

<b>Husband:</b>	<b>James Roper</b>
Source:	Nicholas Roper's Will, Will Book 17 Jefferson County, Va (now WV) April 27, 1812 Probate: 27th day of January 1817.
Born:	May 12, 1783
in:	Berkeley County, Virginia
Source:	Tombstone at Roper Cemetery.
Died:	December 08, 1867
in:	Jefferson County, West Virginia
Source:	(1) Tombstone at Roper Cemetery. (2) Obituary, Spirit of Jefferson, Tuesday, December 10, 1867, Vol.20, No.15, Pg.3, Col.1.
Relationship with Father:	Nicholas Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Mary Horn - Step
Reference number:	598

Burial:	Roper Cemetery, Jefferson County, WVA
Mancipated:	December 03, 1793 Record located in Winchester, Frederick County, Va; Deed Book 24A, page 244

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Elizabeth Laley
Married:	April 30, 1838
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Washington, County, Maryland
Source:	Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Marriage Index, 1799-1860 Marriage Index, Original Record page 185 destroyed by fire, Marriage Index still remains in the Clerks Office.
Reference number:	3746

**Marriage Notes**

**Notes**

In 1793 James was freed from slavery by his father Nicholas Roper:  
Emancipation of James Roper Dec. 3, 1793

Roper to James } Emn.  
Deed Book 24A, pg 244  
Frederick County, VA  
Clerk's office  
3rd of Dec. 1793

To all persons to whom these presents shall come I Nicholas Roper of the County of Frederick and Commonwealth of Virginia Send greeting. Known ye that for good causes and considerations me thereunto Moving I have emancipate and set free James a mulatto Boy aged about eleven years, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this third day of Dec. One thousand seven Hundred and ninety three.

Sealed and Delivered  
In presence of }

Nicks. Roper {seal}

Adam Douglass  
Samuel Cowan

At a court held for Frederick County the 3rd day of December 1793 this Deed of Emanumission [sic] from Nicholas Roper to Mullatto [sic] James was acknowledged by the said Nicholas Roper and ordered to be recorded.

By the court  
Ja Keith CC

December Court 1793

Order Book 24, page 558  
 Frederick County, VA  
 Order to be recorded  
 Clerk's Office

A deed of Manumission [sic] from Nicholas Roper to Mullatto [sic] James was acknowledged by said Roper and ordered to be recorded

1850 Census shows James Roper as a farmer with \$81,000 in real estate.  
 1860 Census shows James Raper as a farmer with \$166, 290 in real estate

-----Obituary-----

Spirit of Jefferson, Tuesday, December 10, 1867, Vol.20, No.15, Pg.3, Col.1

Mr. James Roper, an aged resident of this county, died at his home place about one and a half miles south of this town, on Saturday evening last. He was the largest landed proprietor, and doubtless the wealthiest man in the county, his broad acres extending over a great portion of the Southern section of the county. With him, for many years, the accumulation of landed property has amounted almost to a mania, and his long life has been spent in gathering together acre after acre until at the time of his death, his possessions covered a greater area than those of any one in the county. His success is an exemplification of what energy and economy will accomplish, but whether his great possessions were enjoyed by him here, or will avail him in that country "from whose bourn no traveller returns" are questions not for our consideration. His age was nearly 86.

The Virginia Free Press, Charlestown, Thursday, December 12, 1867, Vol.3, No.17, Pg.3 Col.2

On the 8th instant near Charlestown, James Roper, aged 84 years, 6 months and 27 days.  
 "So live, that when thy summons comes to join Th' innumerable  
 caravan that moves to that mysterious realm,  
 Where each must take his chamber in the silent halls of death.  
 Thou go, not like the quarry slave at night, scourged to his dungeon,  
 But sustained and soothed by an unfa'ring trust approach thy grave  
 Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him  
 And lies down to pleasant dreams."

