

# Family of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee

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Samuel Wilson was born in 1772 in Virginia and died in Ohio County, Kentucky in 1835. These facts are recorded in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section, p1019). Samuel Wilson applied for a marriage license in Woodford County, KY on 16 October 1792. Two days later he and Winnie Lee were married in that county by Rev. James Dupuy, a noted Baptist minister. A consent slip signed by her father, William Lee, was recorded with their marriage record. A listing of the marriage appeared in the book, History of Woodford County, Kentucky, by William E. Railey (1938, p327). The following marriage documents were located at the Woodford County Courthouse in Versailles, KY:

Know all men by these presents that we  
Samuel Wilson and William Lee as  
held and firmly bound unto his Excellency  
the Governour in the penal sum of £50 to  
which payment well and truly to be  
made we bind our selves each and every of  
our heirs execs & adm<sup>rs</sup> jointly and severally  
firmly by the presents sealed & dated this  
16<sup>th</sup> day of October 1792

The condition of the above obligation is such  
that whereas a license is given for a marriage  
intended between the above borne Samuel Wilson  
and ~~Winnie Lee~~ Winnie Lee none of  
it should always hereafter appear that  
there is no lawful cause to obstruct the  
said marriage then the above obligation  
to be void also to remain in full force  
and virtue  
that given by  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Wilson  
William Lee

An account of marriages  
 26 July 1792 James Smith and Rebekah Roy of Fayette  
 21 September Priestly Bayant and Nancy Miffel. —  
 9 October Michael Odam and Polly Gudshall. —  
 13 Oct<sup>r</sup> Samuel Wilson and Winney Lee.  
 23 Oct<sup>r</sup> Thomas Bighthorow and Pogy Stecker were  
 all joined together by me  
 James Busey  
 To Col<sup>t</sup> Cave Johnson C. W.

Woodford County Oct 16<sup>th</sup>  
 This is to certify that my consent is  
 had for a license to issue for marriage  
 intended between Samuel Wilson and  
 my Daughter Winney Lee as Witness  
 my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1792.  
 Test  
 Samuel Lee  
 William Lee

Three references to Samuel Wilson appeared in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section, pages 929, 992, 1019). He is named in the biographies of his son-in-law, James Raley (1818-1896), and grandsons, William McKendree Awtry (1842-1906) and Samuel Martin Wilson (1836-1905). In the biography of Samuel Martin Wilson it is stated that – “Samuel Wilson, a native of Virginia, born in 1772 and died at this place in 1835.” And in the biography of Samuel & Winnie’s son-in-law, James Raley, Samuel’s wife is identified as “Winnie Lee”. In the biography of Samuel Martin Wilson it is also stated that James Wilson, son of Samuel, was born in 1804 in Shelby County, KY, removed with his parents in childhood to Jefferson County, KY; then in 1816, to Bullitt County, KY and in 1822, to Ohio County, KY.

In the annual tax lists of Woodford County, KY during 1790-1799 there are several Wilsons listed but Samuel was not found. In the adjoining, Mercer County, Samuel Wilson appears in the 1794-1800 tax lists. On Samuel’s marriage his father-in-law, William Lee, was the

bondsman and signed consent for his daughter to marry. During the 1790's five siblings of Winnie Lee were married in Mercer County.

Winnie Lee's name is also found spelled as Winney and Winny. Her name is probably a derivative of Winifred. She was born about 1780 in Virginia. She was the daughter of William & Catherine Lee. Kenneth C. Schulte of Barstow, CA, a thorough researcher, has done extensive research on the family of William Lee. In the "Roster of First Kentucky Ancestors" published in the Kentucky Ancestors (Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, KY Vol. 27, no. 2, 1991, p108) Kenneth wrote:

William Lee, born ca. 1740, in Va.?. William Lee's parents are unknown. A resident of Henrico, Hampshire, and Hardy cos., Va., William, who was in the wool business was indebted to his son, Samuel, for taking his place in the Revolutionary War. William came to Mercer Co., Ky., ca. 1790, and moved to Woodford Co., ca. 1792, and back to Mercer after 1793. In 1804 or 1805, the family moved to Shelby Co., Ky., where William died in 1808. He married ca. 1762 to: Catherine.

William Lee was a resident of Mercer County, KY, where he appears in the 1789 tax list and served on a jury. He is shown in the 1791-1792 Woodford County tax lists and in the 1794-1800 Mercer County tax lists. He owned land on Chaplins Fork in Mercer County. He appears in the 1804-1808 tax lists of Shelby County, KY. The appraisal of the estate of William Lee, deceased, was recorded in Shelby County, KY on 22 October 1808 and a sale bill was recorded on 12 November 1808 (Shelby County Will Book 2, pp270-273). One of the purchasers from the estate was Samuel Wilson. William Lee had children – Samuel, Caty, Winnie, William, John, Nancy & Richard.

Samuel Wilson is listed in the Shelby County, KY tax books in the years of 1804-1811. In the 1810 Shelby County federal census two Samuel Wilsons are enumerated. The family of Samuel on page 198 of the census matches the composition of the family of Samuel & Winnie (Lee) Wilson. In addition two adults (aged 26-45) there are seven minor males – these would be William, John, Thomas, James, Samuel Jr., Robert & David; and there are two female minors – who would be – Elizabeth and Nancy. Two sons of Samuel & Winnie were married in Shelby County in 1815 (William) and 1816 (Thomas).

Samuel Wilson is found in the Bullitt County, KY tax lists in 1818-1823. Samuel is recorded in the 1820 census of Bullitt County. In his household were 9 males and 4 females; four in his home were engaged in agriculture. Samuel's son, Thomas, also appeared in the 1820 census of Bullitt County. Samuel Wilson, Abraham Jobe & Augustine Weble, of Bullitt County, on 4 November 1818 sold to Arthur Quinn a tract of 899 ½ acres, located on the road leading from Shepherdsville to Shelbyville (Bullitt County Deed Book, 1818-1825, p138). Witnesses on the deed were Willis Lee, John Wilson & William Wilson. On 7 January 1817 Samuel Wilson, Abraham Jobe & Samuel Lee had purchased the land from Daniel Thornsberry. Samuel Lee had sold his interest to Augustine Weble. The name of Daniel Thornsberry is significant since one of Samuel & Winnie's grandsons was named Daniel Thornsberry Wilson (1841-1924). I believe Samuel & Winnie's son Daniel T. Wilson's (1821-1874) middle name was also probably "Thornsberry" but have found no proof. Daniel Thornsberry, aged 26-45 appears in the 1810

census of Bullitt County. I could not learn of any relationship he may have had to Samuel or Winnie Wilson.

Samuel Wilson is first listed in the tax lists of Ohio County, KY in 1822. He was then assessed taxes on 288 acres on Halls Creek. Halls Creek is about six miles north of Hartford and extends from near Sunnydale to near Highway 1544 about two miles north of Rosine. On 13 January 1823 James Johnston, attorney in fact for Jabesh Bell, and his wife Martha, sold to Samuel Wilson 288 ½ acres on Halls Creek for \$600 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E., p359). Samuel Wilson's farm was originally part of a Virginia Land Grant of 8680 acres issued to May, Bannister & Company (surveyed on 27 February 1784). The property successively descended to – George May – Richard Bibb Sr. of Logan County, KY – Lucy Booker Slaughter (part of 4340-acre gift to her by her father Richard Bibb in 1807 (Ohio County, KY deed book D, p351). Jabesh Bell had purchased the 288 ½ acres on 2 September 1822 from Thomas & Lucy Booker Bibb Slaughter, of Logan County, KY (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E, p317). Jabesh Bell was the father-in-law of Samuel Wilson, Jr.

Samuel Wilson was listed in the 1830 census of Ohio County, KY; in his household were 7 males and 4 females. In the 1834 Ohio County tax list Samuel is listed with 287 acres on Halls Creek. In the 1837 tax list James Wilson is listed as administrator of the estate of S. Wilson, dec'd (187 acres). James had been appointed his father's administrator on 4 May 1835 (Ohio County, KY Order Book 5, p190). An inventory and appraisal of the estate of Samuel Wilson, deceased made on 5 December 1835 and a sale bill of the estate sold on 6 August 1836 was produced in court and recorded in June 1837 (Ohio County, KY Will Book B, p314). In the same will book the immediately preceding documents were an inventory, sale bill and settlement for the estate of William Wilson, deceased, recorded from 1826 thru 1832; William was Samuel's son and Samuel had served as his administrator (Ohio County, KY Will Book B, p312).

Ohio County, KY Will Book B, p314, Inventory and appraisal of the estate of SAMUEL WILSON dec'd, total \$274.18 3/4, by W. D. Christian, Jacob Iler and M. B. Leach, December 5, 1835. Recorded August Court 1835. List of the sale of the said estate, sold June 6, 1835, showing Volentine W. Peyton as Administrator, recorded August court 1835.

In the 1838 Ohio County tax list Winney Wilson was assessed on 190 acres on Halls Creek. Winney Wilson, is listed in the 1840 census of Ohio County; she was reported to be between 60 & 70 years old. She does not appear in the 1850 Ohio County, KY census and probably had died previously.

Samuel & Winnie (Lee) Wilson were buried at the Old Salem Church Cemetery in Ohio County. About 2 ½ miles east of Rosine turn north off of Highway 62 onto the Old Salem Church Road. The church and cemetery is down lane about a half mile. The cemetery is on the west side of the lane and the current church building is on the east side. The church was originally established as a Methodist Church and in recent years has been used by other denominations. In the book, Shouts and Hosannas: A History of Methodism in Ohio County, Kentucky by members of churches in the County, by Eloise Ragland Howell (1994, p188) it is written that "It is believed that this church is one of the older Methodist churches established in the county." Obituaries of several who are buried in the cemetery state that they were members

of the “Old Salem Methodist Church” (see obituaries of Ollie Boyd Duvall in Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 2 April 1919, p1, Agnes Sanders Miller in Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 6 November 1958, p4A and of James H. Goodwine in Messenger-Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 6 August 1961, p8B; see also article, “Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY”, by Jerry Long, Internet, wckyhistory-genealogy.org).

About half of those buried in the Old Salem cemetery are descendants of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee. Rev. William Hart, a noted pioneer Methodist minister, married five children of of Samuel & Winnie. One of their grandsons was named William McKendree Awtry (1842-1906) in honor of the first Methodist elder for the Kentucky District. Samuel & Winnie are buried in the central part of the cemetery. No one or any source reports that they were buried here. The only authority that I can back this claim up with is that my 42 years of research on the family strongly suggests this. In the center of the cemetery there is a row of old sandstone markers that have only initials scratched on them. On two of them that stand next to each other are the initials “S. W.” and “W. W.” I believe these are the graves of Samuel Wilson and Winnie Lee Wilson. Samuel Wilson was born in 1772 and died in 1835. In the vicinity of these markers are the graves of three children and several of the grandchildren of Samuel & Winnie. Nearby are their children Nancy Raley (1810-1844), Thomas Wilson (1797-1867) & Robert Wilson (1806-1870). The oldest death dates found on any markers in the cemetery were for Samuel & Elizabeth Raley, young children of John Raley & Nancy Wilson, who died in 1832 & 1839, respectively. They were grandchildren of Samuel & Winnie Wilson. Twelve monuments in the cemetery bear a death date of 1870 or earlier. Of these 9 were for members of the Wilson family. The oldest marked graves for individuals not related to the Wilson family were for Joseph Ford, son of John A. Ford & Martha J. Keown, who died in 1856 at the age of 6 months, and his grandmother. Lucinda Awtry, wife of Joseph Ford, who died in 1859.





In the oldest part of the cemetery there are two monuments that are side by side with just the initials "S. W." and "W. W." I believe these are the gravestones for Samuel Wilson (1772-1835) and his wife Winney (Lee) Wilson (c1780-between 1840 & 1850). This pioneer couple has numerous descendants in the Old Salem, Horse Branch, Rosine and Olaton area of Ohio County. They are this writer's 5<sup>th</sup> great-grandparents. Near their graves are the gravestones of three of their children, Thomas Wilson, Robert Wilson and Nancy Raley.



Old Salem Church, Ohio County, KY

Samuel & Winnie Wilson's son, John Wilson, died in 1846. To settle the estates of John and of his father a suit was filed in the Ohio County Circuit Court on 12 August 1846 (John Wilson's administrator versus the heirs of John Wilson & Samuel Wilson, file #1120). John Wilson's administrator, Quintus C. Shanks, asked for a tract of land (147 ½ acres) to be sold. At the time of Samuel Wilson's death his son, John, was in the process of purchasing part (141 acres) of Samuel's tract of 288 ½ acres; John had advanced payment, but before a deed was filed Samuel Wilson died intestate. In the suit the heirs of John Wilson and Samuel Wilson were named; they are numbered here to more clearly differentiate each of the 14 children of Samuel & Winnie Wilson, three of the children had died previously and their heirs (grandchildren of Samuel & Winnie) were given –

1. heirs of John Wilson deceased – William Wilson, Henry Wilson, Johnston Wilson, Nimrod Wilson, Benjamin T. Wilson, Calvin Wilson, Martin L. Wilson, Nancy Faught (late Wilson, wife of Madison Faught), Matilda Wilson, Angeline Wilson, Barthena Ann Wilson;
2. Thomas Wilson;
3. David Wilson;

4. Samuel Wilson;
5. James Wilson;
6. Robert Wilson;
7. Benjamin P. Wilson;
8. Henry H. Wilson;
9. Nimrod D. Wilson;
10. Daniel T. Wilson;
11. Elizabeth, late Wilson, wife of William Awtry;
12. heirs of Nancy Jane Raley deceased, late Wilson – Jonathan Raley, Polly Ann Raley, Julia Ann Raley, James W. Raley, Nancy Jane Raley;
13. heirs of William Wilson deceased son of Samuel Wilson – Milissa Wilson, Sally (late Wilson, wife of Jacob Lemons) and Samuel Wilson; and
14. Sally, late Wilson, wife of James Raley).

As a result of the suit the court ordered a tract of 147 ½ on Caney Creek on the road leading from Hartford to Leitchfield to be sold. It was sold at a public auction at the courthouse door on 1 January 1849 and Job S. Arnold was the highest bidder (Ohio County, KY Deed Book L, p299). The heirs as numerated in the suit were also listed in the deed. The heirs as listed in the circuit court suit and resultant deed clearly shows that the family trees on Ancestry.com and other websites contain numerous errors on the listing of the children and grandchildren of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee.

The 288-acre farm of Samuel & Winnie Wilson was in the Fairview community in the vicinity of the Halls Creek Road, the McCord Cemetery and the Brownd family farm. Buried at the McCord Cemetery on Halls Creek Road in Ohio County, KY are five generations of the Brownd family. The first are John Brownd (15 May 1807 - 23 September 1877) and his wife, Elizabeth Dymond (12 July 1812 - 24 May 1878). They were both born in England and came to Ohio County in 1838 (see article, “Brownd Family of Hall’s Creek”, by Jerry Long, Internet, wckyhhistory-genealogy.org). The farm that is still owned by the Brownd family was purchased by John Brownd on 4 November 1842 from Lucy B. Slaughter. (Ohio County, KY Deed Book I p155). The deed whereby John Brownd purchased the 175-acre farm described it as bounding on the lands of Samuel Wilson and Henry Boswell. The Brownd land is on the south side of the Halls Creek Road at the first lane (Brownd Lane) on the left west of Highway 1544. Henry Boswell (1791-1869) is buried in the Boswell Cemetery on the Charles Tucker farm a half-mile south of the Halls Creek Road near the Brownd farm. John Brownd on 26 December 1854 purchased 147 ½ acres from Job S. Arnold & wife, Mary; it was part of the Samuel Wilson 288-acre farm (Ohio County, KY Deed Book O p349). John Brownd & wife, Elizabeth, on 18 March 1872 sold the same 147 acres to his son-in-law, Edward Pearce (Ohio County, KY Deed Book W p273). Part of Samuel Wilson’s land (141 acres) was sold to his son, John Wilson. In the 1850 Ohio County census John’s widow, Mary Wilson (age 45) is listed immediately after John & Elizabeth Brown, who were born in England (their name was later spelled as Brownd). The three households listed immediately before John Brownd were the residences of Henry Boswell, James Wilson and Thomas Wilson; James & Thomas were sons of Samuel & Winnie (Lee) Wilson. In 1946 this writer’s grandparents, Ben & Anna Mae Long, purchased part of the John Brownd farm; Anna Mae was a great-great-granddaughter of John Wilson & Mary Albin.

On 12 October 1851 the remaining part of Samuel Wilson’s 288-acre tract, minus 147 acres, was sold by the heirs of Samuel Wilson to Samuel & Phineas Cox for \$350 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book N, pp130-132). Not all of the heirs named in deed book L p299 and in the circuit court suit signed and ratified this second deed. Below are those that did sign the deed – I numbered each child of Samuel & Winnie and on right I included their relationship to Samuel & Winnie as outlined in deed book L p299 and circuit court suit (relationships were not included in deed). Two of the 14 children of Samuel & Winnie Wilson did not ratify and sign the deed – Samuel Wilson, Jr. & David Wilson Two of the 3 children of Samuel & Winnie’s son, William, signed, a third, Malissa Wilson, did not sign. At the time of the deed 4 children of Samuel & Winnie were deceased – William Wilson, John Wilson, Nancy Wilson Raley & Elizabeth Wilson Awtry. The heirs that signed the deed were:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Thomas Wilson & wife Frances;                            | son           |
| 2. James Wilson & wife Susannah;                            | son           |
| 3. Robert Wilson & wife Nancy;                              | son           |
| 4. Benjamin P. Wilson & wife Sarah;                         | son           |
| 5. Henry H. Wilson & wife Temperance;                       | son           |
| 6. Nimrod D. Wilson & wife Delpha;                          | son           |
| 7. James Raley & wife Sally;                                | son           |
| 8. Daniel Wilson & wife Amelia Maria;                       | son           |
| 9. Jacob Lammon (Laymon) & wife Sally, late Wilson;         | granddaughter |
| Samuel Wilson & wife Susan;                                 | grandson      |
| 10. Quintus C. Shanks adm’r of John Wilson, dec’d;          | son           |
| 11. William Autry “who intermarried with Elizabeth Wilson”; | daughter      |
| 12. John Raley “who intermarried with Nancy Wilson”;        | daughter      |

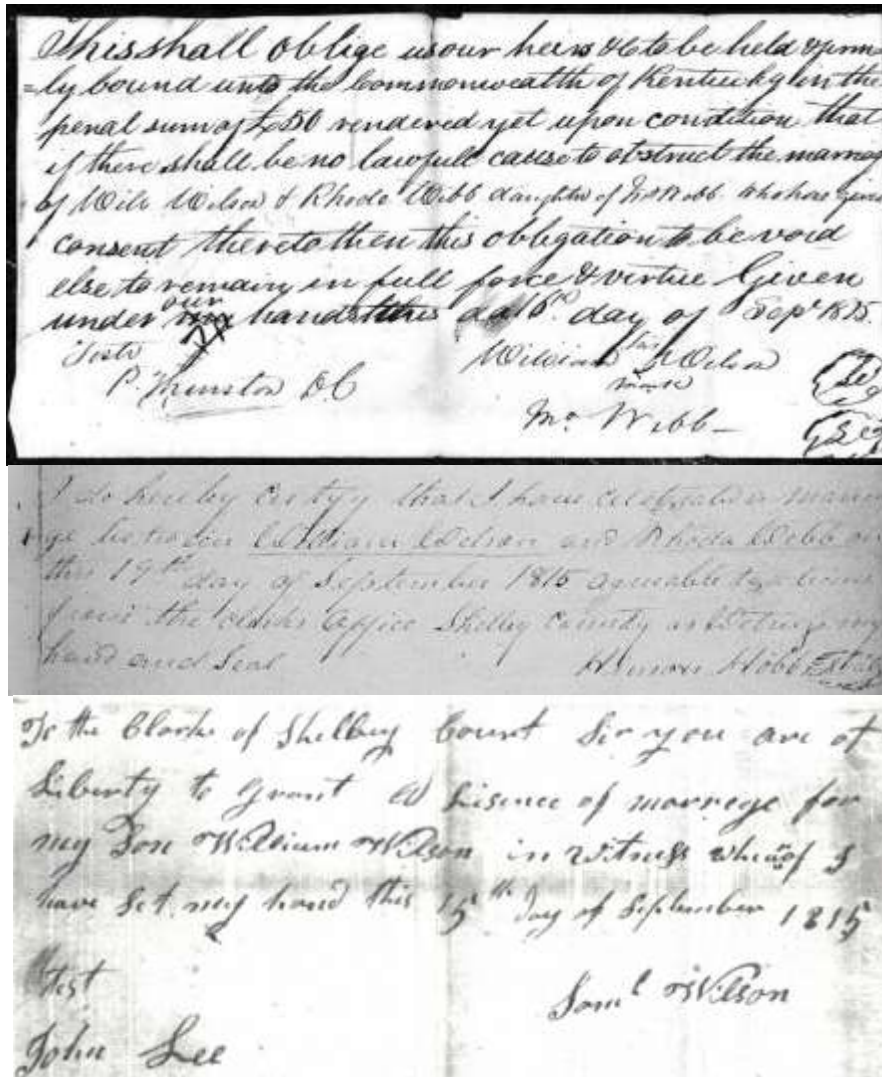
Children of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee were:

	<u>born</u>	<u>died</u>	<u>spouse</u>	<u>see page</u>
William	c1794	1826	Rhoda Webb	9
John	1794-1800	1846	Mary Albin	12
Thomas	29 Mar 1797	16 Jan 1867	Frances R. Goldsmith	24
David	1800-1803	after 1846		29
Samuel, Jr.	2 Feb 1803	31 Aug 1872	Diadama Bell	29
James	1 Dec 1804	2 Feb 1889	Mary Raley	33
			Susannah Howard	35
Robert	31 Oct 1806	1 Nov 1870	Nancy Raley	45
Elizabeth	1809	1851	William Awtry / Autry	57
Nancy Jane	4 Aug 1810	Oct 1844	John Raley	62
Benjamin P.	c1812	1885-1900	Sarah J. Layman	68
Henry H.	1814	13 Aug 1872	Temperance White	72
Nimrod Dossie	1 Nov 1816	8 Oct 1886	Delphia Renfrow	84
Sarah	24 Nov 1818	24 Oct 1891	James Raley	92
Daniel T.	18 Jun 1821	24 Dec 1874	Amelia Mariah Allen	102





**William Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born c1794 KY. In Shelby County, KY he married Rhoda Webb on 19 September 1815. Rhoda was born c1797 KY; her father, John Webb, and his father, Samuel Wilson, signed their consent for them to marry.



William Wilson is listed in the 1815-1816 tax lists of Shelby County, KY, 1818-1819 tax lists of Bullitt County, KY, 1820 census and 1820-1825 tax lists of Ohio County, KY. On 26 April 1825 William purchased 151 acres on Caney Creek from Thomas & Lucy Booker Bibb Slaughter for \$150 (Ohio County Deed Book E p569). William died in 1826. His father served as the administrator of his estate. An inventory, sale bill and settlement of his estate were recorded in Ohio County, KY Will Book B (p312) during 1826-1832.

Ohio County, KY Will Book B, pp312-313, Inventory and appraisal of the estate of WILLIAM WILSON dec'd, made December 20, 1826, \$127.49 1/2, by Daniel Iler, John Sinnett and Abaslom Alben. Recorded September Court 1827. List of the sales of the said estate, sold December 23, 1826, showing Samuel Wilson as Administrator. Recorded also September court 1827. Settlement of the accounts of the said Administrator October 3, 1828 by Christopher Jackson, Daniel Iler, Stephen Stateler and James Johnson, and

recorded November Court 1828. Further settlement February 25, 1832 by Walter Earp, Robert Mitchell and W. D. Christian, recorded May Court 1832.

William Wilson's widow, Rhoda, is listed in the 1826 and 1829 Ohio County tax lists. On 14 June 1831 in Ohio County, KY Rhoda married William George Allen (c1792-1871). By 1836 they moved to Illinois. She died in Adams County, IL in 1881, where she was buried at the Pearce Cemetery. Rhoda & William were parents of Pertitha Mary Jane (married Robert Masterson, 26 July 1851 Adams County, IL), Elizabeth (married George Tourney, 6 March 1858 Adams County, IL) and Isaac A. Allen (married Eunice Scott, 10 June 1858 Adams County, IL).

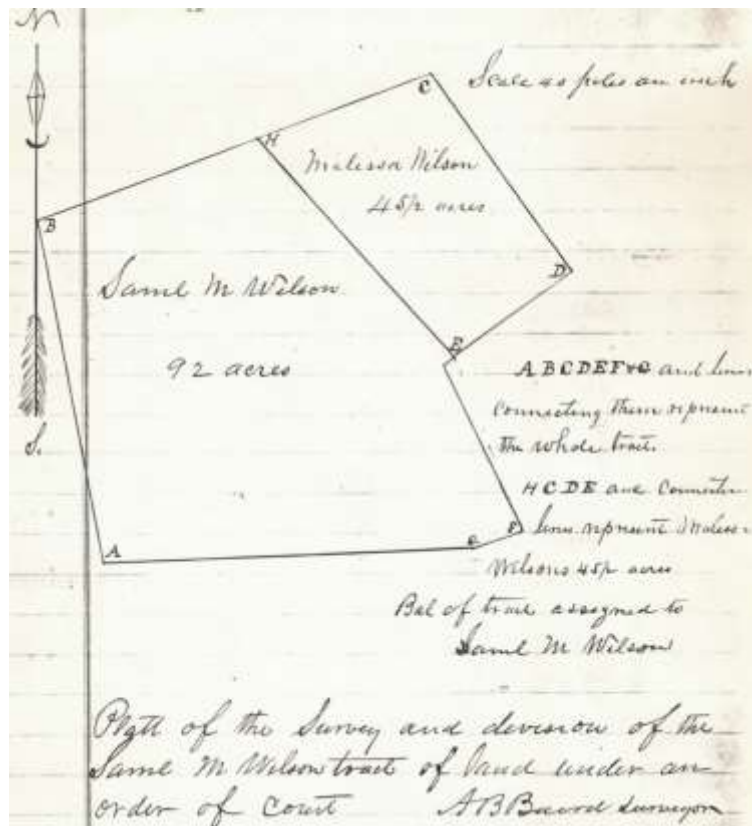
“William Wilson, dec'd, who was a son of Samuel Wilson, dec'd” was named in the Ohio County Circuit Court suit of John Wilson's heirs (1846) and in Ohio County, Deed Book L pp299-301 (1849). These documents report that he was then deceased and had left three children – Malissa, Sally (wife of Jacob Lemons) and Samuel Wilson. The 1830 Ohio County census suggests that the three children were then living in the home of their grandparents, Samuel & Winnie Wilson. These three children have repeatedly been misidentified as children of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee. Two of the three children, Sally, wife of Jacob Laymon and Samuel Wilson & wife Susan signed and ratified the 1851 deed involving the heirs of Samuel Wilson, deceased (Ohio County, KY Deed Book N, pp130-132). The third, Malissa, who was named in the 1846 & 1849 documents, did not sign the 1851 deed because she was incompetent.

The children of William Wilson & Rhoda Webb were:

1. **Sarah Wilson**, 'Sally', was born 22 March 1817 KY. James Wilson was appointed guardian of “Sally Wilson, orphan of William Wilson, dec'd” on 2 March 1835 (Ohio County Order Book 5 p187). She married Jacob Layman, 4 May 1835 Ohio County, KY; security on their marriage was Sarah's uncle, James Wilson. The Layman name appears under numerous spellings, including Laymonds, Lemons, Lammon, Laymon, etc.). Jacob Layman, son of Michael Layman & Sarah Storm, was born 27 March 1810 KY. Jacob & Sarah are listed in the 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Grayson County, KY. Sarah died 1 January 1868 and Jacob died 29 August 1878. They were buried in the Old Caney Cemetery in Grayson County, KY. They were the parents of – **Henry** (1836-1900, married Martha Layn Jones), **Emily** (1838-1917, married John Wesley Crawford), **Volentine** (1843-1914, married Susan A. Shaffer), **Francis Marion** (1847-1919, married Margaret Ann Green) and **Martha Ellen** (1854-1881, married Charles Abraham Buford).
2. **Malissa Wilson** was born c1820 KY. In Ohio County Order Book 5 p97 it is recorded that at a court of 5 December 1831 Samuel Wilson was summoned to court to show cause why “Malissa Wilson, daughter of William Wilson, dec'd” should not be bound and to learn some trade she appearing to be without means of support. On 6 February 1832 it was ordered that Thomas Lendrum proceed to give public notice at courthouse door and let to the lowest bidder the orphan Melissa Wilson on the next court day pursuant to an order issued by this court at January term last (Ohio County Order Book 5 p102 & 104). She is reported to be an idiot in the 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. The 1880 federal census had a special “Schedules of Defective, Dependent, and Delinquent Classes.” Malissa Wilson in this schedule was listed as being an idiot with onset from birth. In the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses she was residing with the family of her uncle James Wilson (1804-1889). A circuit court suit indicates that James Wilson in 1865 was receiving an allowance

“as committee of Malissa Wilson an idiot” (Ohio County Circuit Court suit #2265, David L. Miller’s administrator vs. his heirs). On 17 June 1882 Samuel M. Wilson (1836-1905) filed a suit in the Ohio County Circuit Court against Malissa Wilson. Samuel was the son of Malissa’s uncle James Wilson. An abstract of the suit follows:

Ohio County, KY Circuit Court Case #1819, file #3819, filed 17 June 1882, Sam M. Wilson vs. Malissa Wilson – For a number of years since the court adjudged Malissa Wilson to be a lunatic an inquest has been held at interval of five years and the plaintiff (Sam M. Wilson) by order of the court was appointed committee for Malissa. She has an interest of one third in a tract of 151 acres on Caney Creek in Ohio County, the other two thirds the plaintiff purchased from the other two heirs. Malissa’s interest in said land “descended to her from her father, Wm. Wilson” which he had purchased on 26 April 1825. After the death of William Wilson his widow, the mother of the plaintiff married again and left the state, presumed now dead, she would be about 85 if she was still living. The plaintiff has made improvements on the land; his father, James Wilson, before him had owned the land since 1838. The plaintiff requests sale of Malissa’s interest for her benefit. At an inquest on 24 June 1882 Malissa Wilson was again adjudged to be an idiot, and has been so all her life, she is about 60 years old and that she is unable from natural want of mental capacity to take care of herself. The court ordered the land to be sold for her support. A survey of the land made on 12 October 1882 found the tract was 137 acres not 151; it is bounded by Vol Wilson and Anderson Martin. Malissa Wilson’s interest, 45 ½ acres was sold at the courthouse on 1 January 1883. At the sale Jonathan Raley was the highest bidder (\$301), payment was made to Sam M. Wilson for the support of Malissa Wilson.



In the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics a birth record shows that Alace Wilson was born alive on 28 September 1858 in Ohio County, the mother was Malissa Wilson; in the entry it was written “illegitimate the mother an idiot.” Alace Wilson was not found in the 1860 or 1870 Ohio County censuses. Malissa Wilson was not found in the 1900 or 1910 Ohio County censuses. A death certificate shows that a Malissa Wilson died at the Ohio County Poor Farm (Alms House) on 2 March 1912, where she was buried in the poor farm cemetery. Her death certificate reported that she was a public charge.

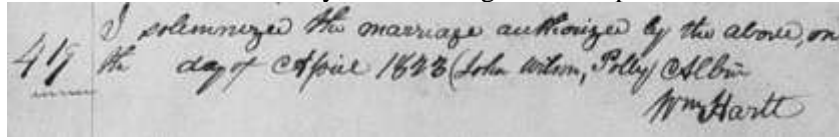
3. **Samuel Wilson** was born 15 March 1821 Ohio County, KY. He married Susannah Layman, c1846; their marriage was probably recorded in Grayson County, KY, where the early marriages were lost in a courthouse fire. Susannah, daughter of Jeremiah Layman & Mary Elizabeth Litsey, was born 20 December 1829 Grayson County, KY. Samuel is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Grayson County, KY. Susannah died 12 November 1888 and Samuel Wilson died 18 July 1901 Grayson County, KY. They were buried in the Old Caney Cemetery, Grayson County, KY. Children – **Mary Jane** (1846-1909, married John Ellis Stone), **Lydia** (1848-1855, died of scarlet fever), **John T.** (1849-after 1910, married Emeline Nelson, Mrs. Janie Allen, and at least two other marriages), **Joakin B.** (‘Joe’, 1857-after 1900, married Lucinda and Jennie McDonald), **Samuel Birdine** (1858-1907, married Sarah) and **S. P.** (c1862-after 1870, female).



**John Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 1794-1800 KY. He first appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1822. John Wilson is listed in the 1830 and 1840 censuses of Ohio County, KY. His age in these two censuses places his birth between 1790-1800. He would have been one of the males aged 10-16 listed in his father’s home in the 1810 census.

John married Polly Albin on 5 April 1823 in Ohio County, KY. Bondsman on their marriage was her father, Absalom Albin. Her given name was “Mary” and her nickname was “Polly”. Many researchers give her name as “Mary Polly Albin”. However, this is redundant; it is similar to saying that one’s full name was “Samuel Sam Albin”. Mary Albin was born c1805 in Nelson County, KY and came to Ohio County with her parents during 1807-1808. The 1810 & 1820 censuses suggest her birth was between 1804-1810 and in the 1850 census her age is given as 45. She was the daughter of Absalom Albin & Piety Bruce and granddaughter of William & Delina Albin and James & Mary (Runyan) Bruce, Jr. The date of John & Mary’s marriage is from a list of Ohio County marriages for 1799-1840 that was published in the book, Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Olden Days (Harrison D. Taylor, Louisville, KY, 1926, pp136 & 189). The list was compiled from the original loose documents at the Ohio County Courthouse. Some of these were never entered into the bound marriage books. And some of the originals listed in Taylor’s book have since disappeared; microfilms of the county’s marriage books have been made but no microfilming of the original loose documents has been done. The following is the entry from Ohio County Marriage A (p69) whereby Rev. William Hart, a Methodist minister, reported that he had solemnized the marriage of John Wilson & Polly Albin in April 1823. He did not report the exact date.

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book A p69:



John Wilson is first taxed on land on Halls Creek in 1831. He appears for the last time in the tax lists of Ohio County in 1846; he was then assessed on 145 acres on Halls Creek. His widow, Polly Wilson, is shown as being taxed on 140 acres on Halls Creek in the 1847-1851 Ohio County tax books. A biography of his son, John Calvin Wilson, in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section, p1019) states that his father, John Wilson, died in 1846. Q. C. Shanks, Thomas Wilson & William Barnard were appointed administrators of the estate of John Wilson, deceased, on 25 May 1846 (Ohio County Administrator Bond Book 1 p58). An inventory of his estate was made on 8 June 1846 (Ohio County loose estate files). To settle his estate his administrator Quintus C. Shanks on 12 August 1846 filed a suit against the heirs of John Wilson and the heirs of John's father, Samuel Wilson, requesting that 147 acres be sold to settle the estate. The suit states that John Wilson had paid his father for the land but no deed had yet been recorded (Ohio County Circuit Court suit #1120, John Wilson's administrator versus the heirs of John Wilson & Samuel Wilson). The land was sold in 1849 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book L, p299).

In the 1850 Ohio County census John Wilson's widow, Mary, was listed immediately after the family of John & Elizabeth (Dymond) Brownd. Mary was shown as owning real estate valued at \$200. In her home were listed nine children. Her oldest daughter, Nancy, had already married and left home. A biography of John & Mary's son, John Calvin Wilson (1842-1910), in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section, p1019) states that his father, John Wilson, died leaving 10 children. The 1846 suit and resultant 1849 deed named 11 children of John Wilson – William Wilson, Henry Wilson, Johnston Wilson, Nimrod Wilson, Benjamin T. Wilson, Calvin Wilson, Martin L. Wilson, Nancy Faught (late Wilson, wife of Madison Faught), Matilda Wilson, Angeline Wilson, and Barthena Ann Wilson. Martin L. is not found in the 1850 census and was not found in any subsequent record and appears to have died prior to 1850. Mary (Albin) Wilson was not located in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County. Her children during those years were appearing there in records and it appears that Mary was missed by the census taker.

The 1880 federal census mortality schedule records that Polly Wilson, a widow, died in Ohio County in May 1879 of a cancer of the breast. In an Elm Lick community column published in the Hartford Herald it was reported that "Mrs. Wilson, mother of William Wilson" died near Elm Lick on 28 May 1879 of a cancer (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 18 June 1879 p1). William Wilson (c1828-c1898) was the oldest son of John Wilson & Mary Albin. Elm Lick was renamed Horton when a post office was established there in October 1881 (Hartford Herald, 12 October 1881 p3). On an 1886 map of Ohio County William Wilson's residence was shown as being along what is now Highway 62 about one mile east of Horton and two miles west of Rosine. It is not known where Mary Albin Wilson was buried. She possibly could have been buried in what locally was referred to as the Faught – Wilson Cemetery near Rosine. Within the following decade her daughter, Angeline Wilson Watson (c1833-1880's), was buried there. This



small cemetery is off of the north side of Highway 62 about a fourth of a mile west of Rosine. Stop at first lane west of Rosine. At top of knoll just off the road walk down the edge of woods on the right. A short distance down the markers can be seen just inside the woods. Mrs. Betty Taylor Wallace (1901-1994), who lived in Rosine across from the Woosley General Store, which was owned by her daughter, Edith Mae Wallace Woosley (1919-2011) said the cemetery was known as the Wilson – Cox Cemetery. Henry Carson Autry (1934-1990) and Jesse N. Berkley (1914-2008) said it was called the Faught Cemetery. In two obituaries it was also referred to as the Faught Cemetery (see article, “Faught – Wilson Cemetery, Ohio County, KY”, by Jerry Long, Internet, wckychistory-genealogy.org).

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY  
Wednesday, 18 June 1879 p1:

**Elm Lick Items.**  
ELM LICK, June 13.  
*Editor Herald:*  
Crops in this part of the country are looking well.  
Old uncle Davy Llesl, one of the soldiers of 1812, is nearly one\* hundred years old and is enjoying good health, for one of his age. We think uncle Davy is the only soldier of 1812 now living in the county.  
Mrs. Wilson, mother of Wm. Wilson, near this place, departed this life May 28th 1879. She has been afflicted with a cancer for a number of years, although she prayed for death, it never came to her relief until a few days ago.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY  
Wednesday, 12 October 1881 p3:

—A new post-office called Horton has been established at Elm Lick in this county. It is named in honor of Mr. B. J. Horton, General Agent on the P. & E. Railroad. We already have a nice little club at the new office and have space on our subscription book for as many more as may come. Send in your name.

