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Chapter

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The Roberts Family

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Many have assumed that Thomas Blakeney married Sarah Roberts in either Lancaster County, SC, or in adjoining Anson Co., NC., and it is there that we tried to find her ancestors with no success. Fortunately I have found Eric D. Newsom of 11425 Great River Drive, Reston, VA 22091 (702-860-0821). He is a Roberts Family genealogist and seems to have succeeded where others have failed.

He believes that Sarah Roberts who m. Thomas Blakeney ca. 1831 is the daughter of Josiah Roberts who settled at about that time just across the county line from Newtonville, Fayette County, AL, in neighboring Tuscaloosa County. He points out several compelling reasons for the connection.

It is not proven that Sarah, Dicey and Rebecca were daughters of Josiah. I believe they are, but the evidence is circumstantial

Josiah Roberts is known to have had ^{several} at least 3 of them have, at various times, been listed in the household of Thomas Blakeney: Sarah Roberts, his wife, who he married about 1831, her sister Rebecca who is shown living with Thomas in the 1860 and 1870 census and is described as a sister-in-law, and Dicey Roberts Poe, widow of his old friend Simon Poe, living with Thomas in the 1880 census, and also described as sister-in-law. In that year Rebecca Roberts lives next door with William's orphaned children Newton and Martha, and Martha's husband, Ramon Wright.

There were several deeds between Josiah Roberts and Thomas, and also between Thomas and Amos Roberts, brother of Sarah. One of the transactions with Josiah appears to be a mortgage.

Thomas and Sarah named one of their children Kizziah, probably after Sarah's aunt Kizziah Roberts who married John B. Fondren, who also moved to that area, and later moved to Mississippi.

Through Mr. Newsom, we now know that we are related to the Roberts of Rutherford Co., NC, Chesterfield and Henrico Counties in VA, as well as the Lin(d)sey family of NC, and the Step and Pride families of VA.

believed to be

Descendants of Morris Roberts

The material I sent shows he was in Henrico at least as early as 1697, when he was paid 40 pounds of tobacco as a witness in a lawsuit. I found the record in Henrico Co. Court order in the state archive in Richmond.

1. Morris¹ Roberts was born circa 1675.¹ He married Elizabeth Step, daughter of Joshua Step and (--?--) (--?--), circa 1701 at Henrico, VA.¹ He died circa 1725 at Henrico, VA.¹

Sixth great-grandfather Ahf. 176. His ancestors are unknown. Morris Roberts was in Henrico County, Virginia by August of 1707. A Bartholomew Roberts, Jr. and Sr., were in the area of Henrico County, VA, by 1693, and a Roger Roberts by 1703. The will of a John Roberts was recorded 3 June 1717. Relationship, if any, unknown. I have not yet done much research on this family, and much of what I do know has been gleaned from Eric D. Newsom, 11425 Great Meadow Drive, Reston, VA 22091. 702-860-0821. While I have not seen his notes on the early Roberts Family, it seems likely that this Morris was indeed our first identified ancestor, primarily because of the repetition of the names Morris and Step among our ancestors, both of which are unusual. While he is the likely ancestor, there is some problem identifying the wife and children of his son Morris, believed to be the father of the Morris who migrated to Rutherford Co., NC, who, in turn, named a son Step. There were at least two Morris of the second generation.¹ Planter.¹ He was also known as Roberds, Robards. On 12 May 1708 at Henrico, VA, Morris Roberts of Henrico Co., mortgaged to Giles Webb of same, numerous items for £.14/4/7, due by bond dated 12 Aug 1707 unless debt paid in two years. Wit: Abra. Salle, Henry Randolph. /s/ Morris (X) Roberts. Rec. 1 Jun 1708.^{2,3} On 7 Feb 1724/25 at Henrico, VA, Will of Morris Roberts of Henrico County, VA., probated 4 Oct 1725. To son Morris, a colt, mare, gun, and troopers arms, at 21. To son Step, Livestock and items, at 21. To sons John, Joshua, the same. To dau. Sarah Roberts, feather bed, etc. To wife Elizabeth rest of estate, and to be extrx. Wit: Ezek'll Sudbury, Sam'll Soane.^{4,5}

Virtually certain there is no connection

Children of Morris¹ Roberts and Elizabeth Step all born at Henrico, VA, were as follows:

- 2 i. Sarah² Roberts was born circa 1703.
On 7 Feb 1725 at Henrico, VA, Morris Roberts named his daughter Sarah Roberts to receive a feather bed and other items in his will.^{1,5,4}
- 3 ii. Morris Roberts Sr. <II>, born circa 1705; married Jane Pride.
- 4 iii. Step Roberts was born circa 1707.¹
On 7 Feb 1724/25 at Henrico, VA, His father's will named son Step to receive livestock and other property at age 21. He was named Step for his mother's family.^{5,4} After 1741 at Henrico, VA, Sep (sic) Roberts and John Roberts of Henrico Co., to John Railey of New Kent Co., for £. 30, land on the upper sd. of Falling Cr. on Buckingham Road, 100 ac. sd. Roberts bought of John Pierce 5 Oct. 1741, 436 acres. No witnesses. /s/Stap Robeards, John Robbards. ??? wife of Step. relinq. dower.^{1,3,2} In May 1741 at Henrico, VA, Morris Roberts and Stap Roberts proved the will of Daniel Fore.⁵
- 5 iv. John Roberts was born circa 1709.¹
On 7 Feb 1725 at Henrico, VA, His father's will named son John to receive livestock and other items at age 21. This would indicate that this John was not the John Roberts whose will was recorded 3 June 1717.^{1,4,5} On 5 Oct 1741 at Henrico, VA, John Pierce deeded to John Roberts 100 ac. upper side of Falling Creek on Buckingham Rd.⁷ On 5 Apr 1742 at Henrico, VA, Seth Ward of Henrico Co., deeded to John Roberts of same, £. 25, for 200 ac. So. sd. James River, part of 400 a c. gr. to Wm. Gee and John Tren 24 Mar 1725 and cov. to sd. Ward. Wit. B. Gaines, Richard (R) Dickinson. /s/ Seth Ward. Rec. 1st Mon. Apr 1742.⁸ On 4 Jul 1743 at Henrico, VA, Sep. Roberts and John Roberts of Henrico Co. deeded to John Railey of New Kent Co., for £. 30, land on upper sd. of Falling Cr. on Buckingham Road, 100 ac. sd. Roberts bought of John Pierce 5 Oct. 1741, 436

No. This is certain - see the documents I sent. No question his son was Morris, Jr. who m. Jane. Morris and Jane had only one son, Morris, who married Unity Morring then his second wife came (ancesta) and migrated to then Trajan County, NC, in 1775. Proven by letter of his grandson, James, in Draper's work, published in the notes I sent.

+ 6 v. Joshua Roberts <Robards>, married (--?--) Elliott <Ellet>; born circa 1711.

Generation Two

3. Morris² Roberts Sr. <II> (Morris¹) died at Chesterfield, VA.¹ He was born circa 1705 at Henrico, VA.¹ He married Jane Pride, daughter of Hollcot Pride and Martha (--?--), before 1731 at Henrico, VA.¹

Fifth great-grandfather Ahf. 88. While we are fairly certain of the father, we are less certain of this son. It is said that he married Jane Pride who was the mother of his son, Morris, Jr., and that he later married a Ruth. The only will found is that of a Morris Roberts who, at the time of his death in 1782, named his wife as Ruth and who named a son Morris. Was there one Morris with two wives, as some believe, or were there two different Morris in the second generation, one the son of Morris I, and the other possibly a nephew of Morris I? Based on the information now at hand I would conclude that there were two different Morris Roberts of the second generation, resulting in two separate Morris of the third generation, one of whom remained in Chesterfield Co., VA., and one who migrated to Rutherford Co., NC.