<b>Wife:</b>	<b>Elizabeth Laley</b>
Born:	Abt. 1800
in:	PA
Died:	April 19, 1870
in:	Jefferson County, West Virginia
Source:	(1) Jefferson County, West Virginia Death Records, Book 2, page 59, Line 34, Roper, Elizabeth - W/F Date: April 19, 1870 Cause: Old age Age: 70 Father: Michael of Shepherstown Consort: James Roper Sr. . (2) Newspaper Death notice, The Virginia Free Press, Charlestown, Monday April 25, 1870, Vol.5, No.36, Pg.3, Col.3.
Relationship with Father:	Michael Laley - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	
Reference number:	599

**Notes**

Jefferson County death records:

Roper, Elizth: WF; d 19 April 1870 at Charles Town of old age; age 70; par Michael; b Shepherdstown; occ: none; Sp: Jas. Roper Sr.; Inf: county paper; page 1:4dist. of [Jno. E. Erwin] 1870

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 Obituary: The Virginia Free Press, Charlestown, Monday April 25, 1870, Vol.5, No.36, Pg.3, Col.3

At the residence in Charlestown, Tuesday, 19th April 1870, Mrs. Elizabeth Roper, wife of the late James Roper, of this County, in the 70th year of her life.

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 Elizabeth Laley Roper's Will  
 Wife of James Roper

Recorders Will Book  
 Page 175 & 176  
 Jefferson County, West Virginia

In the name of God Amen: I Elizabeth Roper of Charlestown County of Jefferson West Virginia being of sound & disposing mind memory & understanding do make & publish this to be my last will & testament.

First I direct my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts & funeral expenses as soon as may be after my death.

Second I give and bequeath to my son Washington Albert our feather Bed Bedstead & bedding for Tables half a dozen Windsor chairs, twenty two yards of Carpeting, all which furniture is now in the chamber in my house occupied by my said son.

Third To my son W. H. H. Roper I give 2 Brass and to Jas. M. Roper my son one Iron kettle.

Fourth To my Grand Daughter Louisa Shultz I give one feather Bed and necessary bedding, half a dozen Windsor Chairs (green) Twenty yards house hold Carpeting. To my grand daughter Elizabeth Faunister I hereby give and bequeath all the rest & residue of my household & kitchen Furniture together with all debts dew me or to could dew also rents & money on hand. I authorize & direct my executor to rent out my house & lot in Charlestown purchased from Wm. Crow for three years after my death after which he is hereby directed to and the same for the best price he can get pay over the rents & proceeds of sale to my grand Daughter Elizabeth Faunister to be her forever.

To my two grand Daughters Louisa Shultz & Elizabeth Faunister I give and bequeath one dozen silver teaspoons half dozen to each share & share alike.

And last I do hereby nominate & appoint my friend Wm. Ramey Executor of my will.

Given under my hand and seal this 12th day of January 1870

Her  
 Elizabeth X Roper {seal}  
 Mark

Signed Sealed published and  
 Declared by Elizabeth Roper as for  
 Her last will in presences of us  
 Who in her presences and in the  
 Presence of each other have hereunto  
 Subscribed our names as Witnessess  
 At her request.

W. D. Hedgers  
 And others

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Mary America/Amelia Virginia Roper</b>
Born:	1839
in:	Jefferson County, Virginia
Died:	Aft. 1910
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Elizabeth Laley - Natural
Reference number:	601

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Husband:	John J. Vanmeter
Married:	September 09, 1858
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Jefferson County, Virginia
Source:	Jefferson County, West Virginia, Marriage Records, Book 2 Line Sept. 9, 1858.
Reference number:	3766

**Marriage Notes****Notes**

!860 Census America V. Vanmeter was living in the household of her father James Roper with her 2 children, Mary C. and Elizabeth J.. There is a bit of confusion at this time with her given name and names found on the 1850 and 1860 census along with her marriage record.

