

Moses Robins Died in 1818 Our Argument

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The two of us have been researching together now for about two years the Robins/Robbins family of St. Charles County, Missouri. Over the course of our work, we have noticed on numerous published materials that the date 1810 is the cited death date of one Moses Robins, a member of our family. We have seen this death date associated with Moses in indices at the St. Charles County Historical Society, in online references to Moses, most recently on a poster displayed in the Land Between the Rivers Historical Society in Portage des Sioux, Missouri, and on a memorial on Findagrave.com. The prevalence of 1810 makes Moses' death date seem accurate. Our argument is, however, that the date is NOT correct, that its dissemination is the result of persons simply copying information from one document to another rather than verifying information and, therefore, in doing so misrepresenting the life of Moses Robins by omitting important events in his life. Our argument is that Moses Robins died in St. Charles, Missouri on or about 24 September 1818. Several documents support our claim.

Moses Robins was born 20 January 1767 in Voluntown, New London, Connecticut, the son of Moses and Keziah Minor Robins.¹ He was the eighth of the couple's nine children. Moses married Abigail Cook of Preston, New London, Connecticut on 30 December 1784 in Preston.² They, too, had nine children.

In 1794 Moses' brother, Brintnal, moved his family from Voluntown, New London, Connecticut to western Pennsylvania³. Moses and his family, however, were still living in Connecticut in 1800. The last documented birth for a child of Moses and Abigail in Voluntown was Thomas Jefferson Robins, born 25 November 1801.⁴ Zuriah, the next child, reported on her 1850 U.S. Census that she was 43 years old and was born in Connecticut. She reported nearly the same information on succeeding U.S. Censuses in 1860, 1870, and 1880. Abigail, the ninth and last child of Moses and Abigail, reported on the 1850 U.S. Census that she was born about 1810 in Pennsylvania. She too reported similar information on subsequent U.S. Censuses. Indeed, the 1810 U.S. Census shows the Moses Robins family living in Middlesex, Butler, Pennsylvania. A reference in a history of Butler County,

Pennsylvania had Moses and Brinton Robbins establishing a grist and saw mill in Forward Township after 1804⁵.

The article, “The Forgotten War,” is a well-documented slice of history about the Indian wars in the Missouri Territory. The author’s conclusion is this: ‘But in the fall of 1815 and in the subsequent years, a tidal wave of new settlers began to pour into Missouri. Towns literally sprang up in the wilderness overnight and Missouri began entering a new phase of preparing for statehood’.

Moses and his family most likely arrived in Missouri from Pennsylvania as part of this tidal wave. Missouri was part of the Louisianan Territory, recently scouted by Lewis and Clark. Land fever, the symbol of power and wealth, was intense. The earliest date recorded in Missouri for Moses Robins was a land transaction:

Moses Robbins and Thaddeus C. Robbins “Jointly purchased from one Matthew Kerr a certain tract of land lying in the County of St. Charles and township of Portage des Sioux, containing two hundred arpens and bounded on the north by Congress lands, on the west by lands of Wm Thompson, south by lands of Michael Keeny, east by lands of Forqus Morehead, bought of James Griffin, being so much of a tract of five hundred arpens granted to one Frammer Gilbert which was sold by the said Warner to James A. Graham and by the Administrator of the said Graham under an order of the general Court to the said Mathew Kerr, which said land was purchased by deed from said Kerr, dates Oct 28th A.D. 1816, and is recorded in the Clerk’s office of Saint Charles in Book D Page 450 & 1.⁶

Moses’ name also appeared on the 1816 Tax List for St. Charles County.

Three months later, on January 24, 1817, Moses applied to the Circuit Court to certify his brand for his hogs, cattle, and sheep—**M.R.**---on the left ear.

One of the earliest records from the Missouri Territory is the 1817 Enumeration. Moses’ two adult sons, Thadeus Robins and Welcome Robins, were listed and counted separately. Moses was listed with his remaining family except for Miranda who, along with her daughter, Amy, were listed under Elijah Mallerson, her husband. Moses did not appear in the 1819 Enumeration.

