

WILLIAM ROBINSON AND ZILPHA BURTON (#504)

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Pg. 186 – William Robinson was born 4 August 1810 and died 19 January 1855. William is buried in the Robinson Cemetery. The cemetery is located back in the woods on the opposite side of the road from Pleasant View Cemetery on the Cookeville Boat Dock Road. This has also been called the Gracy Cemetery by some people because the Gracy family lived nearby. William's grave is the only one with a name and date. It is believed that several Gracys are buried there.

William was the son of: John Robinson (ca. 1778-31 July 1869) and Susan "Susie" Childress (ca. 1786-June 1869). Susan was the daughter of William Childress (25 December 1762-14 December 1839) a Revolutionary War Patriot and Charity Charroon (sometimes spelled Seroone) (ca. 1761-after 1844).

William married Zilpha Burton (17 March 1811-7 November 1893) about 1831. Zilpha was the daughter of Henry H. Burton (18 October 1781-October 1853) and Mary Williams (b. 10 March 1786-d. ___).

William and Zilpha had the following children: (1) Elizabeth "Bettie" (8 March 1832-25 February 1914) married Robert J. Anderson (31 January 1828-22 April 1899) on 24 February 1857. (2) Barbary (28 June 1834-4 April 1914) married James M. Baker (31 March 1830-9 November 1908) on 23 March 1854. (3) Mary R. (1835-5 May 1894) married Thomas Smith (20 July 1822-9 January 1886) on 18 March 1860. (4) James Dildine Robinson (1 July 1837-8 April 1926) married Nancy Paralee Hayes (20 September 1844-8 August 1888) on 3 September 1865. (5) Susan (1 September 1843-28 June 1919) married 1st Jesse Robinson on 12 February 1880 and 2nd John Hayes on 6 October 1913. (6) Sarah (9 October 1846-12 October 1924) married Jesse D. Bozarth (11 January 1845-6 November 1918). (7) Margaret "Maggie" (15 April 1851-August 1881) married David P. Malone (4 February 1848) on 27 March 1873).

Elizabeth, Barbary, Mary, Susan, Sarah, Margaret, and their spouses are buried along with their mother Zilpha in the Anderson Cemetery on the Johnson Chapel Road in DeKalb Co., TN.

James Dildine and Nancy Paralee are buried in Mt. Holly Cemetery in DeKalb Co., TN.

Williams's brothers and sisters were: (1) Mary Robinson married Albert Davis. (2) James Robinson (4 September 1816-15 October 1897) married Sarah Dildine (27 August 1820-16 March 1910). They are buried in Peeled Chestnut Cemetery in White Co., TN. (3) Susan (ca. 1825-between 1870-1880) married Solomon Austin (ca. 1815-ca. 1864). Solomon disappeared during the Civil War. (4) Jesse (30 January 1827-May 1862) married Violet Jane Wilson (12 January 1826-14 November 1903). They are buried in Hickory Grove Cemetery in Warren Co., TN. (5) Hiram C. (28 November 1834-23 April 1899) married Mary E. Swafford (d. 4 November 1893) of Jackson Co., Illinois on 13 May 1869. They are buried in Desoto Cemetery in Desoto, Illinois. (6) Elizabeth (12 January 1826-12 April 1932 death certificate). Her monument gives 1833-1936. She married John W. Gracy (3 March 1827-20 October 1889) in 1848. She is buried in the Allison Cemetery in Putnam Co., TN. (7) John Robinson married Melissa Sherrill.

Elizabeth "Betsy" (some called her "Granny Gracy", others called her "Aunt Betsy Gracy") and John had the following children: (1) Amanda Gracy (1849-1888) married Jesse Amos Barr (18 January 1855-25 August 1925) about 1873-74. Jesse married Martha Alice Cass 21 April 1895. Jesse married 3rd Nancy Rilla Medley 23 March 1911. Amanda and Jesse are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery along with his second wife. (2) Mary Susan Gracy (30 March 1850-3 October 1925) married Hiram Childress (May 1848 – before 1925) on 27 April 1870. He was the son of Hiram Childress and Mary Lewis. (3) Barbara Gracy (born 1855). (4) Louisian "Lou" Gracy (19 April 1856-29 June 1928) married William Carter "Cart" Allison (5 January 1856-4 September 1921) in 1874. They are buried in the Allison Cemetery. (5) John Riley Gracy (28 June 1857-24 May 1940) married Harriett Medlin (15 February 1858-30 June 1938) in 1876. (6) Elizabeth "Bettie" (15 September 1869-23 September 1957) married Alonzo Leonidus Green (26 November 1860-10 June 1947) on 31 May 1891. they are buried in Pleasant View Cemetery. (7) Hugh Gracy (20 November 1860-24 May 1940) married Eliza Frances hayes (2 March 1867-___) on 28 October

1884. They are buried at Chambersville in Collin, Texas. (8) William D. Gracy (12 October 1865-26 April 1936) married Bradie "Brady" West (30 June 1879-1 June 1963) on 26 August 1897. (9) James Mansfield "manse" Gracy (born 1870 - ___) died in Nebraska. (10 Hiram "Jack" Gracy (born 1872-___). (11) Illinois Elanora Gracy (born 1873-___) married Thomas L. Anderson. They are buried in the Allison Cemetery.

According to the papers of Mrs. Viola Simrell Greenwood; William Robinson was tall and had dark hair. Zilpha was short with light hair and blue eyes.

William and Zilpha were member of the Baptist Church. Zilpha's father was a Baptist Preacher.

William, along with William Holmes Baker, bought livestock and drove it down the Old Kentucky Road to Atlanta to sell.

Zilpha was generous and sympathetic to those less fortunate. She taught her children to be thoughtful of others.

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Sources: Cemetery Records, Death Certificates, Family information, Papers of Mrs. Viola Simrell Greenwood, and Ruth Robinson Dietrich.

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