

Robert and Harriet Williams, the first Tennesseans of the Cole Surname Group

Robert and Harriet Williams my great-great grandparents, were born in enslaved Culpeper Virginia. They were sold to a family near Kenton TN (Rehoboth Community). Robert was what is now known as a veterinarian, he cared for animals and often slept in the barn when a new baby was expected. Harriet Williams his wife was small in stature but was an excellent cook and housekeeper she was sold along with her husband and carried to Kenton Tennessee they were the parents of Laura, Alex and Robert junior they lived and worked on a farm North of Kenton and both lived to be in their 80s both are buried in the community where they lived

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My maternal great grand mother [Laura Williams was born in Rehoboth, Tennessee](#) in 1860, which seems to place the family's move to Tennessee from 1845 to 1860.

My Grandfather [William Carter Cole](#), I recall that the name Carter was of some significance, but I don't recall why, I also know that I have a first cousin whose middle name is Carter. Is Carter a hint to the last enslaver?