

THE WILSON LINE

The origination of the Wilson line is well documented in a pamphlet entitled "From Limerick, Ireland, to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1791," taken from manuscript in the handwriting of James Wilson, b. 12 March, 1760 in Limerick, Ireland; d. 14 September, 1839 in Providence, Rhode Island. In the document, James tells that his namesake grandfather, James, was the youngest son in a family in which the older sons inherited the land. He therefore migrated to Cloughjordan, Ireland, married and had a son, John Wilson, who married the daughter of Phillip Guier, a native of Germany, born in 1705, who arrived in Ireland with his parents in 1710 in order to escape the ravages and desolations of the Thirty Years War.

According to James, it was a long time desire of his father to send James to his uncle William in Baltimore, Maryland. For years it was impracticable, but finally on 9 February, 1791, he and his wife Mary Hearst and family set sail from Dublin, Ireland in the ship "Tristram" of Providence, Captain John Warner. After a difficult and arduous journey of an incredible 101 days, the "Tristram" landed at Newport on 21 May, 1791.

1 JAMES WILSON (1 was born about 1760 in Limerick, Ireland, son of John Wilson and Guier. He came to America with his wife and family aboard the ship "Tristram" in 1791, landing at Newport, R.I. James Wilson was described in a land purchase in 1818 as "Clergyman, alias Gentleman, alias Yeoman." In the book "Paddy Wilson's Meeting House" by Arthur E. Wilson, published by the Pilgrim Press, Boston in 1950, James was much more. Upon arrival in Providence, James became Assistant Pastor to the aging Father Snow, pastor of the Second Congregational Church. When Father Snow became less and less zealous about his religious duties, James, who was struck with the spirit of the great John Wesley, with whom he worked and traveled in Ireland, took over the pastoral duties of the church, which was renamed Beneficient Church. Through James Wilson's efforts and eloquent personality, a new building was soon needed to house the growing congregation. On New Year's Day, 1810, the new building, which became known as "Old Round Top" was dedicated. James Wilson, affectionately known as "Paddy" remained pastor of the church until his death in 14 Sep. 1839. Married in Ireland to Mary Hearst, b. _; d. 1832 in Rhode Island, with whom he had 11 children:

2. unnamed child, d. Ireland
3. James (2) Wilson, b. 1788; d. 6 Sep. 1798
4. two females, d. 1800
5. daughter, mar. Jesse Fillmore, son of Meth.minister
6. daughter, mar. Joseph Bowler
7. William (2) Wilson
8. Thomas (2) Wilson
9. Caroline (2) Wilson, mar. William H. Simmonds
10. Rebecca (2) Wilson, mar. Nicholas B. Gadding

+11. James (2) Wilson, Jr.

11. James (2) Wilson, Jr., b. about 1808 in Rhode Island, son of James "Paddy" Wilson and Mary Hearst. On 18 Apr. 1827, mar. Lucy L. Braid of Pawtucket, d. 3/30/1885 at 616 S. Fifth Street, Camden, N.J., dau. of John B. Braid and Miriam _____ with whom he had three children:

+12. Henry Braid (3) Wilson, b.7 June 1828

+13. George E. (3) Wilson, b.10 Feb 1835

14. James P. (3) Wilson

12. Henry Braid (3) Wilson, b. 7 June 1828 in Providence, R.I.; d. 22 Aug. 1898 while residing at 345 Mt. Vernon Street, Camden, N.J., son of James Wilson, Jr. and Lucy L. Braid. Mr. Wilson spent his adult life as a resident of Camden County, having moved from Providence in 1849. After working several years for the Gloucester Manufacturing Company, located at Mercer Street above Burlington, Gloucester, N.J., he moved to Camden and opened a coal office and hardware store at 1135 S. Front Street. Mr. Wilson was one of a small group of men who, in 1856, organized the Republican political party in the Camden area. He was postmaster of Camden under the Hayes administration, served in the New Jersey Assembly in 1875, City Council member for several years, as well as member of the Board of Education. Mr. Wilson was a personal friend and follower of George M. Robeson, Secretary of the Navy under President U.S. Grant. He was a model citizen, believed in good government and took an active role in bringing it about. As president of the Camden Fire Insurance Association, he was a careful and conservative manager, honest in his business dealings. His reputation was such that his advice was often sought. He was an organizer of the Camden National Bank. On 2 Nov. 1854 in Gloucester, N.J., he mar. Mary Ann Wilson, b. 19 Feb. 1832 in Wilmington, Del.; d. 9 Nov. 1924 in her home of 53 years at 4th & Mt. Vernon Streets in Camden, N.J., bur. Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, N.J., dau. of John Wilmer Wilson and Elizabeth Ivins, by whom he had seven children, six of whom are mentioned here:

+15. Henry Braid (4) Wilson, Jr. (Admiral) b. 25 Feb. 1861, d. 30 Jan 1954.

+16. Philip (4) Wilson, b. 19 Apr 1869 in Camden, NJ and in 1935 was employed as a teller Camden National Bank.

+17. Mary Ann (4) Wilson, b. 1872

18. Lucy Braid (4) Wilson, b. about 1857, d. 2/21/1861

+19. James Bryant (4) Wilson, mar. 4/26/1892 Estelle Schooley

+20. Elizabeth Wilmer (Lizzie) (4) Wilson, b. 1863, d. 7/3/1922

13. George E. Wilson was born in Woonsocket, R.I. 10 Feb. 1835. He spend his boyhood in Providence, attending public schools there. He later went to a Friends' school in Philadelphia. He started his business career as a clerk for the Washington Manufacturing Company in Gloucester, N.J., moving on to the ice business in the same city. When the Civil War started, Mr. Wilson joined Captain John P. Van Leer's company on April 21, 1861 as 1st lieutenant of Company H of the Fourth New Jersey Militia. This regiment was the first fully equipped brigade to arrive in Washington, D.C., and was present, although not actively engaged in the battle of Bull Run. At the expiration of the term of service, Mr. Wilson immediately reenlisted with

Captain Van Leer, in Company D of the Sixth New Jersey Regiment and was mustered in as captain of the company, upon the promotion of Van Leer to Major. The Sixth Regiment formed a part of the Second New Jersey Brigade, and in 1862, under General McClellan, took part in the Peninsular Campaign. Captain Wilson commanded his company at the siege of Yorktown, and Williamsburg, where on May 5, 1862, he was severely wounded and fell into the hands of the enemy for a short period of time. After his wounds had healed, in August, 1862, he rejoined his regiment and again took charge of his company. In 1863, Captain Wilson took part in the battles of Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. In July of that year he was detached from his regiment to take charge of the camp of drafted men at Trenton, and remained in that position until the expiration of his term of three years' service, in 1864.

After the war, Captain Wilson was president of the Wilson Coal & Ice Co., successfully maintaining four locations, one at Second and Chestnut Streets and one at Tenth and Spruce Streets, and two in Atlantic City, N.J. He was a member of the Thomas K. Lee Post, G.A.R.; 32nd degree Mason with Lodge #94, Siloam Chapter, #19, Cyrene Commandery of Camden; and was Grand Commander of Knights Templar of West Jersey for 1880 and 1881. On 12 Oct. 1865, in a ceremony performed by Rev. C. Wood, Captain Wilson married Matilda M. Mulford, dau. of William C. Mulford of Gloucester. She died in 1869, leaving two children:

