

About The Genealogy

The primary purpose of a genealogy is to record a family's vital statistics, tracking through the generations parents (natural or adoptive), children and grandparents, so that **(a)** one sees at a given point in time a snapshot of what the family looked like; and **(b)** one has a record of her/his ancestors and descendants.

I've produced this document by entering data into a genealogy program called *Roots Magic*. As you look it over and make notes for me about needed corrections and/or additions, please keep in mind the following:

There are pre-set formats which take the data I enter and produce a sentence; however the number of spaces available for use within a sentence is limited. Creative writing wasn't the strong suit of the guys who designed this program. I've manipulated as best I can data entry within the program's limitations to produce what you see. Sometimes it sounds clumsy.

I've used photos which I've assembled from various sources over the years. *Please send me a better or a more up-to-date picture for yourself or your family members if you like!* Thanks to many of you, I'm amassing quite a Marshall and Robinson Family Photo Archive.

I don't know always what to do with adopted children, blended families, and/or individuals who are divorced (as I am) or remarried. I will print exactly what you ask me to print—but I need your help knowing what that is. *At the moment*, I can't make the program show the children of a second spouse, who now are part of a new, blended family. I need your help with some blended families, if you want me to indicate natural parents. And I need you to tell me if you want the document to say that a child is adopted, along with any details about the adoption.

We are who we are. As I wrote in one of our ***Family!*** newsletter articles: "Whether by birth, marriage or adoption, whether in a traditional or a blended arrangement—*the sense of family* has to do with a strange love and a deep attachment geography can't break and time will not erase. Something to do with the abiding conviction that kinfolk should know each other and know their roots. Something to do with parents and grandparents, sisters and brothers, uncles, aunts, and cousins—close or distant. ***Family! No matter what.***"

NOTE: FNU = First Name Unknown (to me)
LNU = Last Name Unknown (to me)