

**Extract of Information as to the Roberson Family  
(Maryland, Kentucky & Indiana)  
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In 1781 in Prince George's County we find George Roberson b.1760 deciding to marry his sweetheart Violinda Johnston b. 1760 and beginning their family of three daughters and four sons. We will hear more about three of these guys as they will establish the primary Roberson family lines resident in Crawford County to this day, 2008.

In 1782, 510 miles west in Barren County, Kentucky (at that point still Virginia) John Yates, Sr. b.1764 marries his unknown sweetheart as well and begins his family which will soon develop into three daughters and four sons. Two of these daughters marry Roberson brothers as mentioned above and other members of the respective two families will also eventually intermarry. Several Yates men spread a large footprint in the new County of Crawford during the early 19th century; however their presence today is largely found in area cemeteries and the descendants of cross pollinated family lines.

For our purpose we have chosen to designate George Roberson b.1760 and John Yates b.1764 the senior paternal leaders of our subject families. This not only helps frame our story parameters but it is also convenient as we know very little of these two men or the women they marry. We can speculate that because of their ages, the regions where we find them living and the fact that they survived and had the ability to acquire land in a post-revolutionary time, they may have been veterans of the American Revolution.

Between 1781 and 1795 George & Violinda Roberson's family expands to Daniel b.1781, Stephen b.1783, Violetty b.1786, Eleanor b.1887, George b.1791, Elizabeth b.1793 and lastly, the author's 3G Grandfather Benjamin b.1795. The next documentation available suggests major change has occurred in the family. George Roberson appears on the Washington County, Kentucky 1799 tax list with 50 acres on the Beechfork River, and then he was on the 1805 tax list of Nelson County, Kentucky with 50 acres in 1805. He then is shown increasing his ownership in Washington County, Kentucky to 100 acres in 1806.

In 1803 Daniel Roberson appears on the Washington County, KY tax list with 50 acres on the Beechfork River. By 1806 Daniel Roberson is gone from Washington County and appears on the 1806 tax list of adjoining Hardin County KY. By 1807 George is missing from Washington County tax list and appears on the 1807 tax list of Hardin County. Subsequently, Daniel, George and Stephen Roberson are on the 1810 census of Hardin County KY.

Parallel to acquiring property the Roberson family group is also increasing its footprint in these Kentucky Counties by finding spouses. An impressive surge of this activity is started by Daniel Robert Roberson who meets and marries Ester Ada Yates in 1803 in Green County, Kentucky. This marriage is the earliest formal connection between our two subject families.

George Roberson, Sr. is without his Maryland spouse Violinda for some unknown reason. George Roberson married Teresy Watson April 25, 1805 in Nelson County, Kentucky. He was married by Rev. Joseph Ferguson and James Watson was bondsman. His marriage is followed with these: Thomas Woolley married Violetty Robertson in Washington Co., KY 4-9-1807; James Watson married Eleanor Robertson in Washington Co., KY On 4-30-1807; Stephen Roberson married Sally Watson in Nelson Co., KY on 9-22-1808; George Roberson married Francis Westfall in Harrison Co., IN 1-18-1814; Samuel Westfall married Elizabeth Roberson in Harrison Co., IN 9-22-1814; Benjamin Roberson married Sarah Yates in Crawford Co., IN 9-29-1816.

With the perspective of time we can now see that these marriages create some intriguing relationships. Using a baseball analogy, Daniel could be considered the leadoff hitter by marrying the first Yates sister and Benjamin can be considered as batting in the cleanup slot by being the last sibling to marry and that was also a Yates sister. The strength of the line up is George Roberson, Sr. marrying Teresy Watson who brings two Watson children into the fold and are adopted by George; James Watson and Sally Watson. These are the same James and Sally Watson who marry their step sister and step brothers Eleanor and Stephen Roberson. Elizabeth Roberson marries Samuel Westfall who is the Uncle of Francis Westfall who married George Roberson, Jr.

Daniel Roberson and Esther Ada Yates may have started the migration further west earlier than the balance of the Roberson family. He and Esther relocated to Meade County, Kentucky. Although this sounds distant from Crawford County it may be the closest one can get to Crawford County and not be inside the Indiana line. Meade County is located directly across the Ohio River from Leavenworth, Indiana. Starting with Mildred in 1800, all of Daniel and Esther's children were born in Meade County, Kentucky. After October 1820 Daniel Robert Roberson, the eldest son of George Roberson, Sr. died for some unknown reason. We estimate his death date as his last child Samuel Roberson was born June 22, 1821.

Most records indicate that Daniel was buried at Mt. Hope Church Cemetery in Battletown, Kentucky. The current Methodist Church structure was erected in the 1950s. The cemetery contains graves dating back to early 1800s. As of December 2005, 118 of the headstones were readable. They were photographed and transcribed by Ron Yates and Lisa Hardin. About 40 graves were marked with a field stone and other spaces unmarked clearly were contained within the burying spaces.

Today, Yates and Roberson descendants are inclined to believe they are not related to other Township Roberson's over the years. The census data spread of 1820-1860 for Crawford County and in particular, the clustering of neighbors and subsequent family relationships make is quite clear that we are dealing with the descendants of mostly these two main Yates and Roberson family lines.

After examination of how families unfolded over time, one can look back and pick out which neighbors will in the end become part of these two family lines through marriage. By 1850 James Roberson, b.1803, eldest son of Daniel Robert and Daniel's brother

George Roberson, Jr. are established in Sterling Township; they both will be buried in Hamilton-Roberson Cemetery located within Sycamore Springs Park. Benjamin Roberson has establishment himself in Union Township. His exact burial location has not been determined.