21. Emilie D.(4) Wilson

+ 22. George Edward(4) Wilson, mar 19 Nov. 1872 Maria W. Jackson

15. Henry Braid (4) Wilson, Jr. b. 25 Feb. 1861 in Camden, N.J.; d. 30 Jan 1954 while residing at 35 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N.Y., bur. at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., son of Henry Braid Wilson and Mary Ann Wilson. Admiral Henry B. Wilson was the nation's oldest admiral when he died at St. Vincent's Hospital in New York. His death brought to an end an illustrious career with the United States Navy, which began as a midshipman at the age of 15 at the Naval Academy. Graduating from the Academy in 1881, Admiral Wilson served as an officer on the *Saratoga*, a sailing ship used to train enlisted men. He served on the *Bancroft* during the Spanish American War and was in command of the *Pennsylvania* when World War I broke out. As commander of American forces in French waters at the close of World War I, Adm. Wilson took responsibility for the "false armistice of Nov. 7, 1918, which set the United States and many other parts of the world to celebrating a peace which did not exist. Stationed at Brest, the Admiral received from Paris what appeared to be official and authoritative information that an armistice had been signed. He furnished this information to Roy Howard, then president of the United Press International, which flashed the report to the world. He was honored by President Woodrow Wilson by being placed in command of the convoy fleet for the steamer *George Washington* on the President's return from the peace conference at Paris. While stationed in France, the people came to know and love Admiral Wilson. Upon his departure he was presented with a handsome oil painting of himself, the work of a French master. He also received a bronze bust of himself and the school children presented him with a magnificent brass vase. At this time he was placed in command of the American dreadnaught fleet and the battleship *New Mexico* was designated as his flagship. After a post war tour on duty as commander-in-chief of the Atlantic Fleet, he was appointed superintendent of the Naval Academy in 1921, a post from which he retired in 1925. In 1919, enlisted men aboard the *Pennsylvania* formed a V.F.W. post named after Admiral Wilson, the only post to bear the name

of a living man. During his nearly 50 years of service, Admiral Wilson tirelessly preached honor and integrity to his sailors and rigorously practiced what he preached. His interest in the welfare of the enlisted man became a well-known characteristic of the Admiral. He was highly decorated; some would say his middle name was prophetic, for he was to wear just about every piece of braid known to Navy tailors. Although Camden considered Admiral Wilson their native son, he made New York City his home after he retired. On 5 Dec 1894, while a Lieutenant in the United States Navy, he mar. Mary Ada Chapman, dau of _____, at the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostle, Philadelphia, Pa., Rev. Dr. Charles D. Cooper officiating, by whom he had two children:

- 25. Ruth (5) Wilson, mar. Patrick Hurley
- 26. Henry B. (5) Wilson, Jr.

16. Philip (4) Wilson, b 19 Apr 1869 in Camden, NJ, d _____, son of Henry Braid Wilson and Mary Ann Wilson. Ca. 1902, mar. Emma Foulon, b. _____, d. 28 Jun 1933, dau. of Charles & Anne Foulon (C. Foulon & Co. Confectionary, 524 Federal Street, Camden, NJ. Mrs. Emma Wilson is buried at the mausoleum in Harleigh Cemetery, Camden, NJ. In 1938, Mr. Wilson married (2nd) Hilda Donnell Carrow, b. 15 Aug 1896, d. 26 November 1986, _dau. of George and Emily (Hess) Donnell. From 1890 to 1910, Mr. Wilson was bookkeeper, clerk, and paying teller with Camden National Bank. In 1910, he was president of Delaware River Discharging Co., a position he held until the 1930s. In the 1920s, Mr. Wilson was President of Central Trust Co and Vice President of Camden Safe Deposit & Trust Co. In 1943 he was treasurer of Phoenix Building & Loan Association in Camden, NJ. Mr. Wilson resided in Camden until 1922, when he moved to 230 W. Summit Avenue, Haddonfield, NJ. At the time of his death on _____, he lived at 310 Warwick Road, Haddonfield, NJ.

