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To: Robbinsfamilysouthjersey@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Re: [Robbinsfamilysouthjersey] Elinor
Date: Monday, January 30, 2006 11:05:44 AM

John G.,

I was unable to access the link you posted. However, the Will of Joseph Robins 11/18/1754 Rowan Co., NC transcribed by you can be found in our group's file. It is under Transcribed-Edited Doc, Abstracts from Robins Wills provided by Gary Robins.

Sara

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From: germyn
To: Robbinsfamilysouthjersey@yahoogroups.com
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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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