*
Whom employed? *W O Roberts farm*

9 Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)? *Father & Mother*

10 Married or single (which)? *Single* Race (specify which)? *Caucasian*

11 What military service have you had? Rank *None*; branch _____; years _____; Nation or State _____

12 Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)? *No*

I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.

John Elbert Roberts
(Signature of source)

If person is a
Merchant seaman,
I am not to be
considered

The famous Roberts' Watermelon.

(Kirk Roberts shared this story with me.)

Dr. Lewis was a prominent physician in Chester, South Carolina, while visiting in Louisiana, he purchased a watermelon from a street vendor. He was so impressed with the melon that he saved the seeds. Upon his return he shared some of the seed with Carpenter Wages. Carpenter, in turn shared some of the seeds with his brother-in-law John Elbert Roberts.

At the time, John Elbert was growing a variety of melon named "Cuban King." John Elbert already had established a favorable reputation for his ability to grow excellent melons. (John Elbert's maternal grandfather, Elbert "Birdie" Roberts also had been noted for growing melons.)

John Elbert planted the seeds Carpenter had given him and he too was impressed with the quality of the melons produced. He set aside the biggest melons as seed melons for the following year's crop. In time these became the only melons he grew. He continued the practice of selecting the biggest melons as seed melons and continued to improve the crop.

The typical Roberts' watermelon weights between 25-30 pounds. It has a rind that is light green, almost a washed out lime color, with a few slightly darker irregular green strips. The melon has a thin rind that is easily scared. The thin rind also is easily split and cannot support melons stacked on top of each other for transport. This limits the marketability of the melon to nearby markets. The thin rind also cannot support the extra weight of the melons and larger ones are usually misshapen. The melon has an extra large heart area. Its flesh is a pale red it has a large amount of juice but it is not as sweet as other varieties.

We city Roberts always planned a trip to Chester when the melons were ripe. We planned the haul to be certain that all the City relatives could have a Roberts' melon. I remember once when I was still a boy, but old enough to have a driver's license, I went to Chester with my father and Uncle Rob (James Arthur Roberts). While we loaded the station wagon with melons and corn, my dad, Uncle Rob and Elbert concentrated on consuming vodka. After supper, I was the only one sober enough to drive back to Greenville. My father and Uncle Rob quickly passed out in the back seat and I started home on highway 9 with a station wagon so overloaded that the front tires didn't have enough contact with the road to allow me to steer the car properly.

I was terrified and there was no help from my dad or uncle. So I stopped on the side of the road and as the 18-wheelers whizzed by I opened the back to the wagon and threw watermelons into the ditch. Not everyone got a melon that year, but I got us home safely.

One Summer with Elbert and Jessie

There are many tales about Elbert and Jessie Wages Roberts. Everyone who knew them is eager to share a warm memory of them.

My memory involves a week I spent with them and their son Troy. I was between 12 and 14 years old and it was in late summer because the bitter weed was in bloom and the milk cows had eaten it, causing their milk to taste awful. We drank it anyway. My visit occurred when the family still lived in the 'old house.' There was electricity in the house but it was the old style cord wrapped double wire system that could support only a few light bulbs that dangled from the ceiling. Jessie still cooked on her famous wood stove and there was no plumbing so water was drawn from the old hand dug well. The bathroom facility was an outhouse down a path behind the front barn.

I now think my visit was a scheme devised by my father and Uncle Elbert after they had drunk too many bottles of Vodka. My father was always convinced that I had too much 'book learning' and not enough 'common sense' to make it in the world. He was always trying to give me survival skills for the cruelties and inequities he had seen during his life. I can almost picture him and Elbert determining that real life experiences on the farm and under the supervision of Elbert and Jessie would help me. They were right.

I remember many things about that visit but most of all I remember Aunt Jessie. She was a stern woman, who somehow always made you feel loved and protected. You could trust her. Jessie was the taskmaster for my week of farm education. She got me up early and sent me out to help Troy with his chores. She also gave me a chore of my own. It became my job to churn the soured cream into country butter. They had two types of churn. The traditional wooden churn and old crank churn. I became convinced that both were devices created, not so much to make butter as to torture visiting city boys. The memories of continuously and endlessly churning are stronger than the memories of actually making butter.

For a young boy from the city Uncle Elbert was an awesome and scary character. He gave orders and demanded immediate obedience. He refused to tolerate a disrespectful child. Everyone called him 'sir' and no one sassied Elbert. Elbert was attentive to me during that week. He asked me lots of questions and we talked about all kinds of things. He would take me with him on some of his chores and show me how things were done on a farm. I respected Elbert and learned from him, but I knew you could be his friend only after he deemed you to be an adult.

ROBERTS' HASH

No account of this family would be complete without a discussion of Hash.

I am not certain which of our ancestors first produced the meat delicacy known as Roberts Hash, but it was Uncle Elbert (John Elbert Roberts, Sr.) who made hash an integral part of our family's history. As the story goes the hash was initially a dish to feed the family. It was usually made from venison and initially it was a way to make the tough gamey meat edible and to keep it usable longer. However during the early history of his marriage Elbert found that people enjoyed the unique taste of the hash and were willing to pay for it. In the fall of the year Elbert would cook batches of hash, seal it in bottles and take it to waiting customer over the county. The money generated by the sell of Roberts Hash bought the family some of the necessities it would otherwise not have hadied

By the time I came along Roberts Hash was no longer used to generate cash, but it had become a staple at reunions and family gatherings. Once when I was a very young boy, my father took me with him to a family gathering in Chester. My father claimed that we went early so he could help make the hash, but in reality he just wanted some extra time to visit with Elbert and sip a little vodka with his friends. By this time Elbert was older

and had turned the making of hash over to his sons, Kirk and Pres. Elbert however had not relinquished his supervisory responsibilities and it was Elbert whose tastes determined if the mixture needed more salt or pepper and it was only Elbert who could declare the dish acceptable and ready to serve.

The hash was made in a large iron pot. Kirk Roberts, who was relieved by Pres Roberts, tended it. The cook's main duty was to continuously stir the mixture with an old boat oar to keep it from sticking on the bottom of the pot. The old boat oar was stored from year to year for this exclusive use. The preparation process required frequent sampling. To sample the hash the oar would serve as a spoon. Some of the hot hash would be lifted out of the pot and held on the oar to cool then the oar would be passed among all the men. This group of 'helpers' nodded their approval, but they rarely commented on the taste of the Hash. That was Elbert's job and no one dared to take it from him.

At family gatherings many of the city Roberts' would make a big deal about refusing to eat deer meat. So before it was served, the hash was divided into two batches one was claimed to be venison and one beef. Those city folks are easy to fool.

The Recipe

Take a quantity of meat (originally it was venison, but most frequently today it is a chuck roast. When I make hash, I use a combination of Beef, Pork and Chicken)

Place the meat in a pan and cover with water

Add one medium sized onion for every three-pound of meat.

Add salt and pepper. Bring the mixture to a boil and cook until the meat is tender.

Remove the cooked meat from heat.

When it is cool remove the fat, bones and grizzles (reserve the water in which the meat was cooked)

Place the meat through a grinder or chop it with a food processor.

Grind or process more onions with the meat.

Return the chopped meat and onions to the pot and continue cooking.

Add salt and pepper if needed.

Prior to serving add one stick of butter (not margarine) for each three pounds of meat.

Troy Roberts' Death

It was raining Saturday night April 12, 1959. Troy Roberts was driving and Thomas Killough (Sonny) Ford was his passenger. They were on the Old York Highway near Lowrey's Community Center around 11:00 PM. Troy was being pursued by police and driving fast. He lost control of the car and ran it off the road. It flipped over and came to rest on the shoulder of the road. Both boys were thrown from the car. Sonny was killed instantly and Troy died soon after at the Chester Hospital. City policemen L. Tyre Lee and Robert D. McKay and County Officer Arthur Doster were on the scene

immediately. Coroner George H. Moore empanelled a jury and held an inquest into the accident.

When word reached Greenville that my cousin Troy had been fatally injured in an automobile accident, my father immediately called me and told me to get ready to go the Chester. I was usually the driver on our Chester trips but this time my father drove. Usually when he was sober, my father was quite and pensive, but on this trip he was sober, agitated and nervous. He kept asking me for the definition of fatal injury, desperately searching for a sliver of hope that somehow Troy might have survived the accident.

The happy home Elbert and Jessie made was not so happy that day. There was nothing a young boy could do to ease the family's grief, so I wondered the farm remembering the times I had spent with Troy while my father tried to comfort his relatives and friends.

A few days later, we returned to Chester for the funeral. It was held at the Beaver Creek Baptist Church. I sat in a pew built by one of my relatives, Granny Roberts' Grandfather John Clark, and only half listened to a preacher I didn't know. I remember standing by Troy's grave reciting the Lord's Prayer with the mourners and for the first time in my life feeling alone and out of place in Chester

Children of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **JESSIE WAGES** are:

83. i. **AGNES⁸ ROBERTS**, born 17 Feb 1919, Chester County, South Carolina.
- ii. **JAMES WADE ROBERTS**, born 06 Aug 1920, Chester County, South Carolina; died 20 Jun 1980, Chester County; married **LULA RUTH LEE**; born 23 Jun 1922, South Carolina.
James is buried at Beaver Creek Baptist Church, Fairfield County South Carolina
84. iii. **JOHN ELBERT ROBERTS, JR**, born 26 Mar 1922, Chester County, South Carolina; died 12 Feb 1994, Chester County, South Carolina.
85. iv. **GARY PRESTON ROBERTS**, born 19 Nov 1923, Chester County, South Carolina.
86. v. **MARGARET KATHERINE ROBERTS**, born 03 Oct 1925, Chester County, South Carolina.
87. vi. **KIRK LYLES ROBERTS**, born 03 Aug 1928, Chester County, South Carolina.
88. vii. **JESSIE DOROTHY "CISSY" ROBERTS**, born 08 Jun 1931, Chester County, South Carolina; died 21 Feb 1973, Chester County, South Carolina.
89. viii. **HALSELL EDWARD ROBERTS**, born 18 Aug 1933, Chester County, South Carolina; died 20 Oct 2002, Sumter, South Carolina.
- ix. **TROY WAGERS ROBERTS**, born 03 Mar 1938, Chester County, South Carolina; died 12 Apr 1959, Chester County - Killed in a high speed chase with a Policeman.

60. LULA B.⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 23 Jun 1895 in Chester, South Carolina, and died 21 May 1985 in Columbia, South Carolina. She married **MCCULLUM ALLEN**. He was born 24 May 1885, and died 19 Nov 1954.

McCullum and Lula Roberts Allen are buried at the Hopewell Methodist Church in Chester, South Carolina

Much of the information I have collected about our immediate family was verified during discussions with Aunt Lula.

Children of **LULA ROBERTS** and **MCCULLUM ALLEN** are:

- i. **WILLIAM HOLMES⁸ ALLEN**, born 26 May 1927; died 02 Feb 1928.
- ii. **SARAH FRANCES ALLEN**, born about 1929; married **CURTIS RILEY RICE**.

61. SAMUEL BOROUGHS⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*)¹⁷ was born 15 Apr 1896 in Chester County, and died 06 Oct 1962 in Columbia, South Carolina. He married **TALLULAH ZUELA MALONE** 12 Jan 1910 in Columbia, South Carolina, daughter of **JAMES MALONE** and **CHARITY MCCRARY**. She was born 09 Mar 1882 in Westminster, South Carolina, and died 21 May 1962 in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Samuel and Tallulah Malone Roberts are buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Richland County, South Carolina.

Children of **SAMUEL ROBERTS** and **TALLULAH MALONE** are:

- i. **MARY LUCILLE⁸ ROBERTS**, born 19 Apr 1914, Chester County; died 23 Mar 1966, Columbia, South Carolina; married **JAMES HINNANT**, Sep 1939; born Bet. 1900 - 1920.
- ii. **RUBY JUANITA ROBERTS**, born 12 Aug 1915, Chester County; died 02 Jan 1971; married **JOHN WILLIAM HENDRICKS**, 18 Dec 1958, Columbia, South Carolina; born Bet. 1900 - 1920.
- iii. **WAGNER HALSEY ROBERTS**, born 27 Nov 1916, Chester County, South Carolina; died 05 Sep 1969, Dudley, North Carolina; married **VIRGINIA MALONE**.
- iv. **KATHRYN CLAIRE ROBERTS**, born 29 May 1923, South Carolina; married **FITZHUGH LEE**, 10 Dec 1945, Columbia, South Carolina; born between 1915 - 1925.
- v. **GWENDOLYN ROBERTS**, born 12 May 1923, Hartsville, South Carolina; died 07 Oct 1973, Charleston, South Carolina; married **EUGENE MALONE**.
- vi. **SAMUEL BURROUGHS ROBERTS, JR**, born 28 May 1926, Hartsville, South Carolina; died 03 Nov 1984, Columbia, South Carolina; married **MIRIAM KATHRYN STRICKLAND**, 15 Aug 1954, Columbia, South Carolina.

Samuel Burroughs Roberts, Jr was buried 15 Nov 1984 at Elmwood

Cemetery - Columbia, South Carolina

62. MARION DOUGLAS⁷ ROBERTS (*WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 19 Aug 1903 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 13 Jan 1965 in Atkinson, North Carolina (Pender County). He married **AGNES E. SAUNDERS** 11 Oct 1925, daughter of **JOHN SANDERS** and **NORA JENNINGS**. She was born 06 Jun 1906 in Abbeville, South Carolina¹⁸.

The MURDER OF MARION DOUGLAS ROBERTS

I know very little information about this event. What I do know comes from a newspaper clipping.

On January 13, 1965 Marion Douglas Roberts was shot to death while in this truck off highway 53 five miles east of Burgaw in Pender County North Carolina. Two bullets were fired from a .38 caliber gun into the trucks left door. One bullet crashed through MD's chest and the other hit is leg. Sheriff Powers came on the scene shortly after the shooting.

Funeral services were held at the Atkinson Baptist Church

I do not know if the murderer was ever caught or if there was a trial

Children of **MARION ROBERTS** and **AGNES SAUNDERS** are:

- i. **MARION DOUGLAS⁸ ROBERTS, JR.**, born about 1927, South Carolina. According to his father's obituary M.D. Jr. was living in Atkinson, North Carolina in 1965
- ii. **HAROLD D. ROBERTS**, born about 1928, South Carolina. According to his father's obituary Harold was living in Charlotte in 1965
- iii. **NORMA E. ROBERTS**, born about 1930, South Carolina. (M.D.'s obituary list a daughter Mrs. Norman Taylor living in Charlotte, NC. I have no additional information about her.)
- iv. **JAMES ROBERTS**, born Aft. 1930. According to his father's obituary James was a minister and living in Fayette, North Carolina in 1965
- v. **LEROY ROBERTS**, born Aft. 1930. According to his father's obituary Leroy was living in Summerville, South Carolina in 1965
- vi. **KENNETH (DICKIE) ROBERTS**.

63. MYRTLE MINERVA⁷ WISE (*MARY JANE⁶ ROBERTS, HESAKIAH⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 03 Dec 1900 in Swansea, South Carolina, and died 01 Jun 1997 in South Carolina. She married **JOHN JACOB HOWELL**. He was born 03 Dec 1877 in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, and died 13 Jun 1941 in Columbia, South Carolina.

Child of **MYRTLE WISE** and **JOHN HOWELL** is:

- i. **JOHN JOSEPH⁸ HOWELL**, born 1941, Swansea, South Carolina.

64. MARY JANE⁷ ROBERTS (*MARY ANN IRENE PENELOPE "MOLLY"⁶ SNIPES, CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE, PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1884 in Mississippi. She married **SANFORD VANDIFORD GULLETT** 1900, son of **JOHN GULLETT** and **MARY VANDIVER**. He was born 18 Nov 1877 in Mississippi, and died 1956.

Children of **MARY ROBERTS** and **SANFORD GULLETT** are:

- i. **JETTYE⁸ GULLETT**, born 1901; died 1969; married **CLAUDE BRANYAN**, 1926; born about 1900.
- ii. **ROY GULLETT**, born 1903; died 1961; married **VIRGINIA POWERS**, 1925; died 1946.
- iii. **GUY GULLETT**, born 1906; died 1970; married **RUTH VINES**, 1928.
- iv. **JEWELL GULLETT**, born 1909; married **SPRIGHT JONES**, 1937.
- v. **LLOYD GULLETT**, born 1912; married **CHRISTINE MAYES**, 1935.

65. CURTIS MCWORTER⁷ ROBERTS (*MARY ANN IRENE PENELOPE "MOLLY"⁶ SNIPES, CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE, PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 23 Jul 1895 in Mississippi, and died 15 Mar 1957 in Union County Mississippi. He married **ANGELITA DELGADILLO** 1925. She was born 06 Feb 1905, and died 19 Jul 2003 in Mississippi.

Curtis was a Medical Doctor. He and Angelita are buried at the New Albany Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi

Child of **CURTIS ROBERTS** and **ANGELITA DELGADILLO** is:

- i. **CURTIS DELGADILLO⁸ ROBERTS**, died 1989.

66. ZELLA PEARL⁷ ROBERTS (*MARY ANN IRENE PENELOPE "MOLLY"⁶ SNIPES, CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE, PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1887 in Mississippi. She married **LESLIE CURTIS RANDELL** 1903. He was born 1882, and died 1956.

Children of **ZELLA ROBERTS** and **LESLIE RANDELL** are:

90. i. **STACEY BOYCE⁸ RANDELL**, born 30 Jul 1905, Union County, Mississippi; died 28 May 1985, Orange County, Virginia.
- ii. **CASEY RANDELL**, born 1908.
91. iii. **CECIL CURTIS RANDELL**, born 1914.
- iv. **LESLIE C. RANDELL**, born 1921.
- v. **IMOGENE RANDELL**, born 1929.
- vi. **MAMIE LEE RANDELL**, born 1911.

67. LOIS⁷ SNIPES (*MATHEW T.⁶, CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE, PENELOPE⁴*)

ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹) was born 29 Dec 1906, and died 01 Jan 1975 in Mississippi. She married **AUDIE TROY ROBERTS**, son of **ELIZEAR ROBERTS** and **MARTHA YOUNG**. He was born 27 Nov 1904 in Mississippi, and died 22 Oct 1980 in Mississippi.

Children of **LOIS SNIPES** and **AUDIE ROBERTS** are:

- i. **TROY KENNETH⁸ ROBERTS**, born Union County, Mississippi; married **INEZ GRUBBS**.
- ii. **MELVIN RAY ROBERTS**, born 02 Sep 1926, Mississippi; died 07 Apr 1928, Mississippi.
- iii. **VELMA ROBERTS**, born 04 Feb 1940, Union County, Mississippi; married **SHANDS GAINES**.

68. LESTER H.⁷ BASDEN (**ANGIE BEULAH⁶ ROBERTS**, **MARY ANN⁵ WAGES**, **ELIZABETH⁴ ROBERTS**, **WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹**) was born in Mississippi. She married BNU WISEMAN.

Children of **LESTER BASDEN** and BNU WISEMAN are:

- i. **BONNIE⁸ WISEMAN**.
- ii. **THEODORE WISEMAN**.

Generation No. 6

69. ASHLEY E.⁸ ROBERTS (**EDWARD HALSELL⁷, LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹**)¹⁹ was born 10 Oct 1904 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee, and died 21 Aug 1981 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee. He married **MURNA FRANCES JULIA ROE¹⁹** 24 Dec 1927. She was born 10 Aug 1904 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.

Children of **ASHLEY ROBERTS** and **MURNA ROE** are:

- i. **DON EUGENE⁹ ROBERTS**, born 17 Nov 1928, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee; married **MARY ELISABETH JOBE**; born 06 Apr 1926, Covington, Tennessee.
92. ii. **JOHN EDWARD ROBERTS**, born 29 Mar 1936, Covington, Tennessee.

70. ROY LEE⁸ ROBERTS (**EDWARD HALSELL⁷, LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹**)¹⁹ was born 15 Mar 1907 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee, and died 10 Feb 1939 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee. He married **ALICE SUE PINNER¹⁹** 24 Jan 1931 in Burlison, Tennessee. She was born 21 Jun 1909 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.

Children of **ROY ROBERTS** and **ALICE PINNER** are:

- i. **BETTY YVONNE⁹ ROBERTS**, born 03 Oct 1932, Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.
- ii. **ROY LEE ROBERTS, JR.**, born 25 Jun 1939, Burlison, Tipton

County, Tennessee.

71. BURDETTE⁸ ROBERTS (*EDWARD HALSELL⁷, LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*)¹⁹ was born 30 Apr 1909 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee, and died 27 Apr 1984 in Covington, Tennessee. He married **VERBLE LAVAYHER HENSON²⁰** 10 Aug 1934 in Covington, Tennessee. She was born 12 Oct 1907 in Bolivar, Hardiman County, Tennessee.

Children of **BURDETTE ROBERTS** and **VERBLE HENSON** are:

- i. **BETTY LOU⁹ ROBERTS**, born 17 Dec 1935, Forest City, Arkansas.
- ii. **ROSEMARY ROBERTS**, born 14 Aug 1938, Forest City, Arkansas.
- iii. **JEAN CAROLYN ROBERTS**, born 26 Sep 1942, Shelby County, Tennessee.

72. JOHN A⁸ ROBERTS (*EDWARD HALSELL⁷, LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 29 Apr 1911 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee. He married **MARIE MATHIS²⁰**. She was born 28 Aug 1919 in Covington, Tennessee.

Children of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **MARIE MATHIS** are:

- i. **MAXINE⁹ ROBERTS**, born 05 Jan 1940, Covington, Tennessee.
- ii. **JOHN LEE ROBERTS**, born 21 Dec 1943, Covington, Tennessee.
- iii. **PATSY GAIL ROBERTS**, born 16 Aug 1950, Covington, Tennessee; died 28 Feb 1981.
- iv. **RANDY ROBERTS**, born 08 Mar 1960, Center Cemetery, Union County, Mississippi; died Tennessee.

73. ROBERTA⁸ ROBERTS (*EDWARD HALSELL⁷, LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 14 Aug 1917 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee. She married **GEORGE DAVID WALK** 15 Apr 1948 in Covington, Tennessee. He was born 02 Dec 1910 in Tipton County, Tennessee, and died 10 Nov 1987 in Covington, Tennessee.

Children of **ROBERTA ROBERTS** and **GEORGE WALK** are:

- i. **SUZANNE⁹ WALK**, born 27 Mar 1949, Covington, Tennessee.
- ii. **GEORGE DAVID WALK, JR.**, born 09 Jul 1950, Covington, Tennessee.
- iii. **ROBERT LEE WALK**, born 03 Nov 1952, Covington, Tennessee.
- iv. **NANCY TERESA WALK**, born 17 Aug 1954, Covington, Tennessee.

74. BERNICE⁸ ROBERTS (*EDWARD HALSELL⁷, LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 05 Sep 1925 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee. She married **JAMES WILLIAM CALDWELL²⁰** 09 Jan 1948 in Memphis, Tennessee. He was born 15 Sep 1924 in Knoxville, Tennessee.
James Caldwell was a medical doctor

Children of **BERNICE ROBERTS** and **JAMES CALDWELL** are:

- i. **CAROL ANN⁹ CALDWELL**, born 04 Jun 1950, Memphis, Tennessee.
- ii. **JAMES WILLIAM CALDWELL, JR.**, born 15 Nov 1951, Memphis, Tennessee.
- iii. **THOMAS REID CALDWELL**, born 18 Mar 1953, Detroit, Michigan.
- iv. **JAN ELLEN CALDWELL**, born 03 Feb 1959, McAllen, Texas.

75. JOYCE⁸ ROBERTS (*EDWARD HALSELL⁷, LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 28 May 1931 in Covington, Tennessee. She married **ROY CLAY TURNER²⁰** 09 Nov 1947 in Covington, Tennessee. He was born 14 Feb 1930 in Covington, Tennessee.

Children of **JOYCE ROBERTS** and **ROY TURNER** are:

- i. **RICHARD CLAY⁹ TURNER**, born 11 Aug 1948, Covington, Tennessee.
- ii. **CATHERINE JOYCE TURNER**, born 22 Mar 1951, Covington, Tennessee.
- iii. **REBECCA ANNE TURNER**, born 11 Sep 1951, Covington, Tennessee.
- iv. **MARGARET ELIZABETH TURNER**, born 22 May 1953, Covington, Tennessee.
- v. **PAUL ALLEN TURNER**, born 11 Sep 1955, Covington, Tennessee.

77. MARGARET⁸ ROBERTS (*PETER OSCAR⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 29 Jun 1917 in Columbia, South Carolina, and died 28 Oct 2000 in Columbia, South Carolina. She married **CLYDE HAROLD GREEN**. He was born 24 Feb 1911, and died 01 Nov 1984. Margaret Green is buried in the Elmwood Cemetery in Richland County, South Carolina.

Children of **MARGARET ROBERTS** and **CLYDE GREEN** are:

- i. **CLYDE HAROLD⁹ GREEN, JR.²¹**
- ii. **WILLIAM ROBERTS GREEN**
- iii. **JAMES EDGAR GREEN²¹**
93. iv. **MARGARET ANNE GREEN**, born 03 May 1939; died 02 Sep 1977.

76. WILLIAM HALSELL⁸ ROBERTS, SR. (*PETER OSCAR⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 13 Aug 1903 in South Carolina, and died 08 Feb 1975 in Andalusia, Alabama. He married **MARY CLAIR MILAM** 03 Feb 1926, daughter of **AUGUSTUS MILAM** and **SUSIE DAVENPORT**. She was born 06 May 1908 in Laurens, South Carolina, and died 24 Sep 1986 in Maine.

Children of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **MARY MILAM** are:

94. i. **WILLIAM HALSELL⁹ ROBERTS, JR.**, born 23 Jan 1927, Clinton, South Carolina; died 17 Sep 1989, Florida.
- ii. **DOROTHY CLAIRE ROBERTS**, born 12 Apr 1941; married (1) **WILLIAM ALDRED**; married (2) **VERN COOPER**.

iii. **GLORIA NELL ROBERTS**, born 12 May 1942; married **GENE SMITH**.

78. FITZHUGH HENRY⁸ DOVE, JR. (*MARTHA ELIZABETH⁷ ROBERTS*, *WADE OSCAR⁶*, *WILLIAM⁵*, *WILLIAM⁴*, *WILLIAM³*, *NICHOLAS²*, *ROBERTS¹*) was born 20 Nov 1911 in South Carolina, and died 07 Apr 1977 in South Carolina. He married **MARGIE TIMMS**.

