

Research Plan

Research Goal: Identify father of Simon Robinson of Lake City, Florence County, Florida

Overview:

Known data suggest that Simond Roberts of Columbia County, Florida became Simon Robinson after the 1880 census. He was married to Fanny around 1878 according to the 1900 census.

Suggested Records:

1. Florida Death Records
 - a. Based on the accuracy of the informant's knowledge of the decedent, this will give insight to who his parents are which would satisfy the clients objective.
2. Marriage Application for Simon Robinson and Fannie Widman
 - a. Simon Robinson's marriage application may be nonexistent depending on when Columbia county issued records that required that fulfilment of parental guardianship(s).
3. Find A Grave
 - a. An entry may provide an approximate birth and death date prompting a search in vital records for a death certificate.

Methodology:

- Conduct preliminary research in surviving records, starting with Columbia County, Florida
- Individuals to be included: Simon Robinson
- As each source is used, watch for a mention of Simon Robinson or Simond Roberts

Research Report

Research Performed by: Christopher Smothers: (678) 439-9485

DATE: September 13, 2019

TO: C. B.

SUBJECT: Simon Robinson of Lake City, Columbia, Florida.

BACKGROUND SUMMARY:

Simon Robinson was born about 1860 in Hancock County, Georgia¹. At the age of 20, he married Jennie Lucky in Hancock County, Georgia on 29 December 1880.² Over the course of 20 years, their union produces 10 children^{3,4,5}

OBJECTIVE: Identify the father of Simon Robinson of Lake City, Columbia County, Florida.

LIMITATIONS: Client authorized one hour of research and report writing.

REPOSITORIES:

1. Ancestry.com
2. FamilySearch.org

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²1900 U. S. Census, Columbia County, Florida, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 8, page 9B (written), dwelling number 153, family number 154, Simon Robinson Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 11 September 2019).

³ 1880 U. S. Census, Columbia County, Florida, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 24, page 423A (stamped), page 9 (written), dwelling number (none), family number 82, Simon Roberts Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 11 September 2019).

⁴ 1900 U. S. Census, Columbia County, Florida, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 8, page 9B (written), dwelling number 153, family number 154, Simon Robinson Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 11 September 2019).

⁵ 1910 U. S. Census, Columbia County, Florida, population schedule, enumeration district (ED) 45, page 1B (written), dwelling number 19, family number 19, Simon Roberson Household; digital image, *Ancestry.com* (ancestry.com : accessed 11 September 2019).

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SUMMARY OF RESEARCH FINDINGS:

Simon Robinson is the son of Acie Roberts. We can infer this due to the credible information provided on his death certificate in Alachua, Alachua County, Florida. See the Detailed Research Notes section for details on sources, citations, and analysis. See the Attachments for copies of key documents.

The following record supports the identification of Aca Roberts as the father of Simon Robinson:

- The Florida Death Certificate for Simon Robinson informed by Burnzene Robinson (son) on 9 July 1931 in Alachua, Alachua County, Florida lists Aca Roberts as Simon Robinson's father.

Detailed Research Notes begin on the next page.

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DETAILED RESEARCH NOTES:

Florida Death Record⁶

MARGIN RESERVED FOR BINDING

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK—THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. AGE should be stated EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS should state CAUSE OF DEATH in plain terms, so that it may be properly classified. Exact statement of OCCUPATION is very important. See instructions on back of certificate.

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CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

1. PLACE OF DEATH

County Alachua District No. 102

Precinct _____ Precinct No. _____

City or Town No. 1524 Registered No. _____

City High Springs Fla. No. _____ St. _____ Ward _____

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 10 yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds. How long in U. S. if of foreign birth? _____ yrs. _____ mos. _____ ds.

2. FULL NAME Simon Roberson

(a) Residence: No. High Springs Fla. St. _____ Ward _____

(If nonresident, give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS					MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH	
3. SEX <u>Male</u>	4. COLOR OR RACE <u>B</u>	5. Single, married, widowed or divorced (write the word) <u>Single</u>		21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) <u>7-6, 1931</u>		
6a. If married, widowed or divorced HUSBAND of (or) WIFE of _____				22. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from <u>Death</u> <u>7-6</u> to <u>7-6</u> 19 <u>31</u>		
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day and year)				I last saw h. <u>live</u> on <u>July 5</u> 19 <u>31</u> death is said to have occurred on the date stated above, at <u>2:15</u> pm.		
7. AGE		Years		Months	Days	If LESS than 1 day _____ hrs. or _____ min.
8. Trade, profession, or particular kind of work done, as spinner, sawyer, bookkeeper, etc.				The principal cause of death and related causes of importance in order of onset were as follows:		
9. Industry or business in which work was done, as silk mill, sawmill, bank, etc.				<u>Chronic interstitial pneumonia</u>		
10. Date deceased last worked at this occupation (month and year)				Contributory causes of importance not related to principal cause:		
11. Total time (years) spent in this occupation <u>33</u>				<u>Bronchopneumonia</u>		
12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)				Name of operation _____ Date of _____		
13. NAME <u>Acie Roberson</u>				What test confirmed diagnosis? _____ Was there an autopsy? _____		
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)				23. If death was due to external causes (violence) fill in also the following: Accident, suicide, or homicide? _____ Date of injury _____ 19 <u>31</u>		
15. MAIDEN NAME _____				Where did injury occur? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)		
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) (State or country)				Specify whether injury occurred in industry, in home, or in public place.		
17. INFORMANT <u>Burnzene Roberson</u>				Manner of injury _____		
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL				Nature of injury _____		
Place <u>High Springs</u> Date <u>7-8</u> 19 <u>31</u>				24. Was disease or injury in any way related to occupation of deceased? <u>No</u>		
19. UNDERTAKER <u>Fanny Widman & Mattet</u>				If so, specify _____		
20. FILED <u>79</u> 19 <u>31</u> <u>Rob. Ryah</u>				(Signed) <u>J. H. Heon</u> M.D.		
				(Address) <u>High Springs Fla.</u>		

Analysis: According the informant, Burnzene Roberson (son of Simon Robinson and Fanny Widman) his father was born in Virginia. This conflicts with all other information acquired. He lists his paternal grandfather's name as Acie Roberson. The name of his paternal grandmother is unknown. Simon Roberson is buried in Mount Tabor Cemetery in Lake City, Columbia County Florida.

⁶Florida Department of Health, Certificate of Death No. 10525, Simon Roberson, 6 Jul 1931, Alachua County; viewed at "Florida death certificates, 1877-1939," digital image; Familysearch.org (familysearch.org : Accessed 11 Sep 2019)

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Cause of Death: Chronic Intestinal Nephritis

Contributory Cause: Bronchopneumonia

RECOMMENDED FURTHER RESEARCH:

1. Check land records in Columbia County, Florida for origin.
2. Look at property records for Acie Roberson/Robinson/Roberts in Columbia County, Florida
3. Search GoogleBooks for more information about Acie Roberts and plantation(s) in Columbia County, Florida
4. Search Columbia County marriages for Simon Roberson/Roberts/Robinson in Columbia County, Florida

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Given the time constraint, all research performed was preliminary. To solidly confirm Acie Roberts is the biological father of Simon Robinson, a DNA test would be required. See “recommended further research” for next targets if contracted for further research.