### PLEASE NOTE:

ERROR - Lilly Pearl Wilson is listed under the children of Calvin H. Wilson and Margaret Ann Richards. Pearl was the daughter of Calvin and his second wife, Mary Florence Taylor, NOT his first wife Maggie. -- Vicki Clevenger Grace

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ERROR in this file:

G. Rosa Lee Richards - b. 1864 at Ayers, Yellow Creek. m. Henry Norman s/o James & Catherine Norman. m. #2 Ike Green. Both Rosa Lee Richards Norman (Green) & Henry Norman buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had one child: 1g. George Norman m. Maude Greathouse.

CORRECTION -- Rose Lee Richards married William "Henry" Norman s/o Richard James Norman and Rebecca A. Sell. Here is the marriage record of Calhoun County Marriage Records: NORMAN, William H. 37-W Preston RJ & Rebecca A RICHARDS, Rosa Lee 23 Calhoun Nelson & Mary 28 Aug 1887

The Henry Bell Norman, son of James Nedley and Catherine Summers, is my Great Grandfather. Richard James Norman, William H. Norman's father, is the brother of Henry Bell Norman.

Henry Bell Norman and Louisa Caroline Cornell Norman are buried up here in the state of Washington at Shoestring, Lewis, WA.

SANDY (BEAM) GIFFORD Anderson Island, WA

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FIVE GENERATIONS OF WILSONS by Ilene Wager.
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What is a Hillbilly? (Preface reprinted from WEST VIRGINIA HILLBILLY, magazine with Jim Comstock, the editor. Published about 30 years ago.)

A hillbilly is someone who can't look out his window without seeing the big hills, and feeling small

and big at the same time because of them.

He's somebody with a heritage of Independence his hill-folk family gave him, because cut off from

other people by the mountains they had to make it by themselves. Someone stubborn and tenacious because he learned that while faith can move a mountain, it might take a little time.

He's friendly, because mountains teach that there are more important things to fight than people

and if your closest friends are both sides of a mountain distant they're better held onto than fought

with. And he's industrious. Even living lazy in mountain country can work a man pretty hard.

He's some body who knows that only God can make a tree, and figures that if he troubled to make a whole state of forested mountains, that the state must be specially blessed.

A West Virginia hillbilly is a man with wealth underfoot, wealth towering over his head and only

the beauty all around him coming easy. He has his troubles but plenty of toughness and faith to

stick it out, sometimes looking poorer than he feels until it is time.

I have heard people use the name of hillbilly in a down grading manner. I am proud to be a hillbilly and the heritage of my fore fathers and the way of life they worked and fought so hard to keep.

The only people I know in West Virginia who apologizes now for being a hillbilly is the fellow

who isn't sure he is one. And have you noticed, those who come here are as proud as the most

deep rooted of us to be known as a hillbilly?

It was the stubborn hillbillies who settled and tamed these mountains, with patience and faith that

stubborn, tenacious, Independent hillbilly was the backbone of this state, and I am proud to be a

part of this West Virginia heritage and am proud to be called a "hillbilly."

George Washington said, "Give me but a banner to plant upon the mountains of West Augusta" (this was the name of this area in Washington's day) "and I will gather around me the men who

will lift our bleeding country from the dust and set her free." and in 1776 he did. "He knew his

Hillbillies. "

This history is dedicated to my forefathers who helped to make West Virginia the great state it is.

Thomas Wilson - 1765-1826; George Wilson -1811-1861; Robert E. Wilson - 1839-1916; Thomas J. Wilson - 1872-1965; Bernard B. Wilson - 1903-?; Wilson Wager.

#### Generation I

AI. Thomas Wilson (Source of information - The Wilson Family, published by the American Genealogical Research Institute, Arlington, Virginia.) Short biographies - page 115.

Honorable Thomas Wilson b. 11 Sept. 1765 - d. 21 Jan. 1826. The father of Edgar Cambell Wilson and grandfather of Eugene McLanahan Wilson;

a representative from Virginia; he studied law in Stanton, Virginia. He was admitted to the

bar, 21 Sept. 1789 and commenced practice in Morgantown, Virginia (now WV). He was a member of the State Senate 1792-1795, he served in the State House of Delegates, 1799-1800; again a member of the State Senate; 1800-1804; elected as a Federalist to the Twelfth Congress; 1811-1813; he was again a member of the State House of Delegates in 1816 & 1817; resumed the practice of law and died in Morgantown, Virginia in 1826.

The History of Monongalia Co., Virginia - by Michael Core; renders the following obituary. (This

book in Calhoun Co. Library.)

Obituary of Thomas Wilson. (age 61.) Thomas Wilson, b. 11 Sept. 1765, a distinguished citizen

of the Co. of Monongalia, d. 21 Jan. 1826, he was born in Staunton, Va. He studied law in Staunton, Va., under Judge Stuart of that city. He was admitted to the bar 21 Sept. 1789 at Staunton at age 24. Mr. Wilson married Mary Poage of Staunton and they came to Morgantown. He was a member of the State Senate and the State House of Delegates. He retired and practiced

law until his death. He died at his home in Morgantown, he was buried at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Monongalia County.