Fitzhugh Dove, Jr. is buried at Bethel ARP Church - Fairfield County, South Carolina

Child of **FITZHUGH DOVE** and **MARGIE TIMMS** is:

- i. **CHARLES COLEMAN⁹ DOVE**, married **SUSAN MARGARET HUGHES** in Winnsboro, South Carolina.

79. CHARLES FRANKLIN⁸ ROBERTS (*JAMES WADE⁷*, *WADE OSCAR⁶*, *WILLIAM⁵*, *WILLIAM⁴*, *WILLIAM³*, *NICHOLAS²*, *ROBERTS¹*) was born 11 Dec 1919 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 10 Mar 1982 in Greenville, South Carolina. He married **ELEANOR KATHRYN PARKER** 28 Nov 1945, daughter of **RALPH PARKER** and **NORA LEACH**. She was born 1926, and died 15 Sep 1992 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Charles was buried 12 Mar 1982, at Greenville Memorial Garden in Greenville, South Carolina.

Eleanor Parker Roberts' obituary list two sisters Sarah Parker Gethrie and Hazel Parker Tesh and one brother Thomas R. Parker. All were residents of Pittsboro, North Carolina

Children of **CHARLES ROBERTS** and **ELEANOR PARKER** are:

95. i. **DIETRA ANN⁹ ROBERTS**, born 13 Aug 1946, Greenville County, South Carolina.
ii. **EMILY JANE ROBERTS**, born 20 Jan 1948, Greenville County, South Carolina; married **V.C. COLLINS**, 25 Feb 1986; born Gray Court, South Carolina.

80. WILLIAM MORRISON⁸ ROBERTS (*JAMES WADE⁷*, *WADE OSCAR⁶*, *WILLIAM⁵*, *WILLIAM⁴*, *WILLIAM³*, *NICHOLAS²*, *ROBERTS¹*) was born 11 Dec 1919 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 29 Apr 1983 in Greenville, South Carolina. He married **EDNA TERESA GIBSON** 19 May 1951 in at the home of a Rev. Brant. She was born 13 Sep 1930.

William is buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, South Carolina

Child of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **EDNA GIBSON** is:

96. i. **MARGIE LEE TERESA⁹ ROBERTS**, born 27 May 1953, Greenville County, South Carolina; died 23 Feb 1999, West Columbia, South Carolina.

81. TALTON CLARK⁸ ROBERTS (*JAMES WADE⁷*, *WADE OSCAR⁶*, *WILLIAM⁵*, *WILLIAM⁴*, *WILLIAM³*, *NICHOLAS²*, *ROBERTS¹*) was born 10 Mar 1922 in Greenville, South Carolina, and died 19 Oct 1964 in Greenville, South Carolina. He married **MARY ALICE JONES** 23 Aug 1941, daughter of **ROY JONES** and **ETTA SKINNER**. She

was born 14 May 1925 in Taylors, South Carolina, and died 10 Dec 2007 in McCall Hospice House - Greenville County, South Carolina.

11 Oct 1945 - Enlisted in the Army but he was released later due to birth of a third child.

Occupation listed as Automobile Serviceman

Talton and Mary Alice Roberts are buried at Woodlawn Cemetery in Greenville, South Carolina

Stories about my Dad

My dad, Talton Clark Roberts, quit high school before graduating and undertook an obligation to help his family meet their expenses. While it cannot be proven, I am convinced that equally important to him was a desire to gain some financial independence, which was a goal that would be important all his life.

Although he dropped out of school, he firmly believed in learning. Even after becoming a successful and respected manager of a welding equipment supply company; he continued to carry a dictionary and to check his spelling on each report he sent to his home office. He was convinced that poor spelling revealed either stupidity; an inability to learn, or ignorance; an unwillingness to learn. My dad was neither. He was eager and willing to learn anything that might help him.

He also believed that he had a responsibility to teach his children what he had learned. He wanted us to have an advantage in life and to ease our transition into the harsh world of adult responsibility, so he taught us about the kinds of people who would cheat you and the ones who would support you. He also taught us the value of telling the truth and protecting your reputation, of keeping a good credit record and being a responsible citizen. He also gave us valuable lessons about charity and caring about people and most importantly he taught us to be tolerant of our friends' flaws.



This is a picture of Talton Clark Roberts and Mary Alice Jones taken on August 24, 1941, the day after they were married

When I announced my intention to attend the University of South Carolina, He was not very enthusiastic. To his way of thinking, getting a job and learning to be a man was a much more worthwhile goal for me than getting university 'book learning.' He believed a high school education was vitally important. High school taught the basic skills you needed to prosper in the real world. Higher education however, was another matter. In his experience a college education only filled your mind with useless information and in the process forced you to forget to use of common sense.

To affirm his opposition to my attending the University, he refused to buy me a meal ticket. He felt it was too expensive and wasteful. He stated an expectation that I could be frugal enough to get by on \$12.00 a week. If I had more, he believed, I would spend it foolishly. I have to reluctantly admit that there is a possibility he might have been right about my spending money foolishly, however no amount of frugality could make a meager \$12.00 a week cover food, entertainment and personal grooming needs. I remember getting frequent letters from my Grandmother with \$10.00 or even \$20.00 enclosed. Getting those letters was a highlight for me and more than once the letter came when I was flat broke. It was only after both my Grandmother and my dad died that I discovered my father had given money to my Grandmother and asked her to send it to me. He didn't want me to know he was an old softy after all.

During my first year at USC, three students committed suicide. The third of these unfortunate students had lived in my dorm. About a week after his death, as I was leaving my dorm, I noticed a Chevrolet station wagon parked in the far corner of the dorm parking lot. The car caught my attention because it was the same ugly green color as the one my father drove. I walked down towards the car and recognized my dad calmly sitting behind the wheel of the vehicle. I got into the car and asked him what he was doing in Columbia. He just shrugged his shoulders and asked me if I had time to ride around with him. It was only a slight stretch of the truth to say that I had plenty of time. I was due at a Chemistry class but it was too late in the semester for me to pull a decent grade in the class so missing it wouldn't really hurt.

As we pulled out of the drive, my dad asked if I knew the young man who had recently died in my dormitory. I told him no and then he wanted to see the buildings from which the other two students had jumped. He had been drinking enough to loosen his inhibitions, so after the inspection we just chatted as he drove us around Columbia. Later we went to a local cafeteria for lunch before he drove back to my dorm. As he prepared to leave he warned me about letting things bother me too much and he affirmed that I could call him if anything ever really upset me. He gave me some extra money as he left. The old softy had made the trip to Columbia just to confirm that I was safe and not in any danger of hurting myself.

My dad also taught me an extremely important lesson about accepting personal responsibility for your actions. I have always tried to live by his lesson. One evening when he was driving home tired and sleepy and under the influence of too much alcohol he clipped three mail boxes with the side mirror on his car. The following afternoon, he

told me to drive for him. As we rode by each of the mailboxes I stopped and he placed an envelope containing a twenty-dollar bill in each of the damaged mailboxes. He had written a note with his name and phone number on each envelope. He told me that the box owners shouldn't have to pay for damages he caused. At that time a replacement mailbox cost less than \$5.00.

Everyone loved my dad when he was sober and most people liked him when he was drinking moderately. That was when he was gregarious and fun to be around. His terrible weakness for alcohol however, made him inconsiderate and difficult when he was drinking heavily.

His love for booze would kill him before I became mature enough to understand the life he lived or appreciate all of the lessons he taught me. What a tragedy!

A Eulogy for my Mother, Mary Alice Jones Roberts Crow.

MARY ROBERTS CROW

May 14, 1925 – December 10, 2007

Thank you for joining us today as we remember the remarkable life of Mary Alice Crow. She was, like all of us, a mixture of strengths and flaws. As we remember her accomplishments, it is with love and respect that I also remember some of the difficulties she lived through.

Her birth name was Mary Alice Jones but somewhere in her early years, she picked up the nickname "Mutt." Many people might have been offended by such a nickname, but the name never seemed bother her. She knew that the people who used it did so with affection. There are many relatives, including her sister, Leona, and close friends who will always remember my mother as "Mutt."

She was born in Taylors, South Carolina, as the second child of Roy Clyde and Etta Skinner Jones. Her mother was an emotionally fragile but gentle and kind woman. Her father, however, was a deeply and tragically flawed man. During her infancy and early years my mother; her sister, Leona Doris; and their mother moved in with her Grandparents George and Carrie Howell Skinner and their sons William and Don. She claimed that she felt affection and security while living with her grandparents. It was a feeling she did not have after her parents reconciled.

When most children her age were talking, my mother did not or could not speak. Her family became concerned that she might be a slow learner or have a serious learning problem. Later, when she did start speaking, forming words did not come easy for her and all of her life she had difficulty articulating and pronouncing certain words. She overcame this problem by becoming a reader and she instilled the love of reading in her children. In a time when fewer and fewer people read for pleasure that is an awesome accomplishment.

In her mid-teen years, she met, Talton Roberts. After a short courtship, he rescued her and they were married in 1941. He was nineteen years old and ill prepared to financially or emotionally support a seventeen year old girl who did not understand the

complex world she was entering and there early years were a struggle.

My Dad came from a large family that welcomed my mother. She eagerly joined the Roberts family and developed friendship with all my dad's siblings. It was my paternal grandmother, however, with whom, she developed a unique relationship. She always referred to her as Mother Roberts. She frequently said she loved her Mother Roberts as much as she loved her own mother.

My parents had a troubled marriage. I believe they loved each other, but my mother carried too much emotional baggage into their marriage and my father had difficulty dealing with wounded personality. They never found it easy to show their affection for each other. My father sought relief by drinking too much. It would be a tragic decision. His alcoholism did not help him deal with his relationship but it did take his life when he was way too young.

In her later years, my mother met and married David Winfield Crow. Their relationship would define her later life and I am so thankful that they found each other. The two of them were able to express their affection for each other and my mother eagerly told everyone who would listen how much she loved Dave. The two of them had some precious years when they traveled extensively. They went to car races and spent time at the beach and the mountains. Their relationship was mutually beneficial. Dave appreciated having someone to take care of him and my mother flourished giving him that care.

As a younger woman, my mother was remarkably beautiful and all of her adult life her appearance was vitally important to her. She refused to leave her home, even on a quick errand, until she was convinced that she looked as good as she could. Although, she was rarely able to buy the kind of expensive clothes she loved, she always bought high-end elegant and stylish clothes, which were always immaculately altered and meticulously cared for. Her hair was always professionally styled and she maintained her fingernails in freshly manicured condition. It wasn't just her personal appearance; she also kept her house 'white glove clean.' You would never find dust bunnies hiding in the corners of her closets or lurking under the beds in her house.

As her health declined it was these things she held most firmly and fought to maintain. When she could no longer take herself to doctor appointments, T.C. or I would take her. When it was my turn, I would arrive at her house to find her waiting with her makeup perfectly applied, her hair neatly styled and wearing a stylish suit with a fresh blouse. By the time we returned, she had spent all of her energy and it was a struggle for her to get out of her 'visiting clothes' and into her elegant 'lounging clothes.' She would be completely exhausted for the remainder of the day, but for her, that utter exhaustion was better than allowing her doctor see her any other way.

One of the saddest days of her later years was when she finally had to accept that she could no longer keep her regular weekly appointment to have her hair styled by her niece, Doris Leigh.

I loved my mother and love her still. Not with a saccharine, sentimental love, but with a love that is strong enough to exist in spite of her flaws. Some of our more mature relatives call that loving someone – warts and all.

Although, my mother was a caring woman, she had strong opinions and frequently she shared her opinions with little regard for the impact they might have on other people.

The world never lived up to her expectations and she maintained a vision for how all of us should live our lives. She was always ready to let us know when our hair was too long or we were putting on too many pounds or when we didn't complete a task to her standards. Yet, we always knew that if we ever needed her help or support, she could allow herself to ignore our shortcoming long enough to help and support us through whatever crisis we had gotten ourselves into.

One of the great tragedies of her life is that she was denied the quiet and quick death she wanted. Instead she had a long period of declining health and physical weakness. Her family owes a great debt to Angeline Pickett who did so much more than take care of our mother. She stayed with her during that difficult period when her memory was fleeting and her anger at her declining health was at its greatest. May we all be blessed enough to have a friend like Angeline. We also owe a debt to the people at Open Arms Hospice and the McCall Hospice House. They gave her loving care during her last days and her family is grateful for all they did.

Towards the end of her life, our mother gave some specific instructions to my wife, Madeline. She was afraid that she might not have enough time to tell a long list of people that she loved them. She made Madeline promise to let anyone she missed telling personally know that she loved them. I'm proud that my mother made this sincere effort to let people know how she truly felt and that before she left us, she attempted to mend any hurt feelings she might have created.

There is a time when all of us need the affection and security of our parents. My mother felt she missed out on that time in her life, but she still had the strength to give affection and security to her children. We always knew she loved us even when we got our church clothes dirty or we skinned the knee of our new pair of pants or when our school grades didn't come up to her expectations.

There are many ways to measure my mother's life. If we measure her monetary wealth, she would come up short. But if we measure her accomplishments and the obstacles she overcame she was a wealthy woman.

It is here that my brother, sister and I acknowledge the debt we owe our mother. She gave each of us a deep knowledge of rightness and a moral code that allowed us to experience the world with all its beauty and its tragedy and to embrace the wonderful diversity it offers.

There is a phrase from the musical *Les Miserable*. It is significant to me and I want to share it with you.

"And remember, the truth that once was spoken.
To love another person is to see the face of God."

It may not be literally true, but I think there may be enough truth in those words to help us in the years to come when we will live without her physical presence.

Bill Roberts
December 13, 2007

Children of TALTON ROBERTS and MARY JONES are:

97. i. **WILLIAM FRANKLIN⁹ ROBERTS**, born 05 Aug 1942, Greenville, South Carolina.
98. ii. **TALTON CLARK ROBERTS, JR.**, born 07 Apr 1944, Greenville, South

Carolina.

99. iii. **GEORGIA CAROL ROBERTS**, born 21 Jun 1945, Greenville, South Carolina.

82. MARY HALSEL⁸ ROBERTS (*JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 30 Apr 1925 in Greenville, South Carolina. She married **RICHARD EARLE FOSTER** 06 Nov 1948 in Greenville, South Carolina, son of **CALBRAITH FOSTER** and **ESTELLE ALVERSON**. He was born about 1922, and died 12 Feb 1999 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Children of **MARY ROBERTS** and **RICHARD FOSTER** are:

- i. **MARTHA KAREN⁹ FOSTER**, born 11 Nov 1949, Greenville, South Carolina; married **GEOFFREY ALLAN HALL**, 21 Mar 1972, St. Frances Episcopal church - Greenville, South Carolina.
Karen and Geoffrey were married by Rev. Henrie Earnest Tollison, Kay's cousin.
100. ii. **RICHARD EARL FOSTER, JR.**, born 01 Feb 1953, Greenville County, South Carolina.

83. AGNES⁸ ROBERTS (*JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 17 Feb 1919 in Chester County, South Carolina. She married **MCHENRY BANKS**, son of **CHARLES BANKS** and **NETTIE BNU**. He was born about 1921 in South Carolina.

Children of **AGNES ROBERTS** and **MCHENRY BANKS** are:

- i. **CHARLES MCHENRY⁹ BANKS**, born 04 Jan 1948, Chester County, South Carolina.
- ii. **TRUDY MARIE BANKS**, born 24 May 1951, Chester County, South Carolina.
- iii. **MICHAEL WADE BANKS**, born 1958, Chester County, South Carolina.

84. JOHN ELBERT⁸ ROBERTS, JR (*JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 26 Mar 1922 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 12 Feb 1994 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married **NINA LUCILLE (TILLY) MCCLINTOCK** 21 Dec 1946, daughter of **JAMES MCCLINTOCK** and **NINA STEVENSON**. She was born 27 Jul 1924 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Children of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **NINA MCCLINTOCK** are:

- i. **JOHN ELBERT⁹ ROBERTS III**, born 19 Apr 1948, Chester County, South Carolina; married **TRACY HAMRICK**, Sep 1978.
- ii. **JANICE CAROL ROBERTS**, born 20 Aug 1949, Chester County, South Carolina; married **EDWARD PEEPLES HAMMOND**, 17 Jun 1972; born 30 Jul 1946.

85. GARY PRESTON⁸ ROBERTS (*JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 19 Nov 1923 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married **DELLIE LOIS BOULWARE** 12 Apr 1945 in Chester, South Carolina, daughter of **GLENN BOULWARE** and **BESSIE DICKERSON**. She was born 17 Oct 1926 in Chester County. She died 2 August 2008 at the Chester Regional Nursing Center in Chester, South Carolina. She was buried 4 August 2008 at Beaver Creek Baptist Church in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Children of **GARY ROBERTS** and **DELLIE BOULWARE** are:

101. i. **GARY PRESTON⁹ ROBERTS, JR.**, born 02 Sep 1947, South Carolina.
102. ii. **SANDRA DELORIS ROBERTS**, born 30 Jul 1951, South Carolina.
103. iii. **BESSIE LOIS ROBERTS**, born 24 Jan 1964, South Carolina.
- iv. **JESSIE MARIE ROBERTS**, born 21 Aug 1967, South Carolina.

86. MARGARET KATHERINE⁸ ROBERTS (*JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 03 Oct 1925 in Chester County, South Carolina. She married **JESSIE EARNEST WRIGHT²²**. He was born 22 Dec 1923 in South Carolina, and died 29 Sep 1990 in South Carolina.

Children of **MARGARET ROBERTS** and **JESSIE WRIGHT** are:

- i. **JESSIE EARNEST⁹ WRIGHT, JR.**, born South Carolina.
- ii. **SUSAN WRIGHT**, born South Carolina.

87. KIRK LYLES⁸ ROBERTS (*JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 03 Aug 1928 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married (1) **ANN WAGES**. She was born 23 Dec 1932. He married (2) **RUBY MARIE CARTER**.

Children of **KIRK ROBERTS** and **ANN WAGES** are:

- i. **THERESA⁹ ROBERTS**, born 07 Apr 1957, Chester County, South Carolina.
- ii. **SUSAN MARIE ROBERTS**, born 06 Sep 1958, Chester County, South Carolina.

88. JESSIE DOROTHY "CISSY"⁸ ROBERTS (*JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 08 Jun 1931 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 21 Feb 1973 in Chester County, South Carolina. She married **LARRY BROWN STEVENSON**, son of **WILLIAM STEVENSON** and **BEULAH FOXWORTH**. He was born 16 Apr 1929 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Cissy is buried at Beaver Creek Baptist Church – Fairfield County, South Carolina

Children of **JESSIE ROBERTS** and **LARRY STEVENSON** are:

- i. **PATRICIA GAIL⁹ STEVENSON**, born South Carolina; married **JAMIE LYLES**.

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- ii. **LARRY BROWN STEVENSON, JR**, born South Carolina.
 - iii. **CHERYL ANN STEVENSON**, born South Carolina.
 - iv. **AMY STEVENSON**, born South Carolina.

89. HALSELL EDWARD⁸ ROBERTS (*JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 18 Aug 1933 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 20 Oct 2002 in Sumter, South Carolina. He married **BETTY JO INABINET**.

Children of **HALSELL ROBERTS** and **BETTY INADINET** are:

- i. **TROY WAGERS⁹ ROBERTS**.
- ii. **NORMA ROBERTS**.

90. STACEY BOYCE⁸ RANDELL (*ZELLA PEARL⁷ ROBERTS, MARY ANN IRENE PENELOPE "MOLLY"⁶ SNIPES, CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE, PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 30 Jul 1905 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 28 May 1985 in Orange County, Virginia. He married **NUNA VIVIAN HUDNALL** 09 Jun 1935 in Lafayette, Mississippi. She was born 30 May 1908 in Kemper County, Mississippi, and died 04 May 1982 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Child of **STACEY RANDELL** and **NUNA HUDNALL** is:

- i. **ZELLA MARGARET⁹ RANDELL**, born 26 Sep 1941, Lexington, Kentucky; died 11 Mar 1978, Albamarle, Virginia.

91. CECIL CURTIS⁸ RANDELL (*ZELLA PEARL⁷ ROBERTS, MARY ANN IRENE PENELOPE "MOLLY"⁶ SNIPES, CAROLYN JANE⁵ STONE, PENELOPE⁴ ROBERTS, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 1914. He married **LAVAIDA MITCHELL** 1937. She was born 1914.

Children of **CECIL RANDELL** and **LAVAIDA MITCHELL** are:

- i. **MARTHA CECILE⁹ RANDELL**, born 1940.
- ii. **JAMES CURTIS RANDELL**, born 1945.

Generation No. 7

92. JOHN EDWARD⁹ ROBERTS (*ASHLEY E.⁸, EDWARD HALSELL⁷, LEROY⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 29 Mar 1936 in Covington, Tennessee. He married **SHIRLEY ANN ADAMS** 27 Jun 1959 in Covington, Tennessee. She was born 02 Dec 1936 in Burlison, Tipton County, Tennessee.

Children of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **SHIRLEY ADAMS** are:

- i. **JOHN EDWARD¹⁰ ROBERTS II**, born 21 May 1959, Memphis, Tennessee; married **CARLA WHITEHORN**, 28 May 1988, Covington, Tennessee.

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- ii. **CHRISTY DAWN ROBERTS**, born 19 Sep 1972, Covington, Tennessee.

93. MARGARET ANNE⁹ GREEN (*MARGARET⁸ ROBERTS*, *PETER OSCAR⁷*, *WADE OSCAR⁶*, *WILLIAM⁵*, *WILLIAM⁴*, *WILLIAM³*, *NICHOLAS²*, *ROBERTS¹*) was born 03 May 1939, and died 02 Sep 1977. She married **CHARLES D. MCLEAN**.

Margaret McLean is buried in Elmwood Cemetery – Richland County, South Carolina

Children of **MARGARET GREEN** and **CHARLES MCLEAN** are:

- i. **JAMES DAVID¹⁰ MCLEAN²³**.
- ii. **BRETT ROBERTS MCLEAN²³**.
- iii. **JANE HELEN MCLEAN²³**, born 03 Mar 1965; died 04 Mar 1965.

Jane is buried in Elmwood Cemetery – Richland County, South Carolina

94. WILLIAM HALSELL⁹ ROBERTS, JR. (*WILLIAM HALSELL⁸*, *PETER OSCAR⁷*, *WADE OSCAR⁶*, *WILLIAM⁵*, *WILLIAM⁴*, *WILLIAM³*, *NICHOLAS²*, *ROBERTS¹*) was born 23 Jan 1927 in Clinton, South Carolina, and died 17 Sep 1989 in Florida. He married **DORIS FULLER FERGUSON** 11 Sep 1948 in Charleston, South Carolina, daughter of **GASTON FERGUSON** and **MYRTLE FULLER**. She was born 19 Mar 1925 in Appleton, South Carolina.

From Brenda Shelton (March, 2002)

My father was a graduate of the Citadel with a degree in Civil Engineering (1950) and was named to the National Engineering Honor Society (Tau Beta Pi). He was a brilliant man (but he had a problem with alcohol) and it was fortunate that his drinking did not affect his job performance at Lockheed or his business sense in the stock market which was his hobby. Most of the harm he did was making life at home so unpredictable and uncomfortable. My mother finally left my father and divorced him around 1984 or 1985 after years of broken promises to quit. That woke him up and drove him to get help.

While he was in the hospital for alcohol abuse he suffered two massive seizures caused by a cerebral hemorrhage which miraculously stopped on its own and caused no lasting damage. He went on to complete the program, joined AA, and after a year remarried my mother. They had some wonderful years before he died suddenly on a fishing trip of a massive heart attack in 1989. He was a pleasure to be around during those years and I thank God that we had that second chance with him.

Children of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **DORIS FERGUSON** are:

- i. **BRENDA JOYCE¹⁰ ROBERTS**, born 05 Mar 1951, West Palm Beach, Florida; married **STEPHEN LAMAR SHELTON**, 27 Jun 1971, Acworth, Georgia; born 20 May 1949, Marietta, Georgia.
- ii. **WILLIAM HALSELL ROBERTS III**, born 05 Jul 1952.
- iii. **CONNIE SUE ROBERTS**, born 09 Aug 1955.

95. DIETRA ANN⁹ ROBERTS (*CHARLES FRANKLIN⁸*, *JAMES WADE⁷*, *WADE OSCAR⁶*, *WILLIAM⁵*, *WILLIAM⁴*, *WILLIAM³*, *NICHOLAS²*, *ROBERTS¹*) was born 13 Aug 1946 in Greenville County, South Carolina. She married **ALVIN CLARK**

ROSAMOND. He was born 20 Jun 1942, and died 30 May 1984 in Greenville County, South Carolina.

Children of DIETRA ROBERTS and ALVIN ROSAMOND are:

104. i. **SHANNON LEIGH¹⁰ ROSAMOND**, born 12 Apr 1966, Greenville County, South Carolina.
- ii. **EMILY LATISHA ROSAMOND**, born 18 Mar 1971, Greenville County, South Carolina.

96. MARGIE LEE TERESA⁹ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM MORRISON⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 27 May 1953 in Greenville County, South Carolina, and died 23 Feb 1999 in West Columbia, South Carolina. She married **JESSE BLANTON EUDY** 02 Nov 1974 in Easley, South Carolina. He was born 29 Apr 1951.

Children of **MARGIE ROBERTS** and **JESSE EUDY** are:

- i. **WILLIAM JESSE¹⁰ EUDY**, born 13 Dec 1976.
- ii. **LAUREN THERESA EUDY**, born 12 Sep 1979.
- iii. **MARY ELIZABETH EUDY**, born 18 Dec 1982.
- iv. **ALLISON LEE EUDY**, born 24 Oct 1985.

97. WILLIAM FRANKLIN⁹ ROBERTS (*TALTON CLARK⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 05 Aug 1942 in Greenville, South Carolina. He married (1) **SALLIE ETOLIA OWENS** 04 Sep 1965 in Columbia, South Carolina - USC Campus - Methodist Student Center, daughter of **EARL OWENS** and **VIRGINIA PAGE**. She was born 02 Apr 1943 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He married (2) **MADELINE SUE BECK** 01 Feb 1997 in Phoenix, Arizona, daughter of **EDWIN BECK** and **LOIS EVANS**. She was born 22 Jan 1959 in Flint, Michigan.

