

Subject: Vincent Robbins Sr. of Brown Co. Ohio

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Hey Cris,

I'm about to post this to the Robbins forum--but I wanted to send it to you directly too!

I don't THINK you've seen this deed before...

It's pretty exciting! Read on!

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I made a pretty big discovery about Vincent Robbins of Brown Co. Ohio.

I wanted to share it with everyone--especially Cris who first told us about this Vincent almost exactly one year ago!

FamilySearch.org has digitized many deeds for Washington County Pennsylvania.

And in looking at those deeds today, I found a deed between Vincent Robins Sr. and Vincent Robins Jr. both of Brown County Ohio.

(Washington Co. PA Deed v. 55, 3E 1846-1848, page 600, 11 Nov 1847)

The deed says the Pennsylvania property that Vincent Sr. is conveying to Vincent Jr. "has descended to" Vincent Sr. as "heir of Isaac Robbins." Exciting!!

Now...I believe this Isaac Robbins is the one who died between 1781 and 1782, without a will, in the Mingo Creek area of Nottingham twp. Washington Co. PA.

Isaac left a widow, Sarah, who by 1782 had married James Sutton.

Isaac and Sarah also had at least 3 minor children in 1783: Isaac, William and John--who it appears are named in an orphan's court record. The orphan's court records are also digitized. However, to view them, you have to go to an LDS Family History Center and use their computers.

(I've included a transcription of this deed at the bottom of this post. You can also see the copy I transcribed at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSNL-HGYH?i=322&cat=225855> )

I also found a deed in which Sarah Sutton (relict of Isaac Robbins) is selling property that belonged to Isaac Robbins. (Washington Co. PA Deeds v. 1. 1A 1781-1784, page 20, 4 July 1782)

(See this deed at: <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSXB-PQZ1-Q?i=17&cat=225855> )

The property is described as being 150 acres bounded by Mingo Creek and bounded by the lands of the following people:

Jeremiah Washburn

Peter Devore

James Vannaten

and "the remainder of the tract along a run commonly call'd and known by the name Robbins's Spring Run being the Northwestern part of the tract..."

The men listed here are also important. Researchers of Sussex Co. Robbins families will likely recognize the surnames.

The Jeremiah Washburn here was either the father or brother of George Washburn who was married to an Azubia Robbins b. about 1768. Cris suspected this Azubia was a sister to the Vincent of Brown Co. Ohio. I think that is likely too!

Jeremiah's wife was Rebecca Devore. So it is interesting there is also a Devore in the list.

James Vannaten is likely from the Van Etten families who were numerous in Sussex.

Interestingly, in later years (early 1800s) ALL of these families end up in Brown Co. Ohio.

I'd also like to make a pitch here about how important deeds are to our research.

As you can see from the Vincent deed...it was in the Washington Co. PA records because that is

where the property was located. However Vincent hadn't lived in Pennsylvania for close to 50 years at the time the deed was written!! Gems are out there. But you have to be willing to do the digging for them! FamilySearch has MANY land records digitized online but they are NOT digitally indexed. You have to find the digital copies of the microfilm indexes and then use them to navigate the digitized deed books.

The best way to find land records on FamilySearch is:

1. Click Search at the top of the page.
  2. Click Catalog.
  3. In the Place field, type the county and state where you are looking for land records. For example, United States, Pennsylvania, Washington
  4. Select that location and click Search.
  5. Scroll through the results and locate an entry that says "Land and Property"
  6. Expand the entry.
  7. Look for something that has recorder of deeds a government entity as the author. For Washington Co. PA the entry is "Deed books, 1781-1886; deed index, 1781-1924"
  8. Look for indexes. If the entry has a little camera icon next to it, you can view them from your computer. If the entry has a little camera with a key over it, it means you must find an LDS Family History Center in your area and view it there. If it has a little film reel, it means it is not digitized and is only on microfilm.
  9. Start searching!
- OK. Speech over.

Now we can all try to figure out who this Isaac is the son of, right? :-)

And...were Vincent and Azubia his children? Or his siblings?? One way or another, Vincent Sr. in the deed was Isaac's heir...

Lots to think about and debate! But at least we have more clues!

Here is a transcription of the Vincent Robbins Sr. to Vincent Robbins Jr. deed of 1847:

Know all men by these presents that I Vincent Robins Sr. of the County of Brown and State of Ohio of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars to me in hand paid and the natural love and affection which I entertain for my son Vincent Robbins Jr. of said County and State of the second part do hereby grant sell and convey release en? and confirm until the said Vincent Robbins Jr. and to his heirs and assigns forever.

All the real estate which I own or may claim title to in the State of Pennsylvania of every name and description and more particularly a tract of land containing three hundred and seventy seven acres in said State of Pennsylvania in the Township of Nottingham Washington County adjoining lands of the heirs of F. Hull, Jacob Figley, John Wallace, James Chambers, and others and more fully described in a deed dated November 16th 1795 and recorded in Book M Volume 1 page 151 & 152 the 16th day of May 1796 in favor of Isaac Robbins with all the singular the appurtenances.

To Have and to Hold all of the said real estate with all the appurtenances to him the said Vincent Robbins Jr. his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof I do hereto set my hand and seal this third day of June AD 1847.

Signed sealed & delivered in presence of us.

Tory Coon, John Stratton, G. Anderson.

State of Ohio

Brown County

Before the undersigned one of the Justices of the peace within said County of Brown personally came Vincent Robbins Sr. the above grantor and acknowledged the above conveyance to be his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes in the same expressed and we certify that from personal knowledge we are satisfied that the said Grantor is the identical person he represents himself to be.

In Witness Whereof we do hereto set our hands and seals this 3rd day of June 1847.

Garlen Anderson Justice of the Peace

The State of Ohio

Brown County

I John H Blair Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in and for said County do hereby certify that Garlen Anderson who took the foregoing acknowledgement was at the date thereof an acting Justice of the Peace in and for Brown County duly commissioned and qualified as such that said acknowledgement by him taken is in due form of law and that full faith and credit are due to all his official acts as such Justice.

In Testimony Whereof I have hereto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at Georgetown this 23d day of August AD 1847

James H Blair Clerk

Recorded and compared with original November 11 AD 1847

James Brown Recorder