



# ROBERT H. TOMLINSON

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SHERIFF



Robert Humphrey Tomlinson was sworn in as Sheriff in 1873 for a term of two years.

Robert H. Tomlinson was born October 27, 1846 and died August 12, 1887. He was married to Jessie Brown Tomlinson. Jessie was born January 12, 1853 and lived a long life dying June 9, 1938.

Robert was the son of Humphrey Tomlinson and Lucy Callaway Tomlinson. Humphrey, born in 1795 was very active in the community. As a result, there is often confusion as to what was accomplished by Sheriff Tomlinson or his Father Judge Tomlinson, who served as a Justice of the Inferior Court in Henry County along with Henley Varner, Gary Grice, Bushrod Petti and John Langford. Humphrey Tomlinson was a tanner by trade and operated a tannery across from his home and a shoe shop. He also operated a shoe shop and livery stable on the square in McDonough, Square D, north side. Bricks made for the new courthouse were said to have been made by Humphrey Tomlinson.

In 1882 it is believed that former Sheriff Robert Tomlinson operated a Hack Line between the city of McDonough and Shingleroo Campground during camp meeting. The horses were a common site and the braying was also very common and did not interfere with the services.

Robert was buried in grid 13 at McDonough Memorial Cemetery on Macon Street in McDonough.

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