Children of Thomas Wilson
Direct Line of Relation to Ilene Wilson Wager

- 1. Norville Wilson b. 1792. Lived at Wheeling and in Pennsylvania. He owned land in Calhoun County.
- 2. Alpheus Poage Wilson b. 1794 d. 1830. Born at Morgantown on 2 March 1794. He was admitted to the bar in 1821, the same year he married Eliza Evans of Spring Hill Township, Pa. In
- 1819 he served in the House of General Assembly. He operated The Dickers Creek Iron Works, Pa., taking charge in 1825. A.P. Wilson fell from a barge near Brownsville, Pa., and was drowned at age 36, 10 Feb. 1830.
- 3. Eugenlus Marcus Wilson b. 1797 d. 23 April 1831. E. M. Wilson was a lawyer, admitted to
- the bar at age 22 in 1819. He was a member of the Representatives of Congress in 1829 when the
- convention was held in Richmond, Va. His death was sudden and occurred at the home of his brother, Norville Wilson. He was 34.
- 4. Edger Campbell Wilson b. 18 Oct. 1800 d. 24 April 1860. He was a lawyer and was admitted to the bar 24 June 1832, he practiced in Morgantown, Va. He was a Whig, elected to the Twenty Third Congress, (1833-35). He was prosecuting attorney for Marion Co. in 1842. He
- married Eliza . He owned property and a timber company at Yellow Creek in Calhoun County, this he sold to Thomas Greggs Ferrell, 1859. He died in Morgantown, Va. 1860.
- 5. George Washington Wilson b. 25 June 1811 d. 13 Dec. 1861. He married Lovina Ferrell
- 1834 in Marion Co., Va. After the death of his father, Thomas Wilson in 1826, G.W. lived with
- his brother, Eugenlus Wilson. He was a C. S. A. soldier, in the Civil War. He died at age 50, and
- is buried in the Wright Cemetery at Cremo, Calhoun Co., WV (more about G.W. Wilson later.) NOTE: Some researchers believe that George Washington Wilson was the son of Archibald and Mary Bowen Wilson of Marion County. To date (1999) this issue has not been resolved.
- 6. Agnes Wilson married Rev. Homer J. Clark.
- 7. Louisa Ann Wilson b. 2 Nov. 1809 in Morgantown, Va. m. 1833, to Rev. John C. Lowrie, in
- that year they went to India as missionaries. She died in Calcutta of consumption and is buried in
- the Scottish Cemetery in Calcutta, India.
- 8. Julia Wilson m. Rev. Lock.

Generation II

George Washington Wilson. 1811 - 1861. Born in Monongalia Co., at Morgantown, Va. s/o

Honorable Thomas and Mary Belle (Poage) Wilson. NOTE: Some researchers believe that George Washington Wilson was the son of Archibald and Mary Bowen Wilson of Marion County. To date (1999) this issue has not been resolved. They were of Scotch-Irish decent and he was one of five boys and three girls in this family. He was educated in the common schools and a

graduate of Morgantown Academy (later this became West Virginia University.) m. 5 Mar. 1834 in Monongalia Co., Va. to Lovina Ferrell. (record in Vol. 3, page 85 at office of county clerk,

Monongalia Co.). His wife's parents, Robert Ferrell Jr. and Rachel Griggs, they lived at White

Day Place, Marion Co.

Lovina was born in Monongalia Co., Va. in 1814. Her parents were buried in Hunt Cemetery, Norman Ridge, Calhoun County, WV. George and Lovina Ferrell Wilson removed to Calhoun Co. ca. 1846.

Gilmer Co., Va. Census 1850

### September 10, 1850

Wilson,	George (farmer)	born	in	Virginia	age	39 years
Wilson,	Lovina	born	in	Virginia	age	34 years
Wilson,	Mary	born	in	Virginia	age	15 years
Wilson,	William	born	in	Virginia	age	13 years
Wilson,	Robert	born	in	Virginia	age	11 years
Wilson,	James	born	in	Virginia	age	9 years
Wilson,	Joseph	born	in	Virginia	age	7 years
Wilson,	Rachael	born	in	Virginia	age	4 years
Wilson,	Marcus	born	in	Virginia	age	9 months

# Calhoun Co., Va. Census 1860

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Wilson, George (farmer) born in Monongalia Co., Va.
                                                      age 49 years
Wilson, Lovina
                        born in Monongalia Co., Va.
                                                      age 44 years
Wilson, William C.
                        born in Monongalia Co., Va.
                                                      age 24 years
Wilson, Robert
                        born in Monongalia Co., Va.
                                                      age 21 years
Wilson, James
                        born in Jackson Co., Va
                                                      age 19 years
Wilson, Joseph
                        born in Jackson Co., Va. age 17 years
                                                      age 14 years
Wilson, Rachael
                        born in Gilmer Co., Va.
Wilson, Marcus
                        born in Gilmer Co., Va.
                                                            9 years
Wilson, Alpheus
                        born in Gilmer Co., Va.
                                                      age
                                                            7 years
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George W. Wilson and Lovina, his wife, lived at Big Root, near the Hunt Cemetery. He was

to death by Union Soldiers at Richardson in Roane Co. He is buried at Wright Cemetery,

Co., WV. His wife, Lovina Ferrell Wilson was b. 26 Oct. 1814- d. 31 March 1891, cause of death, nervous prostration and palsy. At the time of her death she lived on Yellow Creek, she is

buried at the Hunt Cemetery. They had children:

- 1. Mary Belle Wilson b. 3 May 1835 Monongalia Co., Va. m. #I. Nelson M. Richards in Gilmer
- Co., s/o Micheal & Caroline (Wilson) Richards. He was b. 10 July 1831 in Harrison Co. Va., and
- d. 30 June 1873 at home, Ayers, on Yellow Creek. He is buried in Ayers Cemetery on Spring Fork. Years ago, John L. & Frank Richards (grandsons of this subject) erected a monument at his

grave, inscribed; N.R. - July 10, 1831 - June 30,1873. Along with the graves of his daughter,

Lovina Richards and George Wilson Jr. s/o Robert & Jane Wilson, his grave is enclosed in a concrete box. Mary Belle Wilson m. #2. John D. Collins - b. 31 Dec. 1824. Enlisted 22 Dec.

1861, Wirt Co., he was a private in Company C, 11th. West Va. Regiment; discharged in March 1865. d. 4 June 1915 - buried in Nobe Cemetery. Mary Belle Wilson Richards Collins d. 30 May 1907- she was 72 yrs. old. She died at Kanawha, WV. Buried in Nobe Cemetery.