One of Moses’ last documented acts was to transfer land to his son, Moses B. Robins. On 4 September 1818, Moses did ‘Bargain, Sell and Confirm” one hundred arpens of land, the third lot from the North part of a Madrid Claim conveyed to Moses by Rufus Easton containing 240 acres. This transfer was recorded on 1 October 1818.

On or about 24 September 1818, Moses Robins died as determined by a receipt for the expenses of his coffin, digging the grave, cart for hauling corpse, winding cloth and doctor's bill. Moses' Will was filed on 15 Oct 1818 in St. Charles Probate Court, naming Abigail, widow, and Thaddeus, son, as executors.

To repeat. Our argument is that Moses Robins, born 1767 in Voluntown, New London, Connecticut died on or about 24 September 1818 in St. Charles, Missouri.

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200th Anniversary of the death of Moses Robins, St. Charles County, Missouri

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¹ Thomas Minor Society. tmsociety.org

² Marsha Wilson Carbaugh. *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records—Preston*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2010.

³ American Revolutionary War Pension Applications. Fold3.com

⁴ Marsha Wilson Carbaugh. *The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Town Vital Records—Voluntown, 1708-1850*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company, 2010.

⁵ *History of Butler County, Pennsylvania*. R.C. Brown & Company, Publishers. Internet Archives

⁶ Probate Records, Folder 2932, File 123, Year 1818. St. Charles County (MO) Historical Society

