

Andrew Jackson Wilson (c1822-after 1890)

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Dear Mrs. Gates:

I checked for obituaries of Henry Thomas & Martha Frances (Martin) Wilson in the Owensboro newspapers and found none listed for them. The Index of Kentucky Deaths does indicate that their deaths did occur in Daviess County. A copy of their death certificates can be obtained from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Frankfort, KY (\$6.00 per copy). Henry T. & Frances Wilson are listed in the censuses of McLean County, KY in 1880 and Daviess County in 1900. The latter records that 6 children had been born to Frances but two were then deceased. One of the two / that had died was named Matilda. She was born about 1876 and was still living at the time of the 1880 census.

Enclosed are records from McLean County, KY that prove that Henry Thomas Wilson was the son of Andrew Jackson Wilson & Sarah Ann Spry. I found no record of a Thomas Lee Wilson in McLean County - possibly this name was confused with the Ralph side of the family. Henry T. is listed in the home of Andrew J. & Sarah A. Wilson in the 1860 & 1870 McLean County, KY censuses. In McLean County deed book G (p563) it is recorded that A. J. & Sarah Ann Wilson deeded to "their son", H. T. Wilson, a tract of 51 acres on 7 November 1873. A family group sheet for the family of Andrew Jackson Wilson & Sarah Ann Spry, showing what data I found is enclosed. A. J. & Sally are listed in the 1880 McLean County census. At least 11 children were born to them. Sallie A., wife of A. J. Wilson, has a monument in the Wilson Cemetery in McLean County, Ky. - she died at the age of 65 on 2 July 1890. Andrew J. Wilson after the death of his wife in 1890 may have remarried - in the Wilson Cemetery in McLean County is a monument for an infant son of "A. J. & E. Wilson born 2 September 1899 & died 9 September 1899. In Spencer County, Indiana a marriage of A. J. Wilson to Ella Hulsey on 27 August 1898 is recorded.

If you require any additional research on the Wilson, Martin, Spry or other lines I do research in the local area at the rate of \$5.50/hr., plus any copying or traveling expenses. [Note: Above I forgot to mention that the 2 children of Henry & Martha Frances Wilson, who died young are buried at the Wilson Cemetery in McLean County - Mittie (26 January 1875 - 12 February 1882) & Elmer (27 June 1887 - 20 November 1893)].

Thank you for the picture of the Ralph monument and for the data on Thomas Lee Ralph's family. If you learn anymore on his children please keep me in mind. The sisters, Matilda & Aria Midkiff, who married John L. Ralph, were daughters of James G. Midkiff & Elizabeth D. Taylor, who were married in Ohio County, KY on 17 March 1825. Their father, James Midkiff (died 7 February 1872, aged 69), has a monument in the Midkiff (Cap) Cemetery, in Ohio County, between Adaburg & Beech Valley.

Bye for now and good luck in your research.

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Dear Mrs. Gates:

Sorry it has taken so long to answer your letter.

I believe on the death certificate of Henry T. Wilson (1851-1923) his mothers name is written as Sally Wilson. They recorded her married name and not her maiden name (Spry). I have frequently seen this done before. Andrew Jackson Wilson (born ca1822 KY) is the son of James A. & Rebecca (Prather) Wilson, who are listed immediately after Andrew J.'s family in the 1860 McLean County, KY census. James A. was reported to have been born in Virginia while his wife was born in KY. They are buried at the Antioch Presbyterian Church Cemetery, about 5 miles west of Calhoun (see enclosed listing). James A. Wilson died in 1879 a copy of an inventory of his estate from McLean County Inventory Book 2, page 544 is enclosed.

I have had good luck in finding the parents of your great-grandmother, Martha (Martin) Wilson. Her death certificate that you sent really helped to identify the right family. Her father, W. Calvin Martin, was born about 1829. In the 1850 Daviess County, KY census he was listed as living at Calhoun, which 4 years later became the county seat of the new county of McLean. In this record he was reported as being 21 and born in Tennessee, he was living with a John W. Martin, who was born about 1795 in North Carolina.

In McLean County, KY W. C. (Calvin) Martin married Cordelia Harris on 15 December 1854 (McLean County Marriage Register A, p.2, copy enclosed). I could not find his family in the 1860 McLean or Daviess County censuses, and he was not listed in the 1860 KY census index. Calvin Martin died in February 1870. A record of his death was recorded in the 1870 McLean

County Census Mortality Schedule (copy enclosed). It reported that he was age 40, died of consumption, married, farmer, and born North Carolina. His widow, Cordelia, and 5 children were listed in the 1870 McLean County, KY census (see enclosed copy). The oldest child listed was Fannie (age 12). This is your great-grandmother, Martha Frances, she was also listed as "Fannie" in the 1880 McLean Census. She apparently was born in 1857 and not in 1854 as her gravestone has. The 1900 Daviess County census records that she was born in June 1857, which corresponds to the age given in 1870. Apparently her children later became confused about her correct age, which frequently did happen.

Mrs. Cordilia (Harris) Martin, widow of Calvin, remarried in McLean County, KY on 5 January 1878 to W. J. Johnson (McLean County Marriage Register A, p.90, copy enclosed). This explains why her name appears as Cordelia Johnson on the death certificate of her daughter, Martha F. Wilson. When H. T. Wilson & Martha F. Martin were married in McLean County on 22 April 1874 they were married at the residence of William Johnson (McLean County Marriage Register A, p.103, copy enclosed).

In the 1880 McLean County, KY census I checked for Martin and Johnson. I did not find William & Cordelia Johnson; there were parts of this census that are illegible. I also checked for Martin & Johnson in two published volumes of McLean County, KY cemeteries and could not find Calvin Martin or Mrs. Cordelia Johnson. Mrs. Cordelia Johnson died in McLean County, KY, at the age of 89, on 13 August 1920, according to the index of Kentucky Death Certificates. A copy of her death record may provide more information about her. If you do get a copy I would be curious about what it reports.

I will not be able to undertake any more research I am now finishing up several other requests and after I get those caught up I will not be accepting any more research requests. In the coming year I have several other projects that will keep me tied up. Good luck in your research! Bye for now.

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