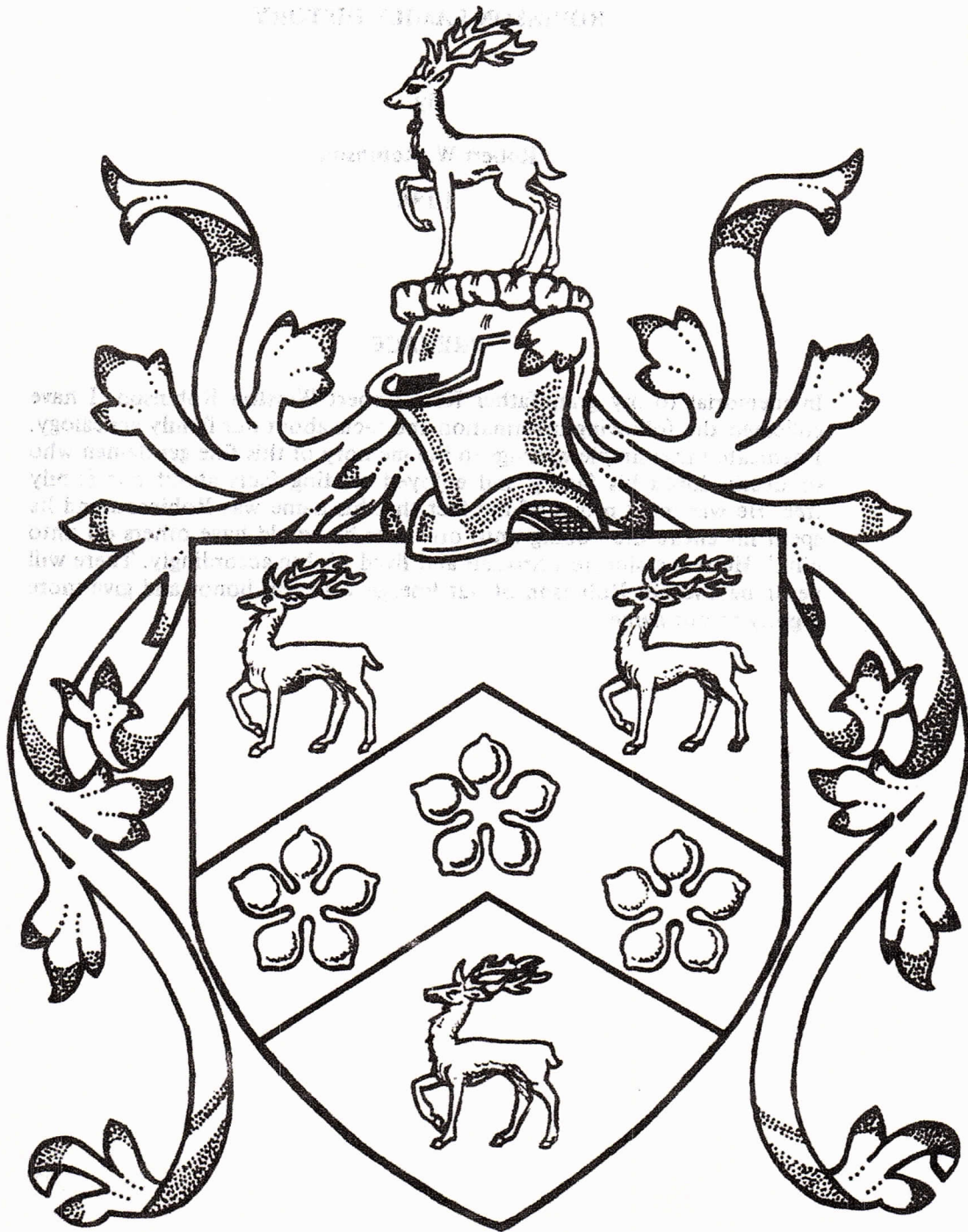


ROBINSON FAMILY HISTORY

Descendants of Gerrard Robinson



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By

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PREFACE

In memorial to my grandfather Rev. Robert Winston Robinson, I have collected the following information and facts about our family genealogy. I dedicate these simple writings to the memory of this fine gentleman who so dearly loved his family and enjoyed relating facts about our family tree. He was most proud of the fact that his name was Robinson and he spent his entire life "doing unto others as he would have others do unto him." He was a sincere Christian and lived his life accordingly. There will never be another Robinson of our lineage who will honor and give more dignity to our name.

ROBINSON LINEAGE

1. Gerrard Robinson, the emigrant, born September 8, 1725, married approx. 1760, Elizabeth Monteth (Monteith), died approx. 1769.

Children:

2. John Monteth (Monteith) Robinson, born 3-7-1764, married Susan McClanahan 1788, died 4-14-1848.
 3. Frances Wilton Robinson, born 3-25-1762, married Colonel Elias Earle 9-17-1782, died 9-12-1823.
2. John Monteth (Monteith) Robinson, Gerrard Robinson (1) John Monteth (Monteith) Robinson married Susan McClanahan.

Children:

4. Benjamin Franklin Robinson, born 1-1-1807, married 1st. Frances McClanahan 11-14-1833, 2nd. Helen Jane Acock 2-19-1844, died 1-9-1884.
 5. Frances W. Robinson, born 5-17-1792, married Major Alfred J. Bayse.
 6. Gerard William Robinson, born 11-29-1794, married Ann McClanahan 11-26-1813, died 11-29-1872.
 7. William M. Robinson, born 2-16-1796, married Jane Lynn, died 1846.
 8. Elizabeth Monteth (Monteith) Robinson, born 2-18-1798, married Stephen Bedford, died 1876.
 9. John Maximillion Robinson, born 2-18-1800, married Lucian Butler, died 10-12-1862.
 10. Dr. Alexander Marshall Robinson, born 11-17-1802, married 1st. Louisa Bayse 1822, 2nd. Catherine Hughes 1833, died 3-10-1884.
 11. John Monteth (Monteith) Robinson, Jr., born 1791, never married, died at the age of 21 serving in War of 1812.
 12. Sidney S. Robinson, born 1805, married Maria McClanahan 12-11-1833, died 1883.
 13. Richard Henry Robinson, born 5-4-1811, married Sallie Sebree, died 8-29-1895.
 14. Lewis Wilton Robinson, born 6-27-1813, married Mary Benson, died 1877.
4. Benjamin Franklin Robinson, John M. Robinson (2), Gerrard Robinson (1). Benjamin F. Robinson was married first, Frances McClanahan,

Children:

15. John DeWilton Robinson, born 6-27-1834, married Sallie Bedford 7-5-1854, died 1907.

Children:

- A. Fannie DeWilton Robinson, born 1855, married Bremm Scott.
- B. Benjamin Franklin Robinson, born 3-16-1858, married Kathleen Mary Gibson, died April 18, 1924.

Children:

- AA. DeWilton Robinson, born 12-31-1907.
- BB. Gibson Robinson, born 3-7-1913, died 4-20-1975.
- CC. Ruben Robinson, born 9-23-1920, died 7-22-1974.
- DD. Clark Robinson, born 12-1-1909, married Dorothy Berthier, died 9-4-1960.

Children:

- AAA. Ralph Clark Robinson
- BBB. Nancy Robinson

Benjamin F. Robinson was married 2nd. Helen Jane Acock,

Children:

16. Margaret S. Robinson, born 6-3-1846, never married, died 10-3-1873.
17. Dr. Robert Gerard Robinson, born 11-9-1849, married 1st. Mary Elizabeth Winston, 2nd. Mary Elizabeth Carter 1889, died 1908.

18. David Atchison Robinson, born 4-16-1852, never married, died 1908.
19. Willie Blanch Robinson, born 3-18-1856, never married, died February 1909.
20. Mabelle Robinson, born 5-3-1860, never married, died 1894.
21. Frank Menteith Robinson, born 9-12-1865, married Hattie Locke, died June 1943.

Children:

- A. Mabelle Ewing Robinson, born 9-3-1893, died 12-26-75.
- B. Hattie Frank Robinson, born 10-31-1894, married James D. Churchill in 1918, died 12-6-76.

Children:

- AA. Francis Menteith Churchill, born 12-25-1918, married Mayme Lee Griffiths, 1945.

Children:

AAA. Barbara Jean Churchill, born 7-21-1947.

BBB. Roy Douglas Churchill, born 6-7-1954.

- BB. Ralph Douglas Churchill, born 10-31-1920, married Kathryn Baird.

Children:

CCC. Katherine Angeline Churchill, born 11-17-1949.

DDD. Harriett Sue Churchill, born 9-9-1951.

17. Dr. Robert Gerard Robinson, B.F. Robinson (4), John M. Robinson (2), Gerrard Robinson (1).
Dr. R.G. Robinson married 1st. Mary Elizabeth Winston.

Children:

22. Robert Winston Robinson, born 10-24-1882, married Sammie Lucinda Winston 1904, died 10-27-1969.

23. Alexandria DeWilton Robinson, born 3-6-1880, married Virden L. Thomas 1896, died 10-27-1969.

(ALEXANDRIA [OLLIE] DEWILTON ROBINSON THOMAS)

Daughter of Dr. Robert G. Robinson and Elizabeth Winston Robinson,

Born: 3-6-1880—Texas Died: 1943—Baldwin Park, California.

Married: 1896—San Antonio, Texas to Virden Leslie Thomas

Born: September 9, 1950—Illinois

Died: April 9, 1950—Baldwin Park, California

Children:

- A. Arthur Harvey Thomas

Born: February 2, 1989—Dallas, Texas

Married: September 3, 1917 to Nora Louise Goff

Born: 1901—Texas

Children:

- AA. Helen Louise Thomas

Born: November, 1918—Texas

Married: 1936 to Justin Costello

1961 Residence: Colorado

Children:

- AAA. Maureen Costello

Born: 1937—California

1961 Residence: California

- BB. Arthur Harvey Thomas, Jr.

