From: Robbinsfamilysouthjersey@yahoogroups.com on behalf of Gary Robins
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Subject: Re: [Robbinsfamilysouthjersey] Elinor
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I just found this and am posting it to the group for whatever informational value it may contain. It doesn't pertain to the discussion on any relationship between John Nation and his supposed sister Eleanor. It is the

will of John Nation, husband of Bethia Robins and executor of Joseph Robins will. Note in the will that he refers to himself as John Nation Senior. (Personally, I can't get over people changing their name from Junior to Senior when their father dies). It can be found at: http://davenation.com/gene/jnation.html

Gary

Will of John Nation, Senior
In the Name of God Amen--this fifteen day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy two, I John Nation, Senior of Guilford County and province of North yeoman, Being but weekly of Body, But of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to God for the same, But calling to mind the shortness and uncertainty of this mortal State and that tis appointed once for all men one to die and after recommending my immortal

part to God that gave it, resting in hopes of a glorious Resurrection & to live and reign with him for ever and ever, and willing my mortal part to the

Dust from whence it was taken to buried in a Christian Like manner at the discretion of my Executors and as touching such worldly goods wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life with, I do dispose of the same in the manner and form following, that is to say my just debts and funeral charges to be paid--

Item - I do give and bequest unto my son Joseph Nation, his heirs and assigns the plantation and track of land whereon I now live and to enter, enjoy and possess the same and all the apprutenances thereunto belonging immediately after my decease to him particularly.

Item - I do give and bequeath unto my Beloved Wife Bithiah & all my moveable

estate of what kind soever without exception or distinction during her life or Widdow Hood, and in case my wife should see cause to alter her condition after my decease by marriage, then my will and pleasure is that my wife should be confined to her third of my estate. Nevertheless my will and pleasure is that in case of second marriage and she becomes thereby confined

to her third, that she is empowered hereby to divide the overplus thereof between my two sons John and Joseph Nation and likewise it's my will and pleasure that my S (said) wife shall live on my plantation during her natural life or widdowhood as the case may be and if she remain my widdow, during her life at the end thereof it is my will further that my son John shall have a bed and furniture and chest and box and all the rest of my moveable estate to my son Joseph in perticular.

Item - I give to and Bequeath unto the Rest of my children to wit: Christopher Nation and Elizabeth Vickery, anna Buller, Bithiah Robins and Frances Robins each and severally the sum of one shilling sterling and no more ----

Lastly - I do hereby nominate and appoint and constitute my Dear wife Bithiah and well beloved son Joseph my executors of this my last will and testiment hereby utterly revoking and disallowing all other former will or wills or testaments made or done whatsoever as fully as tho they had never been done.

Rattifieing and confirming this and no other to be my Last Will and testiment, in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written.

Signed, sealed, published and pronounced and declared by the said John Nation to be his last will and testament in the presence of us, the subscribers.

Benjamine Beeson, Sen., Isaac Beeson, Juneor, Richard Beeson.

His, John Nation

Evi Qugt, J. ?

The real estate mentioned in the will, consisting of at least 100 acres of land was left to Joseph Nation, who sold it to William Borden on the 18th day of May, 1774, for the sum of five shillings. (Index to Deeds 1771 1833 A.V. Guilford Co., NC. Book A) The deed was signed by Joseph Nation, Bethiah

Nation, who was his mother, and by Eleanor Nation, who is presumed to be his

wife, though no other information leads to this conclusion.

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> In his will written in 1754, Joseph Robins names wife Elinor and
> mentions "brother in law" John Nation. [My transcript of this will is
> available at:
> http://ftp.rootsweb.com/pub/usgenweb/nc/rowan/wills/r1520001.txt] When
> this will is used as evidence that Bethia, wife of John Nation, was a
> sister of Joseph Robins, additional support is found in the 1709 will
> of Joseph Robins Sr. who's named children include Joseph and Bethia.
> However, I have not seen any evidence to support the proposition that
> Eleanor was a Nation other than the belief that John Nation's mother
> was also named Elinor. In her well documented "The Life of Captain
> John Nation" by Carol Galbreath [published in the Genealogical Journal
> of the Randolph Co. Gen. Soc., vol. XVI #2 (Spring 1992)] the claims
> that Mrs. Eleanor Robins was a Nation are never mentioned. Plus, I
> think there may be a bit of evidence (admittedly thin) that Eleanor
> was not Joseph Robins's first wife. This evidence is in a series of
> Frederick Co., VA leases from Landon Carter to various people
> including Joseph Robins ["Frederick County, Virginia, Deed Book
> Series, Volume 1, Deed Books 1, 2, 3, 4, 1743-1758, Abstratcted," by
> Amelia C. Gilreath (Nokesville, VA: no pub., 1989), pp. 59-61]. The
> Carter leases to several neighbors of Joseph Robins, viz: Thomas
> Waters, Joseph Wilkinson, David Smith, and John Bryant, grant survivor
> rights to sons AND wives or daughters, but the lease to Joseph Robins
> (15 Jan 1749/50) only grants these rights to sons Joseph, William and
> John. If the omission of wife or daughter means anything then it would
> seem to be saying Joseph Robins was a widower in 1750 and daughter
> Eleanor not yet born (and also removes any chance of Joseph having
> other living sons born before 1750 and not named in his will).
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