278		BARBOUR COLLECTION		PRESTON VITAL RECORDS		279	
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CONDON, Thankful, m. Lebban ENSWORTH, of Canterbury, Sept. 14, 1802		6	20	COY, COVE, (cont.)		6	17
Thomas, of N. Kingston, R.I., m. Estey SEEWART, of Preston, Feb. 19, 1789		6	18	John, m. Miriam MERDOCK, b. of Preston, Mar. 8, 1784		6	17
William, m. Tamar CLARK, b. of Preston, Apr. 1, 1801		6	18	Jonathan, s. Jonathan, bp. Jan. 26, 1721		7	13
COOK, Abel, m. Elizabeth BRANCO, June 22, 1777		6	20	Joseph, s. Jonathan, bp. Oct. 12, 1757		7	13
Abigail, of Preston, m. Moses ROBBINS, of Voluntown, Dec. 30, 1784		6	20	Matthew, s. Jonathan, bp. Apr. 9, 1727		7	13
Abigail, d. John, bp. Mar. 14, 1725		7	14	Moses, s. Jonathan, bp. Oct. 13, 1721		7	13
Amos, m. Elijah FARRIDGE, b. of Preston, Feb. 14, 1799		6	20	Nathaniel, s. Jonathan, bp. Mar. 9, 1729		7	13
Barlow, Jr., m. Anna ROSE, b. of Preston, Feb. 22, 1796		6	20	Paul, d. Abiah, bp. June 8, 1763		7	14
Estey Elizabeth, of Preston, m. Debra HAZEN, of Norwich, Nov. 22, 1807, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21	Samuel, s. Jonathan, bp. Jan. 26, 1721		7	13
Captain, m. Hannah PRIDE, Nov. 11, 1799, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21	Samuel, s. Elizabeth, bp. Nov. 3, 1724		7	14
E. J., of Preston, m. Patty CLARK, of Middletown, Ct., Jan. 22, 1797		6	18	Sarah, d. Matthew, bp. July 15, 1722		7	13
Estey, of Preston, m. William S. GORDON, of Voluntown, Mar. 13, 1814		6	20	Sarah, of Preston, m. Thomas SPRINGER, of Voluntown, Jan. 10, 1739		6	19
Hannah, m. John CLARK, b. of Preston, Sept. 15, 1799		6	20	Sarah, d. John, bp. July 21, 1765		7	14
John, s. Wm. May, bp. July 11, 1756		7	14	CRAFT, Samuel, m. Anna BENNETT, May 3, 1791, by Rev. David Hale		6	22
John, of Preston, m. Thankful ECCLESFORTH, of Stonington, Apr. 7, 1803		6	18	CRAMER, John Huntington, s. Dr. John, a college professor of Christianity in Portsmouth, bp. Oct. 8, 1790		7	14
Mary, m. Elijah BARKLEN, of Voluntown, Feb. 23, 1758		6	18	CRANDALL, Benjamin, of Charleston, R.I., m. Esther MEECH, of Preston, Dec. 30, 1784, by Rev. Paul Park		6	21
Mary, of Preston, m. William ADAMS, of Preston, Nov. 21, 1758		7	13	CRANE, John, Dr., of Hanover, N.H., m. Hannah BROWN, of Preston, Nov. 13, 1773		6	17
Phoebe, d. Richard, bp. Feb. 2, 1746		7	13	CRARY, Aaron, of Plainfield, m. Harmony AVERELL, of Preston, Apr. 17, 1794		6	18
Rosal, d. Elizabeth JONES, June 17, 1772		6	20	Elihu, m. Abigail AVERY, b. of Preston, Apr. 10, 1805, by Rev. Paul Park		6	21
Sarah, m. George Benjamin MORGAN, b. of Preston, Nov. 5, 1771, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21	Lacy, m. Anne WITTER, b. of Preston, Nov. 16, 1786, by Rev. Paul Park (Note says "Evening")		6	21
William James, of Preston, m. Paris HERROCK, of Worthington, Nov. 3, 1793, by Rev. Paul Park (Note says "Book 225B")		6	21	Oliver, of Winsted, R.I., m. Eunice BREWSTER, of Preston, Nov. 8, 1776, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21
Zeriah, of Preston, m. [] of Plainfield, Dec. 31, 1807		6	20	Oliver, Jr., m. Desire AYER, b. of Preston, Feb. 4, 1802, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21
COOPER, CUPER, Adam, of Southington, R.I., m. Sarah FRANKLIN, of Preston, (black), Sept. 2, 1790 ("Probably South Kingston")		6	18	Oliver, of Preston, m. Mary GALLUP, of Glaston, Mar. 14, 1802, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21
Thankful, of Upham Newton, R.I., m. William HALSEY, of Preston, Apr. 10, 1790, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21	CILVER, Joseph, m. Tryphania MEECH, Mar. 8, 1797, by Rev. David Hale		6	22
CORNWELL, Mary, of Preston, m. Elijah FITCH, of Burlington, N.Y., Oct. 10, 1810, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21	Lenard, of Norwich, m. Mary HARENESS, of Preston, Nov. 17, 1776		6	17
COVEY, —, of R.I., m. Sarah KINNE, of Preston, Oct. 28, 1787		6	18	Lynia, of Preston, m. Joseph GAVITT, of Winsted, R.I., Jan. 20, 1797, by Rev. Paul Park		6	21
COY, COVE, Abiah, d. Jonathan, bp. Jan. 26, 1721		7	13	Rebecca, m. Giles TRACY, b. of Preston, Nov. 11, 1782, by Rev. Paul Park (Note says "evening of 1806")		6	21
Abigail, d. Jonathan, bp. Nov. 8, 1718		7	13	CUNNINGHAM, Rebecca, m. Jonathan DABOLL, Sept. 25, 1777		6	20
Anna, s. Matthew, bp. June 17, 1722		7	13	CUPER, (see under COOPER)			
Benjamin, s. Matthew, bp. Mar. 30, 1735		7	13	CURTES, Abigail, of Hampton, m. Ely WEADON, of Preston, Dec. 15, 1796		6	18
David, s. Matthew, bp. June 17, 1722		7	13	Elihu, of Preston, m. Mansel KINNE, of Plainfield, Jan. 2, 1812		6	20
David, m. Lucy FARRIDGE, b. of Preston, Mar. 30, 1769		6	17	CUTTLE, Mary, of Preston, m. William HUNTINGTON, of Winsted, Feb. 15, 1770		6	19
Elizabeth, d. Matthew, bp. June 17, 1722		7	13	DARALL, Jonathan, m. Rebecca CUNNINGHAM, Sept. 25, 1777		6	23
Ephraim, s. Matthew, Jr., bp. Oct. 13, 1737		7	14	DANIEL, James M., m. Ruth BUTTON, of Preston, Sept. 1, 1774, by Samuel Mott, [J.P.]		6	24
Estey, d. John, bp. Apr. 12, 1767		7	14	DANDOR, Abigail, m. Walter, of Norwich, m. Agnes LAWLOR, of Norwich, Oct. 19, 1805, by Samuel Mott, [J.P.]		6	24
Frederick, m. Joseph AVESWORTH, b. of Preston, May 10, 1771, by Samuel Mott, J.P.		6	21				
John, s. Jonathan, bp. July 18, 1725		7	13				
John, s. M——, bp. Mar. 13, 1790		7	14				

