

ROBERT BAILIFF DOCUMENTATION

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1. **1-Nov-1798** **Robert Bailiff** was born in Orange County, NC, the son of **Thomas Bailiff** and **Elizabeth Baker**. **SOURCE:** Bailiff Cemetery Headstone, Clark County, IL.
2. **31-May-1817** **Robert Bailiff** purchased items at the estate sale of **John Baker** in Chatham County, NC.
SOURCE: Estate Records of Chatham County, NC.
3. **23-Jan-1819** **Edwin P. Bailiff**, the first child of **Robert and Anna Bailiff**, was born in Chatham County, NC. **SOURCE:** Headstone, Lindley Cemetery, Crawford County, IL.
4. **27-Jun-1820** **Thomas Bailiff**, the second child of **Robert and Anna Bailiff**, was born in Christian County, Ky. **SOURCE:** Obituary of **Thomas Bailiff**, March 1891, Robinson Newspaper.
5. **1821** **William Bailiff**, the third child of **Robert and Anna Bailiff**, was born in Christian County, Ky. **SOURCE:** Death Certificate, Osage, Iowa.
6. **9-Oct-1823** **Susan Jane Bailiff**, fourth child of **Robert and Anna Bailiff**, was born in Christian County, Ky. **SOURCE:**
7. **1825** **Andrew Bailiff**, fifth child of **Robert and Anna Bailiff**, was born in Smith County, Tn. **SOURCE:** Smith County, Tn, Land Records, place Andrews Parents in Smith County, Tn, by 1825.
8. **2-Jan-1826** **Robert Bailiff** paid one cent per acre at the office of the entry taker in Smith County, Tn, applying for a grant of 100 acres of land on the head waters of Bowling's Branch in Smith County, Tn. **SOURCE:** Bk 7, Page 405, Tn Land Grants, Tn State Library, Nashville, Tn.
9. **1-Jun-1827** **Robert Bailiff** received possession of land in Smith County, Tn, in grant 5934. This was the grant applied for in 1826. **SOURCE:** Bk 7, Page 405, Tn Land Grants.
10. **6-Nov-1829** **Sarah Ann Bailiff**, sixth child of **Robert and Anna Bailiff**, was born in Smith County, Tn. **SOURCE:** 1860 Crawford County, IL, Census.
11. **1828-1830** **Robert Bailiff**, **Thomas Bailiff**, **Jesse Smith**, **John Bransford** and **David Davis** are appointed to lay out the river road in Smith County. **SOURCE:** County Court Minutes 1828-1830, Page 277, Smith County, Tn.

12. **1830** **Robert Bailiff** was an early minister who came from Caney Creek, Smith County, Tn, to Crawford County, IL, in 1830 in an ox cart and \$10 in his pocket. In 1831, he moved to Melrose Twp, Clark County, IL. **SOURCE:** 1883 History of Clark County, IL, Page 446.
13. **1830** **Robert Bailiff** transfers 50 acres of land to **John B. Cate** in Smith County. **SOURCE:** County Court Minutes, Smith County, Tn, Page 37.
14. **1831** **Nancy Caroline Bailiff**, seventh child of **Robert and Anna Bailiff**, was born in Clark County, IL. **SOURCE:** 1883 History of Clark County, IL.
15. **6-21-1832** **Robert Bailiff** was the original purchaser of 40 acres of land in Clark County, Illinois, located in SW ¼ of SW ¼ of section 36. He paid \$1.25 per acre. **SOURCE:** Public Domain Land Sales Records For Illinois, Vol 291, Page 65, located in Illinois State Archives, Springfield, IL.
16. **7-16-1832** **Robert Bailiff** was the original purchaser of 40 acres of land in Clark County, Illinois, located in SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 35. He paid \$1.25 per acres. **SOURCE:** Public Domain Land Sales Records For Illinois, Vol 291, Page 65, Located In Illinois State Archives, Springfield, IL.
17. **1833** The first services of the Bailiff Church were held at the cabin of **Robert Bailiff** by **Rev Silas Osborne**. **SOURCE:** 1883 History of Clark County, IL, Page 446.
18. **1834** **Bailiff Church** was officially organized by **Rev Henry Groves** at **Robert Bailiff's** residence. The first members were **Robert Bailiff** and wife, **Joseph Green** and wife, **Sarah Buckner** and **Thomas Handy**. **SOURCE:** 1883 History of Clark County, IL, Page 446.
19. **28-Jan-1836** **Robert B. Bailiff**, eighth child of Robert and Anna Bailiff, was born in Melrose Twp, Clark County, IL. **SOURCE:** 1860 and 1870 Clark County, IL, Census.
20. **28-Jan-1836** **Anna D. Bailiff**, twin of **Robert B. Bailiff** and daughter of **Robert** and **Anna Bailiff**, was born in Melrose Twp, Clark County, IL. **SOURCE:** 1909 Crawford County, IL, History.
21. **8-Dec-1836** **Robert Bailiff** buys 10 acres in NW corner of E 1/2 of NE ¼ of Section 2, Twp-8N. Range 12W, in Crawford County, IL, from William and Zelpha Hurst. **SOURCE:** Land Deeds, Crawford County, IL, Bk C, Page 358.
22. **1838** **Robert Bailiff** was called as minister of Bailiff Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Melrose Twp, Clark County, IL, and served as minister until he died in 1877. This was a total of 39 years of ministry. The combined ministry of **Robert Bailiff**, his son **Thomas Bailiff** and his grandson **Thomas Chalkley Bailiff**, was

98 years with no pay. **SOURCE:** 19-Apr-1941 Newspaper Article in Robinson Daily News.

