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----- DESCENDENTS OF WILLIAM WILCOXSON-----

A brief condensation of the Wilcoxson's from England or Wales: This was prepared and filed in the Berkshire Family History in Pittsfield, Massachusetts by Thomas Wilcox of Los Angeles, California in 1936.

Very little information concerning the English antecedents of William Wilcoxson or of the Wilcox family in general is to be found on this side of the Atlantic. Whether records are still extant in England from which his lineage could be definitely traced, the compiler of this report does not know.

Biographical sketches of various individuals of our name have made the statement that "the Wilcox family is of Saxon derivation and was seated at Bury St. Edmunds, County Suffolk, England, before the Norman conquest." In these sketches the assertion is reiterated again and again that "Sir John Dugdale, in his visitation of the county of Norfolk, mentioned fifteen generations of Wilcoxes, previous to 1600".

All of the above, and the following is copied from Thomas Wilcox's report to the Berkshire Family History:

Thomas had never had access to a library that included the Dugdale book. The Library of Congress fails to make mention of Sir John Dugdale. There was a seventeenth century historian and genealogist by the name of Sir William Dugdale (1605-1686) who was identified with the compilation of various visitations of English counties. However, the aforementioned index does not credit him with such a work as a Visitation of Norfolk. The Library of Congress does have copies of several visitations of Norfolk and Suffolk by Edward Bysshe and William Harvey. In these the Wilcox name appears only in an incidental way while the name Wilcoxson is not mentioned at all. Nor are those names mentioned very frequently in other works devoted to the genealogy and history of that section of England.

See: Hotten's "Original Lists of persons emigrating to America prior to 1700" Here we find that William Wilcoxson, age 34, together with his wife, Margaret, age 24 and their infant son, John, age 2, sailed from London on the ship, Planter, April 5, 1635. The list of passengers on the Planter, included the families of John Tuthill, Thomas Olney, George Giddings and William Beardsley, as well as several single persons, including Richard and Charles Harvey, William Gelloe(Fellows), Thomas Savage, Michael Willinson, Francos Peabody, Francis Baker, Thomas Greene, and a few others. Some of these became ancestors of families nearly as numerous and widespread in America as Wilcox.

At that particular time (in the reign of Charles 1st), Archbishop Laud, Primate of England, was actively engaged in persecuting people of independent religious conviction and it was then almost as difficult for an Englishman to leave England as it is for a Russian to leave Russia at this time. The emigrant was required to submit certain guaranties of character and intention before he was permitted to embark. These included a certificate from some minister of the orthodox church and an "attestation from the Justices of Peace". The entire group of passengers sailing on the PLANTER were vouched for in a blanket certificate of character by the minister of St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, England. Some have jumped to the conclusion that William Wilcoxson and his fellow passengers were natives of residents of Hertfordshire and that they had been members of the church of St. Albans. An examination of all material available on this side of the ocean leads to the conviction that we must look elsewhere in Britain for our ancient home. Neither the Wilcoxson nor the Wilcox name is to be found in the published version of the parish register of St. Alban's Abbey for the period of 1558 to 1689, nor in Phillimore's Hertfordshire Parish Register. Nor, with one exception to be mentioned later, do local histories of that region refer to the Wilcoxson family at all. They do make a few allusions to the Wilcox name and the references to some of will be cited below:

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Cussan's "History of Hertfordshire" and "Visitations of Hertfordshire", 1634 both mention a John Wilcocks, esq. of Hitchin (d. March 2, 1636) who was a son of William Wilcocks and Elizabeth his wife, and a brother of the Martha Wilcocks who married Sir Edward Radcliffe, (physician to King James 1st) and became the ancestress of an illustrious English family. The arms of this Wilcox family were "azure: on a saltire ermine; a lion rampant gules". Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica", Vol V, Fifth series, pgs 177 and 273 makes considerable mention of this family and its estate at New Romney. This John Wilcocks lived at the right time and place to have been William Wilcoxson's father, supposing the latter to have been born in Hertfordshire. However, the distinct difference in name seems to inveigh against this conclusion. If William Wilcoxson was a son of John Wilcocks of Hertfordshire, why did he find it expedient to add the "son" to his name. (The writer's comment here: from all reading and checking, the "son" to the old country's names, meant "son of". ) (N.: J. Wells)

"Hertfordshire Families", a very comprehensive compilation embracing the period from about 1650 to 1750, mentions only one of the Wilcox name: i.e. Robert Willcock who was a freeholder at Therveld, Osney Hundred, Hertfordshire, circa 1700, long subsequent to the emigration of our ancestor..

