



THE NICHOLAS ROBBINS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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Some Additional Ancestors in the American Revolution

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(Note: The Summer, 2007 edition of the Newsletter included a list of American Revolution veterans from Massachusetts with the surname Robbins, or some variation thereof, who were likely descendants of Nicholas Robbins. That list was abstracted from a compilation of military records entitled "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the War of Revolution", a multi-volume series prepared by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The following list of veterans includes Nicholas Robbins descendants from States other than Massachusetts, descendants with surnames other than Robbins and its variations and spouses of descendants. Readers interested in pursuing their lineage connections to these veterans may find help in the endnotes and bibliography of "The Nicholas Robbins Family". For those interested in validating their connections and pursuing membership in the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) or Sons of the American Revolution (SAR), postal and website addresses are provided in the "Research Assistance" section of this Website.)

BRAMHALL, JOSEPH, husband of Remember Robbins, enlisted Plymouth, Mass., served in Capt. Thomas Mayhew's Co. in 1775 and Capt. Nathaniel Goodwin's Co. in 1777. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.22

DENIO, ISRAEL, husband of Esther Robbins, enlisted Hampshire County, Mass., served in Capt. Isaac Newton's Co. in 1780. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.58

DOTEN, SAMUEL, husband of Eunice Robbins, served in Continental Navy, April, 1776 to May, 1778. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.35

DRAKE, LOT, husband of Hannah Turner, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Capt. Ebenezer Dean's Co. in 1777 and Capt. Matthew Randall's Co. in 1780. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

DRYER, SAMUEL, husband of Philena Robbins, enlisted Bristol County, Mass., served in Capt. Joseph Wilmarth's Co., 1780. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.53

DUNHAM, JAMES, husband of Elizabeth Robbins, served in Continental Navy aboard brigantine "Hope". Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.44

FULLER, JOHN, husband of Rebecca Robbins, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Capt. Edward Sparrow's Co., 1777. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.5

LATHROP, DANIEL, husband of Mary Turner, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Col. Daniel Lathrop (Sr)'s Co., 1775 to 1777. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

LINDSAY, WILLIAM, son of Elizabeth (Turner) Lindsay, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Capt. Abial Mitchell's Co., 1775. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Winter, 2008

LUCAS, ABIJAH, husband of Mary Robbins, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Lt. Francis Shurtleff's Co., 1776, and Capt. Thomas Samson's Co., 1777. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.9

LUCAS, SAMUEL, husband of Jemima Robbins, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Capt. John Bridgeman's Co., 1775; Lt. Francis Shurtleff's Co., 1776; and Capt. George Hammond's Co., 1777. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.8

MACOMBER, DANIEL, son of Eleanor (Turner) Macomber, enlisted Easton, Mass., served in Capt. Matthew Randall's Company, 1776. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Winter, 2008

MACOMBER, EDMUND, son of Eleanor (Turner) Macomber, enlisted Easton, Mass., served in Capt. Josiah Keith's Company, 1776. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Winter, 2008

RIPLEY, KIMBALL, son of Abigail (Robbins) Ripley, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Col. Gamaliel Bradford's Regiment, various campaigns including Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, and in Col. Josiah Whitney's Regiment on a campaign in Rhode Island. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 4.7

RIPLEY, THADDEUS, son of Abigail (Robbins) Ripley, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Col. Theophilus Cotton's Regiment, 1775 and in Col. Rufus Putnam's Regiment, 1780. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 4.7

ROBBINS, JOHN of Bennington County, Vermont, served under Capt. Samuel Robinson on local alarms in 1780 and under Lt. Joseph Wickwire guarding British prisoners at Bennington. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 5.12

ROBBINS, WILLIAM of Windham County, Vermont, served in Capt. Josiah Fish's Company on campaigns in southern Vermont, 1782. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 5.15

ROBINS, EPHRAIM of Tolland County, Connecticut, served in the Fifth Regiment of the Connecticut Militia under Lt. Col. Experience Storrs on a campaign in New York State, 1776-1777. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 5.13

STANDISH, MILES, son of Mehitabel (Robbins) Standish, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Capt. Nathan Mitchell's Company, 1775, and Capt. John Ames' Company, 1776. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 4.5

TINKHAM, ABEL, husband of Hannah (Robbins) Tinkham, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Capt. Perez Churchill's Company, 1778 and 1780. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 6.3