Marriage Record—Moses Robins & Abigail Cook

upon them, with our hands, while they were in the ditch, but we had to quit
and the British soldiers killed a great many of our men after the engagement was
over, Colonel Sedgwick was run through the body and killed, after he had thrown
his sword to a British officer. They then burned the town, and a great number
of the ships in the harbour, I served twenty four months in my brother's
company as a private soldier and twenty seven months, as an ensign
for which service I claim a pension under the act of Congress, passed 7th
June 1832, served in 4 land fought battles, and a number of skirmishes
and never was wounded, I received a discharge from General Sullivan -
one from General Douglas or McDougal, and one from General Tyler -
but I cannot tell now, what has become of them.

I hereby relinquish every claim whatever to a pension or annuity, except
the present, and declare that my name is not on the Pension Roll of any State -

Witness my hand and subscribed the day and year aforesaid -

at New Britain, Conn. *Randal DeLauglin, Notary* *Brintnal Robins*

June born in the County of New London in the State of Connecticut
in the month of March, 1755 - I have a record of my age in my bible -

I moved from Connecticut to the State of Pennsylvania the year of
the Revolutionary War, and have lived here ever since -

The answer to the rest of the interrogatories are embodied in my
declaration -

Declaration further states that he served under
General Gates at Saratoga the time General Burgoyne was
enclosed - in 1777 - but can't tell how long he served that year -
served at Saratoga in open boat Saratoga
just above mentioned

at New Britain, Conn. *Randal DeLauglin, Notary* *Brintnal Robins*

And this said boat Do hereby declare these opinions that the above named applicant
was a Revolutionary soldier, and served as he states.

I Randal DeLauglin Notary of the County of New Britain of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Do hereby certify that the
foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said boat in the
making of the application of Brintnal Robins for a Pension.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affix to the seal of the said boat at my office in New Britain
this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord 1834.

Randal DeLauglin, Notary

American Revolutionary War Pension Application—Brintnal Robins

SCHEDULE I - Free Inhabitants in *District 37* in the County of *Rock Island* State of *Illinois* enumerated by me, on the *20* day of *Dec* 1850. *W. H. Woodruff* Ass't Marshal

No.	Name	Sex	Age	Color	Profession, Occupation, or Trade	Place of Birth	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict
1	<i>James H. Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ill</i>	
2	<i>James Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ill</i>	
3	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>38</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
4	<i>William H. Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ill</i>	
5	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ill</i>	
6	<i>Elizabeth</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
7	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
8	<i>James Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
9	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>28</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ill</i>	
10	<i>William Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
11	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
12	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ill</i>	
13	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
14	<i>William Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
15	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
16	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
17	<i>James Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>w</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>Ill</i>	
18	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
19	<i>William Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
20	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
21	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
22	<i>James Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
23	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
24	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
25	<i>William Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
26	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
27	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
28	<i>James Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
29	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
30	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
31	<i>William Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
32	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
33	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
34	<i>James Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
35	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
36	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
37	<i>William Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
38	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
39	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
40	<i>James Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
41	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
42	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
43	<i>William Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
44	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
45	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
46	<i>James Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
47	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
48	<i>John Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
49	<i>William Hines</i>	<i>m</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	
50	<i>Elizabeth Hines</i>	<i>f</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>w</i>		<i>Ill</i>	

1850 U.S. Census—District 37, Rock Island, Illinois—Zuriah Robins Boyer

SCHEDULE I—Free Inhabitants in District 82 in the County of St. Louis State Mo.
 of Missouri enumerated by me, on the 1st day of September, 1880. Abigail McKnight Ass't Marshal 965

