

Genealogical Remarks: "Robinson Family History"

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My research goal is to describe the geographical history of the *Robinson Family Cemetery*, but while researching I found several date records which I consider to be inaccurate. This frustrated understanding of the progression of cemetery ownership. So, I dug up corrected dates. I have no intention of trying to rectify the mistakes on *FindAGrave.com* regarding the Robinson family. Nor will I try to mend mistakes on the *FamilySearch.com* website. The best account of Robinson history seems, to me, to be the 1980 "**Robinson Family History**" by Robert W. Robinson. Though I have trouble with its arrangement of data, I do not intend to rewrite it, merely to list a couple of dates which I now consider to be incorrect or causing problems with cemetery history.

Page numbers refer to the 1980 "**Robinson Family History**" published by Robert W. Robinson:

page 2: Dr. Robert Gerard Robinson: states incorrectly: "*died 1908*".

R.G. Robinson instead died on the 27th of August 1909.

- a. This 27th August 1909 date is carved on his tombstone in Athens Cemetery, Henderson Co., Texas. (FindAGrave.com – webpage misnamed "Robert Gano Robinson")
- b. This August 1909 date of death is affirmed (without a precise day being given) by brother F.M. Robinson in an affidavit filed in 1910 into Dallas County Deed Records: Vol. 510, page 230.

page 3: David Atchison Robinson: states incorrectly: "*died 1908*".

D. A. Robinson instead died on the 12th of September 1909.

- a. This 12th September 1909 date is derived from the report of his death in *The Dallas Morning News*, 13th September 1909, page 9; "West Dallas Farmer Dies".
- b. This September 1909 date of death is affirmed (without a precise day being given) by brother F.M. Robinson in an affidavit filed in year 1914 into Dallas County Deed Records: Vol. 616, page 536.

page 3: Willie Blanche Robinson: states: "*died February 1909*".

more precisely, Willie Blanche Robinson died on the 4th of February 1909.

- a. This 4th February 1909 date is derived from the obituary eulogy printed in *The Dallas Morning News*, 7th March 1909, page 7; "Teachers Adopt Resolutions: Pay Tribute to Memory of the Late Miss Willie Robinson".
- b. This February 1909 date of death is affirmed (without a precise day being given) by brother F.M. Robinson in an affidavit on 28th Dec. 1910 in Dallas County Deed Records: Vol. 510, page 230.

page 3: Maybelle Robinson: states: "*died 1894*".

more precisely, this Maybelle Robinson died on the 31st of May 1895.

- a. This 31st May 1895 date is stated, at least twice, in written documents scanned into the Dallas County Probate file for Maybelle Robinson -- Case # 2078 -- which was found in PDF format online at the *UNT Portal To Texas History* website in April 2026.

page 3: Frank Mentieth Robinson: states: "*died June 1943*".

The way this was written, it might be taken to mean that F.M. Robinson had died in year 1943, though on page 17 it states that "*Frank Mentieth Robinson died on Aug. 20, 1932*".

- a. According to *FindAGrave.com*, which cites – though does not display – a Texas Death Certificate #33651 – **F.M. Robinson died on the 21st of August 1932** and was buried in Laurel Land cemetery, Dallas, Texas on the following day, August 22nd.

page 3: Mattie Locke Robinson: states: "*died June 1943*".

The date mistaken for F.M. Robinson's date of death is for his wife.

more precisely, this Hattie Bertha (Locke) Robinson was born on the 8th of June 1874 and died on the 23rd of June 1943.

- a. These dates are taken from her *Death Certificate*, posted on burial page at *FindAGrave.com*.

page 9: Agnes Earle Robinson (1907-1911):

Robinson Cemetery contains a tombstone inscribed: "**Agnes Pearl Robinson; infant**". Agnes Earle Robinson, daughter of Rev. Robert Winston Robinson, is listed in the *Robinson Family History of 1980*; but *Findagrave* displays her tombstone as being in the Pleasant Mound Cemetery. I can find no "Agnes Pearl Robinson" anywhere in the *Robinson Family History of 1980*. Perhaps an earlier grave for Agnes Earle Robinson had been moved.

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