<b>Child:</b>	<b>James Michael Roper</b>
Born:	October 23, 1840
in:	Charles Town, Jefferson County West Virginia
Source:	Tombstone Inscription Edge Hill Cemetery, Jefferson County, WV.
Died:	June 29, 1903
in:	Charles Town, Jefferson County West Virginia
Source:	(1) Jefferson County, West Virginia Death Records, Book 6, page 114, line 41, Roper, J. M.; W/M ; 6-29-1903; Born: CT; Blood Poison; Age 63; Parents J. & E. Roper; Born: 1841; Farmer; Consort: Elizabeth Roper; Info. given by: Son. (2) Jefferson County, West Virginia Death Records, Book 6, page 90, line 5, Death given twice: Roper, James M. W/M ; 6-29-03; Born: Jeff. Co.; Cause: Heart Failure; Age: 67; Parents: Jas. & Elia. Roper; Born 1837; Occ. Farmer; Consort: Elizabeth Roper; Info by: JJ. Pitterman.
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Elizabeth Laley - Natural
Reference number:	587
Age at Death (Facts Pg):	June 29, 1903 62yrs. 8mos. 2 days
Burial:	Edge Hill Cemetery, Charlestown West Virginia

<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Rebecca Jane Milbourne
Married:	January 20, 1869
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Hapers Ferry Bridge, Maryland
Source:	(1) Married Certificate. (2) Shepherdstown Register, Sat. January 30, 1869; New Vol. 4 - No. 30, Marriages: On Bridge at Harper's Ferry, on the 20th inst., by Rev. J. C. Stewart, Mr. James M. Roper and Miss Rebecca J. Milburn, both of Jefferson County.
Reference number:	3665

**Marriage Notes****Notes**

The Advocate

Trustee's Sale  
of  
Valuable Farm  
near Charles Town, W.VA.

The undersigned trustee in a certain deed of trust, executed by H. L. Roper, of date January 1, 1914 and recorded in the County Clerk's office of Jefferson County in Deed Book 410 page 234 will sell at public sale in front of the Court house in Charles Town W. Va. on Saturday, February 20, 1915

at 10 o'clock A.M.

That certain farm known as the

James M. Roper Farm

and located 1 1/2 miles southwest of Charles Town W. va. on the Berryville turnpike, known as the National Highway, and containing about 103 ACRES more or less as will appear by survey made by Jas. K. Hendrick S. J. C. of record in said County Clerk's office. The farm is improved by a

GOOD BRICK DWELLING

large stone barn, tenant house and other outbuildings and in addition (not legible) of running water with a fine spring near the farm buildings. The land lies on both sides of the turnpike and is one of the best located small farms in Jefferson County. Possession can be given April 1st 1915.

Terms of the sale (not legible) be evidenced by notes of purchase bearing interest from say of sale and secured by a deed of trust on said farm, with assignment of insurance on the buildings. Or terms may be arranged on day of sale to suit purchaser.

John T. Porterfield

Jan. 30-4t Trustee

The Clarke Courier No.50, Thursday, January 30, 1873, Pg.3, Col.1

Mr. James M. Roper of this county, met with a painful, if not serious accident, on Wednesday morning last. Mr. R., at the time of the accident, was attempting to mount his horse, when the animal fell and throwing Mr. Roper to the ground, dislocated his left thigh. Drs. Mason and Richardson were immediately sent for and rendered the necessary surgical attention. Mr. R., at last accounts, was doing well as could be expected, but suffering severely.

-----Obituary-----

Spirit of Jefferson Tuesday, June 30, 1903 New series Vol.XXXVIII No.26 Pg2 Col.2

James M. Roper

Mr. James M. Roper, a well-known citizen of this county residing near Charles Town, died yesterday afternoon in the 63d year year(sic) of his age. Mr. Roper had, some thirty years ago, received an injury to one of his legs by a horse falling upon it, and this limb had given him more or less trouble ever since. Finally last week he complained very much after being in town on Tuesday, and on Saturday was taken to his bed, gangrene having set in. Amputation was suggested, but this he would not agree to until yesterday. Drs. Miller, t Pitman and Venning therefore assembled at the home to perform the operation, and chlorotorm was being administered preparatory thereto when Mr. Roper suddenly expired. The deceased leaves four sos and one daughter---- Messrs. Jame T., Nicholas O., Franklin G. and Harry L. Roper, and Mrs. Joseph Glassford; also two brothers and two sisters----- messrs. W.H.H. and Wm. A. Roper of this county, Mrs. Shultz of Brunswick, and Mrs. Cooper of Baltimore. Funeral services will be held at his late residence at 3 p.m. today. Interment in Edge Hill Cemetery.

