



Research Report: Kitty (Robinson) Rose

Executive Summary

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Research question or goal:

Who are the parents of Kitty Rose (27 May 1794 - 8 Jan 1870) of Virginia, Kentucky, and Missouri, who married Capt. James Ellis Rose, Jr. (16 Aug 1785 - 5 Jun 1872)?

Starting point information:

Kitty Robinson “a daughter of one of the oldest and most respectable families in Fauquier county, Virginia” married James Rose, a veteran of the War of 1812, shortly before they moved to Kentucky in 1820.¹ Kitty was born 27 May 1794 and died 8 Jan 1870 according to her gravestone in Iatan Cemetery, Iatan, Platte County, Missouri.² Kitty appears in the 1850 U.S. Federal Census in Fleming, KY, and the 1860 U.S. Federal Census for Platte, Missouri, as Kitty Rose.^{3,4} Her estimated birth year in the 1850 census is 1792, and her estimated birth year in the 1860 census is 1790.

Many users on Ancestry have conflated Kitty with Elizabeth Robinson (b. 1792, Garrard County, Kentucky – d. 18 Jan 1882, Lancaster, Garrard, KY), the daughter of James Robinson, Sr (1761-1833) and Catherine (Augustus) Robinson (1761-1841) of Garrard County, Kentucky. However, several inconsistencies suggest that Kitty is not Elizabeth, namely (1) the James Robinson household living

¹ New York United States Biographical Publishing Company, *The United States Biographical Dictionary and Portrait Gallery of Eminent and Self-Made Men: Missouri Volume*. (United States Biographical Pub. Co., 1878), 418, <https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/102405193>.

² *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/41926463/kitty-rose> : accessed April 10, 2026), memorial page for Kitty Rose (27 May 1794–8 Jan 1870), Find a Grave Memorial ID 41926463, citing Iatan Cemetery, Iatan, Platte County, Missouri, USA.

³ 1850 U.S. census, Fleming County, Kentucky, population schedule, District 1, page 711 (penned), dwelling 1303, family 1350, Kitty Rose; imaged, “1850 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8054/images/4192489_00492?pId=17065180 : accessed 10 April 2026).

⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Platte County, Missouri, population schedule, Marshall, page 178 (penned), dwelling 1252, family 1237, Kitty Rose; imaged, “1860 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667/images/4233989_00347?pId=40592014 : accessed 10 April 2026).



in Kentucky, not Fauquier, Virginia, and (2) Kitty being a common nickname for Catherine/Katherine, not Elizabeth.

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Summarized Research Findings

This research did not uncover any direct evidence regarding the parentage of Kitty (Robinson) Rose. However, it did uncover mentions of Kitty Robinson/Rose and her husband James E Rose in marriage bonds for two daughters of Nathaniel Robinson (d. 1803-1806) of Prince William County, Virginia, the son of Benjamin Robinson (c. 1719 - 1785) of Fauquier County. Indirect evidence regarding the family of Nathaniel Robinson suggests that Kitty Robinson is likely a daughter of Nathaniel Robinson and his wife Mary. This research uncovered no evidence that conflicts with the starting point evidence, and all evidence found supports the starting point information.

Repository List

- Online repository:
 - Ancestry, various records
 - Family Search
 - Marriage Bonds and Returns 1, 1759-1800, Fauquier County, Virginia



- Marriage Bonds and Returns 2, 1795-1805, Fauquier County, Virginia
- Marriage Bonds and Returns 3, 1805-1820, Fauquier County, Virginia
- Will Book 4 With Inventories and Accounts, 1804-1808, Fauquier County, Virginia
- Will Book 5 With Inventories and Accounts, 1808-1813, Fauquier County, Virginia
- Will Book 6 With Inventories and Accounts, 1813-1817, Fauquier County, Virginia
- Will Book i with Inventories and Accounts, 1803-1809, Prince William County, Virginia
- Deed Book 16, 1804-1807, Fauquier County, Virginia
- Deed Book 19, 1813-1815, Fauquier County, Virginia
- Deed Book 20, 1815-1816, Fauquier County, Virginia

Detailed Research Findings

Marriage bond for Harriott Robinson

On 21 Jan 1806, Mary Robinson, the guardian of Harriott Robinson requested a marriage license for James Kidwell to marry “my Daughter Harriot Robinson,” which was attested by Dixon Robinson and Kitty Robinson, and proved by Dixon Robinson. The next day, Dixon Robinson and James Kidwell were bound to a sum of \$150, which they signed in the presence of Fauquier County clerk of court Daniel Withers.⁵ See Appendix, Figure 1., for an image of the marriage bond.