Born: November, 1922—Dallas, Texas

Married: 1945 to Hilda Rogers*

Born: 1925

Died: August, 1960, Dallas, Texas

Children:

- AAA. Richard James Thomas*

Born: December 6, 1947—California

- BBB. Patrick Gary Thomas*
Born: June 20, 1950 - California
- CCC. Arthur Harvey Thomas, III*
Born: January 31, 1953 - California
- DDD. Carolyn Elizabeth Thomas*
Born: February 12, 1958 - California
- EEE. Norman H. Thomas (adopted)
Born:
Married:
1961 Residence:

- B. **Virgie Lee Thomas**
Born: October 21, 1899 - Dallas, Texas
Married: March 1919 to Le Roy Brenneman*
Born: May 22, 1901 - Louisiana
Died: 1937 - Los Angeles, California
*1961 Residence: California
**1961 Residence: Redlands, California

Children: (Virgie Lee Thomas Brenneman)

- AA. Doris Fay Brenneman
Born: July 9, 1920 - Texas
Married: 1938 to Earl Loid Brown
Born:
1961 Residence: Los Angeles, California

Children:

- AAA. Loid Earl Brown
Born: January 6, 1939 - Los Angeles, Calif.
 - BBB. Leslie Wendell Brown
Born: March 20, 1940 - Los Angeles, Calif.
 - BB. Le Roy Brenneman, Jr.
Born: June 5, 1926 - Texas
Married: Dorothy Jean Happe
Born: December 31, 1927
1961 Residence: Redlands, California
- Children:
- AAA. Karen Lee Brenneman
Born: April 12, 1952 - San Bernardino, Calif.
 - BBB William Happe Brenneman
Born: October 29, 1957 - Redlands, California

- C. **Essie Elizabeth (Betty) Thomas**
Born: August 12, 1902 - Dallas, Texas
Married: December 21, 1918 to Larry Otis Pipes
Born: 1899, October 9 - Oklahoma
1961 Residence: La Crescenta, California

Children:

- AA. Larry Harold Pipes
Born: January 24, 1922 - Dallas, Texas
Married: January 24, 1946 to Mary Oline Gray
Born: August 29, 1926 - South Carolina
1961 Residence: La Crescenta, California
- BB. Betty Jean Pipes
Born: October 28, 1919 - Los Angeles, California
Married: January 19, 1946 to John Harris Walker, Jr.
Born: September 6, 1928 - Texas
1961 Residence: Bakersfield, California

Children:

- AAA. Jean Lanelle Walker
Born: November 18, 1946 - Glendale, California
- BBB. John Elton Walker
Born: August 17, 1949 - Glendale, California
- CCC. Stephan Allen Walker
Born: July 17, 1952 - Bakersfield, California

D. **Artie Gwentyth Thomas**
Born: March 7, 1904 - Dallas, Texas
Died: 1921 - Dallas, Texas

E. **Mary Hellen (Marie) Thomas**
Born: May 29, 1906 - Dallas, Texas
Married: 1925 to Fred Samuel Pyron
Born: May, 1906 - Texas
1961 Residence: Redlands, California

Children:

- AAA. Christopher Lynn Pyron
Born: January 16, 1949 - California
- BBB. David Mark Pyron
Debra Sue Pyron
Born: November 21, 1955 - California

BB. **Lois Marie Pyron**
Born: March 29, 1930 - Los Angeles, California
Married: February, 1948 to Herbert J. Tweedy

Children:

- AAA. Alta Marie Tweedy
Born: November 3, 1949 - California
Died: October 29, 1959 - Los Angeles, California
Second marriage of Lois Marie Pyron: 1956 to Jerry Smith
Born: California
1961 Residence: Bakersfield, California

Children:

- BBB. Terry Smith
Born: July 21, 1957 - California

F. **Ollie Robert (Bob) Thomas**
Born: August 8, 1908 - Dallas, Texas
Married: January 7, 1929 to Ethelyn Ruth Kerby
Born: September 15, 1910 - Leon County, Texas
1961 Residence: Burbank, California

Children:

- AA. Barbara Ruth Thomas
Born: August 27, 1931 - Dallas, Texas
Married: June 7, 1952 to Bernard Robertson Press
Born: September 12, 1924 - Hollywood, California
1961 Residence: La Crescenta, California

Children:

- AAA. David Francis Press
Born: October 2, 1954 - Glendale, California
- BBB. Mark Robertson Press
Born: December 11, 1956 - Glendale, California

BB. Joyce Mae Thomas
Born: May 12, 1936 - Glendale, California
Married: November 25, 1956 to Robert Arthur Johnson
Born: July 15, 1938 - Kansas City, Kansas
1961 Residence: North Hollywood, California

Children:

AAA. Robert Arthur Johnson, Jr.
Born: February 18, 1961
Died: February 18, 1961

CC. Robert Earl Thomas
Born: August 19, 1938 - Glendale, California
Married: July 19, 1958 to Joan Susan Kassan
Born: June 11, 1941 - New York City, New York
1961 Residence: North Hollywood, California

Children:

AAA. Daniel Bradley Thomas
Born: May 6, 1960 - Burbank, California

G. Fisher Braden Thomas
Born: March 1910 - Dallas, Texas
Died: 1914 - Dallas, Texas

H. Winfred Earl Thomas
Born: March 4, 1913 - Dallas, Texas
Married: June 29, 1934 to Johnnie May Pyron
Born: June 15, 1918 - Texas
1961 Residence: Bakersfield, California

Children:

AA. Pamela Susan Thomas
Born: December 1, 1946 - Bakersfield, California

I. Ina Faye Thomas
Born: December 29, 1915 - Dallas, Texas
Married: August 21, 1934 to Thomas Riley Draper
Born: June 18, 1909 - Texas
1961 Residence: Littlefield, Texas

Children:

AA. Marilyn Joan Draper
Born: August 26, 1935 - Los Angeles, California
Married: August 23, 1952 to Edward Raymond Piwarski
Born: May 30, 1925 - Ohio
1961 Residence: Riverside, California

Children:

AAA. Edward Raymond Piwarski, Jr.
Born: August 16, 1953 - Fontana, California

BBB. John Thomas Piwarski
Born: August 13, 1955

CCC. William Ray Piwarski
Born: April 25, 1957 - California

DDD. Catherine Faye Piwarski
Born: March 14, 1959 - California

J. Alice Ruth Thomas
Born: July 21, 1918 - Dallas, Texas
Married: 1938 to Everett Parley Jensen
Born: January 6, 1921 - California

Children:

AA. Carolyn Ruth Jensen (adopted)
Born: February 21, 1956

K. Wanda Frances Thomas
Born: November 1, 1921 - Dallas, Texas
Married: January, 1940 to David Wire
Born: April 1, 1922

Children:

AA. Janice Wanda Wire
Born: November 23, 1940 - Los Angeles, California
Married: October 23, 1955 to Le Roy Eugene Bailey
Born: May 20, 1930
1961 Residence: Whittier, California

Children:

AAA. Lonett Rene Bailey
Born: June 1, 1957 - El Monte, California
BBB. Kelly Raymond Bailey
Born: March 30, 1960 - Whittier, California
CCC. Janine Lee Bailey
Born: July 30, 1961 - Whittier, California

Second marriage of Wanda Frances Thomas: 4-16-1944
to Donald Marshall Chapman Born: June 8, 1916
1961 Residence: Tucson, Arizona

Children: Second Marriage

AAA. Sharon Lee Chapman
Born: February 9, 1945 - California
BBB. Nancy Ellen Chapman
Born: June 23, 1947 - Tucson, Arizona
CCC. Deborah Lynn Chapman
Born: April 11, 1953 - Tucson, Arizona

L. Jean DeWilton Thomas
Born: November 25, 1924 - Dallas, Texas
Married: 1941 to Bobbie Roswell Stafford
Born: March 21, 1921 - Memphis, Texas
1961 Residence: Whittier, California

Children:

AA. Gary Robert Stafford
Born: February 16, 1942 - Los Angeles, California
BB. Gloria Jean Stafford
Born: January 12, 1943 - Los Angeles, California

24. Val Menteith Robinson, born 11-24-1885, died 1947

25. Margaret Helen Robinson, died in infancy.

Dr. R. G. Robinson married 2nd Mary Elizabeth Carter 1889,
Children were:

26. Forrest Gerard Robinson, born 11-17-1892, married Lillian Lea Henry 1913, died 8-6-1970.

Forrest Gerard Robinson

Born: November 16, 1892
Married: 1913 to Lillian Lea Henry
Born: October 6, 1895 - Dallas, Texas
1961 Residence: Galveston, Texas

Children:

- A. **Robert Gerard Robinson**
Born: April 10, 1914 - Dallas, Texas
Died: August 12, 1921

- B. **Richard Watson Robinson**
Born: March 15, 1916 - Shreveport, Louisiana
Married: 1936 to Dorothy Lee Martin
Born: November 14, 1918 - Galveston, Texas
1961 Residence: Houston, Texas

Children:

- AA. **Richard Watson Robinson, Jr.**
Born: May 26, 1938 - Dallas, Texas
Married: 1959 to Jacquelyn Ann Kyle
Born: April 15, 1937 - Angleton, Texas
1961 Residence: Angleton, Texas

- BB. **Martin William Robinson**
Born: December 8, 1942 - Houston, Texas
1961 Residence: Marine Corps.

- C. **Forrest Gano Robinson**
Born: January 23, 1919 - Dallas, Texas
Married: 1941 to Della Margret Hood
Born: July 19, 1919
1961 Residence: El Paso, Texas

Children:

- AA. **Forrest Gerard Robinson III**
Born: October 3, 1941 - Houston, Texas
1961 Residence: Army, Korea

- BB. **Laura June Robinson**
Born: May 29, 1948 - Houston, Texas
Married: Gary Lee Ryan, Kingsville, Texas

Children:

- AAA. **Cheryle Margaret Ryan**

- D. **Patricia Lea Robinson**
Born: January 2, 1926 - Dallas, Texas
Married: 1950 to Nicholas Armstrong Gimber
Born: April 22, 1921 - Worthing, Indiana
1961 Residence: La Marque

Children:

- AA. **Gerald Alan Gimber**
Born: February 13, 1952 - Texas City, Texas

- BB. **Kenneth Earl Gimber**
Born: December 17, 1957 - La Marque

27. Richard Gano Robinson, 10-14-1892, married Purla Wiley 8-27-1913, died 7-30-1962.

Richard Gano Robinson

Born: October 14, 1894, Dallas, Texas
Married: August 27, 1913, Dallas, Texas to Purla Wiley
Born: March 21, 1896, Tyler, Texas

Children:

- A. **Mary Elizabeth Robinson**
Born: October 11, 1915, Dallas, Texas
Died: January 25, 1958, Lubbock, Texas
Married: May 28, 1932, Dallas, Texas to Walter Hubbard Crowell
Born: June 14, 1915 - Dallas, Texas

Children:

- AA. **Walter Hubbard Crowell, Jr.**
Born: January 12, 1945, Dallas, Texas
1961 Residence: Lubbock, Texas

28. Mary Helen Robinson, died in infancy.

- 22. Rev. Robert Winston Robinson, Dr. R. G. Robinson (17), B. F. Robinson (4), John M. Robinson (2), Gerrard Robinson (1). Robert Winston Robinson married Sammie Lucinda Winston.

Children:

- 29. Frances Elizabeth Robinson, born 10-2-1905, married Jalmar Christopherson.
Frances Elizabeth Robinson and Jalmar Christopherson

Children:

- A. **Jalmar Ray Christopherson**
Born: 12-19-1925
Married: Juanita Winters in 1946.

