

In November of 1881, Henry C. Roberts' property was sold at public auction by the court to pay his debts and what monies that were left was to be divided among his heirs as outlined by his last will and testament. William Brown Roberts, the eldest son, was appointed administrator of the estate and was responsible to the court for the actions of seeing that the will was carried out as was outlined by the Inferior Probate Court.

In February of 1882, Lucinda Roberts petitioned the Inferior Court Judge of Decatur County, stating that the late Henry C. Roberts had not made any provisions in his will for the support of his widow and three minor children by a previous marriage because of the unusual nature of his unexpected death. Monies and provisions were then set aside by the court for their care and maintenance.

In May of 1882, a wagon train was leaving Bainbridge for south Florida. William Brown Roberts, eldest son of Henry Roberts heard about this wagon train and he and the Albert J. Cordell family began to make preparations to travel in that train to south Florida.

The tragic death of Henry C. Roberts on Feb. 18, 1881 caused a chain of events that would bring pioneers to a new unexplored area of south Florida. Also those close relatives left behind in south Georgia would have additional responsibilities placed upon them.

Mrs. Lucinda Roberts lived several years in Iron City, Georgia with her relatives and then in later years over in Donalsonville, Ga. where she died in 1926.

Children of Henry Carson Roberts and Nancy Ann (Norris) Roberts:

1. Mary Angeline Roberts, born 1846; married Charles Westly Young in 1867, son of Annie Young.
2. Martha Santha Roberts, born 1849; married John Roberts in 1872.
3. William Brown Roberts, born 1852; married Julia Ann Cobb, daughter of Josiah and Martha Cobb.
4. Enoch Carson Roberts, born 1854; married Mary P. Thompson daughter of John Thompson and Lucinda (Alday) Thompson.
5. Charity T. Roberts, born 1857; married Marcus Cloud, son of Rufus Cloud.
6. Nancy Fanoria Roberts, born 1865; married 1st, Steven Miller - divorced in 1887; married 2nd, James Runnels.
7. Burrell Fiveash Roberts, born 1867; married Henretta A. Hendry, daughter of Rev. J. M. "Boss" Hendry.
8. John Alton Roberts, born 1870; married Edna Albritton, daughter of Asbury Albritton.

No children by second wife, Lucinda (Alday) Thompson Roberts.

REFERENCES: Census - 1830 & 1840 Early Co., Ga., 1850 Decatur Co., Ga., 1870 Miller Co., Ga., 1880 Decatur Co., Ga.; 1855 Decatur Co. court records; 1856 Miller Co. land records; 1881 Decatur Co. Superior Court Minutes.