Morris lived in the southern part of Henrico County, south of the James, which became Chesterfield County in 1749.

Some say Morris m.2 Ruth, named as his wife in his 1782 will. I believe that the Morris who married Ruth is quite another Morris, and his son Morris, "my first son," who was named to receive his father's land in Chesterfield County in 1782, after "our" Morris had already departed for North Carolina. From tax records, it appears that this Morris remained in Henrico/Chesterfield County, VA, being shown on the 1788 tax list for Chesterfield Co., VA adjoining Ruth Roberts, probably his widowed mother, whereas "our" Morris was in Rutherford Co., NC at least by 1782 and 1785 when he appeared on the tax list as owning 300 acres and 4 slaves. he will of this second Morris Roberts of Manchester Parish, Chesterfield County, VA., not dated but recorded in 1782: Lend to wife Ruth for life the place I now live, 200 ac., and 2 negroes; to first son Morris, Jr., (IIIB) 20 s.; To son John, 20 s.; to son Enoch, 20 s.; To son Morris Jr., (IIIB) the 200 ac. where I live at my wife's death, for his lifetime, and to his wife Elizabeth during her widowhood, and then to his son John. If said John dies without heirs, then to his brother Olive. To dau. Ruth Weaver, 20 s.; To daus. Jane Roberts and Elizabeth Roberts, rest of estate. To dau. Margery Roberts 1 negro. To dau. Hannah Roberts 1 negro. Executors, wife and son John. Not dated. Wit: Robert Ellett, Simon Hancock, Mary Hancock. The will was proved in Court 1 Nov 1782, Robert Ellitt and Simon Hancock, witnesses; Ruth Roberts and John Roberts, exrs.^{1,9} He was also known as Robards. On 7 Feb 1724/25 at Henrico, VA, His father, Morris Roberts, named his son Morris in his will to receive a colt, mare, gun, and troopers arms at age 21.^{4,5} In May 1741 at Henrico, VA, Morris Roberts and Stap Roberts proved the will of Daniel Fore.¹⁰ On 11 Nov 1768 at Chesterfield, VA, Morris Roberts Jr. is named as the son of Jane Pride in the will of Walter Pollard of Dale Parish, Chesterfield Co., VA who names Morris Jr's wife as Unity and names his six children Susannah, Martin, Joshua, Mary, Jane and John. The name Joshua may indicate a relationship to Morris I. Note that the testator does not name a Morris as one of the children of Morris, the son of Jane Pride. This could mean that Morris was born after 1768, which is unlikely if he was to be in NC by 1782, or that he was omitted from the will, possibly because he was a son of Morris (Jr.), but not a son of Jane Pride but of an earlier wife.¹⁰ In 1782 at Rutherford, NC, Our Morris, the son of this Morris (?), was in Rutherford Co., NC at least by 1782 and 1785 when he appeared on the tax list as owning 300 acres and 4 slaves.^{11,1}

I agree there is a problem here. I also agree there were probably 2 Morris Roberts at the same time. However, most serious Roberts researchers think they are one and the same man. And records only show a Morris Sr. and Morris, Jr., not 2 contemporaneous Morris of about the same age. I have spent much time on this problem and can't solve it. I go with the majority and show Morris, husband of Jane Pride and Morris, husband of Ruth Brammatt, as the same person, while noting there is reason for some doubt.

Children of Morris² Roberts Sr. <II> and Jane Pride were as follows:

- + 7 i. Morris³ Roberts, born circa 1731 at Henrico, VA, married Unity (--?--), married (--?--), married (--?--).
- + 8 ii. Susannah Roberts.
- + 9 iii. Martin Roberts appeared on the U. S. Census of 1800 at Rutherford, NC, as Martin Roberts, 1 male under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 2 females under 10, 1 female 26-45, 3 slaves.¹² He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1810 at Rutherford, NC, as Martin Roberts, 2 males under 10, 2 males 16-26, 1 male over 45, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45.¹³ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1820 at Rutherford, NC, as Martin Roberts, Esq., is listed. with 1 male 10-16, 1 male 16-26, 1 male

This lineage has been thoroughly documented by several researchers. Rev War hero. Staff of G. Washington.

Jane Pride and Morris, husband of Ruth Brammatt, as the same person, while noting there is reason for some doubt.

- over 45, 1 female 16-26, 1 female over 45.¹⁴
- 10 iv. Joshua Roberts. *- Ben War Vet.*
 - 11 v. Mary Roberts.
 - 12 vi. Jane Roberts. *Colonel*
 - 13 vii. John Roberts. There is a Jno Roberts listed in the 1790 census of Rutherford Co., NC, p. 117, Morgan District, 1 male over 16, 2 females. The 1800 census p. 140, John Roberts 3 males under 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45, 1 slave. 1810 census p. 131, Col. John Roberts, 2 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45. He is probably the John, Sr. listed on p. 379 of the 1820 census.

6. Joshua² Roberts <Robards> (Morris¹) married (--?--) Elliott <Ellet>. He was born circa 1711 at Henrico, VA.¹ He died circa 1758 at Chesterfield, VA.¹

He is said to have been named for his maternal grandfather.¹ On 7 Feb 1725 at Henrico, VA, In the will of his father he was named as son Joshua to receive livestock and other items at age 21.^{5,1,4} Between 17 Mar 1758 and Apr 1758 at Henrico, VA, Will of Joshua Robards (signed Roberts) of Dale Parish 17 Mar 1758. To son Ellett, plantation I live on. To son Thomas, tract I purchased of Morris Robards, Jr. Rest of estate to be sold for debts and remainder divided among my four daus. Susannah, Betty, Mary and Sally Ann Robards. Exec. John Ellett, Sr., and John Cobbs. Wit: Zach. Ellett, Bathshaba Nelson. April 1758, Will of Joshua Roberts presented by John Elliot and John Cobbs, exrs., proved by Zach. Ellet and Bathsheba Nelson, wit.¹

I believe this is the family which appears in Amherst County, Va.

Children of Joshua² Roberts <Robards> and (--?--) Elliott <Ellet> were as follows:

- 14 i. Ellett³ Roberts. Between 17 Mar 1758 and Apr 1758 at Henrico, VA, His father named son Ellett to receive the home plantation "where I now live" in his will of 1758.¹
- 15 ii. Thomas Roberts was born at Henrico, VA.
Between 17 Mar 1758 and Apr 1758 at Henrico, VA, His father's will named son Thomas to receive tract he purchased from Morris Robards, Jr.¹
- 16 iii. Susannah Roberts. Between 17 Mar 1758 and Apr 1758 at Henrico, VA, Named in the will of her father.¹
- 17 iv. Mary Roberts was born at Henrico, VA.
Between 17 Mar 1758 and Apr 1758 at Henrico, VA, Named in the will of her father.¹
- 18 v. Sally Ann Roberts was born at Henrico, VA.
Between 17 Mar 1758 and Apr 1758 at Henrico, VA, Named in the will of her father.¹

Generation Three

7. Morris³ Roberts (Morris², Morris¹) was born circa 1731 at Henrico, VA. Morris Roberts was born in Henrico County, VA., in the part that became Chesterfield County in 1749.¹ He married Unity (--?--) circa 1755 at Chesterfield, VA. He married (--?--) (--?--) circa 1773 at Chesterfield, VA.¹ He died in Oct 1828 at Rutherford, NC.¹