"Herts Genealogist" mentions several Wilcoxes who lived in the Hundred of Cashio, Hertfordshire in the latter half of the 16th century.

Vol. 25, the Index Library, "Index of Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, 1584-1604", mentions F Johan Willcocks, widow, St. Martyns, City of Hertford, d. 1601.

Though the Hertfordshire investigations seem to cast doubt on the theory that William Wilcoxson, or indeed, many of the name Wilcox -- ever lived there, research in the early history of other regions in Britain has revealed the location of several old Wilcox and Wilcoxson homes, and other information that could be of value as a groundwork for further research. A short bibliography of English sources of the Wilcox name will now be given as briefly as possible.

"Visitation of Shropshire", 1623, Wm. Camden, (see also Harleian Society, Vol 29) gives a Wilcocks lineage of six generations. This family lived at Broseley, Shropshire. The name of the first ancestor was "Wilkinson of Derral in Chester". There were individuals of three successive generations who dubbed themselves, "William Wilcocks alias Wilkinson". The most famous Christian names in this family were William, Richard, Thomas, Stephen, Elizabeth, and Joane. Vital statistics for many individuals of this family are given in the "Parish Registers of Broseley". The name disappears in this locality subsequent to 1636, indicating that family had either emigrated or become extinct by that date. The arms of this family were: "Argent, a fesse between three cock's heads, erased sable.

The same "Visitation of Shropshire" also mentions three generations of a Wilcocks family of Pontesbury, Shropshire, in which Thomas, Richard, William and Hugh were the most common Christian names.

William Camden's "Visitation of Leicestershire" gives the pedigree of a Wilcocks family who were seated in Knossington in Leicestershire, England, for six generations prior to 1623. The most common names were William, Robert, Thomas and Roger. This family is also given considerable mention in Nichol's History of Leicestershire. The first ancestor of this line styled himself "William Wilcocks of Knossington alias Hopkins". He married Margery, granddaughter and heiress of Sir Robtys de Nowers, proprietor of Knossington, to whom Nichols refers to as "otherwise Wilcocks of Knossington". Nichols' description of this pedigree is ambiguous and obscure, as it leaves one in doubt as to the original paternam name was Nowers, Wilcocks, or Hopkins. Arms were "A chief chequy, Or and Gules". "A demi-eagle displayed argent ducally gorged Or".

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"Visitation of the County of Rutland" gives the pedigree of a Wilcox family who lived at Ashwell, Rutland County, for four generations prior to 1618. Most frequent names in this family were Robert, William, John, Gilbert, Charles, Elizabeth and Mary. No arms shown.

Harleian Soc. Vol. 13, gives a short pedigree of a Wilcocks family, originally of Shropshire or Salop, who lived in Essex for three generations prior to 1634. The most frequent names in this family were Richard, Thomas, Nathaniel, George, Joane, Mary, Sarah and Dorcas. Arms were: "Argent, a lion rampant between three crescents sable. Crest: "a demi lion rampant sable, collared vair, issuing from a mural coronet".

"Visitation of Warwickshire" gives a six-generation pedigree of a Wilcox family of that county. This family were descended from Robert Wilcox of Brandon, Warwickshire. Most frequent names were Robert, John, Thomas, and Richard. Voluminous vital statistics for this family may be found in "The Genealogist" Vol. 6.

Thomas Wilcox was the name of a famous non-conformist divine of the sixteenth century. He was the author of "Puritan Manifestoes" which gave form and direction to the great Puritan reformation which developed in England in the succeeding century. The name Thomas is common in every branch of the family and we now have no clue as to which branch he belonged. Life period 1549-1608. It is known that he left children. Not to be confused with another Puritan minister of identical name who lived between 1622 and 1687 who was the author of a religious tract entitled: "A chance drop of honey from the Rock, Christ."