Children of Mary Belle and Nelson M. Richards

- A. Calvin W. Richards b. 19 Feb. 1854 at Gilmer Co. m. 3 Oct. 1874 Malinda C. Leason b. 28
- Nov. 1856, d/o John & Mary Leason. Melinda d. 14 Dec. 1948. Calvin died 25 Jan. 1928, they lived at Big Springs, WV., both are buried in The Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Big Springs.
  - la. Nelson Richards m. #1 Rachael Wilson, #2 Ursela
  - 2a. Frank Richards m. Elizabeth Modisott.
  - 3a. John L. Richards m. #1 Jane Mathers, #2 Flora Baker.
  - 4a. Emory Richards m. Ora Bartlett.
  - 5a. Virginia Richards m. Elza Tingler.
  - 6a. Mary M. Richards Wright.
  - 7a. Joseph Richards m. Norrie Cunningham.
  - 8a. Mike Richards m. Freda Tingler.
  - 9a. Iona Richards obit infant.
  - 10a. Elizabeth J. Richards d. age 12 yrs.
- B. Wilson M. Richards b. 5 Aug. 1855. Remained single. Lived at Big Springs, WV. d. 1920,

buried in Nobe Cemetery.

C. Lovina Richards - b. 16 June 1853, at Ayers on Yellow Creek. Died age 3yrs. Buried beside

her father Nelson M. Richards in Ayers Cemetery

- D. Vetta Florence Richards b. 1859 at Ayers, Yellow Creek. m. J. Henry Snyder b. 1853 d.
- 1942. Vetta d. 1942, both are buried, Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - 1d. Cleveland Snyder remained single.
  - 2d. Virginia Snyder m. Henry (Buck) Collins.
  - 3d. Ida Snyder m. William (Bill) Leason.
  - 4d. India Snyder m. Fred Johnson.
- E. James Franklin Richards Sr. b. 1861 at Ayers, Yellow Creek. m. Bertha Jane Cox b. 1869.
- He died 1933, both are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - le. Roden Richards m. #1 Clara M. Jackson, #2 Leafie Goldsmith.
  - 2e. Ordie Rae Richards m. Charles Green.
  - 3e. Ocie M. Richards single, obit very young.
- F. Emory V. Richards b. 1864 at Ayers, Yellow Creek. Remained single, d. 1928. He is buried

in Nobe Cemetery.

- G. Rosa Lee Richards b. 1864 at Ayers, Yellow Creek. m. Henry Norman s/o James & Catherine Norman. m. #2 Ike Green. Both Rosa Lee Richards Norman (Green) & Henry Norman buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had one child:
  - 1g. George Norman m. Maude Greathouse.
- H. George W. Richards b. 7 March 1866 at Ayers, Yellow Creek. m. Mary Jane Norman c/o Richard & Rebecca Norman. He died 16 Aug 1901 of typhoid fever at age 35. Buried in Nobe Cemetery beside his mother. His wife is buried beside her parents as Mary Jane Norman.
- I. Michael "Mike" M. Richards b. 13 Sept. 1867 at Ayers on Yellow Creek. m. #1 Viola Norman. #2 Laura A. Wagoner b. 1875. He died 1943, both he and wife #2, Laura, are buried in

Nobe Cemetery. Children of Viola Norman and "Mike" Richards:

- li. Mary Jane Richards m. Ofa Radabaugh
- 2i. Florence Richards m. Noah Welsh
- 3i. Rose Richards m. Joe Radabaugh
- J. Missouri Ann Richards b. 1869 at Ayers, Yellow Creek, m. Francis (Frank) Cox s/o Winifield
- T. & Mary Ellen Cox. She died in 1943 in Wirt Co. They both are buried in The Knights of Pythias Cemetery. They lived at Elizabeth, WV. They had children:
  - lj. Bessie Lee Cox m. Francis Bell
  - 2j. Della A. Cox obit infant
  - 3j. J. Okey Cox m. Opal Miller
  - 4j. George W. Cox m. Midge Mathess
  - 5j. William Russell Cox m. Anna Fox
  - 6j. Ray Cox remained single
  - 7j. Erma Cox m. Opie Howell
  - 8j. Belva Cox Darrell Snider
  - 9j. Son, name?
  - 10j. Son, name?
- K. William Hamilton (Doc) Richards b. 17 Apr. 1870 at Ayers, Yellow Creek, m. Adaline Virginia (Addie) Thomas b. 4 July 1864 d. 11 Oct. 1943, d/o Isaac H. & Susan Thomas. He died
- 9 March 1958 of old age. They are buried in the Broomstick Cemetery near the home where they

lived and raised their family. They had children:

- lk. Hattie Richards m. Emory Snider
- 2k. Francis Richards obit as very young man.
- 3k. Mattie Richards m. Alfred Selman
- 4k. Willie Dell Richards obit age 4yrs.

Children of Mary B. Wilson and husband #2 John D. Collins

- L. Henry Collins b. 2 Feb. 1877 at Big Springs, WV. m. Minerva Ellen Hickman b. 2 May 1879 d. 9 Dec. 1941. He died 6 May 1971, both are buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Big Springs, WV. They had children:
  - 11. Rome Collins m. Hila Whipkey
  - 21. Alma Collins -m. Evan Wibble
  - 31. George Collins
  - 41. Frank Collins m. Cleta Wilson
  - 51. Virginia Collins m. Raymond Smith
- M. Mary Melvina Collins b. 1878 at Big Springs, WV. m. Henry B. Richards b. 1872 d. 1944. She died of influenza in 1946, both are buried at the Chestnut Grove Cemetery, Big Springs, WV. Children of Mary Melvina Collins and Henry B. Richards:
  - lm. Ola Francis Richards m. Harvey Cunningham
  - 2m. Ina D. Richards m. William Simmons
  - 3m. Edna Richards m. Walter Richards
  - 4m. Mary Richards m. #1 Everett Dye, #2 Dave Whitman
  - 5m. Velma Richards m. William Barnes
  - 6m. Minnie Richards m. Eli Cunningham
  - 7m. Hoy Richards m. Alta Hardman
  - 8m. Delbert Richards remained single
  - 9m. Dorsey Richards m. Beth Mathess
  - 10m. Hanna Bell Richards obit infant
  - 11m. Steven Richards obit infant
  - 12m. Rosa Lea Richards obit infant
  - 13m. William Richards obit infant
- 2. William Calvin Wilson s/o George W. & Lovina Ferrell Wilson. b. 17 Feb. 1837 in Monongalia.Co., Va. He was a Lieutenant, Co. H. 20th Virginia Cavalry, C.S.A. and was wounded at Spencer, WV. m. Eliza Ellen Jones b. 20 Nov. 1847 in Maryland. d/o John &

Julia

Clouse Jones of Ritchie Co. She died of pneumonia at Prosperity, WV., on 24 Oct. 1932, 85yrs.old. He died of stomach and liver complications, on 19 Sept. 1908 at Prosperity, age 71.