TINKHAM, ISAAC, husband of Hannah (Robbins) Tinkham, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Capt. Perez Churchill's Company, 1778. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 5.7

THOMAS, JOSIAH, husband of Elizabeth (Robbins) Thomas, enlisted Plymouth County, Mass., served in Capt. Perez Churchill's Company, 1778. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 5.9

TURNER, BETHUEL, enlisted Easton, Massachusetts, served in Capt. Josiah Keith's Company, 1781. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

TURNER, ELIJAH, enlisted Easton, Massachusetts, served in Capt. Frederick Pope's Company, 1775, and Capt. Joseph Franklin's Company, 1779. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

TURNER, JOHN, enlisted Easton, Massachusetts, served in Capt. Francis Luscomb's Company. Killed in action at Boston, 30 Jul 1775. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

TURNER, JOSIAH, enlisted Easton, Massachusetts, served in the Massachusetts Line. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

TURNER, LEMUEL, enlisted Easton, Massachusetts, served in Capt. Ephraim Burr's Company in the Continental Army. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

TURNER, SIHON, enlisted Easton, Massachusetts, served in Capt. Matthew Randall's Company, 1776. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

TURNER, WILLIAM, (son of John), enlisted Easton, Massachusetts, served in Capt. Matthew Randall's Company, 1776. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

TURNER, WILLIAM, (son of George), enlisted Easton, Massachusetts, served in Capt. Howard's Company, 1776. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family Newsletter, Summer, 2008

WOODS, JAMES, son of Persis (Robbins) Wood, enlisted at Middleborough, Massachusetts, 1779, and served in the Continental Army. Re: The Nicholas Robbins Family, No. 4.3

ERLE STANLEY GARDNER, noted writer and creator of the Perry Mason series, is descended from Nicholas Robbins via daughter Mary as follows: Nicholas Robbins, Mary (Robbins) Turner, Ann (Turner) Brett, Elihu Brett (Jr), Bethia (Brett) Drake, Nathan Drake (Sr), Nathan Drake (Jr), Nathan Drake III, Olive (Drake) Gardner, Charles W. Gardner, Erle Stanley Gardner (Abstracted from Genealogies of Connecticut Families by Gary Boyd Roberts)

THE ROBBINS OF HARTFORD, MAINE

by Lawrence G. Robbins

In the Family Forum section of the Winter, 2009 Newsletter, a query was posted regarding Columbus M. Robbins, son of Eleazer and Rebecca (Doughten or Doten) Robbins of Hartford, Oxford County, Maine. Columbus was age 23, single and residing with his parents at the time of the 1850 Census. After posting the query, I came across a copy of Vital Records of Hartford, Maine, 1767 - 1891, compiled by Angela M. Foster and published by Picton Press in 2005. In those records I found marriage intentions published at Hartford on 10 Sep 1850 between Columbus Robbins of Hartford and Martha Child of nearby Livermore, Maine. I have not been able to find Columbus in any census after 1850. However in the 1860 Census I did find his father Eleazer Robbins residing with George and Lydia Doten of Hartford. While Eleazer's wife, Rebecca, was not enumerated, there was one other Robbins in the household, Charles C. Robbins, age 5. Could this be Eleazer's grandson, the son of Columbus and Martha? It seems possible that Rebecca (Doughten or Doten) Robbins may have perished between 1850 and 1860 and that Eleazer had combined households with Rebecca's Doten kin, but I have not been able to find any further record of Columbus and Martha following the publication of their intentions.

Two other entries in the Hartford vital records intrigued me. On 30 Sep 1845 Adelia H. Robbins and Sullivan R. Holmes, both of Hartford, published their marriage intentions and on 16 Oct 1845 they were married at Hartford. In the 1850 Census for Hartford, I found Sullivan Holmes, age 32, farmer, as a head of household consisting of wife Adelia, age 27, son Franklin, age 2, Jonathan Holmes, age 55 and Mahala Holmes, age 52. Were the latter couple Sullivan's parents? By the time of the 1860 Census for Hartford, Adelia was no longer a part of the Sullivan Holmes household. In that census Sullivan, now 40, is noted as head of a household consisting of himself, wife Joanna, age 28, son Franklin, age 12 and son Lewis, age 3. Had earlier wife Adelia (Robbins) Holmes died?

