

The Family of Julius Robinson of Weathersfield and Brownington, Vermont

Because there is some conflicting information about this family on the Internet, I wanted to pull together the information I have collected for the benefit of those who are researching these people. Julius Robinson was a direct male-line descendant of John Robinson (1576-1625), the pastor of the independent English Church of Leiden, Holland (the congregation of the Mayflower "Pilgrims"). Julius was also a descendant of Plymouth Colony Governor William Bradford (1590-1657), a passenger on the Mayflower.

Julius Robinson was born in Willington, Connecticut, on 13 January 1776, the son of Benjamin Robinson and his wife Ruth Johnson. Benjamin and Ruth had been married in Willington on 18 September 1770. For more on them and their family, see Ruth Gardiner Hall, *Descendants of Governor William Bradford* (1951), p. 321: <https://archive.org/details/descendantsofgov00hall/page/321/mode/1up>

Julius Robinson married Asenath Fellows in Weathersfield, Vermont, on 10 October 1802. Asenath had been born in Thetford, Vermont, on 29 August 1781, the daughter of Nathan Fellows and his wife Jane. The maiden name of Nathan Fellows' wife is often given as Jane Tilden, but I have not seen any primary sources showing that this was her surname before marriage. No marriage record for Nathan and Jane has been found, either. Julius and Asenath's marriage record misstates the bride's given name as "Anna." Nathan and Jane Fellows had no daughter named Anna, but they did have a daughter Artellea or Artelesa, whom some online sources claim was the daughter who married Julius Robinson. But in other civil and ecclesiastical records, Julius Robinson's wife is identified as Asenath. For example, "Julius Robinson and Asenath Robinson his wife" became members of the Congregational Church of Brownington, Vermont, on 7 May 1809. Some online sources state that the maiden name of Julius's wife Asenath was "Andrews," but their 1802 marriage record clearly states that the bride's maiden name was Fellows. Julius and Asenath Robinson had the following children:

Anna, born in Weathersfield on 4 January 1803; baptized (as a child of Julius and Asenath Robinson) in the Congregational Church of Brownington on 1 June 1809.

Horace or Harris, born in Brownington on 5 August 1804; baptized (as a child of Julius and Asenath Robinson) in the Congregational Church of Brownington on 1 June 1809. The civil birth record gives his name as Harris and the baptismal record gives his name as Horace.

Johnson, born presumably in Brownington in 1806 (calculated from his age as given in later census records and on his gravestone), even though his birth is not recorded in the Brownington civil records; baptized (as a child of Julius and Asenath Robinson) in the Congregational Church of Brownington on 1 June 1809. "Ancestors of Marvin Phelps Alderman" states that he was born in Brownington on 30 June 1806, but no source is given.

Lucius, born presumably in Brownington in 1808 or early in 1809, even though his birth is not recorded in the Brownington civil records; baptized (as a child of Julius and Asenath Robinson) in the Congregational Church of Brownington on 1 June 1809.

Julius Robinson died in Weathersfield on 14 April 1816, at the age of 40. The death record identifies him as the son of Benjamin and Ruth Robinson.

Asenath Robinson married Samuel Newton in Weathersfield on 25 March 1822. This was Julius's widow marrying a second husband. Julius had a sister Asenath, born in Willington on 8 May 1773, but she married Francis Griswold.

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At September y^e 13th 1770 then Benjamin Robinson
and Ruth Johnson were lawfully joined in
marriage. John Robinson son of Benjamin
Robinson ^{by Ruth his wife} was born May y^e 18th 1771 Robinson
Abeneth Robinson Daughter of Benjamin by
Ruth his wife was born May y^e 8th 1773
Julias Robinson son of Benjamin Robinson by Ruth
his wife was born January y^e 13th 1776
Mary Robinson Daughter of Benjamin Robinson by Ruth
his wife was born July y^e 29th 1778
Ruth Robinson Daughter of Ben^g Robinson by Ruth
his wife was born February y^e 20th 1783
Benjamin Robinson son of Benjamin Robinson by
Ruth his wife was born March y^e 8th 1784

Robinson family data in the Willington, Connecticut, town records

March 5th 1809 Benjamin Newhall of Brownington was received into this Church.

March 8th. A lecture was preached at Benjamin Newhall's, Orpha, Roswell, John Willard and Susan Children of Benjamin and Mary Newhall were baptised. Likewise a lecture was preached at Major Samuel Smith's the same day when Peris Gardiner and Mary Gardiner were baptised and were propounded to this church.

March 26th Peris Gardiner and Mary Gardiner his wife were received into this Church.

April 20th Joel Priest, Seth Silsby and Elizabeth his wife, Julius Robinson and Asenath his wife were duly examined and propounded to this Church.

May 6th. A lecture was preached at William Estlin in Coventry by the Rev. Peter Walds of Williamstown and Louisa, Charles, and Junice, Temperance, and Sophia Gardiner Children of Peris and Mary Gardiner were baptised.

May 7th. Seth Silsby and Elizabeth Silsby his wife, Julius Robinson and Asenath Robinson his wife and Amherst Steward, were received into this Church. Seth and Elizabeth Silsby were baptised likewise Louisa, and William their Children.

June 1st 1809. A lecture was preached at the School House in Brownington by the Rev. Salmon Ping and Elisha Strong son of Elijah and Sylvia Strong and Anna, Horace, Johnson, and Lucius Children of Julius and Asenath Robinson were baptised.

8 1st V. C. Priest and Phebe Priest his wife