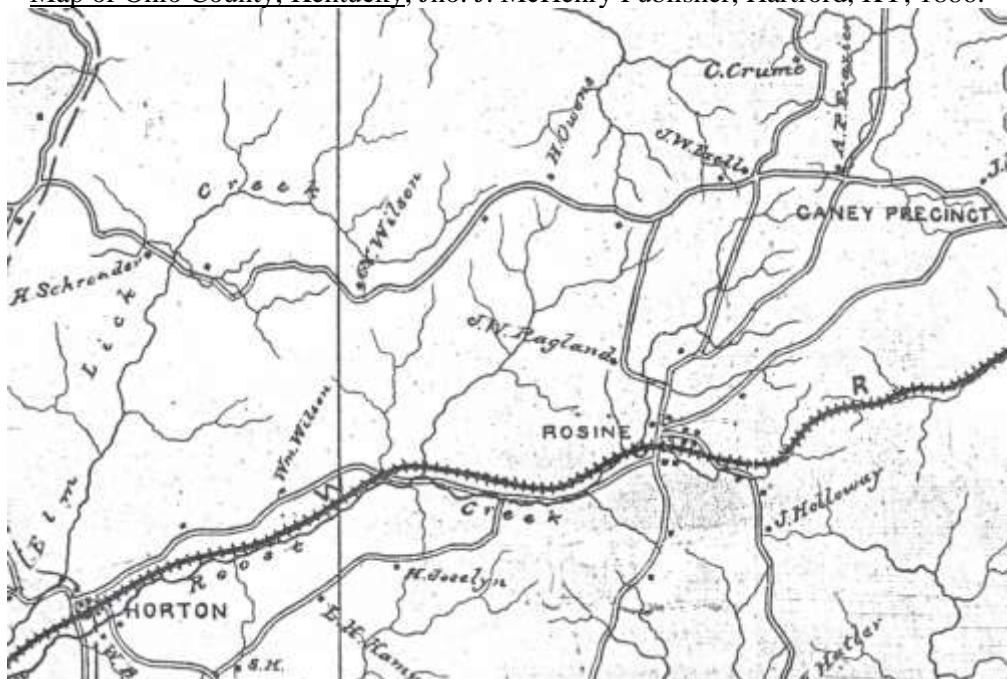
John Wilson & Mary Albin had 11 children:

1. **Nancy Wilson** was born c1825 Ohio County, KY. She married Madison Faught, 23 September 1841 Ohio County, KY. Madison, son of William Faught & Mary Autry, was born c1818 KY. His parents were married in Shelby County, KY on 21 December 1813. Madison Faught died 1870-1877. Nancy married John Furgerson (1814-1901), 9 January 1897 Hopkins County, KY; on their marriage license he was reported to be 83 & she 72. Nancy & John Furgerson are listed in the 1900 census of Hopkins County, KY. Children of Madison & Nancy Faught were – **Mary Ann** (1843-1923, married John Johnston), **Elizabeth** (1845-1922, married James Henry Ezell), **John P.** (c1848-after 1880, married Mrs. Ann Watson), **Thomas F.** (c1850-1937, married Martha F. Cavanaugh, Bell Young & Annie L. Lynn Copeland), **George W.** (c1854-after 1880, married Parmelia A. Ezell & Margaret E. Pierce), **Nancy M.** (c1855-after 1860), **Simon** (1859-after 1920, married Martha Zelma Wilson), **James McH.** (c1862-after 1898), **Alice** (1864-1928, married John V. Young) and **Cordelia** (c1867-after 1918, married James Dunning & \_ Young).
2. **Matilda Wilson** was born 20 August 1826 Ohio County, KY. She married Samuel Cox, Jr., 24 August 1850 Ohio County, KY. Samuel, son of Samuel Cox & Mary Turner, was born 14 August 1830 Warren County, KY. During 1855-1858 they moved to Missouri. Matilda died 6 February 1897 and Samuel Cox, Jr. died 7 July 1913 Dade County, MO. They were buried Walnut Grove Cemetery, Cedar County, MO. Children of Samuel Cox, Jr. & Matilda Wilson were – **Mary Frances** (1851-1932, married Bolen Lewis & George

Robinson), **Nancy Jane** (1855-1913, married William George Durall), **William Henry** (1859-1950, married Lizetta D. Potter), **Marcella L.** (1861-1929, married Daniel Louis Potter), **Parthenia Ann** (1863-1916, married Joseph E. Begley) and **John Samuel** (1867-1915, married Frances Anna Davis).

3. **William Wilson** was born c1828 Ohio County, KY. He married Temperance J. Liles, 26 January 1853 Ohio County, KY. Temperance J., daughter of David Liles & Mary Tootle, was born c1826 Roane County, TN. Temperance married first Thomas Jefferson Faught (c1821-c1851), 8 October 1846 Ohio County, KY; by this marriage she had – William Dallas, Thomas Henry and Susan A. Faught. In the Circuit Court suit of William Wilson vs. his son, W. Johnson Wilson (Ohio County Circuit Court case #4881), it was reported that Temperance Wilson died in June 1895. William Wilson married Mrs. Susan E. (Tanner) Fraize (c1843-after 1906), 13 August 1895 Ohio County, KY. William Wilson resided at Horton; his name appears on an 1886 Map of Ohio County, KY. He died during 1897-1900. His heirs were listed in Ohio County Circuit Court case #3799, file #5497, Ambrose E. Joselyn vs heirs of William Wilson. William & Temperance were the parents of – **Joseph J.** (1853-before 1901, married Christie Ann Raley), **Nancy J.** (1855-after 1901, married Salathel D. Morgan), **Martha Zelma** (1857-1919, married Pembroke Summit Vance & Simon Faught), **Temperance Ellen** (1860-1886, married Nehemiah Minton), **Clarisa Elizabeth** (1861-1929, married William H. Ferguson & Perry W. Bennett), **William Johnson** (1865-1918, married Laura Oldham, Nancy Jane Turner & Hattie E. Romans) and **Luella** (1869-1896, married John McHenry Ferguson).

Map of Ohio County, Kentucky, Jno. J. McHenry Publisher, Hartford, KY, 1886:



4. **Henry Wilson** was born in November 1830 (from 1900 census) Ohio County, KY. He married Sina Cox, 19 November 1850 Ohio County, KY. Sina, daughter of Samuel Cox & Mary Turner, was born c1835 KY. Henry's sister, Matilda, married Sina's brother, Samuel Cox, Jr.; their families were listed 10 households apart in the 1850 Ohio County census. Henry & Sina are listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Grayson County, TX

and 1880 & 1900 censuses of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX. Henry died 1900-1920; his widow, Sina (age 87), is listed in the home of her daughter, Mattie Tyner, in the 1920 census of Greer County, OK. The 1900 census reports that Sina Wilson, was the mother of 6 children, 4 of whom were then living. Their children included – **Emily Jane** (1854-1934, married John Robinson Steward), **Maria / Marion** (c1857-after 1870), **Serena Alice** (1869-1957, married Uria J. Davis) and **Mattie Virginia** (1871-1957, married John Wilson Tyner).

5. **Angeline Mary Wilson** was born c1833 Ohio County, KY. She married Thomas Jefferson Watson, 24 August 1856 Ohio County, KY. The son of Hampton Watson & Sarah Bratcher, he was born 29 June 1836 Grayson County, KY. Thomas J. was a Union soldier during the Civil War (17<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry). Angeline died 1880-1890 and was buried in the Faught – Wilson Cemetery, off of Highway 62 a short distance west of Rosine in Ohio County, KY; her grave is marked by a rock. Thomas married Arabella Miller (c1856-c1900), 29 June 1893 Ohio County, KY and Narcissa Frances (Keown) Bryant (1856-1950), 7 April 1898 Ohio County, KY. Angeline & Thomas J. Watson were parents of – **Mahala Jane** ('Haley', 1857-1916, married Frederick Schroader), **Thena Ann** ('Thenie', 1862-1956, married Joseph Melvin Ashford & Luther Craig), **Sarah Elizabeth** ('Bettie', 1867-1947, married Ambrose Evertt Eli Josleyn), **Nola** (1869-1957, married William Henry Watson) and **Mary C.** (1872-1915, married Hardin E. Burden). Thenie & Joseph Ashford are this writer's great-great-grandparents.
6. **Johnson Wilson** was born c1835 Ohio County, KY. He was named for his great-uncle James Johnston, (1774-1855) who served in the Kentucky House of Representatives and married his grandmother's sister, Mary Bruce. Johnson Wilson married Martha E. Rice, 23 August 1860 Ohio County, KY. Martha, daughter of William Harvey Rice & Hannah Thompson, was born 1845 Mercer County, KY. During the Civil War Johnson served in the Union army (private, 17<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry, company I). He enlisted on 28 October 1861 and was mustered in on 4 January 1862. He was killed during the Battle of Shiloh on 6 April 1862. He was buried at the Shiloh National Cemetery, Shiloh, Hardin County, TN. He had been married only 19 months. His widow, Martha, married John Presley Ashford (1834-1888), 9 November 1862 Ohio County, KY; they had three children – Myrtle, Margaret Elizabeth & Victoria. Martha Rice married third W. Thomas Stewart, 27 July 1890 Ohio County, KY. She was buried at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Johnson Wilson and Martha E. Rice had no known children.
7. **Nimrod Bruce Wilson** was born 24 March 1837 Ohio County, KY. His obituary stated he was born near Baizetown. He married Catharine Ann Ashford, on 7 February 1864 Ohio County, KY. Catharine, 'Kitty', daughter of John S. Ashford & Margaret Jane Pipkin (Pippin), was born on 8 May 1843 in Allen County, KY. Nimrod is listed in the 1850, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920 & 1930 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He served in the Confederate army during the Civil War. Several of his brothers also served in the war that pitted brother against brother. His brothers, Johnson, Benjamin & John Calvin, were members of the Union Army; Johnson died at the Battle of Shiloh on 6 April 1862; and two of his brother-in-laws, William Henry Ashford & Jesse Ashford, were Union soldiers, who were killed in the Battle of Shiloh on 6 April 1862 and another Joseph Melvin Ashford lost his right arm in the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain while fighting for the Union. Catharine Ashford Wilson died on 27 May 1876 in Ohio County, KY. She was buried in the Rosine Cemetery in Ohio County, KY. The

cemetery had begun as the Ashford family cemetery prior to the birth of the town of Rosine. Nimrod Wilson & Catharine Ann Ashford had two children – **John Thomas** (1866-1953, married Margaret Belle Williams) and **Alonzo C.** (1869-1869, he had a first cousin named Alonzo Crow Ashford). Nimrod B. Wilson married five times. On his marriage to Catharine in 1864 it was recorded that it was his second marriage. He is probably the Nimrod Wilson who married Miss Jessie Ann Auvrey, 4 July 1859 Audrain County, MO. Nimrod married 3rd Amanda Jane Vance, 14 March 1878 Ohio County, KY. Amanda, daughter of Samuel A. Vance & Nancy Townsley, was born ca 1843 TN and died 2 March 1904 Ohio County, KY; she was buried Milton Taylor Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Amanda was reported to be the mother of 4 children in the 1900 census, all were then living. Nimrod & Amanda were the parents of – **Remus Clarence** (1874-1957, married Minnie Belle Cook), **Rosa Belle** (1879-1971, married Finis J. Baize & Luther Martin Baize), **Mary Angeline** (1882-1935, married Alva Lee Felix) and **William Samuel** (1884-1970, married Mattie E. Cook & Elizabeth L. Sinclair). Nimrod B. Wilson married 4th Mary Ann (Earley) Hohimer Clark, 19 May 1905 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Mary Ann, daughter of William Earley & Rachel Witham, was born c1834 Shelby County, IN; she married George D. Hoheimer, 16 February 1860 Hancock County, KY and James Bradford Clark, 16 March 1864 Hartford, Ohio County, KY. Mary Ann Wilson died in 1910 and was buried Old Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Nimrod B. Wilson married 5th Elizabeth Jane (Carter) Hicks, 2 April 1916 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph B. Carter & Elizabeth Pearson, was born 30 November 1877 Ohio County, KY; she married first William H. Hicks, 2 December 1911 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth Jane Wilson died 2 May 1952 Horse Branch, Ohio County, KY and was buried McCord Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. On 24 March 1928 a surprise birthday dinner was given in honor of Nimrod's 92nd birthday (Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, 13 April 1928 p3). Among the relatives and friends who attended was Pen Vandiver, who was memorialized in the famous song, "Uncle Pen", by his nephew, Bill Monroe, the "Father of Bluegrass Music". Nimrod's son, Clarence Wilson was best friends of Pen Vandiver; they were both musicians, who played at many functions in Ohio County and the surrounding counties. Nimrod B. Wilson died on 2 August 1931 Horton, Ohio County, KY. He was buried Old Bethel Methodist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. His old home place in 1980 was owned by Terry Austin.



Nimrod Bruce Wilson (1837-1931).





Picture on left is from the Beaver Dam Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 29 June 1972 –back row, Nimrod B. Wilson (1837-1931), Helen May Baize (1906-1990), Viola Baize (1905-1942); in front, Luther Martin Baize (1894-1986), Rosa Wilson Baize ((1879-1971) and Margie Dean Baize (1914-1955). Picture on right – in front, with hat, Pendleton “Uncle Pen” Vandiver (1869-1932), and friend, Clarence Remus Wilson (1874-1957), son of Amanda Jane Vance, 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of Nimrod Bruce Wilson; in back – on left unknown, in center Flossie Ann Wilson Hines (1910-1997, daughter of Clarence & Minnie Cook Wilson) and Vercie Marie Monroe Moore (1914-1992, daughter of Andrew S. & Willie Kuykendall Monroe). Vandiver was the subject of the song “Uncle Pen”, a Bluegrass standard by his nephew, Bill Monroe, the Father of Bluegrass music. Clarence Wilson also played music with legendary black musician, Arnold Shultz.

Ohio County News, Hartford, KY, Friday, 28 August 1931:

**NEMROD B. WILSON**

Nemrod B. Wilson, of Horton, died at 3 p. m., August 2, 1931, of diseases incident to his advanced years, his age at the time of his death being 95 years, 4 months and 9 days. He was born near Baizetown and had been during the greater part of his life a member of Baizetown Baptist church. He was a farmer by occupation, and a good citizen.

Mr. Wilson had been married five times. His last wife survives him. Other surviving relatives are two daughters, Mrs. Rose Baize, of Baizetown, and Mrs. Ann Felix, of Little Rock, Arkansas; three sons, John Wilson, of Chicago, Willie, and Clarence, of Horton; 21 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Bro. Doc Burton conducted the funeral service August 3, at Bethel. Interment was in Bethel cemetery.

8. **Parthena Ann Wilson**, ‘Thena’, was born 16 March 1839 Ohio County, KY. She married first a Turner, 1854-1863; he was a son of Edwin E. Turner & Polly Bailey of Logan County, KY. Parthena’s daughter, Bettie Turner, at the time of the 1870 census of



Logan County, KY, was living with her aunt, Bettie A. (Turner) Anthony, a daughter of the latter couple. Parthena (Wilson) Turner married second Charles Wesley Stewart, 12 February 1865 Ohio County, KY. On her marriage license she reported that her father was born in Shelby County, KY and that it was her second marriage. Charles W., son of William Johnson Cooper Stewart & Elizabeth Ann Howard, was born 23 January 1833 Ohio County, KY. Charles is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He married first Margaret A. Taylor, 5 October 1856 Ohio County, KY. Margaret, daughter of Ignatius Pigman Taylor & Nancy Leach, was born 22 July 1826 Ohio County, KY; died 10 January 1864; and was buried Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Charles W. Stewart & Margaret A. Taylor were the parents of – Adelia Angeline (1858-1942, married William Franklin Galloway), Amanda Jane (1860-1925, married Alexander Schroader & James Ashley Sandefur) & Joseph Henry (1861-1942, married Lucy Ellen Tilford). At the time of the 1910 & 1920 censuses Parthena Ann Stewart was living with the family of her daughter, Louvena Peters. Parthena Stewart died at the home of her daughter, Louvena Peters, on 19 February 1923 near Centertown, Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Central Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. She was survived by 4 sons, 3 daughters & 3 step-children.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 7 March 1923, p1:

**OCTOGENARIAN DIES  
NEAR CENTERTOWN**

Mrs. Thena Ann Stewart, aged 85, died as the result of a paralytic stroke at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Ben Peters, near Centertown, on the 19th. ult. She was the widow of the late Charles Wesley Stewart, who preceded her in death 12 years ago.

The deceased lady had been a member of the Walnut Grove Methodist Church at Horse Branch for many years and had lived a consistent Christian life.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. M. G. Snell at Central Grove where interment took place on the 20th.

Mrs. Stewart is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Millard Price, Auburn; Mrs. Margaret Ann DeHart, Horse Branch and Mrs. Ben Peters, Centertown, also four sons: Messrs. Johnson, Central Grove; C. L., Beaver Dam; Granville, Martwick, and Guy Stewart of Bevier. Mrs. Della Galloway, of Terre Haute, Ind., Mrs. J. A. Sandefur and Mr. Joe Stewart, of Horse Branch are also surviving step-children.

The 1910 censuses recorded that Parthena Wilson Stewart was the mother of 8 children, 1 was deceased. By her Turner marriage Parthena had one child – **Elizabeth E. Turner** ('Bettie', born 1863, in 1930 lived Logan County, KY, married Millard Filmore Price). Parthena Ann Wilson & Charles Wesley Stewart had 7 children – **Andrew Johnson**

(1865-1944, married Ida Anna Lee Sandefur), **Margaret Ann** (1867-1947, married Abraham Lincoln DeHart, Samuel Smothers & William Buckner Vinson), **Marcella** (1870-died 1900-04, married Hardin Franklin Lane, his grandfather, Henry H. Wilson, was a brother to Marcella's grandfather, John Wilson), **Louvena** (1872-1925, married George E. Clark & Bennie William Peters), **Charles Luther** (1875-1960, married Gertrude Ford & Lucy Jane Axton), **Granville Wesley** (1879-1944, married Bertha Ford & Amanda Jane Peters) and **Guy** (1881-1964, married Katie May Arnold).

9. **Benjamin Talbert Wilson** was born 2 June 1840 Ohio County, KY. He was named after his uncle, Benjamin Tolbert Albin (c1818-1889), who was named in honor of a Baptist minister, Rev. Benjamin Tolbert (c1760-1834), who organized the first Baptist Churches in Ohio County, KY. Benjamin T. Wilson is listed in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Warren County, IL, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Vernon County, MO and 1920 census of Platte County, WY. Benjamin T. Wilson served in the Union army during the Civil War. During 1850-1860 he moved to Warren County, Illinois, where an uncle, Daniel T. Wilson (1821-1874) had located in 1850. In Warren County, IL he married Nancy Jane Rubart / Rubert, 5 May 1866. Nancy, daughter of William Rubart & Minerva Sewell, was born 13 August 1843 Ohio. In 1886 they moved to Vernon County, MO. Nancy died of apoplexy on 13 January 1912 at Nevada, Vernon County, MO. In 1920 Benjamin T. & his daughter, Minnie, were living in Platte County, Wyoming, where his son, Leonard F., had located. Benjamin T. Wilson returned to Vernon County, MO, where he died on 13 March 1929. His death certificate reported that he was a farmer, born in Kentucky, died of pneumonia; his father was not named but his mother was reported to have been an "Albin". He and his wife were buried Newton Burial Park, Nevada, Vernon County, MO, where four of their children also have gravestones. The 1900 & 1910 censuses recorded that Nancy was the mother of 7 children, 6 of whom were then living. Benjamin & Nancy's children were – **Georgia Alice** (1867-1950, married Daniel F. Marion Gilmore & William Issachar Fisher), **Howard Melvin** (1869-1954, married Lillie E. Quigley), **Minnie Elenora** (1871-1952, single), **Clyde Calvin** (1873-1953, married Amanda Bales), **Leonard Frennd** (1876-1965, married Nellie Viola Burnett & Lillie Mae), **Blanch Alberta** (1880-died infancy) and **Jessie Pearl** (1881-1965, married Wilbur Frank Brown).

Daily Mail and the Evening Post, Nevada, MO, Wednesday, 27 March 1929:

Benjamin T. Wilson was born at Hartford, Ky., June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1840 and died at his home near Nevada, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1929.

When a young man he went to Illinois, where he was mustered in the U.S. service as a recruit in Company A, 11<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Cavalry. Later he was transferred to Company E, 5<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry.

At the close of the Civil War he came back to Monmouth, Ill., May 5<sup>th</sup>, 1866. He was married to Nancy J. Rubart. To this union seven children were born, one dying in infancy.

In 1886 he moved with his family to Vernon County. His wife passed away March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1912. Those left to mourn his death are three sons and three daughters, H. M. Wilson, Bronaugh; Clyde Wilson, Fort Scott; L. F. Wilson, Rogers, Ark.; Mrs. W. I. Fisher, Nevada; Mrs. W. F. Brown, Wheatland, Wyo.; and Miss Minnie Wilson of the home address.

All were with him at the time of his death with the exception of Mrs. Brown.

He also leaves 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.



Newton Burial Park, Nevada, Vernon County, MO

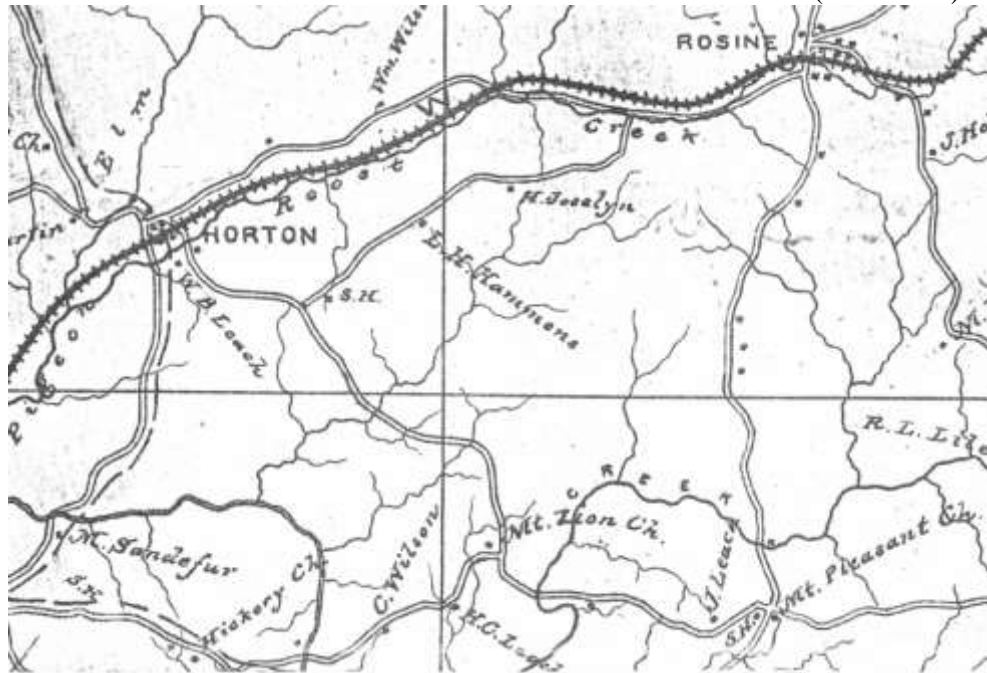
10. **John Calvin Wilson** was born 27 May 1842 Ohio County, KY. He is first found in the Ohio County tax lists in 1863. He served as a Union soldier during the Civil War (private, 17<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Infantry). He enlisted at Hartford, KY on 13 September 1861 and served until the end of the war. He is listed in the 1850, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He married Martha Ann (Miller) Liles, 1 February 1866 Ohio County, KY. Martha, daughter of Andrew Reid Miller & Martha Jane Howard, was born 16 September 1836 in what is now Larue County, KY. Martha married first Josiah Liles (1827-1863), 8 February 1853 Ohio County, KY; they were the parents of 5 children – Mary Jane (c1854-between 1882 & 1900, married Henry Clay Leach), William Obed (1857-1911, married Mary Frances Bennett & Laura Belle Ford), Martha Evaline (1859-1939, married Robert Houston Rains), Joseph Lincoln (1862-1898, married Lucinda Catherine Daugherty) and Josiah B. (1864-1925, married Anna Newton). The five children in the home of John C. Wilson in the 1870 census are his Liles stepchildren. Cal Wilson was a farmer and owned a farm. His farm is shown on an 1886 map of Ohio County; it was located on the north side of the Mt. Pleasant - Hickory Church Road a short distance west of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Martha Miller Wilson died of pneumonia 6 December 1906 Ohio County, KY and John Calvin Wilson died 7 February 1910 Ohio County, KY. They were buried in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, KY; their monument is one of the largest and most impressive in Ohio County.

Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section) p1019:

JOHN CALVIN WILSON was born in Ohio County, May 27, 1842, and is a son of John Wilson, who was born in the same county and died in 1846, leaving ten children, John C. being the youngest. The mother, Mary (Albin) Wilson, departed this life in 1881, aged seventy-five years. After the death of his father, subject remained on the farm with his mother until he arrived at the age of fourteen, after which he worked on a farm by the month until September 13, 1861, when he joined the Federal army, enlisted in Company A, Seventeenth Kentucky Volunteers, and served as a private until the close of the war. He was engaged in the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Chickamauga, Kenesaw

Mountain, Missionary Ridge, Dalton, Atlanta, Ga., and Duck River, Tenn; received an honorable discharge January 23, 1865, and immediately returned home and resumed farming. February 1, 1866, he was married to Martha (Liles) Miller; by her first marriage, Mrs. Wilson is the mother of five children: Mary J., William O., Martha E., Joseph L., and Josiah. Her marriage with Mr. Wilson has been blessed with four children: Herbert S., deceased, John W., Melzona B., and Ada V. In 1881 Mr. Wilson bought 100 acres of land, where he now resides, and has seventy-five acres well fenced and under a fine state of cultivation, and has recently erected a new barn for the accommodation of stock, to which he gives some attention. Mr. Wilson is a Republican; was a member of the P. of H. Mrs. Wilson and two daughters are members of the Baptist Church. The early education of our subject, owing to the disadvantages of a newly settled district, was limited to a few weeks each year, for about four years, but he has attained a fair business education through close application to the business of life, and has acquired all his property by his own efforts and those of his wife. [Note: In preceding biography John Calvin Wilson's wife's name should read Martha (Miller) Liles.]

Map of Ohio County, Kentucky, Jno. J. McHenry Publisher, Hartford, KY, 1886:  
 "C. Wilson" near Mt. Zion Church is farm of John Calvin Wilson (1842-1910)



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY,  
 Wednesday, 9 February 1910, p3:

Mr. Calvin Wilson died at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. Press Barnard, Sanderfur's Crossing, last Monday afternoon. His remains were interred at the Mt. Zion church burying grounds yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wilson was 70 years old and one of Ohio county's best citizens.







Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY

The 1910 census records that Martha A. Wilson was the mother of 10 children, 6 of whom were then living; 3 of her Liles children and 3 of her Wilson children were then living. Children of John Calvin Wilson & Martha Ann Miller were – **Herbert S.** (died infancy), **John Wilber** (1868-1922, married Gertrude Davis), **Melzona B.** (1871-1955, married Edgar Preston Barnard) and **Ada Victoria** (1873-1935, married John William Cox, Robert Hays Aubrey & William M. Combs). Two grandchildren of Melzona Wilson Barnard served as County Court Clerk of Ohio County, KY – Mary Elizabeth Barnard Ranney Roberts (1920-1980) served 1955-1980 and Cecil Williams Barnard (1916-2005) served 1980-1986.





11. **Martin L. Wilson** was born 1842-1846 Ohio County, KY and died 1846-1850. He is listed as a child of John Wilson in the 1846 suit filed by John Wilson's heirs (Ohio County Circuit Court case #1120) and in the 1849 sell of land of Samuel Wilson (Ohio County Deed Book L, p299-301). In these records the sons of John Wilson & Mary Albin appear to be listed in the order of their ages. Martin L. appeared last in both listings suggesting he was the youngest son.



**Thomas Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 29 March 1797 KY. He married Frances R. Goldsmith, 19 December 1816 Shelby County, KY. Thomas was then 19 years old. Samuel Wilson signed consent for his son to marry. They were married by Rev. Hinson Hobbs, a Baptist minister.

We acknowledge ourselves fully bound into the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the Penalty of Fifty Dollars to what Payment well & truly to be made we bind our selves our heirs & Executors severally jointly by this present sealed with our seals & dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of Decr 1816 The Condition of the above obligation is such that if there shall be no lawful cause to obstruct the Marriage of Thomas Wilson and Miss Francis Goldsmith then the above obligation shall be void otherwise remain in full force and Virtue

Test  
 Jas A. Rowland  
 Thomas<sup>his</sup> & Winnie<sup>his</sup> Wilson  
 made  
 Augustus Webb

December 17 1816 Jas A. Rowland  
 do you are at Liberty to grant  
 Thomas Wilson a License of Marriage  
 given under my hand  
 Jas A. Rowland

I do hereby certify that I have celebrated the rites of matrimony between Thomas Wilson and Frances Goldsmith on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 1816 agreeably to a License granted by the Clerk of the County Court of Shelby County as  
 Witness my hand and seal  
 Hinson Hobbs

Frances Goldsmith was born in 1798 KY. At least two of her siblings appear to have also lived in Ohio County. Elizabeth Goldsmith married Samuel Lee in Ohio County on 21 October 1824; bondsman on their marriage was Thomas Wilson. John Goldsmith appears in the 1824-1826 Ohio County tax lists. John died in 1827. John's administrator, Thomas Wilson, on 29 September 1827 filed in Ohio County an inventory & appraisal of the estate of John Goldsmith, deceased (Ohio County Will Book B, p217).

Thomas Wilson is listed in the 1820 census of Bullitt County, KY; in his household were listed 2 persons, 1 male and 1 female, both aged 16-26. By 1825 he was a resident of Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County. The 1850 & 1860 censuses give his occupation as farmer. He is first taxed on land in 1828. The Ohio County tax books of 1829-1850 show he owned 200 acres on Halls Creek. In the 1860 census listed in his home was Winnie Wilson, age 24; she was his niece, daughter of Thomas' brother, Robert Wilson. Thomas died on 16 January 1867. He was buried in Old Salem Cemetery in Ohio County about two miles northwest of Horse Branch. His son-in-law, John D. Miller on 4 February 1867 was appointed administrator of the estate of Thomas Wilson (Ohio County Administrator Bond Book 3, p239). A settlement of his estate was recorded in July 1869 (Ohio County loose estate papers, file #1055).



Thomas Wilson (1797-1867) & wife, Frances R. Wilson (1798-1878)  
Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY

Thomas Wilson's widow, Frances (age 80), in the 1870 Ohio County census is listed as living in the home of her daughter, Frances Ellen Wilson Miller. Frances also has a gravestone in the Old Salem Cemetery. I read its inscription as "Frances R., wife of Thomas Wilson, born in the year 1798, died 11 October 1878". The middle initial of R. was very clear. During the years of 1874-1878 the state of Kentucky recorded some vital statistics and in those recorded for Ohio County in the year of 1878 was a record of the death of "Frances Wilson, died in November

1878, age 79, widow, died of old age, parents Mr. & Mrs. Goldsmith.” Census records suggest that Thomas Wilson & Frances R. Goldsmith were the parents of 6 children, 1 son and 5 daughters, they were:

1. **George William Wilson** was born 12 September 1824 KY. He is listed in the Ohio County, KY 1850 census and tax lists of 1846-1857. George W. Wilson married Emily Elinor Iler, 20 December 1850 Ohio County, KY. Emily, daughter of John Tolbert Iler & Sarah Leach, was born 25 July 1830 Ohio County, KY. George died 18 September 1857 and was buried at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. A great-granddaughter, Joy Brown Griffin (1917-2009) said that George W. Wilson and another man were killed by lightning while in a barn. Henry H. Wilson & John Iler were appointed administrators of the estate of George W. Wilson, dec'd, on 5 October 1857 (Ohio County Administrator Bond Book 2, p183). A settlement of his estate was filed on 2 July 1860 (Ohio County loose estate papers, file #1053). His wife, Emily E. Wilson, is listed in the 1860 Ohio County, census. She married John Craig (1817-1892), 19 March 1865 Ohio County, KY; they are listed in the 1870 & 1880 censuses of Grayson County, KY. During 1891-1892 she moved to Hennessey, OK to live with her son, James F. Wilson. Emily Iler Wilson Craig died 29 April 1911 Hennessey, Kingfisher County, OK, where she was buried in the Hennessey Cemetery. The 1910 census of Hennessey, OK records that two children had been born to Emily both of whom were then living. George W. & Emily (Iler) Wilson had two children – **James Franklin** (1851-1923, married Nancy Ellen Craig) and **Sarah Frances** (1853-1948, married Charles Wintersmith Crume). George W. Wilson (1870-1925), son of James F. & Nancy, served as a president of the Oklahoma A & M College.

Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section):

CHARLES WINTERSMITH CROMES, Ohio County, Ky., was born in 1850, in Hardin County, Ky.; removed in childhood with his parents to Grayson County, there he grew to manhood and in 1873 located in Ohio County, where he now resides. He is the son of William Cromes, a native of Breckinridge County, a tanner by trade, who is now over seventy years of age. He married Emily J. Medley, who is now about seventy years old. Their children are Albert, Louann (Patterson), who is a twin sister of Melvina (Parish), Jefferson, William (who died from exposure in the army), Charles W., Ada J. (Burkley), Thomas and Martha (Lawrence). Charles W. Cromes married, April 13, 1873, Sarah F., daughter of George W. and Emily E. (Iler) Wilson, of Ohio County; she was born March 27, 1853, and to them have been born Emily J., Sarah B., Ada May, Mary E. and George W. Charles Wintersmith Cromes is a farmer, owning 116 acres of fair land, well improved and in good state of cultivation. His enterprise is evinced by carefully furnishing shelter for all his live-stock, and he is reaping the reward of such prudence. In religion he is a Methodist and in politics a Republican. [Note: Residence of Charles Crume is shown on 1886 map of Ohio County, KY; it was on the Rosine – Dundee Road, now Highway 1544, a short distance north of the Halls Creek Road about two miles north of Rosine.]

2. **Mariah Jane Wilson** was born 1820-1825 KY. She married John A. Adams, 12 December 1839 Ohio County, KY. Consent was signed by her father, Thomas Wilson. John A. Adams is listed in the 1840 census of Ohio County, KY. In his household was



one male aged 20-30 and one female aged 15-20. Mariah may have died during 1840-1844. John Adams married Christina Raley, 11 July 1844 Ohio County, KY. Christina was a daughter of Jonathan Raley & Nancy Cook. Four of Christina Raley's siblings married children of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee – John Raley (Nancy Wilson), Mary Raley (James Wilson), Nancy Raley (Robert Wilson) and James Raley (Sally Wilson). No subsequent record of John A. & Christina Adams could be found in Ohio County.

3. **Martha Wilson**, 'Patsy', was born c1826 Ohio County, KY. She married William W. Iler, 6 April 1843 Ohio County, KY. William, son of John Tolbert Iler & Sarah Leach, was born c1821 Ohio County, KY. William is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He lived two miles north of Rosine. William W. Iler died 15 July 1888 Ohio County, KY. At an inquest it was determined that he had died from a poisoned well. His nephew, J. H. Iler, was accused of having poisoned the well and at his trial on 24 July 1888 the judge dismissed the charges.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 18 July 1888, p3:

**POISONED.**

**A Whole Family Poisoned, and the Accused in Jail.**

The whole family of Wm. Iler, living about three miles North of Rosine, Ky., took suddenly ill last Friday and subsequent developments showed that they had been poisoned. Wm. Iler died Sunday. The remainder of the family have recovered. An inquest was held by J. H. C. Canan, coroner, on Monday. A post mortem examination was held at the same time by Drs. L. T. Cox and C. M. Heverin. After having exhumed the body of Mr. Iler, it was found from analysis that the theory of poisoning had been correctly founded. J. H. Iler, recently from Indiana, who is a nephew of deceased, was cropping with him the present year, and from some misunderstanding, the accused had made some threats. On last Friday morning, the accused sent his little daughter in company with one of the little girls of deceased to Rosine to purchase some arsenic, which they did. This, in connection with a chain of evidence made from circumstances before, and after the death of Wm. Iler, caused the arrest of J. H. Iler. He was brought to town on Monday by the coroner and others, and lodged in jail to await his examining trial, which is set for Friday. We will give the result of the trial in our next issue.

LATER. We are informed that when some of Wm. Iler's family accused J. H. Iler of having put poison in the well, the defendant told them to bring him a quart of the water and he would drink it. This was not done, however.

Martha Wilson Iler died 10 March 1896 Ohio County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 18 March 1896, p3 – "Mrs. Patsy Iler died at the residence of J. W. Thomas, near Heflin, on 10<sup>th</sup> inst., and her remains were laid to rest in the John Cannon burying grounds near Salem on 11<sup>th</sup>." The Cannon graveyard in the Fairview community

of Ohio County was later called the McCord Cemetery. Her grave is unmarked. Martha Wilson & William W. Iler were the parents of – **Thomas William** (1846-1933, a Confederate soldier, married Mary Jane Autry, Nancy Elizabeth Martin Stogner & Belle Cole Ramsey), **Mariah Jane** (1847-1881, married Jasper Newton Sandefur), **Sallie Mary** (1848-1909, married Francis Marion Maples, James F. Wallace & Joshua Lewis Austin), **John T.** (c1851-1888, married Sarah E. Shown & Elizabeth Vitula Benton), **Henry C.** (1853-1875, single), **Francis Marion** (1854-1886, married Mary Ellen Stewart & Mary Q. Victoria Liles), **Margaret E.** (1856-1879, married John W. Sorrells), **Nancy Esther** (1860-1886, married Benjamin Sanford Chamberlin), **Martha W.** (c1861-1895, married Nehemiah Minton, Jr.), **James Burgess** (1865-1925, married Luella Bennett & Eliza Anne Nichols) and **Matilda Fannie** (1869-1901, married John William Thomas).