Children of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **SALLIE OWENS** are:

105. i. **STEPHEN FRANKLIN¹⁰ ROBERTS**, born 31 Aug 1967, Atlanta, Georgia - Emory University Hospital.
106. ii. **AMY KATHRYN ROBERTS**, born 26 Aug 1968, Atlanta Georgia - Emory University Hospital.

98. TALTON CLARK⁹ ROBERTS, JR. (*TALTON CLARK⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 07 Apr 1944 in Greenville, South Carolina. He married **LINDA BELLWOOD** 25 Nov 1970. She was born 23 Feb 1943 in South Carolina.

Children of **TALTON ROBERTS** and **LINDA BELLWOOD** are:

- i. **JONATHAN CLARK¹⁰ ROBERTS**, born 24 May 1974, Greenville, South Carolina; died 25 Aug 2002, Greenville, South Carolina; married **TRACI YAUN**, 03 Jan 1998; born 30 Apr 1967.

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- ii. **DAWN MARIE BARKS ROBERTS**, born 20 Aug 1965, South Carolina; married **JOE KELVIN STEPHENS**, 23 Nov 1983; born 15 Jan 1965. T.C. adopted Dawn.

A Eulogy for Jonathon Clark Roberts

When I think of Jonathon I remember both the cute chubby little boy constantly seeking our acceptance as well as the vigorous young man seeking his own unique identity that he became.

Jonathon enjoyed joking and kidding around. He also enjoyed competing with his family and friends. Just to set the record straight even as a young boy he could shoot a pistol more accurately than I could and he ran circles around me when we raced radio controlled cars.

Sometimes Jonathon's joking and kidding could be too harsh and sometimes his competitiveness could be too intense, but we always knew that beneath the bluster and bravado was a kind and caring young man. We felt comfortable around Jonathan, because in his too short life he learned to accept, respect and even love each of us in spite of our own flaws and shortcomings.

When someone is taken from us too soon, we carry that person with us into our future. When you leave this place know that from time to time you will think of Jonathan. When good things happen, you will feel a touch of sadness that he is not here to share your joy. And when tragedy strikes you will think of him and feel relief that he will not have to experience your pain.

He was not with us long enough. There was so much more he needed to learn and so many more life experiences he needed to understand. But he was here long enough to know the ecstasy of love and to be hurt by love; and he was here long enough to become a companion and support for his mother; and he was here long enough to become his father's friend; and he was here long enough so that all of us who knew and loved him will never forget him.

August 27, 2002

99. GEORGIA CAROL⁹ ROBERTS (*TALTON CLARK⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 21 Jun 1945 in Greenville, South Carolina. She married **WALTER RAY SCOTT** 26 Jan 1963 in Greenville, South Carolina, East Park Baptist Church, son of **THURMAN SCOTT** and **MAUDE EDWARDS**. He was born 17 Apr 1942 in Woodruff, South Carolina, and died 22 Jan 1992 in Rocky Mount, NC.

Ray Scott was buried 25 Jan 1992 in Garner, NC

Children of **GEORGIA ROBERTS** and **WALTER SCOTT** are:

107. i. **CAROL ANNETTE¹⁰ SCOTT**, born 16 Feb 1964, Greenville County, South Carolina.
ii. **MICHAEL RAY SCOTT**, born 02 Aug 1968, Greenville County, South

Carolina; married **LISA CAROL HENDRIX**, 09 Aug 2001, North Carolina; born 30 May 1964.

108. iii. **CYNTHIA JOYCE SCOTT**, born 30 Oct 1972, Greenville County, South Carolina.



From Left to Right - Karen Foster, Georgia Carol Roberts, Deitra Roberts, Jane Roberts

When my sister was very young she contracted rheumatic fever. For over a year she was confined to a bed and constrained from any significant physical activity. My parents tried to make this ordeal as pleasant as possible but it was

not easy to keep her occupied yet inactive.

The whole family pitched in to help. This is a photograph taken when her female cousins came for a visit.

100. RICHARD EARL⁹ FOSTER, JR. (*MARY HALSEL⁸ ROBERTS, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 01 Feb 1953 in Greenville County, South Carolina. He married **PHYLLIS LYNN COTHRAN** 10 Aug 1974 in East Park Baptist Church - Greenville, South Carolina. She was born 20 Mar 1955 in Greenville County, South Carolina.

Children of **RICHARD FOSTER** and **PHYLLIS COTHRAN** are:

- i. **STEPHANIE LYNN¹⁰ FOSTER**, born 07 Feb 1980, South Carolina.
- ii. **JENNIFER LEIGH FOSTER**, born 25 Oct 1982, South Carolina.
- iii. **RICHARD CRAIG FOSTER**, born 16 Feb 1988, South Carolina.

101. GARY PRESTON⁹ ROBERTS, JR (*GARY PRESTON⁸, JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 02 Sep 1947 in South Carolina. He married **SUSAN STRAIT** 31 May 1969 in York, South Carolina. She was born Feb 1950 in York, South Carolina.

Children of **GARY ROBERTS** and **SUSAN STRAIT** are:

109. i. **GARY PRESTON¹⁰ ROBERTS III**, born 06 Feb 1973, South Carolina.
- ii. **JESSIE BRANDON ROBERTS**, born 26 Dec 1976, South Carolina.

102. SANDRA DELORIS⁹ ROBERTS (*GARY PRESTON⁸, JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 30 Jul 1951 in South Carolina. She married **JAMES EDGAR STROMAN** 18 May 1974 in Chester, South Carolina. He was born 20 Nov 1947 in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Children of **SANDRA ROBERTS** and **JAMES STROMAN** are:

- i. **ANNA ELIZABETH¹⁰ STROMAN**, born 05 Apr 1980, South Carolina.
- ii. **PRESTON WEEKS STROMAN**, born 30 Jun 1982, South Carolina.
- iii. **JAMES ALEXANDER STROMAN**, born 06 Mar 1989, South Carolina.

103. BESSIE LOIS⁹ ROBERTS (*GARY PRESTON⁸, JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 24 Jan 1964 in South Carolina. She married **CLAY THOMAS**. He was born 1965 in Charlotte, NC.

Children of **BESSIE ROBERTS** and **CLAY THOMAS** are:

- i. **ABIGAIL ROBERTS¹⁰ THOMAS**, born 24 Apr 1997.
- ii. **VICTORIA LEIGH THOMAS**, born 06 Jan 2000.

Generation No. 8

104. SHANNON LEIGH¹⁰ ROSAMOND (*DIETRA ANN⁹ ROBERTS, CHARLES FRANKLIN⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 12 Apr 1966 in Greenville County, South Carolina. She married **MITCHELL VAN METER** 27 Oct 1990. He was born about 1965.

Children of **SHANNON ROSAMOND** and **MITCHELL VAN METER** are:

- i. **KAITLYN¹¹ VAN METER**, born 29 Sep 1992.
- ii. **EMILIE LYNETTE VAN METER**, born 12 Aug 1994.

105. STEPHEN FRANKLIN¹⁰ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM FRANKLIN⁹, TALTON CLARK⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 31 Aug 1967 in Atlanta, Georgia - Emory University Hospital. He married **FRANCES ALLISON PARKER** 20 May 1992 in Greenville, South Carolina, daughter of **JOSEPH PARKER** and **BONITA MCKINNEY**. She was born 22 Nov 1966 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Children of **STEPHEN ROBERTS** and **FRANCES PARKER** are:

- i. **CONNOR ALAN¹¹ ROBERTS**, born 21 Sep 1992, Fredericksburg, VA, Connor was born at 7:12 PM.at the Mary Washington Hospital. His birth weight was 6 pounds and 12 ounces. Connor was 19 inches long.
- ii. **JENNA ERIN ROBERTS**, born 24 Sep 1997, Fredericksburg, VA.
- iii. **BRADEN PARKER ROBERTS**, born 21 Mar 2000, Fredericksburg, Va. Braden was born at 9:09 PM. At birth he weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 18.5" long

106. AMY KATHRYN¹⁰ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM FRANKLIN⁹, TALTON CLARK⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 26 Aug 1968 in Atlanta Georgia - Emory University Hospital. She

married **SCOTT REYNOLDS SMITH** 06 Nov 1994 in Greenville, South Carolina, son of **RANDOLPH SMITH** and **NANCY RHODES**. He was born 19 Oct 1968 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Child of **AMY ROBERTS** and **SCOTT SMITH** is:

- i. **EMILY ROBERTS¹¹ SMITH**, born 25 Jun 1998, Greenville, South Carolina.

107. CAROL ANNETTE¹⁰ SCOTT (*GEORGIA CAROL⁹ ROBERTS, TALTON CLARK⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 16 Feb 1964 in Greenville County, South Carolina. She married (1) **WILLIAM KENNETH HERRING** 09 Jun 1990 in APEX, NC - Salem Baptist Church. He was born 29 Nov 1960 in Wilmington, NC. She married (2) **JEFFRY JOHN KING** 10 Apr 1998 in Raleigh, North Carolina, son of **JEROME KING** and **DOTTIE KELLER**. He was born 15 May 1965.

Child of **CAROL SCOTT** and **WILLIAM HERRING** is:

- i. **KAYLA ASHLEY¹¹ HERRING**, born 01 Dec 1990, Raleigh, NC.

Children of **CAROL SCOTT** and **JEFFRY KING** are:

- ii. **MADISON SCOTT¹¹ KING**, born 14 May 1999, Raleigh, NC.
- iii. **TYLER BRYCE KING**, born 20 Oct 2000, Raleigh, NC.
At birth Tyler weighed - 7 pounds, 13 ounces

108. CYNTHIA JOYCE¹⁰ SCOTT (*GEORGIA CAROL⁹ ROBERTS, TALTON CLARK⁸, JAMES WADE⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 30 Oct 1972 in Greenville County, South Carolina. She married **STEVEN CHARLES SLOAN** 04 Dec 2004 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Children of **CYNTHIA SCOTT** and **STEVEN SLOAN** are:

- i. **GABRIELLA RAE YSIDRON¹¹ SLOAN**, born 06 Dec 1995, North Carolina.
- ii. **EVAN CHARLES SLOAN**, born 27 Jan 2006, North Carolina.

109. GARY PRESTON¹⁰ ROBERTS III (*GARY PRESTON⁹, GARY PRESTON⁸, JOHN ELBERT⁷, WADE OSCAR⁶, WILLIAM⁵, WILLIAM⁴, WILLIAM³, NICHOLAS², ROBERTS¹*) was born 06 Feb 1973 in South Carolina.

Child of **GARY PRESTON ROBERTS III** is:

- i. **GARY PRESTON¹¹ ROBERTS IV**, born 03 Jan 2004, Chester County, South Carolina.

The known children of John Roberts, a son of Elder
Nicholas Roberts, and his wife, Ms. Malone

Berry Roberts Born 1802 Died – unknown	We have very little information about Berry and his family
Mary Roberts Born 1802-1817 Died – unknown	I have limited information on Mary, but she did travel to Arkansas.
Sarah Roberts Born about 1812 Died – unknown	We have no information about Sarah and her family
Nicholas Roberts Born 1815 Died after 1854	Nicholas is prominent in the few records we have. There has been some confusion between him and his grandfather Elder Nicholas Roberts. In the 1850's when he was an older man, Nicholas and his family began a migration to Arkansas. Enroute Nicholas became ill and the party returned to South Carolina. After Nicholas died they group traveled to Arkansas.

The descendants of JOHN ROBERTS, son of Elder Nicholas Roberts

Generation No. 1

1. **JOHN² ROBERTS** (*NICHOLAS¹*) was born about 1780 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married a daughter of **THOMAS MALONE**. She died before 1850.

John Roberts was definitely the son of Elder Nicholas Roberts. In Fairfield County Deed Book MM, Page 13, John Roberts sold Robert Thompson 52 ½ acres of land. The land was noted to be part of the land originally granted to Nicholas Roberts 3 April 1786. The deed was recorded 2 November 1835.

Fairfield County Deed Book MM Page 20 records that Nicholas Roberts sold his son John Roberts a tract of land containing 52 ½ acres for \$105.00. The deed was recorded 2 November 1835. It is rare that a deed specifies the relationship of the parties as clearly as this one does.

In 1830, Benjamin Malone and John Roberts, heirs of Thomas Malone, relinquished their rights and interest to Robert Malone.

One day I plan to go back to the Fairfield County Court House to see if I can find a renunciation of Dower which might give use the name of John's wife.

Children of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **UNKNOWN MALONE** are:

2.
 - i. **BERRY³ ROBERTS**, born about 1800, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
 - ii. **MARY ROBERTS**, born between 1802 - 1817, Chester County; died Rowell, Arkansas.
 - iii. **SARAH ROBERTS**, born about 1812, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
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 - iv. **NICHOLAS ROBERTS**, born 1815, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died after 1854, Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Generation No. 2

2. **BERRY³ ROBERTS** (*JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born about 1800 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married **MARY** Bnu about 1824. She was born about 1810 in Fairfield County, South Carolina.

THE BERRY ROBERTS MYSTERY

Berry Roberts (may have been Greenberry) was clearly in Fairfield County in 1850. He is listed on the census with his spouse Mary and their children. Most researchers believe that this Berry is the son of John Roberts and the Grandson of Elder Nicholas Roberts. I accept this, but there is a big gap between Berry's birth in 1800 and the other children of John Roberts. This may indicate that John was married twice. To date I have been

unsuccessful in uncovering information about Berry and his family.

There is another Berry Roberts in the area. Some family lore states that this Berry was the son of Lewis Roberts. This Berry married Sallie Lyles and moved from the area between 1840 and 1850. Eventually he and his family ended in Kemper County Mississippi. This is the same county where John L. Roberts lived before his slaves murdered him. Berry is rumored to have moved with a cousin named David Roberts who married Sallie Lyle's sister. I have not found this David in the records yet. The David Roberts listed on the 1850 Census obviously didn't go the Mississippi with Berry and Sallie.

Children of **BERRY ROBERTS** and **MARY** Bnu are:

- i. **SARAH⁴ ROBERTS**, born about 1825, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- ii. **FRANCIS ROBERTS**, born about 1823, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- iii. **RICHARD ROBERTS**, born about 1841, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- iv. **CAROLINA ROBERTS**, born about 1843, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- v. **JOHN JAMES ROBERTS**, born June 29, 1846, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- vi. **MARY L. ROBERTS**, born about 1849, Fairfield County, South Carolina.

3. NICHOLAS³ ROBERTS (*JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1815 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died after 1854 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married **MARY FLOYD** about 1834. She was the daughter of **REUBEN FLOYD** and **MARY JORDAN**. She was born about 1810 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died in Arkansas.

Nicholas seemed to fill the role of family patriarch after his grandfather died. He is the witness to many legal papers. His prominence in the public records contributed to the initial confusion of Nicholas with his Grandfather Elder Nicholas Roberts.

The following are a few examples of Nicholas in the public records.

Elihugh Wages and wife Sarah Wages sold 15 acres to Walter, Thomas and Richard Cabean on September 18, 1855 witnessed by John Brice and Nicholas Roberts.

Nicholas Roberts, Jr. sold to the same Cabean Brothers 37 acres for \$462.50 on September 11, 1854. Witnesses by John Brice and Elizabeth Wages, Dower signed by Mary Roberts.

From a deed recorded in 1855, we learn that Nicholas Roberts (Jr) sold to Walter, Thomas and Richard Cabean for the sum of \$537.50 that tract of land where he now lives, containing 64 Acres, being the tract purchased of William Tollison and his Wife Martha; Nancy Rodgers; John Roberts; William Wages and his Wife; Elihue Wages and his Wife; they being five of the heirs at law of the said Nicholas Roberts, Senr, late of Fairfield District in the Real Estate of the said Nicholas Roberts deceased. Said lands lying on

Pannels Branch of Little River, waters of Broad River, bounding lands of Benjamin Roberts, Henry Castles, Richard Dove and the said Nicholas Roberts. Signed the 11th of September, 1855 by Nicholas Roberts.

Witnessed by John Brice and Elighugh Wages

Recorded in Book UU, Page 570

Sworn to before Daniel Kirkland, Magistrate by John Brice on February 5, 1856

(Note: Nancy Rodgers is the daughter of Mary Roberts, the widow of the Elder Nicholas Roberts. William Tollison is William Madison Tollison, who married Martha Halsey (Halsell), Mary Rogers Roberts daughter. John Roberts is the Elder Nicholas Roberts son. I believe William Wages married an unknown daughter of Elder Nicholas Roberts. Elihue Wages is John Elihugh Wages who married Sarah Roberts, a daughter of Nicholas Roberts.)

Moving to Arkansas

Our Cousin, Ken Roberts, related this story about Nicholas. Nicholas' sons Reuben Roberts, Samuel Roberts and Nicholas J. Roberts and his son-in-law Bill Miller served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. All were wounded except Nicholas J., but all survived the war. Shortly after the war, the family decided to relocate to Arkansas. Nicholas and his wife Mary with their children and Grandchildren reportedly assembled 11 covered wagons and loaded them for the journey. Somewhere along the way, Nicholas, the father, became ill. The entire group abandoned the trip and turned back to South Carolina to care for Nicholas. Nicholas died after they returned to South Carolina. Two years later the family group left again for Arkansas. This time they made the trip and all became residents of Arkansas. Reportedly they worked hard and succeeded in farming and retailing.

Nicholas J. Roberts served in the 5th Regiment, Company G of the South Carolina Volunteer Infantry of the Army of Northern Virginia. He obtained the rank of Third Corporal. Toward the end of the war, the 5th Regiment, Company G was near all the major battles but they were only engaged in small skirmishes. They suffered few casualties. Nicholas J was present at Appomattox when Robert E. Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant.

Reuben F. Roberts and Samuel Roberts served in the 17th Infantry, company F. During the battles of Groveton and Manassas (2nd Manassas or Bull Run) on August 29 and 30, 1862, Reuben was wounded in the breast and Samuel was wounded in the shoulder. Both wound were considered serious but slight. They too were at Appomattox.

Children of **NICHOLAS ROBERTS** and **MARY FLOYD** are:

4. i. **REUBEN F.⁴ ROBERTS**, born October 1, 1833, South Carolina; died Rowell, Arkansas.
- ii. **ELIZA ROBERTS**, born about. 1855; married **WILLIAM MARRIED SMITH**, November 8, 1875. He was born about 1850.
- iii. **MARY ROBERTS**, born about. 1835.

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- iv. **JESSIE N. ROBERTS**, born 1836, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
 - 5. v. **NICHOLAS JAMES ROBERTS**, born April 4, 1838; died February 16, 1920, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
 - 6. vi. **SICILY ROBERTS**, born 1840 in South Carolina; died Rowell, Arkansas.
 - 7. vii. **SAMUEL ROBERTS**, born 1842, Fairfield County, South Carolina.
 - viii. **WINNEY ROBERTS**, born 1845.
 - 8. ix. **JOHN T. ROBERTS**, born November 4, 1849, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died November 26, 1935, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
 - 9. x. **WILLIAM DAVID ROBERTS**, born December 27, 1852, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died May 15, 1939, Cleveland County, Arkansas.

Generation No. 3

4. REUBEN F.⁴ ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born October 1, 1833 in South Carolina, and died in Rowell, Arkansas. He married **MARY S. ROBBARDS** on November 8, 1875. She was born October 1836 in South Carolina.

Children of **REUBEN ROBERTS** and **MARY ROBBARDS** are:

- 10. i. **MARY LUCINDA⁵ ROBERTS**, born September 16, 1854, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died January 5, 1926, Rowell Arkansas.
- ii. **JANE ROBERTS**, born about 1855.
- iii. **BETTY ROBERTS**, born about 1861.
- iv. **SAMUEL ROBERTS**, born about 1864.
- 11. v. **DAVID L. ROBERTS**, born May 18, 1864, Blackstock, South Carolina; died January 26, 1953, Cleveland County, Arkansas; married **NETTIE GLOVER**; born May 18, 1870; died March 8, 1955. **DAVID L. and NETTIE GLOVER ROBERTS** are buried at the Rowell Cemetery, Rowell, Arkansas

(Some researchers list the above children as the Step Children of Reuben Roberts, indicating that Mary Robbards was married previously.)

5. NICHOLAS James⁴ ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 04 April 1838, and died 16 February 1920 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He married (1) **CLARA JANE FOSTER**. She was born about 1834. He married (2) **ELVIRA FOSTER GREENLEES**.

Child of **NICHOLAS ROBERTS** and **CLARA FOSTER** is:

- i. **MARTHA⁵ ROBERTS**, born 1860.

6. SICILY⁴ ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1840 in South Carolina and died in Rowell, Arkansas. She married **WILLIAM D. MILLER**. He was born 1830 in South Carolina and died in Rowell, Arkansas.

Children of **SICILY ROBERTS** and **WILLIAM MILLER** are:

- i. **S. JESSE⁵ MILLER**, born 1868.

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- ii. **WINEY J. MILLER**, born 1869.
 - iii. **WILLIAM D. MILLER, II**, born 1871; died January 3, 1907, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
 - iv. **SARAH E. MILLER**, born 1872.
 - v. **MARY E. MILLER**, born 1876.
 - vi. **JOHN NICHOLAS MILLER**, born 1879; died August 5, 1949, Cleveland County, Arkansas. John Nicholas Miller is buried at the Rowell Cemetery, Cleveland County Arkansas
 - vii. **NANCY A. MILLER**, born April 1, 1880.

7. SAMUEL⁴ ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1842 in Fairfield County, South Carolina. He married (1) **MARGARET H. ROBERTS** in 1868. She was born 1844 in South Carolina, and died after 1890. He married (2) **S.H. ROGERS** December 15, 1896. She was born 1869.

Children of **SAMUEL ROBERTS** and **MARGARET ROBERTS** are:

- i. **MARY⁵ ROBERTS**, born 1869, South Carolina.
- ii. **JOHN W. ROBERTS**, born 1871, Arkansas; died 1956, Arkansas. He is buried at the Union Cemetery in Cleveland County, Arkansas.
- iii. **GEORGIANNA ROBERTS**, born 1873, Arkansas.
- iv. **INFANT DAUGHTER ROBERTS**, born 1874.
- v. **INFANT DAUGHTER ROBERTS**, born 1878.
- vi. **LILIE A. ROBERTS**, born January 21, 1879, Arkansas.

8. JOHN T.⁴ ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born November 4, 1849 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died November 26, 1935 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He married (1) **MAHALIA FRANCES STEWART** about 1870. She was born August 13, 1849 in Tennessee, and died July 13, 1901 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He married (2) **NANNIE BELL HUNTER** December 21, 1902 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. She was born April 7, 1861, and died March 30, 1932 in Rowell, Cleveland County, Arkansas. Mahalia Frances Stewart Roberts is buried in the Rowell Cemetery, Rowell, Arkansas.

Mahalia Frances Stewart Roberts' Obituary from the Cleveland County Herald
Mrs. John Roberts

Died at her home near Rowell, Arkansas, Saturday, July 13th 1901. Mrs. Mahalia Roberts, wife of Mr. John Roberts. Mrs. Roberts had been a great sufferer for several years, but she bore her suffering patiently. She leaves a husband, two sons and several daughters to mourn their loss. We sympathize with them in their hour of sad bereavement.

Children of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **MAHALIA STEWART** are:

- i. **MARY FRANCES⁵ ROBERTS**, born September 23, 1871, Dorsey County, Arkansas; died March 10, 1944, Rowell Arkansas; married **MARCUS T. SIPES**; born February 6, 1867; died August 7, 1922, Arkansas.

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12. ii. **NICHOLAS BARNETT ROBERTS**, born July 31, 1872, Dorsey County, Arkansas; died January 26, 1948, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
 - iii. **TERRISSEIR ROBERTS**, born January 24, 1876, Arkansas; died May 5, 1965, Arkansas; married **HUSE REED**; born April 27, 1868; died December 15, 1947, Arkansas.
 - iv. **LUQUINCY ROBERTS**, born May 1, 1878, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died January 7, 1969, Cleveland County, Arkansas; married **LATIMORE REAVES**; born about 1875.
 - v. **DARTHELIA ROBERTS**, born January 16, 1880, Arkansas; died April 4, 1965, Arkansas; married **GEORGE MONROE KESTERSON**; born December 5, 1864; died February 2, 1938, Arkansas.
 13. vi. **JOHN T. ROBERTS**, born May 16, 1884, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died April 14, 1962, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
 - vii. **MAHALA BORN ROBERTS**, born May 16, 1884, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died July 22, 1885, Cleveland County, Arkansas.

9. WILLIAM DAVID⁴ ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born December 27, 1852 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died May 15, 1939 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He married **MARY ETTA HALL** September 20, 1874 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. She was born December 24, 1852, and died December 15, 1924 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. William David and Mary Etta Roberts are buried in Rowell Cemetery in Cleveland County Arkansas.

Children of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **MARY HALL** are:

- i. **THOMAS J.⁵ ROBERTS**, born April 4, 1876, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died October 11, 1932, Cleveland County, Arkansas; married **MARY FRANCES Bnu**; born August 21, 1879; died September 2, 1911, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
14. ii. **WILLIAM LUCIAN ROBERTS**, born 1878, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died 1967, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
15. iii. **MARY ELLEN ROBERTS**, born December 11, 1878, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died December 19, 1917, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
- iv. **BERT BORN ROBERTS**, born January 20, 1890, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died June 9, 1959, Cleveland County, Arkansas; married **RUTH E. Bnu**; born November 18, 1899; died January 13, 1976.
- v. **CLYDE ROBERTS**, born March 2, 1894, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died February 26, 1952, Davis Hospital - Pine Bluff, Arkansas; married **ERMA VINSON**, December 22, 1912; born Between 1880 - 1890.

Generation No. 4

10. MARY LUCINDA⁵ ROBERTS (*REUBEN F.⁴, NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born September 16, 1854 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died January 5, 1926 in Rowell Arkansas. She married **JAMES W. DAVIS** November 30, 1875 in Cleveland County, Arkansas.

Children of **MARY ROBERTS** and **JAMES DAVIS** are:

- i. **MARGARET M⁶ DAVIS**, born September 1879.
- ii. **HORACE J. DAVIS**, born September 1879.
- i. **ELLEN DAVIS**, born September 3, 1887, Arkansas
- ii. **JAMES R. DAVIS**, born September 4, 1897, Arkansas
- iii. **JOSIE MARRIEDL. DAVIS**, born January 1, 1896, Arkansas

11. DAVID L.⁵ ROBERTS (*REUBEN F.⁴, NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 18 May 1864 in Blackstock, South Carolina, and died 26 January 1953 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He married **NETTIE GLOVER²**, daughter of **TOM GLOVER**. She was born 19 May 1870, and died 08 March 1955 in Cleveland County, Arkansas.

