

Descendants of George Roberts

Generation No. 1

1. GEORGE¹ ROBERTS was born Bef. 1715 in Virginia?, and died 1773 in Pittsylvania County, Virginia. He married UNKNOWN.

Notes for GEORGE ROBERTS:
Plantation Owner

Virginia State Library
Pittsylvania County Deeds and Wills
No. 5, 1767-1780, page 394

In the name of God amen, March the 10th day in the year of 1773, I George Roberts, senr. of Pittsylvania County, being sick and weak in body but of perfect memory and Calling to mind the mortality of all men have made and ordained this my Last Will and Testament to wit, as touching such Wordly estate where with it hath pleased god to bless me with to be disposed of in the following manner and form-

Item. I will and desire my Land to be equally Divided between four of my Children, viz. George Roberts, Junr. Dorothy Coldwell, Sarah Blair, and Alie Hamlin and my bed and furniture to my Daughter, Dorothy Coldwell.

Item. I give to my Daughter, Alie Hamlin, all the woman Close that is now in my Chest and all rest of my estate of goods and Chattels to be equally Devided between the above sd, four Children., except one shilling Sterling to all the rest of my Children, namely, Mary Hamilton and John Roberts, to the which sd. Tennement, goods and Chattels to be I Joyd as their proper estate forever.

I also ordain and Constitute Allen Coldwell and William Durrett my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and I do hereby disalow and disanull all other Wills or Legacies whatsoever and this and no other to be my Last Will and Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and afixt my seal the day and the year above written.

his
George Roberts L. S.
mark

Tests.

Gabriel Richards
his
John C. Coldwell
mark

her
Mary M. Durrett
mark

At a Court held for Pittsylvania County the 27 day of May 1773

The within last Will and Testament of George Roberts, Deceased, was presented in Court by William Durrett and Allen Coldwell, the Executors therein named and proved by the oaths of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded and on the motion of the sd. Executors who made Oath according to Law, a

Certificate is granted them for obtaining a probate thereof in due form. Giving Security, Whereupon they together William Thomas, their Security, entered into and acknowledged their bond according to Law.

Test

Will. Tunstalle Cl.

Children of GEORGE ROBERTS and UNKNOWN are:

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 - i. GEORGE SR.² ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1745, North Carolina?; d. 1809, Washington Parish, Louisiana.
 - ii. DOROTHY ROBERTS, m. UNKNOWN COLDWELL.
 - iii. SARAH ROBERTS, m. UNKNOWN BLAIR.
 - iv. ALIE ROBERTS, m. UNKNOWN HAMLIN.
 - v. MARY ROBERTS, m. UNKNOWN HAMILTON.
 - vi. JOHN ROBERTS.

Generation No. 2

2. GEORGE SR.² ROBERTS (*GEORGE*¹) was born Abt. 1745 in North Carolina?, and died 1809 in Washington Parish, Louisiana. He married "RHODA" PAYNE, daughter of JOHN PAYNE. She was born Bet. 1749 - 1768 in Pittsylvannia County, Virginia, and died Bet. 1780 - 1781 in Pittsylvannia County, Virginia.

Notes for GEORGE SR. ROBERTS:

Lived in Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, Louisiana.

Plantation Owner

The children of George Roberts Sr. and Rhoda, his wife as named in the will of 19 November 1805 and apparently in the order of their birth were:

Anned Roberts Lee
George Roberts, Junior
John Roberts
William Roberts
Elisha Roberts
Samuel Roberts
Milla (Amelia) Roberts Chisum
Isaac Roberts
Thomas Roberts
Abasolom Roberts
James Roberts

It is not clear whether George Roberts Sr. died in Tennessee, en route to Spanish West Florida or that he did reach that locale and died soon after his arrival. The fact that the will was deposited with the Commandant of the district in evidence that he did die in that area and the fact that the will was not recorded in Hawkins County, Tennessee seems to be further proof of that assumption.

They have found tombstone records of the dates of birth of Elisha and Isaac.....and the above list of children seem to be in birth order. Also, Absolom Roberts bible records have been found and with that date, too....seems to further back up the idea of the birth order list.

This will was discovered in 1960 among the Estate Records of St. Helena Parish, Louisiana. This find confirmed the research done on the family in Hawkins County, Tennessee by Mr. Prentis Price, of

Rogersville, Tennessee in 1957.

St. Helena Parish, Louisiana
Successions, Drawer R-4

Will of George Roberts, Senior

In the name of God a men I George Roberts of Hawkins county State of Tennice Being in perfect health and memory at present thanks be to god for it calling unto mind and mortality of my Body and knowing that it is appointed once for man to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say

principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hand of the almighty god and give it and my Body I recommend to the earth to be Buried in a decent christian manner at the discretion of my Executors hoping at the general resurection I shall receive the same again By the almighty power of -----

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And as touching such worldly estate where with it hath pleased God to blefs me with I give devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form-

first I give to my dearly Beloved wife Rhoda Roberts the land and plantation where I now live with all the moveables there to and stock of horse s cattle hogs and sheep during her widowhood and if she should mary then let her be put to her thirds and if the children Should mary then I give them some things to Begin to keep house with and keep accopmt of such things

my daughter Anned Lee I give to her one dollar
my son George Roberts I give him also one dollar
my son John Roberts I give him likewise one dollar
my son William Roberts I give him one dollar
my son Elisha Roberts I give him one dollar
my son Samuel Roberts I give him one dollar
my daughter Milla Schim one dollar

I give to my son Isaac Roberts one hundred and twenty five acres of land it being the place where he now lives and the rest of the land to be devided between Thomas Roberts and Absolom Roberts and James Roberts an Equal division Between them three so the same and Equal division of the whole at their mothers death and as for my negro woman lettis and her child Catherine to Belong to my wife as long as she lives and at her death Both to be free

If my wife should dy before the child is twenty seven years of age she may give it to one of the children to have tel she is of that age and to be free. I have not left the other children one dollar for anything I have against them I have given to them their part Before

ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I set my hand and seal this nineteenth day of november in the year of our lord one thousand Eight hundred and five.

Samuel Smith

George Roberts (Seal)

Wm. Paine

On back

Estate of George Roberts
Last Will of George Roberts
Bogue Chitto
Will of George Roberts

The following two documents were folded within the will:

Whereas William Roberts left a will in the Hands of the Comandant that George Roberts Snr. made in his lifetime, we have By our Consent agreed to Recawl the sd. will Back in to our pofesion as we have Come on the termes, and agreed to Settle in Regard to the Estate amongst our Selves

Given under our hand this 29th day of Septembr 1809

Thomas Roberts
James Roberts
Isaac Roberts
her
Milla Chisum
mark

This compilation will refute many of the assertions found in a book by Emily Griffin Roberts of Terrell, Texas - "Ancestral Study of Four Families, Roberts, Griffin, Cartwright & Simpson". (1937) Mrs. Roberts believed that one, William Roberts was the father of the brothers who settled in Spanish West Florida before 1810 which is incorrect as George Roberts Sr. who made his will in 1805, was their father. Her list of brothers and sisters is also found to be incorrect. The above will had not been discovered at the time she made these assertions.

