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Married: December 27, 1756	in: Stafford County, Virginia
Died: July 18, 1808	in: Amherst County, Virginia
Other Spouses: Susannah Wade	

Wife: Elizabeth Bolling

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Father: Benjamin Bolling	
Mother: Mary Latham	

CHILDREN

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From: Mike Laughman <smiling7ranch@charter.net>

Roberts ancestors are as follows if correct:

John Mays 1690 Virginia

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William Mease (British spelling) 1574 London was the immigrant.

His father was William Mease 1548 London, England.

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