

(1) It should not be deemed strange that I, a man of more than three score and ten years, and an humble minister of the Gospel for more than fifty years, should rejoice and be glad in finding out my family history for six centuries in the past - and specially to note the motto that has marked our family - and has in many cases rendered (?) it marked in efforts to advance God's kingdom on the Earth.

Our name in Wales was spelled with an (h) "Rho-bert" - but when Wales became an English principality 1285 the (h) was left out of the name and it became Robert - many of families becoming Robert and some in the U.S. Ro-bart & Roberts, some few even retaining the original spelling & being still Rho-bert. In France & in the Channel islands some families live at present who call themselves Ro-bert. It is said that is the proper pronunciation.

(2) of the family name - & when it is now used as a given name it is called Robert. There are several distinguished Baptist _____ in England now who care called Robert Roberts _____ Regents Park College _____ was Robert _____ Roberts as there have been in U. S. some men of note in ministry Robert Roberts and one or two distinguished as Patriot self supporting Soldiers in the Rev. War.

When during the civil wars in Brittain and there was such a determination to conquer the Welsh and Edward 1 had all the pious B _____ beheaded presuming that it might be their religion was the source of their bravery - Our family determining to adopt as a family motto or crest the idea "Calon wrth calon; Dow a digon" "Heart along side Heart; God will be sufficient" said to be the language of Adam in Eden.

(3) "Love your neighbor as yourself - Love God supremely." This pretty and meaning motto has ever given force and power to our work. In a volume of distinguished preachers of Wales - sent me as a token of distant relationship by the Rev. William Charles Roberts D.D.L.D. of U. State there is history of five distinguished ministers of Gospel of Roberts name - Peter - Michael - John Robert Roberts & his father William Roberts. Robert Roberts was one of the most noted & useful ministers who ever lived. These five were all of our family. They were known as Calvinistic Methodists - Christ _____ is a distinguished Baptist Minister of his day - said to say that he got the "Keys of Gospel lived" from the preaching of this useful and pious man Robert Roberts - Spurgeon also dates _____

(4) preached by a pious & useful Methodist preacher - I guess one of the Calvinistic Meth Ministers - to me it a matter of a little special interest (I hope friends will pardon it in me; Paul boasted of being a Hebrew of the Hebrews) that so many of my family have had in the distant & remote past the name of William Roberts. In Schaff H _____ Cyclopedia there are three Rev. William Roberts D.D. This ~~man~~ man was at one time one of the preachers of Lady Huntington - he came to the U.S. in 1855 as a Calvinistic Meth. D.D. to serve a church in N.Y. his son Rev. William Henry Roberts when being only eleven yrs. old he is now D.D.L.L.D. Stated Clerk of the Pres _____ of the U.States. I note the father of Bishop R. Roberts M.E. Church was William Roberts.

(5) who settled as a farmer in Md. He enlisted regularly in the Continental Service & served during the whole war. I think he was with the Penn. troops for in a little while his family went into that State. Bishop R.R. Roberts was the sixth Bishop in the M.E. Church. He held the first Meth. Annual Conference that was ever held in _____; it was held in a private residence in the Co. about 25 miles from where I now write - & was called the "Bachelor Conference" only some eight or ten ministers in it and all of the single men. He was a remarkably useful man very humble & retiring in manner, and died in 1844.

Lord William Baberts came from England to U.S. about 1740

(6) His eldest son Robert Roberts became an active and zealous soldier under Gen. Francis Marion - he was about (18 or 20) and was an independent soldier as his charges as were many men in that part of So. Ca. When he was quite young and ardent Lord Cornwallis marked him a squad of Tories apprehended the old man William Roberts and because he would not disclose the place of his Son, they tied him to a tree and shot him. Robert Roberts thus afflicted became the more earnest in his country's service & before the seven years war was over he had become a Col. of Volunteers of Independent troops. He was wealthy & educated his three brothers - John M. who became a distinguished preacher and teacher, Henry M. Physician, and Benjamin Roberts a farmer.

(7) When Robert Roberts had graduated in So. Ca. College, he married in Columbia, a Miss Carson, and one of their sons Rev. Henry Dunn Furman Roberts M.D.D.D. spent a useful life in ministry and school room in "La. & Miss" - and died in 1854. One of his sons still alive at Clinton La. - (75) & suffering with ill health.

Rev. William Roberts was a man of great usefulness on Pacific coast in establishing Methodist churches there. He was a marked man.

In 1688 William Roberts came from Wales & settled in Hartford Connecticut - His descendants have there lived and labored ever since. Their tombstones show the names - Robert Roberts & Roberts.

Col. Titus Roberts from Conn. a Rev. Soldier was the father of Bishop B _____ Roberts in _____ Ch. N.Y.