They are buried in the Saunders Cemetery near where they lived.

Children of William Calvin and Eliza Ellen Jones Wilson

A. Virginia Ellen (Jenny) Wilson - b. 3 July 1883 at Yellow Creek. m. Halbrock (Hal) Andrews.

She died 1 Sept. 1935, of cancer at Prosperity, age 52. She is buried in the Saunders Cemetery

beside her parents, Calvin & Ellen Wilson. "Hal" and his father, Cedric Andrews, are also buried

in Saunders Cemetery, but in a different section.

1a. Male unnamed son, lived only three weeks

Calvin Wilson died many years before his wife, Ellen. Ellen continued farming by hiring men in

need of work. They helped her to keep her farm profitable, and always spoke of her as being fair.

She was one of the directors of The Calhoun County Bank and rode a horse to Grantsville to attend the meetings.

My (Ilene Wager) Grandfather was Thomas Wilson, his wife (my Grandmother) died very young, leaving him with three young sons and an infant daughter. Ellen Wilson helped him many times

without expecting a return. He tried to show his gratitude by working hard in her fields. She said

"no one could stack her wheat like my grandfather did." She very often took care of his little son

(my father) while grandfather was working for her. My father called her "Aunt Ellen" with much

fondness. Grandfather's oldest son, Leman Wilson, has written much of the early history of

Wilson family. This has been a big help to me in my effort. My father is Bernard Wilson.

Calvin and Ellen Wilson were very prosperous. They owned a store during the oil field days of the

1890's. They cut timber and raised cattle.

They owned a large cattle scale, located close by the road, it was used by many people from neighboring farms. Nearby there was a spring that was said to never run dry, and a large wooden

watering trough was located there. All those with teams, or with horses or cattle knew this as the

place they could stop to water them.

Aunt Ellen Wilson and my great-grandmother Shimer both came from Maryland and often talked of life when they were young girls.

- 3. Robert Earnest Wilson b. 15 Sept. 1839 in Monongalia Co., Va. (near Fairview, now Marion
- Co.) m. Jane Ellison b. 17 May 1837 d/o Temperence ?Weaver and Zacareah B. Ellison, of Gilmer Co. Jane died 8 Sept. 1921 at Crooksville, Ohio, where she lived with her daughter, Anne

Starcher. Old age was the cause of her death, she was 84. R.E. & Jane Wilson lived at Broomstick, in the same location that Glen and Rose Ritchie are living at the present time (1987).

He died 26 April 1916. They are buried in the Broomstick Cemetery, Calhoun Co., WV.

Robert Ernest and Jane Ellison Wilson were my (Ilene Wagers') father's grand-parents. They raised a large family and were church members. My father has happy memories of living with them much of the time during his formative years. He has related many experiences he remembers,

to his family. my favorite was of my great - grandmother Jane. She was very religious and would

often "get happy" while in church, going down the aisle waving her arms and shouting. One night

at a revival meeting at Big Root, she became "happy" and hit a water cooler that came down on a

mans head. He was sitting on the floor beneath it.

During the Civil War, Robert Wilson was a C.S.A. soldier. He first served with the Moccasin Rangers of Calhoun County, there he was a Captain. Next he was in Company C, 19th Virginia Cavalry. He enlisted in Dec. 1862, was discharged 1865. He was part of a group sent to Spencer

to blow up the railroad and depot. He took cover behind a rail fence when a bullet glanced off the fence entering the right side of his neck. He lay unconscious for hours. His

companions fled leaving him for dead. In time he rallied but could neither see nor walk. When at

last his sight returned to him, he was able to crawl to the home of Al Hopkins. He was there for

six weeks, but recovered and returned to his outfit. Sometime in the 1880's the bullet worked

out under the skin on his shoulder. Dr. Isaac Thomas removed it. This wound caused him to suffer in his old age, his spine being affected, causing him to stoop.

The Robert and Jane Wilson owned a large tract of land on Broomstick Ridge, and as their large

family married, each child was given some of the acreage to build a home, and many raised their

families there and many of their decendants are now living at Broomstick, Big Springs and Grantsville, WV.

Children of Robert E. & Jane Ellison Wilson

A. Anna M. Wilson - b. 1863 - m. Joe Starcher - b. 11 Oct. 1852, d. Dec. 1891, of typhoid fever

and and was the first person buried in the Broomstick Cemetery. She d. 1940 at Crocksville,

Ohio of stroke and paralysis. They lived at Big Root, WV. They had children:

- la. Virginia Starcher m. James Basnett
- 2a. Joe Starcher Jr. remained single
- 3a. Frank Starcher m. Mina Burrows
- 4a. Robert Starcher
- 5a. Thomas Starcher
- 6a. Millard Starcher
- 7a. Claude Starcher m. Hosey
- 8a. Gaythe Starcher m. John Campbell
- B. Melvina Wilson m. George Goldsmith
  - lb. Rosco Goldsmith,
  - 2b. Jane Goldsmith m. Alph Elder
  - 3b. Ollie Goldsmith m., Ralph Elder
  - 4b. Robert Goldsmith
  - 5b. Alva Goldsmith Lived at Cincinatti, Ohio
  - 6b. Eva Goldsmith m.Wayne

Melvina Wilson Goldsmith was b. 1865. She lived at Spokane, Wash. where she suffered many

misfortunes. She was short in stature, plump with raven dark hair. She had a jolly disposition and

always laughed in spite of adversities. Her home burned and she endured burns that partially

paralyzed her, she also suffered with diabetes. Her husband, George, worked in a lumber yard, where he fell and broke his back. She d. 1920 and is buried in a Spokane cemetery.  $_{\text{We}}$ 

know very little about this family.