Fourth great-grandfather Ahf. 44. Morris is believed to have moved to Hickory Creek of the First Broad River in Rutherford Co., NC, about 1775. He died at age 97.¹ He was also known as Robards. In 1758 at Chesterfield, VA, Will of Walter Pollard of Dale Parish. To Sarah Harskins, feather bed, etc. I lend to Morris Roberts, Jr. son of Jane Pride, and to his wife, Unity, for their lives, 3 negroes, and after their death to Morris Roberts Jr's six children; Susannah, Martin, Joshua, Mary, Jane and John Roberts. Also to sd. Morris Roberts, Jr., all my household goods and working tools and debts due me, and to be my exr. Wit: John Taylor, Elend'r Mason.^{15,16} On 11 Nov 1758 at Chesterfield, VA, The Will of Joshua Roberts mentions a tract of land bought from Morris Roberts, Jr.¹⁷ On 7 Nov 1770 at Chesterfield, SC, Morris Roberts, Jr. appraiser estate of Joseph Durham in Chesterfield Co., VA, and also Oct. 10, 1770 for George Sowell, and 2 Nov. 1770 estate of Joseph Durham.¹⁸ Circa 1773 at Chesterfield, VA.¹ In 1782 at Rutherford, NC, The Tax List names Morris Roberts 300 ac. with 4 slaves 3

I think a little later, around 1733 Martin

no question. Deeds.

He married Mary Feary in 1803 in Rutherford Co. NC.

This is Ruth Roberts, d/o Morris Roberts and Ruth Bramwell, from Chesterfield Co. She m. John Weaver. Worcester, Mass.

horses, 10 cattle, assessment £.288.^{19,20} In 1785 at Rutherford, NC, The Tax List names Morris Roberts 300 ac., 1 white poll, 3 slaves.²⁰ In 1788 at Rutherford, NC, Morris Roberts owned land adj. NC Grant #184 to Hugh Beaty 50 a. on Little Hickory Creek.²¹ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1790 at Morgan District, Rutherford, NC, as Morriss Roberts, 1 male over 16, 3 males under 16, 6 females, 7 slaves. There is also a Jno. Roberts, 1 male over 16, 2 females, Micajah Morris, 1 male over 16, 2 females.²² On 23 Feb 1790 at Rutherford, NC, Morris Roberts wit. deed Hugh Beaty to Ruth Weaver.²³ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1800 at Rutherford, NC, as Morris Roberts with 1 male under 10, 3 males 16-18, 1 male over 45, 2 females 10-16, 1 female over 45, 4 slaves. There is also a John Roberts on p. 140 with 3 males under 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45, 1 slave. A Martin Roberts on p. 140 lists 1 male under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 2 females under 10, 1 female 26-45, 3 slaves.²⁴ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1810 at Rutherford, NC, as Morris Roberts 1 male over 45, 1 female over 45, with 1 loom, produced 200 yds. homespun valued at \$50, and 1 still which produced 150 gals. valued at \$75, Joseph Roberts, also p. 131, 1 male 0-10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 16-18, 2 females under 10, 1 female 16-26, Stephen Morris, p. 131, 4 males under 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 26-45. William Roberts, p. 131, 3 m. under 10, 1 m. 16-26, 2 f. under 10, 1 f. 16-26. On p. 131 Martin Roberts 2 m. under 10, 2 m. 16-26, 1 m. over 45, 1 f. 10-16, 1 f. 26-45. Col. John Roberts 2 m. under 10, 2 m. 10-16, 1 m. 16-26, 1 m. 26-45, 1 f. under 10, 1 f. 10-16, 1 f. 26-45. Although Josiah is not listed in his father's household, he is not listed seperately with his family.¹³ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1820 at Rutherford, NC, as Morris Roberts, 1 m. over 45, 1 f. over 45, 7 slaves. Hep and Dukerson Roberts are listed on p. 345; John Jr. on p. 356, John Sr. on p. 379, Martin, Esq. on p. 355, Joseph on p. 356. Morris is not listed in 1830, being deceased.²⁵

? his relation

sister by Cousin to Morris III.

This is Josiah Roberts. He evidently was also known as Joseph. Probably called "Joe."

? no relation

Dickerson, step's oldest son, who migrated to GA.

Children of Morris³ Roberts and Unity (---) were as follows:

- 19 i. Susannah⁴ Roberts.
- 20 ii. Martin Roberts was born before 1780 at Chesterfield, VA.

He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1800 at Rutherford, NC, as Martin Roberts 1 male under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45, 2 females under 10, 1 female 26-45.¹² He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1820 at Rutherford, NC, as Martin Roberts, Esq., 1 male 10-16, 1 male 18-26, 1 male over 45, 1 female 16-26, 1 female 26-45.¹⁴ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1830 at Rutherford, NC, as Martin Roberts, a male 50-60 with a female 30 to 40 and a female 60-70.²⁶

- 21 iii. Joshua Roberts.
- 22 iv. Mary Roberts.
- 23 v. Jane Roberts.
- 24 vi. John Roberts appeared on the U. S. Census of 1800 at Rutherford, NC, as John Roberts, 3 males under 10, 1 male 26-45, 1 female 0-10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45.¹² He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1810 at Rutherford, NC, as Col. John Roberts, 2 males under 10, 2 males 10-16, 1 male 16-26, 1 male 26-45, 1 female under 10, 1 female 10-16, 1 female 26-45.¹³ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1830 at Rutherford, NC, as John Roberts with 1 male 0-10, 1 male 26-45, 2 females 0-10, 1 female 26-45.²⁵ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1840 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as John Roberts 1 male under 5, 1 male 5-10, 1 male 30-40, 2 females -5, 1 female 30-40.²⁷ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as John Roberts, age 60 and wife Mary age 37, she born in GA. John, James and Joseph Parker, all b. GA, may be step children of John.²⁸

I sent you names of spouses of all these.

Children of Morris³ Roberts and (---) (---) were as follows:

- 25 i. Nancy⁴ Roberts was born on 28 Sep 1774 at Chesterfield, VA.¹ She married Elias Putman on 27 Dec 1796 at Rutherford, NC.¹ She was buried in 1857 at Zoar Baptist Church, Cleveland, NC.¹ She died on 4 Dec 1857 at Cleveland, NC, at age 83.¹

- + 26 ii. Josiah Roberts, born circa 1775 at Rutherford, NC; married Mary Lindsay.
- 27 iii. William Roberts was born circa 1777 at Rutherford, NC.¹

He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1810 at Rutherford, NC, as William Roberts with 3 males under 10, 1 male 16-26, 2 females under 10, 1 female 16-26. He does not appear in 1820 or 1830.^{1,13}

- 28 iv. Step Roberts was born circa 1780 at Rutherford, NC.¹ He married Nancy (---)

some say wife was mulla.

Dickerson??