Children of **DAVID ROBERTS** and **NETTIE GLOVER** are:

- i. **JOHN⁶ ROBERTS**, born 1889, Arkansas; died 1956.
- ii. **EMMA KIMBRELL ROBERTS**, born 28 January 1889, Arkansas; died 26 September 1975.
- iii. **BART ROBERTS**, born 30 October 1894, Arkansas; died 16 July 1964.
- iv. **ALVIN ROBERTS**, born 11 October 1900, Arkansas; died 09 January 1986.
- v. **ALEXANDER ROBERTS**, born 20 September 1902, Arkansas; died 13 July 1986.
- vi. **PEARL VAN SCHAICK ROBERTS**, born 22 February 1905, Arkansas; died 09 May 1981, White Hall, Arkansas.
- vii. **VIRGINIA HERRINGTON ROBERTS**, born 27 September 1907, Arkansas; died 19 May 1984.
- viii. **EFFIE BROWN ROBERTS**, born 01 October 1909, Arkansas; died 26 August 1980.
- ix. **MINNIE TUCKLER ROBERTS**, born 07 June 1911.

12. NICHOLAS BARNETT⁵ ROBERTS (*JOHN T.⁴, NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born July 31, 1872 in Dorsey County, Arkansas, and died January 26, 1948 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He married **JULIA REBECA HUNTER** 1894. She was born November 8, 1878, and died September 8, 1971. Nicholas and Julia Rebeca Hunter Roberts are buried in the Rowel Cemetery in Cleveland County Arkansas.

Children of **NICHOLAS ROBERTS** and **JULIA HUNTER** are:

- i. **MARY MALINDA⁶ ROBERTS**, born October 23, 1904, Arkansas; died February 28, 1972, Arkansas. She married **ROY JEWEL LUNSFORD**, January 1, 1921 in Cleveland County Arkansas. He was born 14 February 1901 in Cleveland County, Arkansas and died 27 August 1970 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas
- ii. **ADDIE BELL ROBERTS**, born December 21, 1895, Arkansas; died March 13, 1989 in McGehee, Arkansas.
- iii. **EVA ETHEL ROBERTS**, born March 10, 1898, Cleveland County,

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- Arkansas; died August 28, 1990, Rowell, Arkansas; married **CARL REED**.
- iv. **LILY MAE ROBERTS**, born December 21, 1900, Arkansas; died April 25, 1984, California; married **RICHARD DEFIR**.
- v. **EUNICE TERISSIER ROBERTS**, born March 25, 1903, Arkansas; died December 3, 1983, Arkansas.
- vi. **OPHIA BEATRICE ROBERTS**, born May 1, 1909, Arkansas.
- vii. **IRA ELBERT ROBERTS**, born June 7, 1916, Arkansas; died January 1, 1965, Arkansas.
17. viii. **JAKE HUNTER ROBERTS**, born July 24, 1919, Arkansas.

13. JOHN T.⁵ ROBERTS (*JOHN T.⁴, NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born May 16, 1884 in Cleveland County, Arkansas, and died April 14, 1962 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He married **EMMA V. THORTON** October 18, 1903 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. She was born March 18, 1888, and died December 18, 1961.

Child of **JOHN ROBERTS** and **EMMA THORTON** is:

- i. **MELBA⁶ ROBERTS**, born Arkansas.

14. WILLIAM LUCIAN⁵ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM DAVID⁴, NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1878 in Cleveland County, Arkansas, and died 1967 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. He married **MARY E. GREENLEE** December 29, 1899. She was born about 1877, and died about 1954. William L and Mary Greenlee Roberts are buried at the Rowell Cemetery in Rowell, Arkansas

Children of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **MARY GREENLEE** are:

- i. **LILLIAN⁶ ROBERTS**, born December 1900; died September 1985.
- ii. **VERA ROBERTS**, born March 24, 1903; died September 1975. She married **JASPER MILLER**, born about 1900
- iii. **EFFIE ROBERTS**, born December 7, 1905; died April 14, 1997. She married **GARVIN HOUSTON REED**. He was born 12 August 1855
- iv. **VIVIAN ROBERTS**, born August 17, 1908; died April 2, 1909.
- v. **ERVIN ROBERTS**, born January 13, 1910; died July 30, 1997.
- vi. **EULA ROBERTS**, born February 5, 1913. She married **T.F. LOVE**. He was born about 1910.
- vii. **JESSE LEE ROBERTS**, born October 18, 1915. He married **HELEN FLOYD**. She was born 18 November 1921.

15. MARY ELLEN⁵ ROBERTS (*WILLIAM DAVID⁴, NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 11 December 1878 in Cleveland County, Arkansas, and died 19 December 1917 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. She married **GEORGE THOMAS GRAY** 20 October 1900. He was born 04 January 1879 in Cleveland County, Arkansas, and died 25 February 1965 in Cleveland County, Arkansas. George and Mary Ellen Roberts Gray are buried in the Rowell Cemetery, Cleveland County Arkansas

Child of **MARY ROBERTS** and **GEORGE GRAY** is:

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- i. **JOHN WILLIAM CALVIN⁶ GRAY**, born 16 November 1902, Arkansas; died Arkansas; married **VERDIE ELA BOYD**; born 06 November 1904, Arkansas; died Arkansas.

Generation No. 5

16. MARGARET M.⁶ DAVIS (*MARY LUCINDA⁵ ROBERTS, REUBEN F.⁴, NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 01 September 1879 in Arkansas, and died about 1918 in Arkansas. She married **GEORGE MEDFORD LUNSFORD**. He was born 22 October 1876 in Dorsey County, Arkansas, and died 19 October 1958 in Cleveland County, Arkansas.

Children of **MARGARET DAVIS** and **GEORGE LUNSFORD** are:

- i. **KATIE F.⁷ LUNSFORD**, born 01 September 1898, Arkansas.
ii. **DOVIE ANN LUNSFORD**, born 01 April 1900, Arkansas.
iii. **ROY JEWEL LUNSFORD**, born 14 February 1901, Cleveland County, Arkansas; died 27 August 1970, Pine Bluff, Arkansas; married **MARY MALINDA ROBERTS**, 01 January 1921, Cleveland County, Arkansas; born 23 October 1904, Arkansas; died 28 February 1972, Arkansas. Roy and Mary Roberts Lunsford are buried in the New Hope Cemetery, Cleveland County, Arkansas
iv. **THOMAS LUNSFORD**, born 27 August 1907, Arkansas; died 02 January 1964, New Mexico.

17. JAKE HUNTER⁶ ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS BARNETT⁵, JOHN T.⁴, NICHOLAS³, JOHN², NICHOLAS¹*) was born July 24, 1919 in Arkansas. He married **JUANITA KEA**. She was born September 23, 1918 in Arkansas.

Our cousin, Ken Roberts, relates the following story. "My dad was named J.H. Roberts at birth. Somewhere along the line, maybe when he was drafted into the army, he had to come up with a first name. Since he had been called "Jake" as a nickname, he chose Jake as his official name. Later in life he had to come up with a middle name and chose "Hunter" from his mother's maiden name. I remember going to Little Rock, I believe, with my parents when just a child, to a State office so my dad could change his middle name and get a new birth certificate."

From the Cleveland County Herald - October 20, 1937

A wedding that came as a surprise to their many friends in Rison and vicinity was that of Miss Juanita Kea and Jake Roberts, which was solemnized Saturday afternoon in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Theo T James. The only attendants were Miss Avis Kea, sister of the bride, and Miss Birdie Reed.

The bride, a lovely blond, was beautiful in a dress of navy blue crepe with black accessories. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kea and is a graduate of the Rison High School. Mr. Roberts is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Roberts of Rowell,

where he is engaged in farming.

Children of **JAKE ROBERTS** and **JUANITA KEA** are:

14. i. **DONNIE LEE⁷ ROBERTS**, born August 7, 1938, Cleveland County, Arkansas.
15. ii. **KENNETH RAY ROBERTS**, born September 23, 1942, Cleveland County, Arkansas.

***Descendants of Sarah Roberts, daughter of Elder NICHOLAS ROBERTS,
and Elihugh Wages***

Generation No. 1

1. SARAH² ROBERTS (NICHOLAS¹) was born after. 1781. She married (**Elihugh**) **JOHN WAGES**.

I have no definitive information on this family and part of what I do have is highly suspicious. We know that an Elihugh Wages and his wife Sarah had a portion of the land originally granted to Elder Nicholas Roberts. We know that in his will Nicholas did not leave anything directly to his children until the death of his wife. We have to assume that he gave them land prior to his death.

While we can reasonably surmise that Sarah was Nicholas' daughter. We are stuck however with many questions about her spouse.

I believe that Elihugh Wages may have been John Elihugh Wages or Elihugh John Wages. I also believe that this Sarah and her husband had at least one child who they named Elihugh and that this Elihugh also married a lady named Sarah.

The son, Elihugh served in the 6th South Carolina Reserves, Company A during the Civil War.

On the 1880 census for Chester County. Elihu is living in Blackstock Community. He is a widower with three daughters, Sarah(38), Nancy(25) and Martha(23) and one son. Elihu(21) living with him.

Members of the Roberts and Wages(Wagers) family intermarried many times, however, it is difficult to tie the Wages(Wagers) individuals to each other. So far I cannot find any additional information on this John Elihugh Wages. There is an Elihugh Wages who died in the early 1900's and is buried in Bethlehem Methodist Church. I believe this Elihugh to be a son, grandson or other relative of Elihugh Wages. The name Elihugh carries forward as a middle name for many of our relatives.

The known children of Lewis E.P. Roberts, a son of Elder
Nicholas Roberts, and Rhoda Rosanna Dove

Benjamin Roberts Born 3/20/1817 Died 12/13/1893	Benjamin moved to Mississippi. All of his know children were born and/or raised in Mississippi.
Winifred Roberts Born about 1810 Died 1880	Winifred married William Pannell. They moved to Mississippi.
	It is reported that Lewis and Rhoda Dove Roberts have 3 additional children, but I have not yet found any confirmation of this.

***Descendants of Lewis E. P. Roberts – Son of Elder Nicholas Roberts
and his wife Rhoda Rosanna Dove***

Generation No. 1

1. LEWIS E. P.² ROBERTS (*NICHOLAS*¹) was born 1782 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died after 1850 in South Carolina. He married **RHODA ROSANNA DOVE**, daughter of **BENJAMIN DOVE** and **LYDIA CROSBY**. She was born 1790 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died after 1850 in South Carolina.

The first mystery is Lewis's middle name. I cannot find any source data for the initials E.P. It is possible that his middle name was Edward or a similar name that could have been written or misread as E.P. It is equally possible that he had two middle names. At least one researcher believes that his name was Lewis Edward Dekalb. Lewis's brother William named his son Lewis Edward Dekalb Roberts. Some people think he named him after his brother. The name Lewis is frequently spelled Louis. It is hard to know the preferred spelling since many of our ancestors were not well educated and the few records that exist, were written by census takers or other government workers who used their preferred spelling not necessarily our ancestors preferred spelling.

Lewis and Rhoda are rumored to have had three additional children. If this is true I do not know their names yet. The two children I do know about left Fairfield County and relocated to Mississippi.

In August 1822, Lewis' will was probated. John Crosby, William Davis and William Halsey sign the administration bond. Elisha Mayfield, Edward Halsey, Rick Elam, Martin Elam and William Davis appraised his estate.

Our cousin, Rev. William Roberts, reports that Lewis's wife, Rhoda Dove, was the daughter of Benjamin Dove, Jr. and the granddaughter of Benjamin Dove, Sr., who was renowned as an Indian fighter during the Cherokee uprisings. She was also the granddaughter of Dennis and Hannah Crosby, early pioneers on the Broad River in Chester County, South Carolina.

Children of **LEWIS ROBERTS** and **RHODA DOVE** are:

2. i. **BENJAMIN³ ROBERTS**, born March 20, 1817, South Carolina; died December 13, 1893, Union County, Mississippi.
3. ii. **WINIFRED ROBERTS**, born about 1810, South Carolina; died 1880, Union County, Mississippi.

Generation No. 2

2. BENJAMIN³ ROBERTS (*LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born March 20, 1817 in South Carolina, and died December 13, 1893 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **MARY WAGES**, daughter of **MOSES WAGES** and **REBECCA CROWLEY**. She

was born July 13, 1817 in Richland County, South Carolina, and died December 22, 1893 in Union County, Mississippi. Benjamin and Mary Wages Roberts are buried in the Old Zion Hill Cemetery in Blue Springs, Mississippi.

Benjamin and Mary left South Carolina for Mississippi between 1859-1860. In 1859 in preparation for the move Benjamin sold his land to David Weir and William Thomas. Mary signed her renunciation of Dower with a signature. Their first 12 children were born in South Carolina and made the wagon trip with their parents. Their son Samuel was born in Mississippi. This indicates that Mary either traveled while pregnant or got pregnant on the road. These were hearty, strong people. Today we would struggle to take a road trip from South Carolina to Mississippi in an automobile with 12 children. Benjamin and Mary made it in a horse or mule drawn wagon.

Mary Wages Roberts' Renunciation of Dower

South Carolina }
Fairfield District }

I, J.D. Coleman, Magistrate do certify to all whom it may concern that Mary Roberts, the wife of the within named Benjamin Roberts, did this day appear before me and upon being personally and separately examined by me, does declare that she did freely and voluntarily and without any compulsion, dread or fear of any person or persons renounce and release and forever relinquish unto the within named David Weir, his heirs and assigns all her interest and also all her rights of dower (unreadable) given under my hand and seal this 5th day of January 1859.

Signature and seal
J.D. Coleman

Signature
Mary Roberts

Children of **BENJAMIN ROBERTS** and **MARY WAGES** are:

4. i. **RHODA REBECCA⁴ ROBERTS^l**, born 1840, South Carolina; died about 1900 in Union County, Mississippi.
- ii. **WESLEY ROBERTS^l**, born 1842, South Carolina.
5. iii. **NANCY ANN ROBERTS**, born May 17, 1844, South Carolina; died April 16, 1913, Blue Springs, Mississippi.
6. iv. **WINNIE MURENA ROBERTS**, born February 14, 1847, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died April 12, 1918, Union County, Mississippi.
7. v. **JAMES GREEN ROBERTS**, born December 23, 1847, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died June 7, 1919, Union County, Mississippi.
8. vi. **MARY MALINDA ROBERTS**, born 1850, South Carolina; died after 1872, Union County, Mississippi.
9. viii. **EDMOND COLEMAN ROBERTS**, born 1853, South Carolina.
10. vii. **HIRAM THOMPSON ROBERTS**, born February 6, 1852, South Carolina; died October 25, 1920, Union County, Mississippi.
11. ix. **SIBBIE T. ROBERTS**, born February 17, 1854, South Carolina; died July

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- 11, 1930, Union County, Mississippi.
12. x. **HARRISON ROBERTS**, born 1857, South Carolina.
13. xi. **SAMUEL MCCLARKIN ROBERTS**, born August 22, 1860, Mississippi; died April 10, 1929, Union County, Mississippi.
14. xii. **DIXON HENRY ROBERTS**, born February 14, 1861; died March 16, 1885, In Virginia of Meningitis.

3. WINIFRED³ ROBERTS (*LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)¹ was born about 1810 in South Carolina, and died 1880 in Union County, Mississippi. She married **WILLIAM SEYMOUR PANNELL**¹ about 1825 in South Carolina. He was the son of **WILLIAM PANNELL** and **ELIZABETH PANNELL**. He was born about 1800 in South Carolina, and died in Union County, Mississippi.

Winifred's renunciation of dower.

I Geo. H Miller Mgt in and for the District of Fairfield Co. South Carolina, do hereby certify unto all whom it may concern that Winney Pannel, wife of the within named Wm S. Pannell did this day appear before me and upon being privately and separately examined by me did declare that she does singularly voluntarily without compulsion dread or fear of any person or persons whomsoever release and forever relinquish unto the said Mary Thompson all her right of Dower & all her interest and estate of in and to all and singular the premises within mentioned and released. Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of December 1844. Geo. H. Miller Magr. LS recorded March 1st 1845

Winney Pannel (x) (her mark)
deliv. to JR Thompson

Children of **WINIFRED ROBERTS** and **WILLIAM PANNELL** are:

15. i. **PHILLIP H⁴ PANNELL**, born 1829, South Carolina; died 1880, Union County, Mississippi.
- ii. **RHODA ROSANNA PANNELL**, born 1837, South Carolina; died Union County, Mississippi.
- iii. **MARY PANNELL**, born 1842, South Carolina; married **AMZI CARTER**, March 26, 1862, Pontotoc County, Mississippi.
- iv. **WILLIAM DOVE PANNELL**, born 1843, South Carolina; married **MARGARET HARDY**.
- v. **HENRY PANNELL**, born 1846, South Carolina.
16. vi. **JOHN HAMPTON PANNELL**, born October 10, 1850, Pontotoc County, Mississippi; died October 19, 1909, Union County, Mississippi.
- vii. **LUKE PANNELL**, born 1856, South Carolina; married **MARY Bnu**.

Generation No. 3

4. RHODA REBECCA⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)² was born 1840 in South Carolina, and died about 1900 in Union County, Mississippi. She

married (1) **SAMUEL GARLAND**. He was born about. 1840, and died before. 1860. Samuel was killed while serving the Confederacy in the Civil War. She married (2) **JOHN ELDER**.

From Linda Hamlin a researcher and one of our cousins in Mississippi. "Aunt Becky" was blind. She was shot and killed by her (2nd) husband John Elder about 1900. He claimed it was an accident and never went to trial.

Children of **RHODA ROBERTS** and **SAMUEL GARLAND** are:

- i. **WILLIAM C.⁵ GARLAND**, born about.. 1860, Mississippi.
- ii. **SAM GARLAND**, born about.. 1860, Mississippi.

5. **NANCY ANN⁴ ROBERTS** (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born May 17, 1844 in South Carolina, and died April 16, 1913 in Blue Springs, Mississippi. She married (1) UNKNOWN. She married (2) her cousin, **PHILLIP H. PANNELL** December 24, 1878 in Union County, Mississippi, son of **WILLIAM PANNELL** and **WINIFRED ROBERTS**. He was born 1829 in South Carolina, and died 1880 in Union County, Mississippi. Phillip and Nancy Ann Roberts Pannell are buried at the Old Zion Hill Cemetery in Blue Springs, Mississippi.

Child of **NANCY ROBERTS** and UNKNOWN is:

17. i. **ELIZEAR C.⁵ ROBERTS**, born April 9, 1868, Union County, Mississippi; died February 11, 1948, Whitfield, Mississippi.

Ken Roberts reports that family tradition says that Elizear's father was Zack Swan.

Children of **NANCY ROBERTS** and **PHILLIP PANNELL** are:

18. ii. **SAMUEL MCCLERKIN⁵ PANNELL**, born March 4, 1880, Union County, Mississippi; died February 19, 1958, Union County, Mississippi.
- iii. **DOLPHUS PANNELL**, born July 18, 1881, Union County, Mississippi; died January 30, 1952, Blue Springs, Mississippi; married **GENE BRANYAN**; born December 9, 1883, Union County, Mississippi; died June 8, 1986, Union County, Mississippi. Gene and Dolphus Pannell Branyan are buried in the Old Zion Hill Cemetery in Blue Springs, Mississippi

6. **WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS** (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)¹ was born February 14, 1847 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died April 12, 1918 in Union County, Mississippi. She married **ROBERT R. HAMBLIN** 1868 in Tippah County, Mississippi. He was born June 24, 1847 in South Carolina, and died November 23, 1924 in Union County, Mississippi. Robert and Winnie M. Roberts Hamblin are buried in the Old Zion Hill Cemetery in Blue Springs, Mississippi

Children of **WINNIE ROBERTS** and **ROBERT HAMBLIN** are:

19. i. **MARY⁵ HAMBLIN**, born 1869, Mississippi.
20. ii. **JANE HAMBLIN**, born 05 November 1870, Mississippi; died 17 July 1906.
21. iii. **WILLIAM JOHN HAMBLIN**, born 1874, Union County, Mississippi; died

- 1950.
- iv. **JAMES R. HAMBLIN**, born September 1875, Union County, Mississippi; died 1939, Lee County, Mississippi; married **SUSAN SMITH**; born 1879; died 1972, Mississippi.
 - 22. v. **THOMAS MARTIN HAMBLIN**, born 24 November 1879, Mississippi; died 28 March 1944.
 - 23. vi. **RHODA MAE HAMBLIN**, born 07 October 1881, Mississippi; died 09 May 1971, Mississippi.

7. JAMES GREEN⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)¹ was born December 23, 1847 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died June 7, 1919 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **MARY ADDLINE CARTER** November 19, 1865 in Tippah County, Mississippi², daughter of **R.N. CARTER** and **NANCY ROGERS**. She was born June 5, 1843 in South Carolina, and died October 8, 1904 in Union County, Mississippi. James Green and Mary A. Carter Roberts are buried in the Old Zion Hill Cemetery in Blue Springs, Mississippi.

Children of **JAMES ROBERTS** and **MARY CARTER** are:

- 24. i. **THOMAS HARMON⁵ ROBERTS**, born May 4, 1867, Mississippi; died February 10, 1937, Union County, Mississippi.
- 25. ii. **ELIZABETH D. ROBERTS**, born January 1, 1882, Union County, Mississippi; died October 26, 1956, Union County, Mississippi.
- 26. iii. **ROBERT DANDRIDGE ROBERTS**, born August 7, 1869, Union County Mississippi; died July 14, 1938.
- 27. iv. **JAMES MADISON ROBERTS**, born December 24, 1872, Union County Mississippi; died August 1, 1942.
 - v. **MARTHA ANNIE ROBERTS**, born November 9, 1876; died July 16, 1888. Martha Annie Roberts is buried in the Old Zion Hill Cemetery in Blue Springs, Mississippi.
- 28. vi. **EMMA ZIRE ROBERTS**, born September 18, 1885; died December 20, 1957.

8. MARY MALINDA⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)³ was born 1850 in South Carolina, and died after 1872 in Union County, Mississippi. She married **ANDY W. MCKEOWN⁴**. He was born 1838, and died after 1872.

Children of **MARY ROBERTS** and **ANDY MCKEOWN** are:

- i. **MARY JANE⁵ MCKEOWN⁴**, born 1865; died 1915; married **NEAL MCDONALD**.
- ii. **JAMES BENJAMIN MCKEOWN⁴**, born 1872; died 1950.

9. EDMOND COLEMAN⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1853 in South Carolina. He married **JANE W. JACKSON** December 7, 1876 in Mississippi, daughter of **ANDREW JACKSON** and **MESSINA COWAN**. She was born 1856 in York, South Carolina.

Children of **EDMOND ROBERTS** and **JANE JACKSON** are:

- i. **ANNA RHODA⁵ LOUELLA ADELINE ROBERTS**, born 18 October 1877 in South Carolina, died 10 September 1932 m, **URIAH CALVIN HOPPER** born 22 August 1868 in Tennessee, died 03 December 1935 in Texas.
- ii. **HESTER S. ROBERTS**, born 19 January 1890; died 05 May 1973; married **GEORGE WASHINGTON MAGESON**; d 16 February 1984.
- iii. **LIVELY I. ROBERTS**, born 18 March 1894; died 13 October 1960
- iv. **LENORA E. ROBERTS**, born 1880.

10. HIRAM THOMPSON⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born February 6, 1852 in South Carolina, and died October 25, 1920 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **MARY DILL WAGES⁵**, daughter of **GEORGE W. WAGES** and **ELIZABETH ROBERTS**. She was born March 7, 1857 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 1940.

Children of **HIRAM ROBERTS** and **MARY WAGES** are:

- i. **HIRAM BUNYAN⁵ ROBERTS**, born October 23, 1873, Prentiss County, Mississippi.
- ii. **MARY LENA ROBERTS**, born about 1877, Prentiss County, Mississippi.
29. iii. **JAMES EDMOND ROBERTS**, born December 1878, Prentiss County, Mississippi; died 1953.
- iv. **PEARL ANN ROBERTS**, born July 1882.
- v. **JULIUS DALTON ROBERTS**, born March 11, 1884.
- vi. **EFFIE MYRTLE ROBERTS**, born August 17, 1888.
- vii. **ADA BELL ROBERTS**, born March 24, 1893.
- viii. **IDA MAE ROBERTS**, born March 24, 1893.
30. ix. **ANGIE BEULAH ROBERTS**, born July 28, 1894.
- x. **BIRD ROBERTS**, born November 20, 1896; married **GUY MOORE**; born 1904; died 1968.
- xi. **LOLIE BEATRICE ROBERTS**, born January 1905.

11. SIBBIE T.⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)⁶ was born February 17, 1854 in South Carolina, and died July 11, 1930 in Union County, Mississippi. She married (1) **BILL KNOWLES⁷** She married (2) **GEORGE F. BROWN**. He was born August 24, 1859 in Mississippi, and died November 28, 1915 in Union County, Mississippi. .

Child of **SIBBIE ROBERTS** and **BILL KNOWLES** is:

- vi. **MOLLIE C.⁵ KNOWLES**, born 1875.

Children of **SIBBIE ROBERTS** and **GEORGE BROWN** are:

31. i. **JESSIE LONNIE⁵ BROWN**, born July 9, 1881; died June 22, 1953.

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32. ii. **CLAUDE BROWN**, born between 1880 - 1890.
 33. iii. **HELEN DALE BROWN**, born between 1880 - 1890.
 34. iv. **WORD BROWN**, born July 30, 1887, Union County Mississippi; died December 7, 1888, Union County Mississippi.
 35. v. **OTHER BROWN**, born between 1880 - 1890.

12. HARRISON⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)⁸ was born 1857 in South Carolina. He married **RACHEL AMANDA JACKSON**, daughter of **ANDREW JACKSON** and **MESSINA COWAN**. She was born 1858.

Child of **HARRISON ROBERTS** and **RACHEL JACKSON** is:

- i. **TYSON⁵ ROBERTS**, born August 6, 1887, Union County Mississippi; married **RUTH LANGLEY FOSTER**, June 20, 1925, Mississippi; born October 28, 1890, Sattilo, Mississippi; died September 26, 1980, Blue Springs, Mississippi.
- ii. **ANNIE ROBERTS**, b 1887: d, 1958.

