

Robln Family Genealogy

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Note: The Roblin family probably originated in England or Wales.



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John Philip Roblin ^{U.E.L.} was born in 1750 in Smith's Cove, Orange Co. New York State. He married Elizabeth Miller (born 1754). He died in 1788 and Elizabeth in 1815. They came to Adolphustown with Ancestry Colonel Peter Van Alstyne and Capt. Peter Rutter of Prof 8 pages Page 200

LEVI ROBLIN, OF SOPHIASBURGH, PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY.

History:

John Philip ROBLIN, U. E. Loyalist, of Adolphustown, according to his Loyalist Claim,

was born in America and was living in Orange County, New York, when the American Revolution broke out. From the outset he adhered to the British cause and was imprisoned in irons for 13 weeks. He was released eventually and joined the British in New York in 1779, where he was employed in the Barrack Master's Department. His family was subjected to considerable punishment because of this. His son, John, was wounded in the knee by a rebel raiding party, and, because of neglect, became a cripple. Eventually the family reached New York and the safety afforded by the British troops. When the peace was signed and New York was evacuated by the British, the Roblin family set sail on the 8th Sept., 1783, for Canada, where they landed on the 23rd at Sorel. PROBALLY SAILED ON THE "HOPE" orig. Clow
According to his Loyalist Claim Philip Roblin had 15 acres of land with one tenth share of a grist mill and saw mill at Smith's Cove which had been inherited by his wife, Elizabeth, from the estate of her father, Garret Miller, who died in 1774. This land, ploughed land and meadow, was worth £ 5 per acre. Philip Roblin also had 150 acres of leased land which he had had of Philip Livingston before the war. His annual rent was £ 6 per annum. He bought the improvements on this property for a similar price, and made further improvements by fencing it and by building some new buildings. One hundred acres were cleared, and there was a good orchard. He also had a house and two lots in New York which he bought in 1779, on one of which he built a house. When he escaped to New York he left at Smith's Cove, 4 horses, 1 yoke of oxen, 6 cows, 15 sheep, 35 bee hives, wheat, furniture and farming utensils. All these were lost to him.

The Miller family were Palatine Germans who escaped from the Rhine Valley about 1709, and settled in Americk County, Ireland. About 1760 Garret,

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born in the Rhine Valley in 1700, emigrated to America with his wife and family. They settled in New York State and established a community known as Miller's Mills. Garret died here in 1774, and his children, all Loyalists, found new homes under the British flag in various sections of what is now Canada.

Philip Roblin's name first appears in Canada on a nominal roll of refugee Loyalists who drew clothing at Sorel, Quebec, on 19 Nov., 1783, Philip signing a receipt for the same. At that time his family consisted of a wife, one son over ten years of age, two children under six and two over six. A second list of refugee Loyalists in Canada in December, 1783, gives further details of Philip's family, which consisted of himself, his wife, one son over twelve years of age, two sons between six and twelve, and two daughters under six. A third list, being a muster roll of Loyalists and disbanded soldiers, dated 2 Feb., 1784, desirous of settling in Canada, has Philip Roblin, a wife, three sons over ten and two daughters under ten. A fourth, and last, muster roll of refugee Loyalists and disbanded soldiers, dated 5 Oct., 1784, settled in Adolphustown Township, contains Philip Roblin's name with no change in the status of his family. Philip Roblin drew Lot 24 in the third concession of Adolphustown, on the south shore of Hay Bay, where he was residing when, on Feb. 4, 1788, he appeared in Montreal before the Royal Commissioners and presented his claim for losses during the Revolution. Philip died in Adolphustown later in the same year, leaving Elizabeth, his widow, ~~and eight~~ and eight or nine children. The widow was then 33 years of age.