I've never seen this. NO question his name was Step. I have on a dog's steps in my database.

from GA.

circa 1800 at Rutherford, NC.¹ He died before 1870 at Fayette, AL.¹ Often shown as "Hep" instead of "Step", which was the surname of his Grandmother. Step is believed to have come to Fayette Co., AL ca 1838-9.¹ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1810 at Rutherford, NC, as (Probably) the Stephen Roberts who lived near his father Morris. The census shows he and his wife to be 26-45, with 4 males and 1 female under age 10. The Census Taker may have assumed Step was a nickname for Stephen.¹³ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1820 at Rutherford, NC, as Hep Roberts with 2 m. under 10, 2 m. 10-16, 1 m. 16-18, 1 m. 18-26, 1 m. 26-45, 1 m. over 45, 2 f. under 10, 1 f. 10-16, 1 f. 26-45.²⁹ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1830 at Rutherford, NC, as Hep Roberts with 1 m. 10-16, 1 m. 16-26, 1 m. 30-40, 1 m. 50-60, 2 f. 10-16, 2 f. 16-26, 1 f. 40-50.³⁰ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1840 at Fayette, AL, as Step Roberts 1 m. 20-30, 1 m. 60-70, 1 f. 15-20, 1 f. 30-40. John Roberts, shown on the same page, is his son with 1 m. under 5, 1 m. 5-10, 1 m. 30-40, 2 f. under 5, 1 f. 30-40.³¹

- 29 v. Tabitha Roberts was born circa 1781 at Rutherford, NC.¹ She married Hardy Hardin on 4 Jul 1805 at Rutherford, NC.¹ She died in 1884 at Wright, MO.¹ She was buried in 1884 at Mountain Grove, Wright, MO.¹
- 30 vi. Oliver Roberts was born circa 1782 at Rutherford, NC.
- 31 vii. Kizziah Roberts was born circa 1785 at Rutherford, NC.¹ She married John B. Fondren on 26 Apr 1803 at Rutherford, NC, John Fondren and Kizziah Roberts marriage bond 26 Apr. 1803. Morris Roberts, bondsman.^{1,32} She died before 1850 at Chickasaw, MS.¹

Generation Four

26. Josiah⁴ Roberts (Morris³, Morris², Morris¹) was born circa 1775 at Rutherford, NC.¹ He married Mary Lindsay on 1 Sep 1803 at Rutherford, NC, Josiah Roberts and Mary Linsey, marriage bond, Morris Roberts, bondsman.^{1,33} He died before 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL.¹

Linsey

Third great-grandfather Ahf. 22. He is said to have moved from Rutherford Co., NC, to Tuscaloosa County, AL., very near Newtonville in Fayette County, before April 1832 when he purchased land. He appears to have been widowed before the 1850 census when he lived with his son, and apparently died before the 1860 census when he was not listed.¹ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1810 at Rutherford, NC, as (He was not listed in his father's household, or as an individual although he married in Rutherford County 1 Sep 1803). He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1820 at Rutherford, NC, as (He was not listed in his father's household, or as an individual). He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1830 at Rutherford, NC, as Josiah Roberts, with 3 males 10-15 (Amos, Archibald, Josiah), 1 male 40-50 (Josiah Sr.), 1 female under 5 (Rebecca), 2 females 15-20 (Dicey and Sarah), 1 female 30-40 (wife Mary).³⁴ Between 1 Dec 1832 and 25 Jan 1833 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Wiley Espy deeded to Josiah Roberts 79.96 ac. for \$200. Dower Nancy Espy. Orig. Grant to Josiah Townsen. E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 2 T18S R12W. Wit: A. D. Caraway and B. Willingham, J. P.³⁵ Between 7 May 1833 and 5 Jun 1833 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Josiah Roberts deeded to Thomas Blakney same as above, for \$250. Wit: John A. Hodges, Clerk. /s/ Josiah Roberts.³⁵ On 5 Jun 1833 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Josiah Roberts Mortgage to Thomas Blakeney for \$150. 1 sorrel mare and colt, 1 mare horse, 1 4-wheel wagon, 2 cows and calves, 2 steers, 20 hogs. Wit Geo. A. Shelton. /s/ Josiah Roberts.³⁶ On 1 Nov 1834 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Burgess Davis deeded to Josiah Roberts 80 ac. W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 1 T18S R12W for \$50. Wit: Geo. Shelton, Wm. B. Fondren. Rec. 21 Nov 1834.³⁷ Between 3 Mar 1836 and 21 Mar 1836 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Josiah Roberts deeded to Dutton Morris 80 ac. W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 1 T18S R12W for \$132.50. Dower by Mary Roberts.³⁸ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1840 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as (Not shown. He was in Tuscaloosa County by this time. He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Josiah Roberts age 60 b. NC in household of his son Amos.³⁹ On 20 Dec 1855 at Tuscaloosa, AL, US Land Grant 34893 to Josiah Roberts 39.78 ac. NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and 39. 44 ac. SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 1 T18S R12W. Grant 35497 for 40.1 ac. SW SW Sec. 6 T18S R11W both granted 1 Jun 1858. It is possible that this record pertains to either father or his son Josiah.^{40,41} He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as (Not shown as an individual or in the household of his son Amos. Probably dead).⁴²

no question about this.

no. He was replaced in a lawsuit in R.C. on this date

by a nephew. His first land deed in T.C. was 1/1833.

I think he d. 1857/58 based on federal land records.

no. Hei son was long gone by this time in MS.

Dotson (or Dodson) Morris, Plaintiff in a lawsuit against Josiah in R.C.

Children of Josiah⁴ Roberts and Mary Lindsay were as follows:

- only spelling I've seen. she may have been Lindsay or Lindsey, probably was, but I'd stick to the spelling actually.*
- I regard Sarah, Dicey and Rebecca as "probable" children.*
- 32 i. Dicey⁵ Roberts was born in 1805 at Rutherford, NC.¹ She married Simon Poe, son of Maj. James Poe, circa 1831 at Fayette, AL.¹ She died after 1880 at Fayette, AL.¹ She married Simon Poe, a close friend of Thomas Blakeney, both having come to Fayette Co., AL about 1831, settling near Newtonville.¹ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Fayette, AL, as Dicy Poe, wife of Simon, age 47, b. NC.⁴³ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1880 at Fayette, AL, as Dicey Poe, age 75, resides with her brother-in-law Thomas Blakeney. The widow of Simon Poe, she would be a sister-in-law by Tom's first marriage.⁴⁴
- + 33 ii. Sarah Roberts, born 1807 at Rutherford, NC; married Thomas Blakeney.
- 34 iii. Male Roberts was born before 1810 at Rutherford, NC.¹
- + 35 iv. Amos Pleasant Roberts, born circa 1814 at Rutherford, NC; married Mary Adline Andrews.
- 36 v. Archibald Roberts was born circa 1818 at Rutherford, NC.¹ He died before 1899 at Brown, TX.¹ *County M. Nancy Tharp in Tuscaloosa Co. AL*
- 37 vi. Josiah Roberts was born circa 1819 at Rutherford, NC.¹ He married Dulcina Powell circa 1840 at MS.¹ He died before 1880 at Red River, TX.¹
- On 17 Dec 1851 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Josiah Roberts and Ann Freshower were issued a marriage bond and were married 19 Dec 1851 by John Walters, M. G.^{1,45} On 20 Dec 1855 at Tuscaloosa, AL, US Land Grant 34893 to Josiah Roberts 39.78 ac. NE 1/4 SE 1/4 and 39. 44 ac. SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 1 T18S R12W . Grant 35497 for 40.1 ac. SW SW Sec. 6 T18S R11W both granted 1 Jun 1858. It is possible that this record pertains to either father or his son Josiah.^{40,41}
- 38 vii. Rebecca Roberts was born circa 1820 at Rutherford, NC.¹ She died after 1880 at Fayette, AL.¹
- A spinster, she managed Thomas Blakney's household after the death of her sister Sarah, his first wife. After Tom remarried, she was charged with the care of the children of his son William, who was killed in the Civil War.¹ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Fayette, AL, as Rebecca Roberts, listed with Thomas Blakeney family, age 32, b. NC.^{1,46} She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1870 at Fayette, AL, as Rebecca Roberts, age 40, household of Thomas Balakeney.^{1,47} She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1880 at Fayette, AL, as Rebecca Roberts, now age 60, is in the household of Newton Blakeney, son of William, who is head of household, and his sister Martha Wright and Martha's husband Ramon Wright are shown in that household.^{1,48}
- 39 viii. Melinda E. Roberts married Roland Watkins. She was born circa 1835 at Tuscaloosa, AL.¹ She died after 1896.¹ *in Arkansas*