- C. Thomas Jefferson Wilson b. 2 Feb. 1872 at Broomstick m. Rachel Elizabeth Belford b. 5
- Sept. 1877, d. 8 Apr. 1906. d/o John and Susan Norman Belford. She died in child birth at age
- 29. They lived at Broomstick. He died 27 July 1965 of old age and paralysis. They are buried at
- Nobe, WV., where Rachel's parents are buried. They had children:
  - lc. Leman Wilson m. Mary "Molly" Gainer
  - 2c. Oley E. Wilson m. Eliza Jane Richards
  - 3c. Benard B. Wilson m. Clareth Gay Shimer
- 4c. Darley Belle Wilson d. 19 Feb. 1907 of lung trouble. She lived one year after her mother's

death. Buried at Nobe Cemetery.

- D. Robert E. Wilson b. 12 Aug. 1874 at Broomstick, d. 12 Jan. 1895 of gunshot wounds. He accidently shot himself. His gun fell over and fired as he leaned over to get a drink of water.
- E. Arminda "Minda" Wilson b. 1875 at Broomstick. m. Charles Bailess b. 1870 d. 1956. She
- died 1953 at her home at Broomstick. Both are buried in the Broomstick Cemetery. They had children:
  - le. Clara Bailess m. Charles Givens
  - 2e. Dela Bailess m. Herbert Givens
  - 3e. Ernest Bailess m. Nellie Ferrell
  - 4e. Lona Bailess m. Ralph Rader
  - 5e. Marjorie "Margie" Bailess m. Redman
- F. William Hamilton "Doc" Wilson b. 17 Apr. 1890 at Broomstick. m. Lova Ann Perkins b. 1883, d. 1961. He d. 1955 at his home at Five Forks, WV. Both are buried at Broomstick Cemetery. They had children:
  - 1f. Goldie Wilson m. Paul Cox
  - 2f. Reta Wilson m. Allen Duell
  - 3f. Delford R. Wilson m. Irene Shomo
  - 4f. Ruth Wilson m. Harry "Bill" Sigwart
- G. Lela Jane Wilson b. 1882 at Broomstick. m. William Jennings "Bill" Ritchea. She died 1958.
- Both are buried at Bethlehem Cemetery. They had children:
  - 1g. Glady Ritchea m. Dewitte Harris
  - 2g. Grover Ritchea m. Helen McVickers
  - 3g. Robert Paul Ritchea m. Mary Brown Welsh
  - 4q. Carl Ritchea m. Leora Perkins
  - 5g. Denver James Ritchea m. Mary Sole
  - 6q. Edith Ritchea m. Brady Whipkey
  - 7q. Edythe Ritchea m. Carl Ferrell
  - 8g. Dale Ritchea m. Betty Jean Wilson
  - 9g. Marshall Glen Ritchea m. Rose King
- H. Lettie June Wilson b. 1883 at Broomstick. m. Robert "Bob" Law. She died 1974 at Big Bend, WV. They are buried in the Hunt Cemetery. They had children:
  - 1h. Holly Pell Law m. Ethel Carpenter

- 2h. Dorthy June Law
- 3h. Jessie Law m. Chester Beckham
- 4h. Robert Law Jr. m. Betty Gunn
- 5h. Elodene May Law m. Walter Savanick
- 6h. Russell Law m. Marge \_
- I. George Wilson Jr. b. 6 June 1884 at Broomstick. d. 1885 of whooping cough, abt. 15 mo. old. Buried in Ayers Cemetery on Spring Fork, beside Nelson M. Richards and daughter Lovina.
- 4. James C. Wilson b. 15 Mar. 1842 in Jackson Co., Va. (how Straight Creek, Wirt Co.) m. Missouri Ann Snider, shortly after the Civil War. She was d/o Arnold and Elvira Martha Stillwill

Snider. She was b. 1 Oct. 1846 in Preston Co., Va. - d. 4 Sept. 1932 at Big Springs, age 84.

James C. Wilson was in the Civil War, 80th. regiment, Co. B. Infantry C.S.A. He d. 11 Jan. 1929 of advanced age and influenza, age 86. They are buried in Nobe Cemetery, Nobe, WV. They are the parents of fourteen children, they lived first at Big Springs, then on Yellow Creek.

Children of James C. and Missouri Ann Snider Wilson

A. Rufus P. Wilson - b. 1867, m. Susan Rebecca Belford - b. 1869 -d. 1957, d/o John and Susan

Belford. They lived on Belford Run near Big Springs. He died in 1951. They are buried in Nobe

Cemetery. They had children:

- la. Chloe Wilson obit infant.
- 2a. Susan Wilson m. #1 Wirt Means #2 William Bonnett
- 3a. Cassie Wilson m. Porter Reese
- 4a. Dola Georgia Wilson m. Robert Ott
- 5a. Dorthy Wilson m. Floyd Fox
- 6a. Joy Wilson m. Ethel Davis
- 7a. Hoy Wilson m. Imogene Burrows
- 8a. Dester Rae Wilson obit infant

They raised Darlie Belle Wilson to age one year.