10 November 1784: North Carolina Grant #320 to George Roberts, 505 (probably 500) acres in Sullivan County, on both sides of Robinson's Creek. Entry #976, 22 January 1779. (North Carolina Land Office, Book 69, page 183, #441**)

26 December 1791: North Carolina Grant #552 to George Roberts, 50 acres in Sullivan County, adjoining the Plantation he now lives on. Entry #1174, 1 December 1779. (North Carolina Land Office, Book 77, page 303, #397**)

Note: Sullivan County was a part of North Carolina at that time. Hawkins County was formed from Sullivan County.

25 March 1796: William Payne, Senr. of Hawkins County, Tennessee to William Payne, Junr. for L. 500, 500 acres in Hawkins County, where said William Payne, Senr. now lives: William Roberts, witness. Registered 15 February 1797 (Hawkins County, Tennessee, Deed Book 3, page 145, from old book K, page 37. Payne lived on the south side of Holston River near the George Roberts land.)

1 February 1797: Samuel Bower Hawkins in John Willie, 90 acres in Hawkins County on the East Fork of Dodson Creek. Elijah Roberts, Jno. Payne Witnesses. (ibid, Deed Book 2, page 421) Note: "Elijah" was probably the clerks misspelling of Elisha.

29 May 1797: Richard (X) Fletcher to Daniel Hamblen, 150 acres in Hawkins County, on the south side of the Holston River. Jno. Payne, Elisha Roberts, Charles Hamblen, witnesses. Registered 24 May 1798. (ibid, Deed Book 2, page 382)

**As a 1782 grant to Stockley Donelson mentions land adjoining George Roberts, it is apparant that Roberts was living on Robertson's Creek at that date.

8 January 1798: George Roberts commissioned Lieutenant of Hawkins County Militia. (Commission Book, Tennessee Militia Officers, published by Mrs. John Trotwood Moore)

Note: This was probably George Roberts, Junior, who would have been about 28 years old in 1798.

3 May 1798: Thos. Cunningham to Jno. Cunningham of Grainger County, for love and good will, 100 acres

in Hawkins County in Rich Valley. Wm. Paine, James Roberts, witnesses. Registered 22 August 1798. (Hawkins County, Tennessee, Deed Book 2, page 403)

22 August 1798: George Roberts, Senr. of Hawkins County to George Roberts, Junr. of same, for \$100.00, 150 acres in Hawkins County on Robinson's Creek, being the place whereon he now lives. Wm Paine, Samuel Roberts, witnesses. Proved November Court 1799 by them. Registered 1 November 1799. (Hawkins County, Tennessee, Deed Book 2, page 2)

25 July 1806: George Roberts, Senr. of Hawkins County to Winder Kinner of same, for \$500.00, 125 acres in Hawkins County on south side of Holston River, on Robertson's Creek, being the same place whereon Isaac Roberts now lives, and a part of the tract whereon Said George Roberts now lives. Acknowledged February Court 1807. Registered 21 May 1807. (ibid. Deed Book 4, page 188)

24 March 1809: George Roberts, Senr. of Hawkins County to Micajah Lee of same, for \$1290.00, 375 acres in Hawkins County on both sides of Robertson's Creek, being part of a Patent Grant to said George Roberts, adjoining Winder Kenner, including all said Roberts Plantation of the creek. Samuel Smith, Wm. Smith witnesses. Proved May Court 1809 by them. Registered 14 June 1809. (ibid. Deed Book 6, page 164)

18 December 1809: John (X) Tibbs of Hawkins County to Absolom Roberts of same, 132 acres in Hawkins County on the north side of Holston River, the waters of Stock Creek, where said Tibbs now lives, adjoining Thomas Armstrong, Edward Morris, Wm. Paine, Jonas (X) Measels, witnesses. Proved May Court 1810 by them. Registered 8 November 1810. (ibid. Deed Book 6, page 265)

19 October 1810: Absolom Roberts of Hawkins County to John Cockoram (Cockerham) of same, for \$300.00, 132 acres in Hawkins County on the waters of Stock Creek, adjoining Thomas Armstrong, Edward Morris. Hezekiah Hamblen, Richard Mitchell, witnesses. Proved November Court 1810 by them. Registered 8 May 1811. (ibid. Deed Book 6, page 305)

The above notes tie in with the account of the Roberts family given by the grandson of Elisha Roberts of Texas, He, Mr. J. H. Roberts, of San Augustine, Texas, stated that his grandfather, Elisha Roberts was born on the Holston River in Tennessee in 1774 and had brothers named George, James, Absolom, and Isaac, among others. Those names we find in the forgoing deeds.

We have here a George Roberts, Senior, living on Robertson's Creek in 1782 and perhaps as early as 1779, and a younger generation closely associated with him in the neighborhood, William, whom we know to have been a brother of Elisha but omitted from the list given by Mr. J. H. Roberts, Elisha, James, George Jr., Isaac, Absalom, and Samuel Roberts.

There is another deed from George Roberts, Senior, to George Roberts, Junior, and in another George Roberts, Senior, conveys land whereon Isaac Roberts was living. As there are no other Roberts family in the Robertson's Creek-Holston River section of Hawkins County at this time, this shows without a doubt a family group consisting of a father, George Roberts, Senior, and a group of his sons. Among several items of interest in verifying this family group it will be noted that The Roberts Family was closely associated with the Paine family. The name Paine is found as a given name several times in the nomenclature of George Roberts, (Senior) grandchildren. Also it is known that Isaac Roberts married two Smith sisters. One of whom, his second wife Elizabeth Smith, shows on her tombstone that she was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee 9 April 1787. (Note: Samuel and William Smith were witnesses to a Roberts deed of 24 March 1809)

Other names found in the deeds which subsequently appear in Louisiana-Mississippi contemporaneously with the Roberts are Cockerham, Measels, and Morris, which strongly indicates that these families migrated from Tennessee to Louisiana-Mississippi at the same time and probably in the same company.

Jefferson County, Tennessee, is now an adjoining county to Hawkins County, from which it was taken.

The Jefferson County Tax List for 1800 shows that George Roberts lived or owned property in that county for that year as he is listed with 1 white poll in Captain Copeland's Company. This was most likely George Roberts, Junior.

Note: The original land patents to George Roberts, Senior, in what is now Hawkins County, Tennessee but at the time of issue a part of Sullivan County, North Carolina will be found in the Land Office, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Hawkins County, North Carolina, was organized 4 March 1787.

Hawkins County, Territory of the United States South of the Ohio River, was organized 3 November 1790.

William Roberts, fourth child of George Roberts, Senior, and born ca. 1772, stated that he was a "Native of Virginia" when he applied for a land grant in Texas in 1834. His brother, Elisha, claimed to have been born in the Watauga Settlement, on the Holston River in 1774.

American State Papers
Public Lands
Vol. III, page 72

Abstract containing a list of the actual settlers on land in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the Mississippi River and Island of New Orleans and west of the Pearl River, who bore no claims thereto derived from the French, British, or Spanish governments.

Parish of St. Tammany

Thomas Roberts	Dec. 1810	(1)
Susannah Roberts	Oct. 1807	(2)
Elisha Roberts	Sep. 1810	(3)
Isaac Roberts	May 1809	(4)
Wm. Roberts	Dec. 1809	(5)

Interpretation of the above:

(1) Thomas Roberts was the eldest son of George Roberts, Junior, deceased, and of his wife Susanna Roberts. Thomas Roberts was born ca. 1792 and would have been age 18 in 1810 and therefore able to settle land in his own name.