Generation Five

33. Sarah⁵ Roberts (Josiah⁴, Morris³, Morris², Morris¹) was born in 1807 at Rutherford, NC.¹ She married Thomas Blakeney, son of William Blakeney and Mary Rushing Jackson, circa 1831 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Marriage bond not found. Based on birth of William, their first child. She died on 13 Feb 1860 at Fayette, AL.¹ She was buried in Feb 1860 at Shepard's Church, Shephards Cemetary Site #1, Newtonville, Fayette, AL. There are three Shephards Church cemetary sites near Newtonville, and Sarah is buried in the first of these. Only two markers remain, and her marker appears to be of recent time. The location is near the Newtonville Community Center. To reach the cemetary from Newtonville take the Chapel Hill Road west (C. R. 100) to a dirt road on the right where there is a sign for the Newtonville Community Center. Turn right and pass the community center. Cemetary is about 1/10 mile on left in an uncut grove of trees on the left side of the road. To reach site #2 continue on this road, taking the next right. The 3rd site is at the present church. Her marker reads "In Memory of Sarah Blakney Born AD 1807 Died Feb. 13, 1861". This is in conflict with the Mortality Census of 1860 which shows she died 13 Feb. 1860.^{1,49}

First wife of Thomas Blakney. FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS LINE SEE THE THOMAS BLAKENEY FAMILY.¹ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1840 at Fayette, AL, as a female age 20-30 household of Thomas Blakney.⁵⁰ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Fayette, AL, as Sarah Blakney age 41, wife of Tom.⁵¹ In 1860 at Fayette, AL, The U. S. Census, Mortality Schedule, Fayette Co., Eastern Div., AL. Sarah Blakney, 48, female, born NC, Died 13 Feb 1860, housekeeper, died of scrofula (a common form of Tuberculosis).⁵²

Children of Sarah⁵ Roberts and Thomas Blakney were as follows:

- 40 i. William⁶ Blakney was born in 1833 at Fayette, AL, Confederate Muster Rolls of Co. B., 41st ALA. Infantry, 3rd Seargant William Blakney gave his age as 29 on 29 May 1862, which would indicate birth in 1833.^{53,54,55,56} He married Elizabeth Corder "Lizzie" in 1849 at Fayette, AL. He married Elizabeth Clanton circa 1856 at Fayette, AL, According to Adolph Blakney of Tuscaloosa, she was the mother of the last three children. Others attribute all children to his first wife. He died in 1863 at Civil War, Nr Chattanooga, TN, He was only 31 when bayoneted on the field of battle at Chicamauga.^{54,53,55}

He was also known as Blakney. Farmer/Soldier.^{54,53,55} Killed in the Civil War near Chattanooga, TN. (See the Warren Holliman Family for the history of the 41st AL). From the picture of William owned by Adolph Blakney of Northport, AL., he was quite a handsome man.

After the death of his first wife, Elizebeth Corder, he married Amelia Elizabeth Clanton, who remarried Tom Ashcraft after William's death. After his death and the remarriage of his wife, his father Thomas took charge of his orphaned children, (who later shared 1/9 of his estate) assigning their care to his sister-in-law, Rebecca Roberts.^{53,54,55,57} He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1840 at Fayette, AL, as a male age 0-5.⁵⁰ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Fayette, AL, as William Blakney age 18, wife Elizabeth (Corder, his 1st wife), age 18. There are no children. The 1850 agricultural census of Fayette Co., AL., lists William Blakely, who lives next to his father Tom, owns no land, but, probably on his father's land, he has 1 horse, 2 milch cows, 4 swine, raised 100 bu. corn, and 5 lbs. butter.^{53,58,59} He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Fayette, AL, as William Blakney age 27, living with his (second) wife Elizabeth (Clanton), age 23, born in AL. Children are Thomas, age 10, James, age 8, Newton, age 5, and Ann, age 1. He lives adjoining his father.⁶⁰ Between 1862 and 1863 at Civil War, TN.^{54,53,55} Between 1862 and 1863 He enlisted as a Sergeant in Co. B, 41st Al. Infantry 22 Mar, 1862 under Major M. L. Stansel during the Civil War. During late 1862 he walked home on leave from Tennessee, then returned to the fighting. He died in a Confederate field hospital near Charleston, TN in 1863 of bayonet wounds received at the Battle of Chicamauga, Ga., near Chattanooga, which was fought Sept. 19-20, 1863.

According to the son of a Mr. Poe, a friend of Williams's father, (there were three Poe's in Company G of the 41st AL.) who was a close friend and fellow soldier, the Company took disasterous casualties at the Battle of Stone River, and Poe and William escaped by swimming the river to an island where a friendly family offered shelter. They rejoined their unit at Chicamauga. While the two of them were searching some plantation buildings a Yankee came up from behind and bayoneted William in the side. Poe killed the Yankee, and laid William on top of a cord of wood to await an ambulance. Only 250 men of 1250 survived this battle. He last appears on the Muster Rolls of his unit for Nov.- Dec, 1863 with a notation that he is absent and is at a hospital in Charleston, TN., last having been paid to June 30, 1863. For the history of the 41st Infantry see Warren C. Holliman profile.⁵⁶ Between 1887 and 1896 at Fayette, AL, His father's will named the heirs of his son William to receive one ninth of his estate, to wit: J. T. Blakney, Vincent Blakney, Belzann Blakney, Newton D. Blakney, and Martha J. Wright, Belzie Ann Baker, wife of G. W. Baker, over 21, Fayette Co., Martha Wright, wife of Ramon

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- Wright, over 21, Fayette Co., after deducting \$317, advanced to William during his lifetime.^{61,62,63}
- 41 ii. Pamela Jane Blakeney married John Vice. She married John T. Reynolds. She was born in 1834 at Fayette, AL.^{54,53} She died before 1896 at Jonesboro, AR. She died before her father's estate was distributed in 1896, so her children shared her 1/9 inheritance. The estate of her father recites the heirs of Jane Vice, all of Jonesboro, AK, Thomas Reynolds, William Reynolds, Martha Carter wife of Thomas Carter, Etta Hurow wife of Cicero Hurow, and the heirs of Sarah Alsop, dec'd to wit: Julia Carter wife of T. C. Carter, Laura Alsop and Horace Alsop, both under 21, and Holly Vice over 21, all in Arkansas. as.^{53,54,64}

She was also known as Blakney. She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1840 at Fayette, AL, as one of 2 females 0-5.⁵⁰ In 1850 at Fayette, AL, Pam, age 14, lives with her parents.^{53,54,58} Between 1887 and 1896 at Fayette, AL, Thomas Blakney named his daughter Jane Vice in his will.⁶¹

- 42 iii. Mary Blakeney "Polly" was born on 6 Jan 1835 at Newtonville, Fayette, AL.^{65,54} She married Warren C. Holliman, son of Charles Holliman and Barbary Walters, in 1852 at Fayette, AL. She was his next door neighbor. She was buried in Feb 1895 at Chapel Hill Cemetery, Fayette, AL. Her tombstone reads "Mary - wife of Warren Holliman - b. Jan. 6, 1835 - d. Feb. 8, 1896. *The place made vacant in our home can never more be filled*". There is some confusion about her date of death. Family records indicate she died 8 Sep 1895, while her marker shows Feb. 1896. In any event her husband remarried 12 Apr 1896 so we suspect the 1895 date is correct.⁶⁶ She died on 8 Sep 1895 at Chapel Hill, Fayette, AL, at age 60 Rhodes B. Holliman gives this date as 8 Feb. 1896.^{65,54}

Her married name was Mary Holliman. First wife of Warren Holliman. Great-grandmother Ahf. 5. Some say she was poisoned by her nurse who then married her husband. In the will of her father, Tom Blakney, she received 1/9 of his considerable estate "free from the interference or control of her husband". That same phrase was used in all of his daughter's legacies. However, Polly died between Tom's death and the time his will was probated so her share was divided among her children.