Children:

- AA. **Philip Ray Christopherson**
Born: August 20, 1947

- BB. **Joan Kay Christopherson**
Born: July 23, 1951

- CC. **Jonathan Brian Christopherson**
Born: June 16, 1961

- B. **Jo Evelyn Christopherson**
Born: December 27, 1927
Married: J. M. Johnson in 1947

Children:

- AA. **Jency Ann Johnson**
Born: September 11, 1951

- BB. **John Mark Johnson**
Born: September 14, 1953

- CC. **Jan Elizabeth Johnson**
Died: In infancy

- DD. **James Chris Johnson**
Born: April 29, 1957

- EE. **Joel David Johnson**
Born: December 3, 1958

30. Robert Winston Robinson, Jr., born May 3, 1912, married Etta Mildred Kent.

31. Agnes Earle Robinson, born December 23, 1907, died January 7, 1911.

- 30. Robert Winston Robinson, Jr., Rev. Robert Winston Robinson (22), Dr. Robert G. Robinson (17), B. F. Robinson (4), John M. Robinson (2), Gerrard Robinson (1).
Robert Winston Robinson, Jr., married Etta Mildred Kent on 8-19-1933.

Children:

32. Robert Wayne Robinson, born 6-15-1934, married Hyla Maurine Hanby.

33. Paula Sue Robinson, born 3-19-1942, married Donald T. Newman.

Paula Sue Robinson and Donald T. Newman

Children:

- A. **Shanon Rene Newman**
Born: April 2, 1961
- B. **Donald Kent Newman**
Born: January 21, 1963
- C. **Robin Lynn Newman**
Born: November 5, 1967

32. **Robert Wayne Robinson, Robert Winston Robinson, Jr., (30), Rev. Robert Winston Robinson (22), Dr. Robert G. Robinson (17), B. F. Robinson (4), John M. Robinson (2), Gerrard Robinson (1).**

Robert Wayne Robinson married Hyla Maurine Hanby on 6-25-1954

Robert Wayne Robinson and Hyla Maurine Hanby

Children:

- 34. **Robert Haynes Robinson**
Born: March 5, 1957
- 35. **Hyla Susan Robinson**
Born: June 2, 1959
- 36. **Lyndi Maurine Robinson**
February 17, 1962

GERRARD ROBINSON

The first Robinson of our lineage who came to America was Gerrard Robinson. He was born in Whitehaven, England, and the baptismal registers for the St. Nicholas Church shows a record of his baptism as being on Sept. 8, 1725. His father according to these baptismal records was Gerrard Robinson, Mariner. The record also listed the following children of Gerrard Robinson, Mariner:

1. John, baptized on Sept. 22, 1727.
2. Thomas, baptized on Feb. 5, 1730.
3. Elizabeth, baptized on April 6, 1733.
4. A Son, not named, baptized on Oct. 5, 1735.

The only possible record available concerning the baptism of Gerrard Robinson, senior, is found in the baptismal records of the older St. Bees Church. The St. Bees record shows that Garret, ye son of John Robinson of Whitehaven was baptized on Sept. 20, 1694. According to the Whitehaven Museum Curator, Garret is probably another form of Gerrard.

The mother of Gerrard Robinson was a Wilton and rumors say that the Wilton Family enjoyed honorable distinction, the male members of the family being titled.

Since his ancestors on his paternal side were a distinct family of Mariners, he also had a fondness for the ocean and as soon as he reached his majority; he engaged in maritime pursuits. His first adventure in command of a merchant ship was on the Mediterranean and quite possibly the ship belonged to his father since shipping records list a ship named "The Duke Of Cumberland" captained by Gerrard Robinson and being owned by Gerrard Robinson and Company of Whitehaven, England. The ship arrived in the Rappahannock River on July 18, 1755, in ballast from Whitehaven and Dieppe. Its bond was in the Rappahannock (which in 1755 could have been Urbanna, Tappahannock, Leedstown, Fredericksburg, or Falmouth).¹

In the geneology and biographical sketch of the Robinson Family, included in the Walker Family History, written by Mr. R.H. Robinson, mention is made that General Wolfe who led an expedition to invade Canada was an uncle of Gerrard Robinson. The report states that General Wolfe was married to Gerrard Robinson's aunt, however research into the biography of General Wolfe indicate that he was never married. Records do show that General Wolfe was engaged to Katherine Lowther, daughter of Sir Lowther of Whitehaven who was a member of the same parish as the Robinson family. If there was no kinship then there must have definitely been a close friendship among the families. The sketch states that Gerrard Robinson commanded one of the vessels that took General Wolfe to the Canada expedition and after the death of Wolfe at Quebec; Gerrard Robinson returned to Whitehaven and then began his preparation to sail to America.

Securing a cargo consisting of supplies and merchandise needed in the new country, he set sail for America. Arriving in the Chesapeake Bay, he proceeded up the Potomac River to the primitive town of Falmouth. On either side of the river he saw cultivated fields and thriving villages, rustic but well appointed depots, filled with tobacco and other commodities of commercial value awaiting transportation to foreign markets. With these evidences of prosperity before him, he at once decided to make Virginia his home and organize a shipping industry which eventually made him a wealthy man.

The inhabitants of Falmouth, mostly of his own lineage, were hospitable and intelligent and the circle of his friends and acquaintances soon became larger.

Before very many voyages had been made or many moons had come and gone, he had taken to himself a wife and become fully identified as an American citizen and a citizen of Virginia. He was married to Elizabeth Monteth of King George County, Virginia, in 1760. Elizabeth was the daughter of Thomas Monteth, a native of Scotland.

Thomas Monteth (Monteith)² emigrated to America during the reign of George the Second, after the Stuarts had made their last attempt to regain regal authority in England. It was during this time that Charles Edward of the House of Stuart, called by some as the Pretender, and by others, the young Chevalier, coming from France made his appearance in London and claimed recognition as the lawful heir to the throne. His claim being based on the law of premonition, attached to it a degree of justice. The Scotch people were unyielding in their devotion to the Stuart family and on former occasions had not failed to espouse their cause. When the English Parliament spurned with contempt the petition by Charles II, the Scottish people became inflamed with hate and a rebellion was raised and fought, the result being complete defeat and humiliation for Charles II and the Scottish people. His Army routed, the young Chevalier escaped to France. Prominent among those who espoused his cause was Sir Thomas Monteth, a near relative of the Stuart family, who with many other brave and patriotic gentlemen, were compelled to seek immunity from persecution which was sure to come, by emigrating to America.

As England had asserted no authority over the persons of her subjects in America, the American Colonies afforded an asylum to the persecuted of all nations.

Thomas Monteth settled in King George County, Virginia, invested his available treasure in land and slaves and engaged in the cultivation of tobacco. He married Miss Narcissa Gollop. It was said he fell a victim to love at first sight. He was returning from a chase, it being evening, as he neared a handsome cottage, he beheld a young lady milking. The sight of this beautiful girl together with the surroundings, caused his bosom to heave with emotions such as he had never felt before. He loved, he wooed, he married, and a happy union resulted, but soon to be spoiled by death. After the birth of two children, a son and a daughter named James and Elizabeth, he became ill and died.

Thomas Monteth possessed a high sense of honor, when he came to America he found many titled partisans on this side of the water; he had landed but a few hours when he was assailed and taunted by being called a friend of the Pretender, and the assailant was slain on the spot. He surrendered himself to the authorities and was discharged. When he died, he left a handsome estate. His widow married a Mr. Elkin, by whom she raised a large family of sons and daughters. His two children were educated in the best schools the country afforded. The son, James Monteth became wealthy. He purchased a large body of land in King George County, Virginia, at a nominal price and in view of its prospective value, he was able to lease it for ninety-nine years. His principal heirs were his sister's descendents.

1. Taken from "Geneology And Biographical Sketch Of The Robinson Family Included In The Walker Family History," written by R.H. Robinson.
2. Correct spelling of Monteth documented by the Estate Settlement of Thomas Monteth recorded on the 15th day of November, 1784, in Will Book C, page 88, Culpeper County, Virginia.

The daughter of Thomas Monteth grew into womanhood and became the reigning belle of the county and had many admirers. Among them was Captain Gerrard Robinson, to whom she yielded and became his wife. When Captain Robinson and Elizabeth Monteth married, they established their home in King George County near the tide waters, where ships could come to anchor and discharge their cargos. Here the family lived while Captain Robinson plied his chosen vocation, with a bright future, having paved the way to prosperity and happiness; he too was seized with a malignant fever and died. How inscrutable are the ways of providence. He left a widow and two small children, a son and a daughter. The names of the children were John Monteth Robinson and Frances Wilton Robinson. His widow married John L. Grigsby of Fredericksburg, Virginia, but this union produced no children.

In personal appearance, Gerrard Robinson was large, much above mediocrity, fair skinned with blue eyes. His log book, punch bowl and ladle and coat of arms were kept as mementoes. The emblem on his coat of arms was a Lion and Unicorn fighting for a crown.

John Monteth Robinson was placed under the care of a Mr. Taylor, the clerk of the court at Fredericksburg, while still a young lad, where he remained performing the duties of the office until he attained manhood. His sister Frances Wilton Robinson having attained womanhood, married Elias Earle, a young Virginian of prominence. They moved to South Carolina and settled in the Greenville District where Elias Earle became a political leader of the state. He served several terms in the Congress of the United States.

Elias Earle and Frances Robinson Earle both died in South Carolina leaving a numerous prosperity. Col. Elias Earle died on May 19, 1823, and Frances Robinson Earle died on Sept. 12, 1823. There were at least two children born to this union, Samuel Girard Earle was born on May 4, 1789, and Dr. Robinson M. Earle was born on Jan. 31, 1794.³

JOHN M. ROBINSON

John Monteth Robinson married Susan McClanahan who was the daughter of Rev. William and Mary McClanahan of Culpeper County, Virginia in 1788. Rev. William McClanahan was of Scotch descent and a farmer by occupation. He was a devout Baptist and encountered numerous disagreements with the Clergy of the Episcopal Church, which at this time was the leading denomination in America. He was arrested and sent to jail in Orange County, Virginia, on August 21, 1773, for preaching and teaching contrary to the laws and usage of the Kingdom of Great Britain, raising sedition and stirring up strife among his Majesties Liege people. William McClanahan was born in Westmoreland County, Virginia, on Feb. 23, 1733, and married Mary Marshall of Culpeper County, Virginia, in 1758. He served as a Captain in the American Revolution with Honorable distinction. He led his Minuteman company (fellow Baptist) against the British at the battle of the long bridge near Williamsburg and was also involved in numerous other battles.⁴

Susan McClanahan's mother was Mary Marshall, the daughter of John Marshall of Westmoreland County, Virginia. Mary Marshall was also the aunt of Chief Justice John Marshall of Virginia. Another prominent cousin of Mary Marshall was attorney, Humphrey Marshall.

