

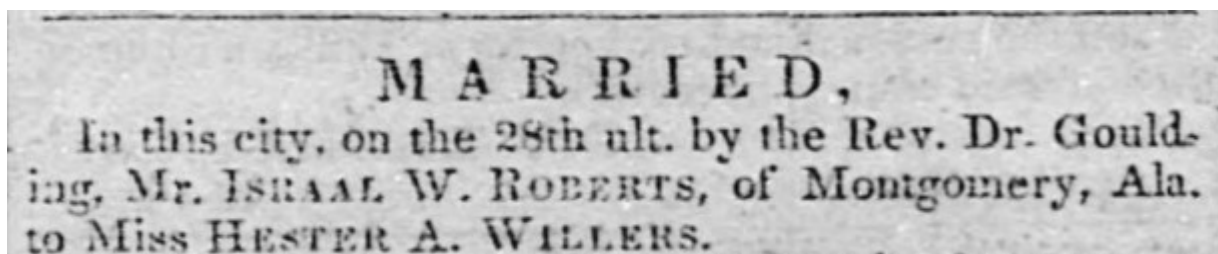
Today in Columbus History: On August 4, 1841, a marriage announcement appeared in the *Columbus Enquirer* for Hester Willers and Israel W. Roberts. They were married by Dr. Thomas Goulding, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. The bride's father was local cabinet maker Henry Willers, from New York and of German descent. Hester had been born in New York in 1811, coming with her family to Columbus around 1830. Her groom, Israel W. Roberts, who had been born in Maine, but came to Columbus in 1832. He moved to Montgomery in 1839 where, with Columbus partners Hervey Hall and Jacob Moses, he opened a hardware store. Hall & Moses maintained their Columbus hardware business, Hall & Moses, for many years. Jacob Moses died in 1854. Hervey Hall, unhappy with the outcome of the Civil War, moved his family to Brazil, where he died in 1877. Hester and Israel named one of their sons Hervey Hall Roberts. Hester died in 1852 and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Montgomery. In 1856 Israel married her older sister Wilhemina, who died in 1892 (also buried in Oakwood). Roberts died in 1901 at the age of 90 (buried in Oakwood).

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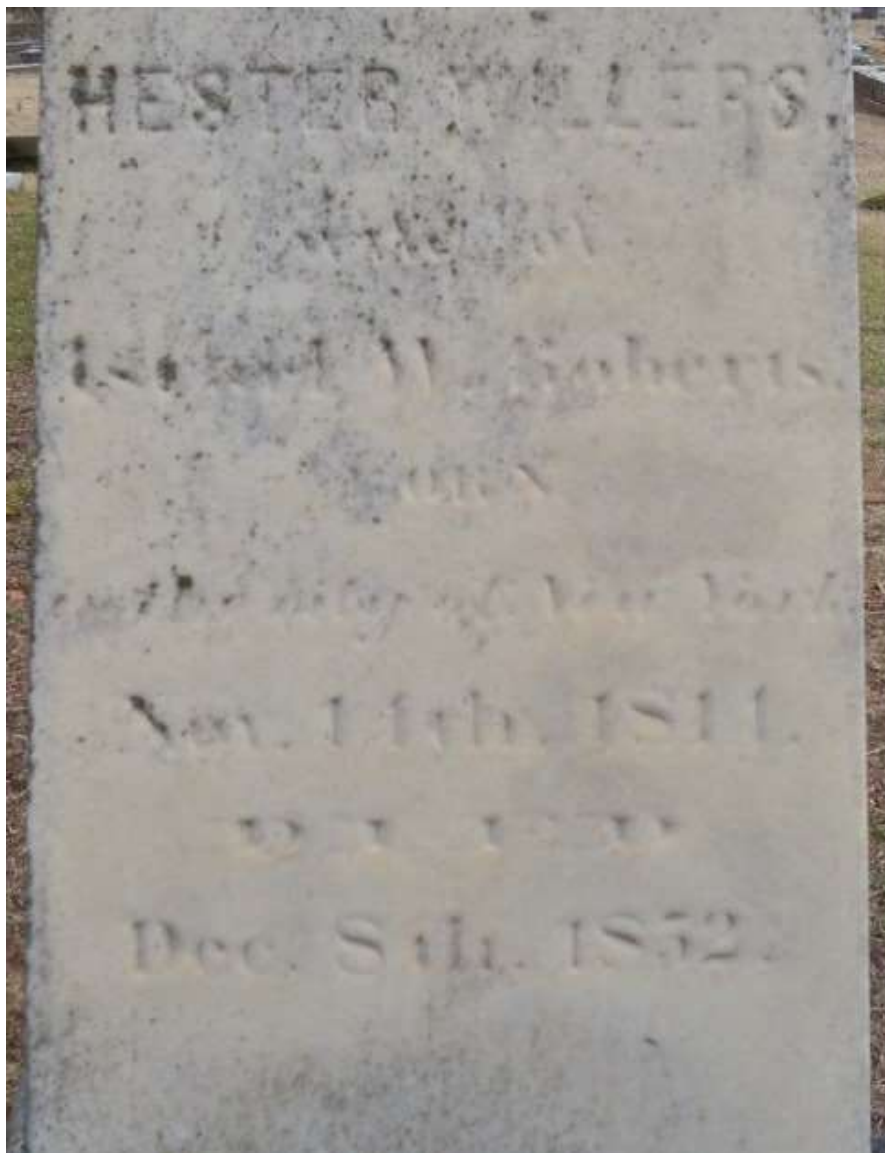