(2) Susannah Roberts was the widow of George Roberts, Junior, deceased, and mother of the above Thomas Roberts.

(3) Elisha Roberts was a brother of the above George Roberts, Junior, deceased.

(4) Isaac Roberts was another brother of the above George Roberts, deceased. This Isaac could not have been the son of George and Susannah Roberts. He was born in 1794 and therefore would have been only 15 years of age in 1809.

(5) Wm. Roberts was a brother of George, Elisha, and Isaac Roberts.

Notes for "RHODA" PAYNE:

(sister of Dolly Todd- Madison) In margin - notes from Dallas Roberts

More About "RHODA" PAYNE:

Religion: Quaker

Will: October 24, 1780, Pittsylvania County, Virginia

Children of GEORGE ROBERTS and "RHODA" PAYNE are:

3. i. ABSOLOM CANERDAY³ ROBERTS, b. March 08, 1786, St. Helena Parish, Louisiana; d. Abt. 1850, Pike County, Mississippi.

4. ii. ANNE ROBERTS, b. Bef. 1771; m. UNKNOWN LEE.
 iii. GEORGE JR. ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1771, Tennessee; d. Abt. 1818.
 iv. JOHN S. ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1773; m. HARRIETT FENLEY.

Notes for JOHN S. ROBERTS:

John S. Roberts born in Va. 7-13-1796 who was a Sheriff in Natchitoches, LA before moving to Nacogdoches, Texas. An Elisha Roberts listed in Nacogdoches at the same time as John S.

Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812

NAME: Roberts, John

RANK: Private

COMPANY: De Clouet's Reg't., La. Militia

Nacogdoches Archives, April 30, 1835. Vol. 75, pp. 174-79.

Census of the Inhabitants of this City of Nacogdoches.

John S. ROBERTS	37	Married	Merchant	
Maria GARRETT		33	Wife	
John	10		Son	
Lycurgus	5		Son	
Nancy, negress	26			1
Miller, negro	3			

ROBERTS, JOHN S. (1796-1871). John S. Roberts, signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, East Texas merchant, and political figure, was born in Virginia on July 13, 1796. At age sixteen he enlisted in the Tennessee Militia for service in the War of 1812; he participated in the Battle of New Orleans as a member of Col. John Coffee's regiment. He was discharged in May 1815 and turned his eyes westward toward Louisiana. By 1822 he was a resident of Natchitoches, where he became a deputy sheriff in 1826. The same year, he joined the Ayish Bayou forces that took part in the Fredonian Rebellion, led by Haden and Benjamin W. Edwards against the Mexican government of Texas. Roberts was a major in the Fredonian forces and served as a judge at the impeachment trial of Samuel Norris, alcalde of the Nacogdoches District, and José Antonio Sepúlveda, captain of the Nacogdoches Militia. Roberts married Harriet Fenley Collier, on December 26, 1826, soon after the murder of her husband, Robert, and settled temporarily on her ranch in the Sabine District of East Texas. The next year, however, for reasons of security, the family-including Robert Collier's two children from a previous marriage, Susan and Nathaniel, and Harriet's son, John Fenley Collier-moved first to San Augustine and finally to Nacogdoches.

From 1827, when he entered the mercantile business with John Durst, to 1832, when he joined the rebel forces at the battle of Nacogdoches, Roberts was a general merchant and man of affairs in Nacogdoches, where his son Lycurgus was born on April 30, 1830. From the battle of Nacogdoches until the early days of the Texas Revolution in 1835, he pursued his career as a merchant and enlarged his fortune by purchasing cheap land grants. Roberts enlisted in the Nacogdoches Independent Volunteers on October 4, 1835, as a first lieutenant (he was later promoted to captain) under Capt. Thomas J. Rusk and saw distinguished service in the siege of Bexar (November 25-December 5). He was elected a delegate to the Convention of 1836 at Washington-on-the-Brazos and signed the Declaration of Independence March 2, 1836, after which he quickly departed for Nacogdoches. After the revolution Roberts formed a partnership with John Durst and George Allen to engage in the mercantile business at a location across Fredonia Street east of the Old Stone Fort on the town square in Nacogdoches. The next year the firm was doing business as Roberts, Allen, and Company; in 1838 Durst bought out Allen, and the firm of Roberts, Durst and [Frederick T.] Phillips was formed. Later that same year the business was sold to one Francis von der Hoya. Meanwhile, on May 18, 1837, Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Rusk appointed Roberts quartermaster of the Texas Militia; between that date and July 10, 1839, he served as quartermaster of militia on four different occasions, for a total of more than seventeen months. During this time, by an act of the Congress of the republic dated January 10, 1839, he was authorized to adopt Harriet's son, John Collier, and change his name to John F. Roberts. Roberts and Durst were adventurous in business, but for Roberts the speculation ended in the fall of 1838, when there began a series of law suits, the nature of which is not known, that resulted in his financial ruin. In the late 1840s he first sought to protect the financial interests of his wife and stepson in the estate of Robert Collier. About this time he entered the grocery and saloon business in Nacogdoches-first on the east side of the town square, and later in the Old Stone Fort, title to which had passed into Harriet's hand. He operated this business until his death on August 9, 1871. His body was

interred in the old Oak Grove Cemetery in Nacogdoches.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Robert Bruce Blake Research Collection, Steen Library, Stephen F. Austin State University; Barker Texas History Center, University of Texas at Austin; Texas State Archives, Austin; Houston Public Library, Houston. Louis Wiltz Kemp, *The Signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence* (Salado, Texas: Anson Jones, 1944; rpt. 1959).

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ROBERTS COUNTY. Roberts County (B-5) is in the northwestern Panhandle, bounded on the north by Ochiltree County, on the east by Hemphill County, on the south by Gray County, and on the west by Hutchinson County. The center of the county lies at 35° 30' north latitude and 100° 32' west longitude. The county was named for two distinguished Texans with the surname Roberts, John S. Roberts and Oran Milo Roberts. Miami is the county seat.

Notes for HARRIETT FENLEY:

ROBERTS, HARRIET FENLEY (1796-1874). Harriet Fenley Roberts, early settler of Nacogdoches, daughter of Benjamin Norris Fenley, was born on April 7, 1796, possibly in Greene County, Georgia. On June 9, 1815, she married Robert Collier (or Callier) in Clarke County, Alabama, where her husband was a prominent slaveowner, militia officer, and public official. Collier had two children from a previous marriage and two with Harriet. The family moved to his ranch in present-day Sabine County, Texas, near the Milam community, in 1824. There Collier became involved in the contraband slave trade. In the summer of 1826 he was killed by two contraband slavers as he slept beside Harriet. One of the murderers was his brother, and the other was a suitor Collier had prevented from marrying his daughter. After her husband's murder Harriet was left with two children, a large tract of land, numerous slaves, and other wealth to manage. On December 26, 1826, she married John S. Roberts, a deputy sheriff from Louisiana. They made their home for a short time on the Collier property but soon moved to San Augustine and in 1827 to Nacogdoches. Roberts entered the mercantile business and in 1833 erected an elegant frame home at the corner of South Fredonia and Pilar streets on the town square. Before his death in 1871 Harriet entertained some of the most prominent men in early Texas history there—Sam Houston, Thomas J. Rusk, J. Pinckney Henderson, and others. Despite her inability to read and write, Harriet Roberts displayed sound business acumen. She inherited a considerable amount of property from the estate of her first husband, acquired town lots in Nacogdoches by Spanish grants, and acquired ownership of the Old Stone Fort, the earliest stone structure in Nacogdoches. The Stone Fort remained in Harriet's possession until August 11, 1873, when she deeded it to her daughter-in-law. The property remained in the Roberts family until June 15, 1901, when it was purchased as the site for a drugstore. The building was razed and in 1936 rebuilt from known specifications on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College. Harriet Roberts died on April 5, 1874, at Nacogdoches and is buried in Oak Grove Cemetery there.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Alexander Horton, *A True But Bloody History of the Past*, in *History of San Augustine: Reminiscences of an Old Time Resident* (MS, Samuel Asbury Papers, Steen Library, Stephen F. Austin State University). Archie P. McDonald, *The Old Stone Fort* (Austin: Texas State Historical Association, 1981).