Playter's History of Methodism (1862) throws some light on the family of Philip Roblin. Referring to the formation of the first Methodist class in Canada at Paul Huff's, in Adolphustown, it states that 'Two miles west of Paul Huff's, where the meetings on the Hay Bay were held, lived a widow

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with her four sons and four daughters. Philip Roblin, her husband, died in 1788. The house was larger than ordinary, having two log houses joined together. With the best accommodation, and well inclined to the new preacher, the Roblins lodged him and took care of his clothes. Two years later, in 1792, the Hay Bay Church, the first Methodist Church in Canada, which is still standing, was built. In a list of subscribers to the cost of construction is found the name of Elizabeth Roblin. She subscribed £12.0.0. A reference to her is as follows: 'Elizabeth Roblin is the widow already mentioned*. She and her husband came into Canada about the end of the war. They entered by way of Lake Champlain, (as did great numbers of the emigrants) passed up the Richelieu river, and wintered at Sorel, living on rations allowed by the Government. In the spring, the family passed up the St. Lawrence, in batteaux, or flat bottomed boats, came on to the Bay of Quinte, coasted the numerous bays and inlets, and finally took possession of land on the Hay Bay. It is worthy of remark that the wintering of the emigrants in Lower Canada, while a great convenience to them, resulted in an evil to Upper Canada which is still increasing, and can never be got rid of. The French farmers grew thistles on their land, as now. The emigrants filled their beds with the straw. The beds were carried to the different farms in Upper Canada in the batteaux. The thistle seeds found their way to the land, and the land has never been free from thistles since. The subscription of the widow was very liberal; indeed, the Roblins of the Bay of Quinte have always been hospitable and liberal minded people.'

*Note: Her son Philip was the father of the present John P. Roblin, of Picton, a man who has served his country in several Parliaments of Upper Canada, and also the Methodist Church in different offices. Her daughter Nancy, born in 1781, and connected with the Methodists from the first



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① Wm. RUTTAN - LANDGRANT - ADOLPHUSTOWN Lot 18, Conc 1-1800 - FREE (O.R.)
② " " " " " " - Lot 18, " 1, 1714/09/1784 - FREE (OLD REGULATIONS)
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until now (1861), is the mother of a large branch of the Ketcheson family in the county of Hastings.

Children of Philip Roblin and Elizabeth Miller:

1. John P., born 1772, died 1813; married Elizabeth Moore who died 1832.

Their children were:

- a. Maria.
- b. David.
- c. John.
- d. Philip J. (Rev.)
- e. William.

*2. Philip, born 1773, died 1848. (see below)

3. Owen P., born 1774, married Mary Dulmage, born 1780. (d. 1846)

Their children were:

- a. Elizabeth.
- b. Ann.
- c. Prudence.
- d. George.

4. Nancy Ann, born 1784, died 1872; married William Ketcheson, of Hastings County. (1782-1874)

5. David, born 1789 (posthumous?), died 1867; married Mary Rowe. 1795-1845

6. Fannie, married in 1807 Col. Peter Ruttan, of Adolphustown. b. 1787 d. 1861
SOPHIA BURTON moved to T.W.

7. Mary, married Marvel Garrison, of Fredericksburgh.

8. Elizabeth, married in 1803 Benjamin Clapp. 1779-1841
1782-1867

The book, 'Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte,' mentions another daughter who is said to have married James Gerollamy. This is an error, as Gerollamy married a Miss Dulmage.

*2. Philip (see above) was born in 1773, in Orange County, New York. He accompanied his parents to Canada in 1783 and to Adolphustown in 1784. About

Col. Peter Wm RUTTAN
FANNY Roblin
(b. 1787 - d. 1841)
Their Children
MARY
NANCY
ELIZABETH
HENRY
RUTH
DAVID W.
PHILIP
WALTER
DRALAN RUTTAN

(O.C. 16/2/1808 LAND GRANT) MARY ROBLIN WAS BORN IN 1779 AND DIED IN 1849 - AGE 70
she MARRIED MARVIL GARRISON BORN IN 1773 AND DIED IN 1852 - AGE 84

SEE -> HISTORY OF GARRISON FAMILY!
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The mills mentioned below maybe the mills that Mawel Garrison is connected to through the Roblins. He does not appear in the booklet "Mills of Milford" (1800-1902)

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the time that he came of age he drew land in Sophiasburg Township, Prince Edward County. The book, 'Pioneer Life on the Bay of Quinte,' contains the following information about Philip and family: 'Philip Roblin moved from Adolphustown into Sophiasburg, where he located his land at Roblin's Mills, or Green Point, on the High Shore. In addition to clearing the forest, he managed to build and work a grist mill, which proved not only a success to the enterprising miller, but a boon to the settlers for miles around, saving them their long and toilsome trips to Kingston, and later to Napanee. . . . The founder of Roblin's Mills, or Green Point, married Prudence Platt (born 1771, died 1848), by whom he had nine children; many of his descendants lived to be distinguished men and women of their county.'

ground flour for shipment to U.S.A. by ship for Civil War

Ganniff's 'Settlement of Upper Canada' states that Elizabeth Miller, widow of Philip Roblin, Sr., and mother of Philip, Jr., the founder of Roblin's Mills, 'after her husband's death she removed to Sophiasburgh, where she bought a hundred acres of land for twenty-five dollars (which she paid in weaving) and that she herself cut down the trees and built her own log cabin. She subsequently married John Ganniff, the founder of Ganniff-ton.'

