

## Hugh Robinson Jr.

According to his headstone and other records, Hugh Robinson Jr. was born in 1837 and was the son of Hugh Sr. and Morning "Bates" Robinson. His parents came from South Carolina in 1810 with one child and Mornings younger brother Henry Bates. This was documented on their passports to travel through Indian Nation Lands in Georgia. This was over two decades before Hugh Jr. was born.

Historical documents indicate Hugh Robinson Sr. was the first Robinson to settle in Jackson County, Florida. He was cultivating more than five acres of land before Spain surrendered possession in July 1821. I have no knowledge of any proven documents being recorded to indicate the first white child born in Jackson County. Perhaps it was Hugh and Mornings son born between 1820 and 1825. In the 1830 Jackson County census He and Morning's children are documented as: (2) males under 5, (1) male 10/15, (1) male 15/20 ----- (2) females under 5, (1) female 10/15. Mornings younger brother (Henry Bates) was no longer in the household.

In 1840 the Jackson County census indicate Hugh is no longer in the household, he died in 1839 or perhaps 1840 prior to the census being taken in July. Morning was head of the household. Her children are documented as: (1) male 5/10, (1) male 10/15 ----- (1) female 1/5, (1) female 5/10, (1) female 10/15, (1) female 15/20. In reality the female under five is her one year old granddaughter Susan Bates. Her son Henry Bates had died leaving Susan in her care. On December 28, 1842 Morning was officially appointed guardian of Susan by the Honorable Richard H. Long, Judge of Jackson County Court.

In the 1850 Jackson County Census Morning is still head of the household. Her children are documented as: Hugh Jr. 23, Sarah 20, and Granddaughter Susan Bates 11 years of age. The 1860 census listed Sarah as head of household and Susan still living with her. Apparently Morning died before the 1860 census was taken.