The Marshall Family came from Scotland and John Marshall's Coat of Arms bore the emblem of a buck with antlers. According to family legend William Markham, a native of Wales, and the maternal grandfather of Mary Marshall McClanahan at one time commanded a pirate ship and while cruising off the coast of Wales, kidnaped a beautiful girl that afterwards became his wife. Her name was Betsy Newton. Her father was a nobleman whose castle stood near the seashore.⁵

Betsy, in the company of her maid, took daily strolls along the beach. The pirate captain had doubtlessly watched and learned her habit, when he conceived the daring scheme of making her his captive and wife. In the days of William Markham, piracy had not been utterly condemned by the moral sense and judgment of mankind; pirate ships were found on all the seas. Governments were less stable then than now, piracy was the result of the rise and fall of dynasties attended with cruel persecutions. Men seeking to escape the persecutions, built ships of war and sailed the oceans where they had equal changes to defend themselves against enemies and better chances to elude pursuit.

Rev. William and Mary Marshall McClanahan had seven children, three sons and four daughters, all natives of Virginia. Their names are as follows along with the family into which they married:⁶

Thomas married a Miss Green
Nancy married Elistone Bayse
William Jr., married a Miss Delaney
Mary married Hedgemont Triplett
Ailsy married a Mr. Abbott
John married Nancy Earle
Susan married John M. Robinson

After the death of Rev. William McClanahan in 1802, his widow Mary Marshall McClanahan resided with her daughter Susan McClanahan Robinson in Bourbon County, Kentucky, until her death. The widow of John Grisby, Elizabeth Monteth Robinson Grisby, (mother of John M. Robinson) lived with her daughter Frances Wilton Robinson Earle in Greenville, South Carolina, until her death.

When John Monteth Robinson and Susan McClanahan married in 1788, they resided in Culpeper County, Virginia and two children were born:

John Monteth Robinson, Jr. and
Frances Wilton Robinson

3. Colonial Families Of The United States, page 239.

4. DAR, No. 504231

5. "Geneology And Biographical Sketch Of The Robinson Family In The Walker Family History," written by R.H. Robinson.

6. Taken from "Geneology And Biographical Sketch Of The Robinson Family In The Walker Family," written by R.H. Robinson.

They then moved to Greenville District, South Carolina, in 1793 where the following seven children were born:

Gerard William Robinson
Elizabeth Monteth Robinson
William McClanahan Robinson
John Maxamillion Robinson
Alexander Marshall Robinson
Sidney Smith Robinson
Benjamin Franklin Robinson

Around 1808, the family moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky, where four more children were born:

Henry Lee Robinson
Richard Henry Robinson
Mary Marshall Robinson
Lewis Wilton Robinson

After living twenty years in Kentucky, they moved to Missouri in 1828 and settled in Boone County, two miles west of Columbia, where both John Monteth Robinson and Susan McClanahan Robinson died, his death being on April 14, 1848, at the age of 86 years and her death being on March 17, 1848, at the age of 76 years. Both are buried in the Columbia Cemetery where a limestone monument was erected to their memory.⁷

John Monteth Robinson was a farmer by profession, a man of domestic habits, fond of rural pursuits; as a husband he was kind and affectionate; as a parent, indulgent to a fault, skeptical in religion but firm in his political opinions, honorable and just in all his dealings with men.⁸

Susan McClanahan Robinson was a devoted Christian, steadfast in the religion of her father (Baptist), a dutiful wife and loving mother. Her hands were always stretched out to the needy.

The following pages are devoted to the lives of the thirteen children of John and Susan Robinson.

John Monteth Robinson, Jr. was never married and was born in Culpeper County, Virginia, in 1790. He died at the early age of 21 years old while serving in the War of 1812 under the command of Captain William Garrard. His death occurred in the state of Ohio.

Frances Wilton Robinson was born on May 17, 1792, in Culpeper County, Virginia. She married Major Alfred J. Bayse and resided in Jefferson City, Missouri. Major Bayse was born June 2, 1785, in Virginia and was of French Huguenot descent. He had many distinguished family connections, being a first cousin of John Marshall, a second cousin of William Henry Harrison, and a third cousin of General Zachary Taylor. Major Bayse settled in Howard County, Missouri and represented said county in the Missouri Legislature when St. Charles was temporary seat of government prior to 1826. He moved his family to Jefferson City in 1826 bringing with him sixty head of cattle, twenty horses, and thirty negroes. He purchased the block bounded by Capital Ave., High Street, Jackson St., and Adams St. On this property he built a fine brick home with slave labor and the first story of this dwelling was still in tact as late as 1938.⁹

Major Bayse served as land commissioner and was appointed postmaster by President Taylor. He was six feet and six inches tall and all of his eight brothers were over six feet tall. Frances Bayse also had eight brothers who were all over six feet in height. Major and Mrs. Bayse had twelve children, eleven of whom lived to maturity and ten of who married. The house famous for many years as the Bayse Mansion stood on the quarter block at the southeast corner of Madison and Water Sts., across from the executive mansion grounds. Here at an earlier date John C. Gordon, ran the Rising Sun Hotel, which Major Bayse purchased in 1846 through his brother-in-law, Benjamin F. Robinson. He enlarged the building and it became the residence of the Bayse family. Later, Frances Robinson Bayse conducted a family hotel for the accommodation of state officers and legislators. Many distinguished Americans were her guests.

Gerard William Robinson was born May 21, 1794, in Greenville, South Carolina. He was married to his cousin, Ann McClanahan, daughter of William McClanahan, Jr. on November 26, 1813, in Woodford County, Kentucky. He moved to Missouri and settled in Howard County in 1819. He served as a private in the War of 1812 as a member of Capt. William Garrard's Company-Twelve Month Volunteers Light Dragoons Bourbon Blues. Gerard W. Robinson was vice-president of the committee that drew up a resolution for Howard County Citizens not to participate in the Civil War even though their sympathy was with the Southern cause. He also donated 50 acres of land for the township of Columbia on August 6, 1821. He was married to his wife 59 years before his passing which occurred on April 9, 1879. Ann McClanahan Robinson died on November 29, 1872. Both are buried in the Ashland Cemetery which is eight miles west of Fayette, Missouri. The cemetery is near a Christian Church.¹⁰

Elizabeth Monteth Robinson was born on February 18, 1798, in Greenville, South Carolina. She was married to Stephen Bedford and they resided in Boone County, Missouri, on a farm which they purchased on December 30, 1830, from Sidney S. Robinson. Stephen Bedford also served in the War of 1812 under the command of Capt. William Garrard. Stephen Bedford and Elizabeth M. Bedford had nine children. Stephen Bedford died in 1850 and Elizabeth Robinson Bedford died in 1874.¹¹

William McClanahan Robinson was born on February 16, 1796, in Greenville, South Carolina. He was married to Jane Lyne of Bourbon County, Kentucky. They resided in Boone County, Missouri, where both died.

7. Cemetery Records of Columbia Cemetery furnished by the State Historical Society Missouri.

8. Taken from "Geneology And Biographical Sketch Of The Robinson Family In The Walker Family History," written by R.H. Robinson.

9. History of Jefferson City and Cole County Missouri, by Ford.

10. "The History Of Howard And Cooper County, Missouri" published by St. Louis National Historical Co. 1883.

11. DAR No. 123842

John Maxamillion Robinson was born on February 18, 1800, in Greenville, South Carolina. He was married to Lucian (Lucy) Butler from Davidson County, Tennessee, who was born on January 10, 1802. They resided in Boone County, Missouri, where they owned and operated a farm. They had eight children who are listed as follows: Martha, Jane, Helen, Louisa, Thomas, Chapman, Tabitha, and William. John M. Robinson died on October 12, 1862, and is buried at the Ashland Christian Church Cemetery in Howard County, Missouri.¹²

Dr. Alexander Marshall Robinson was born in Greenville, South Carolina, on November 17, 1802. He married Louisa Bayse of Bourbon County, Kentucky in 1822. One child was born to this marriage, A.M. Robinson of Texas. After Mrs. Louisa Robinson's death, Dr. Alexander M. Robinson married his second wife, Catherine Ann Hughes of Richmond, Missouri, in 1833. She was born May 15, 1810, in Platte County, Missouri, where Dr. Robinson followed his profession as a physician. His epitaph is "Born in South Carolina, November 17, 1802, died May 10, 1884. Representative in 1848 and speaker and state senator in 1834, 1852, 1856. Secretary of the Senate in 1840, superintendent of Indian Affairs in 1857. A beloved physician, an affectionate husband, a tender father, and a generous friend."¹³

The epitaph of his second wife is: "Born May 15, 1810, died July 21, 1883. Farewell dear mother, a long farewell; your sorrows and sufferings are o'er. May each of us so live that we may join you on the beautiful shore." It is written that Dr. Alexander Marshall Robinson was a modest man and few others in the west have been so honored, trusted and loved; and his generous heart failed to claim his dues, in so much that he died poor. The children of Dr. A.M. Robinson and Catherine H. Robinson are listed as follows:

1. Dr. John M. Robinson, born in Platte County, Missouri, on February 14, 1847, and attended St. Louis Medical School, graduating in 1869. He married Sallie A. Handley on November 10, 1869. Their children were: William M. Robinson, Lela L. Robinson, and John A. Robinson.
2. Waller L. Robinson who died single on July 1, 1891.
3. Charles Robinson who went to Daviess County, Missouri.
4. Lucy Robinson who married James H. Chinn on May 12, 1868.

Sidney Smith Robinson was born in Greenville, South Carolina.

He married Maria McClanahan on Dec. 11, 1833. They resided in Boone County, Missouri, and are listed in the census for 1840 as having one male child and two female children. Sidney S. Robinson died in Morgan County, Missouri.

Benjamin Franklin Robinson was born on Jan. 1, 1807, in Greenville, South Carolina. A complete bibliography of B.F. Robinson will follow later in this book since he was my great-great-grandfather.

Richard Henry Robinson was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, on May 4, 1811. He was married to Sallie Sebree of Howard County, Missouri. He purchased 61 acres of land from B.F. Robinson in Jackson County, Missouri, in 1869 which was the property vacated by B.F. Robinson and his family during the Civil War. The purchase price of this property was \$2,300.00.¹⁴

Lewis Wilton Robinson was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He was married to Mary Benson of Howard County, Missouri. He resided in Rocheport and Columbia where he practiced law as a profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1844.

He served as Justice of the Peace, Representative from Boone County, and State Senator, Curator of Missouri University, Captain of Missouri Forces in the Kansas War; moved to California in 1873, and became Judge of Superior Court. He died in Colusa County, California in 1877.¹⁵

Henry Lee Robinson died in infancy being 3 years old when he died.

Mary Marshall Robinson also died in infancy being 5 years old when she died.