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- v. WILLIAM ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1774.

Notes for WILLIAM ROBERTS:

Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812

NAME: Roberts, William

RANK: Private

COMPANY: 12 and 13 Cons. Reg't., La. Mil.

5. vi. ELISHA ROBERTS, b. 1775, Watauga Settlement, Hawkins County, Tennessee; d. October 03, 1844, San Augustine County, Texas.
vii. SAMUEL ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1785.

More About SAMUEL ROBERTS:
Record Change: April 09, 1999

6. viii. AMELIA "MILLIE" C. ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1776.
ix. ISAAC ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1783; m. (1) UNKNOWN SMITH; m. (2) ELIZABETH SMITH; b. April 09, 1787, Hawkins County, Tennessee.

Notes for ISAAC ROBERTS:
Isaac married two Smith sisters.

Elizabeth Smith was the second wife. Her dates and birth information came from her tombstone.

Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812

NAME: Roberts, Isaac
RANK: Sergeant
COMPANY: De Clouet's Reg't., La. Militia

- x. THOMAS ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1775.

Notes for THOMAS ROBERTS:
Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812

NAME: Roberts, Thomas
RANK: Private
COMPANY: 12 and 13 Cons. Reg't., La. Mil.

- xi. JAMES ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1781.

Generation No. 3

3. ABSOLOM CANERDAY³ ROBERTS (*GEORGE SR.*², *GEORGE*¹) was born March 08, 1786 in St. Helena Parish, Louisiana, and died Abt. 1850 in Pike County, Mississippi. He married MARTHA "PATSY" ANDERSON. She was born April 25, 1787.

Notes for ABSOLOM CANERDAY ROBERTS:
Appears on 1820 Washington Parish Louisiana Census page 459
Absolom Roberts
3 males un/10 2 females 10/10
1 male 10/16 1 female 16/26
1 male 26/45

1 slave

Patentee Name: ABSALOM C ROBERTS Document #: 2138 Issue Date: June 1, 1858 Authority: April 24, 1820: SALE-CASH ENTRY (3 Stat. 566) Acres: 80.46 Land Office: GREENSBURG
Accession/Serial #: LA0030__359
BLM Serial #: LA NO S/N
State: LOUISIANA
N½NW 12/ 6-S 7-E No St HELENA LA TANGIPAHOA

Patentee Name: ABSALOM C ROBERTS Document #: 3035 Issue Date: July 1, 1859 Authority: April 24, 1820: SALE-CASH ENTRY (3 Stat. 566) Acres: 330.55 Land Office: GREENSBURG
Accession/Serial #: LA0050__134
BLM Serial #: LA NO S/N
State: LOUISIANA

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W½SW 1/ 6-S 7-E No St HELENA LA TANGIPAHOA
E½NE 12/ 6-S 7-E No St HELENA LA TANGIPAHOA
E½SE 12/ 6-S 7-E No St HELENA LA TANGIPAHOA

Patentee Name: ABSALOM ROBERTS Document #: 10370 Issue Date: May 2, 1859 Authority: April 24, 1820: SALE-CASH ENTRY (3 Stat. 566)
Acres: 240.48 Land Office: AUGUSTA
Accession/Serial #: MS0810__302
BLM Serial #: MS NO S/N
State: MISSISSIPPI
NW 35/ 5-N 7-E No CHOCTAW MS SCOTT
NWSW 35/ 5-N 7-E No CHOCTAW MS SCOTT
SWSW 26/ 5-N 7-E No CHOCTAW MS SCOTT

Patentee Name: ABSALOM ROBERTS Document #: 11042 Issue Date: August 1, 1860 Authority: April 24, 1820: SALE-CASH ENTRY (3 Stat. 566) Acres: 40.07 Land Office: AUGUSTA
Accession/Serial #: MS0860__015
BLM Serial #: MS NO S/N
State: MISSISSIPPI
SWNE 34/ 5-N 7-E No CHOCTAW MS SCOTT

Patentee Name: ABSOLEM C ROBERTS Document #: 3320 Issue Date: November 10, 1840 Authority: April 24, 1820: SALE-CASH ENTRY (3 Stat. 566) Acres: 40.52 Land Office: WASHINGTON
Accession/Serial #: MS0410__431
BLM Serial #: MS NO S/N
State: MISSISSIPPI
NESE 13/ 3-N 10-E No WASHINGTON MS WALTHALL

New Zion Church Records - Marion County, Mississippi, show that Absalom Roberts was one of the organizers of that church in 1816. Although he was living in that part of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana which became Washington Parish in 1819, his residence was only a few miles from the Louisiana-Mississippi line. Many of the congregation of New Zion Church were residents of Louisiana.

Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812

NAME: Roberts, Absalom
RANK: Private
COMPANY: 10 and 20 Cons. Reg't., La. Mil.

Notes for MARTHA "PATSY" ANDERSON:
CENSUS YR: 1850
STATE or TERRITORY: MS
COUNTY: Pike
DIVISION: The 4th Police District
REEL NO: M432-380 PAGE NO: 43B
REFERENCE: 19th day of November, 1850, Sampson L. Lamkin, Asst Marshall

5	570	571	Moak	Andrew Jr.	33	M	Farmer	200	Mississippi	
6	570	571	Moak	Mary A.	25	F			Louisiana	X
7	570	571	Moak	Martha E.	3	F			Mississippi	
8	570	571	Moak	Martin Z.	1	M			Mississippi	
9	570	571	Roberts	Martha	68	F			N. Carolina	

1870 Census of Lincoln County, Mississippi, Bogue Chitto

Martha P. Roberts was living in the household of A. A. Moak, age 24, probably a grandson, Martha P. Roberts was age 83 and born in North Carolina. She was the widow of Absolom Roberts b. 1786

The following letter was written by Martha Roberts to her daughter and son-in-law Luvisa and Charles W. Warren who were apparently living elsewhere. Mrs. B. A. Tullos, formerly of Chatham, Louisiana and now of 705 St. Maurice St., Natchitoches, Louisiana, is now in possession of this letter and the one from Talitha Roberts to Martha Roberts.