13. SAMUEL MCCLARKIN⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)⁸ was born August 22, 1860 in Mississippi, and died April 10, 1929 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **PENELOPE "MOLLY" SNIPES** June 17, 1880, daughter of **SION SNIPES** and **CAROLYN JANE STONE**. She was born 24 March 1860 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and died 14 April 1932 in Mississippi. Samuel McClarkin and Carolyn Stone Roberts are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County Mississippi

Children of **SAMUEL ROBERTS** and **MOLLY SNIPES** are:

36. iii. **MARY JANE ROBERTS**, born 1884.
37. iv. **CURTIS MCWORTER ROBERTS** b 1895 in Mississippi
38. i. **ZELLA PEARL⁵ ROBERTS**, born 1887.
- ii. **LEILA ROBERTS**; married **Munford L. Frazier**, in 1905. He was born about 1885
- v. **HENRY FRED ROBERTS**; married(1) **Addie Hitt**; married (2) **Mary Lou Baker**.

14. DIXON HENRY⁴ ROBERTS (*BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)⁹ was born February 14, 1861, and died March 16, 1885 in Virginia of Meningitis. He married **JANE SWAN**. Dixon and Jane Swan Roberts are buried in the Old Zion Cemetery in Blue Springs, Union County, Mississippi

Child of **DIXON ROBERTS** and **JANE SWAN** is:

- i. **DIXON HENRY⁵ ROBERTS II⁹**, born 1861; died 1885; married **EMALINE SNIPES**; born 1862.

15. PHILLIP H⁴ PANNELL (*WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was

born 1829 in South Carolina, and died 1880 in Union County, Mississippi. He married (1) **ELIZABETH Bnu** May 26, 1850 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi. She was born 1836. He married (2) **NANCY ANN ROBERTS** December 24, 1878 in Union County, Mississippi, daughter of **BENJAMIN ROBERTS** and **MARY WAGES**. She was born May 17, 1844 in South Carolina, and died April 16, 1913 in Blue Springs, Mississippi. Phillip and Elizabeth Pannell are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi. Nancy Roberts Pannell is buried in the Old Zion Hill Cemetery.

Children of **PHILLIP PANNELL** and **ELIZABETH Bnu** are:

39. i. **LUCINDA⁵ PANNELL**, born 1852.
40. ii. **MARY ANN PANNELL**, born 1854.

Children of **PHILLIP PANNELL** and **NANCY ANN ROBERTS** are listed above under (5) Nancy Ann Roberts.

16. JOHN HAMPTON⁴ PANNELL (*WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born October 10, 1850 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi, and died October 19, 1909 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **ALEMEDIA ARMENTHIA BROWN** January 30, 1884 in Union County, Mississippi, daughter of **ELIGA BROWN** and **DELPHIE CASEY**. She was born 1862 in Mississippi, and died 1941 in Union County, Mississippi. John Hampton and Alemedia A. Brown Pannell are buried in the Pleasant Ridge Cemetery in Union county, Mississippi.

John Hampton Pannell owned and operated a cotton gin in Rossenville, Mississippi. He was killed in an industrial accident at his cotton gin. A frayed belt caught a button on his clothing dragging him into the machine.

Children of **JOHN PANNELL** and **ALEMEDIA BROWN** are:

41. i. **LESLIE LEROY⁵ PANNELL**, born about. 1900, Union County Mississippi.
42. ii. **JESSE JAMES PANNELL**, born November 15, 1887, Union County Mississippi; died December 26, 1956, Blue Springs, Mississippi.
- iii. **BESSIE LOLA PANNELL**, born October 1893; married **JOE MEDLIN**.
43. iv. **LOTTIE VIOLA PANNELL**, born May 21, 1898, Union County Mississippi; died June 25, 1933, New Albany, Mississippi.
44. v. **LILLIE BELLE PANNELL**, born May 1891.

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17. ELIZEAR C.⁵ ROBERTS (*NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born April 9, 1868 in Union County, Mississippi, and died February 11, 1948 in Whitfield, Mississippi. He married **MARTHA CORDELIA YOUNG**, daughter of **BENJAMIN YOUNG** and **MARY PANNELL**. She was born October 1, 1871 in Union County, Mississippi, and died October 20, 1950 in Blue Springs, Mississippi.

E.C. Roberts is buried at the Old Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi

Children of **ELIZEAR C. ROBERTS** and **MARTHA YOUNG** are:

45. i. **GEORGE WALDON⁶ ROBERTS**, born between. 1890 - 1900.
46. ii. **LILLIAN ANNALEE ROBERTS**, born November 12, 1890, Union County Mississippi; died October 1968, New Albany, Mississippi.
47. iii. **JAMES ERNEST ROBERTS**, born January 2, 1894, Mississippi; died September 30, 1972, Mississippi.
48. iv. **BEN MCWORTER ROBERTS**, born June 6, 1897, Union County Mississippi; died August 1975, Union County Mississippi.
49. v. **GRADY ROBERTS**, born January 1, 1902; died February 21, 1984, Mississippi.
50. vi. **AUDIE TROY ROBERTS**, born November 27, 1904; died October 22, 1980, Mississippi.
51. viii. **RUBY LEE ROBERTS**, born February 4, 1911; died January 3, 2001.
52. vii. **LILLIE VANCE ROBERTS**, born February 22, 1908 died 09 October. 2001.

18. SAMUEL MCCLERKIN⁵ PANNELL (*PHILLIP H⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born March 4, 1880 in Union County, Mississippi, and died February 19, 1958 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **SARAH "SALLIE" HILL**. She was born May 1, 1880 in Union County, Mississippi, and died February 24, 1950 in Union County, Mississippi. Samuel M. and Sarah Hill Roberts are buried in the Old Zion Hill Cemetery.

Children of **SAMUEL PANNELL** and **SARAH HILL** are:

53. i. **BOYCE⁶ PANNELL**, born about 1905.
54. ii. **ODELL PANNELL**, born January 4, 1902; died June 18, 1969.
- iii. **BUSTER PANNELL**, born May 4, 1914, Union County Mississippi; died July 25, 1986; married **GLADYS CLAUDINE PICKENS**; born April 24, 1922.
- iv. **MABEL BEATRIX PANNELL**, born October 19, 1900; died February 18, 1989; married **ALVIE NICHOLAS GULLETT**.
- v. **MARQUERITE PANNELL**.

19. MARY⁵ HAMBLIN (*WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1869 in Mississippi. She married BNU WARREN.

Children of **MARY HAMBLIN** and BNU WARREN are:

55. i. **JOHN HENRY⁶ WARREN**, born 11 October 1893, Union County, Mississippi; died 28 August 1970, Mississippi.
56. ii. **MONROE WARREN**.
- iii. **LEE WARREN**.

20. JANE⁵ HAMBLIN (*WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 05 November 1870 in Mississippi, and died 17 July

1906. She married **DAVE W. QUINN**.

Children of **JANE HAMBLIN** and **DAVE QUINN** are:

57. i. **ANNIE⁶ QUINN**, born 06 February 1894; died 01 March 1987, Mississippi.
58. ii. **ROBERT QUINN**, born between 1890 - 1900.
- iii. **JIMMY QUINN**, born between 1890 - 1900.
- iv. **LENNAR QUINN**, born between 1890 - 1900.

21. WILLIAM JOHN⁵ HAMBLIN (*WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1874 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 1950. He married **SALLIE LEE COPELAND**. She was born 1868, and died 1932. William John and Sallie Copeland Hamblin are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County Mississippi.

Children of **WILLIAM HAMBLIN** and **SALLIE COPELAND** are:

59. i. **LOTTIE⁶ HAMBLIN**, born 25 August 1903, Mississippi; died 15 January 1988, Mississippi.
60. ii. **ICEY PAULINE HAMBLIN**, born about 1908, Mississippi; died Mississippi

22. THOMAS MARTIN⁵ HAMBLIN (*WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born November 24, 1879, and died March 28, 1944. He married **ELIZABETH D. ROBERTS**, daughter of **JAMES ROBERTS** and **MARY CARTER**. She was born January 1, 1882 in Union County, Mississippi, and died October 26, 1956 in Union County, Mississippi. Elizabeth Roberts Hamblin is buried in the New Zion Hill Cemetery in Blue Springs, Mississippi. (Elizabeth and Thomas were first cousins. Thomas' mother and Elizabeth's father were brother and sister.)

Children of **THOMAS HAMBLIN** and **ELIZABETH ROBERTS** are:

61. i. **EARNEST MARTIN⁶ HAMBLIN**, born June 20, 1910; died May 22, 1986, Mississippi.
62. ii. **THOMAS IKER HAMBLIN**, born September 18, 1913, Mississippi; died April 25, 2000, New Albany, Mississippi.
63. iii. **FRANCIS ERWIN HAMBLIN**, born May 28, 1917, Mississippi; died December 4, 2000, Cedars Health Care - Tupelo, Mississippi.
64. iv. **ORBY D. HAMBLIN**, born October 10, 1919; died May 15, 1989, Mississippi.

23. RHODA MAE⁵ HAMBLIN (*WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born October 7, 1881, and died May 9, 1971. She married **JOHN BORN DARLING** September 1, 1907. He was born August 5, 1881, and died March 2, 1955.

Child of **RHODA HAMBLIN** and **JOHN DARLING** is:

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- i. **RUTH⁶ DARLING**, born March 22, 1911, Mississippi; died April 3, 1911, Mississippi.

24. THOMAS HARMON⁵ ROBERTS (*JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born May 4, 1867 in Mississippi, and died February 10, 1937 in Union County, Mississippi. He married **TERESEA TECOY YOUNG** January 5, 1887 in Union County, Mississippi, daughter of **BENJAMIN YOUNG** and **MARY PANNELL**. She was born June 1, 1868 in Mississippi, and died February 21, 1947 in Union County, Mississippi. Thomas and Teresea Young Roberts are buried in the Old Zion Hill Cemetery in Blue Springs, Mississippi

Children of **THOMAS ROBERTS** and **TERESEA YOUNG** are:

- 65. i. **EBER PEARL⁶ ROBERTS**, born December 14, 1891; died June 24, 1946.
- ii. **JIMMY ROBERTS**, born between. 1890 - 1910; married **RHODA MAE HOGUE**.
- iii. **HAVIS GUY ROBERTS**, born between. 1890 - 1910; married **FLORENCE PALMER**.
- 66. iv. **HILLARD LEE ROBERTS**, born February 4, 1894, Mississippi; died December 6, 1962, Mississippi.
- 67. v. **COY ADDLINE ROBERTS**, born June 29, 1909; died May 1, 1982, Mississippi.
- vi. **OZIE INEZ ROBERTS**, born between. 1890 - 1910; married **TROY EUGENE WATSON**.
- 68. vii. **ANNA LYDIA ELIZABETH ROBERTS**, born June 16, 1902, Mississippi; died January 23, 1971, Mississippi.
- 69. viii. **MALISE MARY ANNIE BELL ROBERTS**, born 1895, Mississippi; died 1966, Mississippi.

25. ELIZABETH D.⁵ ROBERTS (*JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born January 1, 1882 in Union County, Mississippi, and died October 26, 1956 in Union County, Mississippi. She married (1) **GEORGE YOUNG**, son of **BENJAMIN YOUNG** and **MARY PANNELL**. He was born June 26, 1882 in Union County, Mississippi, and died January 19, 1905. She married (2) **THOMAS MARTIN HAMBLIN**, son of **ROBERT HAMBLIN** and **WINNIE ROBERTS**. He was born November 24, 1879, and died March 28, 1944.

Elizabeth and Thomas were 1st cousins. Thomas' mother and Elizabeth's father were brother and sister.

Their children are listed above under (22) Thomas Martin Hamblin.

26. ROBERT DANDRIDGE⁵ ROBERTS (*JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born August 7, 1869 in Union County Mississippi, and died July 14, 1938. He married **EMMA ARRARETTA BISHOP**. She was born August 15, 1878, and died March 25, 1956 in Mississippi. Robert D. and Emma Bishop Roberts are buried at the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union county, Mississippi.

Children of **ROBERT ROBERTS** and **EMMA BISHOP** are:

70. i. **IRENE⁶ ROBERTS**.
- ii. **JESS ROBERTS**.
- iii. **JULIE ROBERTS**.
71. iv. **KATHLEEN ROBERTS**.
- v. **SLATER ROBERTS**.
72. vi. **GRACE MAY ROBERTS**, born May 25, 1898, Union County Mississippi; died June 13, 1978, Mississippi.
- vii. **DOLLIE ROBERTS**, born September 18, 1898; died October 20, 1909.
73. viii. **BOYD SHIRLEY ROBERTS**, born May 26, 1916, Union County Mississippi.
- ix. **LLOYD ROBERTS**, born May 26, 1916.

27. JAMES MADISON⁵ ROBERTS (*JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born December 24, 1872 in Union County Mississippi, and died August 1, 1942. He married **ANNA E. CLAYTON**. She was born September 14, 1879 in Union County Mississippi, and died November 12, 1950.

Children of **JAMES ROBERTS** and **ANNA CLAYTON** are:

74. i. **ROBERT CLYDE⁶ ROBERTS**, born August 16, 1896; died April 18, 1967, Mississippi.
75. ii. **ROY BOYD ROBERTS**, born January 14, 1914; died October 20, 1958, Mississippi.
76. iii. **TROY ROBERTS**, born July 20, 1905, Mississippi; died July 6, 1958, Mississippi.
- iv. **JOHN ELLIS ROBERTS**, born June 3, 1903; died November 11, 1957; married **JEWELL LUCILL Bnu**; born September 23, 1900; died July 16, 1986.
John Ellis and Jewell Roberts are buries at the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

28. EMMA ZIRE⁵ ROBERTS (*JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born September 18, 1885, and died December 20, 1957. She married (1) **WILLIAM LEE WATSON**. She married (2) **JOHN ALFRED VERRELL**. He was born February 12, 1889, and died April 20, 1962.

Children of **EMMA ROBERTS** and **WILLIAM WATSON** are:

77. i. **LEE MARDIS⁶ WATSON**, born August 3, 1908; died February 3, 1985.
- ii. **J.L. WATSON**, born June 2, 1920; died April 2, 1976, Mississippi.

Children of **EMMA ROBERTS** and **JOHN VERRELL** are:

- iii. **J.L.⁶ VERRELL**, born June 2, 1920; died April 2, 1976.
- iv. **JAMES K. VERRELL**, born March 24, 1919; died January 12, 1975.
- v. **JENNIE MAE VERRELL**, born March 24, 1919; died December 29, 1959;

married **JAMES MARRIED HUDNALL**.

vi. **MARY LOU VERRELL**, born August 10, 1923; died February 28, 1995.

29. JAMES EDMOND⁵ ROBERTS (*HIRAM THOMPSON⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born December 1878 in Prentiss County, Mississippi, and died 1953. He married UNKNOWN.

Children of **JAMES ROBERTS** and UNKNOWN are:

- i. **LONNIE A.⁶ ROBERTS**, born February 14, 1900; died May 6, 1994; married **FANNIE Bnu**; born June 27, 1902; died March 2, 1988. Lonnie and Fannie Roberts are buried at the Camp Creek Cemetery in Lee County, Mississippi
- ii. **DALTON ROBERTS**, born about 1901.

30. ANGIE BEULAH⁵ ROBERTS (*HIRAM THOMPSON⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*)¹⁰ was born July 28, 1894. She married **HOWARD BASDEN¹⁰**. He was born November 8, 1895, and died April 10, 1971.

Bonnie Wiseman Montgomery reports: " Mother Basden said she remembered hearing that her Grandfather (Benjamin Roberts) was in the Civil War probably in South Carolina, She remembers hearing that they came from South Carolina in a covered wagon when her daddy Thompson Roberts (Hiram Thompson Roberts) was 12 years old. She told me these things in June 1975"

Child of **ANGIE ROBERTS** and **HOWARD BASDEN** is:

75. i. **LESTER H.⁶ BASDEN**.

31. JESSIE LONNIE⁵ BROWN (*SIBBIE T.⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born July 9, 1881, and died June 22, 1953. He married **BEULAH BASDEN**. She was born July 13, 1882, and died July 12, 1970. Jessie and Beulah Basden Brown are buried at the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **JESSIE BROWN** and **BEULAH BASDEN** are:

- i. **DEAN⁶ BROWN**.
- ii. **HOLLIS BROWN**.
- iii. **INFANT DAUGHTER BROWN**, born April 21, 1904; died April 21, 1904.
- iv. **INFANT DAUGHTER BROWN**, born January 21, 1909; died January 21, 1909.

32. CLAUDE⁵ BROWN (*SIBBIE T.⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born between 1880 - 1890. He married **BERTHA MILLIGAN**.

Children of **CLAUDE BROWN** and **BERTHA MILLIGAN** are:

- i. **PATRICIA⁶ BROWN**.
- ii. **HERBERT BROWN**.

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- iii. **TROY BROWN.**
 - iv. **EVELYN BROWN.**
 - v. **MAMIE RUTH BROWN.**
 - vi. **DOROTHY BROWN.**

32. HELEN DALE⁵ BROWN (*SIBBIE T.⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born between 1880 - 1890. He married **AMANDA MCCRAW.**

Children of **HELEN BROWN** and **AMANDA MCCRAW** are:

- i. **ODELEAN⁶ BROWN.**
- ii. **OPAL BROWN.**

34. WORD⁵ BROWN (*SIBBIE T.⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born July 30, 1887 in Union County Mississippi, and died December 7, 1888 in Union County Mississippi. He married **SYLVIA COLEY.**

Child of **WORD BROWN** and **SYLVIA COLEY** is:

- i. **J.W.⁶ BROWN.**

34. OTHER⁵ BROWN (*SIBBIE T.⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born between 1880 - 1890. He married **BEAULAH BURGESS.**

Child of **OTHER BROWN** and **BEAULAH BURGESS** is:

- i. **JAMIE⁶ BROWN.**

36. MARY JANE⁵ ROBERTS (*SAMUEL MCCLARKIN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1884 in Mississippi. She married **SANFORD VANDIFORD GULLETT** 1900. He was born 1878, and died 1956.

Children of **MARY ROBERTS** and **SANFORD GULLETT** are:

- i. **JETTYE⁶ GULLETT**, born 1901; died 1969; married **CLAUDE BRANYAN**, 1926.
- ii. **ROY GULLETT**, born 1903; died 1961; married **VIRGINIA POWERS**, 1925; died 1946.
- iii. **GUY GULLETT**, born 1906; died 1970; married **RUTH VINES**, 1928.
- iv. **JEWELL GULLETT**, born 1909; married **SPRIGHT JONES**, 1937.
- v. **LLOYD GULLETT**, born 1912; married **CHRISTINE MAYES**, 1935

37. CURTIS MCWORTER⁵ ROBERTS (*SAMUEL MCCLARKIN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1895 in Mississippi. He married **ANGELITA DELGADILLO** 1925. She was born 06 February 1905, and died 19 July 2003 in Mississippi.

Child of **CURTIS ROBERTS** and **ANGELITA DELGADILLO** is:

- i. **CURTIS DELGADILLO⁶ ROBERTS**, died 1989.

38. ZELLA PEARL⁵ ROBERTS (*SAMUEL MCCLARKIN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1887. She married **LESLIE RANDELL**.

Child of **ZELLA ROBERTS** and **LESLIE RANDELL** is:

79. i. **STACEY BOYCE⁶ RANDELL**, born 30 July 1905, Union County, Mississippi; died 28 May 1985, Orange County, Virginia.
- ii. **CASEY RANDELL**, born 1908.
80. iii. **CECIL CURTIS RANDELL**, born 1914.
- iv. **LESLIE C. RANDELL**, born 1921.
- v. **IMOGENE RANDELL**, born 1929.
- vi. **MAMIE LEE RANDELL**, born 1911.

39. LUCINDA⁵ PANNELL (*PHILLIP H⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1852. She married **JOHN TAYLOR**.

Children of **LUCINDA PANNELL** and **JOHN TAYLOR** are:

- i. **PHILLIP⁶ TAYLOR**, born January 1873.
- ii. **CULLENS TAYLOR**, born November 18, 1874.
- iii. **JOHN H. TAYLOR**, born about. 1880.
- iv. **LENA TAYLOR**, born about. 1884.
- v. **JIM D. TAYLOR**, born about. 1886.
- vi. **JODY TAYLOR**, born about. 1888.
- vii. **LAURA TAYLOR**, born about. 1892.

40. MARY ANN⁵ PANNELL (*PHILLIP H⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1854. She married (1) **TOM GARRETT**. She married (2) **ALEXANDER W. YOUNG** September 1, 1880.

Child of **MARY PANNELL** and **TOM GARRETT** is:

- i. **OLIVER⁶ GARRETT**.

41. LESLIE LEROY⁵ PANNELL (*JOHN HAMPTON⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born about 1900 in Union County Mississippi. He married **ICEY PAULINE HAMBLIN**, daughter of **WILLIAM HAMBLIN** and **SALLY COPELAND**. She was born about 1908 in Union County Mississippi, and died in Mississippi.

Children of **LESLIE PANNELL** and **ICEY HAMBLIN** are:

- i. **ROY HORLES⁶ PANNELL**, born July 8, 1929, Mississippi; died July 9, 1929, Mississippi.
- ii. **SARAH MAXINE PANNELL**.
- iii. **MITCHELL ROY PANNELL**.

42. JESSE JAMES⁵ PANNELL (*JOHN HAMPTON⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS*

E. P.², NICHOLAS¹) was born November 15, 1887 in Union County Mississippi, and died December 26, 1956 in Blue Springs, Mississippi. He married **LILLIAN ANNALEE ROBERTS**, daughter of **ELIZEAR C. ROBERTS** and **MARTHA YOUNG**. She was born November 12, 1890 in Union County Mississippi, and died October 1968 in New Albany, Mississippi. Jesse James and Lillian Roberts Pannell are buried at the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **JESSE PANNELL** and **LILLIAN ROBERTS** are:

81. i. **DESSIE FAYE⁶ PANNELL**, born August 5, 1916, Union County Mississippi; died February 17, 1988, Winter Haven, Florida.
- ii. **INFANT SON PANNELL**, born 1914; died 1914.

43. LOTTIE VIOLA⁵ PANNELL (*JOHN HAMPTON⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born May 21, 1898 in Union County Mississippi, and died June 25, 1933 in New Albany, Mississippi. She married (1) **RAYMOND BREEDING**. She married (2) **UNKNOWN**. She married (3) **WILLIAM JOSHUA SPECK** June 22, 1926 in Blue Springs, Mississippi.

Child of **LOTTIE PANNELL** and **UNKNOWN** is:

- i. **ISHMAEL⁶ PANNELL**.

Children of **LOTTIE PANNELL** and **WILLIAM SPECK** are:

- ii. **MARY BLANCHE⁶ SPECK**.
- iii. **DELORES COSTELLO SPECK**.

44. LILLIE BELLE⁵ PANNELL (*JOHN HAMPTON⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born May 1891.

Child of **LILLIE BELLE PANNELL** is:

- i. **HUGH CECIL⁶ PANNELL**.

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45. GEORGE WALDON⁶ ROBERTS (*ELIZEAR C.⁵, NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born between 1890 - 1900. He married **GLADYS ROBERTSON**.

Children of **GEORGE ROBERTS** and **GLADYS ROBERTSON** are:

- i. **EUNIE LEE⁷ ROBERTS**, born June 10, 1920; married **HOUSTON PARKER**; born June 15, 1919; died October 15, 2000.
- ii. **LILLIAN AVONELL ROBERTS**.
- iii. **CHARLES W. TRUITT ROBERTS**.
- iv. **J. EDWARD ROBERTS**, married **BONNIE STREETMAN**.
- v. **BEN DARRELL ROBERTS**.

46. LILLIAN ANNALEE⁶ ROBERTS (*ELIZEAR C.⁵, NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born November 12, 1890 in Union County Mississippi, and died October 1968 in New Albany, Mississippi. She married **JESSE JAMES PANNELL**, son of **JOHN PANNELL** and **ALEMEDIA BROWN**. He was born November 15, 1887 in Union County Mississippi, and died December 26, 1956 in Blue Springs, Mississippi.

Children are listed above under (39) Jesse James Pannell.

47. JAMES ERNEST⁶ ROBERTS (*ELIZEAR C.⁵, NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born January 2, 1894 in Mississippi, and died September 30, 1972 in Mississippi. He married (1) **ALICE GARRISON**. She was born December 29, 1901 in Mississippi, and died June 13, 1978 in Mississippi. He married (2) **MAY ROBERTS**. She was born October 23, 1896, and died May 3, 1918 in Mississippi.

Children of **JAMES ROBERTS** and **ALICE GARRISON** are:

- i. **HOUSTON⁷ ROBERTS**.
- ii. **JAMES ERNEST ROBERTS, JR.**, born August 9, 1926, Mississippi; died August 10, 1926, Mississippi.
- iii. **INFANT SON ROBERTS**, born October 23, 1919, Mississippi; died October 24, 1919, Mississippi.
- iv. **INFANT SON ROBERTS**, born August 9, 1926, Mississippi; died August 9, 1926, Mississippi.

Child of **JAMES ROBERTS** and **MAY ROBERTS** is:

- v. **CHRISTINE⁷ ROBERTS**, born March 11, 1913; married **JAMES TRAVIS MCDONALD**; born June 13, 1909; died July 7, 1966, Mississippi.

48. BEN MCWORTER⁶ ROBERTS (*ELIZEAR C.⁵, NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born June 6, 1897 in Union County Mississippi, and died August 1975 in Union County Mississippi. He married **GLADYS RITTER**. She was born September 7, 1900 in Union County Mississippi, and died September 1984 in Union County Mississippi.

From Linda Hamblin we learn that Ben, his brother Earnest, and two cousins Robert Roberts and Tyson Roberts sang together at churches in the area of Union County, Mississippi. Nettie Hinds Roberts accompanied them as pianist.

Ben also sang with Vernon, Shirley and Cecil Carter, with Ben's daughter Wilma Roberts Bennett as pianist. This group was known as the New Albany Quartet They sang on radio station WELO/WTUP in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Children of **BEN ROBERTS** and **GLADYS RITTER** are:

- i. **J.C.⁷ ROBERTS**, married **FAYE Bnu**; born Italy.
- ii. **LANEY ROBERTS**, married **HAZEL PANNELL**.

iii. **WILMA ROBERTS**, married **RAY BENNETT**.