SEE THE WARREN C. HOLLIMAN FAMILY FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS LINE.^{65,54} She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1840 at Fayette, AL, as one of 2 females age 0-5.⁶⁷ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Fayette, AL, as Polly Blakeney age 15, lives with her parents.⁶⁸ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Fayette, AL, as Mary Holliman age 25, wife of Warren with 5 children.⁶⁹ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1870 at Fayette, AL, as Mary Holliman age 35, wife of Warren with 7 children at home.⁷⁰ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1880 at Fayette, AL, as Mary Holliman age 45, wife of Warren with 4 children at home.⁷¹ On 5 Apr 1883 at Fayette, AL, Warren and Mary sold coal and iron rights on various parcels of land to Geo. Pacific RR.⁷² In 1896 at Fayette, AL, Her father's will named "my daughter Polly Holliman, after deducting \$219. 86 advanced during my lifetime." Polly died before the will was probated and her share went to her children who were named in the estate papers as: Elizabeth Holliman, James Holliman, Sid Holliman, Mose Holliman, Kizzie Wilson, wife of Taylor Wilson, Marion Holliman and Sarah Hollima, wife of P. Holliman who resides in Arkansas, Holly Vice, over 21, Arkansas.^{61,62,63}

- 43 iv. James Blakeney was born in 1837 at Newtonville, Fayette, AL.^{54,53} He married Rebecca Wilson <?> circa 1855 at Fayette, AL. He died circa 1858 at Chapel Hill, Fayette, AL.^{54,53} His estate was probated in 1896 at Fayette, AL. In 1896 his surviving heirs are named in the probate of the will of his father Thomas Blakeney as "the heirs of James Blakeney deceased: Arthur Blakeney over 21 in Marion County; Samantha Black wife of Marion Black over 21 Arkansas; Elizabeth Ayres, wife of J. M. Ayres over 21 Lamar Co.^{73,74}

He was also known as Blakney. There is a problem with this person. That Tom

Blakeney had a son James is attested by the 1850 census which named James, age 7. Elsewhere his birth date is given as 1837. Both dates would make him too young to be the father of the orphans Thomas, Aaron, Hugh, John and Elizabeth mentioned in the guardianship papers filed for the orphans of James Blakeney by Thomas Blakeney in 1859-1860. Further, Tom's Estate papers name the heirs of James Blakeney, dec'd. as Arthur (no Aaron), Samantha who m. Marion Black, Elizabeth who m. Ayres, and John Thomas, over 21. There is no Hugh. He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1840 at Fayette, AL, as a male age 0-5, is listed with his parents.^{53,54,50} On 28 Jan 1859 at Fayette, AL, Guardian Bond by Thomas Blakeney Bartlett J. Guin and Robert Walsh in amount of \$120. inasmuch as Thomas Blakeney has been appointed as guardian for Thomas, Aaron, Hugh, John and Elizabeth Wilson, minor heirs of James Blakeney. On 13 Feb 1860 guardianship was transferred to Rebecca, their mother, as they were moving to MS.⁷⁵ On 28 Jun 1859 at Fayette, AL, Guardian Bond by Thomas Blakeney, Bartlet J. Guin and Robert Welsh in amount of \$120. inasmuch as Thomas Blakney has been appointed guardian for Thomas, Aaron, Hugh, John, and Elizabeth Wilson, minor heirs of James Blakeney, deceased.⁷⁶ On 13 Feb 1860 at Fayette, AL, Petition to move guardianship matters to Rebecca Blakeney, as she has been duly appointed guardian in Tippiah Co., MS, and their affairs in Alabama have been settled and concluded.⁷⁷

- 44 v. Martha Elizabeth Blakeney was born in 1838 at Fayette, AL. She married James Marshal Ayres "Marsh" circa 1854 at Fayette, AL.

She also went by the name of "Lizzie." She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Fayette, AL, as Elizabeth Blakeney age 12, living with her parents.⁵¹ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Fayette, AL, as (Not researched). She should be listed under Marshall Ayres. She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1870 at Samford, AL, as Elizabeth Ayres, wife of James M. Ayres, age 32, b. AL.⁷⁸ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1880 at Lamar, AL, as Elizabeth W. Ayres, wife of Jas, M, age 41, b. AL.⁷⁹

- 45 vi. Kizziah Blakeney was born on 16 Feb 1840 at Fayette, AL. She married M. L. Lowery circa 1857 at Fayette, AL. She married John Jephtha Branyon, son of James A. Branyon and (--?) Ellis, circa 1866 at Fayette, AL.⁸⁰ She died on 21 Oct 1895 at Belk, Fayette, AL, at age 55.

She was also known as Blakney. She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Fayette, AL, as Kisaila(?) Blakeney. Her name is hardly legible, but she is age 11, living with her parents. She is believed to be named after Kizziah Roberts Fondren, a sister of her grandfather Josias Roberts who lived in the area at that time. Dicie and Simon, her children by Lowery, would seem to be names from the Poe and Roberts ancestors.⁵⁸ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1870 at Fayette, AL, as Kiziah Branyan, wife of John J., age 29, b. AL.⁸¹ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1880 at Lamar, AL, as Keziah Branyan age 38, b. AL., wife of John J.⁸² Between 1887 and 1896 at Fayette, AL. Her father's will named the body heirs of my daughter Kizziah Branyon by Jephtha Branyon. The estate papers name her heirs as Simon Lowery over 21, MS; Dicie Smith, wife of Thomas Smith, Lamar County; James Branyon, Fayette County; Katie Harton wife of John Harton Fayette Co.; Elizabeth Eugabelle Rowland wife of Henry Rowland, Lamar Co.; Ella Smith, Curtis Branyon, both of Lamar Co.^{61,62,63}

- 46 vii. Samantha R. Blakeney was born in 1844 at Newtonville, Fayette, AL.^{54,53} She married Marion Black circa 1865 at Fayette, AL.

She was also known as Blakney. She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Fayette, AL, as Samantha Blakney age 4.⁵⁸ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Fayette, AL, as Samantha is 16, still living with her father, now widowed.⁸³ Between 1887 and 1896 at Fayette, AL. Her father's will bequeathed 1/9 of his estate to "my daughter Samantha A. Black afgter deducting \$39. advanced during her lifetime."^{63,62,61}

47 viii.

