

EARLY RECORDS
OF THE
WILSON FAMILY
OF ANDOVER

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THE WILSON FAMILY

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William (1) Wilson and his wife, Alice, lived at Dunnington, Lincolnshire, England . The region was a prosperous one, and William evidently had considerable property there, for on his death, in or about 1638, his son, Edward (2), then in the colonies, recrossed the Atlantic to settle the estate and to take the widow, mother Alice, back to America with him. Nothing definite has been discovered further of her movements.

The children of William (1) Wilson and wife, Alice , were :-

Edward (2), b. in England; was a weaver at Salem, Mass.; before returning to England, made a will, ^{Apr. 19,} (1638) in which he names his brothers William and Thomas Wilson. He returned to Salem , and there m. a daughter of Michael Salloes, and was executor of Salloes' will, made in 1640.

Thomas (2), b. in England; emigrated to America before 1638; settled in Roxbury, Mass. and Exeter, N.H.; was a miller; he m. Ann -- ; he d. in 1643; she m. 2nd., John Legatt; had 3 sons; 2 dau.

William (2), b. in England; had interests in Dunnington, for between 1638-1641 he sold or leased land there, which adjoined that of his father, William, Sr., and his brother, Thomas. He m. Patience -- . They were in Boston in 1635, for on June 6, that year, their first child, Sherborn, was b. there. On Sept. 6, 1635, William and Patience united with the First Ch. of which the Rev. John Wilson, was pastor. William was a joiner or carpenter by trade; a jailor and deputy marshall by office, and a planter or farmer, by occupation. He took the oath and was enrolled as a freeman, May 25, 1636 .

Children of William (2) Wilson and wife, Patience, (cont.) :-

Joseph (3), bapt. Nov. 13, 1642; d. at 5 days.

Joseph (3) 2nd., b. Nov. 10, 1643; cooper in Braintree and Roxbury; was a proprietor in Andover, when he m., July 4, 1670, Mary Lovejoy. She was b. April 11, 1652, dau. of John Lovejoy and w. Mary Osgood. (Mary was dau. of Christopher Osgood, b. in Marlborough, Wiltshire, Eng..) Joseph's estate lay on the parish line, between North and South parishes, the present "Wilson's Corner" Mary d. June 18, 1677 ; he m. 2nd., April 24, 1678, Sarah Lord, dau. of Robert Lord and w., Mary. She d. May 21, 1727, in her 79th year. In 1692 she was accused of being a witch, and was cast into prison . On Oct. 12, 1692, a petition was addressed the court, signed by Messrs. Osgood, Frye, Marston, Osgood, Joseph Wilson" in behalf of his wife and children", Bridges, " in behalf of his wife and children," Tyler , Barker and Dane all of whom had wives languishing in Salem jail awaiting sentence. The petitioners begged that the prisoners should be allowed to remove to their homes, under bonds. On Oct. 18, the ministers and others of Andover asked for their release, and on Dec. 6th, a third petition emphasized the desperation and suffering of the accused, and their " extream danger of perishing." At the end of the month, the victims began to be released, Sarah Wilson among the number. Joseph d. April 2, 1718; Sarah d. May 21, 1727 .

Newgrace (3), bapt. March 23, 1645; d. in August, the same year.

Joseph (3) Wilson(William(2-1) and 1st wife, Mary Lovejoy, had:-

Mary (4), b. Sept. 29, 1673; d. March 31, 1674.

Mary (4), 2nd., b. July 26, 1675, during the Indian war; d.y.

Joseph (4), b. June 6, 1677; m. in Andover, Jan. 25, 1700, Marah Richardson, dau. of Lieut. James Richardson and w. Bridget Hinckman (or Hinxman). Marah was probably b. in Charlestown where the family took refuge during King Philip's War. Her father was killed in that war. Marah inherited the Hinxman family estate at Chelmsford. About 1716, Joseph crossed the Merrimac and settled in Methuen and there his children were born. He d. June 30, 1743 at 66. (After the death of Lieut. Jas. Richardson, his widow married William Chandler of Andover and came here to live.)

by 2nd wife, Sarah Lord:-

Sarah(4), b. Dec. 31, 1678; m. June 17, 1702, Jacob Preston of Andover; left for Conn.

Mary (4), b. Dec. 7, 1680; published to Timothy Haggett of Andover, 1707; moved to Bradford; d. there Dec. 29, 1750.

