

Robert Young, Sr.

The location of Robert Young Senior's property is, by no means secret. Many researchers throughout the years have documented the family, and the cemetery where Young is buried is well-known within the Washington County community.

Young and his family lived in present-day Johnson City, on property near the Veteran's Administration, East Tennessee State University, and the intersection of Franklin Road and Greenwood Drive.



Robert Young made entry on a piece of property on September 25, 1778, and a land warrant was issued for 640 acres of property on Brush Creek in Washington County. The property was described as where he "is now living." This was North Carolina Land Grant #502, dated 10 November 1784.

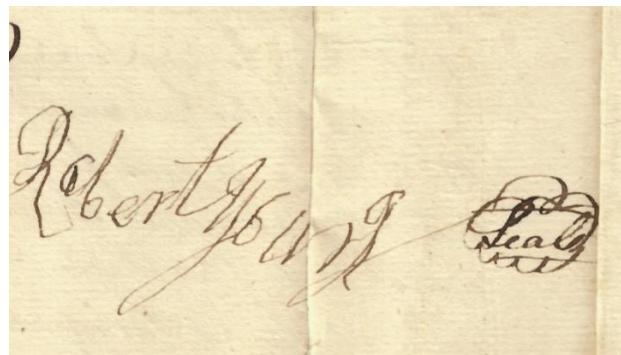


Robert Young's Cabin, Winged Deer Park

A marker at the cabin reads,

“Robert E. Young Cabin. The oldest standing dwelling in Johnson City. Built in 1776 on property near Brush Creek, later held by the U. S. Government. Restored in 1938 by the Veterans Administration and John Sevier Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Relocated to Optimist Park in 1978. Relocated to Winged Deer Park in 1996. Dedicated June 5, 1999 to honor those who preceded us and to protect this legacy for future generations. The city gratefully acknowledges the many citizens who have worked to protect and restore this historical treasure.”

Robert Young wrote his will on the 8th day of February, 1792, and the original is in the Washington County Archives.



Robert Young's signature on his will

A small cemetery remains on the original property, an can be reached from McKinley Road in Johnson City. Young has two markers, a hand-hewn marker, and a marker placed by the Daughters of the American Revolution. There are six marked graves, and several unmarked graves.



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