49. GRADY⁶ ROBERTS (*ELIZEAR C.⁵, NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born January 1, 1902, and died February 21, 1984 in Mississippi. He married **LOTTIE HAMBLIN**, daughter of **WILLIAM HAMBLIN** and **SALLY COPELAND**. She was born August 25, 1903, and died January 15, 1988 in Mississippi. Grady and Lottie Hamblin Roberts are buried in the Camp Creek Cemetery in Lee County, Mississippi.

Linda Hamblin relates that Grady and Lottie lived in Kenosha, Wisconsin until Grady retired from American Motors, Inc. They returned to Mississippi and purchased the old Branyan Schoolhouse, remodeled it and lived in it until their deaths.

Children of **GRADY ROBERTS** and **LOTTIE HAMBLIN** are:

- i. **HAZEL⁷ ROBERTS**, born January 11, 1921; married **RAYMOND THORNTON**, June 15, 1940; born November 3, 1920; died February 17, 1987.
- ii. **H. G. ROBERTS**.

50. AUDIE TROY⁶ ROBERTS (*ELIZEAR C.⁵, NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born November 27, 1904, and died October 22, 1980 in Mississippi. He married **LOIS SNIPES**, daughter of **MATTHEW SNIPES** and **PUELLAR MCDONALD**. She was born December 29, 1906, and died January 1, 1975 in Mississippi. Audie and Lois Snipes Roberts are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **AUDIE ROBERTS** and **LOIS SNIPES** are:

- i. **TROY KENNETH⁷ ROBERTS**, born Union County Mississippi; married **INEZ GRUBBS**.
- ii. **MELVIN RAY ROBERTS**, born September 2, 1926, Union County Mississippi; died April 7, 1928, Union County Mississippi.
- iii. **VELMA ROBERTS**, born February 4, 1940, Union County Mississippi; married **SHANDS GAINES**.

51. RUBY⁶ ROBERTS (*ELIZEAR C.⁵, NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born February 4, 1911, and died January 3, 2001. She married **THOMAS CLEBORN SWANN**. He was born May 9, 1907.

Thomas and Ruby ran a successful dairy farm near Gentown, Mississippi.

Children of **RUBY ROBERTS** and **THOMAS SWANN** are:

- i. **EVERETT⁷ SWANN**.
- ii. **LAMAR SWANN**.
- iii. **MARGIE SWANN**.
- iv. **RUBY NELL SWANN**.

52. LILLIE VANCE⁶ ROBERTS (*ELIZEAR C.⁵, NANCY ANN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born February 22, 1908. She married **CLIFFORD BOYCE GULLETT**. He was born July 21, 1905, and died October 19, 1986.

Children of **LILLIE ROBERTS** and **CLIFFORD GULLETT** are:

- i. **CAROLYN VANCE⁷ GULLETT**, born August 5, 1946; married **DEXTER DEAN GRIGGS**; born August 24, 1944.
- ii. **JESSE WALLACE GULLETT**, born June 7, 1931; married **FRANCES O'NEAL CRUMP**, 1949; born January 6, 1932.
- iii. **CLIFTON KEYLON GULLETT**, born February 12, 1929; married **MARY JANE FLANIGAN**; born April 29, 1931.
- iv. **NORMAN EUGENE GULLETT**, born May 26, 1935; married **BETTY JO EPTING**; born November 29, 1935.
- v. **DELLA AGNES GULLETT**, born August 9, 1937; married **WILLIAM JOLLY SMITH**; born June 28, 1935; died October 12, 1988.
- vi. **CHARLES WAYNE GULLETT**, born July 15, 1940; married "**TILLIE**" **BURT NOLAN**; born April 16, 1947.

53. BOYCE⁶ PANNELL (*SAMUEL MCCLERKIN⁵, PHILLIP H⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born about 1905. He married **IRENE ROBERTS**, daughter of **ROBERT ROBERTS** and **EMMA BISHOP**.

Child of **BOYCE PANNELL** and **IRENE ROBERTS** is:

- i. **GERALD⁷ PANNELL**.

54. ODELL⁶ PANNELL (*SAMUEL MCCLERKIN⁵, PHILLIP H⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born January 4, 1902, and died June 18, 1969. She married **JOSEPH GUY RAKESTRAW**.

Child of **ODELL PANNELL** and **JOSEPH RAKESTRAW** is:

- i. **GUY HULET⁷ RAKESTRAW**, married **BARBARA BRYAN**.

55. JOHN HENRY⁶ WARREN (*MARY⁵ HAMBLIN, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born October 11, 1893 in Union County Mississippi, and died August 28, 1970 in Mississippi. He married **GRACE MAY ROBERTS**, daughter of **ROBERT ROBERTS** and **EMMA BISHOP**. She was born May 25, 1898 in Union County Mississippi, and died June 13, 1978 in Mississippi. John and Grace Warren Roberts are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **JOHN WARREN** and **GRACE ROBERTS** are:

- i. **ARCHIE OVAL⁷ WARREN**.
- ii. **OPAL E. WARREN**.
- iii. **JUNIOR WARREN**.

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- iv. **TRENNAN WARREN.**
 - v. **HESTER WARREN.**
 - vi. **BOND WARREN.**

56. MONROE⁶ WARREN (*MARY⁵ HAMBLIN, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) He married **ESTELLE YARBOURGH.**

Children of **MONROE WARREN** and **ESTELLE YARBOURGH** are:

- i. **DOROTHY⁷ WARREN**, born 1929; died May 3, 2001; married **HAROLD COKER**, 1950.
- ii. **MILDRED WARREN.**
- iii.

57. ANNIE⁶ QUINN (*JANE⁵ HAMBLIN, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born February 6, 1894, and died March 1, 1987 in Mississippi. She married **HILLARD ROBERTS**, son of **THOMAS ROBERTS** and **TERESEA YOUNG**. He was born February 4, 1894 in Mississippi, and died December 6, 1962 in Mississippi. Hillard and Annie Quinn Roberts are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **ANNIE QUINN** and **HILLARD ROBERTS** are:

- i. **DOROTHY EVELYN⁷ ROBERTS**, born May 13, 1930, Mississippi; married **LOUIS GRAY**, February 27, 1949; died January 23, 1997.
- ii. **HERSHELL LOWELL ROBERTS**, born May 24, 1924; married **HAZEL LAVELLE MCDONALD.**
- iii. **HOYLE ESPYE ROBERTS**, born May 26, 1928; married **MARY NADINE Bnu.**

58. ROBERT⁶ QUINN (*JANE⁵ HAMBLIN, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born between 1890 - 1900. He married **FREDIA BELL.**

Child of **ROBERT QUINN** and **FREDIA BELL** is:

- i. **FLEXI⁷ QUINN.**

59. LOTTIE⁶ HAMBLIN (*WILLIAM JOHN⁵, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born August 25, 1903, and died January 15, 1988 in Mississippi. She married **GRADY ROBERTS**, son of **ELIZEAR C. ROBERTS** and **MARTHA YOUNG**. He was born January 1, 1902, and died February 21, 1984 in Mississippi.

Children are listed above under (46) Grady Roberts

60. ICEY PAULINE⁶ HAMBLIN (*WILLIAM JOHN⁵, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born about 1908 in Union County Mississippi, and died in Mississippi. She married **LESLIE LEROY PANNELL**, son of

JOHN PANNELL and **ALEMEDIA BROWN**. He was born about 1900 in Union County Mississippi.

Children are listed above under (38) Leslie Leroy Pannell.

61. EARNEST MARTIN⁶ HAMBLIN (*THOMAS MARTIN⁵, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born June 20, 1910, and died May 22, 1986 in Mississippi. He married **MYRTLE BRYAN**. She was born July 6, 1913, and died 1998.

Both Earnest and Myrtle Hamblin were schoolteachers

Child of **EARNEST HAMBLIN** and **MYRTLE BRYAN** is:

- i. **EARNEST BRYAN⁷ HAMBLIN**, born March 4, 1941; married **PAT MIDDLETON**.

62. THOMAS IKER⁶ HAMBLIN (*THOMAS MARTIN⁵, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born September 18, 1913 in Mississippi, and died April 25, 2000 in New Albany, Mississippi. He married (1) **ANNIE LAURA MCCRAW** October 8, 1938. She was born March 27, 1919, and died November 19, 1979. He married (2) **ORA MCCORD** June 19, 1982. She died November 1999 in New Albany, Mississippi.

Child of **THOMAS HAMBLIN** and **ANNIE MCCRAW** is:

- i. **THOMAS LARRY⁷ HAMBLIN**, born July 17, 1946.

63. FRANCIS ERWIN⁶ HAMBLIN (*THOMAS MARTIN⁵, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born May 28, 1917 in Mississippi, and died December 4, 2000 in Cedars Health Care - Tupelo, Mississippi. He married (1) **MARY CROSS**. He married (2) **ORA EVELYN BAILEY** July 14, 1946, daughter of **JOHN BAILEY** and **ORA CRUMPTON**. She was born November 26, 1929, and died December 26, 1991 in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Linda Hamblin relates the tragic story of this family.

Francis and Mary Cross divorced while Francis was in the Army.

Francis' 2nd wife Ora Evelyn was killed in a car crash in 1991. Ora Evelyn was going to lunch with her daughter Wanda Kay and a grandson John. They were stopped at a stop sign when the car jumped forward into the path of a truck. Ora Evelyn and her grandson John were killed. After his wife's death, Francis' mental health declined. By 1997, his condition was so bad that his grandson David Parks moved in with him. However, by July 1999 his condition had worsened and his family placed him into a nursing facility.

Children of **FRANCIS HAMBLIN** and **ORA BAILEY** are:

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- i. **LINDA FRANCES⁷ HAMBLIN**, born January 4, 1948, New Albany, Mississippi; married (1) **HENRY CLARK HEARN**; born December 22, 1942, New Albany, Mississippi; married (2) **GERALD RAY PARKS**, June 12, 1964; married (3) **WILLIAM HEFNER**, August 1967; married (4) **LOUIE RAINES**, November 2, 1968.
 - ii. **WANDA KAY HAMBLIN**, born July 24, 1951; married (1) **RICKEY JOE THOMAS**; married (2) **JOHN WELLINGTON**; married (3) **RONNIE BULLOCK**; married (4) **ROBERT GRANT**; married (5) **RON ROLLINS**.

64. ORBY D.⁶ HAMBLIN (*THOMAS MARTIN⁵, WINNIE MURENA⁴ ROBERTS, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born October 10, 1919, and died May 15, 1989 in Mississippi. He married "**ROBBIE**" **INGRAM** June 20, 1942.

Children of **ORBY HAMBLIN** and "**ROBBIE**" **INGRAM** are:

- i. **BOBBY CAROL⁷ HAMBLIN**, born January 17, 1944.
- ii. **ORBY LYNN HAMBLIN**, born September 30, 1947.
- iii. **MICHAEL EUGENE HAMBLIN**, born between 1943 - 1950.
- iv. **ANTHONY HAMBLIN**, born between 1943 - 1950.

65. EBER PEARL⁶ ROBERTS (*THOMAS HARMON⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born December 14, 1891, and died June 24, 1946. He married **ADA ELVIRA WATSON**. She was born December 29, 1897, and died February 25, 1951.

Children of **EBER ROBERTS** and **ADA WATSON** are:

- i. **WILLIAM AUDIE⁷ ROBERTS**, born May 29, 1929; married **MARY ELIZABETH BOSWELL**; born May 6, 1934.
- ii. **HENRY OBED ROBERTS**, born December 8, 1915; died December 31, 1996; married **JESSIE BORN DAVIS**; born October 16, 1915.
- iii. **OZIE A. ROBERTS**, born June 1, 1913; died 1993; married **DEWITT HILL**; born January 12, 1913; died November 1968.
- iv. **LESTER ODEAN ROBERTS**, born September 23, 1919; died September 1995; married **ALLEEN CARSON**; born August 31, 1919; died April 6, 1997.
- v. **O.V. ROBERTS**, born September 10, 1921; died September 1948; married **CLAY KING**.
- vi. **ALTON ODIS ROBERTS**, born January 10, 1925; married **BARBARA E. HOOPER**; born May 6, 1931.
- vii. **VERLON OLYIE ROBERTS**, born August 27, 1931; married (1) **MARVIN HEIMER**; died 1978; married (2) **WALTER YAGER**.
- viii. **OLLIS BORN ROBERTS**, born June 24, 1927; married **SHIRLEY ROBERTS**.
- ix. **HURLIS LAMAR ROBERTS**, born February 12, 1934; married **MAMIE DIRTING**.
- x. **COY PEARL ROBERTS**, born July 13, 1936; married **GERALD**

LUEBETT.

- xi. **LEE HARMON ROBERTS**, born September 19, 1938.

66. HILLARD⁶ LEE ROBERTS (*THOMAS HARMON⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born February 4, 1894 in Mississippi, and died December 6, 1962 in Mississippi. He married (1) **ANNIE QUINN**, daughter of **DAVE QUINN** and **JANE HAMBLIN**. She was born February 6, 1894, and died March 1, 1987 in Mississippi. He married (2) **EMMA BURGESS**. She was born March 11, 1897, and died March 9, 1921 in Mississippi.

Children are listed above under (60) Annie Quinn.

67. COY ADDLINE⁶ ROBERTS (*THOMAS HARMON⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born June 29, 1909, and died May 1, 1982 in Mississippi. She married **LUTHER BOYD HARDY**. He was born August 7, 1908, and died February 6, 1978 in Mississippi. Luther and Coy Roberts Hardy are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County Mississippi.

Child of **COY ROBERTS** and **LUTHER HARDY** is:

- i. **JAMES LUTHER⁷ HARDY**.

68. ANNA LYDIA ELIZABETH⁶ ROBERTS (*THOMAS HARMON⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born June 16, 1902 in Mississippi, and died January 23, 1971 in Mississippi. She married **FRANKLIN LAFAYETTE DYE**. He was born April 3, 1904, and died May 25, 1955 in Mississippi. Franklin and Anna Roberts Dye are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **ANNA ROBERTS** and **FRANKLIN DYE** are:

- i. **TOMMY LAFAYETTE⁷ DYE**, born 1935; died December 27, 2000, Mississippi; married **BETTY CRAWFORD**.
ii. **EUGENE DYE**, born November 20, 1924, Mississippi; died November 20, 1924, Mississippi.
iii. **NORMAN DYE**.

69. MALISE MARY ANNIE BELL⁶ ROBERTS (*THOMAS HARMON⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1895 in Mississippi, and died 1966 in Mississippi. She married (1) **VANDINER VANCE**. She married (2) **VANCE DALTON HOGUE**. He was born 1896, and died 1979.

Child of **MALISE ROBERTS** and **VANDINER VANCE** is:

- i. **RUELL MAY⁷ VANCE**, born May 28, 1922; died May 28, 1922.

70. IRENE⁶ ROBERTS (*ROBERT DANDRIDGE⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) She married **BOYCE PANNELL**, son of **SAMUEL**

PANNELL and **SARAH HILL**. He was born about 1905.

Child is listed above under (53) Boyce Pannell.

71. KATHLEEN⁶ ROBERTS (*ROBERT DANDRIDGE⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) She married **JAMES ADAIR**.

Children of **KATHLEEN ROBERTS** and **JAMES ADAIR** are:

- i. **JERRY⁷ ADAIR**.
- ii. **SARAH ADAIR**.
- iii. **RICKY ADAIR**.

72. GRACE MAY⁶ ROBERTS (*ROBERT DANDRIDGE⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born May 25, 1898 in Union County Mississippi, and died June 13, 1978 in Mississippi. She married **JOHN HENRY WARREN**, son of BNU WARREN and **MARY HAMBLIN**. He was born October 11, 1893 in Union County Mississippi, and died August 28, 1970 in Mississippi. John Henry and Grace Roberts Warren are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children are listed above under (55) John Henry Warren

73. BOYD SHIRLEY⁶ ROBERTS (*ROBERT DANDRIDGE⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born May 26, 1916 in Union County Mississippi. He married **OLA LEA WELTY** June 6, 1936. She was born October 23, 1911 in Lenders, Texas, and died November 30, 1987 in Mississippi.

Child of **BOYD ROBERTS** and **OLA WELTY** is:

- i. **WILLIAM ROBERT⁷ ROBERTS**, born January 4, 1951, Union County Mississippi; married **LAURA VIRGINIA WARRINGTON**, May 19, 1974, Tippah County, Mississippi; born December 12, 1954.

74. ROBERT CLYDE⁶ ROBERTS (*JAMES MADISON⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born August 16, 1896, and died April 18, 1967 in Mississippi. He married **NETTIE HINES**. She was born April 29, 1897, and died June 18, 1981 in Mississippi. Robert and Nettie Hines Roberts are buried in the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi

From Linda Hamblin:

Robert Clyde Roberts was a big man. He sang with the Roberts Quartet, which included Robert Roberts, McWhorter Roberts, Ernest Roberts & Tyson Roberts. They sang together for 30 years (1922-1952). Robert's wife Nettie played the piano for the group. They had a regular Sunday Morning radio show on WELO/WTUP in Tupelo, Mississippi.

Children of **ROBERT ROBERTS** and **NETTIE HINES** are:

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- i. **WAYNE⁷ ROBERTS.**
 - ii. **EARLINE ROBERTS.**
 - iii. **EULA ROBERTS.**

75. ROY BOYD⁶ ROBERTS (*JAMES MADISON⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born January 14, 1914, and died October 20, 1958 in Mississippi. He married **RUTH MURDOCK**. She was born October 23, 1912, and died August 19, 1988 in Mississippi. Roy and Ruth Murdock Roberts are buried at the Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **ROY ROBERTS** and **RUTH MURDOCK** are:

- i. **ROY⁷ ROBERTS.**
- ii. **JANIE SUE ROBERTS.**
- iii. **INFANT SON ROBERTS**, born November 13, 1937, Mississippi; died November 13, 1937, Mississippi.

76. TROY⁶ ROBERTS (*JAMES MADISON⁵, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born July 20, 1905 in Mississippi, and died July 6, 1958 in Mississippi. He married **ALLENE Bnu**. She was born November 6, 1907, and died November 27, 1994 in Mississippi. Troy and Allene Roberts are buried in Zion Hill Cemetery in Union County, Mississippi.

Children of **TROY ROBERTS** and **ALLENE BNU** are:

- i. **RONALD⁷ ROBERTS.**
- ii. **ZANIE LEE ROBERTS**, born January 4, 1932; married **MILTON CLEO MCDONALD**; born September 11, 1928, Union County Mississippi; died February 14, 2002, Union County Mississippi.
- iii. **JAMIE SUE ROBERTS**, born July 25, 1921, Mississippi; died April 21, 2001, Tupelo, Mississippi; married **JOHN EPTING**, 1950; died April 2001, Mississippi.
- iv. **JEANNETTE ROBERTS**, born October 7, 1933, Mississippi; died April 24, 1989, Mississippi; married **BILLY FLOYD**.
- v. **WILLIE RAY ROBERTS**

77. LEE MARDIS⁶ WATSON (*EMMA ZIRE⁵ ROBERTS, JAMES GREEN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born August 3, 1908, and died February 3, 1985. He married **JANE FLOYD**.

Children of **LEE WATSON** and **JANE FLOYD** are:

- i. **JOHN WILLIAM⁷ WATSON**, born November 13, 1930; married **MAE WALDON**.
- ii. **CECIL MURL WATSON**, born September 5, 1933; died July 8, 1985; married (1) **FAYE BROWN**; born December 14, 1943; married (2) **LUCY WALDON**.
- iii. **WILLIAM JOE WATSON**, born August 18, 1936; married **KATHY**

VONCILLE TATE.

- iv. **BOBBY GENE WATSON**, born January 14, 1943; married **RACHAEL CHEATHAM**.

78. LESTER H.⁶ BASDEN (*ANGIE BEULAH⁵ ROBERTS, HIRAM THOMPSON⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) She married WISEMAN.

Children of **LESTER BASDEN** and **WISEMAN** are:

- i. **BONNIE⁷ WISEMAN**.
ii. **THEORORE WISEMAN**.

79. STACEY BOYCE⁶ RANDELL (*ZELLA PEARL⁵ ROBERTS, SAMUEL MCCLARKIN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 30 July 1905 in Union County, Mississippi, and died 28 May 1985 in Orange County, Virginia. He married **NUNA VIVIAN HUDNALL** 09 June 1935 in Lafayette, Mississippi. She was born 30 May 1908 in Kemper County, Mississippi, and died 04 May 1982 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Child of **STACEY RANDELL** and **NUNA HUDNALL** is:

- i. **ZELLA MARGARET⁷ RANDELL**, born 26 September 1941, Lexington, Kentucky; died 11 March 1978, Albamarle, Virginia.

80. CECIL CURTIS⁶ RANDELL (*ZELLA PEARL⁵ ROBERTS, SAMUEL MCCLARKIN⁴, BENJAMIN³, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born 1914. He married **LAVAIDA MITCHELL** in 1937. She was born 1914.

Children of **CECIL RANDELL** and **LAVAIDA MITCHELL** are:

- i. **MARTHA CECILE⁷ RANDELL**, born 1940.
ii. **JAMES CURTIS RANDELL**, born 1945.

81. DESSIE FAYE⁶ PANNELL (*JESSE JAMES⁵, JOHN HAMPTON⁴, WINIFRED³ ROBERTS, LEWIS E. P.², NICHOLAS¹*) was born August 5, 1916 in Union County Mississippi, and died February 17, 1988 in Winter Haven, Florida. She married **MARTIN LUTHER HEARN**. He was born January 10, 1916 in Union County Mississippi, and died May 4, 1980 in Winter Haven, Florida.

Children of **DESSIE PANNELL** and **MARTIN HEARN** are:

- i. **HENRY CLARK⁷ HEARN**, born December 22, 1942, New Albany, Mississippi; married (1) **PATTY SUE CORNETT**; married (2) **CAROLYN SUE LOVE**; born January 15, 1946, Miami, Florida; died March 18, 2000, Lakeland, Florida; married (3) **LINDA FRANCES HAMBLIN**; born January 4, 1948, New Albany, Mississippi.
ii. **CLYDE DENNIS HEARN**, born August 1948, New Albany, Mississippi.
iii. **BENN ALLEN HEARN**, born January 7, 1950, New Albany, Mississippi;

died February 18, 1989, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; married (1) **JOYCE WIMS**; married (2) **JEANE ARMSTRONG**.

The Descendents of Elbert "Birdie" Roberts

This side of the family has been an enigma to me. There are many researchers looking into this family's history, but we still don't know a lot about them and I know no stories to personalize them. I got my initial information about this family from Aunt Lula, (Lula Roberts Allen), the daughter of Catherine Sarah Roberts and the granddaughter of Elbert 'Birdie Roberts. However, when I was talking with Aunt Lula my main interest was in the history of Wade Oscar Roberts and his family, so we didn't talk about this side of our family much.

The most striking difference in these two families is literacy. Getting an education in post civil war South Carolina was a challenge. When economic survival is your primary goal, reading and writing are secondary. Yet somehow, the family of Wade Oscar and Catherine Sarah Roberts at least learned to read and write while the "Birdie" Roberts children didn't. We do know schooling was available and we have records from schools in the Armenia Section of the county, but it would be the grand children of Elbert and Mary Ann who would attend these schools.

Elbert and his family lived in the Baton Rouge Community of Chester County - not that far from the family started by Nicholas Roberts, but there were few roads connecting the two sections. I do not have any information on Elbert's parents. However, on the census Elbert reported that his parents were born in South Carolina. Elbert's son John was born in Union County so it is possible that the family was originally from that area, but there is no data to support this assumption.

Elbert did have at least one brother, Moses. Moses lived in the Baton Rouge community too. While I am not following Moses' family in his history, I do want to list some information about him. Moses was born in 1825 and he died on April 1, 1896. He married a lady named Sarah. (I do not know where Moses and Sarah are buried) Their children were: Obediah Roberts (Both Elbert and Moses named a son Obediah. This Obediah was born January 13, 1854, died July 16, 1896. He married Emily Grant); Alice Roberts (born 1856); John Moses Roberts (born 1859); Winnie Love Roberts (born January 18, 1861, died February 18, 1907. She married Jesse Simpson Clark.)

Elbert served as a private in the state troops CSA as a member of the South Carolina Confederate Reserves, 6th Regiment, Company B. He enlisted on November 18, 1862 and served from December 31, 1862 to February 16, 1863. He also served in the 5th Regiment Company A. Elbert enlisted August 1, 1863 in Chester. He was enlisted by John Hardin for a period of 6 months but he only served from August 1 - November 11, 1863.

Elbert and his brother Moses were both in the 5th Regiment (State Troops) Company A. There was also an Isaac Roberts in the same regiment. Elbert and Isaac were also in the South Carolina Confederate Reserves, 6th Regiment, Company B together. Then Isaac served with Moses in the 3rd Battalion Reserve troops. I believe this Isaac was related

and possibly a brother, but I cannot prove the relationship.

On the 1840 Census of Chester County there is a Moses Roberts. In his household are a male under 5 years old and a male for 20-30. Females in this household are on under 5 and one from 20-30. This would put Moses birth date between 1820 -1830.

We do have some information about the family of Mary Ann Long Roberts. Her parents were William Long and Sarah Estes Long. We do not have any additional information on William yet but the father of Sarah Estes was Erasmus Estes. We cannot prove the identity of Erasmus's wife, but we can trace Erasmus's ancestors back to Nicholas Estes who was born in 1495 in England.

From the 1850 Census of Chester County:

B E Roberts	20	M	South Carolina	1830
Mary Roberts	16	F	South Carolina	1834

B.E. and Mary live in the same house with Sarah Long (Age 35) and Erasmus Estes (age 63). This is "Birdie" Elbert Roberts and Mary Ann Long Roberts, the parents of Catherine Sarah Roberts. We do know that the mother of Mary Ann Long was Sarah Estes Long, so I assume that Sarah Long is Mary Ann's mother. I have to also assume that William Long has died before 1850. I assume that Erasmus Estes is Sarah Estes Long's father and Mary Ann Long's grandfather. I have not yet uncovered any information regarding William Long. Erasmus Estes was the son of Thomas Estes and Hannah Allen. Thomas and Hannah moved their family from Spotsylvania, Virginia to Chester, South Carolina around 1785. I believe some of the children of Thomas and Hannah Estes were the first owners or occupants of a piece of property referred to as "The Old Clark Place" near the Chester/Fairfield border. My Grandparents lived on this property when they were first married. This land is still in our family's possession.