John(4), b. Feb. 23, 1682; received the Andover estate; married neighbor Mercy (or Marcy) Wright, June 21, 1716. She d. Feb. 14, 1759; he d. the same year, on Dec. 24, in the homestead at Wilson's Cor.

Abigail (4), b. Sept. 13, 1683 at Ipswich; pub. to James Barnard, June 21, 1716; joined South Church in 1725, the only Wilson in South Parish. She d. 1747.

Joseph(4) Wilson (Jos. (3) Wm. (2-1) and wife, Marah Richardson, had:-

Joseph(5), b. in Andover, March 20, 1701; a cooper; left for Bradford or Methuen about 1716; m. Dec. 18, 1724, in Bradford, Rebecca Kimball, dau. of David Kimball and w. Elizabeth Gage; she was b. in Bradford, Aug. 16, 1703. She was Rebecca(4); David(3); Benj. (2) Richard(1), who came to America in the "Elizabeth", 1634 from Rattledon, Suffolk, Eng., with w. Ursula Scott.

Children of Joseph(4) Wilson and wife, Marah Richardson, (cont.) :-

Josepn (5) (cont.) Moved with family from Methuen to Londonderry, N.H., in 1747; children were b. in Methuen. Rebecca d. May 25, 1770 and was buried in the Hill graveyard in Londonderry; he moved with son John and family to Charlestown, N.H., 1773, and d. there.

James (5), b. Feb.18, 1703; m. Martha Gage of Haverhill; she was b. April, 1703, dau.of Daniel Gage and w. Martha Burbank; m.Dec.17, 1725. Children b. in Methuen; they lived in Bradford, on the Methuen side, near the old Gage Ferry Road. Martha's father, Daniel Gage, operated the ferry on the Ward Hill side, in Bradford. James and family moved to Pelham, in 1751. James m. 2nd., in Pelham, Mehitabel Johnson. He d. 1783.

Ezekiel (5), b. 1705; named for Ezekiel Richardson, his great grandfather; he and his brother, John, inherited the homestead on the and the island in the Merrimac river, Methuen line, when his father went to Londonderry. He m. a Haverhill girl, Ruth Jaques or Jaquist, Sept.5, 1727. She d. Dec.24, 1752. He m. 2nd., "Mrs." Mary Greeley of Haverhill, June 8, 1760. She was not a widow, but a maiden lady, -ladies of quality being given the title "Mistress", - and was dau.of Moses Greeley and w. Mehitabel Gage, b. 1735.

William (5), b.1707; bapt. Aug.24, 1712. May 22, 1730, m. Dorcas Keysar, whose family was originally of Lynn. Wm. d. before 1742.

Mary (5), b. 1710 or 1711; joined Bradford Church, Dec.24, 1727. She m. Feb.19, 1730, David Kimball, a brother of Rebecca's. Left Bradford, 1735 and were among the earliest settlers of Concord, N.H. Mary d. there Nov.12, 1745 he d. Nov.20, 1745. They had 7 children.

John (6) Wilson (Jos. (5) (4) (3) Wm. (2-1) and wife, Jane Lynn, had:-

Joseph (7), b. Sept. 18, 1771 at Londonderry; inherited the hillside home-
stead in southern part of Acworth; m. Jane Pinkerton of Lon-
donderry; she was b. there, June 27, 1771; she d. in Aug. 1834
or 5; Joseph d. Feb. 1847.

Mathaniel (7), b. July 22, 1773, at Londonderry; m. Abigail Varnum,
who was b. in Dracut, Mass., May, 1777; they lived at Peacham
and Cabot, Vt. had 10 children; she d. Mar. 24, 1825;

Jesse (7), b. at Acworth, Feb. 4, 1776; m. widow Rachel Parsons; he was
a carpenter of Cape Ann, Mass. He d. April 23, 1838; she was
alive in 1867; no children.

John (7), b. Nov. 3, 1777, at Acworth; m. Anna McPherson of Acworth; had
2 sons and 3 daughters; he d. Sept. 28, 1847.

David (7), b. Aug. 4, 1779; migrated to Cinn. in 1811; owned the first
carriage and built the first brick house in Cinn. He was
considered a miser; left his property to the Swedenborgians
but family broke the will after he d. unm., Mar. 21, 1853.

William (7), b. Oct. 3, 1781; m. Eliza Fogerty of Thomaston, Me. He d.
Aug. 1836.

