

Wilson Family History



The Ancestors and Descendants of

John Wilson

of Tattenhall, England and
Lincolville, Maine,
&
Allied Families

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PREFACE

This book is a compilation of information accumulated over approximately 35 years and, although I have endeavored mightily to eliminate errors and formatting inconsistencies, I am certain that a number have crept through anyway, for which I apologize. The reader should feel free to mark in corrections as they are found. Furthermore, I hope that each reader/owner of this book will use it as an opportunity to write into it, by hand, any records they may have of additional generations in their own family line, and, of course, new births, deaths and marriages as they occur.

The arrangement of the data gives emphasis, of course, to the Wilson families—with separate chapters on the origin of the **Wilson** name, on **John Willson** (our earliest known ancestor), **John Wilson** (our immigrant ancestor), his sons, including **William Faulkner Wilson**, and William Faulkner Wilson's son **John Ulmer Wilson**, and grandson **John Edgar Wilson**. I have also traced some of John Willson's descendant families who remained in England, down to a few of our distant British cousins who are alive today. The other chapters trace the ancestries of women who married into the Wilson line at some point. These include **Rebecca Faulkner** (who married John Willson), Rebecca's grandmother **Rebekah Pembleton**, **Mary Ulmer** (wife of John Wilson), Mary's mother **Mary Tanner**, **Sarah Mahoney** (wife of William Faulkner Wilson), **Melissa Jackson** (wife of John Ulmer Wilson), Melissa's mother **Eada Simmons**, Melissa's grandmother **Catherine Baker**, Melissa's great grandmother **Jane Sally**, and John Edgar Wilson's wife **Eugenia Weinbrenner**.

At the end of the book are individual family tables for 91 of the families discussed, showing all known children of that couple and indicating how each family chart connects with the others. (I have also provided some charts for the families of Lee and Musgrove cousins.) And there are tables of transcriptions from the two Wilson Family Bibles in my possession, as well as a table listing land transactions in Maine which involved the early Wilsons.

This book includes a *start* at documenting a complete descendency of John Wilson and Mary Ulmer, but a great deal remains to be done. I hope that others will eventually enjoy picking up this challenge as well [and that they will share their results with me!]. I myself am a descendant of John Wilson and Mary Ulmer through their son, **William Faulkner Wilson**. However, I am pleased to say that, as of this writing, I have managed to make contact with living descendants in the lines of six other children of John Wilson and Mary Ulmer, as follows: Ann Wilson Stark [in the line of **George Ulmer Wilson**], JoAn Wilson Stayton and Shirley-Fisher McKay [in separate lines descended from **John Sheen Wilson**], Paul Beale Taylor [in the line of **Lucy Jane Wilson**], Ralph A. Fish and Louise Chandler Bishop [in the line of **Susannah Ulmer Wilson**], Jan Duttweiler [in the line of **Mary Rebecca Wilson**] and Dorothy Hanna [whose husband is in the line of **Sarah Augusta Wilson**], all of whom have an interest in genealogy and family history, and have been of substantial help in documenting their respective branches. Of the other children of John Wilson and Mary Ulmer, two died

childless [**Henry Neild Wilson** and **Maria Antoinette Wilson**] and the lines of the other two [**Capt. Richard Henry Wilson** and **Lucetta Ann Wilson**] have completely died out. Therefore, representatives of all surviving Wilson branches in America are now once again in contact with each other, for the first time since 1870. Furthermore, as a result of the recent contacts with cousins in England (**Muriel Sharp** and **Rodney Lowth**) who are descended from John Wilson's brother William, family members on *both* sides of the Atlantic are now in communication again, perhaps for the first time since 1838.

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