



## CONROE COMMUNITY CEMETERY RESTORATION PROJECT

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### Simon Roberson

There are two possible life sketches for Simon Roberson. One of them tells the story of him in Montgomery County only, while the other may not be entirely correct, but is very plausible.

1884--Simon Roberson was born in Louisiana about 1884. Records can be found that give 7 or 17 October with the year being 1884, 1888, and 1890. The Death Certificate say 7 Oct 1890 but the tombstone says 17 Oct 1884. The place is either Lake End, Red River Parish according to his Death Certificate or Grand Cane, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana according to his WWII Draft Registration.

1900—In a 1900 Census taken in Ward 5 of Natchitoches, Louisiana, there is a Simon Roberson (16) living with his siblings Martha (12), Mary (8) and John (1) in the household of their Uncle and Aunt Sandy and Lucy Pratt. Simon and his younger sister are employed as farm laborers. This may not be the correct Simon Roberson, but this is the only one living in the same area where Simon reported that he was born.

1905-1910--Sometime around 1905, Simon marries a woman named Purl/Pearl and they are living together in the 1910 census in the same area of Louisiana, Ward 5. Simon is 25 and Purl is 22. Simon is still doing general farm labor and reports that he has been married for 5 years. It is the couples' first marriage.

1918—According to his WW 1 Draft Registration, Simon's nearest living relative is Pearl Roberson and she lives in Grand Cane, Louisiana. He registered in Desoto Parish, Mansfield, LA.. According to a "Clarence E. Ricks," Simon had told him he had been separated from his wife and had not lived with her for 8 or 10 years.

1920—In a 1920 Census taken in January, Simon Roberson and Pearl Roberson are living south of Desoto in Sabine Parish, LA. This may be the correct Simon as Sabine Parish is not very far from Desoto Parish; however, if he had been separated from Pearl, this may not be the same couple. What links this Simon with the one who ultimately ends up in Montgomery County is his job. Simon is doing "secton work" for the railroad.

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1930—In the 1930 Census, Simon has migrated west into Texas and is listed as age 44. He is working as a brakeman for the log train in San Jacinto County, Texas. He is listed as married, but no wife is living with him in the census. He indicates his first marriage was at age 34 which would have been in 1920 and well after the 1905 marriage indicated in the 1910 census in Louisiana, Ward 5. His birth place is Louisiana and birth year is 1886.

1938—On July 6, 1938, Simon marries Stella Flint in Montgomery County, Texas.

1942—On April 27, 1942, on a WW II Draft Registration, Simon is living in Conroe, Texas. No wife is listed, but a person who would always know his address is R.C. Bishop. It is not known if this is a relative, friend or employer. No records of this person have yet been identified.

On September 12, 1942, Simon died while working on the railroad. His death certificate says the cause was “probably Apoplexy” in Conroe, Montgomery County, Texas. He was found on the Missouri Pacific Railway tracks. His last name is spelled Robinson on his Death Certificate. Stella F. Roberson was also named on the certificate. Simon was buried in Conroe Community Cemetery 18 September 1942.

#### Montgomery County Only Biography:

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Burial was in Conroe Community Cemetery 18 September 1942.

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