

June 14, 1976

Dear Mrs. Cox,

I want to thank you for the information you gave my sister in law, Grace Walton, on my Walton ancestors which you found in your Hendricks Co history. I am inclosing a check for five dollars which I hope you will accept for your trouble in doing some further research for me.

My great great grandparents were William Robbins and Leah Lamb Robbins from North Carolina. I have some original land grants issued to him for parts of a section of land in Hendricks County in the early 1800s. Some of this land still belongs in the family. I have a fairly good record of this branch of the family, made easier for me because my great<sup>great</sup> grand father on my father's side was a brother of my great great grandmother on my mother's side! There must have been lots of cousins marrying in those days, as families were so big. There must be hundreds of Robbins around as William and Leah had 14 children and each of those children had large families. I think it would be easier for you if I made a chart with a question mark for the dates that are missing. The land grant lists William Robbins as coming from Guilford Co North Carolina, and most if not all of their children were probably born there.

Their first child was John, born in 1809, married Lydia Parsons. One of their eight or nine children was Cynthia who married Jonathan Walton. Their fifth child (Wm and Leah's) was Lurena who married Benjamin Smith Barton Parker.

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Michael Higgins P575  
Mrs Mary Jones P576  
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William Robbins P691  
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Morgan Monroe Brown Dr Clark Robbins not copied

Boone, Clinton, Hendricks Co. 1895  
MCR Robbins

HC Mar Records  
Halley +  
Robbins

Dear Mrs. Cox,

I am beginning to fear that you did not receive my letter which I sent last fall. I foolishly sent some cash along with the original papers you sent me and which I valued so highly. Not until I got out my genealogical file today did I realize how much time had elapsed since I wrote the letter... dated Oct 7, 1976. We have had illness here, much coming and going of relatives and friends, we put our house up for sale and sold it (but do not give possession until next October) and have scarcely thought of family history until now. I hope nothing has happened to you! I have been so happy with all the information you sent me and so pleased with your typing it all out for me so nicely when your typewriter was malfunctioning. I have had to have mine repaired too. I have been so grateful for the help you have given me. If you are not ill, and still able to help me, please respond and tell me if you received my letter of last fall? If you didn't then I can repeat what I had written in that letter.

Robbins family

From Peoples Guide  
Parker names

Most sincerely,

1878 Atlas of H. Co.  
Nathan Thomas Parker

North Salem Interment data from General Directors Book Bertha Baker  
Ann Cross - James Cross, Madison Cross, Benjamin Smith Boston Parker,  
Doris Evaline Parker Frank Parker, Parker Infant, Lillian E Parker  
Howan Infant, Howan, Howans twins  
Mrs. Kenneth G. Baker

1914 H Co Hist by Hadley  
Oliver Sayer Howan P 673-4-5.  
Pleasant Hackleman P 796-797

mailed 3-24-77

William Robbins b. Nov 30, 1779 died ? (who were his parents?)  
 Leah Lamb Robbins b. Feb. 14 1788 " ? " " her " ?)

Their children

1. John b. June 12, 1809  
 M. Lydia Parsons  
 b. ? d. ?  
 (parents ?)

grandchildren

Mary (Polly)  
 Martha  
 John  
 Barnabus  
 Cynthia m. Jonathan Walton  
 Susan  
 William  
 Josephine

5. Lurena b. Mar. 8, 1817  
 d. 1899  
 m. Benj. S.B. Parker

Calvin  
 Rachel - m John Somers  
 Wm. Franklin m. Susan Jane Holley  
 John Gaston m. Lavinia Williams

*Lurena Parker from Josephine Robbins lot No. 1849 1/2 1/2 NW 1/4 SE 1/2 1/2 SW 1/4 5237 R 200 1815 P 159  
 Parker from Wm Robbins Jan 23 - 1847 250  
 37 10 in 244 BR 8 P 365  
 Relat Bayne Apr 23 - 1814 1/2 1/2 SW 1/4 2 + 11 of 2  
 new Winchester 1810 - P 328*

John Holley b. Mar 1, 1814 where ? in Virginia. parents ?  
 Frances E. Pilcher b. June 12, 1814 where ? in Kentucky. " ?