This is the only evidence uncovered by this research that directly names Kitty Robinson in a document relating to the Robinson family of Fauquier County, Virginia (another piece of evidence likely names her, see “Marriage Bond for Malinda Robinson” below). Kitty would have needed to be present in Fauquier County to attest to the marriage license request, and she would have needed to be at least 14 years of age to serve as a witness, placing her birthday before 21 Jan 1792.⁶ While this date conflicts with the date on Kitty Rose’s tombstone, it is aligned with birth year estimates on the 1850 and 1860 census (and both gravestones and census records are not accurate sources of birth dates) and thus does not present strong conflicting evidence.

From this document, we know that Mary Robinson is the mother of Harriott Robinson, who was under 21 years of age on 21 Jan 1806 (b. aft. 21 Jan 1785). The relationship of Dixon Robinson and

⁵ "Fauquier, Virginia, United States records," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3QS7-99XF-61S1?view=explore> : Apr 10, 2026), Kidwell to Robinson marriage bond, 22 Jan 1806, image 7 of 222; Image Group Number: 007578972.

⁶ “Legal Age,” *Bob’s Genealogy Filing Cabinet*, October 30, 2013, <https://genfiles.com/articles/legal-age/>.



Kitty Robinson to Harriott, Mary, and each other is unknown, but some kinship through blood or marriage is assumed given the shared surnames. Since Mary alone made the marriage request, and because she is named as Harriott's "gardian," we might assume that Harriott's father was deceased at this time.

Guardianship bond and Marriage bond for Malinda Robinson

Marriage bond

James E Rose is the bondsman for a marriage bond issued in Fauquier County on 20 Sept 1815 for Melinda/Malinda N Robinson "daughter of Nathael Deceast" and Michael Rupert. James Kidwell, the guardian for Malinda Robinson, authorized the Clerk of the Fauquier County court to grant a marriage license on 16 Sept 1815, which was witnessed by Patty Rose and James E Rose.⁷ See Appendix, Figure 2., for an image of the marriage bond.

Because James Kidwell, the husband of Harriott Robinson, is found here as Malinda's guardian, we might assume that Malinda and Harriott are closely related, possibly as sisters. That James E Rose, Kitty's husband, acted as bondsman suggests a close relationship to this part of the Robinson family. Additionally, this copy of the marriage bond is a transcription made on a typewriter at a later date, so the transcriber may have made transcription errors which cannot be verified at this time. This researcher thinks it is highly likely that "Patty Rose" is an incorrect transcription of "Kitty Rose," and suggests that James E Rose was a bondsman for Malinda Robinson because he had married into her family by that time.

Guardianship bond

On 22 May 1815, James Kidwell was given guardianship of Malindy A. Robinson, "orphant [sic] of Nathaniel Robinson, deceased." Dixon Robinson signed as witness.⁸

Just one month earlier, on 25 Apr 1815, William Chilton was named as the administrator of the estate of "Mary Robinson decd." No will for Mary Robinson has been found in Fauquier County Will Books, nor has any record of the estate appraisal and inventory been found in Fauquier County Deed Books.

⁷ "Fauquier, Virginia, United States records," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q57-89XF-612B?view=explore> : Apr 10, 2026), Rupert to Robinson marriage bond, image 135 of 222; Image Group Number: 007578972.

⁸ "Guardianship Record for Malinda Robinson," accessed April 10, 2026, <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/collection/1030/tree/209970567/person/412771247803/media/7fdd7062-f27e-486b-8e30-3dc11bd4b757?galleryindex=1&sort=-created> ; citing John K. Gott, Fauquier County, Virginia Guardian Bonds, 1759-1871 (Heritage Books, 1990).

⁹ "Fauquier, Virginia, United States records," images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSKJ-O9ZM-D?view=explore> : Apr 9, 2026), Mary Robinson estate, image 28 of 237; Image Group Number: 008151671



There is a listing for an inventory of Nathaniel Robinson's estate in the index of a Will Book for 1803-1809 in Prince William County, which neighbors Fauquier, though the actual page is missing due to damage (see note about record loss in Prince William County in "Suggestions for Further Research" below). However, the dates of death for Nathaniel and Mary Robinson align with the guardians named on marriage bonds for Harriott and Malinda Robinson. Mary Robinson, as Nathaniel's wife, would have been granted guardianship over her children who were not yet 21 years of age at the time of his death, which is likely between 1803-21 Jan 1806, making her the guardian of Harriott at the time of her marriage. When Mary died, before 24 April 1815, her children under the age of 21 would require a guardian, a role that would be appropriate for the adult husband of her daughter Harriott.

