

Wilson Facts from Grace A. Wilson

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Original home was Chester, PA, outside of Philadelphia. John Wilson Jr. was a cabinet maker and shoe architect and received from the US Gov't early 1800 a tract of land north side of road—extending about two miles—east end was sold to a settler from Connecticut. John Wilson Jr. had two sons, Robert Wilson, a bachelor teacher in area schools, and James Nesbitt Wilson. John Wilson Jr. had daughters--Jane, Elizabeth and Rachel (oldest daughter) and a wife from Pennsylvania, Mary Jane Nesbitt. They came to Ohio in a covered wagon—two kettles are yet about. Their gold was safely carried under beans for future meals. One kettle is I think at Carl's and the other at the Bevier Place.

Rachel Wilson Bruce

Jane Wilson Cole

Elizabeth Wilson Winters

A log house was built—still stood in early 1900—(but front, was a frame dwelling).

James N. Wilson Oct 1829 married Nancy Cummins—daughter of William (Billy) Cummins and Jane Cahill Cummins. Jane Cummins died perhaps a year after Nancy's marriage to James Wilson—leaving 5 children—beside little Nancy who died at same time—is buried beside her mother. The marriage was about 1853—Nancy's death 1863. James N. had gone to HS in this village of Plymouth—a serious student—his children knew his HS books. The house where he boarded still stands on Franklin St in this town. Children of James Nesbitt Wilson (1829-1899) and Nancy Cahill Cummins (1833-1863):

Serena Annetta 1854-1910 (married William Lamyr) Hanna

Franklin Chalmers 1856-1928 (married Josephine Wilhelmine Weller)

Robert Albert 1857-1941 (married Rena Jane White)

Mary Jane (Bevier) 1858-1928 (married Roeleff Caleb Bevier)

Loretta Matilda (K) 1861-1927 (married John Kenestruck)

Nancy 1863 Sept died in infancy

M. for step-grandmother (James married Mary Ann Huston in 1865)

Robert Albert Wilson married Irene White and moved to Kansas. Their son Guy Maurice died there. Robert A. Wilson returned to Shelby, then to Elyria. He was a builder and had John Wilson's skill with tools. Robert Wilson (died 1941) son of James N. wrote and has a book in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and also in Oberlin College Library.

Robert Wilson (brother of James)—a teacher—took care of an elderly Revolutionary soldier in illness and inherited the property where Grandfather's house (*James N. Wilson is Grandfather*) was built about 1860. (Formerly a log house stood there. The soldier received his land from the government—(Frank C. Wilson's house was built east of this V-tract.) The Wilson's were Scotch but originally came there from Denmark. The soldier is buried in Hanna Cemetery as also is Robert Wilson—brother of our Grandfather (*James N. Wilson*).

David Cummins, father of Billy Cummins and grandfather of Nancy, was given a tract of land now occupied by Tiro Village. He came from Auburn, New York. He built a log house, later replaced and the Beviers lived there. After July, 1966, it goes out of the family except a tract reserved by Mrs. Wm Bevier (Esta) who is about to build her new house. The home where Nancy C. Wilson grew up is still lived in, a well preserved, large house, perhaps 2 family now. It is East from her grandfather's Cummins home.

Trimble Rd in Mansfield, Ohio, was named by Capt. Abram Cummins years ago for his Grandmother. David Cummins wife was a Miss Trimble.

Nancy's younger sisters were Eliza, Mary, and Rebecca. You have maybe heard of Eliza C. Hill. Mary who died from care of soldier George after War about 1866 or so and Rebecca who moved to California (Los Angeles) after her marriage to a Mr. Weh. She lived to about 1909 I think.

James N. Wilson was a serious church member and opened his home as a place for pastors to stay when keeping in touch with their rural members—away from the Plymouth Village Church. There was a local church, named for Bishop McKendree. Here Grandpa regularly brought Carl, James, and Lloyd in neat little suits to church and Sunday school. He took them to Plymouth for shoes and suits. James N. Wilson carefully kept his high school books (fine print, they were) and applied the Physiology lessons in lectures to his children—strong on baths and clean food, believed in oranges early. He was a faithful reader of Plain Dealer up to the end and also a Christian Advocate.

PS. Original church Wilson's was Scotch Presbyterian.