

FAMILY HISTORY

I have been able to secure data back to the time when one, thought to be named, Edward Roberts came to this country from the British Isles with his foster parents by the name of Whitam.

This Edward Roberts was the father of John Roberts.

John Roberts and Jane (Saylor) Roberts were the parents of eleven children. Namely: William, Charley, Anna, John, Maranda, Jerry (also called Doc.), Edward, Henry, David, Jane and Quinn.

John Roberts Jr. was born December 5, 1832 in Madison, Jefferson County, Indiana. His parents were natives of Kentucky. In 1855 he went to Illinois and worked as a farm hand.

Wiley Anderson Murrell and Mary Murrell were natives of West Virginia. They were the parents of five children. Namely: John, Elizabeth Ann, William, James, and Eliza. Elizabeth Ann was born on February 1, 1835 in Botetourt County, West Virginia. When she was eighteen years old her parents and their family moved to Illinois.

On March 8, 1857, John Roberts and Elizabeth Ann Murrell were married by the magistrate Isaac L. Pratt in Roseville, Illinois. They were the parents of five children. In the fall of 1868 they with their four older children: William Edward, Jason Lee, George Anthony, and Mary Jane; also Wiley Murrell and his wife came to Iowa by covered wagon and settled on a tract of land he purchased seven miles northeast of Prairie City in Mound Prairie Township, Jasper County, Iowa. Another son Wilbert John died in infancy on June 27, 1878.

The eldest son, William Edward was born February 9, 1858 and married Mary M. Main, who was born September 27, 1861, the daughter of Daniel and Aner Main of Prairie City. They were married January 20, 1880 and were the parents of five children. Namely: Edna M. deceased, Maud M., Clara D., Orville J., and Fred E. deceased.

Jason Lee was born December 8, 1859 and married Julia French, who was born December 5, 1863, the daughter of John and Susan French of Prairie City. They were married on December 22, 1881 and were the parents of seven children. Namely: Orpha B., Oca, Guy L., Wiley A., Willard F., Charley W., and Ralph H.

George Anthony was born November 18, 1861 and married Ella V. Daniels, who was born October 29, 1866, the daughter of Robert and Margaret Daniels of Prairie City. They were married on April 16, 1885 and were the parents of four children. Namely: John deceased, George A., Ethel G., and Edith M.

Mary Jane was born November 7, 1863 and married Samuel H. Blount, who was born the son of Harry and Mary Ann Blount of Derbyshire, England. They were married on April 1889 and were the parents of six children. Namely: Harry B., S. Harvey, Harold M., Helen ., Florence ., and Bernice .

The decedents of William E. and Mary M. Roberts:

<u>Name</u>	<u>S spouse</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Children</u>
Maude M.	Andrew D. Jensma	Edward Fred Clara	Mary Bridges ----- Helen Murphk Clarence Beyer -----	Gloria Beth Janice Lee Lana Kay
		Albert, deceased		
		Leora Howard Freida	Raymond VanZee ----- Ila Hunsicker Theodore Rutter ----	Ronald Ray Mary Rochelle James Theodore
Clara D.	Albert Zang			
Orville J.	Anna Hall	Margaret	Bill Clingan -----	Ann Freddie Clara
		Lois	Paul Cox	

The decedents of Mary Jane and Samuel H. Blount:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	<u>Children</u>
Harry R.	Marian Olney	Samuel Robert	Mary McMullin Patricia Duffy	-----Katherine
S. Harvey Harold	Eiffiline Maude Baker.	Murrel Marvin	Florence Deyer Phyllis Roach	---- Judith Kay
Helen	Joe Cannon		deceased	
Florence	Southard Whiting	Louise Southard Richard		
Bernice	Charles Cutler	Charles		

Deaths prior to 1946 meeting:

Elizabeth Ann Roberts died February 2, 1917.
 Julia Roberts died November 28, 1917.
 Ella Roberts died January 17, 1922.
 John Roberts died January 27, 1922.
 Samuel H. Blount died June 29, 1935.
 William E. Roberts died July 6, 1935.
 George A. Roberts died April 18, 1939.
 Jason L. Roberts died May 26, 1940.
 Albert Zang died February 17, 1944.
 Willard F. Roberts died August 1, 1943.
 Mary M. Roberts died November 29, 1945.

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