The ages of both Columbus and Adelia in the foregoing summary are consistent with the ages of two children noted to Eleazer Robbins in the 1830 Census for Hartford. In that census, Eleazer was noted as head of household with a male child under five, therefore born between 1825 and 1830. Columbus Robbins, who was 23 in 1850, would have been born around 1827. In that same census, the only other child noted to Eleazer was a female, age 5-10, therefore born between 1820 and 1825. Adelia (Robbins) Holmes, age 27 in 1850, would have been born around 1823. So far as I have been able to determine, Eleazer and

Rebecca (Doughten/Doten) Robbins were the only Robbins family residing in Hartford Township between 1830 and 1850.

What can be made of all this? I would like to offer some very tentative conclusions with the hope that someone out there might have some additional information to supply in response to this query. First, that Columbus and Adelia were the two children enumerated with Eleazer and Rebecca in the 1830 Census for Hartford, Maine. Second, that Columbus did marry Martha Childs after their intentions were published in September, 1850, and third, that they did have at least one child, Charles C. Robbins, born around 1855. Fourth, that sometime thereafter, Columbus and Martha died or moved away and Charles went to live with his widowed grandfather, Eleazer Robbins. Finally, as for Charles C. Robbins, he would appear to be the one by that name enumerated in the 1880 Census of Standish, Cumberland County, Maine, where he was recorded as a carpenter, age 25, residing with wife Sarah, age 25, son Herbert N. Robbins, age 4, and daughter Nettie L. Robbins, age 1. In the 1900 Census, still residing in Standish, Charles was noted as a farmer, born in October, 1854, married 26 years, with wife Sarah, born in May, 1855, married 26 years, with six children of whom three were still living. The household also included sons Herbert N. Robbins, born in October, 1875, a farm laborer by occupation, and Fred L. Robbins, born in August, 1887, at school, daughter Nettie Robinson, born in December, 1878, and Nettie's two children, Edith and Edwin.

Obituaries and Memorials

(Editor's Note: This segment honors our family members who have preceded us in death and will be a reoccurring feature of the Newsletter. Older as well as recent obituaries and memorials of Nicholas Robbins descendants and their spouses are welcome. They may be submitted as attachments to emails addressed to riaresearch@aol.com or by regular post to Lawrence G. Robbins, P. O. Box 8274, Portland, OR, 97207. Please identify your media source, i. e. newspaper, on-line site, etc., as well as the date it was printed so that proper attribution can be included. Thank you.)

RAYMOND ROBINS "Brooksville, Florida, Sept. 26, 1954 ---Col. Raymond Robins, a confidant of Presidents and an adventurer who stuck it rich in the Yukon, died today in his home atop near-by Chinsegut Hill. An invalid since 1935, when he was paralyzed from the waist down after a fall from a tree, Colonel Robins also had been suffering from a heart ailment. His age was 81.

He was a close friend of President Theodore Roosevelt and an adviser to former President Herbert Hoover. He urged President Franklin D. Roosevelt to recognize the Soviet Union in 1933. Colonel Robins campaigned for William Jennings Bryan and later was active in the Progressive or Bull Moose Party. He ran for the United States Senate in Illinois on the Progressive Party ticket.

Colonel Robins was a settlement worker in Chicago and worked with William Devere, later Chicago's mayor, in cleaning up the city's Seventeenth Ward. He once was beaten for his activities in a labor union dispute.

Born on Staten Island, N. Y., Sept. 17, 1873, he attended country schools in Ohio, Kentucky and Florida. He was graduated from Columbian University, now George Washington University, in Washington. He gave up a promising law career in San Francisco to look for gold in Alaska. He found it.

A high point in his life was his embracing of Christianity when he was in the Klondike. It was after his journeys to the Klondike that he took up a crusade to better the lot of his fellow man.

Raymond Robins devoted many years of his life to serving the cause of social betterment. World peace, law enforcement and observance, and the application of Christian principles to national and world problems were some of the problems on which he expended untiring energy for more than four decades.

His career in progressive politics and social reform came after a youth packed with adventure. When he was 17 years old, he started out to make a fortune and within a year had organized a large phosphate mining company. A year later he came to New York on a steamer from Charleston, S. C. Walking into a Wall Street banking house, he came out two hours later with \$20,000 in his pocket, having sold the mine that later yielded large returns to the purchasers.