Kitty's presence as a witness for at least one, but likely two, daughters of Nathaniel Robinson (d. 1803-1806) suggests that Kitty had a close relationship with the family of Nathaniel Robinson of Prince William County, Virginia.

The Heirs of Benjamin Robinson of Fauquier County, Virginia (d. 1785)

Benjamin Robinson was born abt. 1719 in Virginia and died in Fauquier County, Virginia, in 1785.¹⁰ He married Sarah Stacy in Stafford County, Virginia, on 2 January 1750.¹¹

Benjamin Robinson's will demonstrates considerable wealth. He distributes twenty-seven enslaved people amongst his wife and twelve children and also wills land in Stafford County to his wife. Nathaniel Robinson and Dixon Robinson are both named as sons of Benjamin Robinson.¹² Nathaniel Robinson, "Son of Benjamin and Sarah" was born on 22 April 1750 and listed in the records of Overwharton Parish in Stafford County, Virginia.¹³

¹⁰ Jim Burgess, "Robinson Family of Fauquier County, Virginia," Fauquier County Virginia, A VAGenWeb & USGenWeb Project, April 2020, <https://usgenwebsites.org/vagenweb/fauquier/RobinsonFamily.html>; William F Boogher, *Virginia, Overwharton Parish Register, 1720 to 1760, Old Stafford County*, with Family History Library (n.d.), accessed April 9, 2026, <http://archive.org/details/virginiaoverwhar00will>.

¹¹ William F Boogher, *Virginia, Overwharton Parish Register, 1720 to 1760, Old Stafford County*, 151.

¹² "Abstracts of Fauquier County Virginia, Wills Inventories and Accounts 1759-1800," database and images, Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/49009/images/FLHG_AbstFauquierCntyVA-0175 : accessed 10 April 2026); Will of Benjamin Robinson, 11 Jan 1785, image of 366; citing Gott, John K. *Abstracts of Fauquier County Virginia, Wills Inventories and Accounts 1759-1800*. Baltimore, MD, USA: Clearfield, 1999, p. 159.

¹³ William F Boogher, *Virginia, Overwharton Parish Register, 1720 to 1760, Old Stafford County*, 151.



Nathaniel likely married Mary Nash. Nathaniel “Robertson” and wife Mary are listed as one of the beneficiaries of the estate of Betty Nash dec’d, 19 Oct 1772.¹⁴ Robertson is a common misspelling of Robinson.¹⁵

Dixon Robinson, the son of Benjamin Robinson, died Feb 1816.¹⁶ It is likely that Dixon would act as bondsman for the marriage of his brother’s daughters and would act as witness to their guardianship bonds.

All of the evidence found regarding the family of Benjamin Robinson (c. 1719 - 1785) of Fauquier County, Virginia, particularly his son Nathaniel Robinson (d. 1803-1806) supports the evidence found in the marriage bonds of Harriott and Malinda Robinson and suggests that Kitty Robinson was also a daughter of Nathaniel Robinson of Prince William County, Virginia.

Names of children born to William Dixon Robinson, son of Nathaniel Robinson

William Dixon Robinson is a son of Nathaniel Robinson, listed as such on the 1799 Personal Property Tax List of Fauquier County, Virginia.¹⁷ William has a daughter named Kitty Robinson, who became Kitty Mason.¹⁸ While not direct evidence, family naming patterns can support other evidence of family connections. It is likely that William would have named a daughter after one of his sisters. William also has a son named Elijah Nash, supporting the theory that Nathaniel Robinson’s wife was Mary Nash.¹⁹

¹⁴ Culpeper County, Virginia, Mixed Records, Vol A-B, 1749-1783, estate of Betty Nash; imaged “Virginia, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1652-1900,” *Ancestry* (https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/62347/images/007644385_00309 : accessed 9 April 2026), image(s) 309-310 of 547; citing Virginia County, District, and Probate Courts.

¹⁵ “Robinson River (Virginia),” *Wikipedia*, February 4, 2025, [https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Robinson_River_\(Virginia\)&oldid=1273815822](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Robinson_River_(Virginia)&oldid=1273815822).

¹⁶ *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/175445673/dixon-robinson> : accessed April 10, 2026), memorial page for Dixon Robinson (21 Jun 1758–Feb 1816), Find a Grave Memorial ID 175445673, citing Bull Run Mountain House Cemetery, The Plains, Fauquier County, Virginia, USA.