No.	Sex	Name	Age			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age	Place of Birth	Race or Color	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict
			At last census	At present	Under 5 years				
1277	F	Chloe Brown	31	W			France		
	F	Caddy Brown	24	W	House		do		
	F	Edna	25	W	do		do		
	F	Mary Brown	32	W			do	Legitimate	
1278	F	Abel S. Apple	32	M	Driver		Den		
	F	Jane Apple	34	W			do		
	F	Ellen	7	W			do		
	F	Samuel	3	M			do		
	F	Samuel Johnson	64	M	Lawyer		Sweden		
	F	Thos Barry	23	M	Lab.		do		
	F	Thomas Ward	25	M	do		do		
	F	Esthera Hester	32	W			Germany		
	F	John Barry	16	M			Sweden		
1279	F	Rudolph Becker	41	M	Lab.		Sweden		
	F	Mary	43	W			do		
	F	Helena	11	W			do		
	F	Charles Becker	7	M			do		
	F	Charles Witting	28	M	Lab.		Sweden		
	F	James Witting	26	M	do		do		
	F	Engelbe Becker	23	M	Stone mason		Den		
	F	George	32	M	do		do		
	F	John Miller	28	M	Stone mason		do		
	F	Mary Fisher	26	W	do do		do		
	F	Andrew Hill	21	M	do do		do		
	F	Michael Boyer	15	M	Lab.		do		
	F	John Conly	32	M	do		do		
	F	James	34	M	Iron mason		do		
	F	Patrick	26	M	do		do		
	F	Rudolph Berg	25	M	Carriage		Den		
	F	J. Johnson	38	M	Carpenter		Den		
	F	Jerome	26	M	do		Den		
	F	William	34	M	do		do		
1280	F	Christopher Beck	30	M	Barber		Den		
	F	M ^{rs} Beck	36	W			do		
	F	Frederick	2	M			do		
	F	Mary	24	W			do		
	F	Martin Hester	35	M	Barber		Den		
1281	F	William A. Koller	38	M	Farmer		Den		
	F	Abigail McKnight	43	W			Den		
	F	Ellenor	16	W			do		
	F	Sophia	18	W			do		
	F	Albert G.	13	M			do		

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1850 U.S. Census—District 82, St. Louis, Missouri—Abigail McKnight

In later years, came Henry Gellbach, a Bavarian, who settled in Beaver county in 1830, and removed to Forward township some years later. His son, Philip, located near him soon afterward. Nicholas Behm and family, natives of Germany, located here in 1830, where the father died in 1871. O. A. Rades came from Germany in 1834, and four years later purchased the old Brinton farm in this township. William Hunter and family came to this township from Tyrone county, Ireland, in 1835. John Haskett located on what is now known as the James Sutton farm in 1835. Jacob Stamm, son of a pioneer of Beaver county, located in this township in 1837. William M. Marshall, a native of Derry county, Ireland, established a store on the site of Evans City in 1841. In 1844 he was a merchant at Whitestown, and in 1848-49, settled on a farm in Forward township, where he also operated a coal bank.

The population in 1860 was 1,020; in 1870, 1025; in 1880, 1,153, and in 1890, 1,724. The extension of the oil field has necessarily increased the figures of four years ago.

The assessed value of real and personal property in 1894, was \$501,483; the county tax levied was \$145,031; the state tax, \$855.61, and the total school revenue, \$2,965.66, including a State appropriation of \$1,254.16.

MILLS AND DISTILLERIES.

The early milling interests of Forward included the Gilliland grist and saw mills; the Robbins brothers' grist and saw mills; the Adam Brown horse-power mill; the Reese Evans gristmill, and the old Minnis fulling mill. David Gilliland built a grist and saw mill in 1802. In 1801-02 he purchased the old farm of Peter McKinney and erected a log mill. Bernet Gilliland built a larger mill on the site in 1827, which became the property of Adam Gilliland in the thirties, and which he operated until the year 1850, when he moved to Michigan. In 1850 Henry Buhl purchased the old Gilliland mill, since known as "Buhl's Mill." Peter and James Ray and A. J. Evans have operated the mill in later days.

Brown's mill originated in the horse mill started by Adam Brown on his farm early in the century. Later he became the owner of the mill on Glade run erected by Maj. Reese Evans, which has since been known as Brown's mill. After his death his son, Adam, in 1853, purchased the mill from the estate. He tore down the old building and on its site erected a new saw and grist mill. Sometime in the fifties this gave place to a better one, which was destroyed by fire in November, 1859. It was rebuilt and conducted by Mr. Brown until 1861. Afterwards came R. H. Brown who continued as miller until 1880, when Philip Gellbach became owner. In 1891 R. H. Brown resumed the ownership.