Theophilus (7), b. May 12, 1784; grad. from Dartmouth College, 1811;
studied medicine; m. Grace Staples. He was a doctor at
Cazenovis, N.Y., where he d. April 6, 1815; left a son:-
Wilford L. (8).

Samuel (7), b. May 4, 1786; m. Sally Nesmith, Dec. 1, 1814; he had little
education but helped his brother Theophilus, and his own
children to attend college, moving from Reading, Ohio to
College Hill, Hamilton County to be near Farmers' College.
His home, after marriage, was near Charlestown, N.H.,
where their eight children were born. Sold this farm in
1828 and migrated to Ohio, living first at Columbia, now a
suburb of Cinn. He d. Jan. 19, 1857. Sally was dau. of Deacon
Jas. Nesmith and w. Mary McClure, b. in Londonderry, June 25,
1787.

Children of John (6) Wilson and wife, Jane Lynn, (cont.) :-

nancy Agnes (7), b. Aug. 5, 1788; m. Edward Porter, Feb. 8, 1817; they moved from near Utica, N.Y. to Ann Arbor, Mich., in May, 1845. Had 7 children; she d. Feb. 28, 1856.

Samuel (7) Wilson (John(6) Jos.(5-4-3) Wm. (2-1) and wife, Sally Nesmith:-

Theophilus(8), b. Sept. 9, 1815; at Charlestown, N.H.; m. Lydia F. Paddack, Nov. 2, 1843; lived in Indiana and represented Jay County in State Senate. He d. Jan. 13, 1899, a few weeks after his wife's death, in the old Wilson homestead on College Hill, Hamilton Co., Ohio. Left 2 children.

James Nesmith (8), b. Mar. 10, 1817, at Charlestown, N.H.; d. Sept. 13, 1819.

David Morrison(8) b. Mar. 6, 1819; m. Emeline Biddle Tomlinson, Oct. 16, 1847; he went with his father from the farm at Charlestown, N.H. to Ohio, 1828. Attended Farmers' College, at College Hill, Hamilton County, 1840-44. Attended Lane Theological Seminary, Walnut Hills, Cinn., and graduated June 9, 1847. He was ordained in the morning of Oct. 16, 1847 and in the afternoon, m. Miss Tomlinson. Went as missionaries to Bierut, Syria, Dec. 14, 1847, and remained there until Oct. 31, 1848; were in Tripoli for 7 years; in the interior station of Homs, the ancient Emesa, for five years. Returned home July 13, 1861 because of wife's illness. Lived in Ohio until 1868 and from that time to 1884, were at Athens, Tenn. He d. Sept. 24, 1887; is buried at Grandview, Tenn., on Cumberland Mt. plateau.

His wife was b. at Bridgeton, N.J., dau. of Sam'l Tomlinson and w. Rebecca Biddle; her family went to Cinn., in 1834; she d. May 6, 1899 at Maryville, Tenn.

Children of Samuel (7) Wilson and wife, Sally Nesmith, (cont.) :-

Sally Ann (8), b. 1820; always lived at home, " the domestic one of the family "; d. at 48, April 30, 1868.

Jesse Parsons (8), b. Jan.19, 1822; m. Minerva Ruffner, Feb.23,1848; she d. childless, Dec.1856. He was Capt. in 4th Ohio Vol. Cavalry. Was shot and instantly killed by bushwackers, while stationing pickets on the night of Feb.28, 1862, a few miles south of Nashville. Buried with military honors at Spring Grove Cemetery, College Hill, Ohio.

Mary Jane (8), b. Feb.10, 1823; m. Rev. George Washington Pyle, a Presbyterian minister of Ill., Nov.2, 1842; he d. Jan.22,1846.

left:-

Theodore (9), b. Oct.21, 1844; m. Carrie Andress, June 5, 1888, at Cinn., Ohio. Had:-
Theodore Herbert (10)
Mary Amelia (10)

George Washington, Jr. (9) b. Aug.16, 1846; posthumous; grad. West Point, 1868; d. at Fort Union, New Mexico, Dec.30, 1868; 2nd Lieut Third U.S. Cavalry. She taught in the college at College Hill, Ohio.

Harriet Nesmith (8), b. Jan.13, 1825; d. unm., Aug.3, 1920; was a teacher and leader in Home Mission work; d. on old Wilson homestead where she had lived for 75 years.