Noteworthy, because their occupation had a certain analogy of interest with that of our own ancestor, are two individuals who lived in early seventeenth century London. One was John Wilcocks of St. Botolph, Aldersgate, London who was a haberdasher. He married Katherine Flanders May 5, 1619. The other was Robert Wilcocks, another London haberdasher, who died May 4, 1634.

Some other English sources which contain references to various Wilcoxes who lived prior to 1635 are shown below:

Gloucestershire Parish Register -- Phillimore Harleian Soc. Vols. 15, 23, 25, 26, 27, and 28. Bysshe's Visitation of Norfolk. Shropshire Parish Registers, Hereford, Vols. 1, 6, 11, 12, 17, 18. Visitation of Surrey, 1662

Vol. 25, the Index Library, index of wills proved 1584-1604 mentions fifteen Wilcoxes whose wills were probated during the period. Of these, three lived in Hereford, (not Hertford), seven lived in London, one in Frandon, Warwick, one in Salop, one in Hertford, one in Wilts and one in Bedminster.

All of the above have to do with individuals bearing the name in the two-syllable form. The name in the three syllable form --- Wilcoxson, Wilcockson, Wilcoxon, etc., was comparatively rare in Britain of that period and most references to it are confined in the locality to the County of Chester in western England.

See original for Staffordshire Pedigrees:

The parish church register of Frosham, Chester, mentions, among others of the name John Wilcockson who married Joane Grumsdich, 2/17/1596. Unfortunately this source does not show birth records so that we cannot now be certain that this couple had a son William born sometime during the year 1601. Considering the comparative rarity of the name in the three-syllable form, and the fact that John Wilcockson's wife was called Joane (A name with various spellings, given to several of William Wilcoxson's female descendants) it is entirely possible that this couple were William Wilcoxson's parents. If true, William must have gone to London at an early age and learned the trade of "lynen weaver" (as shown on his embarkation certificate.). Eventually, deciding to go to America, he joined the group who

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WERE BLANKETED UNDER ONE CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER BY THE OBLIGING MINISTER of St. Albans.

Against this there is the possibility, of course, that the Wilcoxson family did not live in Hertfordshire for two or three generations prior to 1635, for we have four one allusion to the name there in the sixteenth century. This occurs in Clutterbuck's "History of the County of Hertford" Vol. 3, which mentions a Richard Wylcockson who was Vicar of Ware, Hundred of Braughing, from 1534 until his death in 1542.

It seems preferable to leave the matter of William Wilcoxson's English lineage open. It is entirely possible that further research in England itself would solve the mystery of his origin and reveal the family name of his wife, Margaret \_\_\_\_\_. The above general references have been listed not because we believe that all of the families or individuals involved were immediately connected with our own immigrant ancestor, but for the aid they may offer any of our name who may be interested in English origins. There are several compilers of dictionaries of surnames, who have come up with several ideas of the source of this name -- which may be true as the name appears in various families and different localities with no paternal connection with each other. (See original for some of these ideas).

In our investigation the earliest allusion that we have found to the name is in connection with a certain Will Cock or Will Cockt who lived in Montgomeryshire, Wales; in the 13th century. This individual was of the ancient line of Welsh kings, being the fourth son of Griffith Gwenwynwyn, Prince of Powys and Prince of Wales. He was known variously as Madoc Goch (researcher's notation -- this indicates Irish Derivation as per "The History of the Irish Race by Seumas MacManus") William ap Griffith, Willcocks, William Poole, William de la Pole, Lord of Mowddwy, et The designation, Will Coch, later written Willcocks, was purely a nickname. Coch, in Welsh, signifies red and the name was doubtless an allusion to the bearer's personal appearance. Thus the name -- Will, the Red.