Moses and Brinton Robbins established a grist and saw mill on Glade run subsequent to 1804. Lewis Blakeley established and operated a distillery on the farm which Andrew Blakeley owned in later days.

SCHOOLS AND JUSTICES.

The first schools were taught by John Waldron and Archibald Irwin, the pioneer teachers. Dr. Irvine, Archibald McAllister and Capt. Archibald Gray,

Moses and Brintnal, owners of grist and saw mill in
Forward, Butler, Pennsylvania



1816 Missouri Tax List—Cover Page--Moses Robins

	Original	Original Amounts
John Smith	100	100
John Smith	200	200
John Smith	300	300
John Smith	400	400
John Smith	500	500
John Smith	600	600
John Smith	700	700
John Smith	800	800
John Smith	900	900
John Smith	1000	1000
John Smith	1100	1100
John Smith	1200	1200
John Smith	1300	1300
John Smith	1400	1400
John Smith	1500	1500
John Smith	1600	1600
John Smith	1700	1700
John Smith	1800	1800
John Smith	1900	1900
John Smith	2000	2000

1816 Missouri Tax List—Entry Page—Moses Robins

Recorded the 16th day of January 1817—
Attest— Wm. C. Trustey Jr. C. C. C.

County of Saint Charles 15th January 24th
1817. Moses Robins, Desires that his
mark may be recorded as follows viz
His mark for his Cattle, Hogs & Sheep, is
a square crop off the left ear and his
brand thus M. R.

Recorded the 24th January 1817
Attest— Wm. C. Trustey Jr. C. C. C.

County of Saint Charles 15th January the
first 1817. John Zumbalk of Louisiana
Desires that his mark may be recorded as

1817—Moses Robins Application for Brand

PORTAGE DES SIOUX TOWNSHIP

EBAR, Charles-1m +45, 1m 18-45, 1m -18, 3f +14, 4f -14.
 SAUCIER, Mathew, Jr.-1m 18-45, 1m -18, 1f +14, 2f -14.
 JARANDIN, Antoine-1m +45, 1m -18, 2f +14.
 JARANDIN, August-1m 18-45.
 LEPAGE, Michel-1m +45.
 DOPFA, Alexander-1m 18-45, 2f +14, 1f -14.
 SAUCIER, Mathew-1m +45, 4f +14.
 GODARE, Joseph-1m 18-45.
 SAUCIER, Francis-1m +45, 2m 18-45, 2m -18, 2f +14.
 SAUCIER, Charles-1m 18-45, 1f +14; m. 24 Apr. 1817, Placide
 DE LISLE, St. Charles Co.
 SAUCIER, Charles-1m 18-45.
 LESSIER, Francis-1m +45, 4m -18, 2f +14.
 PAPIN, Joseph-1m +45, 4m -18, 2f +14.

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DELISLE, Louis-1m +45, 4m -18, 1f +14.
 DELISLE, Etienne-1m 18-45, 1f +14, 2f -14.
 JORDEN, Francis-1m +45, 4m -18, 1f +14.
 LACLAIRE, Antoine-1m +45, 2m 18-45, 1m -18, 2f +14, 3f -14.
 LACLAIRE, Francis-1m 18-45.
 LAFERE, Francis-1m +45, 1m -18, 1f +14, 5f -14.
 VEIL, Pierre-1m 18-45.
 MURRY, Baptist-1m 18-45, 1m -18.
 ROY, Antoine-1m 18-45, 2m -18, 2f +14, 1f -14.
 AYRES, Ebenezer-1m +45, 2f +14, 1f -14; 1s 16-45.
 AYRES, Ebenezer D.-1m 18-45.
 HALE, Elias-1m 18-45.
 STUMP, William-1m 18-45.
 HENRY, Michel-1m +45, 5m -18, 2f +14, 1f -14.
 SPENCER, George S.-1m 18-45, 5m -18, 1f +14, 1f -14; m. 14 April
 1807, Sally MC CONNELL, St. Charles Co.
 ROBBINS, Moses-1m +45, 1m 18-45, 3m -18, 1f +14, 2f -14.
 MALLERSON, Elijah-1m 18-45, 1f +14, 1f -14.
 HIGHT, Henry-1m 18-45, 3m -18, 1f +14, 2f -14; m. 19 Apr. 1807,
 Eliza AYRES, St. Charles Co.
 ROBBINS, Thadeus-1m 18-45.
 ROBBINS, Welcome-1m 18-45.
 SEELY, David-1m +45.