State of Mississippi, Pike County
January 25th 1841

Dear son and daughter I take the opportunity of Mr. Keene(?) return to inform you we are all well of this time hoping you are all enjoying the same blessing. I received the letter you sent me by Mr. Keene(?) which gave me much joy to hear from you especially that you are all well. You wrote you want me of the boys to come up with Mr. Keen on his return it is not convenient for them to come up now for they have a heap to do and it is getting late we are still living on the old place and will live there this year. Want Charles to write how he likes his place yet and if he is settled to try to get George and Collins to move there but I can't give you no answer till next fall whether I will move up or not we have made corn to do us this year hogs got fat on this (????) here and we have killed plenty to as ?? we still keep George his is well and has grown as fast as any boy ever Charles saw and R. (?????) went by the name Conkman when he was here and you call his name Coglin now you see he has altered his name and I want Charley to write as often as possible and write to George and Collins and let me know how they are coming on for I can not get a letter ??? ????? there is none of Charles old neighbors dead or married Mrs. Montgomery and Elizabeth sends you their respects and wishes to be remembered. The old lady has been very unwell a long time. but say she is glad to hear Luvisa is so well pleased with her new place.

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Sarah Johnston sends her respects to you. Sarah told me to tell Luvisa she had another fine son and named him Nathanile Bayly.

Joseph W. Farmer (or Turner) was killed on 17th of this month by a limb that fell on him when he was cutting a board tree.

nothing more at present but wishes to be remembered by her affectionate son and daughter till death.

Martha Roberts

To Charles W. Warren and
Luvisa Warren

Children of ABSOLOM ROBERTS and MARTHA ANDERSON are:

- i. WADE HAMPTON⁴ ROBERTS, b. April 05, 1824, St. Helena Parish, Louisiana; d. June 11, 1879, Bouque Chitto, Lincoln County, Mississippi; m. NANCY JOHNSTON; b. 1832, Johnston Station, Mississippi; d. Mississippi.

Notes for WADE HAMPTON ROBERTS:
Lincoln County Census 1850

Co. G Goode Rifles (Lawrence County) No mustered at Monticello, Mississippi, August 3, 1861. No other information available.

ROSTER FOR COMPANY "G"
(Goode Rifles)

Army of Tennessee

Officers Company G Goode Rifles

Captain: Enos J. Goode (elected Col.), James M. Cannon,

1st Lieutenant: James M. Cannon, C.E. Tennison, William L. Mikell, C. Edward Tennison

2d Lieutenant: Augustus D. Dixon, J.M. Warner, John Daniel Cooper (Died on Oct. 4, 1864 from wounds suffered on the first day of the Battle of Jonesboro), James M. Warner (Warnes)

3d Lieutenant: Jordan B. Williams

Sergeant Major: T.A. Burdett

1st Sergeant: Peter J. Felder, Martin Buckley

Note; Col. Goode is listed as Elias J. Goode on the Rowland roster and Edward J. Goode in the Job Foxworth Diary-both transcribed...)

This roster was provided by Charles McMains for transcription assistance to Ron Skellie March 1999.

Updated 4/1/99 using Dunbar Rowland compiled list of 7th Mississippi soldiers, 1915.

Allen, L. R. G. Pvt.

Armstrong, E. A. Pvt.

Ballard, Abner Pvt.

Ballard, W. B. Pvt. (See Wheeler's Cav.)

Ballard, Winston Pvt.

Bass, W. J. Pvt.-Sgt.

Bennett, A. M. Pvt.

Bennett, H. M. Pvt.

Branton, Mathew M. Pvt.

Bridges, E.B. Pvt.

Brown, A. T. Sgt.

Buckley, A. L. Pvt.

Burkett, A. J. (See Capt. West's S.S.) (Burkitt)

Burkett, J. N. Pvt-Corp. (Burkitt)

Burkett, J. W. Pvt (Burkitt).

Burkitt, L. A. 3rd Sgt. (Not found on Rowland List-Could be T. A. Burdett)

Burnett, A. M. Pvt. (Not found on Rowland list-could be A. M. Bennett)

Cannon, John H. Pvt.

Cobbler, Adam Pvt.

Colwell, T. P. Pvt.

Cooper, J. R. Pvt.

Cox, John Pvt.

Dever, Allen Pvt.

Dupriest, Marion Pvt.

Faler, Ferdinand Pvt.

Finney, James Pvt.

Fortinberry, J. C. Pvt.

Fountain, J. B. 3rd Corp.

Ginnalee, Dennis Pvt.

Graves, A. B. Corp.-Sgt. (F&S)

Gray, Thomas I. Pvt.

Gray, T. J. Pvt.

Gray, T. L. Pvt. (No T.L. Gray on Rowland list)

Gray, W. M. Pvt.

Gunnells, B. H. 4th Sgt.

Hargroves, H. J. Pvt.

Hartzog, W. B. Pvt.

Hedgepeth, A. J. Pvt.

Herring, S. B. Pvt.

Jones, Isham Pvt.

Jones, J. W. Pvt.

King, David Pvt.

Kottwitz, Louis Pvt. (Kottwitz-per Rowland, clearly Kottwitz on Co. G Roster)

Laird, Isham Pvt.

Lambert, Elijah Pvt.

Lambert, Hiram Pvt.

Langston, D. N. Pvt.

Leonard, F. J. Pvt.

Lewis, Joseph Pvt.

Loeb, L. Pvt.

May, E. M. Pvt.

May, O. K. Pvt.

McGuffey, J. N. Pvt.

McLelland, Samuel Corp.Pvt. (Also Co. F)
McRea, James A. Pvt.
McRea, John Pvt.
Mikell, B.F. Pvt.
Mikell, C. E. Corp.
Mikell, G. W. Pvt.
Miller, J. T. Pvt.
Milton, P. P. Pvt.
Moore, J. W. Sgt. (Also Co A-Pvt.)
Mullins, Perry 4th Corp.-Jr. 2nd Lt.
Neatherland, Joseph Pvt.
Newton, Isaac Pvt.-O.S. .(N.C.S.)
Newton, O. C. Pvt.
Oatis, C. C. Pvt.
Odum, J. T. Pvt.
Osteen, Milton Pvt.
Palmer, C. N. Pvt.
Pfhling (Pflug), Edward Pvt.
Polk, Lemon Pvt.
Polk, Needham Pvt.
Polk, Simon Pvt.
Polk, W. F. Pvt.
Powell, Asa Pvt.
Powell, James Pvt.
Rawls, T. F. Pvt.
Rials, George T. Pvt.
Roberts, C. M. Pvt.
Roberts, W. H. Pvt.
Robertson, G. A. Pvt.
Robertson, H. L. Pvt.
Robertson, W. M. Pvt. (Robinson?)
Robertson, W. N. Pvt.
Rogers, W. W. Pvt.-Corp. (Rodgers)
Sheppard, A. A. Jr. Pvt.
Sheppard, H. H. Pvt.
Sheppard, T. A. Pvt.
Sheppard, T. J. Pvt.
Simon(s?), Henry Pvt.
Speights, A. W. Pvt.
Speights, James J. Pvt. (Spaights?)
Speights, J. J. Pvt.
Stacy, Oliver Pvt.
Stamps, J. A. Pvt. (Joseph A.-See J. H. Stamps 9th Batt. Miss. S.S.)
Stamps, John E. Pvt.
Stringer, A. W. Pvt.
Stringer, B. B. Pvt.
Stringer, J. S. Pvt.
Stringer, M. B. Pvt.
Stuckey, Robert Pvt.
Sutton, Joseph Sgt.
Thompson, Henry Pvt.
Toler, Isaiah Pvt.
Toler, J.W. Pvt
Tyrone, Jerome C. Pvt.
Tyrone, Parkman Pvt.
Walker, W. H. Pvt.
Wallace, Nelson Pvt.
Wallace, Vincent Pvt
Ward, W.M. Pvt.
Weatherford, J. M. Pvt. (John Weatherford and M. Weatherford in Co. G?)
Williams, Isaiah Pvt.
Williams, Jordan B. 3rd Lt. (Not on Rowland roster-may be J. S. B.Williamson or J. B. Williams Co.

