

# Sorting Saturday: Edward Roberts of Maryland, Kentucky, and Indiana

Chapter 5

28 Edward<sup>1</sup> ROBERTS<sup>62</sup> born about 1775 and died before 3 May 1830. He married about 1801:

29 Rosy, born about 1778.

Edward and Rosy, were first found living in Shelby township of Ripley County, Indiana in 1826. There the West Fork Baptist Church was organized at the home of James Christie with Rosy Roberts as one of the charter member. James Christie was a close neighbor to the Roberts family. Edward appointed James one of the executors of his will.

Edward Roberts family, excerpt, unknown book, page 39. Handwritten notes by cousin Cindy B.

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Getting back to researching a family after many years is exciting, with all the new information available online. Unfortunately, it also shows one's sloppy research- or shall we more kindly say, 'uneducated' research? Many of us started our family history studies when very young, or when genealogy was more casual, and family resources were taken verbatim and sources were not cited well. That is the case this 'Sorting Saturday'- these two pages of information need a citation!

*The Descendants of Hester Violet Liggett*

Maranda f vi. <sup>1850</sup> <sup>Switz</sup> <sup>Ky</sup> <sup>Illinois then</sup> <sup>Stone Co Missouri</sup> ~~Miranda~~ ROBERTS, b. abt 1812, m. Switzerland County, 13 June 1836, David H. Blunk.<sup>67</sup> b. 1809 Ky

Edward Roberts family and notes, excerpt of page 40 of unknown book. Handwritten notes by cousin Cindy B.

The pages were kindly received from a cousin in Indiana many, many years ago. Reviewing our emails, there is no indication of the origins of these pages, but we did also talk on the phone and may have discussed the book that contained these pages. Sadly, I don't believe I have notes from the phone conversation, and even more sadly, that cousin is no longer with us, so a quick email to her to find my answer just won't work.

There is a clue on page 40: "The Descendants of Hester Violet Ligget" in the upper left corner- this may be the name of the book. A Google search did not come up with that title, but a search on Amazon came up with something similar: *Ancestors of Hester Violet Liggett, 1904-1979*, by Norma Holland, 1998. Unfortunately the book is currently unavailable on Amazon.com.

So WorldCat, where libraries provide their 'card catalog' to the online community, was the next stop, now that I had a proper title and author. The book, using "Ancestors" instead of "Descendants" was there, and shown to be in the collections of the Allen County Public Library, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City UT, and at the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort, KY. So there is a possibility of getting the book via interlibrary loan (ILL) or contacting one of these groups to see if these pages are in that specific book.

FaceBook is another good place for genealogical help- I did post a query there at the Family History Center's US-Midwest group as well as their southern group since the family lived in Kentucky before Indiana. One group member's suggestion was that I contact the Ripley County Historical Society, and that will be another option to learn more about these pages as well as more about the Roberts family.

It is nice to have Cousin Cindy's penciled-in notes on the pages. She had done a lot of research on the Roberts family in Indiana, and even into Kentucky where Edward Roberts/Robbards married Rosy Stewart before their migration to Ripley County,

Indiana. We have no sources for her notes, so need to review and verify each of them. They are great clues to start with, especially since she was the one who found their marriage records in Kentucky!

Two other interesting points to note on this 'Sorting Saturday':

- Migration from Kentucky to Indiana may be a clue that a Revolutionary War pension was involved. As Edward Roberts was born in 1775, he would have been too young to fight in that war, but his father may have served. Land in the then far western state of Kentucky was given to many Revolutionary soldiers. For some reason they then had to move on to Indiana- why this happened will take more research, but another family that married into this line may have experienced this migration as well (the Honts family). We may be able to learn the parents of Edward by using this clue.
- WorldCat includes a short summary on their page for every book. The information about Hester Violet Liggett (1904-1979) notes that she died in Rising Sun, Indiana- and that was where cousin Cindy B. lived per her email signature! Wonder if Cindy knew her, and that was how she (possibly) came to have this book?

So when sorting on a Saturday or any other day, read your clues very carefully, and make sure to look for connections and patterns. Put your ancestors into the context of their times, and research more about those events as needed. Now that we have an idea of where this information came from, while waiting on replies to confirm we can start looking for more information about the Roberts family and their early years.

**Notes, Sources, and References:**

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