- B. Lilly M. Wilson b. 1871 at Big Springs, WV. m. Milton Bailess, no issue. She died of influenza, March 1929, buried in Nobe Cemetery.
- C. Rachael C. Wilson b. 3 Oct. 1876 at Big Springs, WV. m. Nelson Richards s/o Calvin W. and

Malinda Richards, b - 19 Aug. 1875, d. ? She died 10 June 1934, they are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had children:

- 1c. Ollie Richards
- 2c. Cocoa Richards m. Gilbert Dawson
- 3c. Cressie Richards m. Otha Tingler
- 4c. Calvin Richards m. Snow Cunningham
- 5c. Shirley Iven Richards m. Idella Radabaugh
- D. William Calvin Wilson b. 11 Feb. 1875 at Big Springs, WV. m. Martha Catherine Metz b. 1876, d. 1942, d/o Daniel and Dilla Metz. He died 1960 at home on Snider Ridge. They are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - ld. Audra Lee Wilson m. Ollie Ellen Hopkins
  - 2d. Herist Bert Wilson m. Elsie Snyder
  - 3d. Hester Viola Wilson m. Earnest Bush
  - 4d. Tassie Gay Wilson m. William Cunningham
  - 5d. Lilly Abigail Wilson m. Chester B. Heffner
  - 6d. Crystal Missouri Wilson m. Cecil Reed
  - 7d. Harold "Hal" Wilson m. #1 Jean Fluharty #2 Ronnie Fi Fi

- 8d. Donnie Wilson obit-infant
- 9d. Thomas Wilson obit infant
- E. Lora Gay Wilson b. 7 July 1878, m. Aggie Fluharty. She died 21 Nov. 1912. buried in Nobe
- Cemetery. They had children:
  - le. Denver Fluharty m. Dollie Morrison
  - 2e. Pearl Fluharty
  - 3e. Roy Fluharty
- F. James French Wilson b. 1879 at Big Springs, WV. m. Nithea Metz, b. 1879, d. 1954, d/o Daniel and Dilla Metz. (she was listed in the 1880 census as Binitha Metz age 1) He died 1954,
- they are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - lf. Georgia Wilson m. Clella Richards
  - 2f. Clarkie Wilson m. Ben Givens
  - 3f. Ruth Wilson m. Lester Richards
  - 4f. James Carlos Wilson m. Mary Rogers
  - 5f. Eleanor Wilson m. Woodrow Taylor
  - 6f. Argil Wilson obit young.
- G. Frank Wilson b. 23 Apr. 1881, at Big Springs, WV. m. Maude Blanch Grimm b. 25 Mar. 1881 d. 20 Aug. 1948. He died 14 Nov. 1963. They are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had one child:
  - 1q. Ellen Wilson m. Ward
- H. Hettie Wilson b. 1883 at Big Springs, WV. m. Tom Ferrell, b. 1873, d. 1966. She died on
- Leaf Bank in 1966. They are buried in Nobe Cemetery. No issue.
- I. Clark Wilson b. 1886 at Big Springs, WV. m. Olive Freshour, b. 1888, d. 1969. He died 1968,
- they are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - li. James Earl Wilson m. Odell Frederick
  - 2i. Ila Wilson m. Earl L. Hildreth
  - 3i. Troy Wilson m. May Selman
  - 4i. Arnell Wilson m. John Davis
  - 5i. Rethea June Wilson m. Arzie Freed
  - 6i. Opha Wilson remained single
- J. Everett Wilson b. 12 June 1887 at Big Springs, WV. m. May F. Whipkey, b. 1891. He died 1974, at home, at Big Springs, they are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - lj. Irene Wilson m. Daniel Anderson
  - 2j. Lorene Wilson
  - 3j. James Wilson m. Hazel Plant
  - 4j. Olis Wilson m. Alfreda
  - 5j. Cleta Wilson m. Frank Collins
  - 6j. Lucrethia Wilson m. Leonard Brooks
  - 7j. Imogene Wilson m. Walter Shaffer
  - 8j. Lena Wilson m. Albert Bower
  - 9j. Sheldon Wilson m. Pat Wilson
- K. Cordelia "Delia" Wilson b. 1888 at Big Springs, WV. m. Harold Kight, she died 1950 and is
- buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - lk. Doris Kight m. Genevieve Duley
  - 2k. Crystal Kight m. Everett Martin

3k. Nila Kight m. William Carl Osborne

- 4k. Harold Kight m. Thelma McGee
- 5k. Eudore Kight "Mike" m. Geraldine Bailess

- L. Helena Wilson b. 28 Dec. 1873, d. 1 April 1889, age 16. Buried in Chestnut Grove Cemetery.
- M. George Wilson b. 20 Sept. 1869, d. 15 Dec. 1870, age 15 months buried in Ayers Cemetery
- on Yellow Creek. Epitaph on monument, "Suffer little children come unto me."
- N. Mary Wilson b. 1867 at Big Springs, d. ? m. Thomas Johnson. She was the oldest child of
- James C. and Ann Wilson. They lived at Grantsville, WV, both are buried at Bethlehem Cemetery.
- 5. Joseph Wilson b. 1843 in Jackson Co., Va. m. Harriet Stevenson b. 1847 in Hawks Co., Ohio. d/o Alexander and Margaret Stevenson. She is buried at Parkersburg, WV. He was a private in the Civil War. Co. B 9th. WV Infantry. He enlisted 30 Sept. 1861 and was discharged
- for disability in 1863. He nearly died of malnutrition while a prisoner at Andersonville. Although
- his relatives had given him up for dead, as he seemed to disappear after the war, it turned out he
- had been working in Missouri. He was a country merchant and postmaster at Lovada, WV located at a point between Broomsrick and Leaf Bank. He had a daughter Lovada for whom he named the Post office. My (Ilene Wager's) Uncle, Leman Wilson lived at this location for 55 years. At one time Joseph Wilson served this area as an undertaker when needed. He was a striking looking man, tall and stately, with a long white beard. He was also a lot of fun playing
- jokes and tricks on everyone. He and his wife first lived on Yellow Creek on the Edward Jackson
- farm. He died 1923 at the home of his daughter, Launa Wilson Burrows and her husband Ellis Blackburn Burrows. He is buried in Nobe Cemetery.

