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The earliest documented ancestor of Schuyler Colfax Robinson, was John Robinson, who received a land patent of 400 acres 20 July 1738, near the head of Muddy Creek in Goochland County, Virginia, (later to become Cumberland Co.). (VA. State Library, Patent Bk. 18, 1738-39, p. 161)

John Robinson married Tabitha Jones, daughter of Edward Jones and Mary Field. The birth dates of John and Tabitha are not known. John Robinson died around 20 April 1768, having written his will 11 Dec. 1767, which was probated 25 April 1768, Cumberland Co. Virginia.

Esmerelda (Robinson) Smith, daughter of Ralph E. Robinson and Elsie Potts Lowrey, researched the Robinson Family for 60 years and believes this John Robinson's father's name was also John, possibly a grandson of Christopher Robinson, given as a headright in 1642 by John Ewens. In 1652 this Christopher Robinson patented 600 acres of land with John Sturdivant at the head of Eastern Run (called Hatcher's Run) of Swift Creek in Henrico Co. VA. At this date documentation proving that this John Robinson was Christopher's grandson has not been found.

The children of John Robinson and Tabitha Jones were:

1. John Robinson born ca. 1722 married Ann Franklin.
2. Thomas Robinson b. ca. 1724 m. Jane LeGrand, an heir of John LeGrand.
3. Field Robinson b. ca. 1726 m. Obedience Bradshaw.
4. Christopher Robinson b. ca. 1728 m.(1) Sarah Nichols and
(2) Elizabeth Hobson, 26 Sept. 1791.
5. Edward Robinson b. ca. 1730 m. Judith _____
6. Joseph Robinson b. ca. 1732 m. Susan _____
7. Hezekiah Robinson b. ca. 1734 m. Judith _____ Hezekiah wrote his will 13
October 1796 and it was probated 24 Sept. 1798, Cumberland Co. VA.
8. Susannah Robinson b. ca. 1736 William Bradshaw
9. Judith Robinson b. ca. 1738 m. Field Bradshaw.
10. Elizabeth Robinson b. ca. 1740 m. Thomas Hogan.

5 Edward Robinson, son of John and Tabitha Robinson, b. ca. 1730, died intestate. The settlement of his estate was begun in 1782 with his son Stephen, administrator. The estate was settled 25 August 1794. (Will Bk. 2, p. 293, Cumberland Co., VA.) Edward married Judith____- (was it Southhall or Archer?) Her will was dated 12 August 1806 and

recorded in Will Bk. 3, p. 369, Cumberland Co., VA. The children mentioned in her will were Stephen, John, Jones, Field and Mary WeatherFord.

The children of Edward Robinson and Judith _____ were:

151. Jones Robinson b. ____d. ____ 1793 m. Charlotte Meador.
 152. Jonas Robinson
 153. Steven Robinson b. ca. 1750-55 m. Elizabeth Holland.
 154. Field Robinson b. ca. 1758 m. Levinia Wingate.
 155. Mary Robinson m. William Joseph Weatherford.
 156. Josiah Robinson b. _____ d. 25 June 1786.
 157. Edward Robinson b. ____ d. 1825 m. Anna Meador.
 158. John Robinson b. ca. 1778
- 154 Field Robinson, born ca. 1758 died in 1826. He married Levinia Wingate (?) and they raised five children in Cumberland Co., VA.
1541. Sarah Robinson married 19 Dec. 1827 Wiltshire Robinson, son of Field and Keziah (Scruggs) Robinson.
 - 1542 Alexander Hamilton Robinson b. in 1804 married Rachel Forrester Barnes.
 1543. William H. Robinson moved to Monroe County, Mississippi.
 1544. Mahala Robinson
 1545. Jonas Robinson married 22 March 1825 Nancy Talley.
- 1542 Alexander H. Robinson, son of Field Robinson and Levinia Wingate, was born in Cumberland County, Virginia in 1804. In 1824 he left Virginia and settled in Smith Co. (now DeKalb) near Dowelltown. In the early 1800s many Robinsons related to this family began to migrate to Tennessee and North Carolina. Alexander's uncle, Stephen Robinson, son of (15) Edward, had migrated From Cumberland County, Virginia to Tennessee in 1797. His son John, was born in Nashville, 27 Jan. 1798. Stephen and his family settled in Temperance Hall in 1798-99.
- 153 Stephen Robinson married 13 June 1774 Elizabeth Holland, in Louisa Co., Virginia. Elizabeth was the daughter of Dr. George Holland and his first wife, Sarah Ford who married 27 August 1746. Stephen conveyed land to his brother Field, in 1797 before moving his family to Tennessee. Stephen had also settled his Father's estate and is thus thought to have been Edward's eldest son. On 19 April 1784 Stephen was paid for his service in the Virginia militia during the American Revolution.
- Stephen Robinson and Elizabeth (Betty) Holland had eleven children: George, Polly, Stephen, Archer, John, born near Nashville in 1798, James, Jane (Jenny), Sally, Edward, Nancy and August in.
- 1542 Alexander H. Robinson taught school for two years after moving to Tennessee. He married Rachel Forrester Barnes, born 6 July 1803, daughter of George Barnes