Several weeks ago Mr. Roper, whilst sitting on his porch with a friend, selected and named his own pallbearers friends and neighbors, whom he wished to lay him in his last resting place, viz: Messrs. B.F. Ramey, C.C. Conklyn, C.W. Conrad, John L. Burns, John T. Colston, Geo. F. Walker, Charles Chamblin and Levi M. Porter. The names of these persons he left in the hands of his friend Fayette B. Souders, with the request that he attend to seeing the gentlemen at the proper time, saying "It will not be long", though at the time he was in his usual good health.

<b>Child:</b>	<b>William Henry Harrison Roper</b>
Born:	May 09, 1842
in:	Jefferson County, West Virginia
Died:	October 05, 1909
in:	Charles Town, West Virginia
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Elizabeth Laley - Natural
Reference number:	602
<b>Burial:</b>	Edge hill cemetery, Charles Town, West Virginia
<b>Marriage Information</b>	
Wife:	Elizabeth Lally
Married:	Abt. 1860
Beginning status:	Married
Reference number:	3698

**Marriage Notes**

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1870 census shows William being a farmer with \$49,000 in real Estate and \$1,000 in personal property, living with him at the time was his brother Albert W. with \$3,000 in real estate and \$650 in personal property.

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 The Shepherds town Register  
 Thursday Nov. 4, 1909

William Henry Harrison Roper  
 A well Known Jefferson Co. Citizen Residing near Charles Town died late Saturday morning after a Short illness. He was 70 years old.

He was a widower and is survived by a son, Marshall Roper of Brunswick Md. and three daughters. The deceased was a man of unusual size, and was one of the heaviest men in the county.

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 Last will and testament of William Henry Harrison Roper  
 will Book ?, page 405  
 Charles Town, Jefferson County, WVA  
 County Clerks Office  
 Written April 2, 1907  
 probated November 12, 1909

In the Name of God Amen:

I W.H.H. Roper do make this my last will and testament

1. I leave to my son Marshall and to each of my married daughters namely Ella Hale and Mena Glaiza \$5.00 each.
2. To my unmarried daughter, Alice Roper I leave my runabout of the hess make and a red cow bought by me at Park Mathias sale this spring, said cow now having her second calf by her side, also the said calf; also all the increase of said cow and calf.
3. If my said daughter Alice be still living with me and be still keeping house for me and be unmarried at my death then I

bequeath to her all the balance of the property owned by me at my death, except my violin and banjo.

4. My Violin and Banjo, I bequeath to my grandson Ralph Glaize.

5. I appoint James M. Mason Jr. my executor.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of April 1907.

W. H. H. Roper

Signed, published and declared by W. H. H. Roper as and for his last will and testament in the presence of us, who each in his presence and at his request and in the presence of one another have both at the same time hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses.

N.O. Roper  
Edward L. Wyatt

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson, Sct.:  
In the Clerk's office of the County Court, Nov. 12th. 1909

A writing bearing date the 2nd day of April, 1907, purporting to be the last will and testament of W. H. H. Roper dec'd. was this day Noveber 12th. 1909, offered for probate in saud office and on the same day came N. O. Roper one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and partly proved sad will, by making oath in die form of law that the said testator in his presence of each other published and declared said writing to be his last will and testament, that he sgned said will as a witness thereto in the presence of said testator at his request of said testator and in the presence sense and memory at the time of so doing and ver the age of twenty one years. And it appearing that Edward L. Wyatt the other subscribing witness thereto resides out side of Jefferson County, viz, in the City of Savanah Georgia On Motion of J. M. Mason Jr., the executor named in said will a commission is awarded to be directed to any Noatry Public in the said City of Savanah Georgia, directing him to take a certify tha attestation of the said Edward L. Wyatt the aforesaid other subscribing witness to said will.

Teste: Chas. A. Johnson  
Clerk of said Court.