Joseph Gardner (8), b. Dec.13, 1826; educated at Farmers' College and Marietta College, where he graduated in 1846; studied Law; went to Oregon, 1852; was State Prosecuting Atty; Clerk of Supreme Ct.; Judge of Supreme Ct.; U.S. Congress- 1872; d. at Marietta, July 2, 1873. He m. Elizabeth Miller, who d. Feb.26, 1913. Had 8 children, and most of the survivors live on the Pacific Coast.

Rev. David Morrison (8) Wilson (Sam(7)Jn.(6)Jos.(5-4-3) and w.Emiline:-
 Mary Tomlinson(9), b. at Bierut,, Syria, Apr.30, 1852; came to U.S., 1861;
 grad. Maryville Collège, 1875; m. Maj. Will A. McTeer,
 a lawyer of Maryville; she d. Jan.4, 1898
 son, (unnamed), b. and d. Oct.21, 1856 at Mt. Lebanon, Syria.
 Samuel Tyndale (9), b. Feb.17, 1858 at Homs, Syria; grad. Maryville Coll.,
 1878; Lane Theol. Sem., 1882; Prof. at Maryville Coll.,
 1884-1915; President, 1901 --; m. June 8, 1887, Hattie
 Melissa Silsby of Grassy Cove, Tenn.; she was dau. of
 Rev. John Silsby and w. Sarah Cooke; b. Nov.17, 1862.
 Emma Maria (9), b. at Tripoli, Syria, Feb.5, 1861 ; d. on homeward voy-
 age to America, June 28, 1861.

Samuel Tyndale(9)Wilson (Rev. David (8) Sam(7) and wife, Hattie M. Silsby:-
 Ruth Browning(10), b. April 18, 1889; grad. Maryville Coll; m. Rev. Howard
 Bailey Phillips, June 11, 1912.
 Olive More (10), b. Nov.25, 1890; Maryville Coll., 1913; m. Clyde T. Murray,
 May 10, 1920.
 Howard Hannington(10), b. Sept.4, 1892; Maryville Coll., 1915; Lieut. in
 127th Regt. Inf., in World War; m. at Albany, Ala., on
 Apr.28, 1920, Lorine Margaret Scheer; res. Maryville.
 Lois Coligny(10), b. Sept.11, 1894; grad. Maryville, 1915; missionary to
 Syria, Nov.28, 1919--.
 Bertha Mary (10), b. Dec.12, 1896; Maryville Coll., 1918; teacher.
 Lamar Silsby (10), b. Sept.4, 1900; F.A. Off. Training Sch., at Camp Taylor
 1918; Maryville Coll., 1921;

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James (5) Wilson(Jos.(4-3)Wm.(2-1) and wife, Martha Gage, had :-

Jesse (6), b. Jan.20, 1739 in Methuen; m. 1st., Ruth Merrill; m. 2nd., Mary Hull; m. 3rd., Hannah Atwood; he d. at pelham, N.H., July 27, 1810; he served in Revolutionary War; had 15 children, including: Nathaniel (7), b. in Pelham, May 14, 1777; He was son of 1st w., Ruth Merrill; he m. Sarah Elizabeth Pearson, 1803; he d. at Haverhill, N.H., Sept.18,1807; had:-

Isaac(8)
Ann Maria (8); m. Robert Bond.
Nathaniel (8), b. in Haverhill, N.H., Sept.18,1807; m. Adaline Boardman, July 16, 1834 ;he m. 2nd., Abigail Anna Colburn, Apr. 17, 1839; she was b. Nov.23, 1818, dau. of Jeremiah Colburn and w. Susan Graves, of Orono, Me. She d. at Orono, Mar.27, 1896; he d. Jan.23, 1892.

Nath'l(8) Wilson(Nath'l(7)Jesse(6)Jas,(5)Jos.(4-3) and Abbie A.Colburn:-

Edward Haven Boardman(9) b.July 22, 1840; Second Lieut. in Civil War; m. Francena Pingree, Nov.13, 1866; he d. Feb.1, 1873.

Nathaniel Jr.,(9), b. Aug.23, 1842; m. Ilde C. Estes, Nov.13, 1866; he d. July 10, 1921.

Joseph Colburn(9), b. Mar.22, 1845; m. Mary H. Colton, son . May 25, 1876; had:- he d. Aug.4, 1890.
Harriet Colton(10), b. Mar.10, 1877; m. L.J. Shepard.
Abbie Josephine(10), b. June 1, 1881.