On the 1860 Census for Chester County Elbert is listed as being 25 years old and a farmer. He listed his real estate's value as \$410.00 and he valued his personal property at \$100. He reported that he could not read or write.

1860 Census

Elbert Roberts	25	Male	Farmer
Mary A. Roberts	21	Female	
Elizabeth A. Roberts	8	Female	
Thayley Roberts	6	Male (May be Lafayette)	
Johnny Roberts	4	Male	
Catherine Roberts	2	Female	

1880 Census - Chester County Baton Rouge Township

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Roberts, Birdie	50	M	Cannot read or write
Mary Ann	40	F	
Eliz	25	F	

Fannie	18	F	
Maggie	12	F	
illegible	10	F	
Sarah	8	F	
Robert	5	M	
Addie	12	F	Granddaughter
Obediah	20	M	

I cannot identify the Addie listed as a Grand Daughter. If the age listed for her is correct; she was born about 1868. Some researchers believe this indicates that Elbert was married prior to marrying Mary Ann Long. I doubt this theory, but I don't have a better one to replace it other than a census error or that she was a close relative who Elbert called a grand daughter.

Elbert did receive a pension for his service in the Civil War. He is listed as an invalid on the pension reports.

Elbert did leave a will. His will list Mary Anne Roberts as his wife and Obe as his son. Obe was executor. The will was signed with a (X) mark on 10 January 1911 in the presence of Walter Simpson, J.H. Lee and F.H. Dodds. Mary Ann Long Roberts also left a will with Obe as the executor.

In September 1916, Laura Roberts Quinton sued her brother Obediah Roberts claiming that he converted the cash from their parents' estate to his own use. The total amount of money estimated to have been involved in the estate was less than \$2,000.00. In those days, just as today, families fought over trivial matters.

As a boy, in all of the time I visited in Chester and Fairfield I never met any of my relatives from this side of the family. In fact, with the exception of a couple of people I communicate with over the internet, I still know no one from this side of our family. I remember "The other Roberts" being mentioned occasionally, but there seems to have been little interaction between the two families. I still wonder why?

Generation No. 1

1. BORN ELBERT ROBERTS was born 1827 in South Carolina, and died April 7, 1914 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married **MARY ANN LONG**, daughter of **WILLIAM LONG** and **SARAH ESTES**. She was born March 4, 1834, and died May 6, 1916 in Chester County, South Carolina. Elbert and Mary Ann Roberts are buried at New Hope Methodist Church in the Baton Rouge Community of Chester County.

Children of **ELBERT ROBERTS** and **MARY LONG** are:

- i. **ELIZABETH ANN ROBERTS**, born about 1853 in South Carolina.
- 2 ii. **JOHN ROBERTS**, born about 1853 in Carlisle, Union County, South

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- Carolina; died September 15, 1914.
- iii. **SARAH ROBERTS**, born about 1853 in South Carolina.
 - iv. **LAFAYETTE ROBERTS**, born April 1854 in South Carolina; died July 18, 1882. He married **MARY ELLEN HILL**; born September 1857 in South Carolina; died March 16, 1913 in South Carolina. Mary Ellen is buried at Bullock Presbyterian Church in York South Carolina Lafayette Roberts died of Measles
 - 3 v. **CATHERINE SARAH ROBERTS**, born February 16, 1858 in Chester, South Carolina; died November 17, 1944 in Chester, South Carolina. (Catherine married Wade Oscar Roberts. Their family is documented in the previous section of this history.)
 - 4 vi. **OBEDIAH HARDIN ROBERTS**, born June 11, 1860 in Chester, South Carolina; died June 14, 1950 in Chester, South Carolina.
 - 5 vii. **FANNIE ROBERTS**, born October 1, 1865 in Chester, South Carolina; died October 30, 1909.
 - 6 viii. **MARY MARGARET ROBERTS**, born 1869 in Chester County, South Carolina; died January 29, 1915.
 - 7 ix. **WINNIE LOUISE ROBERTS**, born May 13, 1871 in Chester County, South Carolina; died November 25, 1960 in South Carolina.
 - x. **LAURA ALICE ROBERTS**, born July 1, 1872 in Chester, South Carolina; died September 7, 1954. She married **WILLIAM M. 'Colie' QUNITON**; born January 18, 1862; died April 21, 1933. Laura Roberts Quinton's obituary in the CHESTER REPORTER list 3 Daughters: Mrs. A. J. Abernathy of Maiden, NC; Mrs. H.C. Huggins of Hickory, NC and Mrs. H.C. Ringstaff
 - 8 xi. **ROBERT WYLEY ROBERTS**, born March 9, 1876 in Chester, South Carolina; died October 29, 1954.
 - 9 xii. **JANE 'Johanna' ROBERTS**, born July 9, 1880 in South Carolina. (There is some disagreement among various researchers about Jane Roberts. Some believe Jane, called Johanna, was really the daughter of Obadiah Roberts the son of Moses Robert. For the time being I believe she belongs in this family.)

Generation No. 2

2. **JOHN ROBERTS** (Elbert¹) was born about 1853 in Carlisle, Union County, South Carolina, and died September 15, 1914. He married **MINERVA NUNNERY**, daughter of **HENRY NUNNERY** and **SARAH McFADDEN**. She was born 1856.

Children of **John Roberts** and **Minerva Nunnery** are:

1. **OBIE ROBERTS**.
 - ii. **HENRY ROBERTS**.
 - iii. **JULIA ROBERTS**, b 1878, South Carolina
 - iv. **WILLIAM ROBERTS**, born about 1879, South Carolina
3. **CATHERINE SARAH ROBERTS** (Elbert¹) was born February 16, 1858 in Chester,

South Carolina, and died November 17, 1944 in Chester, South Carolina. She married **WADE OSCAR ROBERTS** December 1878, son of **WILLIAM ROBERTS** and **JANE HALSELL**. He was born May 19, 1858 in Chester, South Carolina, and died May 20, 1925 in Chester, South Carolina.

(NOTE: This family was outlined in the previous section)

(NOTE. – Since the children of Catherine Sarah Roberts and Wade Oscar Roberts are not listed in this section, the numbering of individuals with information is not sequential.)

4. **OBEDIAH HARDIN ROBERTS** (Elbert¹) was born June 11, 1860 in Chester, South Carolina, and died June 14, 1950 in Chester, South Carolina. He married **NANNIE K. DARBY**, daughter of **ZARDOC DARBY** and **NANCY ROBINSON**. She was born 1866, and died 1933.

Obediah Hardin and Nannie K. Darby Roberts are buried at Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina

Children of **OBEDIAH ROBERTS** and **NANNIE DARBY** are:

20. i. **MACIE AILEEN ROBERTS**, born October 7, 1883; died January 13, 1978.
21. ii. **ANNIE BEULAH ROBERTS**, born March 2, 1886 in Chester, South Carolina; died July 26, 1977 in Chester, South Carolina.
- iii. **NANNIE PEARL ROBERTS**, born December 14, 1887; died January 2, 1972. She married **FRED GREGORY** August 21, 1925 in Chester, South Carolina. He died February 1978.
Fred Gregory and Nannie Pearl Roberts Gregory were buried at Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina
22. iv. **LUTHER JACKSON ROBERTS**, born February 4, 1890; died March 20, 1987.
23. v. **BOYD LAFAYETTE ROBERTS**, born December 8, 1893 in Chester County, South Carolina; died October 10, 1990 in Chester County, South Carolina.
- vi. **STEWART PRYOR ROBERTS**, born March 9, 1895; died December 18, 1970.
Stewart never married. He is buried at Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina
- vii. **ZED HASKELL ROBERTS**, born December 23, 1897 in Chester County, South Carolina; died January 9, 1974 in Chester County, South Carolina.
Zed Haskell Roberts never married. He is buried at Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina
24. viii. **IVA BEATRICE ROBERTS**, born February 3, 1900 in Chester County, South Carolina; died April 12, 1995 in Bishopville, South Carolina.
25. ix. **EVELYN McCONNELL ROBERTS**, born February 5, 1904 in Chester County, South Carolina; died February 10, 1944 in Chester County, South Carolina.

5. FANNIE ROBERTS (Elbert¹) was born October 1, 1865 in Chester, South Carolina, and died October 30, 1909. She married **E. C. STARNES**.

Child of **FANNIE ROBERTS** and **E. STARNES** is:

- i. **DIANNE ROBERTS STARNES**. born Chester County, South Carolina; died 22 May 1952 in Richland County, South Carolina. married **JOHNSON ROBERT CLACK**.; he was born 20 September 1879 in Chester County, South Carolina. died 22 May 1952 in Chester County, South Carolina.

6. MARY MARGARET ROBERTS (Elbert¹) was born 1869 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died January 29, 1915. She married **JAMES MOSES McKEOWN**.

Child of **MARY ROBERTS** and **JAMES McKEOWN** is:

- i. **MARY CORNELIA McKEOWN**, born December 28, 1887 in South Carolina. She married **CHALMERS GASTON¹**; born April 2, 1877 in South Carolina.

7. WINNIE LOUISE ROBERTS (Elbert¹) was born May 13, 1871 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died November 25, 1960 in South Carolina. She married **JOHN JAMES DODDS** 1890, son of **RUBIN DODDS** and **CATHERINE GRANT**. He was born July 9, 1869 in Chester, South Carolina - Armenia Community, and died 1943 in Chester, South Carolina - Armenia Community.

Children of **WINNIE ROBERTS** and **JOHN DODDS** are:

- i. **MARGUERITE F. DODDS**, born between 1891 - 1911 in Chester, South Carolina.
- ii. **ETHEL MAE DODDS**, born November 8, 1891 in Chester, South Carolina.
- iii. **SARA KATHERINE DODDS**, born January 22, 1906 in Chester, South Carolina.
- iv. **JOHN JAMES DODDS, JR.**, born February 27, 1912 in Chester, South Carolina.

8. ROBERT WYLEY ROBERTS (Elbert¹) was born March 9, 1876 in Chester, South Carolina, and died October 29, 1954. He married **BERTHA DARBY** January 12, 1896, daughter of **THOMAS DARBY** and **MARTHA LEE**. She was born July 28, 1880 in Chester County, and died April 11, 1949 in Chester County. On the 1920 census, Robert is listed as unable to read or write. Bertha can read and write.

Children of **ROBERT ROBERTS** and **BERTHA DARBY** are:

- i. **THOMAS ELBERT ROBERTS**, born January 12, 1897. He married **ETTA OWENS** October 27, 1919; born about 1900.
- ii. **MABEL V. ROBERTS**, born December 27, 1899; died January 14, 1921

- in Columbia, South Carolina.
- iii. **ROBERT JAMES ROBERTS**, born February 2, 1901. He married **ANNIE MAE CLACK** October 26, 1919.
 - iv. **WALTER C. ROBERTS**, born June 27, 1903; died May 13, 1904 in Chester County.
 - v. **CORNELIA D. ROBERTS**, born April 27, 1905. She married **WARD S. FULMER** January 2, 1924; born about 1905.
 - vi. **ZOLAMAE ROBERTS**, born September 15, 1907. She married **FRED SAWYER**; born August 16, 1930.
 - vii. **MYRTLE O. ROBERTS**, born February 12, 1910. She married **SANDRES W. BAUCOM** May 24, 1942; born about 1910.
 - viii. **BURRIS ROBERTS**, born May 22, 1912. He married **HELEN WISHERT**; born about 1912.
 - ix. **OLETA BORN ROBERTS**, born August 28, 1914; died February 6, 1932.
 - x. **JULIA I. ROBERTS**, born July 12, 1918. She married **ELMON ALLEN** March 23, 1940; born about 1918.
 - xi. **SCUDDY C. ROBERTS**, born May 3, 1920.
 - xii. **Edith W. Roberts**, born June 5, 1923. She married **Thomas Barber** October 31, 1940; born about 1920.

9. JANE 'Johanna' ROBERTS (*Elbert*¹) was born 09 Jul 1880 in South Carolina. She married **LAWRENCE BORN CLACK**, son of **JOHN CLACK** and **MARTHA GRANT**. He was born 10 February 1878 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 05 May 1941 in Chester County, South Carolina.

Children of **JANE ROBERTS** and **LAWRENCE CLACK** are:

- i. **EVA RAY CLACK**, born Chester County, South Carolina.
- ii. **ANNIE MAE CLACK**, born Chester County, South Carolina.
- iii. **O. CLYDE CLACK**, born Chester County, South Carolina.
- iv. **EMILY FRANCES CLACK**, born Chester County, South Carolina.

Generation No. 3

20. MACIE AILEEN ROBERTS (*Obediah Hardin*², *Elbert*¹) was born 07 October 1883, and died 13 January 1978. She married **JOHN MALCOLM DOVE**. He was born about 1883.

Children of **MACIE ROBERTS** and **JOHN DOVE** are:

- i. **SADIE LOUISE DOVE**.
- ii. **JOHN HASKELL DOVE**, born 18 September 1906; died May 1938.
- iii. **MATTIE INEZ DOVE**.
- iv. **WILLIE MARIE DOVE**.
- v. **NANNIE EDNA DOVE**, born 08 April 1914.
- vi. **MELVIN DARBY DOVE**, born 16 October 1916; died January 1971.

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- vii. **MARGARET AILEEN DOVE**, born 03 August 1919; died 09 June 1976.
 - viii. **DOROTHY MALONE DOVE**, born 26 October 1921; died 08 January 1966.

21. ANNIE BEULAH ROBERTS (Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born March 2, 1886 in Chester, South Carolina, and died July 26, 1977 in Chester, South Carolina. She married **PETER HAMPTON SANDERS** January 10, 1906, son of **THOMAS SAUNDERS** and **ADA WALKER**. He was born September 5, 1876 in Chester, South Carolina. Annie Beulah Roberts Sanders is buried at Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina

Children of **ANNIE ROBERTS** and **PETER SANDERS** are:

- i. **ANNIE MAE SANDERS**.
- ii. **NANNIE ADA SANDERS**, born November 6, 1908.
- iii. **WILLIAM HAMPTON SANDERS**.
- iv. **ELLA BEATRICE SANDERS**.
- v. **THOMAS MABRY SANDERS**, born June 15, 1916.
- vi. **BOYD WALKER SANDERS**, born August 6, 1918.
- vii. **ROBERT JULLIAN SANDER**.
- viii. **PETER HAMPTON SANDERS, Jr.**
- ix. **BETTY AILEEN SANDERS**.

22. LUTHER JACKSON ROBERTS (Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born February 4, 1890, and died March 20, 1987. He married **JANE VERA GREGORY**. She died December 1970 in Chester County, South Carolina.

Luther Jackson Roberts was a carpenter. He and Jane Gregory Roberts are buried at the Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina

Children of **LUTHER ROBERTS** and **JANE GREGORY** are:

- 39 i. **HARVEY JACKSON ROBERTS**, born January 16, 1912 in Chester County, South Carolina; died May 23, 1986 in Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- ii. **ANNIE LUCILLE ROBERTS**, born February 19, 1914 in Chester County, South Carolina; died January 28, 1991. She married **JOSEPH CANNON PHILBECK** March 24, 1945 in Charlotte, NC.
- 40 iii. **EDGAR HARDIN ROBERTS**, born September 23, 1917 in Chester County, South Carolina.
- iv. **WILLIAM CHARLES ROBERTS**, born September 26, 1919 in Chester County, South Carolina; died June 25, 1934 in Chester County, South Carolina.
William Charles Roberts was buried at the Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina
- 41 v. **JAMES WYLIE ROBERTS**, born December 9, 1921 in Chester County, South Carolina.
- 42 vi. **MARY HELEN ROBERTS**, born January 2, 1926 in Chester County, South Carolina.
- 43 vii. **DAVID EUGENE ROBERTS**, born June 12, 1928 in Chester County,

South Carolina; died May 17, 1989 in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

23. **BOYD LAFAYETTE ROBERTS** (Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born December 8, 1893 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died October 10, 1990 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married **EDNA VIOLA GRANT** August 2, 1924 in Chester, South Carolina, daughter of **AINSLEY GRANT** and **MARTHA WHITE**. She was born February 1, 1898, and died July 11, 1990 in Chester County, South Carolina. Boyd Lafayette Roberts and Edna Viola Grant Roberts are buried at the Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina

Child of **BOYD ROBERTS** and **EDNA GRANT** is:

44 i. **BOYD L. ROBERTS, Jr.**, born August 8, 1930 in South Carolina.

35. **IVA BEATRICE ROBERTS** (Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born February 3, 1900 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died April 12, 1995 in Bishopville, South Carolina. She married **JAMES ELI CONLEY** May 25, 1918. James Eli and Iva Beatrice Roberts Conley are buried at Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina

Children of **IVA ROBERTS** and **JAMES CONLEY** are:

- 45 i. **ELIZABETH MARTHA CONLEY**, born May 6, 1919 in Chester County, South Carolina; died May 31, 1965.
- 46 ii. **JAMES E. CONLEY, Jr.**, born August 7, 1920 in Chester County, South Carolina; died October 21, 1983.
- 47 iii. **ERLINE BEATRICE CONLEY**, born April 12, 1930.

36. **EVELYN McCONNELL ROBERTS** (Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born February 5, 1904 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died February 10, 1944 in Chester County, South Carolina. She married **WILLIAM TRAYWICK CONLEY** May 1, 1919. He was born between 1900 - 1910, and died May 1950. Evelyn McConnell Roberts died of Cancer when she was 40 years old. She is buried at the Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina. William Traywick Conley is buried at the Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina

Children of **EVELYN ROBERTS** and **WILLIAM CONLEY** are:

- 48 i. **WILLIAM FRANCES CONLEY**, born January 27, 1921 in Chester County, South Carolina; died March 1976 in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC.
- 49 ii. **GEORGE HENNIS CONLEY**, born December 31, 1923 in Chester County, South Carolina; died March 6, 1969 in York, South Carolina.
- 118 iii. **NANNIE EDITH CONLEY**, born October 25, 1925 in Chester County, South Carolina; died July 7, 1928 in Chester County, South Carolina.
- 50 iv. **MARY PATRICIA CONLEY**, born December 27, 1932 in Chester County, South Carolina; died June 13, 1986 in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC.

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- 51 v. **JOSEPHINE CONLEY**, born November 12, 1934 in Chester County, South Carolina.

Generation No. 4

39. **HARVEY JACKSON ROBERTS** (Luther Jackson³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born January 16, 1912 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died May 23, 1986 in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He married **MARY AILEEN HILL** April 7, 1939 in Union, South Carolina. She died February 1991.

Harvey Jackson and Mary Aileen Hill Roberts are buried at the Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina

Children of **HARVEY ROBERTS** and **MARY HILL** are:

- i. **HARVEY JACKSON ROBERTS**, born July 4, 1945 in Newport News, VA; died July 5, 1945 in Newport News, VA.
- ii. **SHELLY KAREN ROBERTS**, born October 18, 1952 in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

40. **EDGAR HARDIN ROBERTS** (Luther Jackson³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born September 23, 1917 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married **ALICE REECE COOK** September 12, 1941 in Fort Mill, South Carolina. She was born about 1915.

Children of **EDGAR ROBERTS** and **ALICE COOK** are:

- i. **JANIE RLIZABETH ROBERTS**, born November 11, 1942 in Chester County, South Carolina.
Janie Elizabeth Roberts married (1) **FRED ERIC O'STEEN** October 30, 1965 - (2) **LONNIE E. WILLOUGHBY** December 30, 1970
- 63 ii. **EAGAR EUGENE ROBERTS**, born November 13, 1949.

41. **JAMES WYLIE ROBERTS** (Luther Jackson³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born December 9, 1921 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married (1) **LORAGNE DIANNE MUZALOWSKI** December 23, 1944. He married (2) **EMILY DAVIS SMITH** April 2, 1983.

James told Billy Standridge that he was born in 1921 but it took a year to get a birth certificate and that is why the birth certificate says 1922

Children of **JAMES ROBERTS** and **LORAGNE MUZALOWSKI** are:

- i. **GREGORY JAMES ROBERTS**, born October 23, 1949 in Oak Park, IL.
- ii. **JEFFREY RANDALL ROBERTS**, born October 8, 1963 in Chester County, South Carolina.

42. **MARY HELEN ROBERTS** (Luther Jackson³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born January 2, 1926 in Chester County, South Carolina. She married **RAY DEWEESE**

DAVIS May 27, 1946 in Charlotte, NC.

Children of **MARY ROBERTS** and **RAY DAVIS** are:

- 155 i. **CHARLES DEWEESE DAVIS**, born June 6, 1947; died December 17, 1969.
- + 156 ii. **MICHAEL RAY DAVIS**, born December 9, 1948 in Charlotte, NC.

43. **DAVID EUGENE ROBERTS** (Luther Jackson³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born June 12, 1928 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died May 17, 1989 in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He married **BETTY SUE RHYNE** August 5, 1955 in Clover, South Carolina.

David Eugene Roberts is buried at the Armenia Methodist Church - Chester, South Carolina

Children of **DAVID ROBERTS** and **BETTY RHYNE** are:

- 65 i. **DAVID EUGENE ROBERTS, Jr**, born April 6, 1955.
- 66 ii. **DALE ANTHONY ROBERTS**, born February 25, 1958 in Chester County, South Carolina.
- iii. **STEPHEN RHYNE ROBERTS**, born April 16, 1959 in Charlotte, NC. He married **SANDRA ANN JONAS** February 12, 1978 in York County, South Carolina.

44. **BOYD L. ROBERTS, Jr.** (Boyd Lafayette³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born August 8, 1930 in South Carolina. He married (1) **TRUDY SOUSA**. He married (2) **JACQUELYN J. PETERSEN** August 31, 1962 in Reno, Nevada. She was born March 20, 1940.

Children of **BOYD ROBERTS** and **JACQUELYN PETERSEN** are:

- i. **TROY J. ROBERTS**, born May 14, 1963 in Sacramento, California. He married **ALEXANDRIA GORDON BURDICK** January 25, 1991 in Washington, DC.
- ii. **DALE LANCE ROBERTS**.
- iii. **DEAN L. ROBERTS**, born December 16, 1968 in Sacramento, California. He married **LAURA JANE LANGLEY** June 30, 1990 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.
- iv. **DARCI ROBERTS**, born February 18, 1970 in Manteca, California; died February 19, 1970 in Manteca, California.
- v. **JODIE A. ROBERTS**, born June 12, 1971 in Fairfield California. She married **R.T. SMITH** October 17, 1997 in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

45. **ELIZABETH MARTHA CONLEY** (Iva Beatrice³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born May 6, 1919 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died May 31, 1965. She married (1) **HYMAN GUTTENPLAN**. She married (2) **GEORGE DAVID**. He was born about 1919.

Children of **ELIZABETH CONLEY** and **GEORGE DAVID** are:

- i. **GEORGE DAVID, II**, born April 10, 1939; died November 1996.
- ii. **KERMMERLIN DAVID**, born about 1939.

46. JAMES E. CONLEY, Jr. (Iva Beatrice³ Roberts, Obediah Hardin² Elbert¹) was born August 7, 1920 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died October 21, 1983. He married **RUTH MULLIS**.

Child of **JAMES CONLEY** and **RUTH MULLIS**

- 167 i. **JANUARYE CONLEY**, born September 28, 1945.

47. ERLINE BEATRICE CONLEY (Iva Beatrice³ Roberts, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born April 12, 1930. She married **WILLIAM ARIZONA WARNER**.

Children of **ERLINE CONLEY** and **WILLIAM WARNER** are:

- i. **WILLIAM THOMAS WARNER**, born March 21, 1955.
- ii. **JAMES STEWART WARNER**, born October 16, 1960.
- iii. **LISA JO WARNER**, born September 13, 1963.

48. WILLIAM FRANCES CONLEY (Evelyn McConnell³ Roberts, Obediah Hardin³, Elbert¹) was born January 27, 1921 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died March 1976 in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC. He married **RUBY HAMRICK**.

Children of **WILLIAM CONLEY** and **RUBY HAMRICK** are:

- i. **CLIFFORD CONLEY**.
- ii. **CAROL CONLEY**.

49. GEORGE HENNIS CONLEY (Evelyn McConnell³ Roberts, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born December 31, 1923 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died March 6, 1969 in York, South Carolina. He married **MYRTLE HUMPHRISE**.

Children of **GEORGE CONLEY** and **MYRTLE HUMPHRISE** are:

- i. **LINDA CONLEY**, born October 27, 1948; died 1972 in York, South Carolina.
- ii. **TERESA CONLEY**, born September 5, 1958.
- iii. **WILLIAM GEORGE CONLEY**, born January 1, 1963 in York, South Carolina.

50. MARY PATRICIA CONLEY (Evelyn McConnell³ Roberts, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born December 27, 1932 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died June 13, 1986 in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC. She married **CLINTON BOLTON**. He was born between 1930 - 1940.

Children of **MARY CONLEY** and **CLINTON BOLTON** are:

- i. **DANNY BOLTON**.

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- ii. **GAIL BOLTON.**
 - iii. **DAVID BOLTON.**

120. JOSEPHINE CONLEY (Evelyn McConnell³ Roberts, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born November 12, 1934 in Chester County, South Carolina. She married **GERALD BENNETT STANDRIDGE** July 12, 1952 in Gaffney, South Carolina.

Children of **JOSEPHINE CONLEY** and **GERALD STANDRIDGE** are:

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- i. **WILLIAM GERALD STANDRIDGE**, born November 27, 1953 in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC.
 - ii. **ROBERT EUGENE STNADRIDGE**, born April 15, 1961 in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC.

Generation No. 5

63. EAGAR EUGENE ROBERTS (Edgar Hardin⁴, Luther Jackson³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born November 13, 1949. He married **JOYCE ELAINE BROWN** May 27, 1977.

64. MICHAEL RAY DAVIS (Mary Helen⁴ Roberts, Luther Jackson³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born December 9, 1948 in Charlotte, NC. He married **SALLY TURNER** May 19, 1975 in Charlotte, NC. She was born about 1948.

65. DAVID EUGENE ROBERTS, Jr. (David Eugene⁴, Luther Jackson⁵, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born April 6, 1955. He married **MARY ANN McGUIRE** December 18, 1976 in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. She was born about 1955.

66. DALE ANTHONY ROBERTS (David Eugene⁴, Luther Jackson³, Obediah Hardin², Elbert¹) was born February 25, 1958 in Chester County, South Carolina. He married **LISA ANDREA LYNN** June 5, 1982 in York, South Carolina.