He later staked out and worked a mining claim in Alaska which yielded enough to assure him a substantial income. Soon, however, Colonel Robins became more interested in the human experiences of the mining communities at Dawson City and Nome than in his quest for gold. Fellow diggers and the camp merchants soon recognized his capacity and courage for leadership in safeguarding property and life from gunmen, gamblers and vice lords. He stayed long enough to establish a town meeting for lawful government and to start a church, in which he taught and preached.

Among his other activities, he devoted much time to the care of homeless men, becoming superintendent of the Chicago Municipal Lodging House in 1902, a position he occupied for three years. At the same time he was active as head worker of Northwestern University Settlement and as a member of the Chicago Board of Education.

Entering national politics, he joined Col. Theodore Roosevelt in the movement for a Progressive party in 1912. He was chairman of the Illinois State Central Committee of the Progressive Party and was the Party's candidate for United States Senator in 1914. Two years later Colonel Robins was chairman of the Progressive Party's national convention.

In 1932, after a tour of 286 cities on behalf of prohibition, he suffered an attack of amnesia and was missing for three months. He was found living under a different name in Whittier, N. C.

He received the rank of lieutenant colonel and commanded an American Red Cross mission to Russia in 1917 and 1918. He stayed on through the Russian Revolution." (New York Times, September 26, 1954)

NRD: Nicholas Robbins, John Robbins, Jeduthan Robbins (Sr), Lemuel Robbins, Ephraim Robins (Sr), Ephraim Robins (Jr), Charles Ephraim Robins, Raymond Robins

MARGARET (DREIER) ROBINS "Brooksville, Florida, Feb. 21, 1945---Mrs. Margaret Dreier Robins, an international leader in the movement to improve the condition of women and children in industry, and wife of Col. Raymond Robins, who led the American Red Cross mission to Russia in 1917-1918, died at their home here today after a long illness. Besides her husband, she leaves a brother, Henry Edward Dreier of Fort Salonga, Long Island, and sisters, the Misses Mary E. and Katherine S. Dreier of New York. She was 76 years old.

Miss Dreier was born in Brooklyn, a daughter of Theodor and Dorothea Dreier. She attended private schools in Brooklyn and at the age of 19 became treasurer of the women's auxiliary of the Brooklyn Hospital. In 1903, when the National Women's Trade Union League was formed at the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor in Boston, Miss Dreier joined the New York branch and soon rose to the position of president. She launched a crusade to publicize poor working conditions and long hours of labor and succeeded in bringing about many industrial reforms.

In 1905 she was married to Mr. Robins, then head of the Northwestern University Settlement in Chicago. Their first home was on the top floor of a tenement house in what was called a 'boss-ridden district'. She transferred to the Chicago branch of the League and was made its president in 1907. Later she was elected to the national presidency, in which capacity she served for fifteen years.

The social gains of the union shop, she observed, were not merely better wages and shorter hours. "Beyond these," she said, "is the incentive for initiative and social leadership. Through common industrial relationship and the common hope, the union shop calls up the moral and reasoning faculties, the sense of fellowship, independence and group strength. In every workshop there is unknown wealth of intellectual and moral resources."

When garment workers in New York, Chicago and Philadelphia began their crusade for better conditions in 1909 and 1910, Mrs. Robins organized the Chicago Federation of Labor. She raised money, organized factory watchers to prevent unjust arrests and took to the public the story of the underlying causes of the strikes.

After industrial peace returned, she founded a training school for active workers in the labor movement. During these years she was editor of Life and Labor, official organ of the National Women's Trade Union League.

In 1915 she was appointed a member of the Illinois Unemployment Commission and during the first World War she was chairman of the Department of Women and Children in Industry of Illinois and also the National Council of Defense. After passage of the suffrage amendment, she became a member of the Leslie Suffrage Commission.

Mrs. Robins moved with her husband to Brooksville, Florida in 1928. They turned their estate into an agricultural experimental station and wildlife refuge. She founded the Bookshop of the Tamiami Trail, the profits of which were devoted to the Hernando County Y. W. C. A. In 1930 the Robins' Florida plantation was deeded to the Federal Government." (New York Times, February 21, 1945)

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