4. **Sarah Ann Wilson** was born 1 October 1829 Ohio County, KY. She married Franklin Allen, 26 December 1844 Ohio County, KY. Franklin, ‘Frank’, son of Levi Allen & Jane Esque, was born 1 January 1821 Sumner County, Tennessee. Bondsman on their marriage was her brother, George W. Wilson. Frank Allen’s father, Levi Allen, was a soldier in the War of 1812 and died in 1861. Frank moved to Ohio County, KY during 1827-1829. Frank is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. His first cousin, Granville Crawford Allen (c1825-1861) was the first soldier killed on Kentucky soil during the Civil War. Sarah Ann (Wilson) Allen died 5 September 1861 Ohio County, KY and was buried in the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Frank Allen married Sarah Caudill, 23 October 1862 Ohio County, KY; she was the widow of Robert Pettus Ragland. Sarah Ann Wilson & Frank Allen were the parents of – **Frances E.** (1847-1867, married Hannibal Wedding), **George W.** (1849-after 1910, married Malinda M. Parsons, Fanny E. Wright & Adaline Nash), **William Preston** (1852-1925, married Odeca C. Duvall), **Alfred** (1854-1896, married Cassandra W. Kirby), **Martha Ellen** (1855-1931, married Joseph T. White & Ebrey N. Jameson), **Amanda Jane** (1858-1910, married Garland Stockton Hawkins) and **Nancy Ann** (1859-1935, married John C. Roach).
5. **Frances Ellen Wilson** was born 30 August 1834 Ohio County, KY. She married John Denham Miller, 9 March 1854 Ohio County, KY; bondsman was Thomas Wilson. In the master index at the Ohio County courthouse the groom’s name on their marriage was mistakenly listed as Thomas Wilson. Many have interpreted this to be a second marriage for Thomas Wilson – it was his daughter’s marriage. John D., son of William Makel Miller & Mary Mitchell, was born 19 January 1829 Ohio County, KY. His parents were married in Ohio County on 27 March 1828. William M. Miller was the founder of Horse Branch – he built the first house and country store there and the town was located on his property. John D. Miller is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County. He was a farmer. He died 28 November 1899 at his home near Cane Run in Ohio County, KY. The 1900 Ohio County census records that Frances E. Miller was the mother of 8 children, 2 of whom were then deceased. Frances Ellen died 23 November 1908 Ohio County, KY. She was buried beside her husband at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Their children were – **Mary Frances** (1855-1908, married Garrison Hoover), **Mahala Elizabeth** (1857-1928, married Thomas W. Daniel), **Susan Arenna** (1859-1886, married Ebrey N. Jameson), **George Washington** (1861-1897, married Antha Elizabeth Felix), **Joseph Mitchell** (1866-1914, married Mary Zine Daniel), **James**



**Robert** (1868-1922, married Viola Derr), **Fanny Ellen** (1871-1939, married Robert B. Payton & John W. Ford) and **John Wesley** (1874-1954, married Gertrude Lyons).

6. **Nancy Wilson** was born 23 July 1835 Ohio County, KY. She married William Gentry, 3 April 1858 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the residence of Thomas Wilson. William, son of Samuel Gentry & Dorcas Miller, was born 31 May 1831 Ohio County, KY. William is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He was killed by a falling tree 22 September 1882 Ohio County, KY and his wife, Nancy, died 7 March 1885 Ohio County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 11 March 1885, p3 – “Died, Gentry: At her home near Barrett’s Ferry, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1885, after a lingering illness of consumption, Mrs. Nancy Gentry, widow of the late Wm. Gentry, deceased. Her remains were interred on Sunday.” William & Nancy were buried Axton Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Children of Nancy Wilson & William Gentry were – **Joseph** (1859-1890, married Mary Burch Hoover), **George Ann** (1861-1945, married Henry Netter Hurt), **Sarah Elizabeth** (1863-1888, married Charles Filmore Cannon), **James Thomas** (1866-1947, married Dora Belle Wainscott), **John S.** (c1867-after 1910, married Nora E. Journey & Mrs. Marian Hart), **Frances Dee** (1870-1947, married John David Cooksey), **William Luther** (1872-1956, married Cora Adeline Sandbach), **Amanda Jane** (1874-1949, married William Henry French) and **Sarah M.** (1877-1913, married Garrison Joseph Hoover).



**David Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 1800-1803 KY. His age was suggested by his family’s listings in the 1810 & 1820 censuses. He was named as an heir of Samuel Wilson (1772-1835) in the Ohio County Circuit Court suit of John Wilson’s heirs (1846) and in Ohio County, Deed Book L pp299-301 (1849). The wording of these documents indicates that he was living at the time but no indication of his residence was given. He is not found in the Ohio County, KY tax lists. He was about 21 and probably had embarked on his own prior to his parents leaving Bullitt County, KY and moving to Ohio County about 1822. A David Wilson, born 6 March 1801 KY, first appears in the Bullitt County, KY tax lists in 1822. He married twice in Bullitt County – to Patsy Hall, 11 April 1829, and Margaret Cunningham, 7 May 1845. He is listed in the 1830, 1840 & 1850 censuses of Bullitt County, KY. In the 1830 census this David is listed 6 households from Abraham Jobe, who in 1818 had sold land in junction with Samuel Wilson (1772-1835). David moved to Douglas County, IL, where he is buried in the Filmore Cemetery. He died on 8 January 1859. Family trees on Ancestry.com report that this David Wilson was the son of William Wilson & Catherine Loverson, but provide no proof. Other than his age, location and proximity to Abraham Jobe I could find no document that tied him to Samuel & Winnie (Lee) Wilson. However, I think there is a possibility that this David is a son of Samuel & Winnie (Lee) Wilson.



**Samuel Wilson, Jr.**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 2 February 1803 KY. On 13 October 1823 he married Diadama Bell. According to the 1850 & 1860 censuses Diadama was born c1800 in Virginia. She was a daughter of Jabesh & Martha Bell, who were residing in Ohio County, KY by 1804 and are listed there in the 1810 & 1820 censuses, Jabesh in

1826 acquired land in Ralls County, MO, where he appears in the 1830 census. Samuel Wilson, Sr. in 1823 had purchased his farm in Ohio County from Jabesh & Martha Bell in 1823. Samuel Wilson, Jr. appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1826, 1827 & 1828; in each he was listed as “Jr.”. During 1828-1829 he moved to Ralls County, MO.

Samuel Wilson (Jr.) is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ralls County, MO. In the 1830 census he is listed immediately preceding his father-in-law, Jabesh Bell. He was a farmer. Samuel Wilson died in Ralls County, MO on 31 August 1872 and his wife, Diadama, died there on 9 October 1861. Samuel & Diadama Wilson and their children – Henry, David, Susan and Disa Jane were all originally buried at the Old Oakland Cemetery in Ralls County, MO and their remains were later moved to the New Oakland Cemetery in Ralls County, MO.



New Oakland Cemetery, Ralls County, MO

Samuel Wilson, Jr. & Diadama Bell were the parents of 11 children:

1. **Winifred Wilson**, ‘Winnie’, was born c1824 KY. She married Joseph Benjamin Henderson (1826-1906), 30 April 1849 Ralls County, MO. She died 20 August 1854 Ralls County, MO. They had – **John Henry** (1850-1927, married Edith Cordelia Snyder).
2. **Henry Wilson** born c1825 KY and died c1829 Ralls County, MO. He was buried New Oakland Cemetery, Ralls County, MO.
3. **Jacob Wilson** was born 27 January 1827 Ohio County, KY; an obituary reported he was born in Bullitt County, KY, however, his father is listed in the 1826-1828 Ohio County tax lists. He married Louisa Wilson, 13 March 1850, she died soon after and he married Frances Rouse (1824-1903), 25 October 1852. Jacob died 18 November 1906 St. Joseph, Buchanan County, MO and was buried Demoss Chapel Cemetery, Ralls County, MO. Children included – **Lovell Oliver** (1854-1929, married Hattie Jane Jones), **Eliza E.** (1856-1937, married Robert Alexander Grimes), **John G.** (1856-1858), **John W.** (1861-1933, married Enolia M. Yowell), **James Norton** (1861-1936, married Anna L. Mead & Esther Ann Melson), **William Samuel** (1864-1951, married Minnie Taylor Young & Mary Calesta Wadsworth) and **Thomas Adolphus** (1867-1942, married Julia Atkinson Brown).

Portrait and Biographical Record of Marion, Ralls and Pike Counties, Missouri,  
Chicago, C. O. Owen & Co., 1895, Ralls County section, pp190-191:

JACOB WILSON is a retired farmer and stock-raiser of Saline Township, Ralls County. In early manhood he left home to hew out his own way and after renting land for some five years came to his present homestead, which is located on Section 32, and has since engaged industriously in its cultivation and development. His first purchase was a tract of eighty acres and with this as a nucleus his possessions gradually increased until they numbered five hundred and twenty-two acres. A large share of this property he has since divided among his children, but still reserves one hundred and fifty-five acres.

A son of Samuel and Diadama (Bell) Wilson, our subject was born January 27, 1827, in Bullitt County, Ky. The parents were both natives of the Blue Grass State, but passed the greater portion of their years in this vicinity. Mr. Wilson died in 1875, aged sixty-two years, while his wife, who preceded him to the better land, dying in 1860, was then but forty-six years old. In 1825 Mr. Wilson came to Ralls County, and after remaining here a short time, was married and with his bride returned to Kentucky, where they passed the next six years. At length they decided to locate in Ralls County, and made the journey in a one-horse rig. Settling in Indian Creek Township, Ralls County, Mr. Wilson engaged in farming and at the time of his demise was the owner of one hundred and forty acres. His educational advantages had been very limited, but he was master of the elementary branches. Politically he was first a Whig and afterwards became a Democrat. Both he and his wife were faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Their family comprised ten children as follows: Winnie, deceased, was the wife of Joe Henderson, a farmer of Monroe County; Henry, deceased; Jacob, of this sketch; Martha, who married Thomas P. Waller, a farmer of this county; Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, the second of the name, wife of G. Bradley, a farmer of Monroe County; John and David, deceased; Susan, a resident of this township, and Dica Jane, deceased.

In 1851 Jacob Wilson was married in this county to Louisa, one of the three daughters of Joshua Wilson. Although of the same name she was not even distantly related to our subject. She was born in Indiana and died in June, 1851, but three months after her marriage, of the dreaded plague, cholera. In October, 1852, Mr. Wilson married Frances Rouse, who was born in Boone county, Ky., October 3, 1824, being a daughter of Lovel and Eliza (Barlow) Rouse. The latter were natives of Virginia, but became acquainted in Kentucky and were there married in 1823. In 1834 they emigrated by wagons to Ralls County, and settling on Salt River, continued to dwell in that locality until 1860. For fourteen years they resided on the homestead now occupied by our subject. The father, who was born March 4, 1802, died April 11, 1882, after which his wife broke up housekeeping and went to live with her children, her death occurring at the home of one of her daughters in this township, February 23, 1894, at the extreme old age of ninety-two years, the date of her birth being November 20, 1802. Both she and her husband were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson has been blessed with the following children: Lovel O., who is at home; John W. and Eliza E., twins, the former deceased and the latter the wife of Alexander Grimes, a farmer of this county; James, who operates a farm in Monroe County; William S.,

a farmer of this locality ; and Thomas A., who is engaged in farming in Monroe County.

Such education as fell to the lot of Jacob Wilson was that of the primitive district schools, but his knowledge has been much increased by his habits of keen observation and reading. He has never been an aspirant for official distinction, but has always discharged his duties as a citizen according to his convictions, depositing his ballot in favor of the Democracy. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South and is generous and liberal toward the poor and needy.

4. **Martha Ann Wilson** was born 28 September 1828 Ohio County, KY; census records and her death certificate report she was born in Kentucky. She married Thomas P. Waller (1825-1916), 1854-1855. She died 17 November 1910 Ralls County, MO and was buried Demoss Chapel Cemetery, Ralls County, MO. The 1900 census reports that she had had no children.
5. **Nancy A. Wilson** was born 18 May 1830 Ralls County, MO. She married Hugh Benjamin Dillard, c1850. She died 7 September 1923 Saline County, MO and was buried Slater City Cemetery, Saline County, MO. Children – **Williams S.** (1851-1939, married Carrie Elizabeth Adams), **Joseph E.** (1852-1924, married Sarah Edna Todd & Maude Watson Huggins), **Jennie** (1858-1876), **Thomas L.** (c1856-after 1878, married Mary McCue), **Martha V.** (c1857-after 1860), **Mary Adaline** (1862-1927, married Elias Freeman Skinner), **Lida** (1866-1910, married William D. Hall), **Emma D.** (1869-1946, married Joseph W. Binns) and **Susia Ella** (1872-1934, married William Freeman Eikost).
6. **David Wilson** born 4 June 1832 Ralls County, MO. He died 9 April 1870 and was buried New Oakland Cemetery, Ralls County, MO.
7. **John L. Wilson** was born 25 April 1834 Ralls County, MO; he enlisted in the Confederate army in 1862. He died 9 February 1863.
8. **Elizabeth Wilson** was born 27 November 1835 Ralls County, MO and died 10 October 1837 Ralls County, MO.
9. **Susan Wilson** was born 5 October 1837 Ralls County, MO. In 1900 she was residing with her sister, Martha Waller, in Ralls County, MO. She died single on 20 December 1907 and was buried New Oakland Cemetery, Ralls County, MO.



Susan Wilson (1837-1907)



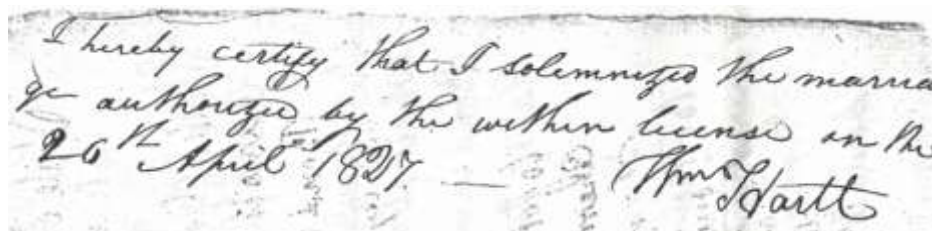
10. **Disa Jane Wilson** was born 23 September 1839 Ralls County, MO. She died single on 11 September 1882 and was buried New Oakland Cemetery, Ralls County, MO.
11. **Mary Elizabeth Wilson** was born 4 June 1841 Ralls County, MO. She married Paxton Green Bradley (1838-1895), c1862; and John William Dry (1834-1913), 14 February 1901 Monroe County, MO. Mary died 6 September 1913 Monroe County, MO and was buried Sunset Hill Cemetery, Monroe County, MO. By her first husband she had 7 children – **Nora P.** (1862-1895, married James Everett Bell), **Susan Ellen** (1865-1941, married Anderson T. Garnett), **Martha Thomas** (1868-1945, married John Middleton Jackson), **Frances Everett** (1871-1960, married Emma Bell Moss); **Cecil Otis** (1873-1910, married Minnie Edna Kiger), **Eliza Virginia** (1876-1937, married Joseph Marion Rouse) and **Edna Mary** (1882-1980, married Henry Jackson Embree).



Mary Elizabeth (Wilson) Bradley Dry (1841-1913)



**James Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 1 December 1804 Shelby County, KY. He is listed with a middle initial of “W.” in the 1880 census; no other source was found to support this. His full date of birth was given in a memorial published in the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 20 February 1889, p2) and in a family bible. A biography of his son, Samuel Martin Wilson (1836-1905), in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, p1019) states that “his father, James Wilson, born in 1804 in Shelby County, removed with his parents in childhood to Jefferson County; then in 1816, to Bullitt County, and in 1822, to Ohio County.” Samuel Wilson, father of James, appears in the 1804 tax list of Shelby County. James Wilson is found for the first time in the Ohio County tax lists in 1826. James married twice. He married Mary Raley, 26 April 1827 Ohio County, KY. They were married by Rev. William Hart, a Methodist minister.



Know all men by these presents that we James Wilson and Jonathan Raley are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of fifty pounds Current money which payment well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves our heirs & jointly and severally by these presents with our hand and seals this 23 day of April 1839

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a license about to pass for a marriage shortly intended to be solemnized between said Wilson & Polly Raley

Now should it always hereafter appear that there is no lawful cause to obstruct said marriage then the above obligation to be void Else to remain in full force

James Wilson (Seal)  
 Jonathan Raley (Seal)

Wm Henderson

State of <sup>the</sup> Kentucky & Jefferson  
 Ohio County

I Charles Henderson Clerk of the County Court for said County do certify that James Wilson who is about to be married to Polly Raley hath Executed Bond in my office according to law for that purpose and Jonathan Raley her father consents to said marriage personally

These are therefore to license & permit you to join together in the Holy State of matrimony according to the rites and Ceremonies of the Church to which you belong the said James Wilson and Polly Raley and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant

To any minister of the Gospel legally authorized to celebrate the rites of Matrimony

Given under my hand this 23 day of April

Wm Henderson

Mary, "Polly", daughter of Jonathan Raley & Nancy Cook, was born 1804-1810 KY. Her father signed his consent for her to marry. Her parents are listed in a biography of her brother, James Raley (1818-1896), in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (J. H. Battle, W. H. Perrin & G. C. Kniffin, 1885, Ohio County section, p992). Mary Raley Wilson died between the birth of their daughter, Mary Jane, in 1828 and the enumeration of the 1830 census. The 1830 census records that then there were only two persons in the home of James Wilson – a male aged 20-30 and a female under the age of 5.

James Wilson served as the administrator of his father's estate. He is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He is first

taxed on land in 1839. His brother, William Wilson, in 1825 had purchased 151 acres on Caney Creek (Ohio County, KY Deed Book E, p569). In 1826 William Wilson died leaving three children, Malissa, Sarah & Samuel. By 1838 James Wilson had purchased the interest of Sarah and Samuel in their father's land. James Wilson subsequently lived the remainder of his life on the same farm that was near the McCord Cemetery about two miles north of Rosine. Late in life James transferred the farm to his son, Samuel Martin Wilson. On 17 June 1882 Samuel Martin Wilson filed a suit against Malissa Wilson, who was the child of William Wilson, deceased (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit, Samuel M. Wilson vs. Malissa Wilson, case #1819, file #3819). Samuel M. & Malissa were first cousins. Over the years at several inquests Malissa had been characterized as an idiot that was unable to care for herself. James Wilson had been appointed her committee to care for his niece. Later the role of caretaker descended to James Wilson's son, Samuel M., who in the 1882 suit requested that Malissa's interest in the 137-acre farm (formerly believed to be 151 acres) be sold for her benefit and care. The court ordered her one-third interest to be sold. Her interest of 45 ½ acres was sold on 1 January 1883 and Jonathan Raley became the purchaser.

The 1840 census shows a female born during 1820-1825 in the home of James Wilson. Her birth predated his marriage in 1827. This would have been his niece, Malissa Wilson, who was born c1820. Malissa Wilson is also shown in the home of James Wilson in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses. In the 1880 census James & his niece, Malissa, were shown as living in the home of his son, Samuel M. Wilson.

James Wilson married second Susannah Howard, 15 April 1835 Ohio County, KY. Her guardian, William B. Leach, signed consent for her to marry. Bondsman on the marriage was Benjamin Wilson.

Know all men in these presents that we James Wilson and Benjamin Wilson are held & firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of ~~the~~ <sup>five</sup> hundred current money for the true pay ment whereof well truly to be made to the said Commonwealth we bind our selves our heirs & our assigns & severally jointly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 15 day of April 1835. The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a purpose of marriage between the above bound James Wilson & Susan Lewis and now up and should be no law ful cause to obstruct the said marriage then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force.

Benjamin Wilson  
 James Wilson



In the 1885 biography of Samuel Martin Wilson in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State it is stated that his father, “James married Susana daughter of Robert and Diana Etherton Howard, of Ohio County; she was born in 1806, and died 1870.” Her father was a resident of Ohio County upon its formation in 1799. Her mother’s surname is also spelled Atherton. Susannah’s mother Diannah Howard married William Leach, 16 February 1815 Ohio County, KY. William B. Leach by his will written in 1844 and recorded in 1853 left to his stepdaughter, Susan Howard, one cow & calf, 1 yearling colt, one bed & furniture, and an ewe & lamb (Ohio County, KY Will Book C, p130). Susannah Howard Wilson died 11 August 1870 and was buried at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. In the cemetery I found a hand carved rock that is very difficult to decipher. I interpreted it as “S\_\_ Wilson born 15 Feb. 1806 and died 11 Aug. 1870.” These dates match with the birth and death recorded for Susannah in the Samuel Martin Wilson (1836-1905) family bible – in the bible it was recorded that “Susanah Willson was born February 15 in the year of our Lord 1806” and “Susanah Willson wife of James Wilson died 11<sup>th</sup> of Aug’t 1870.’



Gravestone of Susannah (Howard) Wilson (1806-1870)  
Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY

James Wilson died 2 February 1889 at the home of his son, Sam M. Wilson, in the Fairview community of Ohio County, KY. He was a member of the Cane Run Baptist Church, where his funeral service was conducted. No gravestone has been located for him. He was probably buried either at the Old Salem Cemetery, in Ohio County, where his wife, Susannah has a monument, or he could have been buried at the McCord, where two of his five children were buried. For several years James had been living with his son, Samuel M., whose son, William Wain Wilson (1866-1884) preceded his grandfather in death and he has a gravestone in the McCord Cemetery. A nephew, William M. Awtry (1842-1906), was appointed administrator of the estate of James Wilson, deceased on 22 March 1889 (Ohio County Administrator Bond Book 6, p107).



Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 6 February 1889, p3:

WILSON.—At his home near Rosine, Saturday, Feb. 2, James Wilson, of paralysis, in the 85th year of his age. Mr. Wilson was one of the first settlers in the eastern part of Ohio county, and has been a leading citizen in section his country for a number of years. One by one the old land-marks pass away.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 20 February 1889, p2:

**In Memoriam.**

Feb. 18, 1889.—James Wilson was born December 1, 1804, died Saturday February 1, 1889, at the residence of his son, Sam M. Wilson, two miles North of Rosine, Ky., age 84 years 2 months and 1 day. He was born in Shelby county, Ky., and moved with his parents to Jefferson county, in childhood; removed to Bullitt county in 1816 and moved to Ohio county in 1822. He was married to Susanah Howard in 1836. He professed hope in Christ in 1852 and united with the Methodist church, where he had his membership for a few years, when he united with the Cane Run Baptist church, where he lived until the day of his death, a consistent member, beloved by all who knew him. He was full of life when well, and full of religion at all times—devoted to his own religious views, but entirely free from denominational selfishness—everyone loved him, both in and out of the church.  
Uncle Jim leaves 3 children and 1 sis-

ter to mourn his loss, but they are all members of the church and are trying to meet their father and brother in heaven. His home was always a home for ministers of the gospel of all denominations. One thing worthy of notice in his life, he was kind to the afflicted; always had time to administer to their wants, yes, day or night. He showed his faith by his works. He was a member of the Methodist and Baptist churches for 37 years, and deacon of the Baptist church for 26 years.

Long, long years of patient waiting,  
He was ready for his call,  
When that message came with greeting,  
Closed his eyes upon us all.

J. J. T.

Samuel Martin Wilson (1836-1905) Family Bible:

Wilson family researcher, Eva Landrum Pope (1909-1998), a great-granddaughter of James Wilson & Susannah Howard, stated that the bible in 1986 was in the possession of Wavy Braxton Wilson (1906-1990), a grandson of Samuel Martin Wilson. The following transcription of the bible's family record pages was transcribed by Jerry Long.

Page 1

James Wilson was born December the 1<sup>st</sup> 1804  
Mary Jane was born April the 11<sup>th</sup> 1828  
Samuel M. was born March the 17<sup>th</sup> 1836  
Elizabeth Wilson was born Sept. 22 in the year of our Lord 1837  
Dyanah T. Wilson was born January 4<sup>th</sup> 1842

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Robert N. Willson was born in March the 19 in the year of our Lord 1844  
Susanah Willson was born February the 15<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1806  
James W. Duke was born June the 4<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1856  
William H. Duke was born January 20<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord 1858  
Ora Allas Willson was born Sept. 28 A.D. 1858

Page 3 – Births

James Wilson was born December 1<sup>st</sup> 1804  
Susanah Howard wife of James Wilson born Feb'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1806  
Mary B. Wilson wife of S. M. Wilson was born July the \_ 1860, she was a daughter of F. M. Haynes  
Edna Earl Wilson daughter of S. M. and Mary B. Wilson was born January the 22, 1891  
Oria Alice Wilson daughter of S. M. and Mary B. Wilson was born Jan. 30<sup>th</sup> 1895

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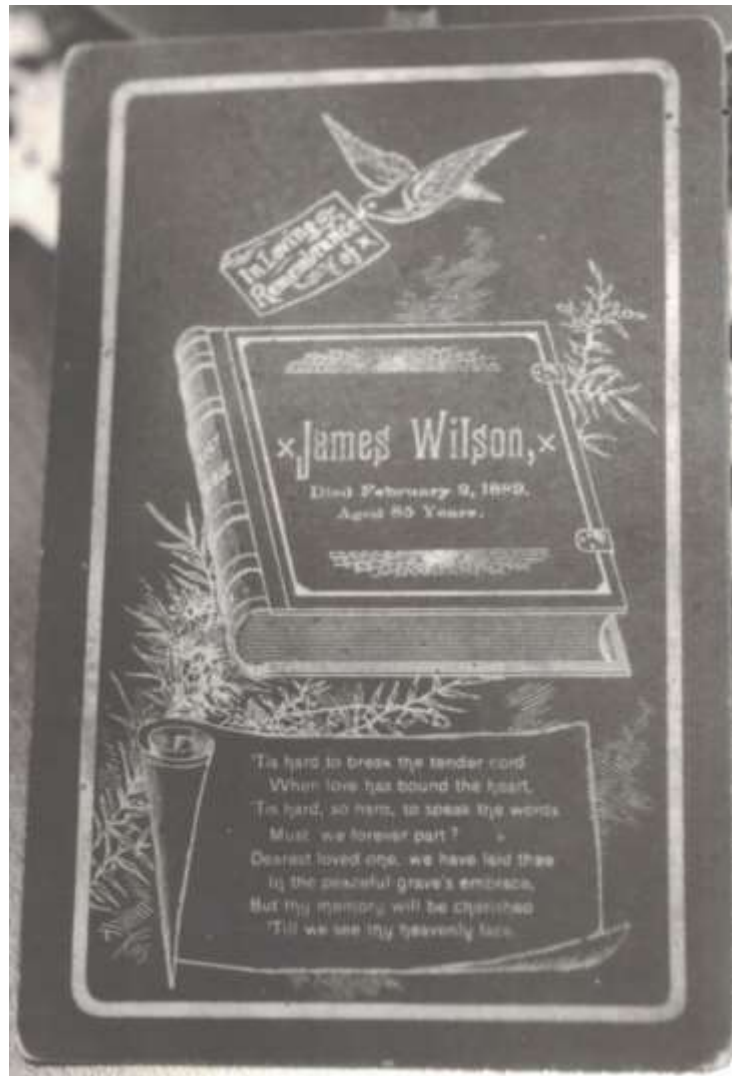
Samuel M. Wilson was born 17<sup>th</sup> of March 1836  
Elvira Jane Liles his wife was born 2<sup>nd</sup> of Sept. 1834  
John Gaither Wilson son of Samuel & Elvira Jane Wilson was born 3<sup>rd</sup> of Aug't 1860  
Diana T. Wilson a daughter of S. M. Wilson & Elvira J. Wilson was born May 13<sup>th</sup> 1862  
James Robert Wilson a son of Samuel M. & Elvira Jane Wilson born Feb'y 15<sup>th</sup> 1865  
William Wain Wilson son of Samuel M. & Elvira Jane Wilson born Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Mary Ellen Wilson daughter of Samuel M. & Elvira Jane born 3<sup>rd</sup> of Oct. 1868  
George Washington Wilson a son of S. M. Wilson & Elvira Jane Wilson born July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1870  
Susan Samantha Willson a daughter of S. M. Willson & Elvira Jane Willson born November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1872  
Henry Braxdel Willson son of Samuel & Elvira Jane Willson born June 15<sup>th</sup> 1875  
Anna Bell Wilson daughter of S. M. & Elvira Jane Wilson born \_\_ (faded)

Page 5 – Deaths

Susanah Wilson wife of James Wilson died 11<sup>th</sup> of Aug't 1870  
Elvira J. Wilson dep. This life \_\_ 1888, age 53 yrs. 4 months & 29 days, marriage was 32 years two months & 18 days  
James Wilson departed this February 2, 1889 age 84 yrs. two months and one day  
Anna Bell Wilson daughter of S. M. & Elvira J. Wilson departed this life Nov. 26, 1900 age 22 y. 5 m. 7 d.  
Dianna T. Wilson daughter of S. M. & Elvira Jane Wilson died Apr. 17<sup>th</sup> 1863  
Henry Braxton Wilson son of S. M. & E. J. Wilson departed this life May the 1<sup>st</sup> A.D. 1876  
William W. Wilson son of S. M. and E. J. Wilson departed this life May the 7<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1884  
Mary E. Wilson daughter of S. M. and E. J. Wilson departed this life Oct. the 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1886

Page 6 – Marriages

Samuel M. Wilson & Elvira Jane Liles was married 13<sup>th</sup> of November 1855  
Samuel M. Wilson and Mary B. Haynes was married Dec. the 20<sup>th</sup>, 1888  
Samuel M. Wilson died April 6, 1905



Funeral card of James Wilson (1804-1889)

Census records and the bible of Samuel Martin Wilson list 5 children of James Wilson. James Wilson and Mary Raley had 1 child – Mary Jane. James Wilson and Susannah Howard had 4 children – Samuel Martin, Elizabeth, Diana Tivis and Robert N.

1. **Mary Jane Wilson** was born 11 April 1828 Ohio County, KY. She married two first cousins, who were named John Daniel. She married first John Gaither Daniel, 29 January 1848 Ohio County, KY; James Wilson was bondsman on their marriage license. John G., son of John Daniel & Phoebe Butler, was born c1824 KY. John & Mary Daniel are listed in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY; in their home was one child, Susan, age 7 months. John G. Daniel died 1853-1857. His wife, Mary J. Daniel, appears in his place in the 1857 Ohio County tax list. Mary Jane Wilson & John Gaither Daniel were the parents of – **Susan** (born 1849 & died 1850-1860) and **Dinah Elizabeth** (1854-1880, married

John Powell Lloyd, on 26 July 1860 her stepfather, John Daniel, was appointed her guardian). Mary Jane (Wilson) Daniel, married John Robert Daniel, 20 January 1858; they were married at the residence of her grandfather, James Wilson. John Robert, son of Walker Daniel & Mary Ann Smith, was born c1832 Ohio County, KY and died after 1870. John & Mary J. are listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County. Mary Jane (Wilson) Daniel married Joseph Hoover, 18 January 1879 Ohio County, KY. Joseph, son of Garrison Hoover & Sarah Gentry, was born c1830 Ohio County, KY and died 10 March 1898 near Horse Branch, Ohio County, KY. Mary J. (Wilson) Hoover is listed in the 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County. The 1900 census recorded that Mary was the mother of 9 children 3 of whom were then deceased. Mary J. Hoover died 30 January 1906 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Axton Cemetery; a glowing and lengthy obituary was published in the Hartford Republican (Hartford, KY, Friday, 9 February 1906, p4). Mary Jane Wilson and her second husband, John Robert Daniel were the parents of – **James Walker** (1858-1931, married Amanda Lelia Boswell), **Arena A.** (1860-1943, married James Buchanan Mitchell), **Samuel Thomas** (1863-1938, married Laura Bell McSherry), **Mary Zion** (1865-1951, married Joseph Mitchell Miller), **Robert John** (1868-1936, single) and **Susan D.** ('Sudie', 1871-1909, married Jesse Trip Cooksey).

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 7 February 1906, p3:

Mrs. Mary Hoover died at the residence of Mr. J. B. Mitchell, near Olaton, this county, last Thursday, aged 79 years. She had been a member of the Methodist church since a girl, and was a most excellent woman. She leaves six children. Her remains were interred at the Axton cemetery Friday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Joseph Acton

2. **Samuel Martin Wilson**, was born 17 March 1836 Ohio County, KY. He married Elvira Jane Liles, 13 November 1855 Ohio County, KY. Elvira, daughter of David Liles & Mary Tootle / Tuten, who were married in Roane County, TN 23 June 1814. Elvira was born 2 September 1834 Roane County, TN. Samuel M. Wilson is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Samuel served in the Union army during the Civil War. He enlisted in the 17<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry on 3 October 1861 (private). He was in the Battle of Shiloh, TN. He was discharged on 5 May 1864 on account of wounds in the right thigh received on 19 September 1863 in Battle of Chickamauga, Georgia. He carried the minie ball in a small metal box for show the remainder of his life. He received a military pension. Elvira J. Wilson died of pneumonia 31 January 1888 Ohio County, KY. Samuel M. Wilson married second Mary Belle Haynes, 20 December 1888 Ohio County, KY. Mary B., daughter of Francis W. Haynes & Helen M. Stephens, was born 31 July 1860 Ohio County, KY. Mary B. married Harvey J. Barker, 9 December 1879 Hawesville, Hancock County, KY and they were divorced in November 1885 Ohio County, KY. Samuel Martin Wilson died of consumption on 16 April 1905 Ohio County, KY. He was buried with his wife, Elvira, at the McCord Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Mary Belle Haynes Wilson died of pneumonia 22 March 1935 Dyersburg, Dyer County, TN, where she was buried in the Fairview Cemetery. Samuel Martin Wilson & Elvira Jane Liles had 9 children – **John Gaither** (1860-1941,



married Rebecca Ann Christian), **Diana T.** (1862-1863), **James Robert** (1865-1942, married Isophenie Pulcherie Ann Daniel & Leona Hayse Smith), **William Wain** (1866-1884, died of lung trouble), **Mary Ellen** (1868-1886), **George Washington** (1870-1944, married William Florence Jamison), **Susan Samantha** (1872-1904, married Joseph Thomas Daniel), **Henry Braxdel / Braxton** (1875-1876) and **Anna Bell** (1878-1900, single). Samuel Martin Wilson and Mary Belle Haynes had 2 children – **Edna Earle** (1891-1985, married Farris Jamison) and **Ora Alice** (1895-1987, married Worth Raley).

Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section, p1019:

SAMUEL MARTIN WILSON was born March 17, 1836 in Ohio County Ky., where he has always had his residence. In 1861, he enlisted in Company H, Seventeenth Kentucky Infantry, and was discharged in 1864, on account of wounds. His father, James Wilson, born in 1804, in Shelby County, removed with his parents in childhood to Jefferson County; then in 1816, to Bullitt County, and in 1822, to Ohio County, where he now resides with Samuel M.(the subject), he is the son of Samuel Wilson, a native of Virginia, born in 1772 and died at this place in 1835. James married Susana daughter of Robert and Diana (Ethern) Howard, of Ohio County; she was born in 1806, and died 1870; their children are: Samuel M., Elizabeth (Duke and Landrum), Diana T. (Hughs and Knox), and Robert N (died in the army); Mary J. (Daniel and Hoover) was born of a former marriage. Samuel M. was married November 13, 1855, to Elvira J., daughter of David and Polly (Tootle) Liles, of Ohio County; she was born September 2, 1834, and to them have been born John G., Diana (deceased), James R., William W. (deceased), Mary E., George W., Susan S., Henry B. (deceased) and Anna Belle. Mr. Wilson is a farmer, having 250 acres of fair land in a high state of cultivation. He has been for twelve years a deacon in the Baptist Church, and in politics is a stanch Republican.

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY. Friday, 21 April 1905, p4:

**CANE RUN.**  
 April 18.—On last Sunday evening at 7 o'clock the death angel visited our community, and claimed, for its own, the beloved christian man, Mr. S. M. Wilson. He had been suffering from that dreadful disease consumption. He was 69 years and 29 days old. The community has lost a kind and loving neighbor and the church a faithful member. He was a member of the Olaton Baptist church. He leaves a loving wife and five children and a host of relatives and friends. His remains were laid to rest in the McCord burying ground. Revs. F. M. Farris and H. C. Truman conducted funeral services.



Samuel Martin Wilson (1836-1905)

3. **Elizabeth Wilson** was born 22 September 1837 Ohio County, KY. She married Henderson Duke, 11 May 1854 Ohio County, KY. Henderson, son of Washington Duke & Elizabeth Vaught, was born c1823 KY. On a record of their marriage he was reported

to be age 30 and born Ohio County, KY. Henderson & Elizabeth were divorced in Ohio County, KY on 2 April 1860 (Ohio County Circuit Court Book 16, p68, file #1241E). His name is also found as Dukes. He served in the Union army during the Civil War (1<sup>st</sup> Indiana Cavalry). Henderson went to Indiana, where he is listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Warrick County, IN and 1880 census of Gibson County, IN. Henderson married Elizabeth (Flack) Keith, 5 March 1865 Warrick County, IN, Mary C. Cannon, 7 December 1872 Warrick County, IN and Rachel P. Brack, 26 August 1876 Pike County, IN. At the time of the 1860 Ohio County census Elizabeth Wilson Duke and her two children were living at her parents' home. Elizabeth Wilson & Henderson Duke were the parents of – **James Washington** (1856-1956, married Susannah Dicey Nabours) and **William Henry** (1858-1935, married Priscilla Penora Hoover). Mrs. Elizabeth Duke married second James Moores Landrum (also spelled Lendrum), 21 September 1862 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the residence of her father, James Wilson. James M., son of Isham Watkins Lendrum & Anna Catherine Moores, was born 17 May 1821 Madison County, KY. James M. married Sarah Emily Plummer (1822-1849), 10 November 1840; they had children – James Walker and Mary Emily. James M. Landrum married 2<sup>nd</sup> Parmelia Ann Daniel (1827-1862), 21 June 1849 Ohio County, KY; they had no children. Elizabeth (Wilson) Landrum died of a disease of the lungs at the home of her brother, Samuel M. Wilson, near Rosine, Ohio County, KY on 18 December 1880. She was buried in the Landrum Cemetery, Olaton, Ohio County, KY. James M. Landrum married 4<sup>th</sup> Sarah Ann (Mitchell) Neighbors (1849-1939), 16 December 1884 Ohio County, KY; they had two children – Miles Aaron & Annie Sarah. James M. Landrum died 28 December 1887 Ohio County, KY, and was buried Landrum Cemetery, Olaton, Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth Wilson and James M. Landrum were parents of – **Samuel Isham** (1863-1933, married Elizabeth D. McSherry & Mahala Frances St.Clair), **Susan Margaret** (1866-1883, single), **Charles Walker Sherman** (1868-1915, married Cindy Adaline Farris), **Robert Melvin** (1870-1919, married Martha Ann Cummings), **Franklin Alvin** (1873-1914, married Clara Sophia Moss), **Pina Evaline** (1875-1908, married Earnest Bays & William Elzy Puryear) and **John Wilbert** (1878-1957, married Minnie Catherine Moorman & Nannie Ellen Murray).



