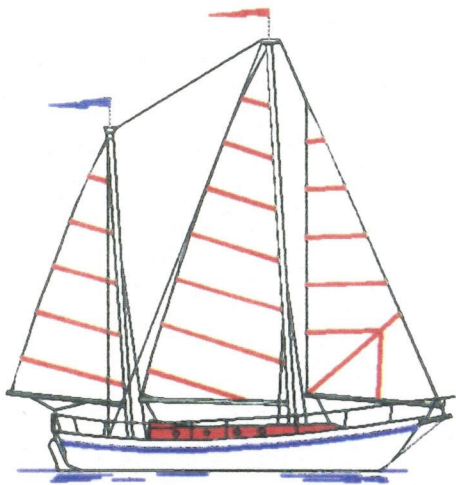


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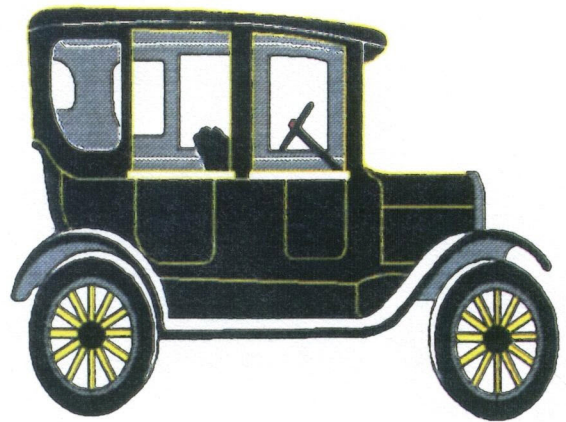
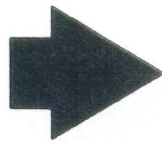
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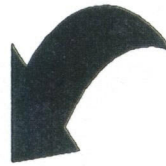


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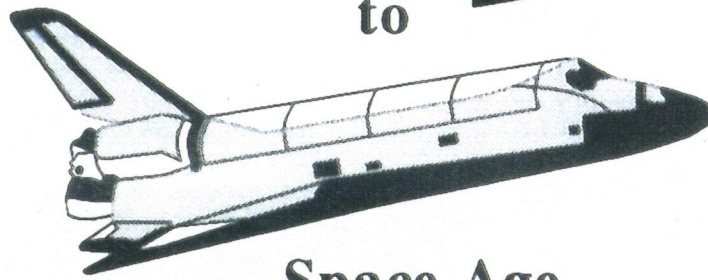


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## DEDICATION

To my father Snyder, mother Julia, wife Jo, daughters Bonnie, Debbie, and Vickie, for their patience while I devoted my time in locating the missing parts of a gigantic puzzle.

### Editor's Comment:

Rather than delaying any longer the publication of a book on the Robinson clan, I decided to print this book in its present form so others can read and learn more about their ancestors. The history of the Robinson family continues to be made every day, of which many events are worthy of recording for others to read and enjoy. Eventually, I will update this book with additional information and if necessary, clarify any data.

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## PREFACE

My first interest in learning who my relatives were developed in 1962 when my parents were talking of having a Robinson get-together like the good ole days. These conversations brought memories of the good times I had as a child, playing with my cousins, while the menfolk told old stories and the women prepared a spread of food for celebrating the happy event of a birthday or wedding anniversary for someone in the Robinson family.

Finally, our first reunion occurred in 1964 at Oakey Grove Primitive Baptist Church in Tifton, Georgia to honor David Shannon Robinson and Nancy Carolina (Fountain) Robinson. This occasion was different for me, because the time for fun and play now belonged to the kids, and I was part of the group who listened to the telling of stories by the elders. As the day went on, I continued to talk and ask how we were related to each other. Usually the conversation ended without either of us clearly understanding how we were related. Believe me, when the day ended, I did not understand the kinship connection between all those people, but it did start me thinking about our ancestors and where they came from.

After the reunion, I had a long conversation with my father Arlie Snyder Robinson and my mother Julia B. (Fender) (Collier) Robinson and attempted to identify on paper the kinship connection to the various people I had met. To date, I can honestly say that this conversation has never stopped. At first I pieced together a small part of the Robinson clan's puzzle. Since then, clue by clue has allowed me to piece together a major portion of the puzzle, revealing the accomplishments, hardships, and joyous occasions which occurred in the lives of our ancestors. Many of the clues have been revealed in conversations with Arlie Snyder Robinson and other relatives. Learning about my kin and being able to share this with my relatives has brought

lots of pleasure to me. It has been especially rewarding to share this information with my father, who has enjoyed learning more about happenings of the past.