Their children

Sarah Ann *Holley*  
 Joshua Dawson *Sarah E. Pilcher*  
 Alexander *from Woodbury*  
 Isreal T m. *Mary Jane*  
 Susan Jane m. Franklin Parker, Sept 1, 1862  
 b. march 14, 1841 b 1840  
 d. 1925 d. 1893

*Aug 18 - 1875 - 8 - 238  
 Dec 22 - 1862 1500 1810 1 - 1825 - 1420  
 P 399*

Harriet Elizabeth  
 John Allan

*Bertha Holley m. James E. ... 1841 1842, 351  
 Belton - Eva Bradley  
 Edward - Julia ...  
 Harriet - Calvin ...  
 John - Polly ...  
 Nora P. - Earl Mahan*

*Jan 9 1862 - 12 - 327  
 Aug 10, 1865 - 6 - 371  
 Oct 7, 1877 - 8 - 424  
 Jan 12 1865 - 13 - 112*

They were probably all from Guilford County North Carolina.

*Parker* He was a young physician and brought his bride from North Carolina and started practising medicine in Hendricks Co somewhere around New Winchester (I think) I would give most anything now if I had only asked my mother how they came, by horseback, in wagons or how. *when* I have their death dates and they are buried in the cemetery at North Salem, Ind. They had threesons, all Civil War veterans. and one daughter, Rachel, who never married. Their third child was Wm. Franklin Parker, my grandfather. Dr. Parker died young, his widow married again to a Wright, and then to a Barnard, and lived to be quite elderly, and was my mother's beloved grandmother. And thus you can see that my mother's grandmother, and my father's grandfather John Robbins, were brother and sister. So my mother and father are second cousins.

Wm Franklin Parker married Susan Jane Holley *found it I do*  
~~not have the date.~~ They had four daughters, the oldest Cora, my mother, and one son who died in infancy. Susan Jane's father, John Holley was born in Virginia March 5, 1814 and her mother Frances E. Pilcher was born in Kentucky June 12, 1814, Right now I am at a dead end on the Pilcher family until I find out the name of Francis Pilcher's parents. I have traced the Pilcher family into Kentucky from England and Wales, but they are so numerous in Kentucky that I have not yet found the link. John Holley died in 1898 I think in Hendricks County. His wife died many years before probably 1872 as my mother was only nine years old at the time. His brother Joshua and Israel lived fairly near us as we were growing up and may be buried in the Mt. Pleasant cemetery on the way from North Salem to Damville.

I didn't realize this would be such a long letter. But if you can take the time to read it, and can find any of the dates or anything else pertaining to my family I would greatly appreciate a reply. I am inclosing a stamped, self addressed envelope.

Yours very truly

*Betha Walton Baker*  
Mrs. Kenneth G. Baker

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October 7, 1976

Dear Mrs. Cox,

I am sorry not to have answered your letter sooner but everything seems to pile up on me at times and I get woefully behind! I am sending back all the information which you have sent me (I think) as that is easier than going through and listing certain things. I have xeroxed everything but your last letter, and anyway I am sure you will return it all. Fortunately it only costs 10¢ a page to have things xeroxed at our library

Yes, I would be pleased to have the Hackleman biography as they are also related to me through the Robbins. Mrs. Hackleman was Katherine (Kate) the daughter of Benjamin Robbins who was a brother of the Marcus de Lafayette Robbins, ~~his~~ whose biography you sent me.

And I would be pleased to have a listing of the Robbins burials. The old Robbins cemetery not far from our old home place~~d~~ was in a sad state of repair the last time I saw it.

After reading the information which you have sent me I realize that most of my great grandparents died in Hendricks County. Perhaps with your help I can get all the dates. Let me list what I have.

*to Pen* < Eliza Duberry Walton Gowan (mother of Anna Crose)  
(Her husband John Walton buried in Ripley Co, Ind)  
*to N.C.* < John Robbins b. June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1809 d. Mar 5, 1881  
Lydia Parsons Robbins b. Dec 27, 1808, d. ?  
*to N.C.* < Benj. Smith Barton Parker b. 1809 d. June 5, 1844  
Lurena Robbins Parker Barnard b. Mar 8, 1817 d. 1899  
*to Va.* — John Holly b. Mar 5, 1814, d. July 18, 1898  
*to Ky* — Frances Pilcher Holley, b. June 12, 1814 d. 1872

Sincerely,

*Bertine Best*