Elizabeth (Wilson) Duke Landrum (1837-1880)

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 12 April 1881, p1:

**In Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Landrum.**

The messenger of death has again entered a circle of loving friends and taken from their midst

"The one who loved,  
The one who blessed."

With sympathy for the bereaved friends we attempt to pay an humble tribute to her memory.

Mrs. Elizabeth Landrum, wife of James Landrum, daughter of James and Susannah Wilson, was born in Ohio county, September 22, 1817, and died at the residence of her brother, Samuel M. Wilson, near Rosine, Ohio county, Ky., Dec. 18, 1880, in the 44th year of her age. She made a profession of religion in her 15th year, and became a member of the Baptist church. Her life exhibits a pattern for those graces which should adorn the character of the follower of the Lord Jesus.

Her sickness, which was disease of

the lungs, and subjected her to much suffering at times, was borne with Christian patience. She seemed perfectly resigned to the will of the Divine Father. That she was a loved and respected member of society was made manifest by the many visitors who were constantly in attendance, each seeming anxious to perform some act of kindness by which her sufferings might be alleviated.

As her disease grew more and more death-like, each member of her family was summoned to her bedside. She had her companion and children an affectionate farewell, and spoke in beautiful and touching language to her three oldest sons, exhorting them to meet her in a better world. "I am going home to die no more" was one of the comforting assurances she gave of that hope within which reaches beyond this vale of death.

4. **Diana Tivis Wilson** was born 4 January 1842 Ohio County, KY. She married John L. Hughes, 8 March 1860 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the residence of her father. John L., son of Meredith Hughes & Nancy Hunt, was born 1835 Allen County, KY. He is listed with his parents in the 1850 census of Allen County, KY. In the 1860 Ohio County census John L. & Diana are listed immediately following her parents. John L. & Diana T. & 3 children are in the 1870 census of Greene County, MO. John L. died in 1875 while a resident of Greene County, MO. Diana T. Hughes was appointed administratrix of his estate on 2 December 1875 (Greene County, MO Letters of Administration Volume B, pp166-167). Diana married John Greer Knox, 1879-1880. John G., son of Joseph Knox & Lovisa S. Davidson, was born 15 January 1833 TN; he married first Elizabeth Selena Locke (1832-1879), 14 October 1855. John G. & Diana Knox are listed in the 1880 census of Greene County, MO; listed with them are 6 children of John G. Knox by his first marriage and 3 Hughes children. John G. Knox died 2 November 1891 Greene County, MO (Springfield Democrat, Springfield, MO, 5 November 1891, p8); he was buried Murray Cemetery, Willard, Greene County, MO.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY  
Wednesday, 3 May 1905, p3:



John Greer Knox (1833-1891)

Mr. Robert A. Miller, Horse Branch, and Mrs. D. T. Knox, Lexington, Kan., were married at the residence of Rev. G. J. Bean, Hartford, last Thursday. The groom is 66 years of age and the bride is 63. The bride is a daughter of the late James Wilson, Rosine. This is the groom's second and the bride's third marriage. Her first husband was James Hughes, second a gentleman by the name of Knox. The contracting parties have the very best wishes of THE HERALD.

Diana T. Knox is listed as a widow in the 1900 census of Greene County, MO; living in her home was a niece, Pina Evaline (Eva) Landrum and Eva's daughter, Edna Bays. Diana Wilson married third Robert Anderson Miller, 27 April 1905 Ohio County, KY. Robert A., son of William Makel Miller & Mary Mitchell, was born 18 April 1839 Ohio County, KY; he married Nancy Jane Raley (1841-1899) in 1860; Nancy & Diana were first cousins. Robert A. Miller died 12 August 1909 Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in the Old Salem Cemetery. Diana (Wilson) Miller is listed as a widow in the 1910 census of Ohio County, KY and 1920 census of Green County, MO. Diana T. (Wilson) Miller died 5 December 1924 near Rosine in Ohio County, KY. She was buried McCord Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 and 1910 censuses record that Diana was the mother of 10 children 3 of whom were then living.



Diana T. Wilson (1842-1924) & husband, John Greer Knox (1833-1891)

Children of Diana T. Wilson and John L. Hughes included – **James Samuel Hughes** (1865-1951, married Emma Louise Agee & Sarah Ann Autry, Sarah & James S. were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, her grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson Autry, was a sister of James Samuel's grandfather, James Wilson), **Mary S.** (born 1868 & died 1870-1880), **Meredith McCord** (1870-1945, married Nannie Craig Moore) and **William Walter** (1875-1940, married Myrtle Lauthern & Bessie L. Raley, William Walter & Bessie L. were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins once removed, Bessie L.'s great-grandmother, Nancy Wilson Raley, was a sister of William Walter's grandfather, James Wilson).

5. **Robert N. Wilson** was born 19 March 1844 Ohio County, KY. He is listed with his parents in the 1850 and 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He is shown as having a middle initial of 'N.' in the 1860 census, in the bible of his brother, Samuel Martin Wilson, and in national cemetery database. He was a private in the army during the Civil War. He enlisted on 21 August 1862 in company A, 12<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Volunteer Cavalry and was mustered in on 17 November 1862 at Owensboro, KY. In the Report of the

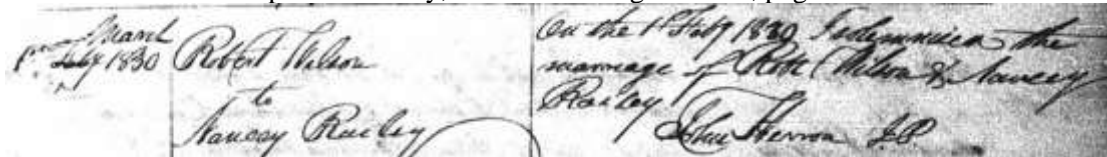


Adjutant General of the State of Kentucky (Volume I) it was recorded that he died of measles in a hospital at Louisville, KY. "Pvt. Robert N. Wilson", who died on 5 May 1863, is reported as being buried in the Cave Hill National Cemetery in Louisville, KY (section B, site 1891). He was single.



**Robert Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 31 October 1806 Shelby County, KY. Some researchers report his name as Robert James Wilson; no evidence was found to indicate this – it is very improbable that part of his name was James since he had a brother named James. His father is listed in the 1806 tax list of Shelby County. Robert is first found in the tax lists of Ohio County, KY in 1829. He is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860 and 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Two individuals were reported in his household in the 1830 census – a male aged 20-30 and a female aged 10-15. On 1 February 1830 he had married Nancy Raley in Spencer County, IN. Nancy, daughter of Jonathan Raley & Nancy Cook, was born 4 January 1811 Washington County, KY. Nancy was one of four children of Jonathan & Nancy that married children of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee. Nancy's family made Ohio County, KY their home in 1819.

Spencer County, Indiana Marriage Book 1, page 32:



Robert Wilson died 1 November 1870. His tombstone rests in the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Robert wrote a final will on 8 October 1870 and it was probated on 16 November 1870. His wife, Nancy, served as the executrix of his estate (Ohio County, KY Loose Estate files, County Clerk's office, Hartford, KY).

Ohio County, Kentucky Records, Volume 2 (Michael L. Cook & Bettie A. Cummings Cook, Cook Publications, Evansville, IN, 1986, p230) - Ohio County Will Book D: p.67, Will of ROBERT WILSON, asks that a sufficient amount of his perishable property be sold to pay his just debts and funeral expenses. To son, Henry Franklin Wilson, a certain sorrel colt which he now claims, and also the saddle he claims. To daughter Susan Frances Wilson, a choice cow. The balance of the estate, both real and personal, to wife Nancy Wilson, for her life or widowhood. After the death or marriage of wife, all property, both real and personal, to be lawfully divided among his legal heirs, except daughters Margaret Ann Ferguson and Winny Ezell, and neither of them to have any lands or the proceeds thereof, but their full share of the personal property. Appoints wife Nancy Wilson as executrix. October 8, 1870. John D. Miller and J. Samuel M. Christian, witnesses. Probated November 16, 1870.

Nancy, wife of Robert Wilson, died at the age of 83 on 17 August 1894. She was buried beside her husband at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.

Robert Wilson was deeded a tract of 262 acres on Caney Creek in Ohio County on 21 December 1850 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book M, p48). Robert & Nancy Wilson sold 48 acres

of this tract on 1 June 1870 to Job S. Arnold (Ohio County, KY Deed Book V, p314). At Robert Wilson's death he owned the remaining 214 acres of this tract. In the 1870 tax list Robert Wilson was assessed taxes on 214 acres on Caney Creek and in the following year his widow, Mrs. Nancy Wilson, was taxed on 214 acres on Caney Creek. Some of Robert's children sold their interest in the 214 acres to their brother, James C. Wilson, on 16 November 1871 for \$280 (Ohio County, KY Deed Book W, pp223-224). The heirs named in this deed were – Willis G. Stewart & his wife, Mariah E. (late Wilson); John F. Nimmo & his wife, Sarah M. (late Wilson); John W. Wilson & wife, Mary Jane; Samuel L. Wilson & wife, Sarah E.; and Valentine P. Wilson & wife, Naomi. In Ohio County Circuit Court suit of Daniel T. Wilson vs. L. S. Hoover et al (case #4805, filed 13 December 1910) the following 10 children of the late Robert Wilson were named – sons, James, Valentine, Sam, John & Henry Franklin and daughters, Jane, Katherine (married Phelps), Sallie, Bettie and Susan Frances. All of these had previously sold their interest in their father's land to Joseph Ford. Two children of Robert Wilson, Margaret Ann Ferguson and Winney Ezell, were not named as heirs in the suit because they had been excluded from receiving anything from the estate by the will of Robert Wilson.



Robert Wilson (1806-1870) & wife, Nancy (Raley) Wilson (1811-1894)  
Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY

Robert Wilson's will, census, deed, circuit court suit and vital statistics show that Robert Wilson and Nancy Raley had the following 12 children:

1. **Margaret Ann Wilson** was born 26 December 1830 Ohio County, KY. She married John T. Ferguson, 13 November 1855 Ohio County, KY. John T., son of Thomas Ferguson & Jane Glaspie, was born c1834. His parents were married in Green County,

KY on 10 November 1827 (spelled Perkerson). His father is listed in the 1830 & 1840 censuses of Green County, KY and 1850 & 1860 censuses of Green County, KY. A marriage record reports that John T. was 21 and was born Adair County, KY. John T. Ferguson, age 19, born KY in the 1850 census of Adair County, KY is listed in the home of Joseph & Hannah Caldwell. John T. & Margaret are listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He died 1871-1875. Margaret A., his widow, appears in the 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses recorded that Margaret was the mother of 6 children only one of whom was then living. Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 5 January 1923 – “Horse Branch: Mr. James Ferguson attended the birthday celebration in honor of his mother, Mrs. Ellen [sic] Ferguson, age 93, Dec. 2, at Horton.” Margaret Ann Wilson Ferguson died about 1924. Mrs. Dee Carl (Pearl Rains) Ferguson (1894-1987) reported that her husband’s grandparents, John T. & Margaret (Wilson) Ferguson, are buried in unmarked graves at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.



John T. Ferguson (c1834- ) & wife, Margaret Ann Wilson (1830-c1924)



Margaret Ann Wilson Ferguson (1830-c1924)



Children of Margaret Ann Wilson & John T. Ferguson were – **Artelia S.** (born c1858, died 1860-1870), **Alonzo R.** (born 1860, died 1860-1870), **child** (born 1856-1880, died 1856-1880), **John McHenry** (c1863-1891, married Victoria Ashford), **Martha Ellen** (c1868-1892, married Cornelius R. Stewart) and **James Meadows** (1870-1953, married George Ann Thomas).

2. **Martha Jane Wilson** was born c1833 Ohio County, KY. In the 1850 census she was reported to be 17 years old. She and Benjamin F. Burden obtained their marriage license on 22 May 1854 and were married 1 June 1854 in Ohio County, KY at the residence of Robert Wilson. Benjamin F., son of Eli D. Burden & Maria Morris, was born 8 August 1831 Spencer County, IN. Benjamin F. served as a Union soldier during the Civil War (private, Co. H, 35<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Mounted Infantry). He is listed in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Grayson County, KY and 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer and blacksmith. Martha J. Burden died 25 December 1856 Ohio County, KY; a record of her death appears in the 1852-1861 vital statistics recorded by the state of Kentucky. She was buried at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Ben Burden married second Cassander Elizabeth Baird, 30 December 1858 Ohio County, KY. Cassie, daughter of Thomas Baird & Elizabeth Ford, was born 4 November 1827 Ohio County, KY and died 12 September 1915 Ohio County, KY. Benjamin F. Burden died 14 February 1919 Ohio County, KY; he and Cassander were buried Green River Missionary Baptist Church, Cromwell, Ohio County, KY. Martha Jane Wilson & Benjamin F. Burden were the parents of – **James R.** (1855-1913, married Amanda Jane Maden) and **Martha Jane** (1856-1857). Benjamin F. & Cassander Burden had two children – Erastus D. (1859-1927, married Mary Elizabeth Shields) and Finis (1865-1932, married Vesta Ellen Wilson & Almeda Cook).
3. **James Calvin Wilson** was born 4 July 1834 Ohio County, KY. He is listed as being age 15 in his parent's home in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY. By the 1860 census he had left home. He was a Union soldier during the Civil War. In 1887 he applied for a military pension, he reported that he was born Ohio County, KY, he enlisted at Fort Smith, AR on 15 September 1863 in company G of the 1<sup>st</sup> Arkansas Infantry. On 17 July 1890 Susan A. Wilson, widow of James C. Wilson applied for his service pension. James C. married Mary, 1852-1860. He is listed in the 1870 census of Franklin County, AR. On 16 November 1871 James C. Wilson for \$280 purchased the interest of five of his siblings in their father's farm on Caney Creek in Ohio County, KY (Ohio County, KY Deed Book W, pp223-224). He married Susan Ann Fraize / Fraze, 1874-1877. Susan, daughter of Barney Fraize & Mahala Kelly, was born 16 June 1851 Grayson County, KY. James C. & Susan possibly married in Grayson County, KY where the early marriage records were destroyed in a courthouse fire. James C. & Susan appear in the 1880 census of Breckinridge County, KY; her parents were then living with them. James C. Wilson first is listed in the Breckinridge County tax lists in 1871. He was a farmer. James C. Wilson died during 1888-1889. His widow, Susan A., is listed in the 1900 & 1910 censuses of Grayson County, KY. Susan Ann Wilson died 22 March circa 1924; she was buried in the Moorman Cemetery, Grayson County, KY.

Susan A. Wilson recorded the following record of the family (copy of original received in e-mail from great-grandson, John K. Hancock, on 10 April 1998):

Jas. C. Wilson was bornd July 4<sup>th</sup> 1834

Susan Ann Wilson wife of Jas. C. Wilson was bornd June 16<sup>th</sup> 1851



Arminta Wilson was born April 27 April 1861  
 Roxey Wilson was born January 10<sup>th</sup> 1872  
 Josefean Wilson was born December 21<sup>st</sup> 1873  
 Eliza F. Wilson was born July 22<sup>nd</sup> 1878  
 James B. Wilson was born Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1880  
 Jesse Calvin Wilson was born Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 1883  
 Susan M. Wilson was born February 10<sup>th</sup> 1888  
 James C. Wilson died May ?? 188?  
 Susan A. Wilson died March 22, 192?



James Calvin Wilson (1834-c1888)

James Calvin Wilson & his first wife, Mary were the parents of – **Arminta R.** (‘Mintie’, 1861-1927, married Michael Frazee), **Roxey** (1872-1936, married William Francis Howard & Henry Louis Bush), and **Josephine** (1873-1918, married Ferdinand Munchoff Hancock). The 1900 census records that Susan Ann Fraize Wilson was the mother of 4 children, they were – **Eliza Frances** (1878-1959, married John Robert Vertrees & Daniel Roscoe Hazelwood), **James Barney** (1880-1965, married Lucy Wyatt Dennison), **Jesse Calvin** (1883-1923, married Nancy Ellen Dennison) and **Sudie Mae** (1888-1975, married George Isaac Barnes).

4. **Winifred Wilson**, ‘Winney’, ‘Winnie’ was born c1836 Ohio County, KY. The death certificate of her sons, John Thomas & George Luther Ezell gives her name as Winifred Wilson. Winney, age 14, is listed with her parents in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY. In the 1860 census of Ohio County she is listed in the home of her uncle & aunt, Thomas & Frances Wilson. She married Thomas B. Ezell, 19 February 1865 Ohio County, KY. Thomas B., son of James Ezell & Martha Iler, was born 18 April 1840 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. Winnie Ezell died 20 August 1877 Grayson County, KY. A record of her death was recorded in the 1874-1878 Kentucky Vital Statistics – it reported she died of consumption at the age 39, married, born Ohio County, resident of Grayson County, daughter of Robert & Nancy Wilson. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 5 September 1877, p2 – Horse Branch Items Sept. 3, 1877: “Winney Ezell, wife of Thomas B. Ezell, died August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1877. She leaves a husband and seven children.” In the 1880 census mortality schedule it is recorded that Thomas B. Ezell died in Grayson County, KY in April 1880 at the age of 40; he was a farmer and had been a resident of Grayson County for three years. Thomas & Winney’s children were scattered when the 1880 census was compiled. In 1880

Grayson County census their sons, John T. & George L., were living with their grandmother, Martha Iler Ezell; in the 1880 Ohio County census their sons, James R., was listed with his cousin once removed, Jonathan Raley and Charles was listed with Alex & Sarah Zimmamon. The children of Winney Wilson & Thomas B. Ezell included – **James R.** (c1866-after 1880), **William Sherman** (1867-1952, single), **Charles Shannon** (1868-1944, married Anna Eliza Young), **John Thomas** (1872-1955, married Jennie Alford & Harriett Ethel Fraim) and **George Luther** (1874-1959, married Minnie Florddie Fraim & Mary Alice Garrett).

5. **Catherine Wilson** was born c1838 Ohio County, KY. She married Golson Phelps, May 1860 Ohio County, KY. Golson, son of James F. Phelps & Nancy Embry, was born 29 December 1836 Butler County, KY. He is listed with his mother in the 1850 census of Butler County, KY. He was a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War (1<sup>st</sup> lieutenant, company G, 35<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry, 1861-1864). He was granted an invalid pension for his military service; it commenced on 16 March 1907. On 4 July 1860 Golson & Catherine Phelps were enumerated in the 1860 census of Edmonson County, KY. He was a farmer. Catherine Wilson Phelps died 1861-1869. Golson married Lodiska (Whittinghill) Martin (1848-1932), 10 May 1869 Cape Girardeau County, MO. They are listed in the 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In the 1890 US Federal Census of US veterans Golson Phelps is listed as a resident of Wayne County, MO. Golson at the time of the 1900 census was living with his son, James R. Phelps, in Cross County, AR and in 1910 he was living with a daughter, Laura Dees, in Wayne County, MO. Lodiska Pehlps was listed in the 1900 census of Wayne County, MO. Golson & Lodiska were separated during 1890-1900, but were remarried in Butler County, KY on 2 August 1911. Golson Phelps died on 10 December 1911 Butler County, KY, where he was buried in the Embry Cemetery. His death certificate reported he was a farmer and died of Bright's Disease of the kidneys. On 6 March 1912 his widow, Lodiska, filed for his military pension. Lodiska Phelps died 25 January 1932 Wayne County, MO, where she was buried in the White Hollow Cemetery. Catherine Wilson and Golson Phelps were the parents of – **James Robert Phelps** (1861-1927, married Coena Carrico). Children of Golson Phelps & Lodiska Whittinghill included – Mary E., Lenora, William, Laura, Eudora L., Osceola and Cora H.
6. **Valentine Peyton Wilson**, 'Vol', was born 15 March 1840 Ohio County, KY. He was probably named in honor of Valentine W. Peyton (1790-1847), who was a prominent resident of Ohio County, KY that had served as the administrator of the estate of Valentine P. Wilson's grandfather, Samuel Wilson. Valentine P. Wilson was a Union soldier during the Civil War (private, company G & H, 35<sup>th</sup> KY Mounted Infantry, enlisted 20 August 1863 and mustered out 29 December 1864). He was granted a pension for his service. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Naomi Daniel, 19 March 1865 Ohio County, KY. Naomi, daughter of Brackett Daniel & Amanda Jane Arnold, was born c1847 Ohio County, KY and died 1870-1874. Valentine married second Lurinda 'Victoria' (Foster) Allen, 31 May 1874 Ohio County, KY. Victoria, daughter of Robert & Malinda Foster, was born 13 August 1848 TN. Victoria married first Bradford Allen, 6 October 1870 Ohio County, KY; by this marriage she had a son, William Elvis Allen (1871-1941). Valentine P. Wilson died of apoplexy on 14 April 1916 in Rosine, Ohio County, KY. He was buried in the Rosine Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. On 20 April 1916 his widow filed

for a continuation of his military pension. Victoria (Foster) Wilson married Samuel Logan Basham (1852-1917), 19 February 1917 Ohio County, KY and Presley Powell Wilson (1846-1942), 7 November 1917 Ohio County, KY. Presley P. Wilson was a first cousin of Valentine P. Wilson. Valentine P. Wilson & Naomi Daniel were the parents of – **Malinda Martha Jane** (1867-1946, married Joseph W. Myers) and **Robert Brackett** (1870-1957, married Florence Neighbors). Valentine P. Wilson & Victoria Foster had one child – **Fletcher Tivis** (1874-1948, married Rena Boyd & Nancy Jane Owen). Fletcher T. Wilson’s obituary and daughter, Maxine Scudder (1912-2003), gave his middle name as ‘Tivis’. Fletcher’s father had a first cousin, Diana Tivis Wilson Hughes (1842-1924).



In front – Valentine Peyton Wilson (1840-1916), Lewis S. Wilson (1903-1983, child of Fletcher), Victoria Foster Wilson (1848-1936, wife of V. P.), Maxine Wilson Daugherty (1912-2003, child of Fletcher), Leona Wilson Embry (1910-1932, child of Fletcher); in back – Daymon Wilson (1901-1987, child of Fletcher), Clara Wilson Monroe (1899-1980, child of Fletcher), Nancy Owen Wilson (1880-1928, wife of Fletcher T. Wilson), and Fletcher T. Wilson (1875-1948, son of Valentine P. & Victoria)

7. **Samuel L. Wilson** was born 22 January 1843 Ohio County, KY. He was reported to be 8 years old in the 1850 census. He was a Union soldier during the Civil War (company A, 17<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry). He is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1880 census of Grayson County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Sarah Ellen Bratcher, c1868. Sarah E., daughter of Wesley Bratcher & Rebecca Renfrow, was born c1846 Grayson County, KY and she died 1882-1886. Samuel married second Nancy E. Murphy, 5 December 1886 Ohio County, KY. Nancy, daughter of Thomas H. Murphy & Rachel Jane Tilford, was born 28 June 1857 Ohio County, KY. In 1890 Samuel L. Wilson was living in the Rosine Precinct in Ohio County, KY. During 1894-1897 he moved to Arkansas.

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 18 June 1909, p1 – “Rosine, June 15: Mr. Samuel Wilson, of Cleburn County,, Ark., is visiting his children and many friends at this place. It is the first time Mr. Wilson has been here in old Kentucky for twelve years.”

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 2 July 1909, p1 – “Rosine, June 28: Mr. Samuel Wilson, who has been visiting relatives and friends at this place for the past three weeks returned to his home at Wilburn, Cleburn Co., Ark., last Sunday night.”

Samuel L. Wilson in the 1900 & 1910 censuses is listed in Cleburne County, AR. He died 4 July 1912. He was buried Center Chapel Cemetery, Cleburne County, AR. His widow, Nancy E., is listed in the 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Cleburne County, AR. She died 20 February 1944 Heber Springs, Cleburne County, AR. She was buried with her husband. Children of Samuel L. Wilson & Sarah Ellen Bratcher included – **Cordelia** (‘Cordie’, 1868-1957, married William Thomas Shrader & James Thomas Petty), **Laura E.** (‘Lorie’, 1869-died 1888-1890, married Joseph A. Bratcher), **Artie Viola** (1876-1955, married Thomas Henry Hines), **George Washington** (1878-1953, married Lillie Mae White), **Robert Clarence** (1880-1969, married Allie Eunice Payton) and **Nora Annie** (1882-1960, married John A. Logan Brownd). Samuel L. Wilson & Nancy E. Murphy had 3 children – **Elvis Logan** (1888-1980, married Gracie Cockrum & Martha Clayton), **Charles H.** (1890-1919, single) and **Louvena Kathleen** (1893-1964, married Napoleon Boston).

8. **Mariah Elizabeth Wilson**, ‘Betty’, was born 14 April 1845 Ohio County, KY. Mariah is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Ohio County, KY. She married Willis Green Stewart, 24 February 1867 Ohio County, KY. Willis G., son of James Frazier Stewart & Maria Jane Campbell, was born 1 March 1835 Ohio County, KY. Willis was a farmer, teacher and a local minister of the Methodist church. On 7 February 1870 he was commissioned a justice of the peace in Ohio County, KY.

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY  
Friday, 8 August 1902 p2:

**An Old Teacher.**  
Mr. Willis Green Stewart, of Manda, was in town Monday. Mr. Stewart is the oldest School teacher in Ohio county, having begun teaching in 1857. Mr. Stewart taught twenty-three schools in one district, Mr. Pleasant, a record not equaled, or even approached, by any other teacher in the county, nor perhaps in Kentucky. Mr. Stewart had a fall last January dislocating his left hip which still gives him trouble, and he will not be able to teach this fall. He is sixty eight years old.

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY  
Friday, 17 January 1919, p1:

**OLDEST TEACHER DIES**  
Rev. Willis Greene Stewart, Ohio county's oldest teacher, died at his home, near Rosine, Monday. He was 84 years old, and died of senility. He was a local minister of the Methodist church. Mr. Stewart adopted teaching as a profession when a young man, and was one of the few men in the county to make teaching a life work. He taught in the public schools of the county for nearly fifty years. He taught in one district, Mt. Pleasant, thirty-five regular school terms, making a record for a single district never before approached in the county. Uncle Willis Green was one of the best of Ohio county's citizen's and has gone, let us hope, to a just reward.



Willis G. Stewart died 13 January 1919 near Rosine in Ohio County, KY. Mariah E. Stewart died of a cerebral hemorrhage on 8 May 1922 near Rosine, Ohio County, KY. She and Rev. Willis G. Stewart were buried Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 census recorded that Mariah E. Stewart was the mother of 7 children all of whom were then living. Their children were – **Alonzo Dyer** (1867-1931, married Jennettie McMillion), **Joseph Archie** (1870-1957, married Josie V. Sorrells & Sarah Alice Wingfield Colburn), **Robert Wilson** (1871-1941, married Bertha Brooks & Mahalie C. Hullett), **Barbara Darthuler** (1874-1958, married William L. Leisure), **Ada G.** (1876-1930, single), **Mariah Jane** (1880-1960, married William Elvis Torrence & Robert Day Miller) and **Matilda Catherine** ('Katie', 1883-1901, single).

9. **Sarah M. Wilson**, 'Sallie', was born c1847 Ohio County, KY. She married John Frank Nimmo, 16 June 1870 Ohio County, KY. John F., son of John Benjamin Nimmo & Caroline Pitt, was born in January 1847. On his 1887 marriage he reported he was born Sumner County, TN. He is listed as Frank Nimmo on the death certificate of his son, Elijah Finley Nimmo. He served as a soldier in the Union army during the Civil War (private, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> KY Volunteer Cavalry). John F. Nimmo worked as a coal miner, carpenter and farmer. He is listed in the 1860 census of Robertson County, TN, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. Sarah M. Nimmo died 4 August 1884 Ohio County, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 6 August 1884, p3:

**DIED.**

NEWCOMB.—An infant of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Newcomb, near Beda, last Friday night.

NIMMO.—The wife of Mr. Nimmo living below town, died Monday night.

John F. Nimmo married second Sallie Mary Newcom, 22 February 1887 Ohio County, KY. Sallie, daughter of William Harrison Newcom & Cassander Elizabeth Bennett, was born 31 October 1852 Ohio County, KY and died 25 August 1899 Ohio County, KY. John F. Nimmo's daughter, Bettie Leisure in 1932 applied for a military headstone for her father. On her application she reported that he had died on 24 June 1909 and he was buried in cemetery in Hartford, Ohio County, KY. The WPA's Registration of Veterans Graves recorded that John F. Nimmo was buried in potters field one & ½ miles north of Hartford – this would be the Ohio County Poor Farm cemetery, nothing remains of it today. The obituary of Katie Nimmo Culbertson reported that she was preceded in death by 3 half brothers and 3 half sisters. Sarah M. Wilson and John Frank Nimmo had 6 children, they were – **Amanda F.** (c1871- died 1889-1895, married Homer Tanner), **Bettie Green** (1878-1949, married Vigil H. Leisure), **Elijah Finley** (1880-1960, married Mary Louella Leisure), **2 sons & 1 daughter** (died childhood, one of whom died in August 1884 Ohio County, KY). John F. Nimmo & Sallie Mary Newcom had 3 children – Catherine Lenora ('Katie', 1888-1979, married William Meredith Culbertson), 1 son & 1 daughter born & died 1887-1899.

10. **John W. Wilson** was born 1 November 1850 Ohio County, KY. When his family were listed in September 1850 in the federal census he was 7 months old. He is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1900 census of Grayson County, KY

and 1910 census of Hardin County, KY. He was a sawyer. He married three times. He married Minerva Allen, 27 May 1868 Ohio County, KY. She was born c1845 Ohio County, KY. John W. married Mary Jane Rains, 1 June 1869 Ohio County, KY. On their marriage license it was reported he was age 19 and it was his second marriage. The celebrant of their marriage, Rev. Richard Howard Miller wrote on their marriage record “Remarkable bad case of marriage.” Mary Jane, daughter of Leroy Hamilton Rains & Minerva Mars, was born 7 May 1850 Ohio County, KY. Mary Jane died 2 March 1877 and was buried Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. John W. Wilson married third Nannie Harris in 1878. Nannie, daughter of Abraham Harris & Susie Probus, was born 18 May 1856 Grayson County, KY. John W. Wilson died 16 May 1918 of Bright’s Disease in Louisville, Jefferson County, KY, where he was buried in the Portland Cemetery. His death certificate reported that he was a sawmill contractor. Nannie Harris Wilson died 1 October 1933 Hart County, KY; she was buried in the Community Cemetery in Hart County, KY. Children of John W. Wilson & Mary Jane Rains included – **Minerva** (born 1869 and died 1870-1951), **Robert Lee** (1870-1958, married Mary Ida Crenshaw) & **Frank Paton** (1877-1953, married Mrs. Laura V. Morrow Miller). The 1900 census recorded that John W. & Nannie Wilson were the parents of 7 children, they were – **John C.** (born 1878 & died 1907-1951, married Corda Carman), **Isiah Clifton** (1881-1975, married Bessie Lee Simpson), **son** (born 1884 & died 1900-1951, his name in the 1900 census is hard to decipher), **Lelah O.** (born 1886 & died 1900-1951), **Oscar Cleveland** (1893-1967, married Clara Edna Russell & Laura), **Viola** (1897-1951, married George Thomas Robinson) and **Nora B.** (1898-1977, married Fred William Peters & Nealy Lester Harrill).

11. **Susan Frances Wilson** was born 10 June 1852 Ohio County, KY. A record of her birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. She is listed with her parents in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. She married Jonathan Ellis Burden, 11 March 1875 Ohio County, KY. They were married at her mother, Nancy Wilson’s, home. Jonathan, ‘John’, son of Eli Burden & Mariah Morris, was born in August 1845. On his marriage record he reported he was age 30 and born Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer and day laborer. Jonathan Burden appears to have died between May 1907 and September 1907. On the former date he was fined \$50 for some offense by the Ohio County Circuit Court. On 28 September 1907 his daughter, Flora, married E. B. Allen. Recorded with the marriage license is the following consent signed by the bride’s mother, Susan F. Burden:

Sept. 16-1907

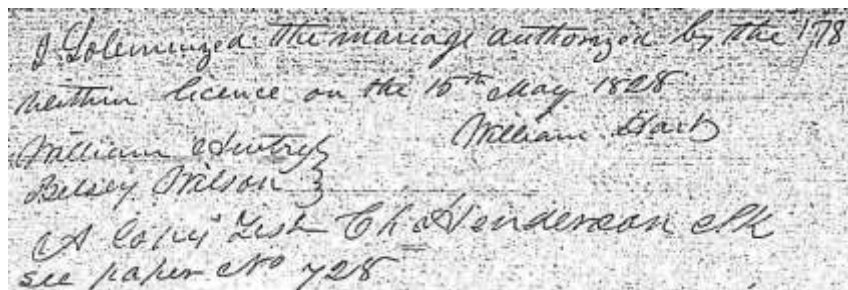
This is to certify  
 that I, Flora Burden,  
 only living parent  
 is willing for  
 her to marry she is  
 17 years old  
 Mrs. S. F. Burden  
 Olaton

In the 20 November 1907 issue of the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, p1) in a listing of the Circuit Court docket it was listed that the case of the “Com’th vs. Ellis Burden stricken off, defendant dead.” Susan F. Burden married Thomas D. McDaniel, 4 November 1907 Grayson County, KY. Thomas, son of Allen McDaniel & Winnie Shain, was born 14 January 1846 Grayson County, KY and was married to Sarilda J. E. Sapp (1848-1906), c1866. Thomas & Susan are listed in the 1910 & 1920 censuses of Grayson County, KY. Thomas D. McDaniel died 20 December 1921 and was buried at the Enon Patterson Cemetery in Grayson County, KY. Frances (Wilson) McDaniel is in the 1930 & 1940 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In 1930 she was living with her stepdaughter, Annie (McDaniel) Craig and in 1940 she was living with her daughter, Lydia (Burden) Hurt. The 1900 & 1910 censuses recorded that 3 children had been born to Susan Frances all of whom were then living. The children of Susan Frances Wilson & Jonathan Ellis Burden were – **Lydia** (1876-1955, married Hayden E. Hurt), **Ida** (1886-1918, married \_ Robinson) and **Flora Edna** (1890-1969, married Eli Benjamin Allen & Rexford Albert Titus).

12. **Henry Franklin Wilson**, ‘Frank’, was born 5 October 1855 Ohio County, KY. His birth is recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. He is listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Grayson County, KY and 1920 census of Hardin County, KY. He was a sawyer at a lumber mill. He married Melissa Freeman Mingus, 24 August 1882 Breckinridge County, KY. Melissa, daughter of William Jasper Mingus & Amanda Downard Arms, was born 5 October 1866 Breckinridge County, KY. She is listed with her parents in the 1870 & 1880 censuses of Breckinridge County, KY. Henry F. Wilson died 9 February 1930 Hardin County, KY. Melissa Wilson is listed in the 1930 & 1950 censuses of Hardin County, KY. Melissa died 19 June 1951 Vine Grove, Hardin County, KY. Henry F. & Melissa were buried Vine Grove Cemetery, Vine Grove, Hardin County, KY. The 1910 census records that Melissa was the mother of 9 children, 2 of whom were then deceased. The children of Henry Franklin Wilson & Melissa Freeman Mingus were – **Florentine** (1883-1906, single), **Lawrence Wendell** (1886-1945, single), **Myrtle** (1888-1971, married Thomas Bond Yates), **Denver Reynold** (1891-1960, married Myrtle Golde Murrell), **Eula Laverne** (1894-1980, married Franklin Perley Yates & William Lon Lyons), **Ebra** (1898-1962, married Mary Elizabeth Meredith), **Beulah** (1901-1902), **Edna** (1903-1973, married Jesse Franklin Gray) and **Guthrie** (1906-1993, married Pearl Frances Elmore).



**Elizabeth Wilson**, ‘Betsey’, daughter of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 1809 Shelby County, KY. She married William Awtry, 15 May 1828 Ohio County, KY.