The eight sons and two daughters of John M. Robinson and Susan McClanahan Robinson all lived a long life while in Missouri and raised sons and daughters of their own while residing there. Of the eight brothers, their resemblance to each other in personal appearance, in disposition, and habits of life were so remarkable that to know one was to know them all. They were all large, measuring six feet and upwards in height and each weighing approximately 175 lbs. Though large, they were symmetrical in form, active, and graceful. Plain and unassuming in manners and dress. They knew no avarice; their hospitality had no bounds. Though educated in the common schools of the country, their influence over the minds of men in the community in which they lived predominated. They held many important offices. One instance which deems worthy of note, may be mentioned. On an important occasion, three of them were elected to seats in the Missouri State Legislature at the same time. These were B.F. Robinson, Dr. Alexander M. Robinson, and Lewis W. Robinson.¹⁶

Of the sisters, they occupied the highest social positions, were faithful in all of their relations of life, lived and died beloved and honored by all who knew them.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ROBINSON

Benjamin F. Robinson was the seventh son of John M. Robinson and Susan McClanahan Robinson. He was born in Greenville, South Carolina on Jan. 1, 1807. His family moved to Bourbon County, Kentucky when he was approximately one year old and he spent his boyhood and attained his education in Bourbon County, Kentucky. He studied law under his cousin Humphrey Marshall and was admitted to the bar in 1829. It was about this same date that he moved with his family to Boone County, Missouri. This move included his mother and father and several members of his brothers and sisters. He was married twice, his first wife being a cousin,

12. History Of Boone County, Missouri, 1882, Western Historical Company, St. Louis

13. Annals Of Platte County, Missouri, pages 749-791.

14. Warranty Deed, dated 3-26-1869, Book 64, Page 555, Jackson Co.

15. The Bench And Bar Of Boone County, page 40.

16. "Geneology And Biographical Sketch Of The Robinson Family In The Walker Family History," written by R.H. Robinson.

Frances McClanahan who was also a native of South Carolina. They were married on Nov. 14, 1833, and to this union was born one son, John DeWilton Robinson. Frances McClanahan Robinson died on Dec. 16, 1836, and is buried in the Columbia, Missouri Cemetery. Seven years after the death of his first wife, B.F. Robinson married Helen Jane Acock of Polk County, Missouri on February 19, 1844. She was the daughter of Colonel Robert Eaton Acock of Polk County, who was considered the political leader of southwest Missouri. While residing in Boone County, B.F. Robinson pursued his law profession and also served as Justice of the Peace. Soon after his second marriage, he moved to Polk County, where he served as Representative to the Missouri Legislature in 1848.

When the war with Mexico started, B.F. Robinson was one of the first to enlist from Polk County, having volunteered on August 3, 1841, at Fort Leavenworth. He served as a Captain under the command of Lieut. Col. David Willock in Company H of the Missouri Mounted Volunteers. After the war he was awarded 160 acres of land by the United States Government under an act granting bounty land to certain officers who have been engaged in the military service of the United States.¹⁷

On April 18, 1853, Capt. B.F. Robinson was appointed Indian Agent for the Kansas Agency having jurisdiction over the Delaware, Shawnee, Wyandot, Munsee, and Stockbridge Indians. In 1854, he acted as a witness to the treaties with the Delaware (May 6th) and with the Shawnee (May 10th). His annual salary was \$1,000.00. On March 3, 1855, he was reappointed for a term of four years by President Franklin Pierce. His annual salary was increased to \$1,500.00. He left this office in 1859 having been replaced by new agent, Thomas B. Skyes. He returned to his home in Westport, Missouri (which has now been annexed into the corporate limits of Kansas City, Missouri).¹⁸

In the Poppino book of the 1860 Census of Jackson County, the B.F. Robinson family is listed in Westport, Missouri. The family members are listed as follows: B.F. Robinson, age 51, lawyer born in South Carolina, Helen Jane Robinson, age 35, born in Kentucky, Margaret S. Robinson, age 14, born in Missouri, Robert Gerard Robinson, age 11, born in Missouri, David A. Robinson, age 8, born in Missouri, Willie Blance Robinson, age 5, born in Missouri, Maybelle Robinson, age 2, born in the Kansas Territory. Also twenty slaves were listed as belonging to the family.

By this time the disagreements between the northern and southern states over slavery had begun to flare. B.F. Robinson and his father-in-law, Colonel Robert E. Acock financed a company of soldiers for the Confederacy. Many members of the company were members of the family including Capt. John Bayse. Capt. John Bayse was evidently a son of Major Alfred Bayse and Frances Robinson Bayse of Jefferson City. B.F. Robinson, at this time, contacted a violent eye disease which left him nearly blind. With news that John Brown and his men were working actively in the state of Missouri, seeking out and killing southern sympathizers, B.F. Robinson in his blind condition and fearing the safety of his family, decided to move to Texas. In 1863 a wagon train of refugees from Missouri halted near Mexia, Texas. B.F. Robinson, then 56 years old, his wife Helen Acock Robinson, their five children, Margaret, David Achison, Willie Blanche, Maybelle, and Lou Ollie, age 1, born in 1862, two neighbors, wives of Confederate officers who were serving in the Confederate Army. During the time the family was in Texas, an infant son, Lou Ollie died and was buried near Mexia. Also another son, Frank Menteith Robinson, was born on Sept. 12, 1865.

As soon as the war ended, the Robinson family returned to Westport, Missouri and took up quarters in the old family homestead. The house which was looted by Union soldiers, escaped being burned along with most of the houses in Westport, since it had been occupied as a hospital for Union forces. The living conditions for southern sympathizers were extremely difficult and B.F. Robinson seeing no hope for a fresh start in Missouri; through the help of old friends, sold his remaining real estate and returned to Texas.¹⁹

This time the family settled on the outskirts of the thriving new town of Dallas. B.F. Robinson purchased land on Mt. Airy from the W. Coombes Survey for his homestead. The original homestead which is now 901 Ft. Worth Ave. and the present site of the Travelodge Motel. The small house which was erected has now been moved to its present location at 1015 Mobile St. Land for a small farm was purchased from the David Hunter Survey. This property was located east of the present site of Cement City in West Dallas. B.F. Robinson was totally blind and could not practice law. The family lived on modest means with some income being derived from the farm.²⁰

Helen Acock Robinson was a devout Christian. She had been raised in the Presbyterian Church but later became a member of the Church of Christ. It was through her influence that General Gano who was a friend of B.F. Robinson during his army days, came to the neighborhood and held a revival which resulted in forming the nucleus of the present Western Heights Church of Christ in Dallas. She died on Jan. 3, 1879, and is buried in the family cemetery located on the rear portion of lot 11 blk. 2/4008, Robinson's Addition, and designated as the Robinson Family Cemetery.

After the death of his wife, B.F. Robinson's health had rapidly declined and five years later he died on Jan. 9, 1884. He also is buried in the family cemetery on Mobile St.

The following pages are dedicated to short biographies of the children of B.F. Robinson and Helen Acock Robinson.

John DeWilton Robinson

John DeWilton Robinson was the son of B.F. Robinson, of South Carolina, one of the early settlers of Boone County, Missouri, and was a member of the Columbia, Missouri, bar. His mother's maiden name was Frances DeWilton McClanahan, also a native of South Carolina. John was born in Boone County, city of Columbia on June 27, 1834. He grew up in this county and received his education at the State University, graduating in the class of 1853. He studied law under Judge F.P. Wright of Warsaw, Missouri, and was admitted to the bar in 1854. Honorable Waldo P. Johnson and Judge Ballou being his examiners. Locating at Kansas City, he practiced there until 1861, four years of which time he served as City Attorney. When the Civil War broke out, John immediately joined the cause of the Confederacy and was a member of Rucker's Company having joined the army in August, 1862. He was involved in the famous Poindexter's raid, Switzler's mill, and Compton's ferry. After the command disbanded, he was taken prisoner by the Federals and held

17. General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Mexican War Records.

18. Kappler's Edition of Indian Treaties.

19. The above information taken from "The Ancestors" a summary written by Mabelle Ewing Robinson in 1960.

20. Taken from "The Ancestors" a summary written by Mabelle Ewing Robinson.

for nine months in Columbia, St. Louis, Cairo, and Camp Douglas prison camps. In 1863 he was exchanged at City Point, Virginia, and joined McKinney's battalion and was sent to Pemberton's army in Mississippi.²¹

He arrived there eight days before the siege of Vicksburg. He was transferred to Lowe's battery (afterwards Dawson's) and was in the battles of Baker's Creek, Big Black, Mission Ridge, Kelly's Cross Road, La., defense of Mobile, and several other fights and skirmishes. He had been captured at Vicksburg but was released on parole and was in the service at the time of the surrender. He served as private "No. 4 on the gun," and never lost three days during the entire period of his service except while a prisoner. After the war he returned to Missouri and bought a farm in Howard County, which he operated four years. He then went to Rocheport, and after remaining two years moved back to Columbia, Missouri, where he engaged in the practice of law. In 1880, he was elected county attorney on the democratic ticket and served this office with duty and honor. He was married on July 5, 1854, to Miss Sallie Bedford, a native of Boone County and the first graduate of Christian College being the valedictorian of 1853. To this union were born two children, Fannie DeWilton Robinson who married Bemm Scott of Clark County, Missouri and Benjamin F. Robinson. Both John DeWilton Robinson and Sallie Bedford Robinson were members of the Christian church. He was also a member of the Masonic fraternity and belonged to the blue lodge and chapter. John DeWilton Robinson is buried in the Boone County Cemetery No. 6 located in Columbia. Sallie Bedford Robinson died on Dec. 29, 1903, and is also buried in the same cemetery.²²

Margaret S. Robinson

She was born on June 3, 1846, in Polk County, Missouri and was the eldest of the children of B.F. Robinson and Helen Acock Robinson. She was 14 years old when the family moved from Missouri to Texas. She was ill during the move and died on Oct. 3, 1873. The only available cemetery was Fish Trap Cemetery where she was buried until a grave could be dug at the family homestead. When the new grave was dug, it was discovered that an undertow from the Trinity River had washed Margaret's body away.²³

Robert Gerard Robinson

He was the eldest son of B.F. Robinson and Helen Acock Robinson and his biography will be found at the end of the sketches about the children.

David Achison Robinson

Uncle Ach as he was known was born on April 16, 1852, in Polk County, Missouri. He was quite good in mathematics even though his formal education had been interrupted by the Civil War. The family could not afford a formal education for him after suffering their tremendous economic losses during the war and therefore he ran the farm operation which was composed of approximately 30 acres. He never married and lived the remainder of his life with his sisters Willie B. Robinson and Mabelle in west Dallas on Mobile St. He died in the fall of 1908 and is buried in the Robinson Family Cemetery located on Mobile St. in Dallas, Texas.