I hope this book will provide endless hours of reading pleasure and cultivate a desire to develop a closer relationship with all the relatives in the Robinson clan. This spirit will ensure the continued life of the Robinson reunion and provide happy memories for all our children to tell as they grow old, when it becomes their time to pass on the old stories to the younger generation.

I want to thank my wife, Jo, and daughters, Bonnie, Debbie, and Vickie, for their patience, support, and help over these last eighteen years. They helped by patiently waiting while I either talked to someone, checked a lead, or reviewed a document in an effort to locate a missing clue. Jo, Bonnie, and Debbie have been vital in their support of all the typing that has occurred over the years. Debbie and Vickie were helpful in sorting and cutting papers, along with other helpful chores required in compiling the data in this book.

Special thanks go to my parents, Snyder and Julia Robinson of Lakeland, Florida and my cousins, Ralph and his son, David Robinson, of Lenox, Georgia. My parents have been patient while I asked to have information repeated several times to ensure that I understood the details correctly. Cousin Ralph was especially helpful in his dedicated effort to locate relatives who had drifted away over the years and lost contact with our families. Cousin David was dedicated in his efforts of researching the family and played a vital role, by spending endless hours of researching documents just to locate a single clue.

It was through the dedicated efforts of these people, plus all my other relatives, who shared their information from family bibles, pictures, and et cetera, which made this book possible. Without their cooperation, we would have never known the complete story of the Robinson clan that began in England and

then migrated to the Scotland Lowlands, followed by Ireland (the Shannon River area), and then to Barnwell County, South Carolina, to Cat Creek, Georgia, and finally to the Oakey Grove area.

I feel the errors in this book are minimal, and I won't apologize. An attempt to prepare a complete genealogical document on a clan the size of ours was a challenge. Of course, I have fallen short a little, but the odds of 100% accountability are too big. If I had started at the first reunion, with the intent of writing a book, rather than just making some notes on who my relatives were, I would have been able to capture many, many more interesting stories about our ancestors. However, hindsight is always a perfect 20/20 and foresight is always something less.

John Snyder Robinson  
August 10, 1981

#### 1993 UPDATE

I would like to say special thanks to my daughter, Debbie Jo Robinson, who assumed the role from her older sister, Bonnie Lynn, in helping me continuously revise the information in this book, as additional information was obtained. Many, many hours have been expended in imputing, editing, and organizing this information to be compiled in a book format. However, Bonnie did not escape from the project and was selected to be chief editor, with her mother, Jo, as proofreader.

Thanks goes to James David Robinson, Jr., of Lakeland, Florida, who has contributed greatly in helping me, his Uncle John, with the computer support for managing the data base. Without his help, I would have never mastered the mammoth family puzzle.

A very special appreciation goes to Gina Louise Napoli, my niece, and her fiance, Kent Lamers, for each of them assuming leadership roles in the duplicating and binding of this book. Without their knowledge, free labor, and assistance, the cost for duplicating and binding this book in a quality binder would not have been possible.

Also, special thanks for the monetary contributions that have been offered and accepted over the past years that were spent towards tracing the family history. The contributors are as follows:

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#### 1994 UPDATE

March 1994

Dear relatives,

At last, you have the book I showed you at the 1993 Robinson reunion. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding in waiting for the book to be finished.

I would like to rededicate this book in the memory of Sallie Pearl (Robinson) Napoli, my sister, who passed away on November 13, 1993. I only wish I could have completed this book earlier, so more people could have enjoyed reading it. Many other relatives have passed away recently: Joe Charles Robinson on April 22, 1993, John Russell Robinson on January 13, 1994, Donald Troy Robinson on January 15, 1994 and Louis Edward Hamilton on March 4, 1994. They were all anxiously awaiting receipt of this book.

When reading the book, if you see a discrepancy or if you have any additional information, please make a note of it and call or write me. Also, I intentionally left some blanks when I did not have the exact dates or information.

I hope this book brings you many hours of reading pleasure. See you at the next reunion on July 16 & 17, 1994.

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