

1. Thomas Robins Major W^m - Purnell.
2. father of father of
- John (Purnell) Robins. Littleton R. Purnell, ¹⁸⁰⁴⁻¹⁸¹⁵ S. H. Co.
- x 3. father of father of
- Judge Jas. B. Robins. Wm. H. Purnell
4. father of father of
- Rev. John P. Robins. John R. James, Littleton
5. father of both of Geo. Wm. Eli^{uth} & —
- x James B. Robins, jr. m. Ellen A. Purnell^x.
6. father of Mother
- Dr. Wm. L. Robins. Dr. Wm. L. Robins.

Above Thomas Robins

was father of

Mary Robins, (W^{married}) Major W^m Purnell

was the "sister Mary"

named in will of above]

John Robins: W^m & Mary were the parents
of above Littleton R. Purnell, Surveyor ¹⁸⁰⁵ Wor. Co.

Littleton R. Purnell ^{of Poplar Ridge} died 1824 (See his will)

Judge Jas. B. Robins ^{of Fairfield} 1826 (see his will)

Wm. H. Purnell ^{of Poplar Ridge} was Executor for both.

See will of Thos. Robins, for Spaldin, Father Lande
" " " John Robins " Road named, The Road

See " Judge Robins for 4000 acres & Home to Widow "

See Plot of Home 1802, embracing only Mt. Vernon.

Judge Robins added Spaldin & c (after 1869) Purnell Land
and Home was later assessed as "Mt. Vernon & Fairfield,"
and called "Fairfield." (See Assessment Wor. Co.)

To Wm. & Mary Purnell

Mt. Vernon, & Fairfield.

The Farm known now as Fairfield, was with certain limitations, the home of Thomas Robins, grand-father of Judge Robins (see his will) and has been owned by his descendants for six successive generations.

But Judge Robins had a resurvey and Patent for his home lands 1781-1793, and then called his land Mt. Vernon. The land on West and South ^{next to County road} was then owned by my great-grand-father, Major W^m. Purnell (See Mt. Vernon Patent, & wills of Thos. Robins, & of W^m. Purnell, & surveys in my possession & deed to Clayville, and family Trees.) Major W^m. P. dying in 1769, and his wife Mary about 1805, Judge Robins came in possession of their lands adjacent to Mt. Vernon, and added same to his farm; so that later it was assessed as "Fairfield and Mt. Vernon" (see County books): "Fairfield" was the birth place and home of my mother, the daughter of Judge Robins, who married W^m. L. Purnell son of Littleton R. Purnell, Jr. W. Co. whose home was "Poplar Ridge", about a mile and a half northwest; the farm which has been in my Purnell family for five generations.

My father W^m. L. Purnell, was Executor for Estate of his father, L. R. Purnell, Jr. W. Co. (died 1824) and also for that of Judge Robins in 1826; and managed for Widow Mrs. Anna

sia Robins, who lived at Fairfield many years. All title papers and surveys of L. R. Purnell, and of Wm. C. Purnell, fell into the hands of John R. Purnell, son of William, who surveyed for John P. Robins, from 1850, when he went to live with his uncle, on leaving college; and was a practical surveyor to the day of his death in 1902. He learned about 1872 that Mr. Wm. Peters wanted to make a strange claim, over Fairfield lines, under a mistaken notion that "a cross road and shop" named in a deed of 1793 referred to road and Whirler's shop (as an old mill road crosses the woods of Fairfield). But he (J. R. P.) proved to Mr. Peters by living witnesses, & by sworn affidavit (which I still have) that Whirler did not go to Fairfield for years after 1793, and that the cross road was at Poplar Ridge, the place of shops, and stores, called in old papers "Beckford Town", and later "Cedar Town". Oldest deed for farm simply describes it as, "those parts of Poplar Ridge and Beckford, lying in the forks of the road". At that time (1872) my brother said the shop ~~my~~ named was at "Poplar Ridge Bridge", and I find old papers will prove it. However, Mr. ^{Wm.} Peters told me he was satisfied; and my brother sold our timber; and Wm. Wright, Colm. Wm. Lafiel - Joshua Morris - and T. M. Pennewell worked there with mill. After mile left, my brother told me that Mr. Wm. Peters got ^{cut} over the "Beaver Island line" where

The mill failed to get ^{timber} it out of low ground;
and my brother had me notify Mr. C. M.
Peters of his "father's" mistake, and to be
careful on that line."

The widow of John P. Robins, having failed
to sign deed for Fairfield, her dower was laid
down for her by John R. Purnell, & Jno. M.
Purnell, in 1880.

I know the "Porter's Lodge" and that ^{the} old gate
stood formerly at North corner ^{of avenue}. That our grand
father went out that way by "sour apple tree"
(^{now} near John Tull's gate), and it was the old out
let of his forefathers — as far back as I remem-
ber when as a child ^{was told of this when} we drove down ^{from Scotland} to get
mountain plums or cherries. ?

July 27th / 05

Ellen H. Robins

Wife of
John P. Robins
d.c.

Fairfield

&

Robins
&
Purnell family

I kept the Porter's Lodge Lot in tile from date of
my Guardianship, until 1891, when my tenant moved
the fence and gate, without my consent, to a place
farther down, where a new house now stands —
Ben Figgs was the man, and I turned him off
on account of it. My book shows the date.