The reader must refer to Welsh history for an account of the illustrious family which this Willcocks was a member and how it was despoiled and deprived of its former royal prerogatives by the encroaching Norman princes. Gwenwynwyn was the last native Welsh prince to bear the title "Prince of Wales" the title then appended to the British crown. By a series of personal intrigues and armed encroachments on the part of the British crown this erstwhile princely family was divested of lands and titles and submerged in the yeomanry of England. From records existing on this side of the Atlantic, it has been impossible to link William Wilcoxson in direct father-to-son descent. It might be possible to accomplish this if the records are still extant in England. It may be mentioned now that English authorities are at variance as to whether, Willcocks, Lor of Mowddwy, left descendants in the male line. One source mentions his only heir and son "John". Another mentions Griffith as a son, while Burke's "Encyclopedia of Heraldry" asserts that he left no descendants in the male line.

During the period of this individual's life (circa 1250 to 1315) family surnames were not yet well established in Wales. According to ancient tribal custom, a man of one generation might be called Griffith; his son might be called Owen or Owen ap Griffith; the son of the latter, in his turn, might be called William or William ap Owen ap Griffith. (for more see original) It should be pointed out that the arms borne by certain branches of our family (notably those which have the lion rampant on the shield or the lion's gamb as a crest) bear striking similarities to those of the Wales Willcocks. Moreover, the fact that the earliest appearance of the name was in Wales, and that for centuries it was more prevalent in West England than in East England, is additional evidence that we are not of "Saxon origin" but derived anciently from Wales.



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### THE WILCOX FAMILY IN AMERICA

In order to be better qualified to distinguish the various branches of the Wilcox Family in America, let us make some mention of other Wilcox immigrants of colonial times:

All Wilcoxes of early New England ancestry derive, so far as we are now aware, from three immigrants, namely:

William Wilcoxson, who settled at Stratford, Connecticut.

John Wilcox who settled at Hartford, Conn.

Edward Wilcox, who settled at Aquidneck, R.I.

The descendants of these three immigrants are now well distributed throughout the northern and western United States and are often difficult to distinguish.

HARTFORD BRANCH: See "MIDDLETOWN UPPER HOUSES" Connecticut History. speculation concerning the origin of this family and probably relationship of John Wilcox to William Wilcox of Cambridge, Mass. may be found in "Whitmore Tracts," 1875.

RHODE ISLAND BRANCH: earliest generations enumerated in "Wilcox-Brown-Medberry Genealogy" published by William Alonzo Wilcox in 1902. Additional material in Cutter's "Central New York", Vol. 3 1/2 page 1435.

If ones earliest known Wilcox ancestor lived in Hartford, Middletown, Berlin, Chatham, Portland or nearby Connecticut localities, then it is most probable that he was a member of the John Wilcox family.

If ones earliest known Wilcox ancestor lived at Portsmouth, Tiverton, or Westerly, Rhode Island, at Dartmouth, Mass., or at New London or Stonington, Conn. then it is probable that he was a member of the Edward Wilcox family.

If ones earliest known ancestor, either with the name Wilcoxson or Wilcox, lived at Stratford, East Guilford (modern Madison), Killingworth (now partly embraced by modern Clinton), Silsbury, Granby and neighboring Connecticut localities, then it is probable that he was a member of the William Wilcoxson family.

The foregoing is not an invariable rule as certain families moved to the Wilcoxson towns and became entangled in the town records with members of this tribe.

In a sketch, "The Wilcox Families" published in "The Narragansett Historical Register" Rev. S. P. Merrill discussed the early Wilcox immigrants and advanced some evidence to support the claim that Edward Wilcox, Aquidneck, 1638 was a son of Captain John Wilcoxson, a wandering colonial trader and owner and master of the ship. "Abigail," Captain John was in Virginia as early as 1620 and there are records of his controversial operations and lawsuits in the "Calendar of Dutch Manuscripts" at Albany. This individual is said to have come to Narragansett with Roger Williams and to have operated a trading post there. He could well have been the father or older brother of Edward though this is not of definite record.

The William Wilcox already mentioned, was made a freeman of Cambridge, Mass. 1636. He married there Mary Powell, Jan 20, 1650 but died 11-28-1653 without issue. No descendants.

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The name of Wilcox figures in the earliest records of Virginia. In the year 1610 one Michael Wilcox, arrived at Jamestown in the ship "Prosperous" and settled in what is now upper Norfolk county. Richard Wilcox, who made an assignment of a patent to 700 acres in that locality, may have been a son of Michael. A Maudlin Wilcox, possibly a near relative of the foregoing, is mentioned as living at Bass's Choice, Va prior to 1643. So far as this compiler is aware, it has never been proven by record whether Michael, Richard, or Maudlin left descendants in America. There have been, from colonial times, a considerable number of persons of our name distributed throughout the South. Not known is these are descendants of the early Virginia immigrants, just named, or of individuals who came to America at later periods.