John Thomas Blakeney was born on 15 Nov 1845 at Newtonville, Fayette, AL.^{54,53} He married Laura A. E. Appling "Puss", daughter of Samuel Appling and Rebecca M. Willingham, on 11 Mar 1869 at Fayette, AL. A Marriage License was issued for John T. Blakeney and Laura A. Appling 8 Mar. 1869 with services performed at home of Samuel A. Appling 11 Mar. 1869 by W. J. Dyer, M. G.⁸⁴ He died on 16 Jun 1922 at Fayette, AL, at age 76.^{54,53} He was buried in Jun 1922 at Mt. Vernon ME Church, Fayette, AL.⁸⁵

He was also known as Blakney. Farmer.^{54,53} He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Fayette, AL, as John Thomas Blakney, living with parents, age 4.^{53,54,51} He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Fayette, AL, as John Thomas Blakney age 14.⁸⁶ C 1862 -1865 at Fayette, AL, A newspaper article in Feb 11, 1932, states he served in Co. 8, AL Cavalry in Civil War.⁸⁷ On 23 Oct 1867 at Fayette, AL, John Thomas Blakney purchased from his father Thomas Blakney and wife Martha 40 ac. NE 1/4 Sec. 30 T17S R12W for \$80.⁸⁸ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1870 at Newtonville, Fayette, AL, as J. T. Blakely, age 24, Farmer, Land value \$600, Personalty value \$400, married to L. A. age 23, child James age 1 month. The Agricultural census same year show J. T. Blakney with 40 ac. improved land and 350 ac. unimproved, 2 horses, 2 milch cows, 1 beef cow, 15 swine.^{89,90} On 7 Jan 1876 at Fayette, AL, John T. Blakney purchased from John C. Robinson several parcels of land in Sec. 20 and 29 T17S R12W for \$1200.⁹¹ On 15 Jan 1876 at Fayette, AL, John T. Blakney purchased extensive lands from John Robinson in Sec. 26 T15 R13W for \$2,000.⁹² On 9 Nov 1879 at Fayette, AL, Thomas purchased from his son John T. Blakney and his wife L. A. (Laura Appling) several parcels of land for \$300. NE 1/4 NE 1/4 and also SW 1/4 SW 1/4 etc. Sec. 30 T17S R12W.⁹³ On 9 Nov 1879 at Fayette, AL, John T. Blakney and wife L. A. sold to his father Thomas Blakney several parcels of land in Sec. 30 T17S R12W for \$300.⁹⁴ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1880 at Fayette, AL, as John Blakney male white age 32 married, a farmer, wife Laura age 32, James son age 9, daughters Lela age 7, Nannie 5, Dissy 3.^{53,54,95} Between 1887 and 1896 at Fayette, AL, His father's will named his son John T. Blakney a 1/9 share of his estate after deducting \$219.⁸⁶ advanced during his lifetime. John Thomas and Marshall Ayers were executors of the estate.^{63,62,61} On 19 Jan 1889 at Fayette, AL, John T. Blakney bought 80 ac. from W. W. Parkins S 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 29 T15S R13W for \$55.⁹⁶

35. Amos Pleasant⁵ Roberts (Josiah⁴, Morris³, Morris², Morris¹) was born circa 1814 at Rutherford, NC.¹ He married Mary Adline Andrews circa 1840 at Tuscaloosa, AL.¹ He died circa 1872 at Conway, AR.¹ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Amos Roberts, age 35, Male, \$100. Real Estate, b. NC. His wife is Mary, 27 f. b. NC. Children, all b. AL, are Nancy age 6, Pleasant age 4, Sarah J. age 3, James age 1. Josiah, his father, is 60, b. in NC. *Caution!* there is also a second Amos Roberts age 36, wife, also named Mary, age 26, Amos P. age 5, Nancy J. age 7, Mary E. age 3. Regarding "our" Amos there are some inconsistencies between the 1850 and 60 censuses. In 1860 there is an Adeline E., age 12, while there was a Nancy, age 6, Sarah J. age 3, and James, age 1, in 1850 who did not appear in 1860.⁹⁷ On 17 Sep 1852 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Amos Roberts Mortgagor, James C. Phillips, trustee, E. A. Montgomery, mortgagee for \$68.65 br. cow and calf, red cow and calf, red bull yearling, 1 pied heifer, 1 yoke steers, 2 bull studs, 1 ox cart, 1 safe, 1 loom.⁹⁸ On 1 Mar 1858 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Amos Roberts Mortgagor., Wm. Wadkins trustee, John J. Nevin, mtgee., for \$112.50 Note for 1 year secured by NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 16 T17S R11W; also NE 14/NE 1/4 as above, and SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 16 T17S R11W, and sorrel mare 12 or 13 years old, 2 red and white pied cows and calves. Rec. 22 Oct 1858.⁹⁹ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Amos Roberts, living near Simon Poe, age 45, Farmer and Carpenter, \$570. real estate, \$1,040 personal property, b. NC, Mary, 36, Alonzo P., 14, Adeline E. 12, John T. 9, Mary C. 7, Ed. M. 5, Sarah A. 3, Rebecca M. K. 3/12.⁴² On 22 Nov 1860 at Fayette, AL, Thomas Blakney purchased 320 ac. from his brother-in-law Amos Roberts and wife Mary for \$175 in SW 1/4 Sec. 25 T17S R12W.¹⁰⁰ On 22 Nov 1867 at Fayette, AL, Amos Roberts (his brother-in-law) and wife Mary Roberts sold to Thomas Blakney tract 320 ac. SW 1/4 of sec 25 T17S R12W for \$175. Wit: John J. Willingham, J.P. /s/ Amos Roberts, Mary (X) Roberts. Rec. 14 Dec 1867.¹⁰¹ On 22 Nov 1867 at Fayette, AL, Amos Roberts and wife Mary sold 320 ac. to Thomas Blakeney (his brother-in-law) for \$175. SW 1/4 Sec. 25 T17S

Wasnt there also a license issued for John Thomas and a Laura Nobors about this time?

two entries for the same family.

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But, same

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Amos P.

probably a dau who died young.

R12W. Wit: John J. Willingham, JP /s/ Amos Roberts, Mary (X) Roberts. (I have not found a record revealing how he acquired this land. This sale was probably at the time of his move to Arkansas).¹⁰²

Children of Amos Pleasant⁵ Roberts and Mary Adline Andrews all born at Tuscaloosa, AL, were as follows:

- 48 i. Nancy⁶ Roberts was born in 1844.⁹⁷ *M. Noah Hobbs May 1860 Tuscaloosa.*
She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Nancy Roberts age 6.⁹⁷ She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Not Found.
- 49 ii. ~~Alonzo~~ *Amos* Pleasant Roberts was born in 1846. *D. Allen, Pontotoc Co. OK, 1916 9 Feb.*
He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1850 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Pleasant Roberts age 4.⁹⁷ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Alonzo P. Roberts age 14.⁴²
- 50 iii. Sarah J. Roberts was born in 1847. *M. William J. Martin*
In 1850 at Tuscaloosa, AL, Sarah J. Roberts age 3.⁹⁷
- 51 iv. Adeline E. Roberts was born in 1848.
She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Adeline E. Roberts age 12. There is some confusion here. She was not listed on the 1850 census, unless she was the Sarah J., age 3, which seems a stretch.⁴²
- 52 v. James Roberts was born in 1849. *M. Elizabeth Papisan, d/o heroy Papisan.*
In 1850 at Tuscaloosa, AL, James Roberts age 1.⁹⁷ He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as (does not appear. Possibly died young).⁴²
- 53 vi. John ~~T.~~ Roberts was born in 1851. *Mattie's*
He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as John T. Roberts age 9.⁴² *My great grandfather. D. Wetumpka, Hughes Co., OK 1947.*
- 54 vii. Mary C. Roberts was born in 1853. *M. George W. Nopsan - 41st Ark Inf.*
She appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Mary C. Roberts age 7.⁴² *D. Franklin Co. Ark 1931.*
- 55 viii. ~~Ed M.~~ Roberts was born in 1855. *M. Amanda Bowen, Pope Co., Ark.*
He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Ed. M. Roberts age 5.⁴² *D. Wetumpka, Hughes Co., OK 1920s.*
- 56 ix. Sarah A. Roberts was born in 1857. *M. William J. Martin.*
On the 1860 census of her father's family she is shown as age 3.
- 57 x. Rebecca M. K. Roberts was born in 1860. *-M. Samuel J. Barnes, Conway Co. Ark.*
she He appeared on the U. S. Census of 1860 at Tuscaloosa, AL, as Rebecca M. K. Roberts 3 months old.⁴²

Same person: Sarah Ann Not 2 Sarahs. Old timer remembered Sarah Ann Martin Elizabeth

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you are missing Samantha Kiser Roberts, b. Tuscaloosa Co., Ark. M. Andrew Watson.

also Dalcina Palestine Roberts, b. Tuscaloosa Co. Ark. M. Jesse Graves. D. Wetumpka, Hughes Co., OK 1940s.

also Ola Roberts. b. about 1867. On 1880 census of Conway Co. Ark. D. appears.