and Bridget Forrester who were early settlers in Smith County. Alexander was also a land surveyor for a number of years and farmed 150 acres.

Alexander Robinson and Rachel Barnes had nine children:

- 15421. Sarah Robinson b. 18 April 1827 d. 1892 m. (1) James (or Mans) Simpson, (2) Mr. Wingate and (3) James Smith in Texas.
 - 15422. William Field Robinson b. 3 Jan. 1829 d. 3 Aug. 1882 married Martha Frances Robinson b. 7 July 1832 d. 28 Oct. 1909.
 - 15423. Mary Lavinia Robinson b. 1832 m. Rev. Dan Searcy.
 - 15424. John Bell Robinson b. 15 March 1835 d. 11 April 1906 m. 16 Feb. 1869, Julia Oavis Mc Donald b. 5 Apr. 1849. John B. Robinson was an attorney at law for many years in Smithville after the Civil War in which he served.
 - 15425. George Washington Robinson b. in 1840 died in the Civil War.
 - 16426. Louisa Robinson b. 1843.
 - 15427. Alexander Hamilton Robinson b. 26 May 1844 d. 1925 m. Rebecca Louisa Williams. They had 10 children: May and Mabel (twins), Grover, Fred O., Kairis, Warner, Myrtle, Deborah, Minnie and Tellus.
 - 15428. Josephine Robinson b. 1838.
 - 15429. Christopher Columbus Robinson b. 11 October 1846.
- 15429 Christopher Columbus Robinson b. 11 Oct. 1846 d. 10 Aug. 1904 m. 16 Aug. 1873 (1) Eva Tilley b. 21 June 1857 d. 4 Dec. 1889. He married (2) Mary Driver b. 1852. Christopher at fifteen served in the Civil War. After the war he studied to become a doctor and practiced medicine in Putnam County. He was known by his nickname, Doctor Lum.

The children of Christopher C. Robinson and Eva Tilley were:

- 154291. Schuyler Colfax Robinson, b.18 Nov. 1874, d. 26 Sept. 1953, married (1) Margaret May Martin who died when she was 31 years of age. Schuyler married (2) Beulah Green (Wright) Martin.
- 154292. NormanR. Robinson, b. 9 March 1876, d. ca. 1951, married (1) Fannie Mason Turner b. 13 Sept 1882, died 4 Dec. 1920. Their children were James, Nell and Edsel. A number of years after Fannie's death, Norman left Temperance Hall and lived in Nashville. He married (2) Sallie Simpson.
- 154293. Stella Gertrude Robinson B. 2 Nov. 1879, d. _____ married Rev. Calvin Stewart. Stella delivered each of her three children by herself: Laurence Stewart, Kern Stewart and Basil Floyd Stewart.
- 154294. Arthur Alexander Robinson, b. 20 Oct.1881 d. 5 Sept. 1885.
- 154295. Loraine L. Robinson, b. 14 Feb. 1883 d. 28 Dec. 1884.
- 154296. Emmett Searcy Robinson, b. 12 Nov. 1884 d. 31 Oct. 1885.