The National Genealogy Society Quarterly, Vol. 6, pg 44 contains some information concerning a Wilcoxson family of Prince George County, Maryland. These were descendants of a Thomas Wilcoxson who was granted land there in 1696. Family were large slave owners and an estate called "Flower de Hundred" was held by them for several generations.

A Peter wilcox settled at Fellsville(now Westfield) N.J. about 1720 and became the ancestor of a numerous family which, during the first generations, lived in Essex County, New Jersey.

A Joshua Willcocks was, in the middle of the 18th century, an immense land owner on the Peedee River in North Carolina. (See "State Records of North Carolina" Vol 6 pg 533). This Willcocks, described as "a

wealthy merchant of Dublin, Ireland, apparently never settled in this country but held the land for speculative purposes.

A Thomas Wilcox from England settled at Ivy Mills, PA in the early part of the eighteenth century. He left descendants who operated paper mills there for several generations. Modern representatives of this family are scattered through Pa, N.C. and Ga and other southern states. A published book entitled "Ivy Mills" gives an account of this family.

The original compiler of this research, lists a number of authorities consulted in the compilation of the following. Available from your current researcher, Naomi J. Wells.

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### THE FIRST GENERATION IN AMERICA

William Wilcoxson sailed from England, April 5, 1635. The vessel arrived at Boston, May 26th of the same year and in Orcutt's "History of Stratford and Bridgeport", his very first American home was at Concord, Mass. Since he appeared at Stratford, Conn in the year 1639 he could only have lived four years at Concord. Notwithstanding his brief residence there, William Wilcoxson and his immediate descendants seem to have entertained a tender regard for this first home of the family in America. In his will, dated May 29, 1651, he specified "40 pounds to be sent to Concord to be ordered as in a letter Bulkley., already sent. It was understood this was to be applied to educational purposes in Concord. It was from Concord that Samuel, one of William's five sons, chose his wife, and, it was in Concord, also, that John Wilcoxson, Jr., grandson of the immigrant, married and lived for a number of years.

When William Wilcoxson sailed from England his family consisted of:

Himself -- age 34, his wife Margaret aged 24, and son John aged 2. (P) NOWERS  
When they appeared at Stratford in 1639 the family was composed of the father, mother, and three small children. Therefore we know that two children were born at Concord. Vital statistics of that town reveals the fact that they do not begin until the year 1640. Accepting the order given in "History and Genealogy of old Fairfield" as the correct one, they were Joseph and Timothy.

The earliest map of Stratford (as it was in 1639) shows seventeen families living there. This map shows William Wilcoxson's lot in the central part of the "town". On one side of it was the lot of William Beardsley, and on the other side that of John Peat. Across the street lived widow Elizabeth Curtis, Francis Nichols, Thomas Fairchild and Arthur Bostwick. Further down the street lived Richard Harvey, who, with William Beardsley had come over in the PLANTER with William Wilcoxson.

In the years immediately following other families settled in Stratford whose names should be remembered as our first neighbors in America. The names include those of Bach, Hull, Pickett, Groves, Porter, Hayden, Stiles, Judson, Hurd, Wheeler, Wells, Preston, Rice or Royce, Sherman, Sherwood, Nichols, Seabrook, Beers, Titterton, Tomlinson, Brinsmade, Birdseye, Mills, Coe, Blakeman or Blackman, Booth, Hawley, Crooks, Quembly and Ufford or Ufford. Intermarriages between certain of these families and our own during the first generations in America, made them not only neighbors but relatives also.

At the very beginning of its settlement, Stratford was called Pequonnocke after the Indian name of the enviroing region. Its name was first changed to Cupheag Plantation. It was then changed to Stratford.

Speculation as to how or why the first settlers of Stratford came to chose that name for their town. At first it was thought Wm. Beardsley named it for his birthplace, Stratford-on-Avon. However, this theory was cast aside since no record has been found to show that he was born thereof, indeed, any other resident of early Stratford, Conn.

