

Husband:	James Roper
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
Marriage Information	
Wife:	Nancy Cruthers
Married:	January 18, 1810
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Washington, County, Maryland
Source:	Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland, Marriage Index, 1799-1860 Marriage index, Original Record page 40 destroyed by fire, Marriage Index still remains in the Clerks Office.
Reference number:	28760

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."

Wife:	Nancy Cruthers
Born:	Abt. 1790
Died:	Abt. 1837
in:	Jefferson County, Virginia
Reference number:	3199

Notes

Child:	Nicholas Osborn Roper
Born:	September 17, 1811
in:	Jefferson County, Virginia
Died:	November 19, 1872
in:	Jefferson County, West Virginia

Source:	Jefferson County, West Virginia Death Records, Book 2, page 86, line 101, Roper, N. O. W/M
Date:	Nov. 19, 1872
Place:	Osborn District
Cause:	Pnuemonia
Age:	61 yrs. 2m, 2days
Parents:	James & Elizabeth (sic)
Born:	Virginia
Occ:	Farmer
Name of person giving information:	WHH Roper (Brother).
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Nancy Cruthers - Natural
Reference number:	608

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Lousia Newman
Married:	Unknown
Beginning status:	Married
Reference number:	7368

Marriage Notes

No marriage has been found.

Notes

1870 census: Only census where Nicholas Osbourn can be located with definitely. He was marked as a Mulatto (although transcribed as white) with daughter Victoria Gowens (Goens)21, her husband Charles Gowens 30, there daughter Rosetta 6/12, all listed as mulatto.

Name: Nicholas O Roper
 Estimated Birth Year: abt 1811
 Age in 1870: 59
 Birthplace: West Virginia
 Home in 1870: Grant, Jefferson, West Virginia
 Race: White
 Gender: Male
 Post Office: Charles Town
 Roll: M593_1689
 Page: 518
 Image: 458
 Year: 1870

 Obituary: The Virginia Free Press, Charlestown, Saturday, November 16, 1872, No.13, Pg.3 Col.2

At the residence of his brother, W. H. H. Roper, on the 9th inst., Mr. Nicholas Osburn Roper aged 61 years, 2 months and 21 days.

Child:	William Thornton Roper
Born:	Abt. 1814
in:	Jefferson County, Virginia
Source:	1850 Federal mortality census.
Died:	Abt. 1849
in:	Jefferson County, Virginia
Source:	1850 Federal mortality census.
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Nancy Cruthers - Natural
Reference number:	3169

Marriage Information	
Wife:	Sarah W. Cowan
Married:	March 07, 1839
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Jefferson County, Virginia
Source:	Virginia Free Press (Charlestown), Thursday, April 4, 1839. From the marriage obituary citations compiled by Bernard J. Henley from Virginia newspapers on microfilm at the Library of Virginia.
Reference number:	28528
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Married by:	March 07, 1839 Rev. J. Raum

Marriage Notes

Virginia Free Press, Thursday, April 4, 1839, pg.3, Col.1

Married on Thursday, March 7, by Rev. J. Raum, Wiliam T. Roper, of Jefferson County, Va. (Now WV), to Sarah W. Cowan, daughter of David Cowan, of Page[sic] County, Illinois, formerly of Jefferson County, Va. (now WV). David Cown was a resident of Pope Co., Illinois

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Child:	Ann Catherine Roper
Born:	Abt. 1837
in:	Jefferson County, Virginia
Source:	(1) Tombstone, Inscription Edge Hill Cemetery, Charles Town, WV, Ann C. Schultz 1837-1910. (2) 1900 Federal Census, Charlestown District, Jeffesron County, West Virginia, In John N. Shultz household (son).
Died:	December 11, 1910
in:	Charles Town, Jefferson County, West Virginia
Source:	(1) West Virginia Culture . Org, Register of Deaths, Name: Annie C./Schultz Sex: Female Death Date: 11 Feb 1910 Death Place: Charles Town, Jefferson, West Virginia Age at Death: 75y Marital Status: W Spouse: Henry/Schultz Occupation: Housewife Informant: C.W. Conrad - Assessor. (2) Obituary, Spirit of Jefferson December 13, 1910 New series XLV No. 49 Pg2 Col.1.
Relationship with Father:	James Roper - Natural
Relationship with Mother:	Nancy Cruthers - Natural
Reference number:	600
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Burial:	December 13, 1910 Edge Hill Cemetery, Charles Town, West Virginia

Marriage Information	
Husband:	Henry Francis Shultz
Married:	September 29, 1864
Beginning status:	Married
in:	Harpers Ferry, West Virginia
Source:	Jefferson County, West Virginia, Marriage Records, Book 2 line Sept 29, 1864, Time of marriage, Sept. 29, 1864 Place of marriage, Harpers Ferry - Name of parties, Henry Schulz & Ann Catherine Roper; Age of husband, 28 years - Age of wife 28 years - Husband is single _ Wife is divorced from former husband H. Dent [sic] place of husbands birth was kingdom of Prussia - Place of wife birth was Jeff. Co., VA - Husband residence is at City of Philadelphia - Wife resd. is Jeff. Co., VA - Name of husband parents are John & Louisa Schulz - Name of wife's parents are James & Elizabeth Roper - Occupation of husband is Hotel & Livery Stable Keeper - License issued Sept. 29, 1864 - T. A. Moore, Clerk.
Reference number:	4068

Marriage Notes

Marriage Registration in Jefferson County West Virginia: Husband residing in Philly, PA
Occupation is Hotel and Livery Stable keeper
Ann had divorced Mathew Dent

Notes

It is believed that Ann was the daughter of James Roper and his first wife Nancy Cruthers. Her natural mother may have died after Ann's birth, therefore the only mother Ann would have known was Elizabeth Laley second wife of James Roper.

Ann Catherine was living with son John and family on the 1900 census, by 1910 she was Living with daughter Louisa Mix both widows.

-----Obituary-----

Spirit of Jefferson December 13, 1910 New series XLV No. 49 Pg2 Col.1

Mrs. Ann C. Shultz, widow of Henry F. Schultz, a Union veteran of the War between the States, and a daughter of the late James Roper, died on Sunday last at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Louisa Mix, in this place, ages 74 years. Funeral services will be held at the residence of Mrs. Mix this (Tuesday) afternoon, conducted by Rev. Dr. A. C. Hopkins, and the interment will be in Edge Hill Cemetery. Pallbearers: Wm. M. Burns, Geo. W. Shull, D. W. Clendenning, David Wood, Geo. W. Marlow, S. H. Landis, D. C. Strider and D. M. Knight.
