

WILLIAM GIBSON ROBINSON, better known as William Robinson, a justice of the peace of Shelocta, was born Jan. 17, 1836, in Armstrong township, Indiana Co., Pa., a son of John Robinson, and grandson of John Robison

John Robinson, Sr., was born Feb. 1, 1760, and died March 13, 1839. He was of Scotch-Irish stock. Founding his family in Indiana county, Pa., in 1787, he took up land and in 1789 built a house upon it to which he brought his family. Before his death he became the owner of 300 acres of land. His first wife, Mary, died in August, 1794, aged twenty-seven years. The second wife, of John Robinson bore the maiden name of Isabell Gaston, and she died March 11, 1822, aged forty-five years.

John Robinson, Jr., was born Dec. 1788, in Armstrong township, Indiana county, and died on his farm Aug. 29, 1865. He married Oct. 2, 1817, Jane Gibson, born April 20, 1790, who died in 1885, aged ninety-five years, twenty-seven days. Their children were: Polly, born Oct. 5, 1818, married Andrew Sharp; Lydia, born Aug. 31, 1822, married John Stewart, and died March 12, 1900; Isabell, born Jan. 28, 1824, died unmarried; Nancy, born July 4, 1825, married William Bracken; Margaret, born March 18, 1827, married John McCauslan and is deceased; Eliza Jane, born Sept. 30, 1828, married James Dickson; Sarah, born May 25, 1830, married John McClain; John Jamason, born May 1, 1832, died Aug. 17, 1824; Martha Ann, born March 17, 1834, married James Campbell; William Gibson is mentioned below; Caroline, born Oct. 21, 1837, married R. H. McHenry, and resides in Hicksville, Ohio. John Robinson was a farmer all his life and became the owner of 126 acres of land. He was prominent in church work and a man of influence in his community.

William Gibson Robinson, son of John Robinson, attended the public schools of his district, and grew up on the farm, earning the reputation of being the best cradler in his township. In time he became the owner of a large farm in Armstrong township, and operated it until 1991, when he sold his farm and bought a residence in Shelocta, which has since continued to be his home. He is now serving his second term as justice of the peace. For many years he has been a member and trustee of the Curry Run Presbyterian Church, and gave the property on which the present church edifice stands. For fifteen years Mr. Robinson was a school director, and also served as overseer of the poor. Since coming to Shelocta, he has joined the United Presbyterian Church of that borough, but retains his interest in the Curry Run Church.

On Dec. 6, 1858, Mr. Robison married Mary E. Fleming, who died without issue and is buried in the cemetery at Curry Run.

During the Civil war, Mr. Robison served in Company H, 206<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, which was the first company to enter Richmond. A man of sturdy honesty, upright in all his dealings, he is now enjoying a well-earned retirement at Shelocta.