Point for consideration: not proven: In our English Researches we were struck by the fact that a certain noble family of medieval Hertfordshire bore, as the principal feature of its arms, "a lion rampant, gules" In other words, the arms of this family were identical in their principal feature with those of certain Wilcox, Wilcoxson, Pole, Poole, Powys and other old Welsh families which perpetuate the ancient insignia of Bleddyn-ap Cynfyn, King of Powys. The name of the Hertfordshire family was STRATFORD. They held the manor of Meesden for several generations. Which indicates that there may have been some connection between William Wilcoxson of Stratford, Conn. and this Stratford family of Hertfordshire, England -- a connection

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THAT HE SOUGHT TO PERPETUATE IN THE NAME OF HIS NEW WORLD HOME. That William Wilcoxson was a man of importance enough in his little community to have his suggestions for naming it listened to, appears from the fact that his lot was the most strategic point in the town; that he was selected to serve his town as Deputy in the Connecticut Assembly and that he was on intimate terms with such men as Governors Winthrop and Bulkley.

However it came by its name, the site of Stratford, on the western shore of the Housatonic near where that stream empties into Long Island Sound, is to this day one of haunting beauty and charm.

Such was the first permanent home of the Wilcoxson family in America. Here six more children were born to William and Margaret. The entire family comprised nine children; all of whom lived to adulthood, married and had families of their own.

By 1725, we have computed, the strain of William Wilcoxson had, through his numerous daughters, granddaughters, and great-granddaughters, already passed into the bloodstreams of at least seventy early Connecticut families. By the time of the Revolution there were several thousand of his descendants in Connecticut. Obtaining such great distribution at so early a date, it is reasonable to assume that at the present time there is scarcely anyone whose ancestors lived in western Connecticut in colonial times who cannot trace a line of descent from William Wilcoxson. Of all his fellow founders he is, we think, by sheer paternity, best entitled to the designation, FATHER OF CONNECTICUT. The great majority of William Wilcoxson's descendants, it will be understood, are thru females -- daughters and daughter's daughters to the nth generation. Indeed beginning with Deacon Timothy and his seven daughters, we have always been over-blessed with girls and the social function of our earlier generations seems to have been to supply other families with ancestresses.

In the succeeding pages, we shall, in order to demonstrate the wide dispersion of the Wilcoxson strain, follow the female lines to the fourth generation from William Wilcoxson, cataloguing all of his great-grand children so far as we have been able to determine them. Descendants of daughter's children, however, will not be accorded numbers in our work as they properly belong to the family of their own patronymic.



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WILLIAM WILCOXSON ---- Born 1601 and Died 1652  
Margaret ---- Born 1611 and Died

William Wilcoxson died early in the year 1652. This we know from the fact that there is record of inventory of his will on June 16, 1652. Hence, all nine children were left fatherless while under age. John the oldest was but 19, while Phebe, the youngest was but a babe in arms. Thus came the first tragedy to a family that, through generations of pioneer struggle was to suffer more than its due share of untimely deaths, orphaned children and scattered kinsmen.

For the years immediately subsequent to 1652 there is no record to indicate how the widow Wilcoxson and her brood managed to exist in that wild, raw country after the loss of husband and father. However, neighbors were kind to each other in those days. There were few of them but those few were of kindred race and similar religion and all were bound together by a feeling of loneliness and mutual dependence in that vast unpeopled region so far removed from pleasant-memored England. Quite likely the orphaned family were sustained in the years immediately following their father's death by the aid of their pioneer neighbors and the friendly counsel of the good minister, Rev. Adam Blakeman, pastor of the first Stratford church. William Wilcoxson left considerable land and it is probable that with the older boys to work it, the family was able, in current parlance, to "get by".