Charles Colburn (9), b.July 14, 1847; m. Alice E. Phillips, Sept.6, 1870; Charles Harold (10), b. May 14, 1872.

Sarah Elizabeth (9), b. Nov.14, 1849; d. Aug.24, 1851.

Frederick Arthur(9), b. April 23, 1852; m. Florence Nightingale Nason, Sept. 10, 1889. he was pastor at Andover; res. Essex St., d. March 1, 1936.
(1935); had:-
Mira Bigelow(10), b. Jan.13, 1893.
Frederick Colburn, (10), b. Oct.21, 1894.

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Children of Nath'l (8) Wilson and wife, Abbie A. Colburn, (cont.) :-

Abbie Anna (9), b. April 12, 1854; d. Aug. 20, 1854.

Clara Augusta (9), b. March 6, 1856; m. David Blin Fuller, Mar. 8, 1882;
had:-

Abbie Louise (10), b. July 15, 1894; m. E. J. Burnham.

Ilde Wilson (10), b. Dec. 2, 1896; m. Frank Skopstadt.

Allen Augustus (9), b. Mar. 10, 1859; d. Aug. 19, 1859.

John Barrows (9), b. Dec. 15, 1860; d. Mar. 9, 1887.

Emma Louisa Barrows (9), b. ; m. Whitman Howard Jordan, Mar. 3, 1880

Genealogical table of the COLBURN family.

Edward (1) Colburn, b. in England, 1618; m. Hannah ---; came to America,
1635; d. in Dracut, Mass., 1712; had:-

Ezra (2) Colburn, b. in Ipswich, Mar. 16, 1658; m. Hannah Varnum, Nov. 22,
1681; he d. at Dracut, June, 1739; had:-

Ezra (3) Colburn, b. at Dracut, 1682; m. Lucy Melson, Nov. 22, 1706; d.
about 1716; had:-

Jeremiah (4) Colburn, b. at Dracut, 1710; m. Sarah Jewell; had:-

Jeremiah (5) Colburn, b. at Dracut, 1736; m. Fannie Hodgkins,
settled in Orono, Me., 1773; served in Revolutionary
War; d. in Orono, 1808; had:-

William (6) Colburn, b. in Dunstable, Mass., Oct. 20, 1760;
m. 1st., Abigail Whitmore, mother of the children;
m. 2nd, Mary Hinckley; served in Revolutionary
War; d. at Orono, Me., Apr. 6, 1847.

Jeremiah (7) Colburn, b. at Orono, Sept. 5, 1792; m. Susan
Graves, Apr. 17, 1817; he d. at Orono, Jan. 27, 1878:-

Abigail Anna (8) Colburn, b. at Orono, Me., Nov. 23,
1818; m. Nath'l Wilson (8), Apr. 17, 1836;
she d. at Orono, Me., Mar. 27, 1896.

From Andover Townsman, March 6, 1936:-

Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Wilson

Passes Away Suddenly

Sunday Afternoon.

...." Frederic Arthur Wilson, D.D., pastor emeritus of Free Church, Andover's most esteemed resident, passed away suddenly last Sunday, March 1, 1936. Dr. Wilson was on his way to church when he became ill, and he was returned to his home, where in surroundings so dear to him, he breathed his last.

Funeral services were on Tuesday, March 3, at the church which was built during Dr. Wilson's pastorate. ...In the pulpit from which Dr. Wilson had so often spoken was Rev. Alfred C. Church who expressed in his prayer, the feeling which he had for Dr. Wilson. Three hymns were sung:- " Jerusalem, the Golden" , " How Firm a Foundation" and " For All the Saints." Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Born at Wrono, Me., April 23, 1852, Dr. Wilson graduated from Bowdoin College, with the degree of A.B., in 1873. For two years he was principal of Fryeburg Academy and for four years, instructor at the Hallowell Classical Academy. He entered Bangor Theological Seminary and graduated in 1882. He was the first pastor of the Orthodox Congregational Church in Billerica, 1882-9, when he came to the old Free Church here. In 1908 the new church was built. He was Trustee of Memorial Hall Library and a member of the Historical Society. He retired as pastor, 1920 and was named pastor emeritus. In 1923, on the 50th anniversary of his graduation from Bowdoin, he was given an honorary degree of D.D.

His widow, Florence Nightingale^(Nason) Wilson survives and a daughter, Miss Mira B., principal of Northfield Seminary, and a son, Rev. Frederick C. Wilson, of Ipswich Congregational Church.

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