To any Minister <sup>of the Gospel</sup> Legally Authorized to solemnize the  
 rites of Matrimony  
 Ohio <sup>County</sup> ~~County~~ Clerk's Office May 13<sup>th</sup> 1828

I Charles Henderson Clerk of the County Court  
 for said County do hereby certify that bond and security has been  
 taken in my Office according to Law for a marriage shortly  
 to be solemnized between William Austry and  
 Betsey Wilson

There are therefore to license and permit  
 You to join together in the holy and honourable state of  
 Matrimony the said William Austry and Betsey Wilson  
 according to the rites and ceremonies of the  
 Church to which you belong. Given under my hand  
 the Day & year above

Ch. Henderson

On all men by these presents that William  
 Austry & Robert Wilson are here and firmly bound  
 unto the Commonwealth of New York in the penal sum  
 of £50 current money for the true payment whereof we  
 bind our selves and heirs &c jointly and severally firmly by  
 these presents So sealed with our seals and dated this 15<sup>th</sup>  
 day of May 1828 The condition of the above obligation  
 is such that where as there is a purpose of marriage  
 between the above bound William Austry & Betsey  
 Wilson none of them should be now lawful  
 cause to obstruct said marriage then the above  
 obligation to be void else remain in full force

Leeds  
 Ch. Henderson

William Austry  
 Robert Wilson

Witness my hand  
 the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May 1828

Mr Charles Henderson Esqr Sir  
 you are at liberty on my part to  
 grant a license of marriage to William  
 Austry and Betsey Wilson my daughter  
 given under my hand this 12<sup>th</sup> day of  
 May 1828

Saml Wilson



William's name was also spelled as Autry. On records of his children both spellings were found. Of his two sons John W. used the spelling of Autry and William M. used the spelling of Awtry. Almost all other branches of the family in Ohio County used the spelling of Autry. William Awtry/Autry & Betsy Wilson were married by Rev. William Hart, a Methodist minister. Samuel Wilson signed his consent for their marriage. William Awtry/Autry, son of John Autry & Dolly Piper, was born 13 December 1805 Metcalfe County, KY, at the time of his birth it was Barren County, KY. His parents were married 24 December 1792. His father appears in the 1807-1817 tax lists of Barren County, KY, 1810 census of Barren County, KY (spelled as Artree) and 1820 census of Ohio County, KY. William came to Ohio County with his parents during 1817-1819. William Awtry/Autry is listed in the 1830, 1840 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. William owned land that adjoined the Old Salem Methodist Church lot; the farm later was the property of his son, John W. Autry and later John W.'s son, Jacob Autry, owned it. A biography of William & Elizabeth's son, William McKendree Awtry, in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section, p929) states that Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Wilson and wife of William Awtry, died in 1851, aged forty-two years and William Awtry died in 1863 at the age of 57. No gravestones for them have been located. They probably were buried in the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY, where three of their children are known to be buried. Elizabeth Wilson and William Autry had 8 children:

1. **Mary Ann Autry**, 'Polly', was born 28 April 1829 Ohio County, KY. She married William A. Pierce, 13 March 1862 Ohio County, KY. William, son of Solomon Pierce & Jane Iler, was born in 17 April 1839 Warrick County, IN, where his father is listed in the 1840 census. In the 1860 census his family is enumerated immediately after the residence of Polly Autry's family. He is listed in the 1850 census of Warrick County, IN and 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. William A. Pierce died of Bright's disease on 31 January 1915 in Rosine, Ohio County, KY. Mary Ann Pierce died of pneumonia on 29 March 1915 Ohio County, KY. She was buried with her husband in the McCord Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that Mary A. Pierce was the mother of 3 children, 2 of whom were then living. Their children were – **James M.** (1864-1932, married Josie Hall & Corda Farris), **William Calvin** (1874-1961, married Octavia A. Basham) and **child** (born 1862-1875 and died 1862-1880).
2. **Susan Autry** was born c1831 Ohio County, KY. In the 1870 census of Ohio County, KY she was single and living with the family of her sister, Mary Ann Pierce.
3. **Elizabeth Bethire Autry**, 'Beth', was born 25 April 1833 Ohio County, KY. On her gravestone her name was spelled as Bethire StClair. She married Francis Marion StClair / St.Clair / Sinclair, 9 October 1854 Ohio County, KY. On their marriage his name was spelled as Sinclair and the spelling of StClair was engraved on his tombstone. Francis Marion, son of William D. StClair & Letitia Dowell, was born 25 February 1830 Putnam County, IN. He is listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. A death notice for him was published in the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, 10 April 1901, p3) – "Died at his residence near Olaton April 3 1901, of la grip and a complication of troubles, Mr. Marion St.Clair. His remains were buried at the Salem burying grounds April 4, in the presence of a large crowd." Bethire StClair died 11 June 1907 and was buried with her husband at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 census records that Bethar StClair was the mother of 9 children, 3 of whom

were then deceased. Their children were – **Thomas B.** (1855-1901, married Nannie Brown, he was a doctor), **William F.** (1857-1885, single, wrong death year was placed on his gravestone), **James R.** (1858-1916, married Polly Ann Wilson, they were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, his grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson Autry, was a sister of her grandfather, Henry H. Wilson), **Felix T.** (1860-1894), **Sarah Elizabeth** (1862-1933, married James M. Christian), **Mahala Frances** (1864-1938, married Samuel Isham Landrum, they were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, her grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson Autry, was a sister of his grandfather, James Wilson), **John Armstrong** (1868-1953, married Martha Catherine Myers), **Samuel Lotan** (1873-1959, married E. Melvina Morris & Margaret Lunsford) and **Josephine** (1876-1891, single).

4. **Sarah Autry**, ‘Sallie’, was born 19 May 1837 Ohio County, KY. She married Eugene La Camp, 24 September 1874 Ohio County, KY. Eugene, son of Dr. James R. Camp & Malinda Witt, was born c1847 Breckinridge County, KY. Eugene served as a private in the Union army during the Civil War. He enlisted in the 12<sup>th</sup> KY Cavalry at Hartford, KY on 4 August 1862. Eugene Camp is listed in the 1850 & 1880 censuses of Breckinridge County, KY, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Eugene married Polly Ann Martin, 7 November 1868 Ohio County, KY. Polly Ann, daughter of Anderson Martin & Mary Stogner, was born 12 May 1850 Ohio County, KY and died 28 March 1874 Ohio County, KY. Eugene & Polly were the parents of – Laura Belle (1870-1959, married Delmond A. Franklin), Norman Crittendon (1872-1953, married Sarah E. Christian) and Rodney Anderson (1874-1938, married Amanda Boyd, Maude Baltzell & Mrs. Louvena Kendall Phelps). Eugene Camp died 1886-1887; in 1886 he was residing Evansville, IN. His wife, Sallie Camp, on 6 August 1887 applied for his military (widow’s) pension. In the 1900 & 1910 Ohio County, KY censuses she is reported to be widowed. Sarah died 8 August 1912 of cancer in Daviess County, KY. Her death certificate reported that she was buried at Horse Branch in Ohio County, KY; there are several cemeteries in the Horse Branch neighborhood where she may have been interred. The 1900 census records that Sarah Autry Camp was the mother of 2 children. Sarah Autry & Eugene Camp’s children were – **John Wesley** (1876-1961, married Gertie May Boyd, Mrs. Sarah Jane Smith Fisher & Mrs. Minerva Gallie Higgins Stogner) and **Margaret Ann** (1879-1945, married Stephen Alton White & Hardin Franklin Lane, Margaret & Hardin were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, her grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson Autry, was a sister of his grandfather, Henry H. Wilson).
5. **John Wesley Autry** was born 12 October 1839 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Martha Catharine Pierce, 7 March 1861 Ohio County, KY. Martha, daughter of Zacheus Pierce & Dorcas White, was born 22 September 1845 Ohio County, KY. Martha C. Autry died 25 January 1917 at her home near Horse Branch, Ohio County, KY and John W. Autry died 18 May 1922 Ohio County, KY. They were buried Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses recorded that Martha C. Autry was the mother of 13 children, 2 of whom were then deceased. Children of John Wesley Autry and Martha Catherine Pierce were – **Tobitha Elizabeth** (1863-1942, married James Buchanan Allen), **William Zacheus** (1864-1930, married Mrs. Lueller Allen Miller, Deborah Hawkins & Mrs. Lillie Goodwin Phelps), **Nancy E.** (1867-1911, married Thomas H. Ford), **Sarah Ann** (1870-1944, married James Samuel Hughes, they were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, her grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson Autry, was a sister to his grandfather, James

Wilson), **Mary Athaline** (1872-1958, married Edgar Taber), **Magnolia** (1875-1933, married Iva Murray Basham), **Marinda Margaret** (1876-1938, married Isaac Wright Wardrip), **Sylvester** (1882-1951, married Rena Frances Reeks & Mrs. Claudia Mae Reeks Daniel), **Bertha Catherine** (1884-1919, married James Harrison Goodwine), **Lutisha** (1888-1955, married Samuel Thomas Wilson, they were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins once removed, her grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson Autry, was a sister to his great-grandfather, James Wilson), **Jacob** (1889-1951, married Morbia B. White & Frances Castleman), and **2 other children** died infancy.



John Wesley Autry (1839-1922) & wife, Martha Catherine Pierce (1845-1917)



In the front row, left to right, are Paul Goodwine, Bert Goodwine, John W. Autry, Charlie Autry, Martha Autry, Thomas Autry, John Hughs, Bessie Tabor, Christine Basham, Irene Basham, Effie Wordrip and John K. Tabor. In the second row are Pearl (Allen) Stewart, Hallie Tabor, Lillian Wordrip, Essie Wordrip, Jim Hughs, Robert Hughs, Sarah (Autry) Hughs, Hughs baby, Maud (Allen) Moore and Tiny Tabor. In the third row are Fred Allen, Rinda (Autry) Wordrip, Jim Goodwine, Raymond Goodwine, Mag (Autry) Basham, Allene Basham, Tobitha (Autry) Allen, Rena Autry, Minnie Autry, James B. Allen and John W. Allen. In the fourth row are Jake Autry, Morbra Autry, Thomas Wilson, Tishie Wilson, Stella Wilson, Mary (Autry) Tabor, Billy Autry, Debbie Autry, Kate (Autry) Goodwine, Laura Goodwine, Mae Allen, Ader (Allen) Stewart, Ella (Allen) Pierce and Sylvester Autry. This photograph was submitted by Charlie Allen of Fordsville.



The preceding picture was taken in 1912 and was published in the newspaper, Ohio County Times, Hartford, KY, 26 October 1972. Using the order given in the article the following identification (full names, dates, parents & spouses) was made by Jerry Long: In the front row, left to right – Paul Goodwine (1905-1967, s/o James H. Goodwine & Bertha C. Autry.), Bertram Goodwine (1902-1984, s/o James H. Goodwine & Bertha C. Autry), John Wesley Autry (1839-1922, s/o William Autry & Elizabeth Wilson), Charles Nelson Autry (1906-1973, s/o Sylvester Autry & Rena Reeks), Martha Catherine (Pierce) Autry (1845-1917, w/o John Wesley Autry), Thomas Franklin Autry (1908-1972, s/o Sylvester Autry & Rena Reeks), John William Hughes (1906-1947, s/o James S. Hughes & Sarah Ann Autry), Bessie Taber (1905-1914, d/o Edgar Taber & Mary A. Autry), Christine Basham (1904-1997, d/o Iva M. Basham & Sallie Cooper), Irene Basham (1901-1965, d/o Iva M. Basham & Sallie Cooper), Effie Wardrip (1899-1927, d/o Isaac Wardrip & Rinda Autry) and John Kelly Taber (1903-1912, s/o Edgar Taber & Mary A. Autry). Second row – Pearl (Allen) Stewart (1898-1990, d/o James B. Allen & Tobitha E. Autry), Hallie Taber (1899-1938, d/o Edgar Taber & Mary A. Autry), Sylvia Lillian Wardrip (1909-1983, d/o Isaac Wardrip & Rinda Autry), Essie Wardrip (1902-1984, d/o Isaac Wardrip & Rinda Autry), James Samuel Hughes (1865-1951, s/o John L. Hughes & Diana T. Wilson, h/o Sarah Ann Autry), Robert Edison Hughes (1908-1991, s/o James S. Hughes & Sarah Ann Autry), Sarah Ann (Autry) Hughes (1870-1944, d/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce, w/o James Samuel Hughes), Lewis Alva Hughes (1910-1990, s/o James S. Hughes & Sarah Ann Autry), Maud (Allen) Moore (1902-1937, d/o James B. Allen & Tobitha E. Autry) and Lucy Catherine Taber (1901-1977, d/o Edgar Taber & Mary A. Autry). Third row – Fred Allen (1887-1960, s/o James B. Allen & Tobitha E. Autry), Rinda (Autry) Wardrip (1876-1938, (d/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce), James Harrison Goodwine (1875-1961, h/o Bertha Catherine Autry), Raymond Goodwine (1908-1984, s/o James H. Goodwine & Bertha C. Autry), Magnolia (Autry) Basham (1875-1933, d/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce), Willie Allene Basham (1910-1992, d/o Iva M. Basham & Magnolia Autry), Tobitha (Autry) Allen (1863-1942, d/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce, w/o James B. Allen), Rena Frances (Reeks) Autry (1888-1945, w/o Sylvester Autry), Minnie Catherine Autry (1910-1983, d/o Sylvester Autry & Rena Reeks), James B. Allen (1858-1951, h/o Tobitha E. Autry) and John W. Allen ((1893-1982, s/o James B. Allen & Tobitha E. Autry). Fourth row – Jacob Autry (1889-1951, s/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce), Morbra B. (White) Autry (1895-1917, w/o Jacob Autry), Samuel Thomas Wilson (1888-1974, son of James Robert Wilson & Isophenie Daniel, h/o Lutisha Autry), Lutisha Autry Wilson (1888-1955, d/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce, w/o Samuel Thomas Wilson), Stella Wilson (1909-1986, d/o Samuel Thomas Wilson & Lutisha Autry), Mary A. (Autry) Taber (1872-1958, d/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce, w/o Edgar Taber), William Z. Autry (1864-1930, s/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce), Debbie Hawkins Autry (1886-1925, wife of William Z. Autry), Bertha Catherine (Autry) Goodwine (1884-1919, d/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce, wife of James Harrison Goodwine), Laura May Goodwine (1911-1972, d/o James H. Goodwine & Bertha C. Autry), Nellie Mae Allen (1895-1977, d/o James B. Allen & Tobitha E. Autry), Ada O. (Allen) Stewart (1888-1971, d/o James B. Allen & Tobitha E. Autry, Ella (Allen) Pierce (1891-1984, d/o James B. Allen & Tobitha E. Autry and Sylvester Autry (1882-1951, s/o John W. Autry & Martha C. Pierce).

6. **William McKendree Awtry** was born 20 April 1842 Ohio County, KY. He used the spelling of Awtry. He was the 6<sup>th</sup> of 8 children. He was named in honor of William McKendree, who was an elder and bishop of the Methodist Church in the Hartford, KY Circuit. William M. Awtry is listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He served the Rosine District as a justice of the peace for 12 years; he was elected 7 August 1882 and was re-elected three more times serving until 1 June 1895. He lived on a farm until 1891, when he opened a mercantile dry goods business in Horse



Branch (see biography of William McKendre Autry in the Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 4 March 1892, p1). He married Caroline Allen, 7 September 1870 Ohio County, KY. Caroline, daughter of Levi Allen & Elizabeth Allen, was born 20 March 1845 Ohio County, KY. Caroline married first Lorenzo Dow Axton (1828-1870), 13 January 1866 Spencer County, IN. On 15 July 1906 William M. Awtry died of heart failure at his home at Horse Branch, where he operated a mercantile business. His widow, Caroline, is listed in the 1910 census of Ohio County, KY and 1920 census of Louisville, Jefferson County, KY. Caroline died 4 April 1920 Louisville, KY. William & Caroline Awtry were buried Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that Caroline was the mother of 8 children, 3 of whom were then deceased. Their children were – **Elizabeth** (1872-1964, married Robert Lee Boyd & John Marion Moore), **William L.** (1875-1889, single), **Mahala** (died 1871-1885), **Thomas H.** (1879-1912, single), **Oscar A.** (1882-1927, single), **John A. Logan** (1884-1935, single), **Lyda Mae** (1887-1963, married Rudolph N. Muth) and one other **child** (born & died 1885-1900).

Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section, p929:

WILLIAM MCKENDREE AWTRY, Esq. was born April 20, 1842, near Rosine, Ohio Co., Ky., where he has always retained his residence. His father, William Awtry, a native of Metcalfe County, Ky., in youth removed with his parents to Ohio County, where he died in 1863, at the age of fifty-seven years. He was the son of John Awtry, who settled on the farm where the village of Rosine now stands, and died about 1835, at an advanced age. William, our subject's father, married Elizabeth, daughter of Samuel Wilson, of Ohio County; she died in 1851, aged forty-two years; and to them were born Polly A. (Pierce), Susan, Bethair (Sinclair), Sarah (Camp), John W., William McKendree, Nancy (White) and Almeda (Raley). In youth, subject's educational advantages were limited, but by careful application he has secured a good store of information and is a useful citizen. September 7, 1870, he married Mrs. Caroline, widow of Lorenzo D. Axton, and daughter of Levi and Elizabeth Allen, of Ohio County; born March 20, 1845, and their union has been blessed by the birth of Elizabeth, William L., Mahala (deceased), Thomas H., Oscar and John L. Squire Awtry is a farmer, having sixty-six acres of fine land in a good state of cultivation. His wife is a member of the Baptist Church. He served the public as constable for some time, and is now magistrate, and a member of the court of claims in Ohio County. He is a member in good standing of the Masonic fraternity; in politics he is an active Republican.

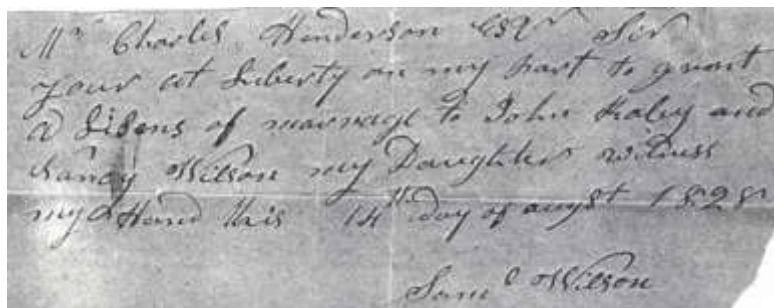
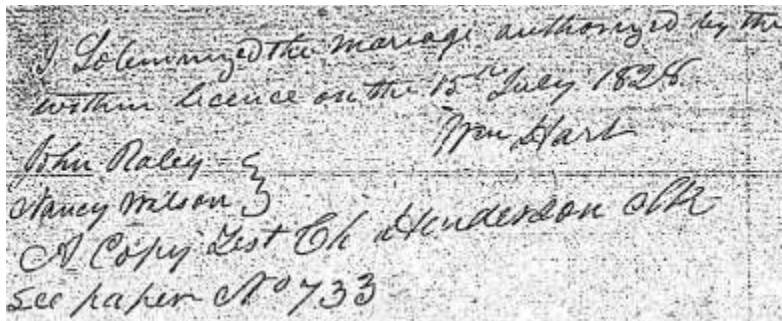
7. **Nancy Autry** was born July 1845 Ohio County, KY. She married Sylvester White, 23 April 1865 Ohio County, KY. Sylvester, son of Walker White & Julia Ann Mitchell, was born 18 June 1843 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He served as a Union soldier during the Civil War. He served from 4 January 1862 until 23 January 1865, as a corporal, company E, 17<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry. Nancy Autry White died 23 April 1890 near Rosine, Ohio County, KY. Her death was two days following the birth of her 10<sup>th</sup> child. Her death notice in the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, 7 May 1890, p2) stated that her infant babe will be cared for by its uncle, Kit White and wife. Her remains were interred at the old John Cannon place, now called McCord Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Sylvester White married Ruth

Emma L. Bradley, 3 February 1892 Ohio County, KY. Ruth, daughter of John William Bradley & Harriet Middleton, was born 31 December 1871 Sumner County, TN. Ruth also married William Franklin Acton (1853-1920), 1910, and Winson Smith (1867-1936), 1923. Ruth Bradley Smith died 26 December 1953 Ohio County, KY; she was buried Oakwood Cemetery, Hartford, Ohio County, KY. At his death Sylvester owned two tracts of land, 100 acres purchased in 1865, and 17 ½ acres purchased in 1899 (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 13 March 1912, p7). Sylvester White died of cancer of the tongue on 10 May 1906 Ohio County, KY, where he was buried in the McCord Cemetery. Children of Nancy Autry & Sylvester White were – **Erasmus Alonzo** (1866-1943, married Mary Jane Holloway), **James Walker W.** (1868-1944, single, his name was mistakenly entered as John William White on his death certificate and in his obituary. In the 1870, 1880, 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Ohio County, KY his name is given as “James W. White”, on his gravestone his name appears as J. W. White), **Almedia** (1870-1947, married William Pollock Toland), **Joseph Nelson** (1873- 1947, married Iona F. Phillips & Annetta Gillespie), **Triplett Oliver** (1875-1945, divorced), **Lenard T.** (1877-1880), **Estly** (1879-1880), **Noah S.** (1881-1926, married Mary Margaret Mitchell), **Crit** (1885- died before 1900) and **Lucian** (1890-1890). Sylvester White & Ruth Bradley had 2 children – Lula Sylvia Vetrice (1892-1979, married Walter William Wilson) and Herchel Guy (1895-1895).

8. **Almeda Autry** was born 10 March 1846 Ohio County, KY. She married James Wesley Raley, 5 December 1880 Ohio County, KY. . Almeda & James W. were 1<sup>st</sup> cousins. James W. Raley (1840-1917) was the son of John Raley and Nancy Jane Wilson. See page 67 for record of the family of James Wesley Raley & Almeda Autry.



**Nancy Jane Wilson**, daughter of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 4 August 1810 Shelby County, KY. She married John Raley, 15 July 1828 Ohio County, KY.



Know all men by these presents that we John Raley  
 & Robert Wilson are held & firmly bound unto the  
 Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum of fifty  
 pounds current money for the true payment wheresoever  
 he bind our selves and heirs & assigns & severally  
 jointly by these presents sealed with our seals  
 dated this 17th day of July 1828 The conditions  
 of this obligation such that whereas there is a  
 purpose of marriage between the above named  
 John Raley and Nancy Wilson now if their  
 should be no lawful cause to obstruct said  
 marriage then the above obligation to be void else  
 to remain in full force

John Raley  
 Robert Wilson

Test  
 Ch Henderson

Ohio County Jct  
 I Charles Henderson Clerk of the County  
 Court for said County do certify John Raley who is about  
 to be married to Miss Nancy Wilson hath executed bond  
 in my office for that purpose and that her father  
 hath executed his consent to me.

These are therefore to license & permit  
 you to join together in the Holy State of matrimony  
 according to the rites & ceremonies of the Church to which  
 you belong the said John Raley and Nancy  
 Wilson and for so doing this shall be again sufficient  
 Warrant

Given under my  
 hand this 14th  
 day of July  
 1828  
 Ch Henderson

To any minister of the  
 Gospel legally autho-  
 rized to celebrate the  
 rites of matrimony

They were married by Rev. William Hart, Methodist minister. The bride's father, Samuel Wilson, signed his consent for the marriage. John, son of Jonathan Raley (1778-1834) & Nancy Cook (c1784-1850), was born 8 October 1806 Washington County, KY. John Raley was one of four siblings, John, Mary, Nancy & James, who married children of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee. Jonathan Raley (1778-1834) was among the Catholic migration from Maryland to the Holy Land counties of Kentucky (Marion, Washington & Nelson Counties). Jonathan married Nancy Cook, 25 July 1800 in Washington County, KY. The family resided in the part of Washington



County, KY that became Marion County in 1834. Jonathan Raley is listed in the 1810 census of Washington County, KY, 1820 & 1830 censuses of Ohio County, KY, where his will was recorded in 1834 (Ohio County, KY Will Book B, p84).

John Raley was baptized at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church at Calvary, KY on 16 July 1807. When the family came to Ohio County, KY the Catholic Church had no presence in the county and they were subsequently members of the Methodist congregation at Old Salem. John Raley is listed in the 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. In 1880 John Raley was living in the home of his grandson, John J. Raley (1855-1926). Nancy Jane (Wilson) Raley died at the age of 34 in October 1844. Her gravestone rests in the Old Salem (Methodist Church) Cemetery in Ohio County, KY.

John Raley married Elizabeth Smith, 27 September 1843 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Smith & Melcena Victoria Weeks, was born 12 January 1800 VA. Elizabeth married James Cooksey, c1817, and Perry Iler, 11 February 1831 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth Smith Cooksey was the grandmother of the legendary western lawman, Wyatt Earp (1848-1929), son of Nicholas Porter Earp & Victoria Ann Cooksey, who were married in Ohio County, KY in 1840. Elizabeth (Smith) Raley died of dropsy on 17 February 1880 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Cooksey-Smith Cemetery, Dan, Ohio County, KY.

John Raley married third Sarah Frances White, 11 August 1881 Ohio County, KY. Sarah Frances, daughter of Christopher Columbus White & Mary Shreve, was born 16 November 1842 Ohio County, KY. Sarah Frances married her first cousin, Stephen Brockman White, 6 December 1860 Ohio County, KY. Stephen B. White abandoned his wife and several years after his reported death Sarah Frances married. The Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, p3) on 30 November 1898 carried a story of Mr. White's return visit to his wife, Mrs. Ezell, in Ohio County after many years. John Raley died 11 August 1884 about five miles north of Rosine in Ohio County, KY. He was buried the next day at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.



Nancy Jane (Wilson) Raley (1810-1844) & husband, John Raley (1806-1884)  
Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY



Ohio County Kentucky Records, Volume 2, Michael L. & Bettie A. Cummings Cook, Cook Publications, Evansville, IN, 1986, pp273-274: Will Book D, p.213, Will of JOHN RALEY, "being sick and in bed," asks that all just' debts be paid. Gives to two living daughters, JULIA A. TAYLOR, wife of H. L. TAYLOR, and NANCY JANE MILLER, wife of ROBERT A. MILLER, one lot and two houses in the town Of Rosine, and also to each of them, one milk cow. To wife SARAH FRANCES RALEY, all the balance of the property, lands, tenements, stock, household furniture, and all other effects, to have during her natural life or widowhood, and if said wife gives birth to heir after this date, "which 'according to the cause of nature I think she will," then all the property, both real and personal, is to belong to said heir if said heir lives, at said wife's death or marriage. If the birth does not occur, or if the heir does not live, then at her death or at her marriage said lands and other property to revert to the lawful heirs as follows,' towit, to daughter MARY A. DAY's heir, JULIA A. TAYLOR, and NANCY J. MILLER, each a sufficient amount to make them equal to what has been given to the two sons, JONATHAN RALEY and J. W. RALEY, and after all are equal, the balance to be divided among all. If WILLIAM L. WHITE, testator's stepson, stays with his mother and helps her to support herself, wishes that she to have him raise himself a horse for his own use and benefit. Appoints JOHN D. MILLER as executor, February 21, 1882. W. A. White and J. T. White, witnesses. Probated September Court 1884.

To settle the estate of John Raley his administrator. John H. Weller, filed a suit in the Ohio County, KY Circuit Court on 6 May 1885 (file #3890, case #2129). In the suit it was stated that John Raley died 11 August 1884 leaving heirs, wife Sarah Frances Raley; by his first wife he had 5 children, who grew to maturity, they are – Mary Ann (Polly) Day died 14 June 1876 (wife of A. Van Day), Julia A. Taylor (wife of Henry Taylor), Nancy Jane Miller, Jonathan Raley & James Wesley Raley; by his second wife he had one child – Frances J. Raley (now 2 years old).

John Raley's widow, Sarah Frances, married James Wesley Ezell (c1837-1906), 22 November 1894 Ohio County, KY. She is listed in the 1900 census of Ohio County, KY and 1910 census of Grayson County, KY. Sarah Frances Ezell died 3 November 1929 Terre Haute, Vigo County, IN; she was buried at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Ohio County, KY. The 1910 census recorded that Sarah F. Ezell was the mother of 6 children 1 of whom was then deceased. Sarah Frances and her first husband, Stephen Brockman White, had 5 children – Louisa Florence, Dempsey Christopher, Stephen Alton, Ida Ann and William Leonidas. Sarah Frances White & John Raley had one child – Frances Johnie, born 15 October 1883 Ohio County, KY; married Elijah Logan Martin, 1899, Garland Boyd, 1900 and Lorraine W. Branaman, 1920-1930; Frances J. died 5 August 1962 Redding, Shasta County, CA.

Nancy Jane Wilson & John Raley had the following children:

1. **Samuel Raley** was born 19 April 1829 Ohio County, KY. Died 11 February 1832 Ohio County, KY. Buried Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
2. **Jonathan Raley** was born 19 November 1833 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. In 1900 he was serving as police judge of Rosine. He married Deborah Cannon, 28 April 1854 Ohio County, KY. Deborah, daughter of John Westley Cannon & Nancy Iler, was born c1838 Ohio County, KY and died 1855 Ohio County, KY. Jonathan married 2<sup>nd</sup> Nancy Ann Taylor, 24 February 1856 Ohio County, KY. Nancy, daughter of Ignatius Pigman Taylor

& Nancy Leach, was born 15 August 1833 Ohio County, KY and died 18 November 1904 Rosine, Ohio County, KY. Jonathan Raley died 9 May 1918 Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN. Jonathan & Nancy were buried Rosine Cemetery, Rosine, Ohio County, KY. Jonathan Raley & Deborah Cannon were the parents of – **John James** (1855-1926, married Caroline Susannah Martin). Children of Jonathan Raley & Nancy Ann Taylor were – **Lorenzo Pigman** (1856-1932, married Mary Green), **Clarence Edwin** (1858-1939, married Malinda Zella Heavrin), **Nancy Ellen** (1859-1934, married William Samuel Gaines), **Deborah Ann** ('Debbie', 1862-1947, married Samuel K. Allen) and **Mary Elizabeth** ('Bettie', 1864-1900, married John Mortimer Ragland).

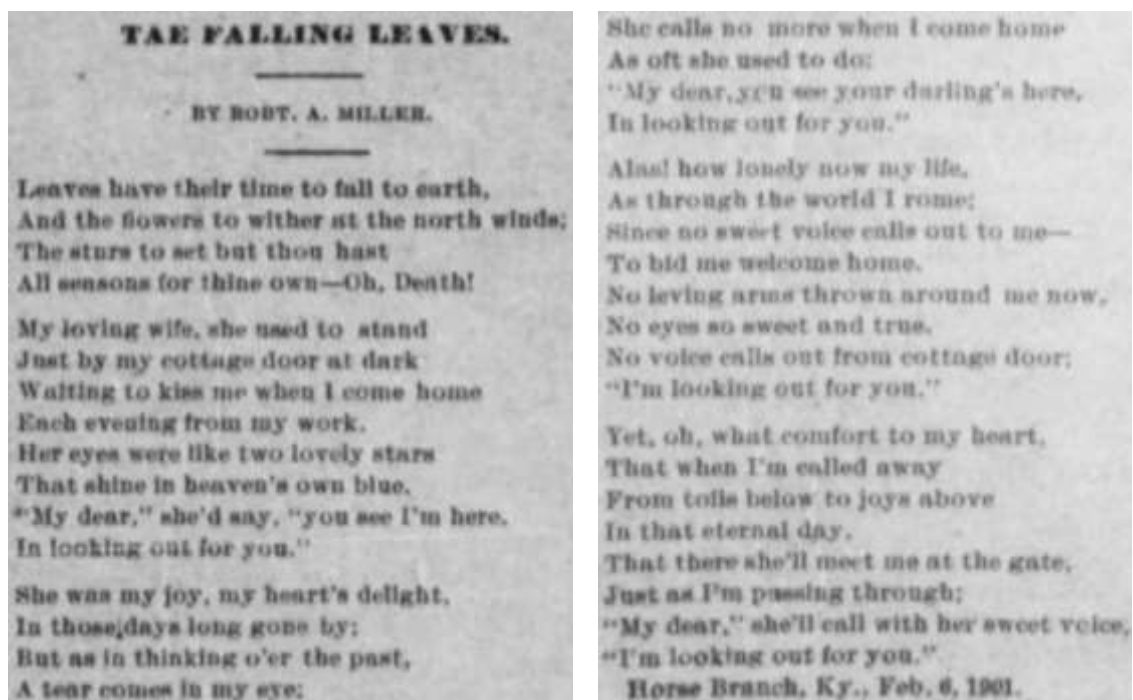
3. **Mary Ann Raley** was born c1835 Ohio County, KY. She married Aaron Vanburen Day, 'Van', 6 July 1854 Ohio County, KY. Van was born 20 May 1837 Grayson County, KY. In the 1850 Grayson County, KY census he is listed with his mother & stepfather, Margaret & John Goff; he is mistakenly entered under the Goff surname. Aaron was a veteran of the Civil War serving as a first sergeant in the 35<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry and 47<sup>th</sup> KY Mounted Infantry of the Union army. He is also listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Grayson County, KY and 1900 census of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Mary Ann (Raley) Day died 14 June 1876; her death date was recorded in the Ohio County Circuit Court suit of John H. Weller, administrator of John Raley vs. John Raley's heirs (file #3890, suit #2129). Aaron Day married Mrs. Rachel (Bratcher) Goff, 1877-1880. Rachel, daughter of William Bratcher & Mary McKinney, was born 12 June 1836 Grayson County, KY. Rachel married 1<sup>st</sup> Calvin Thomas Goff, 29 July 1852 Grayson County, KY. Rachel & Aaron Day were divorced 1880-1888; they had no children. Rachel Bratcher Goff died 3 October 1913 Grayson County, KY, where she was buried in the Goff Cemetery. During 1880-1881 Aaron moved to near White Run in Ohio County, KY. Aaron V. Day married 3<sup>rd</sup> Elizabeth Ann Pierce, 31 December 1888 Ohio County, KY. Elizabeth, daughter of William Harrison Pierce & Sarah Green, was born in July 1860 Ohio County, KY. Aaron V. Day was hit and killed by a train on the Illinois Central Railroad two miles east of Horse Branch and about ½ mile south of White Run and about ½ mile from his home. He was buried in the Bratcher-Day Cemetery on his farm near White Run in Ohio County, KY; the farm was owned by Forrest Renfrow in the 1980's. Aaron's widow, Elizabeth, married William R. Renfrow, 27 August 1903 Hartford, Ohio County, KY and Bedford Lamastus, 27 February 1907 Grayson County, KY. Elizabeth is listed in the 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Fayette County, WV. Elizabeth Lamastus died 2 January 1945 Fayette County, WV. The children of Mary Ann Raley & Aaron Van Day were – infant **male** (1855-1855, 2 hours old), **Martha Korilla** (1857-1946, married Winfield Scott Likens), **Nancy Rowan** (1859-1861), **Mary Elizabeth** (1861-1940, married Eli S. Allen), **Rachel P.** (c1866-after 1880), **Aaron Presley** (1867-1920, married Minnie M. Ham), **Margaret** (c1869-after 1880), **Julia A.** (c1871-1951, married Joseph Depierney & Joseph Peter Ganter) and **John Brooks** (1874-1920, married Stella A.). Aaron V. Day & Elizabeth Ann Pierce had 7 children – Finice Little, Benjamin Harrison, Tislie A., Luther Hobson, Eva Mae, William McKinley and Dewey Ralph.
4. **Elizabeth J. Raley** was born 20 January 1836 Ohio County, KY. Died in September 1839 Ohio County, KY. Buried Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.
5. **Julia Ann Raley** was born 14 September 1837 Ohio County, KY. She married Henry Leach Taylor, 16 November 1856 Ohio County, KY. Henry, son of Ignatius Pigman

Taylor & Nancy Leach, was born 30 October 1831 Ohio County, KY. Henry is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He died 14 January 1917 Ohio County, KY. Julia Raley Taylor died of apoplexy on 25 November 1918 at her home near Manda in Ohio County, KY. Henry & Julia were buried Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that Julia was the mother of 6 children, 2 of whom were then deceased. Julia Ann Raley & Henry Leach Taylor had 6 children – **William Triplet** (1857-1920, married Ella Visa Elizabeth Sandefur), **John Pigman** (1859-1861), **Frances Lillian** (1861-1867), **Nancy Pigman** (1866-1941, married Virgil Martin Porter), **James Martin** (1870-1943, married Kittie Ann Leach) and **Viola Ann** (1876-1964, married Richard Presley Likens).

6. **James Wesley Raley**, ‘Wes’, was born in January 1840 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Lucy Ann Rice, 3 February 1859 Ohio County, KY. Lucy Ann, daughter of William Harvey Rice & Hannah Thompson, was born 3 May 1842 Mercer County, KY. Lucy Raley died of typhoid fever on 30 March 1880 Ohio County, KY. James W. Raley married 2<sup>nd</sup> Almeda Autry, 5 December 1880 Ohio County, KY; they were first cousins. Almeda, daughter of William Autry & Elizabeth Wilson, was born 10 March 1846 Ohio County, KY; this date of birth was given in her obituary (Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 13 March 1936); she is listed as age 13 in the 1860 census. James W. Raley died 23 May 1917 Ohio County, KY. He and his two wives were buried at the James Wesley Raley Cemetery on the W. E. Jamison farm on the Cedar Grove-Salem Road about 3 miles north of Rosine in Ohio County, KY. Almeda Autry Raley died 5 March 1936 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam Jamison, in Ohio County, KY. The children of James Wesley Raley & Lucy Ann Rice included – **John William** (1862-1943, married Mary Ann Heavrin), **James Wesley** (1864-1940, married Martha Elizabeth Stewart, Mrs. Isabelle Maples Snell & Mrs. Annie Laura Reynolds Froelich), **Hannah** (1865-1896, married William Henry Allen), **Thomas Luther** (1868-1946, married Susan Frances Owen), **George Shelton** (1870-1936, married Hattie May Smith), **Robert Henry** (1873-1940, married Esther R. White) and **Barbara Ann** (1877-1939, married William Elvis Allen). The 1900 & 1910 censuses recorded that 5 children had been born to Almeda Raley, 1 of whom was then deceased. James Wesley Raley & Almeda Autry had 5 children – **Arthur** (1881-1959, married Lura Dianah Wilson, they were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins once removed, his grandmother, Nancy Jane Wilson Raley, was a sister of her great-grandfather, James Wilson), **Estill** (1883-1913, married Lucy Ann Boyd), **Ollie** (1885-1970, married Samuel Luther Jamison), **Worth** (1891-1961, married Ora Alice Wilson & Mrs. Lena Ann Cardwell Black, Worth & Ora Alice were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, his grandmother, Nancy Jane Wilson Raley, was a sister of her grandfather, James Wilson) and one other **child** (born & died 1881-1900, some researchers list child as Wayne, born 22 March 1887 & died 29 November 1887, found no source to validate).
7. **Nancy Jane Raley** was born 11 November 1841 Ohio County, KY. She married Robert Anderson Miller, 29 April 1860 Ohio County, KY. Robert, son of William Makel Miller & Mary Mitchell, was born 18 April 1839 Ohio County, KY. Robert A. Miller is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Nancy Raley Miller died on 28 April 1899 Ohio County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 3 May 1899, p3 – “Nancy Jane, wife of R. A. Miller, died at her home in Horse Branch last Friday night, of spinal meningitis. She leaves a husband and three

children.” Robert A. Miller married his wife’s first cousin Diana Tivis (Wilson) Hughes Knox (1842-1924), 27 April 1905 Ohio County, KY. She was the daughter of James Wilson & Susannah Howard. Robert A. Miller died 12 August 1909 at his residence in Horse Branch, Ohio County, KY. His will was recorded in Ohio County, KY on 6 September 1909 (Will Book D, p522). In his will he named his wife and three children, Artelia J. Brady, William A. Miller and John P. Miller; he also named several grandchildren. Robert A. & Nancy J. Miller were buried Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. A memorial written by Robert A. Miller and published in the Hartford Republican (Hartford, KY, 11 August 1899, p2) states that he and his wife, Nancy J., had 4 children, they were – **Artelia Jane** (1861-1939, married George L. Brady), **Lizetta Elizabeth** (1865-1888, married Squire Hines Neafus), **William Anderson** (1867-1952, married Lottie Wells White) and **John Pendleton** (1870-1944, single).

Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 15 February 1901, p1. Poem written by Robert A. Miller (1839-1909) in honor of his late wife, Nancy Jane Raley Miller (1841-1899):



**Benjamin P. Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born c1812 KY. About 1836 he married Sarah J. Layman. Sarah, daughter of Michael Layman & Sarah Storm, was born c1817 Grayson County, KY. Her family name appeared under numerous spellings, including Lammond, Lemons, and others. Her father appears in the 1820, 1830, 1840 & 1850 censuses of Grayson County, KY. Benjamin & Sarah’s marriage was not found in Ohio County. They probably were married in Grayson County, where the early marriages were lost due to a courthouse fire. Benjamin is listed in the 1838 and 1839 Ohio County, KY tax lists, the 1840 census of Ohio County, KY, and 1850 census of Grayson County, KY.



During 1850-1852 Benjamin P. & Sarah Wilson moved to Fulton County, Illinois. They appear in the 1860 census of Livingston County, IL. Between 1861-1870 they moved to Iowa, where they are listed in the 1870 & 1880 censuses of Clarke County. The 1885 State census of Kansas shows them as residing in Vernon, Cowley County, KS. Benjamin P. and Sarah J. were buried at the Union Cemetery, at Winfield in Cowley County, KS. Sarah died in 1892. Census records give Benjamin's occupation as farmer.



Sarah J. (Layman) Wilson (c1817-1892) and daughter,  
Mahala A. (Wilson) Wright (1840-1902)

Benjamin P. Wilson & Sarah J. Layman are shown with the following children:

1. **Samuel Wilson** was born c1837 KY. He married Mary E. (born c1838 Ohio), c1859. He is listed near his parents in the 1860 census of Livingston, County, IL. They had a daughter, **Sarah E.**, born c1859 IL.
2. **Louisa J. Wilson** was born c1838 KY. She married John C. Martin, 12 April 1855 Fulton County, IL.
3. **Mahala A. Wilson** was born 16 July 1840 KY. She married Jesse Martin Wright, 29 January 1863 Canton, Fulton County, IL. Jesse M. Wright (1836-1919) was a physician. She died 23 April 1902 Tisdale, Cowley County, KS. She was buried Tisdale Cemetery, Cowley County, KS. They had 4 children – **George Ellsworth** (1863-1939, married Annie Laura Norton), **Jessie Almarine** (1866-1867), **William Franklin** (c1869-after 1900) and **Blanche Mahala** (1872-1960, married Bernhard Louis Miller).
4. **Michael Layman Wilson** was born 30 June 1842 Grayson County, KY. He married Anna Marie Fitzgerald (1861-1896), 11 October 1881 San Francisco, San Francisco County, CA. He was a constable in Sonora at the time of his death. He died of tuberculosis 14 April 1899 in Sonora, Tuolumne County, CA, where he was buried in the Sonora City Cemetery. Children – **Sadie A.** (1882-1901, single), **May Stella** (1883-1933, married Vincent Bringel), **Elizabeth Lola** (1886-1955, married James Roby Molony),

**William Michael** (1888-1970, married Mersadis Ramsay) and **Frances Pearl** (1891-1960, married Benjamin F. Drury).



Michael Layman Wilson (1842-1899)

5. **Martha Wilson**, 'Mattie', was born c1845 Grayson County, KY. She married Thomas A. Fait (1838-1883), 4 February 1866 Fulton County, IL. Martha died 1875-1879. Thomas married 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarah Loretta (Shay) Smith (1853-1940), 19 July 1879 Union County, IA. Children – **Charles Thomas** (1868-1953, married Lizzie M. & Ferry Blanche Shay) and **Ellsworth Clarence** (1872-1956, married Pauline Emma Baker).
6. **Marshall J. Wilson** was born in February 1847 Grayson County, KY. He married Ellen (c1849-after 1870), 1865-1870 and Eliza J. Woodward (1853-1906), 19 August 1875 Iowa. In 1882 he moved to Winfield, Kansas. Marshall was a contractor and builder. He died of gall stones on 7 January 1909 in Winfield, Cowley County, KS, where he was buried with his wife, Eliza, in the Union Cemetery. Children by Ellen – **Benjamin E.** (1871-1957, married Lillian May Dressler). Marshall & Eliza had 10 children – **Naoma B.** (1876-1930, married Howard W. Swan), Dr. **Newton Edward** (1877-1917, single), **Michael Purl** (1879-1951, married Anna Pearl Stephens), **William W.** (1880-1896), **Elmer Lovell** (1884-1941, married Alba M. Neas & Sadie Vesta Pottorf), **Fred Septimus** (1886-1932, married Nonnie L. Wagon), **Mary Eliza** (1888-1945, married Arthur Wesley Fegtly), **Viola Ellen** (1892-1967, married Charles Richard Gibson), **Jesse Martin** (1896-1936, married Belle I. Spickard) and one other **child** died infancy.
7. **Newton Jasper Wilson** was born in June 1850 Grayson County, KY. He married Hannah M. Swab (c1856-after 1880), 12 May 1875 Clarke County, IA, and Martha Josephine Cummings (1859-1929), 1882-1883. He died in 1933. He was buried Potter Community Cemetery, Potter, Cheyenne County, NE. Newton & Hannah were parents of – **Eldridge** (c1876-after 1880) and **Lottie** (c1878-after 1880). Newton & Josephine had 4 children – **James Elmer** (1885-1958, married Emma O. Warrington), **Harry Albert** (1889-1969, married Gladys Grace Lewis), **Hazel Bell** (1889-1937, married Charles F. Crowley & Thomas Iverson) and **Gyrettha Josephine** (1891-1974, married Joseph A. Johnson).
8. **Franklin Pierce Wilson** was born 9 January 1853 Fulton County, IL. He married Sarah Girthoffer (1853-1937), 8 July 1874 Clarke County, IA. He died 26 November 1931

Sonora, Tuolumne County, CA. He was buried Old City Cemetery, Sonora, Tuolumne County, CA. The 1900 & 1910 censuses report that Sarah was the mother of 4 children, one of whom was then deceased; William, born June 1888, is listed with them in the 1900 census he actually may have been their fourth, who was no longer living in 1900. Frank & Sarah had 4 children – **Jesse Elmer** (1877-1961, married Letitia Agnes Wight & Margaret Dwyer Riley), **Anna May** (1879-1974, married Wirt Duffield Rial), **Homer Douglas** (1884-1956, married Marguerite Emma Bauman) and ?**William P.** (1888- ).



On left: Franklin Pierce Wilson (1853-1931). On right: Franklin Pierce Wilson (1853-1931, on right), his wife, Sarah Girthoffer (1853-1937) and their son, Jesse Elmer Wilson (1877-1961)

9. **Sarah Ellen Wilson** was born in April 1858 IL. In her parents' home in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 census, Ellen, is listed as aged 2, 12 & 22 years old. The 1900 census reports S. Ellen was born in April 1858 Illinois. Records clearly show that her name was "Sarah Ellen." Sarah Ellen married Horace Hastings Brown (1861-1943), 6 April 1883 Fremont County, IA; on her marriage record her parents were reported as B. P. Wilson & Sarah Lemons. In 1920 she was living Bloomington, IL. Sarah Ellen Brown died 6 April 1923 Beloit, Rock County, WI and was buried Evergreen Memorial Cemetery, Bloomington, McLean County, IL. The 1910 census recorded that Sarah E. (Wilson) Brown, was the mother of 4 children, one of whom was then deceased. Children were – **Fred A.** (1886-after 1943, married Pearl B. Robbins), **Elsie May** (1889-1972, married Robert Albert Maiers), **Myrtle Blanche** (1893- 1910, single) and one other **child** died young.
10. **Sarah E. Wilson** was born 1859-1860 IL. She is listed in the home of Benjamin & Sarah in the 1870 & 1880 censuses, as being ages 11 & 21; she is not in their home in the 1860 census. Sarah E., age 1, however, in the 1860 census is in the home of Samuel Wilson, son of Benjamin & Sarah. Benjamin & Sarah Wilson would not have named two daughters, named "Sarah E." I suspect that Sarah E. may be their granddaughter, possibly a daughter of Benjamin & Sarah's son, Samuel, who disappears from records after the 1860 census. The twins, Benjamin F. & Douglas, born c1861, who are listed with Benjamin & Sarah in the 1870 & 1880 censuses, may also be grandsons; Sarah Layman Wilson would have been around 45 years old when they were born. Many family trees mistakenly report that Sarah Lavina Wilson was the daughter of Benjamin & Sarah; she

was born 30 August 1860 IL; married Eugene Adelbert Borthwick, 31 December 1877 Tama County, IA; and died 23 October 1930; and was buried Riverside Cemetery, Cheyenne, Eddy County, ND. The 1880 & 1910 census report that Sarah L. Borthwick's parents were born in the state of New York. Sarah (Wilson) Borthwick is the Sarah L. Wilson (age 8, born ILL), who is listed in the 1870 census of Tama County, IA; her parents were James & Ann E., who were natives of New York.

11. **Benjamin F. Wilson** was born c1861 IL. He was still single and living in Cowley County, KS in 1885.
12. **Douglas Wilson** was born c1861 IL. Family story reported he was named for statesman, Stephen Douglas, who was in the legendary debate with Abraham Lincoln. In 1880 Douglas was living in Clarke County, IA.



**Henry H. Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 1814. Some have speculated that his middle name was Harrison. His son, Dan T. Wilson, in a suit testified that his father was born in 1814 (Ohio County Circuit Court Suit - Job S. Arnold vs. Temperance Wilson, file #2822, case #986). He was probably born in Shelby County, KY. His father is listed in the 1814 & 1815 tax lists of Shelby County. Three of his children (Julia, Nancy & Palmira) on their marriage records reported that their father was born in Shelby County, KY. His son, Daniel T. Wilson, on his marriage license said his father was born in Bullitt County, KY. Henry is first found in the Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1837. He is listed in the 1840, 1850 (age 35), 1860 (age 45) & 1870 (age 55) censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Henry H. Wilson married Temperance White, 30 January 1835 Ohio County, KY. Samuel Wilson, signed his consent for his son, Henry, to marry suggesting that Henry was not yet age 21.

Know all men by these presents that we Henry H Wilson  
& Thompson Mitchell  
are held & firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky  
in the penal sum of Fifty pounds current money of the  
United States of America for the true payment whereof we bind ourselves  
our heirs & assigns & our assigns jointly & severally firmly by these presents sealed  
with our seals and dated this 30 day of January 1835  
The condition of the above obligation is such that  
whereas there is a purpose of marriage between the above  
banns Henry H Wilson & Miss Temperance White  
now if there should be no lawful cause to obstruct the  
said marriage then the above obligation to be void  
else to remain in full force  
Test  
R Henderson  
Henry H Wilson  
Thompson Mitchell



M<sup>r</sup> Charles Henderson Esq Sir you  
are at liberty to grant a license of  
of Marriage to Henry H. Wilson given  
under my Hand this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1835  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Wilson

this is to Certify that Temperance White is of full  
age and has no guardian or parents you are at  
liberty to grant a license of marriage to Henry H.  
Wilson and myself given under my Hand this  
30<sup>th</sup> day of January 1835 Temperance White

Temperance White was c1814 Ohio County, KY. The censuses of 1850 (age 35), 1860 (age 45), 1870 (age 55) & 1880 (age 66) suggest a birth in 1814. Five of her children on their marriage records reported that their mother was born in Ohio County, KY. In the 1814-1816 Ohio County tax lists there are three Whites listed – William, Henry and Lemuel. Some researchers give her dates as 27 August 1816 – 21 April 1881 and list a middle name of Elizabeth, but no validation or sources are provided.

Henry H. Wilson died 13 August 1872. On 28 September 1872 Temperance Wilson was appointed administratrix of the estate of Henry H. Wilson, deceased (Ohio County, KY Administrator Bond Book 4, p163). In 1873 an inventory and estate sale of his estate was recorded (Ohio County Loose Estate Files, #1058). On 9 April 1875 Job S. Arnold filed a suit in the Ohio County Circuit Court against Temperance Wilson (Ohio County Circuit Court Suit - Job S. Arnold vs. Temperance Wilson, file #2822, case #986). Arnold was claiming ownership of 165 acre tract now in the possession of the defendant. It was part of 265 acres in the Caney Precinct on Horse Branch of Caney Creek along the Cromwell Road. Arnold had sold to Henry H. Wilson the 265 acres on 20 February 1862 (Ohio County Deed Book 5, p254). Henry H. Wilson sold 100 acres of the 265 to Quintus C. Shanks. Arnold claimed he acquired a lien on the remaining 165 acres in 1873. In the suit Temperance Wilson testified that she was the widow of Henry H. Wilson, who died on 13 August 1872. Temperance requested that their children be part of the suit. She said she had 10 children, all living but one. Their children were listed as – Dan T. Wilson, Thomas B. Wilson, Quintus Wilson, Samuel H. Wilson, Phelena Maiden, now deceased (wife of A. Maiden, left children L. A. & C. A. Maiden), Palmira Lane (wife of John Lane), Eliza T. Wilson, Julia A. Martin (wife of Peter B. Martin), Nancy M. Ford (wife of Newton J. Ford) and Mary J. Smith (wife of James Smith). During the course of the suit the name of Eliza T. Wilson was corrected to Louisa T. (wife of Milton Boyd). All of the children transferred their interest in the land to their mother. Dan T. Wilson the third child of H. H. & Temperance, held a note against his father and he transferred said note to Job S. Arnold. By virtue of said note Arnold obtained a lien on the 165 acres and is now claiming ownership of land. The court ordered on 16 May 1878 that the plaintiff, Job S. Arnold, recover ownership of the land from Temperance Wilson.

Temperance White Wilson is listed in the 1880 census of Ohio County, KY; her son, Samuel H. Wilson, was living with her. Henry H. Wilson and Temperance White had the following 10 children:

1. **Julia Ann Wilson** was born 9 January 1837 Ohio County, KY. Her date of birth was given on her marriage record. She married Peter B. Martin on 31 May 1864 at her father's residence in Ohio County, KY. Peter, son of Reuben Martin & Mary Brandon, was born 16 February 1831 Breckinridge County, KY. Peter B. Martin married first Margaret Ann Davison, 29 December 1853 Hancock County, KY; they had a son, John Thomas (1854-1895, married Mary T. Baltzell). Peter B. Martin is listed in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Hancock County, KY, 1870 census of Perry County, IN, 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, 5 September 1894, p1 – "Fordsville, Sep. 4: Peter Martin, of Rosine has moved his family to this place." In 1910 Peter and his wife, Julia A., were inmates at the Ohio County Almshouse (Poor Farm) near Hartford, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 27 April 1910, p8:

**PITIFUL STORY**  
**Of Misfortunes in the Life of**  
**Peter Martin - From Af-**  
**fluence to Poorhouse.**

Fordsville, Ky., April 23.—Peter Martin was the son of Reuben Martin, one of the first settlers on the upper waters of Panther creek in what is now Hancock county, where he built the first corn mill in what was then a thinly settled community. The ruins of this mill are yet to be seen in the bed of the creek. Reuben Martin owned a large tract of land and several valuable slaves and he was assassinated when his son Peter was an infant, by an unknown assassin. The deed was supposed to have been done to get possession of his property.

When I was a youth at old Bennettsville, Peter Martin was a well-to-do farmer, highly respected by all who knew him. I have often seen him come to the mill, riding a large fat horse and bringing two bushels of corn.

Mr. Martin has met with many misfortunes. One of his sons, I was told, was killed by a tree; his only daughter died at Fordsville of consumption; one of his sons, I am told, is insane, and his other son is now in the far West. For some years Mr. Martin has lived at Fordsville and during the time that he has been superannuated, his relatives and friends have cared for him and his aged companion. A few days ago the town and community were shocked at the announcement that Peter Martin and his wife would leave the town that day for the poorhouse, where they now are. How little do we see before us in this world, and in the days at Bennettsville how little did I then think that Peter Martin, with his barns of grain and droves of stock, would in his old age, with his wife, be inmates of the county almshouse, with no friendly hands from his church or friends to aid him.

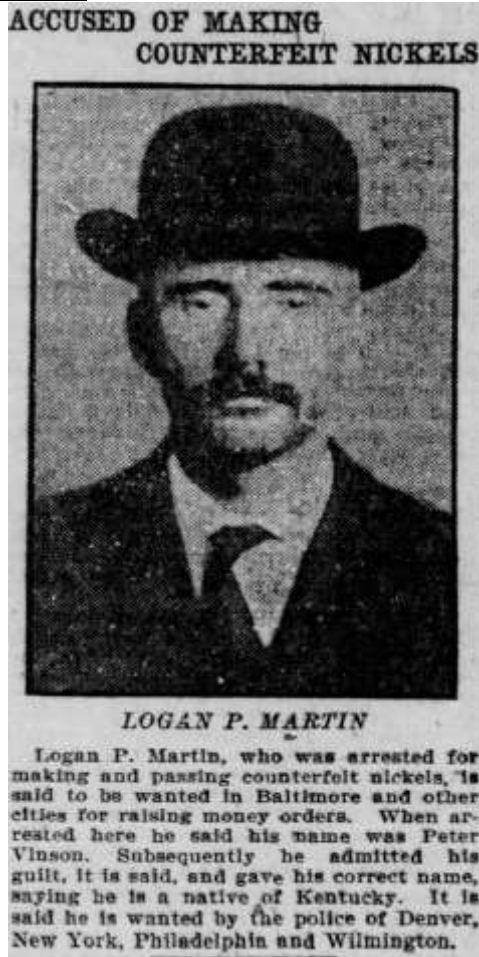
I am told a movement is now on foot by the citizens of the town and community to bring these aged people back, that they may pass the remainder of their days with their church and the friends who have so kindly cared for them in their old age.

EDWIN FORBES.

Both Peter B. & Julia Ann (Wilson) Martin died at the Ohio County Almshouse. Peter died on 26 July 1911 and Julia on 27 November 1917. They were buried at the Ohio County Poor Farm Cemetery. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 5 December 1917, p5 – "Mrs. Julia Martin, widow of the late Peter Martin, died at the County Farm Thursday. She came from the Fordsville section several years ago." The 1910 census records that Julia was the mother of 5 children, 3 of whom were then deceased. Their children were – **Reuben H.** (1866-1888, single, killed by a falling tree he was cutting), **Nora** (1868-1902, married Samuel Peyton Roby), **Alonzo W.** (1870-1903, married Ida

May Spurrier), **Logan Peter** (1872-1929, married Virginia H. J. and Annie Marshall Irwin) and **James Wilson** (1875-1912, married Davella Marie Hatcher). Son, Logan P. Martin, a Christian minister and lecturer, served multiple terms in federal prisons for counterfeiting. While serving time in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, GA, for post office money order fraud he gained some notoriety for a book he penned, The Chrysailis: A Book of Poems (by Logan P. Martin, Federal Prisoner, Atlanta, GA, 1915); see article "From Behind Bars, Ohio County Man Writes Inspiring Verse, Logan P. Martin His Name, Despite His Sordid Surroundings, He Gains Reputation As Poet-Philosopher", Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 22 March 1916, p3. This writer has procured an original copy of the book.

Baltimore Sun, Baltimore, MD, 26 December 1908, p9:



2. **Thomas B. Wilson**, 'Red Tom', was born 15 September 1838 Ohio County, KY. He first appears in the Ohio County tax lists in 1860. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1880 census of Grayson County, KY. He was a farmer. He served in the Union army during the Civil War (private, mustered in the 17<sup>th</sup> KY Volunteer Infantry on 3 January 1862, on 10 December 1864 transferred to the 21<sup>st</sup> KY Infantry, mustered out of service on 21 June 1865). Upon his death his widow applied for his military pension. He married Susan H. Craig 1865-1866. Susan, daughter of John Craig & Nancy J. Howard, was born 15 September 1844 Grayson County, KY. The following reference to Thomas Wilson appeared in the article:

“M. L. Evans Recollects”, Ohio County News (Hartford, KY, 26 December 1974, p10C), Melvin Lewis Evans (1888-1985) gave his recollections of the Arnold-Renfrow neighborhood of Ohio County: “Red Tom Wilson at one time owned the Whittinghill place and lived there at time of his death. He was called Red Tom because he kept his hair dyed red. He had the first bicycle I ever saw. He would ride it to the store at Arnold and had a daughter named Palastine. She went to our school at Arnold and was a good banjo player and a popular girl.”

Thomas B. Wilson died of spinal trouble on 18 July 1904 in Ohio County, KY. He was buried in the Boyd Cemetery about 1.6 miles east of Rosine a short distance north of Highway 62. Susan H. Wilson died of pneumonia on 21 February 1914 near Arnold in Ohio County, KY; her death certificate left blank her place of burial. Some have reported that she was buried at the Leach Cemetery, near Arnold, where her daughter, Palestine, was buried nine years later. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that 10 children had been born to Susan; 5 were living in 1900 and 4 were living in 1910. Children of Thomas B. Wilson & Susan H. Craig were: **Mary Ellen T.** (1866-1955, married William Marion Wilson, he was of no known relationship to Mary Ellen), **Flavius Joseph Coy** (‘Joe’, 1868-1956), **Nancy Jane** (1870-1921, married Jefferson Jennings Whitehead), **Seluster Anna** (‘Lus’, 1871-1906, married Mark Smith), **Palesteen** (1882-1923, married Leonard Washington Allen, on her death certificate her name is given as Palestine, ‘Palesteen’ is on her marriage license and tombstone) and **5 other children** born & died 1866-1900).

3. **Daniel Thornsberry Wilson**, ‘Dan’, was born 25 February 1841 Ohio County, KY. His middle name has been spelled several other ways by descendants, including Thornberry, Thonberry, Thonsby, Thornberg. A possibly connection to the surname of Thornsberry is that his grandfather, Samuel Wilson, in 1817 had bought land in Bullitt County, KY from Daniel Thornsberry. Daniel T. Wilson had an uncle, who also was named Daniel T. Wilson. Daniel is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He served in the Union army during the Civil War (private, company A, 17<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry, from 3 January 1862 until 23 January 1865). For his service he was granted a pension of \$50 per month about 1896 and in 1906 it was increased to \$100 per month (Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 12 September 1906, p5). He married Sarah Elizabeth Arnold, 4 October 1865 Ohio County, KY. ‘Betty’ was the daughter of Job S. Arnold & Mary Crow and was born 18 January 1851 Ohio County, KY. Dan Wilson bought the old Wheeler place just above Horse Branch. The notorious Wheeler gang had operated there. Charles Wheeler had lived there before the Civil War. Charles Wheeler (age 39) appears in the 1860 census of Ohio County in the neighborhood where Horse Branch was later located; he was listed 13 households from the family of Dan T. Wilson. Wheeler left Ohio County in 1860 and went to Indiana. The Wheeler gang was guilty of many robberies and counterfeiting; and they were suspicioned of murder. The house on the place was a double log two story structure. Dan T. Wilson after acquiring the place discovered a secret room, where he found three counterfeiting plates and blood on the wall. In a fence row in the yard he found the skeleton of a man. Wilson took the plates to Hartford where they were on display at the Hartford Herald newspaper office (see “An Old Counterfeit Plate”, Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 24 April 1878, p3; “More Wheeler Rascality Unearthed”, Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 18 April 1883, p2; “Wheeler’s Smooth Band: Notorious Criminals Who Operated in Kentucky Many Years Age” Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 1 July 1891, p1;



and “Horse Branch Was Invaded By Counterfeiters And Horse Thieves”, Kentucky Explorer, Jackson, KY, July-August 2012, p11). In 1918 in the Horse Branch Precinct Dan T. Wilson had the third highest property evaluation total. Sarah E. Wilson died on 29 October 1923 at her home in Horse Branch, Ohio County, KY. She was survived by her husband and 11 children. Daniel T. Wilson died 2 June 1924 Ohio County, KY. They were buried in the Wilson Cemetery that adjoins the Horse Branch Cemetery on the north side of Highway 62 just north of Horse Branch. Daniel’s son, Job Wilson (1873-1942) gave an acre adjoining the Wilson Cemetery to the town of Horse Branch for a public cemetery and it was setup as the “Horse Branch Cemetery”.



Daniel T. Wilson (1841-1924) & wife, Sarah Elizabeth Arnold (1851-1923)



Daniel T. Wilson (1841-1924), wife, Sarah Elizabeth Arnold (1851-1923) and daughters, Viola Florence Burden (1889-1962) & Laura Carroll Patrick (1892-1972). Gravestone of Daniel T. & Sarah E. Wilson in Wilson Cemetery, Horse Branch, Ohio County, KY

Sarah E. Wilson in the 1900 & 1910 censuses is reported to be the mother of 11 children all of whom were then living. Daniel T. Wilson & Sarah Elizabeth Arnold were the parents of – **John Henry** ('Jack', 1866-1950, married Lucinda Willoughby), **William Luther** ('Lute', 1868-1947, married Sarah Elizabeth Ford & Mrs. Alice Barbara Daniel Stearman), **Polly Ann** ('Maude', married James R. St.Clair, her 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, Charles H. Davis & Doctor Stubblefield Clouse), **Job Smith** (1873-1942, married Cova Morris), **Elijah Caleb** (1874-1966, married Martha Elizabeth Burden), **Cansadia** (1876-1966, married Isam S. Farris), **Priscilla Susan** ('Pricy', 1880-1961, married George Washington Ford), **Thomas Pascal Riley** ('Tom', 1882-1951, married Nannie Elizabeth Smith), **Ziba Arnold** (1886-1940, married Dora Marshall Ford), **Viola Florence** (1889-1962, married Jean Robert Burden, one of her sons was named "Daniel Thornberry Burden" in honor of his grandfather) and **Laura Carroll** (1892-1972, married William Robert Patrick).

Daniel T. Wilson (1841-1924) also kept a common law family. When I began doing family research in 1979 the most knowledgeable historian of Ohio County, KY was hands down the late Harry D. Tinsley (1923-2020), of Ohio County. He authored the book, History of No Creek, Ohio County, Kentucky in 1953, and wrote a genealogy column, "Lineage Lines", for the Ohio County Times newspaper for over 20 years (1972-1998). Since being a teenager he had been interested in the history of the county and sought out tales of olden generations. Many sought him out to learn about their families or the history of the county. He remembered many family stories. In 1978 Robert M. Rennick, author of the standard reference book, "Kentucky Place Names" (1984) interviewed Mr. Tinsley for his book. His vast knowledge can be evidenced in several hours of his interview that can be found as part of the Robert M. Rennick Oral History Collection at the Morehead State University (<https://scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/>). Mr. Tinsley told this writer that several in the Horse Branch community had told that Dan T. Wilson had several children by Sarah Jane Faught, who resided near his home. She had several children out of wedlock and most were allegedly were by Dan Wilson. Her children went by the Faught name. This was widely known and tolerated in the Horse Branch community due to his community involvement and prestige. In the 19 May 1875 issue of the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, p3) in a list of recent indictments by the Ohio County grand jury is listed – "Adultery and Fornication, Dan T. Wilson, Jane Faught." Sarah Jane was the daughter of William S. Faught (c1833-1919) & Elizabeth Ann White and granddaughter of William Faught (c1792-1871) & Mary Autry. She was born 15 July 1857 Ohio County, KY. Sarah J. is listed with her parents in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. Four of her children in the 1880 census were listed as grandchildren in her parent's home. Sarah Jane Faught married for the first time 23 October 1892 Ohio County, KY, when she became the wife of William Wilkins. They are listed in the 1900 census of Muhlenberg County, KY and 1910 census of Lawrence County, IN. She died 3 December 1935 Eldorado, Saline County, IL. She was buried in the Wolf Creek Cemetery in Eldorado. Her death certificate was recorded under the name of Sarah J. Faught; the wrong name of "Laura Faught" was place on her gravestone. The 1900 census records that Sarah J. Wilkins was the mother of 8 children 1 of whom was then deceased. Her Faught children were – Ponatus (born c1873-died 1880-1900), Thomas Lester (1874-1950, married Mary Irene Myers, Hester Johnson & Mrs. Saddle E. Russell Ary, in his family his father was believed to be a Payton), Joseph Robert (1875-

1930, married Ivy Martin & Maggie Burks, on his death certificate his mother was reported to be Sara Wilson), Anna Elizabeth (c1877-1959, married Thomas Jefferson Davis & John H. Durbin), Nola Harriet (1879-1958, married William E. Hendrickson), Jeraldine (c1881-1938, married Thomas Ellis, Eugene Hulsey & Clyde Allen, on her marriage to Clyde Allen, 19 July 1919 Perry County IN, she reported her parents as Daniel Wilson of Hartford, KY & Sarah Faught of Eldorado, IL).



In back – Sarah Jane Faught (1857-1935), Mary Irene (Myers) Faught (1868-1935), Thomas Lester Faught (1874-1950), Mabel L. Faught Lively (1916-1984) holding ? In front – Edwin Cyril Ford (1922-1992), Bertha Bee Faught Young (1920-2014), Herbert Darrell Basham (1923-1984), Anna Bell Crumes (1928-1934), Emmit Jay Faught (1922-2016), Charles William Crumes (1920-2002), Mavel Lee Faught Head (1917-2000), Edgar Harold Basham (1925-1976), Ida Bell Faught Basham (1901-1987) holding son, Kenneth Leon Basham (1927-2010). Picture was taken during 1927-1928.

4. **Nancy M. Wilson** was born in January 1843 Ohio County, KY. She married Newton J. Ford, 29 November 1865 at her father's residence in Ohio County, KY. Newton, son of John A. Ford & Martha Jane Keown, was born 19 January 1844 Ohio County, KY. The following sketch of his family appeared in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section):

JOHN A. FORD was born January 6, 1819, in Ohio County, Ky., where he has always resided. His father, Joseph Ford, a native of Pike County, was born in 1797, and died in 1868. He was the son of a Revolutionary soldier, who also served in the war of 1812, and died in Pike County about 1825. Joseph married Lucinda, daughter of John and Dolly (Piper) Awtry, of Ohio County, born in 1794, died in 1859, and from this union sprang John A.; Dolly (Likins); David; Joseph; Isaac served in the late war; also William; Burrel; killed in battle;

Angeline; Martha; and Charlotte, who married three brothers named Kuykendall. October 15, 1840, Mr. Ford married Martha J., daughter of Nathan and Nancy (Likins) Keown, of Ohio County, born May 16, 1821, and to them have been born Mary (O'Bannon), Newton J. (served in the late war), John W. (in the late war, at the capture of Morgan), Margaret (Berkley), Narcissa A. (Lunsford), Alexander (deceased), Joseph N. (deceased), Thomas H., Jacob S., Lucinda J., and Nancy M. Mr. Ford is a farmer having 177 acres of fair land in a good state of cultivation. He has, for forty years, been a member of the Baptist Church and politically is a staunch Republican.

Newton J. Ford served in the Union army during the Civil War (private, company A, 17<sup>th</sup> Kentucky Infantry). He received a pension for his service in the military. He is listed in the 1850 (age 6), 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Newton J. Ford died 26 December 1873. He was buried Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. His wife and three children are listed in the 1880 census of Ohio County, KY. Nancy's death was noted in the Hartford Republican (Hartford, KY, Friday, 23 August 1895, p1) – "Rosine: Mrs. Nancy Ford and Uncle Isaac Bratcher died on Sunday, Aug. 11." She was buried at the Old Salem Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Census records show three children of Nancy M Wilson and Newton J. Ford – **David Newton** (1867-1948, married Mary Catherine Axton & Mrs. Mollie Dobbs Usery), **Alonzo** (c1868-after1880 & before 1948) and **Laura Belle** (1869-1958, married William Obed Liles & Leonard Clifton Hoover).

5. **Mary Jane Wilson** was born 1845 Ohio County, KY. She married James W. Smith, 27 December 1870 Ohio County, KY. James, son of Lewis L. Smith & Elizabeth Jane Tilford, was born c1844 Ohio County, KY. James W. is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1910 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Warren County, KY. He was a farmer. Mary Jane Smith died during 1900-1910. James Smith was widower at the time of the 1910 census and was not found in the 1920 census. James W. & Mary Jane are possibly buried at the Cooksey-Smith Cemetery, where their daughter, Nettie Moore, has a tombstone. The 1900 census records that Mary J. Smith was the mother of 3 children, 1 of whom was then deceased. Their children were – **Jennettie Frances** ('Nettie', 1871-1946, married Robert L. Moore), **Lewis S.** (1875-1924, single) and **Edward** (born c1877 & died 1880-1900).
6. **Philena Wilson** was born 14 March 1847 Ohio County, KY. She married Anthony A. Maiden, 18 February 1867 Ohio County, KY at her father's residence. On her marriage license it was reported she would be 20 years old on 14 March 1867. Anthony, son of James & Juda Maden, was born c1845 Grayson County, KY. On his three marriages his named was spelled Maden and on his gravestone as Maiden. Anthony is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Grayson County, KY, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He served in the Union army during the Civil War (private, company H, 35<sup>th</sup> KY Mounted Infantry, 2 October 1863 to 29 December 1864). He received a pension for his service. Philena Maiden on 15 May 1869 filed for a divorce from Anthony Maiden (Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit #1963, Philena Maiden vs. Anthony Maiden). In the suit she testified that they were married in 1867 and lived together until May 1869, two children have been born to them, a boy now 17 months old and a girl now just 2 months old. In the suit no judgment rendering the divorce was recorded. They were listed together with two children on 5 July 1870 when the 1870 census was compiled. Philena died during 1870-1874. Anthony Maiden married Amanda



C. Leach (1855-1877), 1 November 1874 Ohio County, KY; Amanda, the daughter of Leonard Washington Leach & Rosannah Morris, has a gravestone in the Leach Cemetery near Horse Branch, Ohio County, KY. Anthony Maiden married third Asamantha Alford, 26 January 1880 Ohio County, KY. The daughter of James Pleasant Alford & Elizabeth A. Goff, she was born c1862 Ohio County, KY and died after 1931. In the Owensboro Messenger (Owensboro, KY, 30 November 1883, p4) the following was said of Anthony Maiden – “Anthony is a rare character. He is fiddling, fighting, drinking, rip-staving, hard-working, thrifty, courageous, never-give-up sort of a devilish good fellow of the kind.” He was in trouble with the law numerous times. He was accused of burglarizing Samuel Ferguson’s store and in 1882 he wounded John Faught in a fight. He shot and killed Rice Renfrow on 24 December 1904 near John Alford’s store at White Run in Ohio County (Hartford Republican, Hartford, KY, 30 December 1904, p1). They had a long running feud and the climax was an argument over where hogs were allowed to run. The shots also shot off the arm of Jake Stewart, a bystander. Maiden was given a two-year prison sentence. On 30 September 1906 he was released from the Eddyville Penitentiary at Eddyville, KY. He died of typhoid flux at his home near White Run in Ohio County on 22 October 1906. He was buried in the Maiden Cemetery about 1 ½ miles east of the Leach Church in Ohio County, KY. In 1974 the cemetery was on the farm owned by William Tarrence. Philena Wilson & Anthony A. Maiden had two children – **Leaman A.** (1867-1926, married Pearl E. Craig & Hattie Watkins) and **Fanny Elizabeth** (‘Bettie’, 1869-after 1887, married William Embrey). Anthony Maiden & Acie Alford had 9 children – Cicero Garfield (1882-1936), Alldella (1883-1954), Jess (1885-1974), William Henry Harrison (1889-1981), Simon Bolivar Buckner (1891-1976), Ethel (1893-1980), Alta M.(1895-1979), Anthony Rousseau (1897-1934) and Dewey (1900-after 1918).

7. **Palmira M. Wilson**, ‘Pal’, was born 16 December 1849 Ohio County, KY. She married John H. Lane, 28 December 1869 Ohio County, KY at her father’s residence. On her two marriages her name is spelled as Palmyra and on her death certificate as Palmira. John H. Lane was born 6 January 1848 in Tennessee. John & Palmira Lane are listed in the 1870 census of Ohio County, KY immediately after the residence of her parents. John was reported to be a railroad hand in this census. Palmira married 2<sup>nd</sup> Hugh B. Ferguson, 27 November 1879 Ohio County, KY. Hugh, son of John Enos Ferguson & Serena Catherine Iler, was born 10 September 1857 Ohio County, KY. Hugh B. is listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1920 & 1930 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1910 census of Daviess County, KY. He was a farmer. In the 1900 census of Ohio County, KY Palmira Lane was listed in the home of her son, Hardin Lane. Palmira & her husband, H. B. Ferguson, at the time of the 1910 census were living in the home of their son, Silas D. Ferguson, in Daviess County, KY. Palmira Ferguson died 13 May 1921 Ohio County, KY and Hugh B. Ferguson died 28 July 1933 Ohio County, KY. They were buried in the Slaty Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, KY. The 1900 census records that 7 children had been born to Palmira Wilson by her two marriages, but only 2 were then living. Palmira’s two children that were living in 1900 were – **Hardin Franklin Lane** (1873-1962, married Marcella Stewart, Annie May Allen, Mrs. Margaret Ann Camp White and Rebecca Bernice Pendley; Hardin & Marcella were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, his grandfather, Henry H. Wilson, was a brother to her grandfather, John Wilson; Hardin & Margaret

were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin's his grandfather was a brother of her grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson Autry) and **Silas Dean** Ferguson (1881-1959, married Amy Pierce).