B.)

Williams, William B. Pvt.

Williamson, H. P. Pvt.

Williamson, J. S. B. Pvt.

Williamson, L. J. Pvt.

Monticello Miss. Aug 3, 1861

I hereby certify that the Goode Rifles was according to law mustered into the service of the State of Mississippi for the term of 12 months. Orders received from Brig. General Chas. G. Dahlgren to do the same.

James A Hoskins

Capt. Brookhaven Artillery

A record was also found in the Mississippi Department of Archives and History for a W. H. Roberts, Private, Company G. Seventh regiment of Mississippi Infantry, CSA. This company was known as the Covington Sharpshooters, of Covington County, and was organized May 6, 1862.

Patentee Name: WADE H ROBERTS Document #: 322 Misc. Doc. Nr: 543 Issue Date: December 30, 1878 Authority: May 20, 1862: HOMESTEAD ENTRY-ORIGINAL (12 Stat. 392) Acres: 79.39 Land Office: NATCHITOCHEs

Accession/Serial #: LA0800__301

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State: LOUISIANA

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Patentee Name: WADE H ROBERTS Document #: 8988 Issue Date: December 1, 1854 Authority: April 24, 1820: SALE-CASH ENTRY (3 Stat. 566) Acres: 40 Land Office: WASHINGTON

Accession/Serial #: MS0530__406

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State: MISSISSIPPI

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Patentee Name: WADE H ROBERTS Document #: 9618 Issue Date: February 1, 1859 Authority: April 24, 1820: SALE-CASH ENTRY (3 Stat. 566) Acres: 38.24 Land Office: WASHINGTON

Accession/Serial #: MS0530__427

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1850 Pike County Mississippi Census

49B 17 Roberts Barzillia 28 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

49B 18 Roberts Elsaba 23 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

49B 19 Roberts George W. 7 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

49B 20 Roberts Mary J. 2 Mississippi pg00

49B 21 Roberts Terreza 27 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

40B 22 Roberts Wade 25 Louisiana pg0033b.txt

49B 22 Roberts Nancy 21 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

49B 23 Roberts William 9 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

49B 24 Roberts Elizabeth 8 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

49B 25 Roberts Sarah J. 7 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

49B 26 Roberts John 5 Mississippi pg0044b.txt

1860 ROBERTS WADE H. Pike County MS 416 Holmesville Federal Population Schedule MS 1860 Federal Census Index MS54068842

See Bible Records in possession of Mrs. Ruth Moak, Moak Creek, Mississippi

More About WADE HAMPTON ROBERTS:

Military service: 7th Mississippi Artillery, Co G.

Notes for NANCY JOHNSTON:

CENSUS YR: 1850
STATE or TERRITORY: MS
COUNTY: Pike
DIVISION: The 4th Police District
REEL NO: M432-380
PAGE NO: 43B
REFERENCE: 19th day of November, 1850, Sampson L. Lamkin, Asst Marshall

22 534 535 Roberts Wade	25 M Farmer Louisiana
23 534 535 Roberts Nancy	18 F Mississippi
24 534 535 Roberts William A.	3 M Mississippi
25 534 535 Roberts Elisha	9/12 M Mississippi
26 535 536 Johnson George Sr.	52 M None S. Carolina X REMARKS: Blind & Pauper
27 535 536 Johnson Sarah	39 F Kentucky X REMARKS: Pauper
28 535 536 Johnson Margaret	20 F Mississippi
29 535 536 Johnson James A.	18 M Farm hand Mississippi
30 535 536 Johnson Frances E.	16 F Mississippi
31 535 536 Johnson George Jr.	13 M Mississippi X REMARKS: Pauper
32 535 536 Johnson Nathaniel B.	8 M Mississippi X REMARKS: Pauper
33 535 536 Johnson William H. H.	7 M Mississippi X REMARKS: Pauper
34 535 536 Johnson John W.	5 M Mississippi X REMARKS: Pauper
35 535 536 Johnson Robert A.	2 M Mississippi X REMARKS: Pauper

The Johnson household next door to Nancy are probably her parents and siblings. (James A. is probably her twin)

- ii. GEORGE ROBERTS, b. December 19, 1807.
- iii. LUVISA ROBERTS, b. March 25, 1812; m. CHARLES WARREN; b. November 15, 1808.
- iv. NOAH COLLIN ROBERTS, b. May 16, 1814.

Notes for NOAH COLLIN ROBERTS:
1850 Census of Scott County, Mississippi

Noah Roberts	age36	b.Kentucky
Martha	12	Mississippi
Jane	9	Mississippi
Henry	7	Mississippi
Nathaniel	5	Mississippi

1860 ROBERTS COLLINS < Anderson County TN 40 No Township Listed Federal Population
Schedule TN 1860 Federal Census Index TNS5a1453032
1830 ROBERTS COLLINS Anderson County TN 170 Clinton Federal Population Schedule TN 1830
Federal Census Index TNS3a1560491
1860 ROBERTS COLLINS Anderson County TN 002 No Twp Listed Slave Schedule TN 1860 Slave
Schedule TN16729235

- v. WILLIAM ROBERTS, b. January 12, 1817; d. November 04, 1864; m. ELIZABETH JANE SHADRACK(CHADDICK).

Notes for WILLIAM ROBERTS:
1860 Census of Jackson Parish, Louisiana

498/498
Roberts, William 41 Kentucky
 Elizabeth 32 Mississippi
 Talitha 12 Mississippi
 Mary L. 10 Louisiana

James S. 6 Louisiana
William M. F. 4 Louisiana
Asa 1/12 Louisiana

- vi. MOSES ANDERSON ROBERTS, b. July 04, 1819; m. RACHEL REBECCA GREEN.

Notes for MOSES ANDERSON ROBERTS:
1850 Pike County Mississippi Census

38A 10 Roberts Moses A. 31 Louisiana pg0033b.txt
38A 11 Roberts Rachael R. 32 S. Carolina pg0033b.txt
38A 12 Roberts Jefferson 2/12 Mississippi pg0033b.txt

- vii. NANCY ROBERTS, b. August 15, 1821; m. JOHN MOAK.
viii. POLLY ANN ROBERTS, b. December 10, 1826; m. ANDREW MOAK; b. 1818.
ix. GEORGE WELLS ROBERTS, b. February 14, 1830.

Notes for GEORGE WELLS ROBERTS:
There is supposition as to whether this might actually be the son of Rhoda Roberts - listed here as a sister.

- x. RHODA ROBERTS, b. September 16, 1809.

4. GEORGE JR.³ ROBERTS (*GEORGE SR.², GEORGE¹*) was born Abt. 1771 in Tennessee, and died Abt. 1818. He married SUSANNAH PROUET. She was born Abt. 1775 in Tennessee.