17. Mary Ann (4) Wilson, b.19 Feb. 1872 in Wilmington, Del.; d. 1904, buried at Evergreen Cemetery, Camden, N.J., dau of Henry Braid Wilson and Mary Ann Wilson. On 23 Oct. 1895 at St. John's P.E. Church, Camden, N.J., mar. Dr. Rowland Ivins Haines, b. 1867; d.1933, son of Empson Knox Haines, Jr. and Elizabeth R. Ivins; marriage ceremony performed by the rector of the church, Rev. Gilbert R. Underhill. There were three children born of the marriage:

- 27 Mary Wilson (5) Haines, b. 1897, d. 25 Aug 1969
- 28.Elizabeth Wilmer (5) Haines, b.19 Oct 1899, d. 2 Nov 1969
- 29. Rowland Ivins(5) Haines, Jr. b. 29 Jul 1901, d. 8 Feb 1969

19. James Bryant (4) Wilson, b. Ca. 1870, d._____, son of Henry Braid Wilson and Mary Ann Wilson. On 26 April, 1892, Mr. Wilson took as his bride, Estelle (Esther) H. Schooley, dau. of John F. Schooley of 611 Clinton Street, Camden, N.J. The noon candlelit ceremony was held at St. John's P.E. Church, Broadway & Royden Streets, Camden, N.J. The flower laden church was filled to capacity as this estimable young couple took their vows before the Rev. Gilbert R. Underhill, rector of the church, who was assisted by Rev. John Hardenbrook Townsend, former rector and brother-in law to the groom. Miss Mary Wilson was Maid of Honor. Miss Schooley was organist at St. John's for five years. Mr. Wilson was head of the Junior Branch of the Iron Cross in the church and Cross Bearer of the large surpliced choir.

20. Elizabeth Wilmer (Lizzie) (4) Wilson, b. 1863, dau. of Henry Braid (3) Wilson and Mary Ann Wilson. On , mar. Rev. John Hardenbrook Townsend, b. _____ d. . Rev. Hardenbrook assisted Rev. Gilbert R. Underhill in the marriage ceremony of her brother, James Bryant Wilson, who married Esthelle Schooley on 4/26/1892 at St. John's P.E. Church, Camden, N.J. Elizabeth Townsend died 3 Jul 1922 and is buried Evergreen cemetery, Camden, N.J.

22. George Edward (4) Wilson, son of Capt. George E. Wilson and Matilda M. Mulford. On 19 Nov. 1872, mar. Maria W. Jackson, dau. of Ephraim S. Jackson, Providence, RI, with whom he had two children:

23. Benjamin J. (5) Wilson

24. Rachael Graham (5) Wilson

28. Elizabeth Wilmer (5) Haines, b. 19 Oct. 1899 in Camden, N.J.; d. 2 Nov. 1969, cremated and ashes spread at City of Estell Manor, N.J., dau of Dr. Rowland Ivins Haines and Mary Ann Wilson. On 10 Jun 1922, at St. John's Episcopal Church, Camden, N.J., mar. Frank Budd Hinline, b. 21 Jul 1897 in Camden, N.J.; d. 4 Feb. 1962 in Naples, FL., with whom she had three children:

30. Frank Budd (6) Hinline, Jr. b. 23 May 1923, d. 12 Jan 2009.

+ 31. Richard Haines (6) Hinline, b. 31 Jul 1924, d. 24 Dec 2006.

32. Judith (6) Hinline, b. 1 Feb. 1930, d. 10 Aug 2007.

31. Richard Haines (6) Hinline, b. 31 Jul 1924 in Camden, N.J., in 2006 was living at 120 Gill Road, Haddonfield, N.J. 08033, son of Frank Budd Hinline and Elizabeth Wilmer Haines. On 1 Nov. 1947 at Springfield, Mass., mar. Esther Pearl Minot, dau of David Joseph Minot and Esther Mae Minot, by whom he had three children:

33. Richard Haines (7) Hinline, Jr. b. 12 Nov 1949.

34. David Minot (7) Hinline b. 2 Oct. 1952.

35. Susan Everitt (7) Hinline b. 16 Jun 1957.

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