8. **Quintus C. Wilson**, 'Quint', was born 20 January 1852 Ohio County, KY. A record of his birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. He probably was named in honor of Quintus C. Shanks, who served as the sheriff of Ohio County and represented the county in the Kentucky Legislature in 1849; he was the administrator of John Wilson's estate in 1846. Quintus C. Wilson is listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Mary Elizabeth Smith, 20 March 1871 Ohio County, KY. Mary E., daughter of Lewis L. Smith & Elizabeth Jane Tilford, was born 6 February 1851 Ohio County, KY. The 29 June 1881 issue of the Hartford Herald (Hartford, KY, p3) reported that Quint Wilson had been arrested on June 23 for subornation and perjury and while enroute to Hartford escaped. Not long afterward his family moved across the Ohio River to near Enterprise in Spencer County, IN. Quintus Wilson died 1883-1884 Enterprise, Spencer County, IN. While living near Enterprise their young sons, Lewis & Johnny died. All of their graves were unmarked. Soon after their deaths his wife and children moved to her father's farm in Butler County, KY. Mrs. Mary E. Wilson married Wyatt Marshall Guffy (1854-1907), 13 September 1891 Warren County, KY; they are listed in the 1900 census of Butler County, KY. Mary E. Smith Guffy died of typhoid fever on 28 December 1906 Warren County, KY, where she was buried in the Highland Cemetery. The 1900 census records that Mary E. Guffy had 7 children, 2 of whom were then deceased. She and Quintus C. Wilson had 6 children – **Lucinda J.** ('Lou', 1872-1952, married Lon G. Tuck), **Lewis H.** ('Dickie', c1874-c1883), **Verner Day** (1876-1961, married Sarah Frances Keown), **Bettie** (1879-1955, married Elwood Sublett), **Johnny** (c1881-c1883) and **Alice Eugene** (1884-1969, married John Eddie McGinnis). Mary Elizabeth Smith and her second husband, Wyatt M. Guffy, had one child – John Cartwright Guffy (1893-1962, married Goldie May Cantrell).
9. **Samuel Harding Wilson** was born 31 March 1855 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1900 census of Warren County, KY, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Tarrant County, TX. He was a farmer. In August 1884 he married Martha Elizabeth ('Mattie') Boone. Mattie, daughter of William Bennett Boone & Mary Ann Prunty, was born 24 June 1865 KY and died 1 August 1887 Spring Lick, Grayson County, KY, where she was buried in the Boone Cemetery on her parents farm. Mattie Boone was a third great-niece of Daniel Boone; her great-grandfather, Edward Boone, was a brother of Daniel. Samuel H. Wilson married 2<sup>nd</sup> Antha J. Ferguson, 1 May 1890 Bowling Green, Warren County, KY. Antha, daughter of Melvin C. Ferguson & Ruth Ann Hill, was born 7 March 1864 Warren County, KY and died 1893-1899. Samuel H. married 3<sup>rd</sup> Ollie Vezera Magdeline (Meador) Caldwell, c1899. Ollie, daughter of Jonathan Jason Meador & Elizabeth J. Bayless, was born 1 December 1867 Allen County, KY. She married 1<sup>st</sup> John Emer Caldwell, 7 April 1886 Sumner County, TN. Samuel H. Wilson during 1900-1902 moved to Fort Worth, Texas. He died 9 March 1927 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX, where he was buried in the Mount Olivet Cemetery. His wife, Ollie, married David G. Downs, 1927-1930, and she died 29 July 1937 Fort Worth, TX, where she was buried Mount Olivet Cemetery. Samuel & Ollie's son, Roscoe R. Wilson, the treasurer for the Majestic Theatre in Fort Worth, TX, on 31 January 1927 while he was delivering the theatre's receipts to a bank was waylaid at 10<sup>th</sup> & Commerce by two bandits, who shot him to death and took the theatre's moneybag containing

\$4,000. The robbery was widely publicized in the Fort Worth papers. W. A. Stone and J. R. 'Bob' Silver were captured a few days later. Stone served 6 years in prison and Silver served 9 years. Samuel H. Wilson and his 1<sup>st</sup> wife, Mattie, had – **Mary Mattie Boone** (1887-1982, married James William Clowers). Samuel H. Wilson and his 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Antha, had 2 children – **Melvin Daniel** (1891-1959, married Luella Pugh) & **Goldie P.** (1893-1981, married Rufus Addison Estes). Samuel H. Wilson and his 3<sup>rd</sup> wife, Ollie, had 5 children – **Ola Pearl** (1900-1972, married Louis Bothe & Charlie B. Fenner), **Roscoe Ray** (1902-1927, single), **Alfonzo Vernon** (1904-1965, married Agnes Royal Hall), **Bessie Venita** (1907-1989, married Elbert John Roberts) and one other **child** (born & died 1900-1910). Ollie Meador & John Caldwell had 4 children - Roy King (1888-1970), Emma Clyde (1890-1980), Eva Estelle (1892-1982) and one other child (born & died 1886-1900).

Record-Telegram, Fort Worth, TX, Thursday, 10 March 1927, p2:

## Grief Kills Father Of Roscoe Wilson

Grief over the tragic death of his son, Roscoe Wilson, who was shot and robbed while carrying Majestic Theater receipts to the bank Jan. 31, together with hardening of the arteries proved too much for Samuel Harding Wilson, 71, who died at his home, 2832 Littlejohn Street, at 2 p. m. Wednesday.

Wilson is survived by his wife; two sons, A. V. Wilson, Fort Worth, and M. D. Wilson, Muleshoe; a stepson, R. K. Caldwell, Fort Worth; and six daughters, Mrs. Will Clowers, Keller, Mrs. Rufus Estes, Welch, La., Mrs. L. Bothe and Miss Bess Wilson, of Fort Worth, Mrs. J. F. Wright, Canyon, and Mrs. B. G. Pugh, Happy.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 at Calvary Baptist Church, Rev. J. H. Skiles, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery. Until 11 a. m. the body will be at the Gause-Ware Funeral Home.



Mount Olivet Cemetery, Forth Worth, TX

- Louisa Temperance Wilson** was born 3 February 1858 Ohio County, KY. A record of her birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. She married Milton Boyd, 18 November 1875 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the residence of Mrs. Temperance Wilson. Milton, son of Elijah Boyd & Elizabeth Dawson, was born 6 December 1850 Greene County, IN. Milton is listed in the 1850 census of Anderson County, KY, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Ohio County, KY. Louisa Boyd died of pneumonia 11 January 1926 Ohio County, KY and Milton Boyd died 30 June 1927 at his home near Horse Branch in Ohio County, KY. They were buried in the Boyd Cemetery about 1.6 miles east of Rosine a short distance north of Highway 62. The 1910 censuses records that 7 children had been born to Louisa, all of whom were then living. The children of Louisa T. Wilson & Milton Boyd were – **Garland** (1878-1948, married Frances Johnnie Raley & Mrs. Josie M. Pierce Bailey), **Amanda** (1882-

1920, married Rodney Anderson Camp, they were 2<sup>nd</sup> cousins, her grandfather, Henry H. Wilson, was a brother of his grandmother, Elizabeth Wilson Autry), **Warren** (1884-1920, married Ollie Sue Duvall & Claudie Mae Reeks), **Nova** (1886-1969, married Huschel Lawrence Sandefur), **Ollie** (1888-1919, married William Warren Duvall), **Robert Samuel** (1890-1964, married Mary Ellen Reeks & Louise Iva Bailey) and **Ora Mae** (1897-1945, married Ira Floyd Duvall, Lee Rue Phelps & Stoy B. Daugherty).



**Nimrod Dossie Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 1 November 1816 KY. He was reported to have been born in Jefferson County, KY on the 1874 marriage record of his son, David Wilson, recorded in the 1874-1878 Kentucky Vital Statistics. The obituary of his son, Frank Luther Wilson (Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 20 June 1941), shows his father's name as Nimrod Dossie Wilson. A grandson was named Thomas Dossie Wilson (1879-1935, son of Presley P.). Obituaries of his sons, Presley Powell Wilson (Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 6 March 1942), and Owen Thomas Wilson (Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 27 March 1942), give their father's name as Nimrod Dossie Wilson). Nimrod first appears in the Ohio County, KY tax lists in 1839. During 1839-1840 he moved to the Richland community in Grayson County, KY. Richland is about a mile east of the Ohio-Grayson County line 2 ½ miles northeast of Highway 62 and about four miles from the Old Salem community in Ohio County, where the Wilson family had been residents. Nimrod is listed in the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Grayson County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Delphia / Delpha Renfrow, 16 August 1838. The marriage was probably recorded in Grayson County, KY, where Delphia was a resident. Most of the early records of Grayson County have been lost during three fires at the courthouse. On 24 December 1864 the Grayson County Courthouse was burned by Confederate soldiers. Other records were lost during fires in 1896 and 1936. The state of Kentucky prior to the onset of the Civil War during the years of 1852-1861 recorded some vital statistics (births, deaths and marriages) on the state level. In the birth records for this period four children of Nimrod Wilson (Eliza, Aaron, Josephine & Franklin) were recorded. Each of these birth certificates identify Nimrod's wife as Delpha Renfrow / Renfro. On the death certificates of four sons of Nimrod (Presley, David, Owen & Frank) the maiden name of Nimrod's wife was given as Renfrow.

Delphia, daughter of John Renfrow and Susanna Creek, was born 1 April 1815 Butler County, KY. The 1874 marriage of her son, David Wilson, reports that she was born in Butler County, KY. She was the granddaughter of Peter Renfrow & Mary McIlroy and Killian Creek & Margaret. Her parents were married in Warren County, KY on 13 February 1808. Her father is listed in the 1810 & 1820 censuses of Butler County, KY and 1830 census of Grayson County, KY. John & Susanna in Grayson County built their home on the west side of Richland Creek, about a mile upstream from where the creek flows into Caney Creek. After moving to Grayson County Nimrod & Delphia lived on a farm that adjoined lands of her parents. In the 1850 census of Grayson County Nimrod & Delphia are enumerated the next residence after her mother, Susannah Renfrow (age 57). Mrs. Natalia Decker Mallisee in her book, The John Renfrow Family In Grayson County (McDowell Publications, Utica, KY, 1983, p7) wrote that: "Nimrod and Delphia's log cabin home stood at the edge of a wood in back of what is now known as the Lonnie Park place. Nimrod's land ran north from the school taking in what is now known as the



Tandy Landrum place and the entire area surrounding the Richland Church and Cemetery.” See map of Richland community below. The 1850 tax list of Grayson County shows Nimrod D. Wilson with no land holdings. The 1860 and 1870 Grayson tax books show he was taxed on 600 acres on Richland Creek.



Delphia Wilson died on 1 October 1881 Grayson County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 12 October 1881, p2 –“White Run: Mrs. D. Wilson, wife of Nimrod Wilson, died on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst., after a long and severe illness.” Nimrod D. Wilson died 8 October 1886. Nimrod and Delphia were buried at the Richland Baptist Church Cemetery, Grayson County, KY.



Nimrod D. Wilson (1816-1886) gravestone, Richland Cemetery, Grayson County, KY

Nimrod Dossie Wilson & Delphia Renfrow had 12 children:

1. **Susannah Wilson** was born 12 September 1839 KY. She married Willis E. Dockery, 1860-1861. Willis, son of John Burrell Dockery & Mary Ezell, was born in October 1840 Missouri. Willis is listed in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Grayson County, KY and 1900 census of Breckinridge County, KY. He was a blacksmith and farmer. He served as postmaster at Short Creek in Grayson County from 24 June 1876 until 2 September 1880. On 16 January 1885 was appointed postmaster at McDaniels in Breckinridge County; he was appointed a second time on 6 November 1889. Susannah Wilson Dockery died in 1902. She was buried in the McDaniels United Methodist Church Cemetery, Breckinridge County, KY. Willis E. Dockery married his sister-in-law, Amanda Frances (Bratcher) Wilson (1855-1911), 1 June 1905 Grayson County, KY. Amanda was the widow of Susannah's brother, William Henry Wilson. Willis E. Dockery died in 1910 and was buried with his wife, Susannah. The 1900 census records that 5 children had been born to Susannah Wilson Dockery, 2 of whom were then deceased. Susannah Wilson & Willis E. Dockery's children were – **Mary Delina** (1862-1906, married Robert Wheatley Lewis), **Alice B.** (1865-1895, single), **William Franklin** (1868-1930, married Nancy Albina Hunter), **Laura E.** (1869-1903, married Charles S. Jarboe) and **Harvey Benton** (1878-1944, married Della B. Thompson).
2. **William Henry Wilson** was born 17 March 1842 Grayson County, KY. He served as a Union soldier during the Civil War (company B, 17<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry). His widow, Amanda F. Dockery, applied for his military pension on 19 September 1910. He married Amanda Frances Bratcher, c1870; they were married just prior to the 1870 census. Amanda, daughter of John W. Bratcher & Emeline Maiden, was born 29 March 1855 Grayson County, KY. William H. Wilson is listed in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Grayson County, KY, 1870 & 1880 census of Ohio County, KY. William H. Wilson died during 1894-1900 (not in 1911 as numerous family trees report). His wife, Amanda, is reported to be a widow in the 1900 census of Ohio County, KY. She married 2<sup>nd</sup> her brother-in-law, Willis E. Dockery, 1 June 1905 Grayson County, KY. Amanda Dockery died on 4

September 1911 at Horse Branch in Ohio County, KY. She and William H. Wilson were buried in the Bratcher Cemetery in Grayson County, KY. A picture of several family members including his widow, Amanda, and children, Justis & Jeneva, surrounding the grave of William Henry Wilson was published in the Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 10 September 1971. The 1900 census records that Amanda was the mother of 9 children, 4 of whom were then deceased. The children of William Henry Wilson & Amanda Frances Bratcher included – **Jeneva** (1875-1952, married William Thomas Renfrow & Samuel Woosley), **Martin** (1877-1952, married Birdena Lacefield), **Mirtis** (1881-1909, married James Harrison Crowe); **Justis** (1884-1981, married Sarah Alice Evans), **Homer** (1892-1973, married Clara Gasaway & Winifred E. Davidson) and four other **children** (born & died 1870-1900). Martin Wilson (1877-1952 & his wife, Birdena (1878-1952), were shot and killed 7 October 1952 at their home in the Welchs Creek community in Butler County, KY. A few hours afterwards a neighbor, David Embry, age 18, was arrested and confessed to the killings. Embry was convicted of the murders and sentenced to life in prison. He was mentally retarded and never provided any motive. On 25 May 2003 the Courier-Journal newspaper (Louisville, KY, p1A) carried an article, “Kentucky’s longest longest-serving inmate”. It stated that Dave Embry, an inmate at the Kentucky State Reformatory in La Grange, KY, then had been incarcerated for 50 years. It was the longest term in Kentucky and the fifth longest in the nation. Embry in January 2006 was released on a medical parole and was transferred to the Garden Park Health Care Center in Avon, Ohio, where he died 10 December 2006 at the age of 72.

Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 10 September 1971:

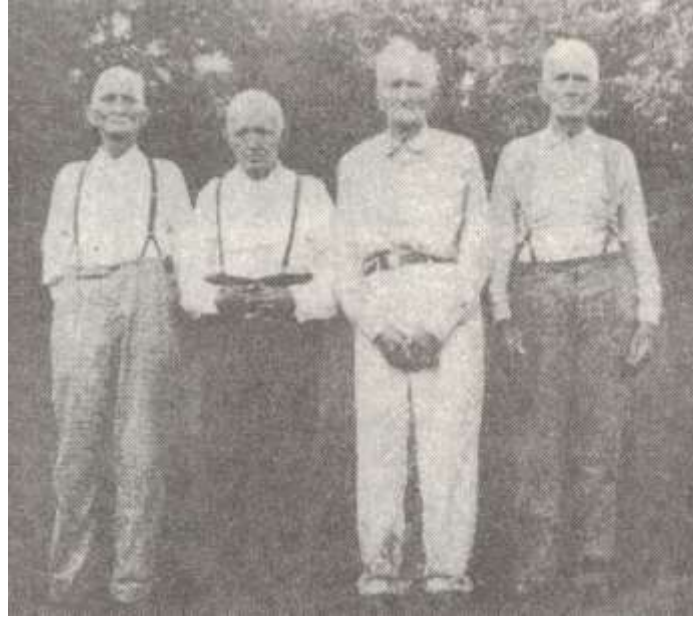




3. **Minerva Jane Wilson** was born 17 March 1842 Grayson County, KY. She married John H. Park, c1869. John H., son of David F. Park & Sarah M. Ross, was born c1845 Ohio County, KY. John is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. John and his wife, Minerva, are buried in unmarked graves in the Spurrier Byers Cemetery in Ohio County, KY. John Park died of smallpox and after his death to safeguard against the disease his home was burned. Minerva is listed as a widow in the 1880 & 1900 censuses of Grayson County, KY. The 1900 census records that 4 children had been born to Minerva, all of whom were then living. Children of Minerva Jane Wilson & John H. Park were – **William H.** (1869-1957, married Susan Vicie Bratcher), **Alonzo Elmer** (1871-1952, married Ora Dell Watson & Golda Mae Basham), **Robert Penuell** (1873-1948, married Ida Lee Crawford) and **Cordelia J.** (1875-1908, married Hugh Cull Crawford, Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 18 November 1908, p1 – “Fordsville, Nov. 16: Mrs. Cull Crawford was buried yesterday at the Bratcher graveyard in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends, relatives and neighbors.”)
4. **John Hardin Wilson** was born 25 May 1845 Grayson County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 and 1900 censuses of Grayson County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Hester Ann Dockery, c1866. Hester, daughter of John Burrell Dockery & Mary Ezell, was born in November 1844 Livingston County, MO. John H. & Hester A. died after 1900 and were buried at the Richland Cemetery, Grayson County, KY. Neither could be found in the 1910 or 1920 censuses and probably had died previously. Many researchers report that John H. Wilson died on 14 January 1923. This is the wrong person – this was John Henry Wilson, who was born 30 January 1846, died Louisville, KY on 14 January 1923 and was buried in Barbourville, Knox County, KY, where he appears in census records. The 1900 census records that 10 children had been born to Hester, all of whom were then living. Children of John Hardin Wilson & Hester Ann Dockery were – **Willis M.** (1867-1913 , married Artie Brooks & Mary Emma Oller), **Estill Eugene** (1869-1938, married Lula Belle Whitworth), **Alonzo Weaver** (c1871-after 1902, married Pollie Phelps), **Sarah Ellen** (1874-after 1900), **Amanda Vituler** (1874-1920, married Frank Clinton Hardy), **Henry Hardin** (1876-1965, married Emma C. Hardy), **Walter Clark** (1879-1971, married Lillian E. Hardy), **Cora Belle** (1881-1947, married Frank Marion Barton, John Thomas Skaggs & William H. Mathis), **Mary Letitia** (1883-after 1971, married Isaac R. Priest) and **Finis Weaver** (1886-1977, married Eva Sallee).
5. **Presley Powell Wilson**, “Press”, was born 5 October 1846 Grayson County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1940 censuses of Grayson County, 1870, 1920 & 1930 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Mary Elizabeth Hopper, c1877. Mary E., daughter of Thomas Morris Hopper & Hannah Berkley, was born 28 November 1859 Grayson County, KY. Press & Mary E. were divorced during 1910-1917. Mary E. Hopper Wilson died 13 September 1934 Simmons, Ohio County, KY; she was buried West Providence Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. Presley Wilson married Lurinda Victoria Foster (1848-1936), 7 November 1917 Rosine, Ohio County, KY. Victoria had previously married Bradford Allen, Valentine Peyton Wilson (first cousin to Presley, see p50) & Samuel Logan Basham. Presley P. Wilson died 10 February 1942 Grayson County, KY. He was buried Yeaman Cemetery, Grayson County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that 7 children had been born to Mary E. (Hopper) Wilson, 3 of whom were then deceased. The children of Presley Powell Wilson & Mary Elizabeth Hopper included – **daughter** (1877-1877), **Thomas Dossie** (1879-1935,



married Minnie Dallas Young), **Elsie Ellen** (1881-1958, married Hiram E. Monroe), **Clarence Rosson** (1884-1948, married Essie Alice Patterson), **Modessie A.** ('Dessie', 1889-1966, married Thomas Anderson Whitworth) and **2 other children** (born & died 1877-1900).



Sons of Nimrod D. Wilson & Delphia Renfrow – left to right, Frank L. Wilson (1859-1941), Aaron V. Wilson (1855-1939), Presley P. Wilson (1846-1942) & Owen T. Wilson (1851-1942). Picture was taken about 1938.

6. **Nimrod J. Wilson** was born 6 February 1848 Grayson County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Grayson County, KY, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Butler County, KY. He was a farmer. Nimrod married Mary E. Neel, 21 March 1879 Butler County, KY. Mary E., daughter of Volney P. Neel & Elizabeth Goodall, was born 26 September 1858 Butler County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that no children had been born to Mary E. (Neel) Wilson. Nimrod died 10 April 1920 Butler County, KY and his wife, Mary E., died 27 February 1928 Gilstrap, Butler County, KY. They were buried Warren's Mill Church of Christ, Gilstrap, Butler County, KY.
7. **David Lawson Wilson** was born 1 October 1849 Grayson County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Grayson County, KY, 1900 census of Ohio County, KY, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Daviess County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Letitia Catherine Mercer, 15 December 1874 Grayson County, KY; a record of their marriage was recorded in the 1874-1878 Kentucky Vital Statistics. Letitia C., 'Kate', daughter of Thomas F. Mercer & Lucy Jane Lampton, was born 4 January 1858 Breckinridge County, KY; her first name is spelled numerous ways. Letitia C. Wilson died 19 November 1928. David L. Wilson died 23 April 1938 Daviess County, KY and was buried with his wife at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Daviess County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that 7 children had been born to Letitia C. Wilson, 6 of whom were then living. Their children were – **Luther Dawson** (1876-1939, married Cora Alice Stone), **Lemuel Odis** ('Ode', 1878-1953, married Maude Mae Stone & Mrs. Lelia Elsie Payton Stone), **Newton Jasper** ('Jap', 1881-1969, married

Palestine Wilson), **Perneely J.** (1884-1884, buried Richland Cemetery, Grayson County, KY), **Zella Zoella** (1885-1977, married Hardin Wilson), **Harriet Mildred** (1888-1979, married Alexander Camel Phelps) and **Ora Alma** ('Dink', 1892-1979, married Robert Lee Gaddis & Z. B. Findley).



David Lawson Wilson (1849-1938) and wife, Letitia Catherine Mercer (1858-1928)

8. **Owen Thomas Wilson** was born 13 September 1851 Grayson County, KY. He is listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Grayson County, KY, 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Susannah D. Hopper, 19 May 1881. His wife's name also appears as Susan, Sue & Sudie. The daughter of Thomas Morris Hopper & Hannah Berkley, she was born 5 February 1861 Grayson County, KY. Owen T. Wilson died of pneumonia on 5 March 1942 at his home near Horse Branch in Ohio County, KY and his wife, Susan, died 15 December 1945 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY. Owen & Susan were buried Hopewell Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 censuses record that Susan was the mother of 7 children, 1 of whom was then deceased. Their children were – **Bertha F.** (1882-1959, married John Roscoe Wood), **Oscar Lawrence** (1884-1958, married Sudie J. Snider), **Arthur** (1888-1984, married Amye Lois Bratcher), **Chester Myrtle** (1891-1962, married Zadie Willoughby), **Clemer D.** (1896-1957, married Leslie Rose), **Clara Gilly** (1898-1986, married George Lawrence Dugan) and an **infant son** (born & died 1882-1900). Owen T. & Susan Wilson's sons, Oscar & Arthur Wilson were well-known school teachers in western Grayson County. Arthur taught school for 60 years and Oscar for 43 years (see article, "Arthur Wilson – 64 years – a teacher", Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 7 September 1984, p14). Lawrence A. Wilson (1912-1990), son of Chester M. and grandson of Owen Thomas Wilson, during 1955-56 opened Wilson's Store next door to the Horse Branch School in Ohio County, KY and operated it for 32 years.
9. **Eliza Ellen Wilson** was born 21 August 1853 Grayson County, KY. She died 1853-1860.

10. **Aaron Van Wilson** was born 11 February 1855 Grayson County, KY. He is listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Grayson County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Rhoda Ellen Carter, 1881-1882. Rhoda, daughter of Josiah Ewell Carter & Nancy Ellen Kimble, was born 20 December 1858 Grayson County, KY. A record of her birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. Rhoda died 17 August 1919 and Aaron Van died 14 April 1939. They were buried Richland Cemetery, Grayson County, KY. The 1900 & 1910 census record that 11 children had been born to Rhoda E. Wilson, 5 of whom were then deceased. The children of Aaron Van Wilson & Rhoda Ellen Carter were – **Laton** (1882-1883), **Emet** (1884-1884), **Earnest** (1884-1884), **May** (born & died 1881-1900), **Clyda D.** (1886-1971, married James Henry Pharris), **Edker Wayne** (1890-1968, married Pearl Sikes & Bertha Jewel Carwile), **Jessie Reed** (1892-1969, married Verna Smith & Mrs. Lena May Albro Shartzter), **Fadetta** (1893-1956, married Algernon Edwards), **Cova Rea** (1897-1982, married Frank Dean Decker), **Mary Osie** (1899-1985, married Oattie Edwards) and one other **child** (born & died 1881-1900).
11. **Josephine Wilson**, ‘Josie’, was born 5 November 1856 Grayson County, KY. A record of her birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. She is listed with her parents in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Grayson County, KY. She married Sylvester V. Patterson, 14 March 1880 Grayson County, KY.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 24 March 1880, p3:

—Married, at the residence of N. B. Wilson, in Grayson county, Ky., on Sunday, the 14th day of March, 1880, by Rev. A. R. Byers, Mr. Sylvester Patterson to Miss Josie Wilson. This seems to be a union of two sons, Patter-son and Wil-son.

Sylvester V., son of William Thomas Patterson & Jane Porter, was born 7 October 1856 Grayson County, KY. His birth day was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics and the 1900 census reports he was born in October 1856. He is listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Grayson County, KY. He was a farmer. Josephine Wilson Patterson died in 1903 and was buried Richland Cemetery, Grayson County, KY. Her gravestone only gives her years of birth and death. Other family trees report her death date as 10 September 1903. Sylvester Patterson married Mrs. Caroline (Hopper) Green, 16 August 1911 Grayson County, KY. Caroline, daughter of John Hopper & Susan Payton, was born in October 1863; she had married Charles C. Green, c1883. Sylvester Patterson died 29 December 1940. He was buried with his wife, Josephine, at the Richland Cemetery, Grayson County, KY. The 1900 census records that 6 children had been born to Josephine Patterson, all of whom were then living. The children of Josephine Wilson & Sylvester V. Patterson were – **Argetta Florence** (1880-1905, married Alexander Frank Berkley), **Forrest Layton** (1882-1979, married Clara O. Payton), **Pearlie Alta** (1884-1923, married John William Berkley), **Ernest Elmond** (1887-1956, married Frances Eliza Duncan), **Stella R.** (1892-1960, married Russell Dotson Berkley & \_ Arbuckle) and **Versie Mae** (1896-1979, married Dominico Ferry).

12. **Franklin Luther Wilson**, 'Frank', was born 6 February 1859 Grayson County, KY. A birth certificate was recorded for him in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. An obituary reported he was the son of Nimrod Dossie & Delphia Renfrow Wilson and in 1881 he married Miss Lizzie Wilson (Ohio County Messenger, Beaver Dam, KY, 20 June 1941). He is listed in the 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, 1930 & 1940 censuses of Grayson County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Celia Elizabeth Wilson, 1881. Elizabeth, 'Lizzie', daughter of William F. Wilson & Sarah E. Watson, was born 9 March 1864 Grayson County, KY. Her father, William F. Wilson was born in 1827 in Patrick County, VA and is of no known relation to the Samuel Wilson line. Elizabeth Wilson died 17 April 1921 and Frank L. Wilson died 26 May 1941 of arteriosclerosis at his home near Spring Lick in Grayson County, KY. His obituary reported he and his wife had 7 children and the 1910 census reported that 7 children had been born to his wife, one of whom was deceased. The children of Franklin Luther Wilson & Celia Elizabeth Wilson were – **Norman Lorenzo** (1882-1957, married Fannie Edwards), **Neoma D.** (1883-1961, married Ira Edwards), **Sarah B.** (1885-1923, married James Robert Wilson, Jr.), **Loy Bruster** (1887-1944, married Beulah Temple Sikes & Mrs. Eula Ada Duggins Geary), **Jerome Hill** (1896-1935, married Dolpha Eunice Crume), **Bent Byron** (1905-1982, single, in the 1940 census he is listed in the home of his uncle, Owen Thomas Wilson, and was mistakenly reported to be his son) and **one other infant** (born & died 1900-1910).



**Sarah Wilson**, 'Sallie', daughter of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 24 November 1818 Bullitt County, KY. She married James Raley, 2 August 1838 Ohio County, KY by William Hart, a Methodist minister. They had obtained their license on 30 July 1838. Bond on their marriage was by her brother, Nimrod D. Wilson, who made an oath that the bride had no living father and her mother consents to their marriage.

Know all men by these presents that we James Raley  
 & Nimrod D. Wilson are held & firmly bound unto  
 the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the penal sum  
 of fifty pounds current money for the true payment  
 whereof we bind ourselves our heirs & assigns  
 & finally firmly by these presents sealed with  
 our seals & dated this 30th day of July 1838  
 The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas  
 there is a purpose of marriage between the above bound  
 James Raley & Miss Sally Wilson now of their State  
 he do lawfully cause to obstruct & marriage then  
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 full force  
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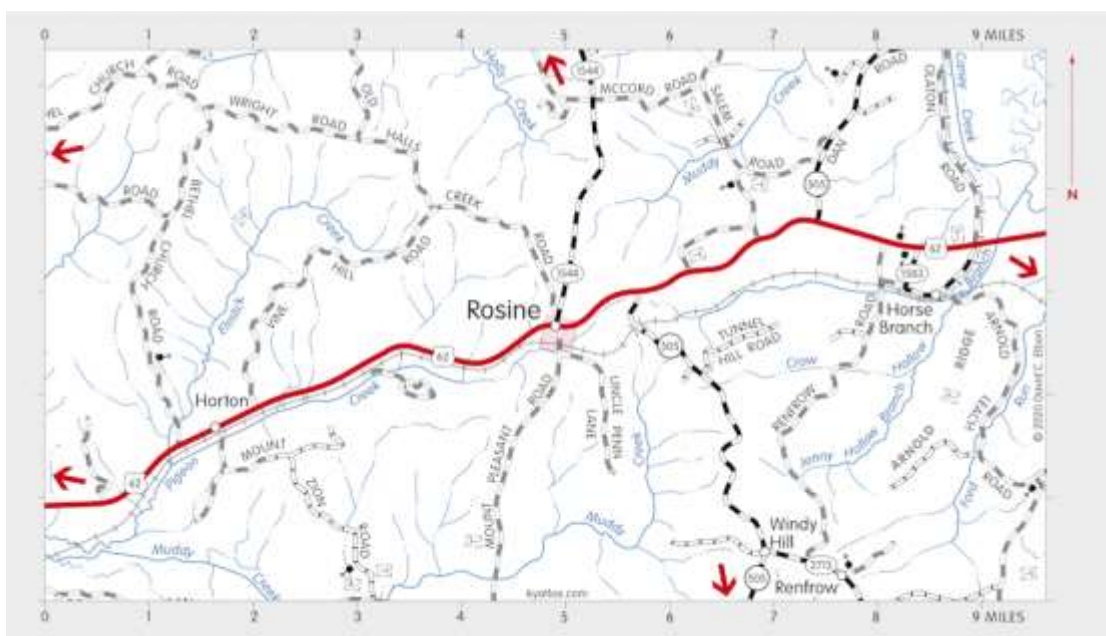


James D Wilson made oath before  
me that the within Sally Wilson  
has no father living that her  
mother consents to this marriage  
& that she has no guardian  
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James Raley was born 18 January 1818 Warren County, KY. He was one of four children of Jonathan Raley (1778-1834) and Nancy Cook (c1784-1850), who married children of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee. His father wrote his final will on 26 May 1834 and it was probated in Ohio County, KY in November 1834 (Ohio County, KY Will Book B, p84). The following biography of James Raley was published in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State (W. H. Perrin, J. H. Battle & G. C. Kniffin, editors, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1885, Ohio County section, p992:

JAMES RALEY, Ohio County, was born January 18, 1818, in Warren County, Ky., and in 1819, removed with his parents to Ohio County, where he now resides. His father, Jonathan Raley, was a native of Maryland, and came in childhood with his parents to Kentucky, where he died in 1834, at the age of fifty-six years. He was the son of John Raley, who died in Marion County, Ky. Jonathan married Nancy Cook, who was reared in Philadelphia and died in 1850, aged about sixty-six years, and from their union sprang Benjamin, Rebecca (Leach), John, Mary (Wilson), Sophrona (deceased), Nancy (Wilson), William, Elizabeth (Ward), James, Thomas, (deceased), Christiana (Adams) and Sallie (Steel). James Raley was married, August 2, 1838, to Sallie, daughter of Samuel and Winnie (Lee) Wilson, of Ohio County; she was born November 24, 1818, and their union has been blessed by the birth of Thomas B. (deceased), Jonathan S. (a Federal soldier in the late war), Mary E. (Black), James H., Hester A. (Davis) Bartinit, Sylvester B., David T., Timothy M., Sarah P. (Faught) and Julia F. Mr. Raley was a farmer until 1862, when he commenced merchandising, and in 1873, located in Rosine, and has been very successfully engaged in general merchandising and dealing in leaf tobacco. The style of the firm is now Raley & Son, the junior member, Timothy M. holding the position of postmaster. Mr. Raley has held the positions of chairman and treasurer of the board of trustees of the village since the incorporation of Rosine. In 1882, Mr. Raley suffered a loss of \$4,000 (less a partial insurance), by the burning of his store, which he immediately rebuilt, and established business again. In religion he is a Methodist Protestant, and in politics a Republican.

James Raley is listed in the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. In the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses his occupation was given as farmer and in 1880 as merchant. He located in the town of Rosine in 1873. The town began in 1872 as a railroad camp when the Elizabethtown & Paducah Railroad was extended through Ohio County (1868-1869). The post office was originally christened Pigeon Roost, a local creek, a branch of the Muddy Creek, on 16 January 1872. The post office was renamed Rosine when the town was incorporated on 15 September 1873.



Sally Wilson Raley died 24 October 1891. She was buried in the Raley Cemetery near Rob Roy in Ohio County, KY. The family cemetery is on what was later the Trip Taylor farm near Rob Roy Road, Highway 505 South and along the north side of the Western Kentucky Parkway. This cemetery on Find A Grave has been confused with the James Wesley Raley cemetery north of Rosine; they are two different cemeteries. The farm in 1997 was owned by Ray & Jill (Raley) Alingh, 3156 Mt. Pleasant Road. Mrs. Alingh is a great-great-granddaughter of William J. Raley (c1815-1865), who was a brother of James & John Raley, who married daughters of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 14 March 1877, p3 – “Rosine Items: Tobacco is being received daily at the factory of J. Raley & Son. They are paying good prices. There has been sixteen hogsheads shipped from this place.” Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 19 September 1877, p2 – “From Rosine: Mr. James Raley has just returned from the East with a fine stock of dry goods and clothing.” On 21 October 1882 he suffered heavy losses when a fire destroyed the business section of Rosine.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 25 October 1882, p3:

<b>Fire in Rosine.</b>	
<p>Rosine was visited by a fire Saturday morning which destroyed almost the entire business portion of the town. In nearly every case the loss was total, or nearly so, and the amount of insurance was quite small. The fire was doubtless the work of an incendiary, as there had been no fire about any of the stores for several days, and none at all in the store of J. Raley &amp; Son where the fire originated.</p> <p>The following is a list of the buildings burned and the probable loss of the occupants:</p> <p>Raley &amp; Son, tobacco factory, vacant, and store, both buildings and the contents of the latter a total loss. Insurance small. Net loss, \$2,000. M. S.</p>	<p>Ragland, tobacco factory, store and part of stock. No insurance; loss \$2,000. Frank Allen, store and contents, loss unknown. Rains Bros.' stock of drugs in same building, total loss. Rains Bros.' new store building, almost completed. H. L. Her, grocery store, total loss. Mr. Her also had three hogs at the rear of the store which perished in the flames. Otto's dwelling and store and small stock of goods and S. K. Jones' grocery store and stock were totally consumed. The only buildings left in the portion of the town where the fire was are the two hotels, a saloon and a dwelling or two. A large quantity of staves and heading which were stacked in the streets were burned up.</p>

James Raley soon rebuilt his business. In 1885 he was partners with his son, Timothy M. Raley. In a list of twelve professionals and merchants in the town of Rosine in the 1884 Kentucky State Gazetteer and Business Directory was listed James Raley, general store and tobacco. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 28 January 1885, p2 – “Rosine Rumbling, Jan. 23: J. Raley & Son have finished their large tobacco house, and have received several thousand pounds of tobacco.” In 1889 James Raley retired from the business and it was continued by his sons, Jonathan S. Raley and Timothy M. Raley.

James Raley married second Susan Pigman (Duke) Sullenger, 22 December 1892 Ohio County, KY. On their marriage license his occupation was reported as “gentleman of leisure.” Susan, daughter of William Duke & Matilda Stateler, was born 6 August 1822 Ohio County, KY. Susan married Francis Sullenger (1810-1873), 20 February 1840 Ohio County, KY. Susan Duke Sullenger died 30 November 1911 Ohio County, KY, where she was buried in the Milton Taylor Cemetery.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 21 December 1892, p3:

“James Raley, of Rosine, and Mrs. Susan P. Sullenger, of near Hartford, will be married at the residence of Mrs. Sullenger to-morrow. The groom has passed his seventy-fourth mile-post and the bride has numbered her seventieth summer. Mrs. Sullenger is the widow of Frank Sullenger, deceased, and Mr. Raley was formerly a merchant and tobacconist in his town.

James Raley died at the age of 78 on 30 December 1896 in Ohio County, KY. He was buried in the family burying grounds with his wife, Sally Wilson, in the Raley Cemetery, near Rob Roy. No marker has been found for his grave. His will written on 31 October 1891 was probated in Ohio County, KY in January 1897 and recorded Ohio County Will Book D, p386. His son, David T. Raley was appointed the executor of his estate.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY,  
Wednesday, 28 October 1891, p3:

**ROSINE, KY.**  
October 27, 1891.—I have [the un-pleasant task of chronicling the death of old aunt Sallie Raley, wife of James Raley, of this place, which occurred suddenly, the 24th inst., about 2 o'clock a. m. Her son Dave, of Bloomington, Ind., was telegraphed and arrived that night. She left many friends to mourn their loss. She died as she lived, peacefully.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY,  
Wednesday, 6 January 1897, p3:

Died, at his residence at Rosine last Wednesday, Mr. James Raley. His remains were interred in the family burying grounds Thursday in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Ohio County, Kentucky Records, Volume 2 (Michael L. Cook & Bettie A. Cummings Cook, Cook Publications, Evansville, IN, 1986, p320): Ohio County Will Book D, p386: Will of JAMES RALEY, gives his entire estate to his third daughter, Bartenia Raley, in consideration for services rendered, all the estate, after his fourth son, David F. Raley, who is appointed executor, appropriates out of the estate enough to pay all debts. The aforesaid property consists of lands, town lots, personal property, and all outstanding claims. October 31, 1891. S. D. Morgan, D. N. Docker and L. P. Crowder, witnesses, Probated January Court 1897.