Willie Blanch Robinson

Aunt Willie was born on March 18, 1856, in the Kansas Territory while her father was serving as Indian Agent at the Kansas Indian Agency for the United States Government. She was a well educated young lady having been tutored under the guidance of her mother and father. She was quite an authority on literature, history, and Latin. She taught private school in the B.F. Robinson home on Mt. Airy to help supplement the family income. She wrote poetry for recreation and had poems published in Missouri publications under the pen name "Persia". She was accepted in 1890 as a member of the American Publishers Association and National Poets of America. She also taught school at Wheatland and Jimtown which were communities near Dallas, Texas. She was a teacher in the Dallas Independent School District having taught for many years at the Cumberland Hill School. She was also a member of the Examining Board for Teachers Certificates in the Dallas Independent School District. She died in February, 1908 and is buried in the Robinson Family Cemetery on Mobile St. in Dallas, Texas.²⁴

Mabelle Robinson

She was the youngest of the daughters having been born in the Kansas Territory on May 3, 1860. She was only three years old when the Robinson family made their first move to Texas and was approximately eight years old when the family made its permanent move to Dallas, Texas. She, like her sister, never married and lived all of her life in Texas at the homestead on Mt. Airy. (Bounded by Ft. Worth Ave., Willomet St., and Sylvan Blvd. in West Dallas.) She maintained the housekeeping duties of the family until her death in 1894. She is buried in the family cemetery on Mobile St.²⁵

Frank Menteith Robinson

He was the youngest of all of the children of B.F. Robinson and Helen Acock Robinson. He was born on Sept. 12, 1865, in the area near Mexia, Texas, called Cotton Gin. Frank was educated to be a druggist and operated his drug store on Ft. Worth Ave. A considerable number of his customers were also patients of Dr. R.G. Robinson. He met and married Hattie Locke near Mineral Wells, Texas. They were married in 1892 at Mangum, Oklahoma. Frank and Hattie Robinson lived at Mineral Wells, Texas, on the Locke homestead until after their first child, Mabelle Ewing Robinson, was born on Sept. 3, 1893. Mabelle Ewing Robinson resided at 1022 Seale St., Dallas, Texas, which is located near the site of the original B.F. Robinson homestead. She was a retired teacher with the Dallas Independent School system having taught for over forty years. Most of her teaching time was spent at the Old West Dallas

21. History of Boone County, 1882, Western Historical Company, St. Louis, pages 928 and 929.

22. History of Boone County, 1882, Western Historical Company, St. Louis, pages 928 and 929.

23. Taken from "The Ancestors" a summary written by Mabelle Ewing Robinson.

24. Taken from "The Ancestors" a summary written by Mabelle Ewing Robinson.

25. Taken from "The Ancestors" a summary written by Mabelle Ewing Robinson.

High School and the Rosemont Elementary School. Mabelle Ewing Robinson was always interested in the Robinson family history and authored "The Ancestors" a summary of the Robinson Family and from which a lot of the material used in this writing was obtained. She died on Dec. 26, 1975, and is buried at Laurel Land Cemetery.

Frank and Hattie Robinson returned to the West Dallas Community in 1894 and on Oct. 31, 1894, their second daughter, Hattie Frank Robinson was born. Hattie F. Robinson married James Douglas Churchill in 1918 and to this union two sons were born. Francis Menteith Churchill was born on Dec. 25, 1918, and Ralph Douglas Churchill was born on Oct. 31, 1920. Frank Menteith Robinson died on Aug. 20, 1932, and is buried at the Laurel Land Cemetery in Dallas, Texas. Hattie Locke Robinson died in June, 1943 and is also buried at the Laurel Land Cemetery.

DR. ROBERT GERARD ROBINSON

Robert Gerard Robinson was born in Polk County, Missouri on Nov. 9, 1849. He was the son of Benjamin F. Robinson and Helen Acock Robinson. At the age of three years, his parents moved to Westport, (now incorporated into Kansas City) Missouri. His father served as Indian Agent to several tribes in the Kansas Territory and the family resided in Westport near the state boundary. His early boyhood days were spent in and around Westport, however at the age of fourteen, he along with his father, mother, two brothers, David Achison Robinson, Lou Ollie Robinson, and three sisters, Margaret, Willie Blanch, and Mabelle, had to leave Missouri and move to Texas. Dr. Robinson's boyhood days were good and provided a sincere sense of security. His father and grandfather, Colonel Robert Eaton Acock, had large plantations in Missouri and the family lived quite comfortably. Not until the early days of the Civil War was this way of life disturbed. John Brown and his Yankee raiders were invading Missouri and seeking out to assassinate all known Confederate officers and sympathizers. B.F. Robinson being blind and not in the best physical health, felt that the safest thing to do was to move his family to Texas. This move was made and in 1863 the Robinson family made their home near Mexia, Texas. Dr. R.G. Robinson was actually too young to serve in the Confederate Army; however, he returned to Missouri and joined with Captain John Bayse and others of his relatives who were serving with the Confederacy. After the surrender of the Confederacy Dr. Robinson and Captain Bayse went to Mexico to avoid surrendering their arms to the Union Army. The exact length of time that he remained in Mexico is unknown. However, the Robinson family returned to Westport, Missouri, after the war in order to reclaim their property. Most of the farms and plantations that belonged to Southern sympathizers had been located and looted and burned, however the Robinson home was not destroyed since it had been used as a hospital for Northern Troops. It is presumed that Dr. Robinson returned to Missouri while the family was still residing there, and evidently began his studies to become a physician. He was presented his degree from The Medical College of Kansas City, Missouri in 1872. After graduation from Medical School, Dr. Robinson followed his family to Dallas, Texas.²⁶

Living conditions had become so difficult in Missouri, after the Civil War, that B.F. Robinson sold his real estate in Missouri and moved his family to Texas. He purchased property new Ft. Worth Ave. in the West Dallas area. Dr. R.G. Robinson was one of the pioneer physicians in Dallas. He met and married Mary Elizabeth Winston in Dallas and to this union were born five children. Two of these children died in infancy, Margaret Helen Robinson and Agnes Pearl Robinson. The other three children were Robert Winston Robinson, Alexandria (Ollie) DeWilton Robinson, and Val Menteith Robinson. Dr. Robinson continued his medical practice around the West Dallas area until the death of his wife, Mary Elizabeth Robinson on Nov. 26, 1886. He married Mary Elizabeth Carter in 1889. There were three children by this marriage, Mary Helen Robinson, who died in infancy and two sons, Forrest Gerard Robinson, and Richard Gano Robinson. Soon after his second marriage, Dr. Robinson moved to Mineral Wells, Texas. Not being licensed to practice medicine in Palo Pinto County, he tried his luck mainly at farming. However, friends who knew that he was a doctor frequently called on him for medical assistance and advise. The latter years of Dr. Robinson's life were spent in Athens, Texas, where he owned and operated a farm. He died on November 26, 1886, and is buried in the Athens cemetery. Dr. Robinson's widow, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Carter Robinson, died on July 18, 1939, and is buried in the Laurel Land Cemetery at Dallas, Texas.

Alexandria DeWilton Robinson

The only daughter of Dr. R.G. Robinson who lived to be an adult was Alexandria DeWilton Robinson and her nickname was Ollie. She was born March 6, 1880, in Dallas, Texas. She was married in San Antonio, Texas, in 1896 to Virden Leslie Thomas. The children of this marriage were as follows:

1. Arthur Harvey Thomas
2. Virdie Lee Thomas
3. Essie Elizabeth Thomas
4. Artie Gwentyth Thomas
5. Mary Helen Thomas
6. Ollie Robert Thomas
7. Fisher Braden Thomas
8. Winfred Earl Thomas
9. Ina Faye Thomas
10. Alice Ruth Thomas
11. Wanda Frances Thomas
12. Jean DeWilton Thomas

Aunt Ollie and her husband, V.L. Thomas, moved to California and lived most of their married life in that state. Practically all of their children were born in California and they have many descendents scattered throughout the state. Aunt Ollie died in 1943 in Baldwin Park, California, and V.L. Thomas died on April 9, 1950, also in Baldwin Park, California.

Robert Winston Robinson

He was the first son of Dr. R.G. Robinson and Mary E. Winston Robinson. He was born on October 24, 1882, in Dallas, Texas. (Refer to his biographical sketch found at the end of this section.)

26. Taken from "The Ancestors" a summary written by Mabelle Ewing Robinson.

Val Menteith Robinson

He was born on November 24, 1885, in Dallas, Texas. He was the youngest son of Dr. R.G. Robinson and Mary E. Winston Robinson and was the traveler of the family. He did not live in any place for too long of a time.

Forrest Gerard Robinson

He was the first son of Dr. R.G. Robinson and Mary Elizabeth Carter Robinson. He was born Nov. 16, 1892, in Palo Pinto County, Texas. He married Lillian Lea Henry of Dallas, Texas, on June 12, 1913, in Dallas, Texas. Uncle Forrest and Aunt Lea lived most of their married life in Galveston, Texas. As of this date, Aunt Lea still maintains her residence at 4715 Caduceus St., Galveston, Texas. The children of Forrest G. Robinson and Lea Robinson are as follows:

1. Robert Gerard Robinson (deceased)
2. Richard Watson Robinson
3. Forrest Gano Robinson
4. Patricia Lea Robinson (married Nicholas A. Gimber)

Forrest G. Robinson worked for many years as traffic manager of the Galveston Wharves. He was a registered practitioner before the Interstate Commerce Commission and Federal Maritime Commission. He was a founder member of the American Society of Traffic and Transportation and served as a director and president of the Southwestern Industrial Traffic League and Texas Industrial Traffic League. In 1959 upon advice and encouragement from his friends and business associates, he published a reference book, "Robinson's Notes" which is a valuable aid to traffic managers, lawyers, steamship companies, exporters, and importers. Forrest G. Robinson died on Aug. 6, 1970, and is buried in the Galveston Memorial Park.

Richard Gano Robinson

He was the second son of Dr. R.G. Robinson and Mary Carter Robinson. He was born on Oct. 14, 1894, in Dallas, Texas. He was married to Purla Wiley on Aug. 27, 1913, in Dallas, Texas. Purla Wiley Robinson was born on March 21, 1896, in Tyler, Texas. Uncle Gano and Aunt Purla lived most of their married life in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas. To this marriage was born one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Robinson on Oct. 11, 1915. Mary Elizabeth was married to Walter H. Crowell on May 28, 1937, in Dallas, Texas. She preceded both her mother and father in death, having died on Jan. 25, 1958, in Lubbock, Texas. Mary Elizabeth Robinson Crowell had one son, Walter Hubbard Crowell, Jr., born Jan. 12, 1945, presently residing in Lubbock, Texas. Richard Gano Robinson worked for many years as a wholesale grocery salesman in the Dallas area. He died on July 30, 1962, and is buried in Laurel Land Cemetery. Purla Wiley Robinson died on June 23, 1970, and is buried in Laurel Land Cemetery.