Wm Christy Proffice Recorder

Know all men by these presents that Moses Robbins of the County of Saint Charles and Territory of Missouri for value received by Moses B Robbins Jun of the County and Territory above named and by these presents do bargain sell and confirm unto the said Moses B Robbins his heirs and assigns One hundred acres of land it being the third lot from the North Part of a Measured Claim conveyed to Moses Robbins by Rufus Easton containing Six hundred and Forty acres and bounded by lands of Henry Wright, the said lot of one hundred being bounded as follows, To Wit, Beginning at a Stake there running along the said land of Henry Wright North 25 1/2 W 220 Rods Thence S 37 1/2 W 422 Rods Thence S 35 1/2 E 220 Rods Thence N 51 1/2 E 42 1/2 Rods to the Beginning To Have and to hold the above Ground and bargain premises for himself his heirs and assigns forever Moreover I do for myself my heirs and assigns forever relinquish all my right and Title to the above granted premises to him the said Moses B Robbins his heirs & assigns to his and their sole use and behoof forever In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and made this the fifth day of September in the year of our said one Thousand eight hundred and eighteen Signed and sealed and delivered in presence of
Moses Robbins
A Wilson
Personally appeared before me the undersigned One of the Justices of the Peace for the Territory of Missouri the above named Moses Robbins who acknowledged the within Instrument in Writing as his act and deed for the purposes therein expressed Given under my hand and seal the day and date last above written at St Charles Andrew Wilson J.P.
Recorded This Twenty first day of October 1818
Wm Christy Proffice Recorder

1818
 Moses Robbins Dord
 To H. Noble Dr
 Sept 24th Do 1 Coffin ——— \$ 8.00
 " digging grave ——— 2.00
 " cart for hauling corpse " 1.00
 Allowance Mrs Turner nurse and winding clothes 10.00
 1823- N. Spruce doctor's Bill ——— 8.25
 Rec'd payments in full for the \$ 29.25
 above acct
 H. Noble

Funeral Expenses—September 24, 1818—Moses Robins

In the name of God Amen I Moses Robins being in good health
of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory helped to be
in the same and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs will I
have strength and capacity receive the same and publish this my
last will and testament being writing and making here after
my Will by me and my line successours and first and princip-
ally I commend my soul into the hands of my Creator who gave it and
my body to the earth to be interred in the burying ground at the
discretion of my executors herein after named and with such necessity
I shall interment it with prayer God to me with. Witness of the same
my health I have made to my eldest son Thomas Robins the first in the
first lot one of one hundred acres on the north side of the
mainland claim that I bought of Col. Carter of six hundred acres
Forty ac at least on the same I bought on the east on a con-
fined tract to Thomas Robins of one of six hundred acres and
the second lot to my son William Robins and the third lot my
son Moses Robins and the fourth and the last on the south
East corner of the tract I have made to my son in law Elijah Robins
and my daughter Abigail his wife fifty rods wide and one
hundred and forty long and the rest of my children I give by will
as follows to my son Amos Robins the fifth lot being
the fourth lot that I have on fifty seven acres more that I purchased
my second wife so long as she live and then to go to my son Samuel
Robins with all the improvements and conveniences thereon at our
deaths or if the sixth lot I give to my son Thomas Robins the fifth
and sixth lots and forty two and a half rods wide and one mile long
my daughter Sarah I give the West side half of the seventh lot
East side half I give to my daughter Abigail and Elizabeth Robins
and her husbands. And my daughter Abigail I give as much
of my property at the west of Brightons as will make her

Moses Robins

Will—Moses Robins—Filed October 1818