Children of Joseph and Harriett Wilson

- A. Arkaketer "Arkie" Wilson b. 1868 in Hawks Co., Ohio.
- B. Launa Wilson b. 2 Aug. 1869 on Yellow Creek, m. Ellis Burrows. She died 9 Mar. 1943, at
- her home at Pleasant Hill. Both are buried in the Burrows Cemetery at Pleasant Hill. They had

## children:

- lb. Joseph Burrows b. 6 Mar. 1886, d. of influenza, 7 Apr. 1926.
- 2b. Venta Burrows b. 4 Sept. 1888, m. #1 Todd Ayers, #2 Harry Whipkey.
- 3b. Walter Burrows b. 23 Apr. 1891, m. Mary Givens.
- 4b. Clara Burrows b. 10 May 1889, m. Joe Francis.
- 5b. Wainie Burrows b. 10 Oct. 1893, obit infant, buried Broomstick Cemetery.
- 6b. Hattie Burrows b. 10 Oct, 1893, m. Henry Kight, Sr.
- 7b. Wattie Burrows 18 Feb. 1895, m. Bertha Frederick.
- 8b. Lottie Burrows 18 Feb. 1895, m. Isaac Whipkey.
- 9b. Ola Burrows b. 7 Mar. 1900, m. Ellis "Jack" Carpenter.
- 10b. Dortha Burrows 8 Feb. 1907, m. Lorena Kelly.
- 11b. Holly Burrows b. 22 Mar. 1908, m. Oma Richards.
- 12b. Lovada Burrows b. 24 Nov. 1904, m. Gerald Glen Stout.
- 13b. Harvey Burrows b. 28 Nov. 1897, obit infant, buried Broomstick.
- C. Lovada Wilson b. 1871, m. #1 William Jones #2 Vernon Sams. Children by William Jones:
  - 1c. Walter Jones
  - 2c. Orma Jones

### Children by Vernon Sams:

3c. Maxine Sams

- D. Homer Wilson b. 1883 at Broomstick, WV. d. in Wirt County.
- E. Ledona Wilson b. 1875, at Broomstick, WV- m. Judson Stanley, They had children:
  - le. Carrie Stanley m. Harry Maze.
  - 2e. Blanch Stanley m. Pearl Morris.
  - 3e. Pearle Stanley
  - 4e. Cye Stanley
  - 5e. Vergie Stanley
- F. Lovina Wilson b. 1872 at Broomstick, WV. m. Britt Stanley. Children:
  - lf. Shirley Stanley
  - 2f. Pearly Stanley
  - 3f. Clyde Stanley
  - 4f. Charlie Stanley
  - 5f. Dealie Stanley.
- G. French Wilson b. 1881 at Broomstick, WV. m. Tensey McHenry, buried at Clarksburg, WV. They had one child:
  - 1q. Orval Wilson m. Rosa Lee Bell buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery.
- 6. Rachael Katherine Wilson b. 1847 in Gilmer Co., Va. m. Joshua H. Martin, b. 1842 -d. 1912.
- s/o Joseph and Fanny Frances Martin. He was a mechanic, born in Marion Co., Va. They lived in
- a cave at Leaf Bank, located in the hollow behind the B & B Furniture Store (1987) at the top of
- Grantsville town hill (Route 16). She died 1916, at home on Leaf Bank. Both are buried in the
- Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Their monument is close to the Rt. 16 highway inscription:

JOSHUA H. MARTIN 1842 - 1912 "At rest with Jesus"

RACHEAL K. MARTIN 1847 - 1915

Children of Joshua H. and Rachael Katharine Wilson Martin

- A. Robert Ernest Lee Martin b. 30 June 1866 at Leaf Bank, m. Mary Goldsmith. He died in 1945. They had children:
  - la. Homer Martin b. 9 Nov. 1886
  - 2a. Herbert Martin
  - 3a. Okey Martin
- B. Henry Martin b. 23 Jan. 1869, at Leaf Bank, m. "widow" India Hefner Goff, 17 Feb. 1906,
- d/o J. W. Hefner.
- C. Harman Martin b. 6 May 1871, m. Elizabeth M. Gardner, b. 17 Aug. 1874 in Green Co., Pa.
- d. 31 May 1938 at Big Springs. He died 5 June 1950, both are buried in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. They had children:
- 1c. Everett Henry Martin b. 6 May 1897, m. 30 June 1917 to Orpha Bell Myers, b. 14 Feb.
- 1894 in Jackson Co., WV, d. 7 May 1963 at Los Angeles, Calif. d/o Thomas A. and Margaret A. Cline Myers. He m. #2 Crystal D. Kight, b. ? d. 20 Apr. 1982, d/o Harold and Delia Wilson Kight.
- He died 7 Dec. 1978. Both are buried in Nobe Cemetery. Born to Everett H, and Orpha B. Martin, one son: Foster G. Martin, b. 24 Apr. 1918 at Big Springs, WV. m. Lucille O. Davison,
- They live at Ogden, Utah. They have a daughter, Margaret Martin.

- 2c. Ethel L. Martin b. 1902, m. Roscoe Wilt, b. 1904 d. 1961. She died 1975, both are
- buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had 3 children.
- 3c. James R. Martin b. 13 Dec. 1894, d. 22 Sept. 1895. Buried Pleasant Hill Cemetery beside

his parents.

- D. James H. Martin b. 6 Mar. 1874, Calhoun Co. m. Dora Metz. He died 24 Dec. 1962. They had a daughter:
  - ld. Reta Martin m. Frank Bacorn.
- E. Lavina "Vina" Martin b. 17 June 1876, Calhoun Co. m. Richard "Dick" Givens who died 6 July 1954. They removed to Richwood, WV. in the 1930 where they had a lumber mill. Their children were:
  - le. Dollie Givens m. Doss Holbert
  - 2e. Beulah Givens m. E.R. Smith
  - 3e. Robert Givens
  - 4e. James Givens obit age 25, remained single.
- F. Fanny Martin b. 1879, Calhoun Co. m. Rev. Robert Johnson Yoak, 29th June 1902. She died
- 6 July 1954, they lived at Barboursville, WV, and both are buried there. They had children:
  - lf. Dale Yoak m. Gertrude Singleton
  - 2f. James Yoak m. Lenna
  - 3f. Beale Yoak m. Trudy Vance, He was in WWII, lost at sea.
  - 4f. Robert Yoak m. Madge . He is deceased.
- G. Hayman Martin b. 12 Dec. 1880, Calhoun Co. WV. m. Mandy Metz. He died 30 Dec. 1968. They are buried in Pleasant Hill Cemetery. They had two children:
  - 1q. Odus Martin m. Eva Lanham
  - 2q. Holly Martin m. Oleta Taylor
- H. Hamer Martin b. 7 July 1883, Calhoun Co. WV. d. 9 Aug. 1885. He is buried in Pleasant Hill

Cemetery beside his parents, he was 2yrs. old.