Mary Helen Robinson

She was the only daughter of Dr. R.G. Robinson and Mary Carter Robinson and died in infancy.

REV. ROBERT WINSTON ROBINSON

Rev. Robert Winston Robinson was born in Dallas, Texas, on Oct. 24, 1882. He was the son of Dr. R.G. Robinson and Mary Elizabeth Winston Robinson. His early childhood days were spent in the west Dallas area where his father maintained his medical practice on Ft. Worth Avenue. After his mother's death and the second marriage of his father, the family moved to Palo Pinto County, near Mineral Wells, Texas. The remainder of his boyhood days were spent in Palo Pinto County. He married Sammie Lucinda Winston on June 9, 1904. Sammie L. Winston was the daughter of Samuel Winston and Martha Jetton Winston. She was born on July 23, 1884, at Meltonville, Alabama. An interesting fact is that Robert Winston Robinson's mother's name was Winston and his wife's maiden name was Winston, however there was no relationship between the two families. To this marriage of Robert Winston Robinson and Sammie L. Robinson were born the following children:

- Frances Elizabeth Robinson (Betty)
- Agnes Earle Robinson
- Robert Winston Robinson, Jr.

Grandad Robinson and Grandmother Robinson lived most of their married life in the Pleasant Grove section of Dallas. They maintained their home at 1039 Holcomb Rd. He taught school for several years before being ordained as a Christian minister (Disciples of Christ) in 1913. He served as pastor of the following Christian Churches:

- Pleasant Grove Christian Church
- Rylie Christian Church
- Home Gardens Christian Church
- Richland Springs Christian Church
- First Christian Church, Hubbard, Texas

His longest pastorate was at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church where he served for 16 years. He pastored the Rylie Christian Church for 15 years. He was well known and highly respected throughout the east Dallas area and had many many friends. He lived a long and fruitful life and ministered to many people. He was quoted to have said in his later years, "If I had my life to live over, I would live it the same way, I would not change anything." As busy as he was with his ministry, he always found ample time for his family. He was a devoted husband and loving father and grandfather. I can remember many wonderful times that he and I spent together on fishing trips when I was a boy. He loved the outdoors and especially enjoyed fishing. His profession as a preacher never afforded him great wealth but he was always willing to share what he had with a needy friend. Rev. Robert W. Robinson was truly a minister of the Lord and remained at his work until the later years of his life. He lived to be 87 years old, passing on to his reward on Oct. 27, 1969. He is buried in the Pleasant Mound Cemetery. Sammie L. Robinson died on May 2, 1972, in Dallas, Texas, being 88 years old. She was a faithful wife and devoted mother who labored beside her husband in the ministry of the Lord. She is buried beside her husband in the Pleasant Mound Cemetery.

Frances Elizabeth Robinson (Aunt Betty)

She was born on October 2, 1905, in Dallas, Texas. She married Jalmar Christopherson on March 19, 1925. Jalmar Christopherson was born Jan. 11, 1900, in Limestone County. To this union, two children were born:

1. Jalmar Ray Christopherson (Dec. 19, 1925)
2. Jo Evelyn Christopherson (Dec. 27, 1927)

Uncle Jalmar and Aunt Betty have lived practically all of their married life in the Pleasant Grove Community of Dallas. Uncle Jalmar is a barber by trade and has operated several barbershops in the Pleasant Grove Community. He is a member of the Masonic Lodge. Both Betty and Jalmar Christopherson are members of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, where Betty has served as a Sunday School teacher for many years. They are highly respected and have many friends in the Pleasant Grove Community. They presently reside at 8438 Alto Garden St., Dallas, Texas.

Jalmar Ray Christopherson was born on Dec. 19, 1925, in Dallas, Texas. He married Juanita E. Winters in 1946. To this union were born the following children:

1. Philip Ray Christopherson (8-20-47)
2. Joan Kay Christopherson (7-23-51)
3. Jonathan Brian Christopherson (6-16-61)

Ray has worked for many years as an advertising salesman for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company Yellow Pages. Ray and Nita reside at 2536 Bonnywood St., Dallas, Texas. They are members of Rosemont Christian Church.

Jo Evelyn Christopherson was born on Dec. 27, 1927, in Dallas, Texas. She married J.M. Johnson in 1947. The following children were born to this union:

1. Jency Ann Johnson (9-11-51)
2. John Mark Johnson (9-14-53)
3. Jan Elizabeth Johnson (10-27-55, died in infancy)
4. James Chris Johnson (4-29-57)
5. Joel David Johnson (12-3-58)

Jo Evelyn Johnson resides at 3166 Brookhollow Drive, Dallas, Texas. She is a member of the Christian Church.

Robert Winston Robinson, Jr.

Winston was born on May 3, 1912, in Dallas, Texas. He married Etta Mildren Kent on Aug. 19, 1933, Mildred was born on May 5, 1915. To this union were born the following children:

1. Robert (Bobby) Wayne Robinson (6-15-34)
2. Paula Sue Robinson (3-19-42)

Winston Robinson grew up in the Dallas area. He loved sports and was a good basketball and baseball player. He played semi-professional baseball in the Dallas Area and was a leading scorer for the Pleasant Grove Christian Church basketball team for several years. He served in the United States Navy as a radar operator aboard the aircraft carrier U.S. Lunga Point during World War II. After the war Winston and his brother-in-law, R.D. Kent, Jr. founded and operated the Kent Auto Parts. He remained a partner in this company for several years before founding the K.&R. Sales Company of Dallas, Texas. He is a member of the Oddfellows Lodge and past president of the Automotive Wholesalers Association of Dallas. He is now retired and serving as manager of the Pleasant Mound Cemetery Association. Winston and Mildred Robinson reside at 7404 Claymont St., Dallas, Texas. Both have been active members of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church for over forty years. Winston has served as chairman of the Official Board while Mildred has taught a children's Sunday school class and sang in the church choir for many years.

Robert Wayne Robinson was born on June 15, 1934, in Dallas, Texas. He married Hyla Maurine Hanby of Mesquite, Texas, on June 25, 1954. To this union were born the following children:

1. Robert (Robbie) Haynes Robinson (3-5-57)
2. Hyla Susan Robinson (6-2-59)
3. Lyndi Maurine Robinson (2-17-62)

Bob and Maurine Robinson have resided in Mesquite, Texas, most of their married life. Their present address is 301 Riggs Circle, Mesquite, Texas. Bob Robinson has been associated with the E.H. Hanby Insurance Agency in Mesquite, Texas, since June 1, 1957. He assumed ownership of the agency on Jan. 1, 1958, due to retirement of his father-in-law and founder of the agency, Mr. E.H. Hanby. Bob Robinson has been quite active in Mesquite civic affairs having served as a city councilman for two terms, president of the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce, President of the Mesquite Host Lions Club, Director of Mesquite Memorial Hospital, Director of First Bank, Balch Springs, and received the Mesquite Jaycee Outstanding Citizen Award in 1966. Bob and Maurine are both active members of the First Presbyterian Church of Mesquite. Maurine has been a member of this church all of her life and has served as a faithful member of the church choir and also music director for the children's choir. She attended Southern Methodist University where she was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority. She is a member of the Triskelion Club and Junior Woman's Club of Mesquite.

Robert Hayne Robinson graduated from Mesquite High School where he was quite active in all sports. He was the starting left defensive end on the 1974 Skeeter State Finalist Football Team. He received numerous awards in track and holds the current record at Mesquite High School in the Shot Put. He was also president of his senior class. He is currently attending the University of Texas at Austin and is a three year letterman on the Longhorn track team.

Hyla Susan Robinson graduated from Mesquite High School where she received many honors and awards. She was a cheerleader for four years, Homecoming Queen her senior year, and was a member of the National Honor Society. She was also a member of M.H.S. Choral group and a member of "Contempo '76", a special singing group. Hyla is now attending Southern Methodist University where she has been chosen as a Mustang cheerleader for 1978 and 1979.

Lyndi Maurine Robinson is attending Mesquite High School where she has received many honors. She is a M.H.S. cheerleader, member of the choral group, a member of the National Honor Society, Young Life Group, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Homecoming Queen Finalist, and she received the Most Valuable Athlete Award as a member of the M.H.S. girls track team.

Paula Sue Robinson was born on March 19, 1942. She married Donald T. Newman on June 24, 1960. To this marriage the following children were born:

1. Shanon Rene Newman (4-2-61)
2. Donald Kent Newman (1-21-63)
3. Robin Lynn Newman (11-5-67)

Donnie and Paul have lived in the Mesquite area most of their married life. They presently live on Lumley Road in the Lawson Community. Donnie owns and operates the Sav-Mor, Inc., Auto Parts store located on Gus Thomasson Road in Mesquite, Texas. Donnie has been quite active in Mesquite Civic affairs having served as president of the North Mesquite Lions Club and also as a Vice President in the Mesquite Chamber of Commerce.

Shanon attended Mesquite High School where she was a member of the Allstar Drill Team. She now attends Stephen F. Austin University. Kent is also a student at M.H.S. where he is active in the football program. Robin attends Rutherford-Elementary School.

TEXAS TO JEFFERSON DAVIS - A WELCOME

By Willie Blanche Robinson, 1870

Hail to you!

To you who come not 'mid the mighty tread
Of conquering armies, but with noble crown
Of principle upon your honored head.
You have no power to fill men's heart with fear,
No nation waiting at your touch to move;
But better far than this, 'tis left to you
To thrill a noble people's heart with love.
They love you for the memory of those days
Whose glory still their hearts a'hungered feeds;
They love you for the memory of your deeds;
They love you for the grandeur of your face,
Where sorrows and wrecked hopes have left their trace.

Hail to you!

You who are mighty in your fallen state;
From the immensity of my wide lands
I lift my voice up to call you great.
I from my prairies, blossoming forth sweet,
Do give my flowery treasures unto you,
My eager children cast them at your feet-
Small recompense for one so brave and true.
But could I stand the mistress of the airs,
On every hill that rears, on every plain,
A grand orchestra of my winds I'd raise
That to the very stars would lift their praise.

Hail to you!

You who bring us with your presence dear
The memories of the many battles fought;
The memories of the time when, void of fear,
I and my sisters gave you our young throne-
When all the hills shook with our battle cry,
And on the winds our young flag was out blown,
And memories sad of times when all the lands
Were wet with tears and solemn cries of pain
Went up like that from Rama long ago,
When Rachel wept above her children slain;
But, brave, kind heart, your tears were shed for us.

Hail to you!

Oh! faithful master of a brave, young host
A memory holds all southern hearts to you!
The memory of the noble cause they lost;
For this they beat with love for you for aye;
For this your laurel wreath is ever bright,
Amid so many crowns of withering bays.
And oh! may He, the master of all lands,
Give peace to you and multiply your days,
And far off years shall keep your memory-white.