Old mill torn down in 1962

Children of Philip Roblin, Jr., and Prudence Platt were:

- 1. Levi, born 1793, died 1878. He was a prosperous farmer in Sophiasburgh. He married twice. His first wife was Mary, daughter of Adam Shortt and his wife, a Miss Odell, whom he married in New Jersey, U. S. A. Adam was born in Strasbourg, Germany, and came to America during the American Revolution. He was a weaver, and came to Prince Edward County about 1800, and carried on his trade in Sophiasburgh Township. Levi married a second time to Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Osborne and Sarah, daughter of John (Haunts)

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Trumpour, a U. E. Loyalist.

Children by first wife were:

- a. John W., born 1803, married Deborah Rightmyer.
- b. Eliza.
- c. Philip.
- d. Sarah.
- e. Walter.
- f. James P. He was the father of

~~X~~ ^{SIR} Rodmond Palen (Sir), ex-premier of Manitoba.

Children by second wife:

- g. Thomas.
- h. Caleb.
- i. Maria.
- j. Prudence.

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Note: You will notice a different story regarding the route travelled by the Roblins to Canada. My assertion that they came by boat from New York is one that I cannot at the moment prove. I have shipping lists for several boats carrying Loyalists from New York to Quebec, but I have mislaid them. It may be true that they came up the Hudson River, Lake Champlain and the Richelieu River, but I have my doubts, and will have until definite proof can be produced otherwise.

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* DUFF Roblin, PREMIER OF MANITOBA descended from the U.E.L. Roblin family



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Due to the Roblin family being closely connected to the Van Dusen family and Marwid Garrison marrying Mary Roblin, Marwid may have rebuilt Conrad Van Dusen's Tavern at Adolphustown. It was on the grounds where Anglican Church is now. see History of Marwid Garrison, the Pioneer page 8. Regent moved to P.E. County in 1814.

Roblin family from the "VanDusen family history" Vol. II. pp. 644-649. CONRAD VANDUSEN - LAND GRANT - Lot 16, Concession 1, ADOLPHUSTOWN - 1800c - FREE GRANT (OLD REGULATIONS)

The "COVE" above referred to should be "CLOVE" meaning a cleft in a mountain. It is situated in Cornwall Presinct, Orange County a short distance below Newburg and on a branch of the Erie R.R. which runs through it. At the time of the Revolution Isaac VanDusen, founder of the Orange County branch of the family lived near there on a tract of land of a thousand acres which he purchased about 1745, some of which is still in the possession of his descendants. The land was part of a tract patented to Andrew Nicholas Aug. 24. 1721. The will of Garret Miller of Smiths Cove dated Oct 5th. 1777, and probated June 13th. 1778 mentions wife - (unnamed) and children, Joshua, Mary, Elizabeth, Garret, Nathan, Sarah, Samuel, Ann, Hampton and Jermiah. Philips wife was Elizabeth Miller, dau. of Garret Miller of Smiths Cove. After Philip's death in 1788 she married John Canniff - pp. 289. U.E.L. Centennial 1784-1884 - pp. 243. and Playters History of Methodism in Canada, pp 31.

CONRAD VANDUSEN - LAND GRANT - W 1/2 of Lot 13, Concession 2 - ADOLPHUSTOWN - 1800c - FREE (O.R.) CONRAD VAN DUSER " " " " Lot 13, " " " " - 1790c " "

I have several pages on the Roblin family in my effort to prove who was who and the above is one article that I have under VanDusen family. Likely you have this record and will be able to check if I did find it in that Book. (book on VanDusens I found in Picton Library.)

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You can hand back to me at Picton meeting this application (copy). I made a copy also on one of our forms for a comparison of the new form of application. I can't see where there is any improvement. You will note the Redesign Charts were not finished which would be fine but very few can or will be able to do this.

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