¹⁷ “Fauquier, Virginia, United States records,” images, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSQ2-W11T?view=explore> : Apr 10, 2026), entry for William Robinson son of Nathl, p. 24, image 15 of 74; Image Group Number: 007849108

¹⁸ *Find a Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/29857007/kitty-mason> : accessed April 9, 2026), memorial page for Kitty Robinson Mason (31 Oct 1806–22 Mar 1850), Find a Grave Memorial ID 29857007, citing Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery, Cloverport, Breckinridge County, Kentucky, USA.

¹⁹ *Find a Grave*, database and images (https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/62381503/elijah_nash-robinson : accessed April 10, 2026), memorial page for Elijah Nash Robinson (19 May 1809–10 Nov 1871), Find a Grave Memorial ID 62381503, citing Eskridge Cemetery, Leitchfield, Grayson County, Kentucky, USA.



Further Research Suggestions

1. Search Prince William County, Virginia, deeds for Nathaniel Robinson, Mary Robinson, and their heirs, to support known family connections and discover new family connections.
 - a. Note: the Library of Virginia classifies Prince William County as having “Catastrophic” record loss, noting: “Many pre–Civil War records were lost, destroyed, or stolen by Union troops in 1863 during the Civil War. Sixteen deed books and five will books are missing.” This may make research in Prince William County challenging.²⁰
2. Obtain a copy of Gott, John K, *Fauquier County, Virginia guardian bonds, 1759-1871*, and search for any guardian bonds involving Mary Robinson between 1803-1806.
3. William Dixon Robinson, a son of Nathaniel Robinson, moved to Grayson County, Kentucky, likely with a land grant from service in the War of 1812. Research the family of William Dixon Robinson and Mary Ann “Polly” (Pinkstone) Robinson, particularly Kentucky records, searching for any mention of James or Kitty Rose.
4. Michael Rupert/Rupert and Malinda (Robinson) Rupert, moved to Fleming County, Kentucky, likely with a land grant from service in the War of 1812, in 1820, the same move that James and Kitty Rose made. The Rupert family later relocated to Monroe County, Missouri. Research the family of Michael Rupert/Rupert and Malinda (Robinson) Rupert, particularly records in Kentucky and Missouri, for any mention of James or Kitty Rose.

²⁰ Becky Schneider, “Research Guides & Indexes: Lost Records Localities Digital Collection: Localities with Record Loss,” accessed April 9, 2026, <https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/lost-records/localities>.



Appendix

Figure 1. Marriage bond for Harriott Robinson and James Kidwell, Fauquier County, Virginia, 22 Jan 1806.

Kidwell Know all men by these presents that we James Kidwell and Dixon
to Robinson are held and firmly bound unto Wm H Cabbell Governor of Virginia in
Robinson the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well
and truly to be made to the said Governor or his successors, we bind ourselves
our and each of our heirs executors and administrators, jointly and severally
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated this 22d day of
January 1806

The Condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there
is a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between James Kidwell and
Harriott Robinson now if there be no lawfull cause to subject the said marriage
then the above obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and
virtue

Signed sealed and Delivered Jas Kidwell (SEAL)
in the presence of Dixon Robinson (SEAL)
Danl Withers

This is to request you to grant Marriage Licens to Jas Kidwell for my Daughter
Harriot Robinson Given under my hand this 21st day of Jany 1806

Test Dixon Robinson Kitty Robinson Mary Robinson Gardian
Proved by Dixon Robinson Danl. Withers

Figure 2. Marriage bond for Malinda N Robinson and Michael Rupert, Fauquier County, Virginia, 20 Sept 1815.

Rupert Know all men by these presents, that we Michael Rupert & James E.
to Rose are held and firmly bound unto W C Nicholas Esq. Governor of Virginia, in
Robinson the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, to which payment well
and truly to be made, to the said Governor or his successors, we bind ourselves,
our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally,
firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals and dated this 20 Day of
September 1815

The Condition of the above Obligation is such, that whereas there
is a Marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between the above bound Michael
Rupert & Melinda Robinson now if there be no lawful cause to obstruct the said
Marriage, then the above Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full
force and virtue.

Michael Rupert (SEAL)
James E. Rose (SEAL)

This is to authorise the Cleark of the County Court of Fauquier to grant a
Marriage License to Michael Rupurt & Malinda N Robinson Given Under my hand
& Seal this 16th Sept. 1815 Jas Kidwell (SEAL) Guardian for
Malinda N Robinson daughter of Nathael Deceast

Test Patty Rose Jas E Rose