(8) It should not be deemed strange that a lineal descendent of Rev. Pierre Robert Pastor of Colony of the Protestant Refugees from Europe in 1685 should now be _____ an interest in this matter, seeing he has learned these things and has also been informed that one of Rev. Pierre's sons _____ became John Robart a Pres. of Midway Colony Ga. & another Elias joined the same colony. In that colony was a Rev. Daniel Roberts who joined the Rev. Army as Lt. and before the war ended was known as Col. Daniel Roberts. I think he settled in Village - Roberts in Pendleton Dist & the church there is yet in existence as Roberts Pro. Ch. Dr. William L. Johns (?) of Atlanta Ga. R. W. Barton of _____ Ala - the families of Roberts in _____ Ga. & Fla

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(10) When my uncle William H. Robert had to bury his wife - who had left him one son - Capt. U. M. Robert and five daughters. Emily who was afterwards Mrs. (Col) Seaborn Jones of Ga., Sarah wife of Gen. Erwin of Barnwell, Julia wife of Bm. Erwin Barnwell, Elizabeth wife of Rev. Peyton Wade and Rosalie who died in early womanhood. When Uncle William desired a second mother for his children he cast his mind out in prayer to God for direction. His mind turned to Mrs. Mary Screven the pious and Godly widow of a minister of the Gospel, who had no children, but was "_____ & known of all" as the Bible qualified for such a responsible position. He visited her kindly - prayerfully they conversed over their duty each to the other, and to the cause of God and prayerfully they gave _____

(11) I do not at what time they married but I know my uncle lived a number of years - happily married to the second mother for his children and then died in 1835.

Uncle William's children all married except Rosalie, and with her and two of his own relatives Richard (left blank) Gayner(?) she settled in Wilkes Co. Ga. near Smyrna Church. There she lived a number of years. Rosalie died and was buried at Smyrna Church. The latter part of her life she spent in Washington with Mr. Isaiah T. Irvin, and died as she had lived fearing the Lord, she was and is a friend of all.

(12) Her residence in Washington was the nucleus (?) of the work of my brother Rev. Dr. Lawrence J. Robert there for two years, and my brothers' occurrence (?) there to the community my brother Milton G. Robert & Rev. Dr. James P. Boyce - whose record with that of their family work in Wilkes Co. is too well & favorably known of your people to allow any other mention of it by your humble scribe.

My Bro. Rev. L. J. Robert D.D. Ld. D. when after the war he returned to spend his last and most useful days in Ga. Gladdened the hearts of our dear relatives there, & his own also by a residence there until he secured and (?) and entered _____ his life work in Augusta & Atlanta Ga., where he died March 1884. My dear father and myself also chose Washington as our future home when having sold out in So. Ca. & spent the summer in Ohio, we returned to make an _____

(13) My father and myself with our companions were much pleased with Washington and desired there to reside. Father's friend and myself took pleasure in the society of Bro. Colley, Pope, Wm. Ficklin, Merrill Callaway & others of your citizens. Father was specially concerned in the "half-time preaching" the church had then, and _____ his _____ spoke to my brother M.G. about it' as he may remember.

If I remember correctly my brother Frank made an effort to catch a "Washington Belle" as my own Willie H. did after the war, to gain the hand of the pretty and sweet little Sallie Callie - But God's appointments controlled us all.

And God's appointments _____ that what ourselves had _____ and so we had to leave.

(14) We were turned aside after a most pleasant winter spent in Washington and made our home in Marietta Ga. . . where my father died January 29th 1852 and my mother in June 24 1854, and thus under God's guidance I spent fifteen of the best years of my life in upper Ga. in Marietta, Atlanta, Griffin, Cassville, and LaGrange in God's service, in pulpit & schoolroom in _____ work to C.S.A. and to F _____ under sppt of A.B.H.M. Svc of N. York 18 (?) months. In all these positions I _____ sixteen years from 1850 - 1866 and then became pastor of the First Baptist Church in Little Rock Ark. In Ark. I buried my beloved wife (my Georgia Washington) and _____ to Eloise - and in 1873 was _____ a S. S. Ev. in Texas. When I found my pious companion & help mate who died in _____ 1891 and since then _____

(15) Prominently connected closely with the Robert family - We find that of Lawton - the large number of them descended from Sarah Robert the wife of Co. Joseph Lawton. These are scattered in many portions of Ga. & So. Ca. & others parts of U.S. One of the noblest & most distinguished of these Gen. Alex. Robert Lawton - joining one of the first of Washington a _____ honor to Washington and to its population, a noble Christian gentleman, a person of unsullied character has but lately gone to his reward - a citizen, soldier, servant of U.S. at a foreign court, honored & loved by all.

My playmate in boyhood, my brothers' brother, _____ my correspondent in our College days, my life long friend, Rest & be happy _____ is left to _____ Earth!