Bobby's (Robert W. Robinson) Third Birthday.



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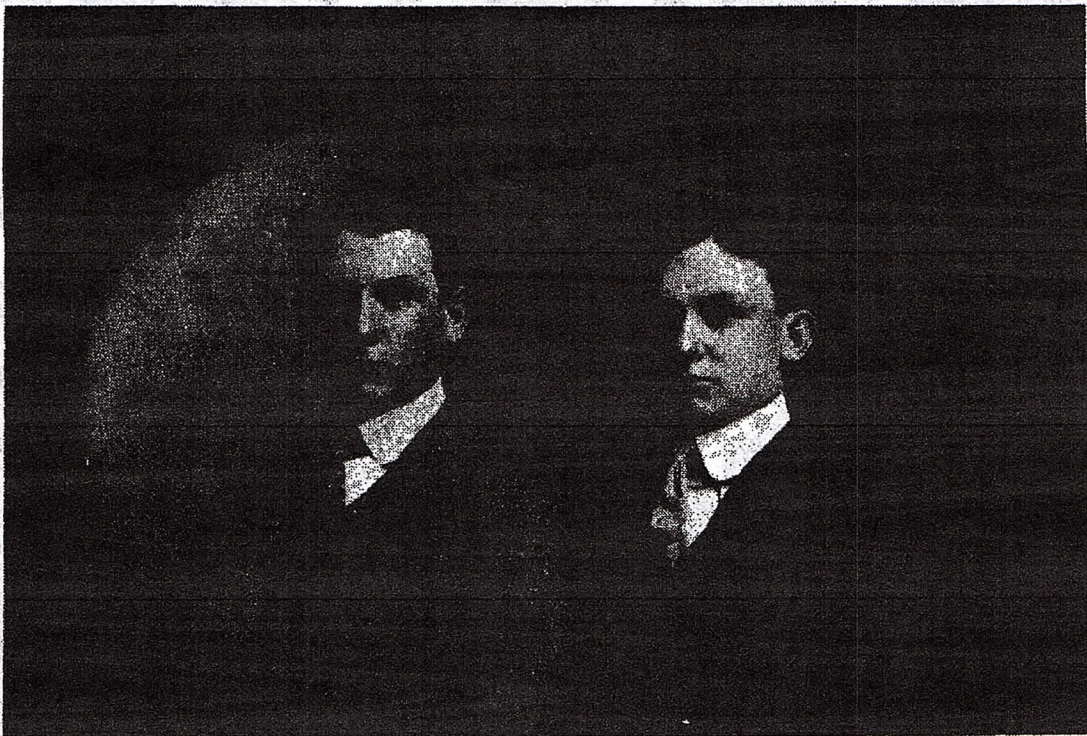
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Marylynn Kent Crane, Ray Christopherson.

Middle Row: Jo Evelyn Christopherson, R. D. Kent, Jr.

Front Row: Thomas W. Moore, Etta Moore, John Kent, Mildred Kent Robinson,
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Mary Carter Robinson.

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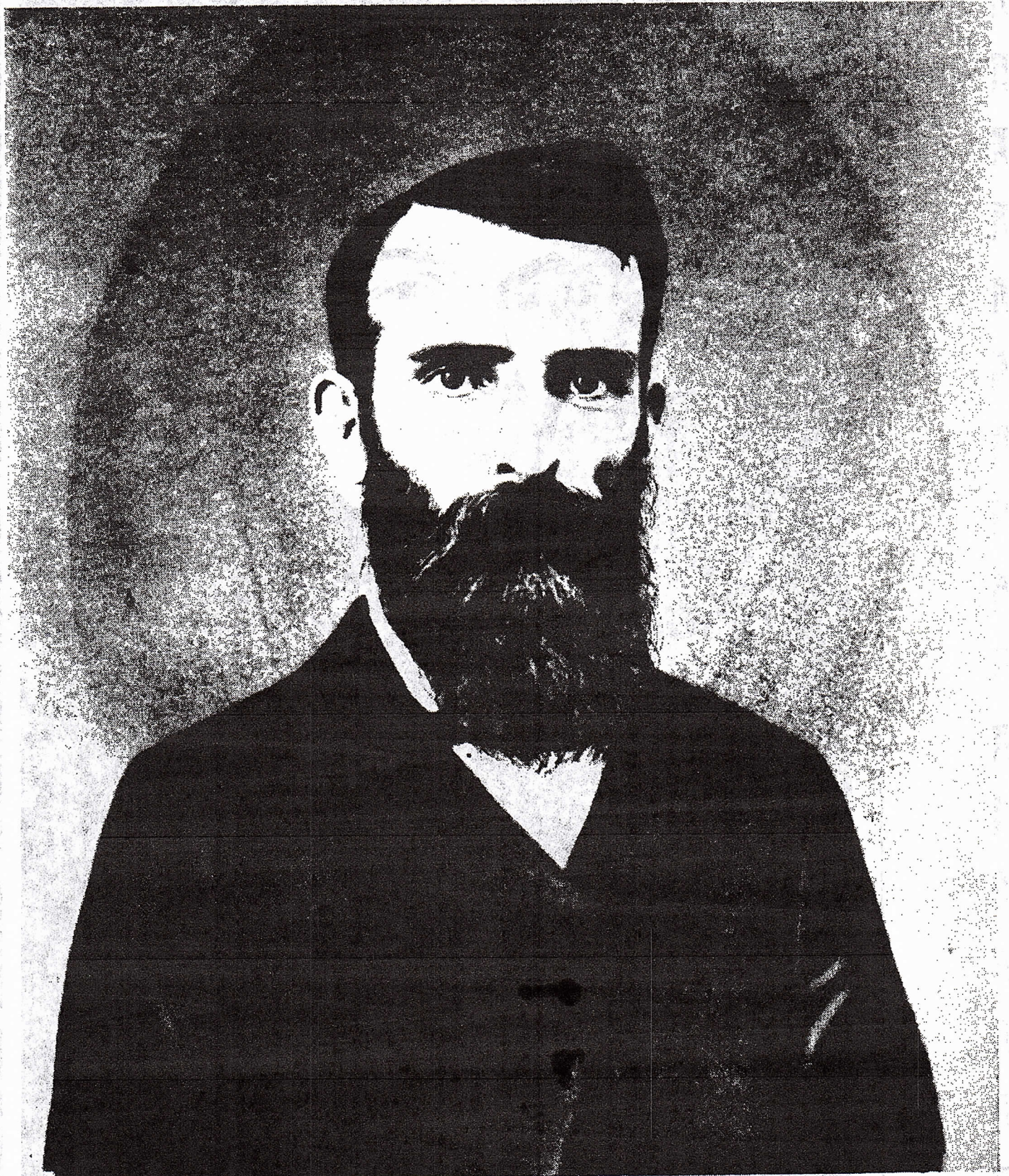
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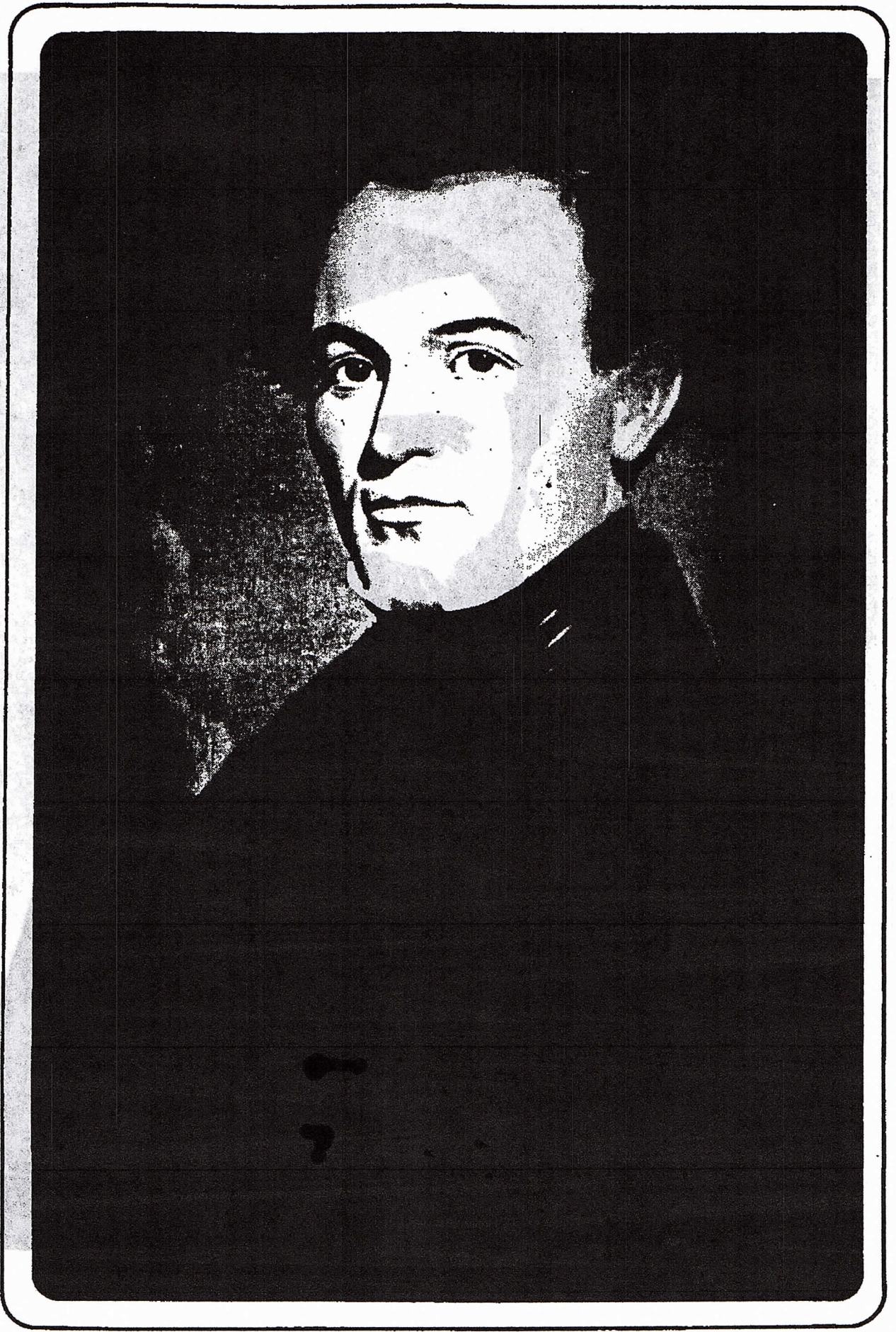
Left, Val M. Robinson, right, Rev. Robert W. Robinson
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Dr. Robert Gerard Robinson



Richard Henry Robinson