Probably died young. No one could remember her when I interviewed old timer...

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Subj: **Blakeney-Roberts**
Date: 9/10/99 9:53:13 AM Central Daylight Time
From: WALTHOLLI
To: enewsom@psn.net
CC: alb21@cobra.simplecom.net

Erik: Thanks much for all the info on the Roberts family. By copy of this I'm asking Adolph Blakeney to send you a copy of William's photo - To Erik Newsom 11425 Great Meadows Drive, Reston, VA 22091. I would also like to have one. I'll settle up during the Great October Pilgrimage.

Re: your questions/comments. Josiah's first deed Tuscaloosa Co. Deeds J p. 8, Wiley Espy to Josiah Roberts. Deed dated 1 Dec 1832, Recorded 25 Jan 1833. I usually go by the date written.

You show Unity Martin as #1 wife Morris <III>. You showed also name of 2nd wife but I couldn't make it out.

The care of William's children by Rebecca Roberts is based on family lore, and Adolph may be able to provide some supporting data. Only documentation I know of is her appearance on the 1870-1880 census. I have heard tales that some of William's kids treated her as a mother.

The John Thomas Blakeney who m. Lydia Nabors was not John Thomas of William, but his uncle John Thomas of Thomas and Sarah Blakeney.

How about a guess on the pedigree of Mary Linsey?

Thanks again. I'm impressed. Walt Holliman

✓ ROBERTS

EXTRACT FROM 1860 CENSUS

State AL County or Parish TUSC Township, Ward or Beat _____ Post Office _____

Index compiled by _____ Extract by W O I D Date of Enumeration _____ Publication No. 653 Reel No. 25

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Names	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value of real estate	Value of personal property	Birthplace	Married in year	School in year	Cannot read or write	Remarks
693	808	783	AMOS ROBERTS	45	M		Farm + Carpenter	570	1040	NC				
			MARY	36	F					MS.				
			ALONZO P.	14	M					AL				
			ADELINE E.	12	F					↓				
			JOHN T.	9	M									
			MARY C.	7	F									
			ED M.	5	M									
			SARAH A.	3	F									
			REBECCA M. W.	3 1/2	F									
NEIGHBORS:			S. C., J. H., + J. H. BOE											
684	728	764	JACKSON ROBERTS	45	M		Farmer	1000	1215	NC				
			MARY E.	24	F					AL				
			SARAH	16	F					TN				
			JOHN W.	15	M					AL				
			JAMES T	13	M					↓				
			NANCY E	8	F									
			WALTER E	6	M									
			ANDREW	2	M									

E. A. POWELL

ROBERTS

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ROBERTS

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 Index compiled by _____ Extract by WDT Date of Enumeration 19 JAN 1851 Publication No. 432 Reel No. 16

Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation, etc.	Value of real estate	Married within year	Married within year	Married within year	Married within year	Remarks
258	943	943	AMOS ROBERTS	35	M		Mechanic	100	NC				
			MARY	27	F								
			NANCY	6	F				AL				
			PLEASANT	4	M								
			SARAH J.	3	F								
			JAMES	1	M								
			JOSTAN	60	M				NC				
			INDEX 1850										
238	645	645	AMOS ROBERTS	36	M		MECHANIC	500	NC				
			MARY	26	F								
			AMOS B.	5	M				AL				
			NANCY	7	F								
			MARY E.	3	F								
238	613	613	JACKSON ROBERTS	32	M		FARM	500	NC				
			NANCY	27	F				TN				
			JACOB H.	10	M				AL				
			MARTHA J.	7	F								
			SARAH A.	6	F								
			EDWARD W.	5	M								
			JAMES T.	4	M								
			NANCY H.	2	F								
227	1158	1188	JOHN ROBERTS	57	M		FARMER		SC				
			MARY	47	F				"				
			JAMIE H.	10	M				AL				

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ROBERTS

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Page	Dwelling No.	Family No.	Name	Sex	Age	Occupation, etc.	Value of real estate	Married within year	Native born	Color race or write	Remarks
245	273	273	JOHN ROBERTS	M	60			?			
			MARY	F	37			GA			
			JOHN PARKER	M	24			↓			
			JAMES "	M	13						
			JOSEPH "	M	10						
DIST #1 4 OCT 1850 PUBL 432 REEL 16											
181	696	696	COBB R. ROBERTS	M	35			SA			
			NANCY	F	55			SC			
			ELIZ. GARNER	F	14			AL			
155	264	264	MARY ROBERTS	F	49			VA			
			LIVES W/ Helen C. Sommerville	F	52			GA			
140	5	5	MARY ROBERTS	F	50			SC			
			LIVES WITH T.S. SMITH	M	39	+4782 CHARLOTE	36	AL	CON.		
156	263	263	DAVID ROBERTS	M	28	FARMER		AL			
247	812	812	DRUCILLA ROBERTS	F	31			AL			
			MARY A.	F	7			-			
241	72	72	HARWOOD ROBERTS	M	40	FARMER	1000	SC			
			JANE	F	35			AL			
185	762	762	JOHN T. B. ROBERTS	M	16	STUDENT-UNV.		AL			
254	868	868	SAMUEL ROBERTS	M	49		200	SC			
254			SUSAN	F	43			GA			
226			JACKSON ROBERTS								

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 EXTRACT FROM 1800 OR 1810 CENSUS

ROBERTS

State NC County or Parish RUTHERFORD Township, Ward or Beat _____ Post Office _____

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Page	Name of heads of families	Free white persons, including heads of families										All other free persons except Indians	Slaves	
		M					Females							
		16+	16	14	12	10	10	8	6	4	2			
	(1790) MORGAN DISTRICT -													
117	MORRIS ROBERTS	1	3	4	7									
✓	" JOE	2		2										
✓	LINSEY, MARY	1	3	2										
✓	MORRIS, WICKEN	1		2										
113	LINSEY, SAML	1		1										
✓	AUSON HILLSBORD DIST - CARTER CO. Bound -													
	(1800) RUTHERFORD													
141	MORRIS ROBERTS	1		3	1		2				1			4
140	JOHN "	3			1		1	1		1				1
125	CALBP LINDSEY			1			1		1					
124	CARLTON "	4			1		1	1	1		1			
125	JAMES LINDSEY	2			1		1		1					
124	" " SR	1		1	1								1	
124	" " SR	2			1		3			1				
125	JOHN "			1					1					
125	JOSHUA "	1			1		1		1					
125	MICHAEL "	1		1			1		1					
125	WM "	2	1		1		2			1				
140	MARTIN ROBERTS	1	1		1		2			1				3