Children of GEORGE ROBERTS and SUSANNAH PROUET are:

- i. ISAAC⁴ ROBERTS, b. September 14, 1793, Maury County, Tennessee; d. July 12, 1861.
ii. RHODA ROBERTS, b. November 01, 1797, Tennessee; d. January 01, 1849, Blanchard, Caddo Parish, Louisiana.

More About RHODA ROBERTS:
Burial: Blanchard, Caddo Parish, Louisiana

- iii. THOMAS ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1799, Tennessee; d. 1828, Washington Parish, Louisiana.
iv. AMELIA ROBERTS, b. September 09, 1799, Tennessee; d. October 04, 1875.

More About AMELIA ROBERTS:
Burial: Clifton, Louisiana

- v. ANNA ROBERTS, b. Abt. 1801, Tennessee.

5. ELISHA³ ROBERTS (*GEORGE SR.², GEORGE¹*) was born 1775 in Watauga Settlement, Hawkins County, Tennessee, and died October 03, 1844 in San Augustine County, Texas. He married MARTHA "PATSY" GILL Abt. 1799. She was born 1781 in Bedford County, Virginia, and died December 20, 1845 in San Augustine County, Texas.

Notes for ELISHA ROBERTS:
St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana
C. O. B. "A", Folio 229

Elisha Roberts
No. 387 Bill of Sale To Isaac Roberts

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS.

That I, ELISHA ROBERTS for the sum of Five Hundred and Twenty five Dollars to me in hand paid by Isaac Roberts, Senr. have bargained, sold and delivered unto the sa. Roberts one Negro Woman named Matilda, aged about 16 years, which negro I do warrant and defend from claim or claims of all and every person or persons wherever, In witness thereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 10th day of April

1818.

Attest (Signed) Elisha Roberts
Absolom Roberts

John Osborn

The above document is interesting because it contains the signatures of three of the Roberts brothers with whom we are concerned: Elisha Roberts, Isaac Roberts, and Absolom Roberts. Isaac Roberts, son of George Roberts, was Isaac Roberts, Junior, at that time.

1820 ROBERTS ELISHA Washington Parish LA 188 No Township Listed Federal Population Schedule LA 1820 Federal Census Index LAS2a1058060
1880 ROBERTS ELISHA San Augustine County TX 257 San Augustine Federal Population Schedule TX 1880 Federal Census Index TX31415029
1880 ROBERTS ELISHA San Augustine County TX 269 E. D. 80 Federal Population Schedule TX 1880 Federal Census Index TX31415030

Notes from Hal Prestridge: LionCouer@aol.com

Elisha Roberts. b. 1775 East Tenn on the Holston River, married Martha "Patsy" Gill b. 1781, Bedford Co, VA, d. 20 Dec 1845. Elisha died 3 Oct 1844. They were the parents of 9 children. The family removed to Kentucky and to South Carolina before Elisha and his brothers Redding & William moved to Washington Parish, Louisiana. He served as Lieutenant in the Louisiana Militia during the war of 1812. Pursued a runaway slave into Texas, returned in 1818 and found a Spaniard had built a cabin on his land. He built a cotton gin in 1825. It was in Alcalde, of Ayish Bayou District. Elisha was honored as a citizen of the Republic of Texas.

Louisiana Soldiers in the War of 1812

NAME: Roberts, Elisha
RANK: 1 Lieutenant
COMPANY: 12 and 13 Cons. Reg't., La. Mil.

From the Republic of Texas documents comes the following.

Elisha Roberts

b. 1775, East Tennessee on the Holston River

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Residence: Ayish Bayo, San Augustine, Texas

M. Martha Gill

Children: Anna, Elizabeth, Ester Jane, Matilda F., William B., Noel Gill, Mahala Lee, Felix Grundy, Margaret

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BEXAR ARCHIVES Dates: 7 Sept. 1824-24 Oct. 1835.

Elisha Roberts and Ayish Bayou.

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ROBERTS, ELISHA (1774-1844). Elisha Roberts, pioneer and public official, was born in 1774 at Watauga Settlement, near the Holston River in Tennessee, the son of George Roberts. He was married by 1800 in Kentucky to Martha Gill; they had nine children, including Esther Jane, who married Philip A. Sublett. The family moved in 1811 from Green County, Kentucky, to the northern part of St. Tammany Parish, Louisiana (later Washington Parish). During the War of 1812 Roberts served as lieutenant and quartermaster under Gen. Isaac Roberts' Brigade of West Tennessee Militia and lieutenant in Captain Bickham's company, Louisiana militia. In 1822 Roberts entered East Texas in pursuit of a runaway slave whose wife had been carried to Texas by another master. Roberts was attracted by the redland countryside east of Ayish Bayou. He returned to the site in 1823, when his slave ran away again, and found the land occupied by a Spaniard, to whom he traded a slave for the land and improvements. In January 1824 he settled his family near the site of present San Augustine. Shortly after, his brothers, (Redden?) and William Roberts, moved into the area. In 1825 Roberts's thirty slaves dug out the branch springs on Tiger Creek, a tributary of Palo Gaucho Bayou that became known as the Old Brick Spring, and built a cotton gin, at that time one of four in the district; the others belonged to John Cartwright, John Sprowl, and John A. Williams. Roberts was elected alcalde of the Ayish Bayou district in 1831. He held court on the broad front gallery of his house; Sam Houston, James Bowie, David Crockett, William B. Travis, and Stephen F. Austin all boarded there. In 1833 Roberts was elected delegate to the convention in San Felipe. He was one on a committee of fifteen to select the townsite of San Augustine, which was built in 1834. He received a Mexican land grant on November 7, 1835. In 1835-36 he furnished provisions, lodging, and transportation for the revolutionary cause. In 1837 he became a member of the board of trustees of San Augustine University. On October 3, 1844, Roberts died, and on December 18, 1845, his wife died; both were buried near their home. In 1936 a Texas Centennial marker was erected at the site.

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McXie Whitton Martin

More About ELISHA ROBERTS:

Burial: San Augustine County, Texas

More About MARTHA "PATSY" GILL:

Burial: San Augustine County, Texas

Children of ELISHA ROBERTS and MARTHA GILL are:

- i. ANNA⁴ ROBERTS, b. January 15, 1800, Mill Creek, Austin County, Texas; d. March 12, 1847, Mill Creek, Austin County, Texas.
- ii. ELIZABETH ROBERTS, b. December 03, 1803, Sabine County, Texas.
- iii. ESTHER JANE ROBERTS, b. February 27, 1808, Barren County, Kentucky; d. September 19, 1891, San Augustine County, Texas; m. PHILLIP SUBLETT.

More About ESTHER JANE ROBERTS:

Burial: San Augustine County, Texas

Notes for PHILLIP SUBLETT:

SUBLETT, PHILIP ALLEN (1802-1850). Philip Allen Sublett, planter and soldier, son of Abraham and Polly (Smith) Sublett, was born in Green County, Kentucky, on May 22, 1802, and immigrated to Durango, Mexico, in 1824. On May 31, 1828, he was granted Texas citizenship and settled three miles east of San Augustine. He was married to Esther (Easter, Hester) Jane Roberts, the daughter of Elisha Roberts. Sublett participated in the battle of Nacogdoches in 1832 and was chosen as the delegate from Ayish Bayou-the San Augustine community-to the conventions of 1832 and 1833.