154297. Orba Blame Robinson b.30 June 1886 d. in Sept. 1962, married ___ and lived in Texas.
154298. Herbert Ross Robinson b. 9 Sept. 1887 died in the 1950s, married Minnie Taylor. One child: Casey. Ross Robinson worked in the Temperance Hall Post Office at one time.
154299. Urban Houch Robinson b. 30 June 1888 d.10 Feb. 1986, served in the U.S. Navy during W.W.I. He lived in California and worked for the railroad
- 15429 Christopher C. Robinson and his second wife had one child: Lola, born 7 Feb. 1894, d. 25 June 1937. Lola m. John Medlin and they had two children: John and Odell Medlin.
- 154291 Schuyler Colfax Robinson, Christopher's and Ava Tilley's son was born in Putnam Co, Tenn. but lived most of his life in Temperance Hall; studied medicine in Kentucky and married
 (1) Margaret (Maggie) May Martin, daughter of Doctor George W. Martin and Sarah Elizabeth Robinson. Sarah was the daughter of John Elbert Robinson and Margaret Smith. Margaret was the daughter of Nicholas and Sarah (Compton) Smith. John E.Robinson was the grandson of Stephen and Elizabeth (Holland) Robinson. Maggie Martin was born.t6 Jan. 1887.and died 4 June 1918. Schuyler and Maggie Martin Robinson had two children:
1542911. Sallie Ione Robinson b. 16 July 1907 d.21 Dec. 1966 m. 22 June 1927 Dr. Bernice Turner Wright, son of Green Bethel Wright and Edna Earl Turner. Bernice was born May 30, 1902 and died March 15, 1941. Ione and Bernice had three girls: Peggy Jean Wright b. 3 June 1928, Sally Louise Wright b. 9 June 1936 and Patricia Ann Wright b. 15 August 1938.
1542912. Martin, Drexell Robinson b. 8 Aug. 1909 d.9 Feb. 1958 m. Grady Kelley Driver b. 31 Aug. 1916. Martin and Grady had one child: Martin Drexell Robinson, Jr. born 27 Nov. 1944 died 16 April 1955. Orexell was a tender soul, the finest of young men with a mind to match. If games that challenge the mind are allowed in heaven, I would wager that Einstein has yet to win a hand of Bridge from this ten year old from Temperance Hall.
- Schuyler Robinson married (2) Beulah Green (Wright) Martin, widow of George W. Martin, Jr. Beulah had twin sons by her first marriage, Edwin Wright Martin and George Edward Martin born 5 June 1919. Beulah was born and reared in Temperance Hall.

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Dr. Robinson's Death Closes Chapter in County Medicine
by Wayne T. Robinson, M.D.

The recent death of Dr. Schuyler C. Robinson of Temperance Hall, marks the passing of one of DeKalb's most distinguished citizens. His life was eventful in many ways. In one respect, he started out in the days when horse and saddle were about the only local means of transportation for doctors, and then adapted himself to the progressive changes, which have taken place since that time.

There are not many horseback doctors of former years now living anywhere, and it so happens that he started practice during that era. The ones still living are all about retired because of advanced years, or for some other reason, making the truly country doctor almost a relic of the past. Changes in conditions of our way of life have made it impractical for anyone to assume the expense and devote the training time necessary to become a creditable doctor, and then locate where hospital facilities are not available. Fifty years ago there were one or more doctors in every small community. Now there are none. The reason is obvious.

As early as the days when Schuyler Robinson started practice, there was no unopposed territory left in DeKalb, except Indian Creek, where he located and carried on for many years. His office was in the big white house where two creeks met and flowed on together. It was the Page family home. In those days, a person strong enough to go see a doctor was not regarded as being sick enough to require medical attention, consequently, office practice didn't amount to much. Dr. Schuyler made calls from his home in every direction, at all hours and in every kind of weather.

Indian Creek people missed him greatly when he changed locations and I think he must have had a deep and sincere affection for those wonderful people throughout his entire life. He once said, "They made it possible for me to get a start by letting me learn on them."