- 7. John Marcus "Mark" Wilson b. 26 Sept. 1851 at Big Root Run in Gilmer Co., Va. s/o George
- and Lovina Ferrell Wilson. His father was killed in Civil War when he was 10yrs. old. m. 17 Dec.
- 1868, Charalette "Lottie" Johnson, b. 1852 in Gilmer Co., Va. d. 26 Sept. 1907, d/o James W.
- and Elizabeth Johnson. He was a farmer and worked in timber. They lived at Laurel Creek, near
- Nobe, WV. They both died of tuberculosis some of their children died of the same malaise. He died 21 June 1904. He and his entire family are buried in the Nobe Cemetery.

Children of John Marcus and Charlotte Johnson Wilson

- A. Arzana M. "Dora" Wilson b. 1870 on Road Run, Laurel Creek. m. Ulysses S. "Grant" Hickman. She died of tuberculosis. Both are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - la. William Hickman m. #1 Grace Ferrell #2 Daisey Kersey
- 2a. Faye Hickman m. #1 William Ferrell #2 Thomas Kelley, s/o Jefferson and Lunda Hodge Kelley
  - 3a. Oley Hickman obit infant
  - 4a. Mark Hickman obit infant
- B. James W. "Jimbo" Wilson b. 1871 on Laurel Creek. He died of consumption 13 Mar. 1909, age 38. Buried in Nobe Cemetery.
- C. John H. Wilson b. 1873 on Laurel Creek, m. Armetta White, b. 1876 d. ? He died 1949,

they are buried in Nobe Cemetery.

- D. Ida Wilson b. 1876 on Laurel Creek, m. J.M. Cain 10 Nov. 1899 s/o Enoch W. and Minerva Cain.
- E. Lloyd Wilson b. 12 Jan. 1878 on Laurel Creek, m. Catherine Modesett, b. 23 Oct. 1871,
- 10 June 1945. He died after 1945. They are buried in Nobe Cemetery. They had one child: le. Claude Wilson m. Icie Richards
- F. Laura Wilson b. 10 Jan. 1880 on Laurel Creek. Died of consumption 4 Nov. 1900, age 20,

remained single. Buried in Nobe Cemetery.

- G. Lovina Wilson b. 1 Apr. 1884 on Laurel Creek. Died of consumption 3 Jan. 1902, age 18, remained single. Buried in Nobe Cemetery.
- H. Harvey A. Wilson b. 1 Aug. 1886 on Laurel Creek. Died of consumption 22 Dec. 1906, age 20, remained single. Buried in Nobe Cemetery.
- I. Wesley V. Wilson b. 24 Aug. 1891, d. 13 Dec. 1891.
- 8. Alpheus Norville "Alf" Wilson b. 18 July 1852 at Big Root Run, Gilmer Co., Va. m. Arkansas

Aunt "Cant" Cantrell Nelson, b. 19 May 1854, d. 2 Nov. 1925, of tuberculosis. He operated a grocery store at Big Springs, WV. located at Beech Valley opposite the Everett Dye home. In later years he and his son Calvin had a store at Ayers. They jointly purchased a farm from John T.

Richards. Mr. Richards kept the Post Office there, located across the creek from Ayers School.

The road was on the opposite side of Yellow Creek in those days. He died 14 Feb.1933.

- Copy of their marriage license, from court records: Alpheous N. Wilson, farmer age 20, single,
- b. Gilmer Co., Va. s/o George and Lovina Wilson. m. Arkansas Nelson age 17, single, b. Ritchie
- Co., Va. d/o Siana Nelson. Married 14 March 1871. By James N. Norman. Children of Alf and Aunt Cant Wilson:
- A. Robert Browning Wilson b. 4 Feb. 1872 at Big Springs, WV. d. 3 may 1874. Buried in the Ayers Cemetery, Spring Fork.
- B. George Harvy Wilson b. ca. 1876, m. Safrona "Verna" Webb. He died age 30, ca. 1906 of tuberculosis. After his death Safronia m. a Richards. They removed to Doddridge Co. she is buried there. George is buried in Ayers Cemetery, they had children:
- lb. Gertrude Wilson  ${\tt m.}$  Virgil Cunningham. No issue. She is buried in the Hardman Chapel

Cemetery, Ritchie County.

- C. Calvin H. Wilson b. 1877 at Big Springs. m. Margaret Ann Richards. b. 1877, d. 1917 40
- yrs. old. he is buried in Ayers Cemetery. His second wife was a Taylor. He died 1926, and is

buried in the Ayers Cemetery.

Children of Calvin & "Maggie"Wilson:

- 1c. Cecil Wilson m. Mildred Smith
- 2c. Della Wilson m. Ola Cunningham
- 3c. Lilly Pearl Wilson m. Carl Frymier
- 4c. Roy Albert Wilson m. Maxine Ford
- D. Homer Swensel Wilson b. 14 Aug. 1883 at Big Springs, WV. m. Elvira Wilson from

Harrisville, WV. (no known relationship) They lived at Big Springs. He died of old age, 26 Aug.

- 1964. Both are buried in the Nobe Cemetery. They had children:
  - ld. Alfred Harley Wilson m. Lydia Selman
  - 2d. Eula May Wilson b. 3 Apr. 1910, d. 1 Aug. 1928
  - 3d. Ona Gay Wilson b. 24 Oct. 1908, d. 7 June 1909
  - 4d. Soney Wilson m. Elenor Richards
  - 5d. Nilahama Grace Wilson m. Busch
- E. Emory V. Wilson b. April 1880 at Big Springs, WV. d. 26 April 1899 of tuberculosis, age 19.

Buried in the Nobe Cemetery.

- F. Minnie Wilson b. 1888 at Big Springs, WV. m. Sylvester Richards. She died 1906 of tuberculosis and is buried in the Nobe Cemetery. They had a daughter:
  - lf. Dessie Richards m. Oakie McGee.