Sarah Wilson and James Raley were the parents of at least thirteen children. Eleven children are listed in the biography of James Raley in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State, and another two appear in the 1852-1861 vital statistics recorded by the state of Kentucky. Their children were:

1. **Thomas B. Raley** possibly was the first born child of James Raley & Sarah Wilson. The biography of James Raley in the book, Kentucky: A History of the State, seems to list his children in the order of their birth and if so Thomas would have been born during 1839-1841 and died prior to the 1850 census. Thomas B. also may be an unnamed male that was born and died 4 December 1854 Ohio County, KY. Both a birth and death record were recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. His birth record gives parents as James Raley & Sally Wilson. His death certificate records that he was an unnamed male and died at the age of one-half day.
2. **Jonathan S. Raley** was born c1841 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850 (age 9), 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY, and 1900 census of Washita County, OK, 1920 census of San Antonio, Bexar County, TX. He was a farmer. He served in the Union army during the Civil War (private, 17<sup>th</sup> KY Infantry). He married Mary Josephine Miller, 14 February 1869 Ohio County, KY. Mary J., daughter of William A. Miller & Elizabeth A. Leach, was born c1848 Ohio County, KY and died of pneumonia on 8 March 1885 near Cromwell in Ohio County, KY. Jonathan S. was living in Washita County, OK in 1905. Children of Jonathan S. Raley & Mary Josephine Miller included – **Edward Maxwell** (c1871-1938, married Renna D. Shockley & Keller M. Fox), **Lelia B.**



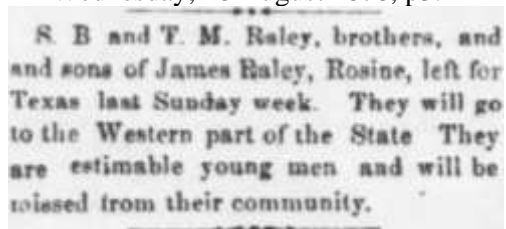
- (c1874-after 1880), **Flora A.** (1875-1930's, married Archie Meredith Baucum), **Fannie A.** (1877-after 1910, married Oscar Baker), **Charles Pendleton** (1880-after 1930, married Henrietta Grady Cook) and **Sally M.** (1882-after 1900).
3. **Mary E. Raley** was born 26 October 1842 Ohio County, KY. She married David Cowan Black, 26 January 1868 Ohio County, KY. David C., son of Francis R. Black & Ann Bibb Thomson, was born 23 March 1837 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. Mary Raley Black died on 26 November 1892 Ohio County, KY. She was survived by her husband and seven children. She was buried in the Black Cemetery, Ohio County, KY. David C. Black married 2<sup>nd</sup> his sister-in-law, Bartena Raley, 29 May 1898 Ohio County, KY. David C. Black died of pneumonia 6 November 1908 Ohio County, KY; a few weeks before he was operated on and had one of his ribs removed. He was buried with his wife, Mary E., in the Black Cemetery near Hamlin Chapel in Ohio County; the cemetery is also referred to as the Brown Cemetery. By his first wife he had nine children and none by his second wife. Mary E. Raley & David Cowan Black had 5 sons and 4 daughters. They were – **Sarah Frances** ('Fannie', 1868-1898, single), **James Henry** (1870-1935, married Carrie E. Gordon), **Timothy Redmond** (1871-1939, married Cora Frances Felix), **Mary Bartina** (1873-before 1880), **Margaret A.** ('Maggie', 1875-1898, died of typhoid fever, single), **Francis R.** (1877-1880, son), **David Thompson** (1879-1968, married Cliffie Dee Leach), **Maude Bell** (1881-1907, married Rufus Beech Harrell, died during childbirth) and **Charles Wayne** (1883-1964, married Athel Margaret Withrow).
  4. **James Harrison Raley** was born 29 July 1844 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1870 census of Grayson County, KY. He was a farmer. He married Mary Elizabeth Ramer, 26 January 1868 Ohio County, KY. Mary E. was born c1849 Grayson County, KY and died 1872-1875. Harrison Raley married Mary Susan Bradley, 20 February 1876 Ohio County, KY. Mary S., daughter of James Washington Bradley & Harriet Middleton, was born 30 October 1854 Sumner County, TN. Harrison Raley during 1884-1889 moved to Henderson County, KY. He died 20 March 1899 and was buried Clay Cemetery, Henderson County, KY. His wife, Mary S., married John P. Hall, 3 January 1900 Henderson County, KY. She married 3<sup>rd</sup> Joseph A. Eblen, 1910-1920. Mary S. Eblen died 24 June 1940 Anna, Union County, IL; she was buried Spencer Heights Memorial Cemetery, Mounds, Pulaski County, IL. James Harrison Raley & Mary Elizabeth Raymer were parents of – **Florence Myrtle** (1869-1939, married Thomas Lewis Allen & James Oliver Shahan), **Louisa** (1870-1946, married Wesley Bennett Crabtree & Orien Tecumseh Kittinger), **Otis F.** (1872-1880) and **Leondias H.** (1872-1872). James Harrison & Mary Susan Bradley had 9 children – **Cyrus Trubador** (1876-1929, married Minnie Bell Hogg), **Flora F.** (c1879-died between 1880 & 1900), **Frederick Alonzo** (1881-1927, married Ora E. Powell), **Roy L.** (1883-1898), **Nellie May** (1886-1974, married Burnie Hancock Hendricks), **Luther Talmage** (1889-1935, married Myrtle Elnore Robinson), **Arthur Brin** (1891-1966, married Manotee Mae Kelly), **Enos G.** (1893-1893) and **Lydia Wynona** (1894-1895).
  5. **Hester Ann Raley** was born in March 1846 Ohio County, KY. She married George L. Davis, 1 July 1869 Ohio County, KY. George L., son of Alexander H. Davis & Sarah N. Liles, was born 30 January 1847 Warren County, KY. George is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY. He was a farmer. He died 1898-1899. Hester Ann Davis is listed as a widow in the 1900 census of Ohio County, KY. This census

reports she was the mother of 11 children, 8 of whom were living in 1900. The children of Hester Ann Raley & George L. Davis included – **Sarah Annetta** (1870-1938, married Marion A. Crowder & Thompson Stewart), **Nancy Rosetta** (1871-1905, married Benjamin Franklin Oliver), **Jeptha Clifton** (1875-1939, married Finis Gabella Davis), **Alfred Howard** (1877-1964, married Mona Hoskins), **James Toward** (1877-1948, married Ollie B. Fogle), **Zue** (c1879-between 1900 & 1938, married William M. Benson), **Alonzo B.** (1881-between 1900 & 1938), **Enola** ('Nola', 1881-after 1948) , married J. C. Henderson, \_ Ording & George Washington Louge), and **3 other children** (born & died 1870-1900).

6. **Jennettia F. Raley** was born in 1848 Ohio County, KY. Jenetta, age 2 years, is listed with her parents in the 1850 census. She died on 19 February 1855. Her death was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics – Jennettia F. Raley died at age 7 of a disease of the head, born Ohio County, daughter of James & Sally Raley.
7. **Bartena Raley** was born c1849 Ohio County, KY. She married her brother-in-law, David Cowan Black, 30 May 1898 Ohio County, KY. He had married her sister, Mary E. Raley (1842-1892). Bartena died on 24 March 1900 Ohio County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 28 March 1900, p3 – “Died at her residence 6 miles East of Hartford last Saturday night at 12 o’clock of pneumonia, Mrs. Bartena Black, wife of D. C. Black. Her remains were interred in Raley burying grounds Monday in the presence of a large circle of relatives and friends.” She was buried in the Raley cemetery near Rob Roy in Ohio County.
8. **Sylvester B. Raley** was born 1 September 1851 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1880 census of Brown County, TX. The 1880 census reports that he was working as a school teacher.

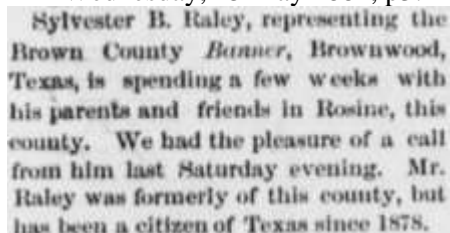
Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY,

Wednesday, 28 August 1878, p3:



S. B and T. M. Raley, brothers, and and sons of James Raley, Rosine, left for Texas last Sunday week. They will go to the Western part of the State They are estimable young men and will be missed from their community.

Wednesday, 25 May 1881, p3:



Sylvester B. Raley, representing the Brown County Banner, Brownwood, Texas, is spending a few weeks with his parents and friends in Rosine, this county. We had the pleasure of a call from him last Saturday evening. Mr. Raley was formerly of this county, but has been a citizen of Texas since 1878.

Sylvester B. Raley married Permelia Lucinda May, 15 March 1888 Callahan County, TX. Permelia, daughter of William Prather May & Cynthia Ann Beasley, was born 23 March 1862. Sylvester B. Raley was appointed postmaster at Clyde, Callahan County, TX on 11 January 1895; his wife, Permelia, replaced him as postmaster there on 23 December 1898. He died 30 October 1898. His widow, Permelia, is listed in the 1900 census of Callahan County, TX. Permelia Raley died 11 October 1904. They were buried Clyde Cemetery, Clyde, Callahan County, TX. The 1900 census records that 4 children had been born to Permelia. The children of Sylvester B. Raley & Permelia Lucinda May were – **Ethel Gertrude** (1888-1910, single), **Ida Pearl** (1890-1969, married Charles Cleveland Peek), **Stella Mary** (1891-1978, married Roy Davis Williams) and **Ada Mae** (1896-1989, married Crawford Carroll Shelton).

9. **David Thompson Raley** was born 11 June 1853 Ohio County, KY. A record of his birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics). He is listed in the 1860, 1870

& 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY, 1910 & 1920 censuses of St. Louis, MO. He married Anna Belle Adams, 9 September 1880 Bloomington, Monroe County, IN. Anna, daughter of Wilson Adams & Jane P. Murphy, was born 1858 MO. Her father, Wilson Adams, served as sheriff of Monroe County, IN. Anna B. Raley died of consumption on 1 September 1894 at her home in Bloomington, Monroe County, IN. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 18 August 1897, p3 – “Mr. D. T. Raley, traveling salesman of the Falls City Manufacturing Company, Louisville, was in town a day or two the first of the week.” The 1910 census reports his occupation as traveling salesman; he was then widowed and staying at a hotel. In 1916 he was employed as a collection agent by the International Collecting Company. The 1920 census shows that he was working as a night clerk at a hotel. David T. Raley died of apoplexy in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN on 6 November 1923. He was buried with his wife, Anna, at the Rose Hill Cemetery, Bloomington, Monroe County, IN. David’s & Anna’s 4 surviving children were living with their grandmother. Jane Adams, at the time of the 1900 census of Bloomington, Monroe County, IN. Children of David Thompson Raley and Anna Belle Adams were – **Charles Wilson** (1881-1905), **Lacey** (1883-1891), **Lena Browning** (1885-1979, married James Ferdinand Moore & \_ Graham), **Nina Axel** (1888-1977, married John Elmer Moore) and **Harry Woodson** (1890-1967, married Alice McMahan).

10. **Timothy M. Raley** was born 23 November 1855 Ohio County, KY. A record of his birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. He is listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1900 census of Washita County, OK. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 31 March 1880, p2 – “Mr. T. M. Raley and Miss Madie Gillson were married at Springfield, Tennessee on the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. We wish them a pleasant journey as they travel a long life’s rugged stream.” Mary Abigail ‘Madie’ Gilson, daughter of Xenephone Gilson & Helen M. Kemp, was born 23 August 1863 LaGrange County, IN. Mary is listed with her parents in the 1870 census of Branch County, MI.



Timothy M. Raley (1855-1901) & wife, Mary Gilson (1863-1946)

Timothy Raley served as postmaster at Rosine from 1 November 1883 until 23 November 1885 and on 1 March 1880 he was elected town marshal of Rosine. In 1889 he and his brother, Jonathan S. Raley, became partners to continue the firm founded by their father. In January 1890 Timothy left the firm. The mercantile business was continued by his brother & partner, Jonathan S. Raley.

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, 11 December 1889, p2:

**JONATHAN & T. M. RALEY,**  
(Successors to James Raley & Son)  
 Rosine, Kentucky,  
DEALERS IN  
**General Merchandise**  
**OF ALL KINDS.**  
—ALSO DEALERS IN—  
**HOOPS AND STAVES**  
 Highestt Market Price Paid for Country Produce.  
*Fair Treatment and Honest Dealing!*  
 49m3 Don't GIVE US A CALL.

Timothy M. Raley and his brother, Sylvester B. Raley, of Abilene, Texas on 13 June 1896 applied for a US patent on a washing machine and it was granted on 1 September 1897. Timothy is listed in the 1900 census of Cloud Chief, Washita County, OK. This census listed his occupation as inventor. In 1900 his brother, Jonathan S. Raley, was also residing in Washita County. Timothy M. Raley died in 1901 Elk City, Beckham County, OK, where he was buried in the Old Indian Cemetery. His widow, Mary A., married Jesse Arthur Carter (1879-1922), 8 July 1905 Coldwater, Branch County, MI. She is listed in the 1910 census of Branch County, MI, 1920 censuses of St. Joseph County, MI and 1940 census of Chicago, Cook County, IL. Mary (Gilson) Carter died 29 August 1946 Burr Oak, St. Joseph County, MI. She was buried Snow Prairie Cemetery, Bethel, Branch County, MI. Children of Timothy M. Raley & Mary A. Gilson were – **Herbert Guy** (1883-1934, single ), **Everett Forrest** (1885-1980, married Elsie M. Burns & Ideal E. Lloyd), **Grace Bell** (1889-1921, married Cornelius Glenn Whitney), **Lillie Ann** (1890-1981, married William Gabriel Brook), **Eva May** (1893-1971, married Cornelius Glenn Whitney), **James Ernest** (1897-1969, married Belva Edith Kime) and **Howard Lee** (1901-1985, married Faye Lucile Husted & Carmen Pauline Wood). Mary A. Gilson and her 2<sup>nd</sup> husband, Jesse Arthur Carter had 2 children – Jennie E. (1905-1991) & Howard Bert Carter (1908-1988).



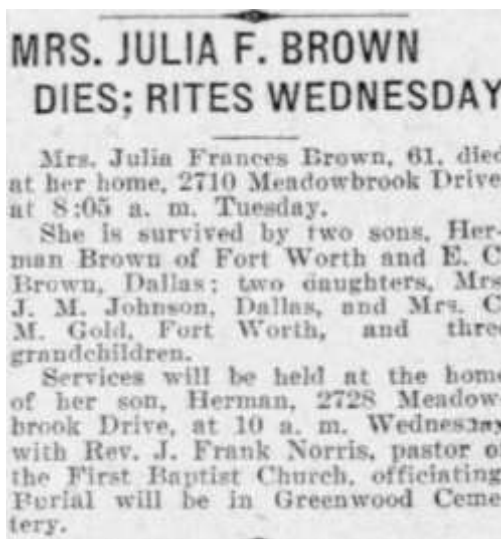
11. **Sarah Peyton Raley** was born 10 May 1858 Ohio County, KY. A record of her birth was recorded in the 1852-1861 Kentucky Vital Statistics. She married Thomas Henry Faught, 23 July 1874 Ohio County, KY. Thomas, son of Thomas Jefferson Faught & Temperance Liles, was born 10 February 1849 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Ohio County, KY and 1910 census of Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. His mother married 2<sup>nd</sup> William Wilson and in the 1870 census Thomas Faught is listed under the Wilson surname. Sarah P. (Raley) Faught died 4 May 1880 Ohio County, KY. Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY, Wednesday, 12 May 1880, p1 – “Rosine: We regret to chronicle the death of Mrs. Faught, the consort of T. H. Faught. She departed this life on yesterday, the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. She was buried to-day.” Thomas H. Faught married 2<sup>nd</sup> Amanda Evelyn Hinchee, 15 December 1880 Ohio County, KY. Amanda, daughter of Jacob B. Hinchee & Mary J. Lee, was born 21 February 1858 KY. Thomas Faught in 1880 was working as a farmer. About 1895 he moved from near Horton to Beaver Dam, in Ohio County, KY, where he kept a boarding house and in January 1900 he took charge of the Beaver Dam Hotel; the hotel was on Main Street just south of the Illinois Central Railroad. In December 1900 he moved to Owensboro, where he kept a boarding house, the “Faught House.” His wife, Amanda, died 25 April 1914 in Owensboro and he died on 16 February 1919 in Owensboro. Thomas & Amanda were buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Thomas Henry Faught and Sarah Peyton Raley were the parents of – **Clara Elizabeth** (1875-1921, married Benjamin Franklin Sullenger), **Arthur Dallas** (1877-1950, married Omer Carr & Cecilie Lucille Wagner) and **Edna Browning** (1879-1905, married Ora Paul Anderson). Thomas H. Faught & Amanda Hinchee had 8 children – Myrtel Algon (1881-1958, married Sarah Ann Thornsberry), Charles P. (1882-1888), Pearl Lula (1884-1960, married John Akard Millard), Ora Lee (1886-1974, married John Thomas Stivers), Tommie George (1888-1915, married Jesse Cannon & Byron Miller), Jacob Earl (1891-1952, married Phillis Edna Winkler), Russell Edward (1893-1948, married Marguerite Erl Oldham) and Mossie B. (1895-1896).
12. **Julia Frances Raley** was born 11 December c1862 Ohio County, KY. She married John Wesley Brown, 20 March 1889 Ohio County, KY. They were married at the residence of James Raley. Their marriage license reports that he was age 51, born Ohio County, KY and was a resident of Indiana Territory. He was the son of James Taylor Brown & Virginia Phegley, who were married in Butler County, KY on 14 September 1835. John W. Brown was born c1836 and is listed in the 1850 census of Ohio County, KY and 1880 census of Montague County, TX. In 1880 his occupation was ginning, he was single and living with his mother, Virginia. John W. Brown died 1892-1900. John W. & Julia’s four children – Bessie, Jessie, Herman & Earl in the 1900 census of Navarro County, TX were listed as inmates of the Texas State Orphans Home; Bessie & Jessie were born in Indian Territory, and Herman & Earl were born in Texas. John W.’s widow, Julia F., in 1904 was a widow and living in Fort Worth, TX. Julia is listed as a widow in the 1910 & 1920 censuses of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX. In 1910 she was keeping a boarding house and in 1920 she was working as a seamstress. Julia Frances Brown died 19 February 1929 Fort Worth, Tarrant County, TX, where she was buried in the Greenwood Memorial Park Cemetery. The 1910 census records that 4 children had been born to Julia, all of whom were then alive. Julia Frances Raley & John Wesley Brown had 4 children – **Bessie** (c1885-1944, married J. M. Johnson), **Jessie May** (1889-1990, married Carl

Monroe Gold), **Herman Wesley** (1892-1955, married Irma Webb & Norma E. Cowart) and **Earl Childers** (1893-1970, married Mary E. Bailey).

Hartford Herald, Hartford, KY. Wednesday,  
27 March 1889, p3, Rosine column:

MARRIED.—On 20th inst., 10:30 o'clock Miss Julia Raley of this place, to Mr. J. W. Brown, of Wesley, P. O., Indian Territory, Cherokee Nation, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. Rev. J. W. Taylor ably officiating, after which the congratulations were heartily extended. After that, they took the west bound train for Texas. The bride is a beautiful and amiable lady 26 years old. The groom was a charming bachelor of 52, who went to Texas in '55, acquired considerable wealth, and while corresponding with his relations informed some of them that he wanted a Kentucky girl for a wife. About a year ago, Miss Julia being recommended, he wrote to her; the correspondent was kept up till recently, they met for the first time, and in a few days married. May peace and happiness be their portion through life.

Star-Telegram, Fort Worth, TX  
Tuesday, 19 February 1929, p21



**Daniel T. Wilson**, son of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee, was born 18 June 1821 Bullitt County, KY. His middle name may be Thornsberry; his father in 1817 had bought land in Bullitt County, KY from Daniel Thornsberry. Daniel T. Wilson is listed as an heir of Samuel Wilson in Ohio County Deed Books L p299 & N p130) and circuit suit of John Wilson's heirs. In the listing of his mother's household in the 1840 Ohio County census he is probably the male, aged 15-20, who is listed as being in her home. Daniel T. is listed in the Ohio County, KY tax lists of 1843-1849. In Ohio County, KY he married Amelia Mariah Allen on 18 April 1843. Her father signed his consent for her to marry. Amelia, daughter of Levi Allen & Elizabeth Allen, was born 24 March 1827 Sumner County, TN. Amelia's parents married in Sumner County, TN on 3 November 1821, and are buried in the Axton Cemetery, Ohio County, KY.

To the Clerk of the Ohio County  
Court Sir this is to certify that I Levi Allen  
of Sa County do hereby authorize you to  
Grant license to my daughter Amelia Mariah  
to marry Daniel T. Wilson given under my hand  
and seal this 17th of Aprill 1843 Levi Allen  
Elizabeth Allen

Know all men by these presents that we *Daniel Wilson - Am. Nelson*  
are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Kentucky  
in the penal sum of 150 lawful money for the true pay ment whereof we bind our selves  
our heirs &c Jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals  
and dated this *15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1843*

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas there is a marriage intended  
shortly to be solemnized between the above bound *Nelson*  
and *Amelia March Allen* now if there should be no lawful cause WHY  
said marriage should be obstructed then the above obligation is to be void otherwise to  
be and remain in full force

*Josh  
Ch Henderson*

*Daniel Wilson*



*Kentucky, Boyle County*

To any minister of the Gospel legally authorized  
to celebrate the rites of matrimony

I *Ch Henderson* Clerk of the County Court for said County do certify that bond with  
sufficient security hath been taken in my office as required by law for the marriage of  
*Daniel Wilson* to *Mrs Amelia March Allen*  
and that her father consents in writing

These are therefore to licence and permit You to join together in the HOLY State of  
MATRIMONY according to the rites and ceremonies of the CHURCH to which You  
belong; The said *Mr Daniel Wilson* & *Mrs Amelia March Allen*

and for so doing, this shall be Your Sufficient warrant given under MY hand this *15<sup>th</sup>*  
DAY of *April 1843*

*Ch Henderson*

#### MINISTERS CERTIFICATE

OHIO COUNTY SCT - This is to certify that the rites of matrimony were solemnized between *Daniel Wilson* and *Amelia Maria Allen* BY me  
on the *18<sup>th</sup>* day of *April 1843* given under my hand

*Joseph J. Ward M.G.*



Daniel T. Wilson bought two tracts, 45 ¼ & 20 ¼ acres, on Caney Creek along the Leitchfield Road in Ohio County, KY, from Lucy B. Slaughter on 6 October 1845 (Ohio County Deed Book I p507). On 12 October 1851 Daniel T. Wilson, and wife Amelia M., of Warren County, IL sold the same two tracts to Samuel Cox, Jr. & Phineas Cox, for \$350 (Ohio County Deed Book M p532).

An obituary of Daniel T. & Amelia Wilson's son, James Henry Wilson (1850-1919) states that "in October of 1850 he came to Illinois with his parents, coming by boat and landing at Oquaka, Ill." They settled on a farm near Monmouth in Warren County, IL. On 19 November 1850 they were listed in the 1850 census of Warren County, IL. Listed at the next residence in the 1850 census were brothers, Francis A. & Walter C. Earp, uncles of the legendary Wyatt Earp, the brothers had also migrated from Ohio County, KY during 1846-1850. Daniel Wilson is listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Warren County, IL. Daniel was reported to be a farmer in the 1850 & 1860 censuses. In 1870 he was operating a hotel in the town of Coldbrook.

Daniel T. Wilson died 24 December 1874 in Warren County, IL. His widow, Amelia, at the time of the 1880 Warren County, IL census was living with her son, Charles. Administrator Record Book E p50 recorded in Warren County, IL shows Amelia M. Wilson died on 27 May 1904 leaving children, T. W. Wilson, Sarah Grosbeck, Samuel P. Wilson, James Wilson and grandchildren, Florence & Frank, minor children of Frank Wilson deceased. Daniel & Amelia were buried in the Silent Home Cemetery, two miles from Cameron, Warren County, IL.



Daniel T. Wilson (1821-1874), Silent Home Cemetery, Warren County, IL



Daniel T. Wilson & Amelia Mariah Allen were the parents of:

1. **Thomas W. Wilson** was born 17 August 1844 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1880 censuses of Warren County, IL and 1900 & 1910 censuses of Johnson County, NE. He served in the Union army during the Civil War (private, company H, 155<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry). The 1900 census reported that he was a day laborer and in 1910 he was working as a janitor. He married Angeline Reed, 24 February 1867 Carroll County, MO. He married 2<sup>nd</sup> Mary L. Gregory, 18 January 1880 Knox County, IL. Mary, daughter of Albinas Gregory & Eliza M. Haver, was born 1843 IL and died 1911 Johnson County, NE. Thomas W. Wilson died of kidney trouble on 19 June 1910 Tecumseh, Johnson County, NE. He and Mary L. were buried Tecumseh Cemetery, Tecumseh, Johnson County, NE. Thomas W. Wilson and Angeline Reed were the parents of – **Louis Albert** (1870-1939, married Susan Lucinda Dawson). Thomas W. Wilson & Mary L. Gregory had 5 children – **Dora Elsie** (1881-1950, married George Thomas Worthen) and **4 others** died young before 1900.
2. **Sarah Elizabeth Wilson** was born 20 April 1846 Ohio County, KY. Her death certificate recorded that she was born in Grayson County, KY. She married Philander Seymour Groesbeck, 29 September 1864 Warren County, IL. Philander, son of Lewis & Fanny Groesbeck, was born 17 September 1842 NY; his mother died when he was six years old. He is listed in the 1850 census of Madison County, NY, 1860 census of Bad Ax County, WI, 1870 census of Warren County, IL, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Harrison County, IA and 1920 census of Shelby County, IA. Philander served in the Union army during the Civil War (company F & company M, 8<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry, enlisted on 10 August 1861 and discharged due to disability on 31 October 1863). In 1870 & 1880 he was farming and in 1900 he was employed as an insurance agent. During 1900-1920 they moved to Alix, Alberta, Canada, to be near their daughter, Myrtle Rogers. Sarah died of pneumonia on 1 March 1926 Vernon County, MO. Philander Groesbeck died of pneumonia on 13 December 1928 Vernon County, MO. She & her husband were buried Greenlawn Cemetery, Schell City, Vernon County, MO. The 1900 census reported that 4 children had been born to Sarah. Their children were – **Willard Peyton** (1866-after 1909, married Sarah Olive Wright), **Allen Seymour** (1869-1947, married Lydia Thomas, he changed his middle initial to C.), **Adelia Marie** ('Ada', 1872-after 1900, married John Guss) and **Myrtle May** (1876-1948, married George Walter Rogers).



Sarah Elizabeth (Wilson) Groesbeck (1846-1926)

3. **Samuel Payton Wilson** was born 25 February 1848 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850 & 1860 censuses of Warren County, IL, 1870 census of Stark County, IL, 1880 census of Otoe County, NE, 1900 census of Omaha, Douglas County, NE and 1910 census of Seattle, King County, WA. The 1870 census reported that he was a minister and the 1880 reported he was a clergyman. He was a minister of the Methodist Church he entered the ministry in 1869. For six years he was pastor of the Centenary M. E. Church in Portland, Oregon and in 1892 was presiding elder of the Salem Conference in Oregon. At the same time he filled the chair of theology at the Willamette University (Post-Intelligencer, Seattle, WA, 12 September 1892, p5). In September 1892 he became pastor of the Trinity M. E. Church in Seattle, WA. In August 1893 he was transferred back to the Oregon conference. The 1900 census gives his occupation as real estate broker and the 1910 census has that he was manager of the Stock Bond Company. He married Margaret E. Chaddock, 14 April 1870 Stark County, IL. Margaret, daughter of James Chaddock & \_ Blythe, was born c1850 OH. Samuel & Margaret were divorced 1892-1899. Margaret Wilson is listed in the 1900 census of Omaha, Douglas County, NE, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Seattle, King County, WA. Margaret Chaddock Wilson died 12 September 1921 Seattle, King County, WA. Samuel P. Wilson married Georgia M. (Manly) Hewes, 18 March 1899 Creston, Union County, IA. Georgia, daughter of Ross Manly & Lucy Ann Waters, was born 1 May 1858 McDonough County, IL. Georgia married Albert I. Hewes, 20 February 1874 McDonough County, IL; they had two children, Ross Manly Hewes & Edwin Albert Hewes. Samuel P. & Georgia were divorced 1900-1902; they had no children. Georgia M. Hewes is listed in the 1910 census of Yakima County, WA and 1920 census of Venice, Los Angeles County, CA. Georgia died 8 January 1924 Seattle, King County, WA. Samuel P. Wilson married Mary E. (Runnels) Bigelow, 1901-1902. Mary E., daughter of Thomas B. Runnels & Eliza A. Morong, was born 11 March 1853 Washington County, ME. Mary E. married Charles L. Bigelow, c1888; they had two children, Alice M. & Charles Lyman Bigelow. Mary E. Wilson died 26 February 1936 Seattle, King County, WA; she and Samuel Wilson had no children. Samuel P. Wilson died 18 July 1919 Maple Valley, King County, WA. An obituary stated he was a former state oil inspector (1913) and former Democrat party leader. Samuel Payton Wilson and Margaret E. Chaddock were parents of 3 children – **Olin Chaddock** (1871-1929, married Emeroy Test and Sophie Clarey), **Harley Payton** (1873-1934, married Caroline Augusta Mueller) and **Alice Irene** (1876-1963, married Edmund L. Jenkins)
4. **James Henry Wilson** was born 3 January 1850 Ohio County, KY. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses of Warren County, IL. In 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses his occupation was given as brick mason. He was a contractor on many buildings in Monmouth, IL. He married Ellen M. Birge, 14 August 1874 Union County, IA. Ellen, daughter of James Roswell Birge & Isabell Rebecca Sloan, was born c1854 IL. Ellen died at the age of 28 on died 1 October 1883 Monmouth, Warren County, IL. James H. Wilson married a second time during 1884-1900. The 1900 census reported that he was divorced. James H. Wilson married Mary Alice (Sowers) Moore, 28 March 1906 Warren County, IL. Mary, daughter of Perry Commodore Sowers & Amanda Isabella Tanner, was born 26 March 1869 Mission Creek, Pawnee County, NE. Mary Alice married first John E. Moore, 10 February 1887 Pawnee County, NE; they had three children – James P., Samuel A. and Isabel. James H. Wilson's widow, Mary A., is listed

in the 1940 census of Tifton, Tift County, GA. Mary Alice Wilson died 2 December 1940 Tifton, Tift County, GA; she was buried Hillcrest Cemetery, Sylvester, Worth County, GA. James Henry Wilson died 17 March 1919 Monmouth, Warren County, IL and was buried Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren County, IL. James Henry Wilson & Ellen M. Birge had children – **Harry Birge** (1875-1927, married Minnie Elizabeth Ackerman) and **Charles Birge** (1877-1964, married Katherine Mabel Mars & Nora Pearl Hensley). The 1910 census reported that Mary, wife of James Wilson, was the mother of 4 children, all of whom were then living; three were by her first marriage. James Henry Wilson & Mary Alice Sowers had one child – **James Daniel** (1909-1995, married Lila Mae Van Slyke).

Daily Atlas, Monmouth, IL, Tuesday, 18 March 1919, p3:

James Wilson Is Summoned

Died Yesterday Afternoon At Monmouth Hospital – Had Lived Here For Many Years. No Funeral Arrangements.

James Henry Wilson resident of Henderson and Warren counties all his life, died yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock at Monmouth hospital. Although he had been in failing condition was not considered serious until ten days ago, when he was taken to the hospital for treatment. Diabetes was the cause of his death.

Deceased was born in Kentucky January 3, 1850, and in October of the same year he came Oquawka with his parents. For a number of year the family made their home in Henderson county, later coming to Monmouth and for many years this city has been his home. At the time he was taken sick he was living at 814 West Fourth avenue.

Mr. Wilson was twice married. His first wife was Miss Ella Birge and the wedding took place in August, 1874. She passed away October 1, 1883, and twelve years ago, March 28, 1907 he was married to Miss Mary A. Moore. He is survived by three children namely. Harry B. Wilson of Monmouth, Charles B. Wilson of Flagstaff, Ariz., and James D. Wilson of this city. He also leaves one brother, who lives in Washington, one sister, who resides in Canada.

No arrangements have been made for the funeral as local relatives are waiting for word from the brother in Arizona.

5. **Allen Wilson** was born 16 March 1852 Warren County, IL and died 25 September 1853 Warren County, IL, where he was buried in the Pioneer Cemetery.
6. **Charles Franklin Wilson**, 'Frank', was born 5 December 1854 Warren County, IL. He is listed in the 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Warren County, IL. The 1880 census reports his occupation as peddler. He married Eva Frances Birge, 19 September 1874. Eva Frances, daughter of James Roswell Birge & Isabell Rebecca Sloan, was born 1857 IL. Charles F. died at the age of 28 on 27 October 1884 Monmouth Township, Warren County, IL. He was buried Silent Home Cemetery, Cameron, Warren County, IL. His wife, Eva F. Wilson, married Daniel Dean Robertson, 16 September 1888 Cameron, Warren County, IL. Eva F. is listed in the 1900, 1910 & 1920 censuses of Cowley County, KS. The 1910 census reported that 3 children had been born to Eva F., one of whom was deceased. Charles Franklin Wilson & Eva Frances Birge were the parents of – **Florence** (1878-1939, married Joseph Whitman Mills) and **Frank Sherman** (1885-1949, married Isabel Waitt).

7. **Oscar Edwin Wilson** was born 10 February 1858 Warren County, IL. He is listed in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Warren County, IL and 1880 census of Palo Alto County, IA. In 1880 he was a hotel cook in Emmetsburg, IA; he was listed as being married but no wife was listed with him. Edwin married Mrs. Rowena Louisa (Curtis) Giers, 10 January 1892 Denver, Denver County, CO. They are listed together in the 1900 census of Cripple Creek, Teller County, CO. Edwin was reported to have been born in February 1858 IL and his occupation was given as gold miner. Oscar Edwin Wilson died 1900-1904. In the administration of his mother's estate in 1904 he was not named as a surviving heir; he died without issue. Rowena Wilson is listed as a widow in the 1910 & 1920 censuses of Denver, Denver County, CO. Rowena Louisa, daughter of Hiram Curtis & Ann E. Dougherty, was born 10 November 1843 Wisconsin. She married Frederick William Giers (1834-1888), 15 February 1863 Jersey County, IL; they had 10 children. Rowena Giers Wilson died 18 April 1930. She was buried Linn Grove Cemetery, Greeley, Weld County, CO.



Note: In the preceding report the children of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee are highlighted in **blue**; their grandchildren are highlighted in **brown**; and their great-grandchildren are highlighted in **green**.



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**Simeon Wilson**  
(c1812-1852)

In the family trees on Ancestry.com and other family history sites there are a multitude of errors on the descendants of Samuel Wilson and Winnie Lee. I have worked on numerous families during my forty-two years of research and I would have to say there are more errors on this line than any other I have worked on. This is in part due to the fact that the Wilson name is one of the most common surnames. Also it is due to the fact that research is now dominated by copiers, who are propagating errors without once trying to check on their validity. The widespread errors are discouraging and are making it almost impossible for new researchers to sort out fact from fiction. I hope that the research presented and outlined here helps to illuminate some of these blatant errors.

An example of the prolific repetition of errors is the lineage of Simeon Wilson (c1812-1852). On Ancestry.com there are about 300 family trees that list Simeon Wilson (c1812-1852) as a child of Samuel Wilson and Winnie Lee. He is not! The Ohio County, KY Circuit Court suit and deeds listing the heirs of Samuel Wilson & Winnie Lee presented in this article clearly show that Simeon is not a descendant. Mary Ann Wilson, a daughter of Simeon Wilson, on her marriage to Woodford Ashley in 1862 reported that her father was born in Ohio County's neighbor, Grayson County, KY. He was born about a decade before Samuel Wilson's arrival in Ohio County, KY. Simeon first appears in the tax lists of Grayson County, KY in 1833 and is listed there thru the 1838 tax lists. Simeon married Cinderilla Rogers in Ohio County on 10 October 1837. He is found in the Ohio County tax lists in 1839 thru 1846 and in the 1840 census. He is absent from the 1847-1851 tax lists and during this time he is listed in the 1850 census of Wayne County, Illinois. He reappears in the Ohio County, KY tax records in 1852. He died in 1852; he had resided near Cromwell in Ohio County. His wife, Cinderilla, was appointed administratrix of his estate on 7 June 1852 (Ohio County, KY Administrator Bond Book 1, p157). The loose estate files at the Ohio County Clerk's office record that Simeon Wilson left as his heirs – wife, Cinderilla, and infant children – James R., Eliza E., Joseph E., Mary A. and Jonathan B. Wilson (estate file #1051). Simeon's widow, Cinderilla, was the daughter of Jonathan Rogers & Elizabeth Ray and was born 15 September 1817 Ohio County, KY. She married Thomas Jefferson Cox, 12 January 1860 Butler County, KY. Cinderella Cox died in August 1905 and was buried at the Green River Baptist Church at Cromwell in Ohio County, KY. Simeon and Cinderella Wilson had children – James Rogers (1838-1891, married Rhoda C. Rafferty, Jeannetta E. Hodges & Margaret Palestine Goff), Eliza E. (1842-1878, single), Joseph Ellis (1841-1927, married Hannah J. Roy & Mrs. Mary England), Mary Ann (1843-1904, married Woodford Ashley) and Jonathan Berry G. (1846-1898, married Mrs. Albertina Cooper Norman).

I would appreciate any corrections, additions, or comments about the data presented here.

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