67. WILLIAM GERALD STANADRIDGE (Josephine⁵ Conley, Evelyn McConnell⁴ Roberts, Obediah Hardin³, Elbert², Roberts¹) was born November 27, 1953 in Shelby, Cleveland County, NC. He married **KATHERINE ZANE DAVES** June 24, 1973 in Rutherford County, NC.

Notes for William Gerald Standridge:

From NASCAR website billystandridge.com

Billy Standridge Racing is led by veteran driver Billy Standridge, who brings driving ability and 20 years of experience in building and managing NASCAR and ARCA teams. The outfit plans to run an aggressive, high profile, 10-race schedule in 1998.

Standridge got involved with racing as a child in Shelby, N.C. and has grown up with racing all of his life. He first competed in the NASCAR Dash series in 1983 where he scored four victories in his four years of competition in the Dash series. Next, Standridge moved to the NASCAR Busch Series Grand National Division, where he finished 12th in

points in 1988 and 14th in points in 1989.

In 1993, Standridge moved into the NASCAR Winston Cup ranks and competed in a limited number of NASCAR Winston Cup and NASCAR Busch races over several years. He was hired as crew chief for the No. 78 Hanes Ford in 1996. Late in the season, Billy was given the opportunity to drive the car, and qualified for the three remaining races he attempted. In 1997, he qualified 11th at Atlanta in March and then seventh At Daytona in July.

In the inaugural race at Texas Motor Speedway he started last, but raced all the way up to a 21st finishing position.

Standridge's background with NASCAR's touring series extends back to 1983. Between 1983 and 1987 he participated in the NASCAR Goody's Dash Series, posting four wins.

Some pictures of our family



James C. Wages

Thanks to John Elbert Roberts III



Young John Elbert and Jessie Wagers
Roberts

Thanks to Agnes Roberts Banks



A young James Wade Roberts
(son of Wade Oscar and Catherine Roberts
Roberts)



Talton Clark Roberts with his son William F. Roberts



Phenella Malone Roberts with William Halsell Roberts. Sr.



During happier times of her life
Margie Lee Roberts at Myrtle Beach
Daughter of James Wade & Martha Roberts



In front of the 'old home place.'

From Left to Right - Margaret Evelyn Roberts, Samuel Burroughs Roberts, Lula B. Roberts, Estelle Roberts, Wade Oscar Roberts, Marion Douglas Roberts, Catherine Sarah Roberts. The family is standing in front of the "old home place." This would later become the home of John Elbert Roberts and Jessie Wages Roberts. The house in this picture looks the same as the house did that summer I spent in there when I was a boy.

This house burned after the children of John Elbert and Jessie Wages Roberts built them a new house on an adjacent property. The family's oral history states that Jessie Wages Roberts kept all correspondence and family papers in a chest in the front room of this house and this treasure of information was lost in the fire.

Gary Preston and Dellia Bouulware Roberts built a replica of this house on the original site.

THEY FIT SOMEWHERE

There were other Roberts families in Chester and Fairfield counties between 1700 and the great migration from the area that occurred prior to the Civil War. There is little doubt that many, if not most, of these families are related to ours, but so far no one has found the connection.

Many of these families are mentioned in the Appendix to this history; however there are some families that need special mention:

Descendants of Berry Roberts and Sallie Lyles Roberts

We don't know where Berry and Sallie Lyles Roberts fit into our ancestry, but there is little doubt that they are our relatives.

Generation No. 1

1. BERRY ROBERTS was born 1802 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 1869 in Kemper County, Mississippi. He married **SALLIE LYLES**, daughter of **THOMAS LYLE** and **DORITHA FRANKLIN**. She was born 1800 in Fairfield County, South Carolina, and died 1884 in Kemper County, Mississippi². Berry and Sallie Lyles Roberts are buried at the Enondale Presbyterian Church cemetery. At the time of their burial the church was a Primitive Baptist Church.

Children of **BERRY ROBERTS** and **MARY LYLES** are:

- i. **TOM ROBERTS**, born Fairfield County, South Carolina.
- ii. **EMMALINE ROBERTS**, born about 1821 in South Carolina; died between 1825 - 1826, South Carolina. Robin Yadkin, a Roberts researcher from Texas, reports that Emmaline died suddenly as a toddler.
2. iii. **MEREDITH MEADOWS ROBERTS**, born 14 December 1824, Chester County, South Carolina; died 31 December 1902, Georgia.
- iv. **BYNUM PATTERSON ROBERTS**, born 14 April 1832, Chester County, South Carolina; died about 1900, Texas; married **ELIZABETH G. CALVERT**; born about 1835.
Bynum Roberts is buried at the Cottonwood Cemetery, Falls County, Texas
- v. **REGINA ANN ROBERTS**, born 1835, Fairfield County, South Carolina; died 1919, Kemper County, Mississippi. Regina Ann Roberts is buried at the Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church, Kemper County, Mississippi.
- vi. **IRVIN ROBERTS**, born 1839, Alabama.
- vii. **MANUS LYLE ROBERTS**, born 08 January 1842, Mississippi; died 1899, Kemper County, Mississippi; married **LIZZIE CALVERT**; born about 1840.
- viii. **MARY JANE ROBERTS**, born 25 November 1843, Mississippi; died January 1869, Mississippi; married **WILLIAM HARRINGTON**; He was born about 1840.

Mary Jane Roberts Harrington died in 1869. Her burial could not be held for several days until the snow melted. She is buried in the same grave as her father who died at approximately the same time.

- ix. **JOHN JAMES ROBERTS**, born 29 June 1846, Mississippi; died 27 May 1900, Mississippi; married **SARAH ELIZABETH SELBY**, 14 December 1871, in Mississippi. She was born in Mississippi.

Generation No. 2

2. MEREDITH MEADOWS ROBERTS was born 14 December 1824 in Chester County, South Carolina, and died 31 December 1902 in Georgia. He married (1) **JOYCE ELIZABETH LOOPER**. She was born about 1839 in Pickens, South Carolina. He married (2) **ADELINE GRIFFIN JONES**.

In the 1880 Census Meredith is listed in Easley, Pickens, South Carolina

				Birth Place	Father's Birth Place	Mother's Birth Place
Meredith Roberts	Male	57	SC	South Carolina	South Carolina	South Carolina
Adeline Roberts	Wife	Female	44	SC	South Carolina	South Carolina
Sallie Roberts	Dau	Female	13	SC	South Carolina	South Carolina
Lizzie Roberts	Dau	Female	8	SC	South Carolina	South Carolina
Perry Roberts	Son	Male	4	SC	South Carolina	South Carolina
Franklin Jones	SSon	Male	18	SC	South Carolina	South Carolina

Frankie Brandt another Roberts researcher contributed the following to the Kemper County GenWeb site.

Meredith M. Roberts served in Jeff Davis Legion Co. 'C'. Meredith Meadows Roberts was born in Chester, South Carolina, December 14, 1824. His family moved to Mississippi in the 1840's and were living in Kemper County at the time of his enlistment into the Confederate Army. He enlisted August 17, 1861 at Iuka, Mississippi. He spent most of his time during the war in Maryland and Virginia and ended the war in South Carolina. Most of his time in service was spent working with the horses in some capacity, foraging, working or treating the ones no longer able to be used. After the war he stayed in South Carolina. He met his first wife and settled in Pickens County, South Carolina. After her death he married again and later moved to Dalton, Georgia where he lived until his death December 31, 1902.

Frankie Brandt also stated.

Meredith's daughter Sarah was my grandmother. Sally and her husband John BORN Stephens had 2 daughters and then waited a while and started over. I'm butting my head against the wall on Berry's father. It might be Lewis Roberts from Chester, South Carolina but nothing has been proved.

Child of **MEREDITH ROBERTS** and **JOYCE LOOPER** is:

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- i. **SARAH ELIZABETH⁵ ROBERTS**, born 13 April 1868, Pickens, South Carolina; died 17 December 1948, Greenville, South Carolina; married **JOHN BORN STEPHENS**; born 26 September 1862, Pickens, South Carolina.

APPENDIX

Miscellaneous Information

EARLY ROBERTS

Many of the earliest settlers to our state were named Roberts.

In 1670 Edward Roberts arrived in Charleston from Barbados

John Roberts came on May 13, 1697.

Thomas Roberts came from Scotland before 1682. This Thomas was a part owner of Lord Cordross' ship *Steven*.

Other very early Roberts's settlers came to this country as indentured servants. These were poverty-stricken people who wanted the opportunities that this country offered so badly that they agreed to perform servant labor for anyone who would pay their passage. (During this period, land in South Carolina rented for one half penny per acre for five years.) This was a strong incentive to the poor of England who could never hope for such an opportunity. In 1730 the state offered to rent 50 acres free for 10 years to anyone immigrating who would farm the land. This was part of the state's program to lure more Protestants to the state.

Edward Roberts arrived in August 6, 1722 with an indenture to work for 5 years.

Another Edward Roberts arrived on November 1, 1725 indentured for 5 years.

John Roberts came on May 5, 1721 agreeing to work for a period of 5 years.

Some early Roberts' also arrived on 'prison boats.' These settlers were people who had violated some law and were either sentenced to be transported to the Colonies or they were convicted criminals who received a pardon on the condition that they would leave the England and immigrate to the colonies.

Charles Roberts was pardoned for his crime and arrived in America in December 1683.

Another Charles Roberts was sentenced to emigrate and arrived in December 1771.

John Roberts stole some clothing at St Giles Cripplegate in 1768. For this crime he was sentenced to come to America.

William Roberts was found guilty of an undisclosed crime and sentenced to be transported to this country in September 1731.

Another William Roberts was sentenced to America in February 1733.

Yet another William was sent away from England in December 1734.

Not all of the prisoners were men.

Elinor Roberts (Robards) was granted a pardon on the condition that she leave England. She went first to Barbados, and then she came to South Carolina.

In September 1731, Elizabeth Roberts was sentenced to a life in the colonies. She arrived in September 1731.

In November 1753 Eleanor Roberts was convicted of a crime. She arrived in December 1753.

BLACK BART ROBERTS

The most successful pirate of all times called himself Black Bart. During his short career as a pirate he captured or sunk more than 400 ships and collected over 50 million pounds of loot. He was widely known and feared for his ruthlessness and boldness as well as his handsome appearance and elegant clothes.

He was born John Roberts in Wales about 1682. He took to the sea as a young man and was third mate on the British slave ship *Princess* when it was captured in June 1719 by Howell Davis, a noted pirate of the time. Roberts joined Davis' crew and adopted the name Bartholomew Roberts. A month and a half later, Davis was killed in an ambush during an attack on Principe off the Guinea coast and Roberts became captain of the ship. His first act as a pirate captain was to level the town of Principe in retribution. Soon after, he boldly sailed into port in Brazil and captured a Portuguese ship at anchor. He left with over 80,000 pounds of gold coins before the warships assigned to guard the ship could catch him.

By 1720 he had captured over 100 ships. That was the year he became a major plague to slave shippers. Black Bart gained great profit from selling some of the slaves he captured, but some of them he allowed to join his crew.

The terrible reign of Black Bart Roberts ended on February 10, 1722, when Challoner Ogle the Captain of the warship *HMS Swallow* caught up with Black Bart's fleet. During the battle that followed, Roberts was hit by grape shot in the throat and killed. His crew threw him overboard so his body could not be captured. The crew was taken ashore in West Africa where the largest pirate trial in history was conducted. On March 28, 1722, fifty-four crewmembers were hanged, 37 were imprisoned, and 70 black crewmembers were sold into slavery.

EARLY ROBERTS IN CHESTER AND FAIRFIELD AREAS

There were many Roberts who lived in both Chester and Fairfield counties in the early formative years of this area of South Carolina. I cannot connect each of them to our relatives, but in all probability they were all related.

A William Roberts had a 200-acre land grant laid out for him on the Sandy River in 7/11/1769. William Roberts also had a 50-acre grant on the Sandy River on 7/12/1771 and a 200-acre grant on 11/23/1775. Archibald Roberts had 300 Acres on the Sandy River in 10/16/1784. One of the earliest Roberts court records in Chester County was a **William Roberts** who on June 5 1777 served as an appraiser for the estate of **Edward Nix**. We know little else about this William.

There are many other early Roberts who pepper the early records. In the early 1700's, Shadrack Roberts and his family on a journey from North Carolina to Georgia, spent time in Chester where at least one of there children, David Roberts, was born. Shadrack died in Georgia but his family kept moving and eventually ended up in Alabama.

Two early Roberts in Union County were Walter and Thomas. They were Quakers who came from Pennsylvania. Both received large land grants, which were sold off as their descendants moved out to other areas.

In Laurens County Oba (I assume that is short for Obediah) Roberts(1769-1827) and Margaret Ewing(1776-1859) had the following children: Unity Roberts, Telpe C. Roberts, Jane Roberts, John Ewing Roberts, Franklin F. Roberts and Oran Milo Roberts(1815-1898).

While I have not researched this family and know nothing of their other children, their son Oran Milo Roberts migrated to Alabama where he graduated from the University of Alabama and married Frances Wycliff Edwards. The couple then migrated to Texas where Oran had a distinguished career in law and politics. Oran was a member of the Texas Secession Committee and a supporter of Texas' vote to Secede from the Union and join the Confederacy. He raised, and was Colonel of, the 11th Texas Infantry, Ector's Brigade, Walker's Division, CSA. He was elected the first post-reconstruction Governor of Texas in 1878, took office in 1879, was re-elected in 1880 and left office at the beginning of 1883 when the new governor took office. Before leaving he signed the bill creating the university school fund, which created the University of Texas. He served as the University's first dean of the newly created University of Texas School of Law. He died at his Texas home on May 19, 1898.

Also in Laurens County, on February 16 1801 James Roberts died and his estate settlement list a number of Roberts with interest in the estate. The buyers were: John Fullare, Peter Roberts, James Hamilton, James Roberts, A. Rodgers, Isham Fullare, William Runnals, James A. Williams, Isaac Michel, Timothy Dunaho, Zeb Mathis, George Roberts, John Wiseman, Johnston Ball(Bell), Benjaman Drumman, Joseph Roberts, William George, Archbald McCoy, Dannel Whitehead, Edmond Roberts, John

Morris, Mary Roberts, Isaac Welchel, Patrick Rodgers, Samuel Whitehead, Moses Madden. Richard Shackelford & William Bailey executors.

Some additional information on Roberts gleaned from the public records.

Zachariah Roberts was married to **Mary Hitchcock**, the daughter of **John Hitchcock**. Source – Will of **John Hitchcock** 1/23/1785- Chester County Deed 2/2/1754 – Chester County Indenture of Lease and Release 1/6/1789. From the Chester County Deed Book “T” we know that they had at least two children, a son Edward and a Daughter Sally, who married Robert Jones. With both of their parents dead the children sold the land Mary had inherited from Zachariah to Allen DeGraffenreid

Lewis Roberts was the administrator of William Roberts’ estate. This normally indicates a close relationship. I suspect they were brothers. Source – Administrator of William’s estate 4/6/1790.

William Roberts was married to **Elizabeth Lee**. Source – Chester County Quit Claim February 1810. (This is our William Roberts, the son of Nicholas, who was called “Dogwood Bill.”

Lewis Roberts was married to Ellen. Source – Chester County Deed December 1824. I don’t know where this Lewis fits into our family’s history

Alexander Roberts was married to **Permely Loveless Estes**. She was the daughter of **John** and **Sarah Estes**. Source – Chester County Will Book A-1, Page 79 – Probated April 1849.

John Roberts (son of Elder Nicholas Roberts) was married to Miss Malone. She was the daughter of **Thomas Malone** Source – Fairfield County Deed Book HH, Page 219 – 1830

Green BORN Roberts was married to **Lucy Taylor**. She was the widow of **John Taylor**. Source – Fairfield County Deed January 14, 1830

In addition to old records we have census reports, which can fill in a few more gaps in our knowledge of the early ancestors. The first census of the United States was conducted in 1790. That census recorded the Head of Household by name with some information about the number of people in the household.

- The number of free white males over 16 years old
- The number of free white males under 16 years old
- The number of free white females of any age
- The number of all other persons
- The number of slaves

The 1790 census for the Chester District list three Roberts.

Archibald Roberts, whose household included a male over 16; 3 males under 16; and 4 females.

Lewis Roberts, whose household included a male over 16; 2 males under 16; and 2 females.

William Roberts, whose household included a male over 16; 3 males under 16; and 2 females

There were four Roberts recorded on the 1790 census for Fairfield District.

Nicholas Roberts, whose household included 2 males over 16; 2 males under 16 and; 4 females.

Aaron Roberts whose household included 2 males over 16; 1 male under 16 and; 4 females.

Richard Roberts whose household included 1 male over 16; 1 male under 16 and 2 females.

Another **Richard Roberts** whose household included 1 male over 16; 2 males under 16 and; 1 female.

1800 CENSUS CHESTER COUNTY

Archibald Roberts – The males in this household were: one male less than 10 years old; one male between 10-16; and one male over 45. The females in this household were: two under 10 years old; one between 10-16; and one over 45 years old.

Isaac Roberts with one male less than 10 years old and one male from 16-26. The females in the household were two under 10 years old and one between 16-26 years old.

Luis Roberts(probably should be either Louis or Lewis). – The males in this household were two less than 10 years old; one male between 10-16; and one male between 26-45. The females in this household were two under 10 years old; one between 10-16; and one between 26-45 years old.

Thomas Roberts -- The males in this household were one less than 10 years old; and one between 26-45. The females in this household were two under 10 years old; one between 10-16; and one between 26-45 years old.

William Roberts -- The males in this household were two less than 10 years old; and

one between 26-45. The females in this household were one under 10 years old; and one between 26-45 years old.

William Roberts -- The males in this household were three less than 10 years old; three between 10-16; one between 26-45; and one over 45 year old. The females in this household were one under 10 years old; one between 10-16; and one over 45 years old.

The 1810 census of Fairfield list 6 Roberts William Roberts, Lewis Roberts, Nicholas Roberts, John Roberts, Benjamin Roberts and Aaron Roberts.

The neighbors of Nicholas Roberts as implied from their order on the 1810 census were Magry (probably Mabrey) Freeman, Sarah Stone, John Roberts, Jane Thompson, Robert Thompson, Benjamin Dove, Anderson Pannell, John Kirkpatrick, Thomas Halsey.

The neighbors of William Roberts as implied from their order on the 1810 census were: Jonathan Pannell, Luke Pannell, Ephraim Lyles, Elizabeth Pannell, Isom (Isham) Lee, Lewis Roberts

The Chester County 1820 Census list Benjamin Roberts with three males under 10, one from 10-15 and one 26-40. Females are 2 under 10 and one 26-45. David Roberts with two males under 10, 1 from 16-26 and 2 over 45. Females are one 16-26. Kezh (possibly Hesikiah) with one male 16-18 and one male 16-26 Head of Household and one female over 45. Samuel with two males under 10 and on male 26-45. Females include one under 10 and one 26-45.

There is also a listing for a Mrs. Roberts in the 1820 Census with one male under 10 and one male 16-26. For females it is one 10-16. This is a strange listing which may be a misprint in the records or a transcription error.

Starting with the 1850 census all persons in the household were enumerated by name, age, sex and place of birth. Unfortunately, the census takers for Chester and Fairfield were sloppy writers and both censuses are difficult to readied

1850 Census of
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Name	Age	Sex	Place of Birth	Implied Birth Year
Berry Roberts	50	M	Fairfield	1800
Mary	40	F	"	1810
Sarah	25	F	"	1825
Frances	22	M	"	1823
Richard	9	M	"	1841
Carolina	7	F	"	1843
John	2	M	"	1848
Mary L.	8/12	F	"	1849-50

(This may be the son of John Roberts and the grandson of Elder Nicholas Robert)

(This is Elder Nichols Roberts' son Lewis and his wife, Rhoda Dove Roberts)

Louis Roberts	68	M	Fairfield	1782
Rosanna	60	F	Fairfield	1780

(This maybe Elder Nicholas Roberts' son John. I cannot identify Sarah)

John Roberts	70	M	Fairfield	1780
Sarah	38	F	Fairfield	1812

(This is John Roberts' son and Elder Nichols Roberts Grandson Nicholas and his wife Mary Floyd)

Nicholas Roberts	35	M	Fairfield	1815
Mary	33	F	Chester	1817
Reuben F.	16	M	Fairfield	1834
Jessie	14	F	Fairfield	1836
Nicholas J	12	M	Fairfield	1838
Sicily	10	F	Fairfield	1840
Samuel	8	M	Fairfield	1842
Winney	5	F	Fairfield	1845
John	8/12	M	Fairfield	1849

(This is Benjamin Roberts and his wife Mary Wages - Benjamin is the son of Lewis and Rhoda Dove Roberts and the Grandson of Elder Nicholas Roberts. Benjamin and his family would later migrate to Mississippi.)

Benjamin Roberts	32	M	Fairfield	1818
Mary Roberts	32	F	Richland County	1818
D. Henry Roberts	10	M	Fairfield	1840
Rhoda	8	F	Fairfield	1842
Wesley	8	M	Fairfield	1842
Nancy A. Roberts	6	F	Fairfield	1844
Unreadable	5	F	Fairfield	1845
Frances G.	2	M	Fairfield	1848
Mary M.	6/12	F	Fairfield	1849

(I do not know who David Roberts is yet.)

David Roberts	*40	M	Chester	*Age hard to read
Ellen Roberts	17	F	Fairfield	1833
William Roberts	15	M	Fairfield	1835
Hannan Roberts	13	F	Fairfield	1837
Unreadable Roberts	10	unreadable		1840
Margaret Roberts	7	F		1843
Sarah Roberts	1	F		1849
Elizabeth Roberts	72	F		1778
Elizabeth Roberts	?	F		?
James L. Onley	3	M		1847

Unidentified Family

Mildred Roberts	21	F	Fairfield	1829
Osborn Roberts	10	M	Fairfield	1840
Martha A. Roberts	5	F	Fairfield	1845
Margaret E. Roberts	18	F	Fairfield	1832

There is a J.J. Roberts aged 33 living with the William Boyd Family. J.J. is listed as an Episcopal preacher. He was born in North Carolina.

1850 Census of
 CHESTER COUNTY

Name	Age	Sex	Place of Birth	Implied Birth Year
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(This is William Roberts and Jane Halsell Roberts)

William Roberts	23	M	Fairfield	1827
Jane	29	F	Chester	1821
Leroy	9	M	Fairfield	1844
Sobaski C	3	M	Fairfield	1847
Albert (<i>Peter Albert</i>)	1	M	Fairfield	1849

(Unidentified family)

Samuel Roberts	39	M	North Carolina	1811
Mary	25	F	South Carolina	1825
C. Roberts	2	F	South Carolina	1848

(Unidentified family)

Lucy Roberts	36	F	South Carolina	1814
Emeline Roberts	12	F	South Carolina	1838
William F Roberts	7	M	South Carolina	1843
H P Roberts	3	F	South Carolina	1847

(Unidentified family)

Sarah Roberts	32	F	South Carolina	1818
Elizabeth Roberts	15	F	South Carolina	1835
Manda Roberts	13	M	South Carolina	1838
John Roberts	10	F	South Carolina	1840

(Unidentified family)

William Roberts	29	M	South Carolina	1821
Mary Roberts	25	F	South Carolina	1825
Elizabeth Roberts	18	F	South Carolina	1832
James B Roberts	15	M	South Carolina	1835

Unreadable	13	M	South Carolina	1837
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(Unidentified family)

Nathan Roberts	50	M	South Carolina	1800
Patsy Roberts	50	F	South Carolina	1800
William Roberts	28	M	South Carolina	1822
Arthur Roberts	20	M	South Carolina	1830
Elisha Roberts	18	M	South Carolina	1832
Elizabeth Roberts	15	F	South Carolina	1835
Malinda Roberts	12	F	South Carolina	1838
Bluford Roberts	8	M	South Carolina	1842

(Unidentified family)

Thomas Roberts	30	M	South Carolina	1820
Nancy A. Roberts	28	F	South Carolina	1822
Joseph Roberts	5	M	South Carolina	1845
Nancy Roberts	55	F	South Carolina	1795

There was another Thomas Roberts age 19 living in a household headed by Sharon Sealey

All of the data I have gathered allows us to make many assumptions but it allows us to prove few of them. I suspect that **Nicholas** Roberts came to this area with some close relatives, probably brothers. Their names were probably **Archibald Roberts**, **Lewis Roberts**, **William Roberts**, **John Roberts** and **Zacharia Roberts**. This is only an assumption. The proof is out there somewhere waiting for one of us to find it.

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Mary Roberts and Joshua Davis

The public record also allows us a few glimpses into the personal life of our early Roberts. Usually what gets recorded in court records is not our best behavior, but there is no shame to us from our ancestor's behavior. It does however help us understand their humanity.

There was a young lady named **Mary Roberts** who became pregnant and bore a son out of wedlock. She named her son John. The father of Mary's child was **Joshua Davis** the son of **Jeremiah Davis** and **Frances Davis**. Joshua married **Hannah Colvin**. At this point I do not know if the marriage was before or after his liaison with **Mary Roberts**.

I cannot identify Mary Roberts but the Davis and Roberts families were closely related. **Isaac Roberts**, son of **Archibald Roberts** married Joshua's sister **Elizabeth Davis**. The estate papers of both Jeremiah Davis and Joshua Davis list many of our relatives as either appraisers or estate purchasers. So Mary Roberts is, in all probability, our ancestor.

Joshua did not voluntarily support either Mary or their child. Mary must have relied upon

charity to support herself and her child and, as was the custom in those days, the state filed suit against **Joshua Davis** in 1813 to reclaim the state money expended and to force Joshua to support both his paramour and their child. Joshua pleaded guilty and admitted his paternity but he still didn't pay what the court ordered.

At some point Mary became convinced to relocate, so she and her son John moved to Alabama where a large number of Roberts' and Davis' had already emigrated. For some reason Mary was under the care of **William Halsey** (Halsell) himself the father of a child out of wedlock with Mary Jane Davis.

Later when Joshua Davis died back in Chester County, Mary filed suit against his estate for the money Joshua had not paid for the support of the child. She prevailed and the money owed to her was paid out of his estate, additionally, her son John was recognized as an heir and he received a share of the estate.

Unfortunately, we have lost track of both Mary and her son. I would like to have their genealogy included in this history and hope one day we can discover what happened to them.

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