On November 1, 1834, Sublett was elected second judge of the San Augustine municipality. He was represented as being of "good character" with a "knowledge of law of state and republic." In 1835

Sublett was elected chairman of the San Augustine Committee of Safety and Correspondence. On October 6 he submitted a resolution appointing Sam Houston commander in chief of the forces of San Augustine and Nacogdoches districts until the Consultation should meet and make other arrangements. On October 19 Sublett led "seventy and upward well mounted men, and all well armed," from San Augustine into Nacogdoches en route to the Texas army besieging San Antonio. When Sublett's men arrived in Gonzales from Washington-on-the-Brazos on November 3, they found almost all of the men away in Stephen F. Austin's army, and they perpetrated a number of outrages. According to John Fisher, secretary of the municipality's committee of public safety, the men from Ayish Bayou "entered private houses, compelled women to leave their house[es] with their children and seek protection from their neighbors, broke open doors, robbed of money, clothing, and everything they could lay their hands on, and dragged Dr. [Launcelot] Smither from his bed and would have murdered him but for the interference of someone of the company who possessed some more of the milk of human kindness than the balance." Sublett was commissioned lieutenant colonel October 23, and on November 24 he was appointed as an appraiser to place a value on the horses and equipment of the volunteers. He was later named assistant adjutant general of the army. He served until December 14, 1835, and was present at the siege of Bexar, December 5-10, 1835, and although he opposed the plan to storm the city, he acted "with great bravery & coolness encouraging the men at every point" during the battle of Concepcion, according to Edward Burleson. On December 18, pleading the press of "private affairs," he declined the command of the First Regiment, Texas Volunteers, in favor of Edward Burleson. He thereupon returned to his farm, where on March 21 he was appointed to a committee to go to Fort Jessup, Louisiana, to inform the commandant of the perceived threat to Nacogdoches and San Augustine by hostile Indians thought to be gathering on the Trinity River. Houston resided in Sublett's home in July 1836 after being treated for a wound received during the battle of San Jacinto. On September 1 Sublett was appointed one of three commissioners to enroll a company of San Augustine militia in which he served as a private under Capt. D. Brown. On August 15, 1836, Sublett nominated Sam Houston for president of the Republic of Texas. Sublett was a developer of the town of Sabine, now Sabine Pass, at the mouth of the Sabine River. By 1840 he owned 1,400 acres of land, two town lots in San Augustine and 123 in Sabine, twenty slaves, fifty cattle, three horses, and a gold watch. Sublett died at his San Augustine home on February 25, 1850. When his wife died in 1891 she had been in Texas for seventy years, making her, according to contemporary newspaper accounts, the dean of Anglo-American Texans.

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- iv. MATILDA F. ROBERTS, b. June 12, 1808, Barren County, Kentucky; d. 1879, Georgetown, Williamson County, Texas; m. (1) JOHN CONNELL; m. (2) SAMUEL TABOR ALLEN.

Notes for JOHN CONNELL:

CONNELL, JOHN (?-?). John Connell, pioneer settler and merchant, son of an immigrant Irish blacksmith, was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Texas as a young man with Sterling C. Robertson in 1826. He established a mercantile business near Austin and soon acquired considerable property. In 1830 he married Matilda T. Roberts, daughter of Texas pioneer Elisha Roberts; they had two children. Connell was chosen as a delegate from Mill Creek, now in Austin County, to the Convention of 1832. He died at Viesca, Milam County, in 1834. In 1850 his wife donated a portion of the family estate, 120 acres of a one-league tract east of the Lampasas River on Noland Creek, once the site of the Connell home, to Bell County as a site for the new county seat, which soon became known as Belton. Matilda Connell was remarried in 1835 to Samuel T. Allen of New York. Connell's son, John H., Jr., became a prominent farmer and stock raiser in Bell and Williamson counties and served with the Confederate forces during the Civil War.

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Charles Christopher Jackson

Notes for SAMUEL TABOR ALLEN:

ALLEN, SAMUEL TABOR (1809-1838). Samuel Tabor (Taber) Allen, early Texas public figure, son of Thomas and Eunice (Johnson) Allen, was born in 1809 in Connecticut. He sailed to Texas by way of New Orleans in 1830 and joined his uncle George Allen in Harrisburg. His goal was to seek a fortune and acquire land. Allen was active in prerepublic politics and was arrested and imprisoned with William B. Travis and others during the Anahuac Disturbances in 1832. He was a delegate from Milam to the Consultation of 1835 and was a member of the General Council. He also represented Milam in the House of Representatives of the First Congress, 1836-37. He and a group of his neighbors missed fighting at the Alamo by five days, and he missed participation in the battle of San Jacinto because he was moving his family to safety at San Augustine during the Runaway Scrape. In 1835 he married Matilda (or Hester) Roberts Connell, the daughter of Elisha Roberts, who settled in the San Augustine area in 1820. Matilda was a widow with two children, and she and Samuel had two additional children. Allen acquired over 20,000 acres of land and had many business interests. In October 1838 he was a member of a surveying team of some twenty men who were ambushed by a group of Kickapoo Indians near Dawson in Navarro County. Allen was killed; only five escaped. In 1850 Matilda Allen gave 120 acres of land to establish the town of Belton in Bell County. She died in April 1879.

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- v. WILLIAM B. (OR G.) ROBERTS, b. February 26, 1811, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.
- vi. NOEL GILL ROBERTS, b. November 19, 1813, Barren County, Kentucky.

Notes for NOEL GILL ROBERTS:

1850 San Augustine County Texas Census

16 346 346 Roberts Noel G.	36 M Farmer 8,000	La
17 346 346 Roberts Maria	33 F	La
18 346 346 Roberts Wm	15 M Farmer	Texas X
19 346 346 Roberts Eliza	14 F	Texas X
20 346 346 Roberts Benjamin	12 M	Texas X
21 346 346 Roberts Elizabeth	10 F	Texas X
22 346 346 Roberts Noel	5 M	Texas
23 346 346 Roberts Maria	4 F	Texas
24 346 346 Roberts Martha	2 F	Texas
25 346 346 Roberts Felix	1 M	Texas

X following the State of birth means the individual was attending school

- vii. MAHALA LEE ROBERTS, b. 1815, Washington Parish, Louisiana.
- viii. FELIX GRUNDY ROBERTS, b. August 23, 1818, Washington Parish, Louisiana; d. Abt. 1895, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas.

Notes for FELIX GRUNDY ROBERTS:

1850 San Augustine County Texas Census

20 143 143 Roberts Felix G.	31 M Farmer 3,500	La
21 143 143 Roberts Elizabeth	23 F	Ky
22 143 143 Roberts John H.	5 M	Texas

- ix. MARGARET S. ROBERTS, b. 1816, Washington Parish, Louisiana.

6. AMELIA "MILLIE" C.³ ROBERTS (*GEORGE SR.*², *GEORGE*¹) was born Abt. 1776. She married ISHAM

CHISUM 1800 in Hawkins County, Tennessee. He was born Abt. 1776.

Child of AMELIA ROBERTS and ISHAM CHISUM is:

- i. ISHAM⁴ CHISUM, b. August 05, 1818, Covington, Mississippi.