"Scoot" Robinson started practice before Grandock Fuson's ended. Grandock rode horseback from Ohio to Liberty before 1840. Their professional careers could shake hands, so to speak, across more than a hundred years. The name "Scoot" was an affectionate abbreviation which kept from confusing him with his father, Dr. Lum (Columbus) Robinson, and also Dr. Henry Robinson. They were all contemporaries of Drs. G.W. Martin, Mason, Sewell, Smith, Fisher, Pott.r; Parkers, Young, Allen, Loving, Jackson, Equires, Estes, Bratten, Adamson, White, Hudson, McMillan, and a number of others, including doctors who started out in the county but moved elsewhere.

In the days when these doctors were active, two or three country calls any day and night constituted a full time job. That was before antitoxin and typhoid vaccine, and the modern refinements of today. They carried Calomel, Quinine, Dover's powders, and

hope into the sickroom and the patient usually got well. The affection people felt for their family doctor cannot be described in words. The psychosomatic aspect and approach of today was a generation ago called bedside manner.

Throughout a long and successful practice, Dr. Schuyler's friendly and professional dignity made him a favorite of all whose lives he happened to touch. He was a good reader and had in his earlier days, Scoot was the Tyrone Power of Dowelltown; a boy with a dignified purpose in life, who looked and acted the part because it came natural to him. He never seemed to deviate the least bit in the direction of creating problems for his elders like some of the rest of us who bordered onto juvenile delinquency. He was respectful to grownups and kind to children and dumb animals

Some people still living will remember that he was the one who placed the first pair of pigeons which took over the rafter space in the old Dowelltown covered bridge, and occupied it in flocks for many years to the delight of children who passed that way. In giving some study to bird life at that age, he laid the foundation for studious habits later on.

When it comes to diversions, Scoot had two. He was the best first baseman Eureka Academy ever produced. He had the ability to nearly always stretch far enough to field a bad throw, end at the same time keep his foot on the bag. At bat, he liked to swing when the pitch was fast and high, for long drives. His weakness was a slow ball on the outside, which opposing pitchers were careful to use when he faced the plate. His good nature was apparent at all times during the game, and he could laugh off a disappointment. This characteristic was a prominent trait throughout life. Anything of grave concern, he was the type who could view it quietly and calmly.

He taught school at Eureka Academy one term but having already embarked upon the study of medicine, he gave no more time toward teaching as a career. . . his other passion was a genuine love for good walking horses... A doctor who rode horseback a great deal of time quickly learned that there is a difference in the gaits of saddle horses... Scoot in his day, owned and trained some of the best individual walking horses of DeKalb. He probably could have qualified as an expert in judging them in the show ring...

Nearly all medicines and drugs in popular usage fifty years ago are now obsolete and out of use. The medical and surgical agencies in general now were unknown then of course fundamental basic sciences which are self evident facts are not subject to much change. Dr. Robinson lived to see many of the revolutionary changes come about and was in practice long enough to make use of them. A good doctor keeps an open mind and continues to be a good student throughout his or her professional career.

Dr. Schuyler's mantle will not fall upon the shoulders of a younger physician coming into that community, because there will be none to take his place. The days of the country doctor seem gone forever. The passing of the country doctor is a great loss to people who live in isolated territory, and their medical care will have to be provided by other agencies. At present, rapid transportation to medical centers has become the modern

means of caring for those who are ill and require immediate attention. The order of most everything has changed in the practice of medicine since the days when saddle bags were in use.

Schuyler Robinson . . . gone but not forgotten, he was a man of fine appearance, exceptional ability, and truly one of God Almighty's gentlemen.

SOURCE: "John Robinson's father was Thomas Robinson (1668-1741) of Henrico County, Virginia. John's mother's name was Elizabeth. John and Tabitha's son, John Robinson's wife was Anne Bradshaw, Christopher Robinson had only one wife and her name was Sarah Nichols. Joseph Robinson married Jane Hendrick. (Betty Robertson Riley 2006)

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