23. **1840** **Clark County, IL, Census**

Robert Bailiff	MALES	FEMALES
	1 40- 50 yr	1 30-40 yr
	2 20-30	2 10-20
	2 10-20	1 0-10
	1 0-10	

24. **1840** **Robert and Thomas Bailiff**, father and son, both Cumberland Presbyterians, were among the first and best known preachers in Orange Twp, Clark County, IL. **SOURCE:** 1883 History of Clark County, IL, Pages 654 and 655.

25. **1842** A 20 by 26 foot log house was erected as **Bailiff Church** on land donated by Robert Bailiff. **SOURCE:**

26. **1850** **Clark County, IL, Census---York Pct**

Robert Bailiff	52	NC
Anna	50	NC
Anna	15	IL
Robert	15	IL
David Stanliff	15	Ohio

27. **1850** **Clark County, IL, Agriculture Census**

Robert Bailiff listed with following possessions.

- 60 acres improved land
- 55 acres unimproved land
- 6 horses
- 4 milk cows
- 5 other cattle
- 18 sheep
- 100 swine
- 33 bu wheat
- 300 bu Indian corn
- 150 bu oats
- 30 bu irish potatoes
- 8 bu sweet potatoes
- \$10 value orchard products
- 120 lbs butter
- 75 lbs cheese
- 10 ton hay
- 4 bu clover seed

---1 bu other grass seed
---50 lbs flax

28. **4-24-1851 Robert Bailiff** was the original purchaser of 40 acres of land in Clark County, Illinois, located in SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 36. He paid \$1.25 per acre. **SOURCE:** Public Domain Land Sales Records for Illinois, Vol 291, Page 148, located in Illinois State Archives, Springfield, IL.

29. **15-Jun-1854 Robert Bailiff** is named in the Will of his father **Thomas Bailiff [JR]** filed in Smith County, Tn. **Robert** received a sum of \$5.00. **SOURCE:** Smith County, TN, Will Bk C, Page 189.

30. **22-Dec-1855 Robert** and **Anna Bailiff** sell 40 acres in SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 36, T-9N, R-12W to **Robert Bailiff Jr.** **SOURCE:** Clark County, Illinois, Land Deeds, Vol O, Page 44.

31. **25-Dec-1855 Robert** and **Anna Bailiff** sell 2 lots in first part of NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 36, Twp-9N, R-12W (begins on SW corner) to **Thomas Bailiff.** **SOURCE:** Clark County, Illinois, Land Deeds, Vol O, Pages 211 and 212.

32. **1860 Clark County, IL, Census---Melrose Twp**

Robert Bailiff	61	NC	Farmer
Anna	59	NC	
Robert	8	IL	

33. **1865 Illinois State Census**

Robert Bailiff	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
	1 60-70 YR	1 60-70 YR
	1 10-20	1 10-20

34. **1867** A frame structure was erected in the place of the log house as **Bailiff Church.** **SOURCE:**

35. **4-Nov-1868 Robert Bailiff** was indicted in Crawford County, IL, Court for rescuing a prisoner (his son-in-law **James Bennett**). He was required to post \$400 bail. **SOURCE:** Crawford County, IL, Court Records.

36. **12-Apr-1869 Robert Bailiff** and **James Bennett** Vs The People (a court appearance). **SOURCE:** Crawford County, IL, Court Records.

37. **Apr-1869 Robert Bailiff** is charged in Crawford County, IL, court with rescuing a prisoner. (**James Bennett**). He was fined \$20 plus court cost. **James Bennett** was fined \$50. **SOURCE:** Crawford County, IL, Court records, April Term, 1869.

38. **1870** The young men of the Bailiff congregation took **Robert Bailiff** to Terre Haute and had a large picture made of him. This picture hung in the **Bailiff Church** for many years.

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39. **1870** **Clark County, IL, Census---Melrose Twp**

Robert Bailiff	72	SC	Farmer
Ann	70	NC	
Robert J.	20	IL	

40. **12-Jan-1877** **Robert Bailiff** died in Melrose Twp, Clark County, IL.
SOURCE: 1883 History of Clark County, IL.

41. **17-Feb-1879** The estate of **Robert Bailiff** was filed in Clark County, IL, and **James Bennett**, son-in-law was named administrator. The following children were mentioned in the estate: **Ann D. McConn, R.B. Bailiff, Thomas Bailiff, Nancy Caroline Mason, William Bailiff Jane Stuck, Sarah Ann Bennett, Robert Bailiff Jr and Andrew Bailiff** (deceased). Two grandchildren, Children of **Andrew Bailiff**, were also named in the estate record: **Robert J. Bailiff** and **Malisa Bailiff**. **SOURCE:** Clark County, IL, Estate Records.