MARRIED,
In this city, on the 28th ult. by the Rev. Dr. Goulding, Mr. ISRAEL W. ROBERTS, of Montgomery, Ala.
to Miss HESTER A. WILLERS.

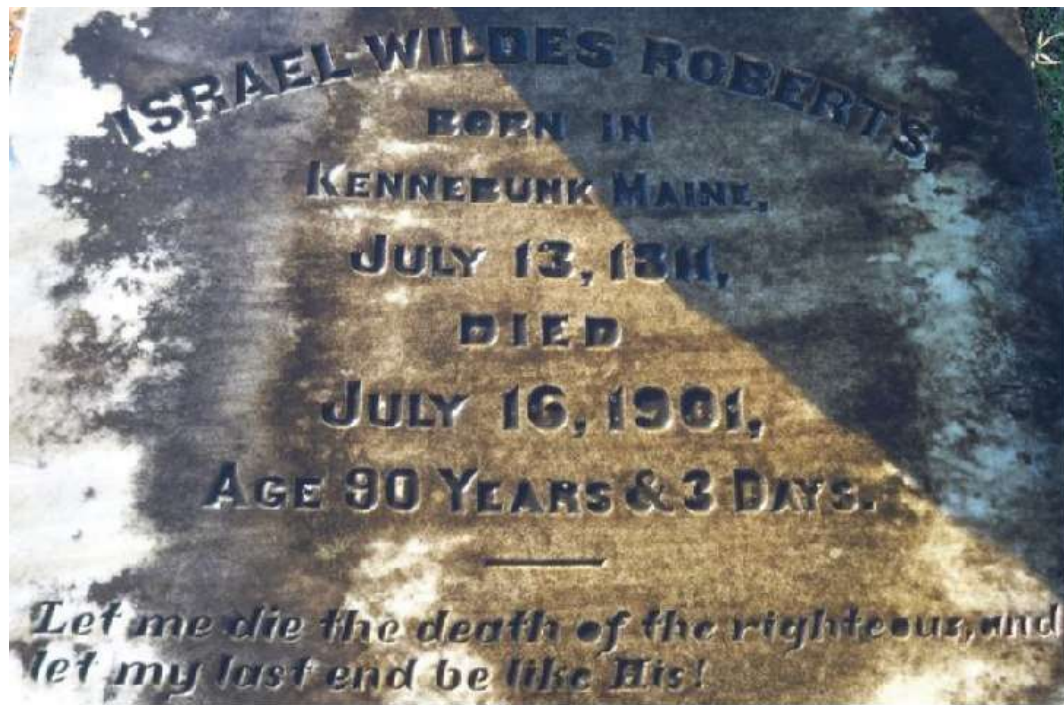
918	941	I W Roberts	37 m	Montgomery	600	Montgomery
		H W Jr	36 f			Montgomery
		I W Jr	3 m			Montgomery
		W J Willus	40 f			Montgomery
		H Jr	13 m			Montgomery

1850 Census record for I. W Roberts in Montgomery. Wife: H.W.= Hester Wilhelmina. With son Israel Jr., age 3 and Hester's brother William and his young son Jacob.

From [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)



Hester's tombstone in Oakwood Cemetery. From Findagrave.



Israel's tombstone in Oakwood. From Findagrave.