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson, Sct.:  
In the Clerk's Office of the County Court, Nov. 15th. 1909.  
To any Notary Public in the City of Sanannah Georgia:

Know you, that we trusting in your Fidelity and Circumspection in diligently examing Edward L. Wyatt of Savannah, Georgia, one of the witnesses to the will od W. H. H. Roper Dec'd. authorize and request you that at such time and place as you shall appoint, the witness aforesaid, before you, you call and cause to come and diligent;y examine on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, touching the execution of said will and his attestation thereto and without delay you sahll mend and certify enclosed, returning also this will, together with the said will by a trusted special messenger, or United States Registered Mail.

Witness Chas. A. Johnson, Clerk of our said Court of said Jefferson County, in the state of West Virginia, this 15th. day of November A. D. Nineteen hundred and nine and of the state the forty seventh.

(court seal) Chas. A. Johnson  
Clerk of said Court.

Depositions of Edward L. Wyatt one of the subscribing witnesses to the will of W. H. H. Roper deceased, dated the 2nd. day of April 1907, taken pursuant to a commission hereto annexed.

The said Edward L. Wyatt by affirming deposes and says as follows to the following question:

Question 1st. Did the said W. H. H. Roper publish and declare the writing hereto annexed, dated the 2nd. day of April 1907 and to which your name is signed as a witness as and for his last will and testament?

Ans, YES.

Question 2nd. Do you believe the said W. H. H. Roper was of perfect sense and memory at the time of so doing?

Ans. YES.

Question 3rd. Did you sign your name as a witness to the said will in the presence of the said W. H. H. roper, at his request, and in the presence of N. C. Roper the other subscribing witness to the will?

Ans. YES.

Edward L. Wyatt.

The foregoing deposition was taken and subscribed before the undersigned, in the city of Savannah, Georgia, this 23rd day of November Nineteen hundred and nine.

In witness whereof I J. I. Killorin a Notary Public of the said City of Savannah, Georgia, Have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal this day and year first above written.

{Notarial seal)

J. I. Killorin  
Notary Public Chatham Co. Ga.

State of West Virginia, County of Jefferson, Sct.:

In the Clerk's office of the County Court, Nov. 26th. 1909

A writing bearing date the 2nd. day of April 1907, purporting to be the last wil and testament of W. H. H. Roper Dec'd. having been hereto fore to-wit: On November 12th. 1909 partly proved in said office by the oath of N. O. Roper, one of the subscribing witnesses thereto, and is then appearing that the other suscribing witness thereto viz: Edward L. Wyatt resided out side of the County of Jefferson and State of West Virginia, viz: in the City Savannah Georgia, on motion of James M. Mason Hr. the Executor named in said will, a commission was directed to any notary Public in the said City of Savannah, Georgia to take and certify depositions of the said Edward L. Wyatt, and the said Commission having been duly executed by J. I. Killorin a Notary Public of the said City of Savannah Georgia, and the said will commission, and deposition, have returned and received in said office this 26th. day of November 1909, it is ordered that the aforesaid writing be recorded as and for the last will and testament of the said W. H. H. Roper Dec'd.

Teste:

Chas. A. Johnson,  
Clerk of said Court.

\* All spelling or typing errors were copied from the original document.

<b>Child:</b>	<b>Angelina V. Roper</b>
Born:	1844
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Elizabeth Laley - Natural
Reference number:	603
<b>Marriage Information</b>	

**Marriage Notes**

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Elizabeth Roper</b>
Born:	Abt. 1846
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Elizabeth Laley - Natural
Reference number:	4014
<b>Marriage Information</b>	

**Marriage Notes**

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<b>Child:</b>	<b>Washington Albert Roper</b>
aka:	Albert
Born:	January 20, 1849
in:	Charles Town, Jefferson County, Virginia
Died:	April 13, 1913
in:	Charles Town, Jefferson County West Virginia
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Elizabeth Laley - Natural
Reference number:	604



**Marriage Information**

Wife:	Mary Catherine Hedges
Married:	December 12, 1871
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Charles town Jefferson County, West Virginia
Reference number:	3790

**Marriage Notes****Notes**

Obituary Paper unknown

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W. Albert Roper, of this County Died in the Hospital in Charles Town last sunday from the effects of a stroke of Paralyals, aged 64 years. He is survived by eight sons five daughters.