Just when or where it was that the widow Wilcoxson met William Hayden (an immigrant of 1630) of Windsor we do not know. Maybe the two families had known each other in England or that they became acquainted at Concord. However, "The Records of the Connecticut line of the Hayden family" is to the effect that she married William Hayden sometime in the year 1663. The latter had then removed from Windsor to Homoscoett (Later Kenilworth, Killingworth, and finally Clinton) with his three motherless children and there he was joined by Margaret and the younger Wilcoxson children. John, Joseph, Timothy and Elizabeth were already married. Of these, John and Timothy remained with their families at Stratford. Elizabeth moved with her husband to Windsor, while Joseph, already the father of three children, followed his mother to Killingworth and settled there permanently. Samuel, who married the following year at Windsor, probably did not live long at Killingworth, if at all. The unmarried children who accompanied their mother to Killingworth and threw in their lot with the Haydens were, therefore, Hannah (who in the following year became the bride of her step-brother Daniel Hayden, Sarah, Obadiah and Phebe.

Introduction to:

THE WILCOX, WILLCOX, WILCOXSON HISTORY OF THE  
WOODWARD/WILCOX MARRIAGE OF  
CHARLES CULVERT WOODWARD AND MARTHA ELIZABETH WILCOX  
of 4/14/1872

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Your current researcher -- 1976 thru 1990  
Naomi J. Woodward Wells

Information obtained from:

Memories of grandchildren  
Many and varied Census Records  
Historical Societies  
Different departments of the National Archives  
Eddyville City Clerk's Office  
Putnam County Clerk's Office  
Wilcox Family Bible  
Previous researchers' findings from the  
BERKSHIRE FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION AS  
RECORDED BY THE FAMILIES OF WILCOXSON'S FROM  
THEIR TIME OF ENTRY TO AMERICA AND LATER UPDATED BY  
THOMAS WILCOX  
Who had visited some of the graveyards in 1936  
and who then lived at 1259 Maryland Street. Los Angeles, California

I WILL FIRST WRITE UP THE DIRECT LINEAGE OF OUR SIDE ONLY, AND THEN WILL ADD AS MUCH OF THE TOTAL LINEAGE AS I HAVE. THIS HAS BEEN SEVERAL YEARS IN SEARCHING AND HAS BEEN TOTALLY INTERESTING AS ONE BECOMES WRAPPED UP IN THE PAST AND BECOMES "ONE" WITH IT. MAY YOU FIND IT AS ABSORBING AS I DID.

Naomi Woodward Wells

THE ORIGINAL NUMBERS HAVE BEEN RETAINED AS IN THE HISTORY AS LONG AS AVAILABLE, WITH #1 BEING WILLIAM AND MARGARET WILCOXSON COMING HERE FROM ENGLAND:  
When listing the children OUR ANCESTOR will be preceded by \*\*\*.

(Recognition given to Gladys Woodward Demorest, Cleah Woodward Scott. and Esther Gephart Stewart for their input to this research.)

(1) WILLIAM WILCOXSON -- born 1601 and Died 1652  
 born somewhere in England or Wales(see write-up )  
 married MARGARET \_\_\_\_\_ born 1611 death not known  
 came to America in 1635 on the ship PLANTERNICO and settled in  
 CONCORD, Mass. and later moved to STRATFORD, CONNECTICUT.  
 With them was son JOHN 2 years old.  
 Parents of 9 children as follows:

(2) JOHN born 1633 in England. Came to America in 1635 with his parents  
 and to Stratford, Conn. in 1639. Married first about 1656 to  
 Johannah, a daughter of Daniel Titterton. Married second 3/19/1662  
 the widow Elizabeth Welles"(the widow of John Welles, whose maiden  
 name is given by one source as Elizabeth Deming and by another as  
 Elizabeth Bourn. She died 10/8/1668. He remained in Stratford  
 with his brother Timothy after the balance of the family moved  
 away. He was a Deacon of the Stratford Church. A nuncupative will  
 expressed to Samuel Sherman and John Birdseye: To Barnabeas Beers  
 half an acre of his home lot in Stratford: to son John his dwelling  
 house and rest of his home lot. Confirmed to other children, land  
 previously given them. Inventory 11/17/1690.  
 Children by 1st wife: John, born March 1657 and William born 1659  
 Children by 2nd wife: Patience born 2/1/1663; Hannah born 2/14/1665;  
 Elizabeth born July 1666; Mary born 4/4/1668 died unmarried.

\*\*\* (3) JOSEPH born about 1636 at Concord, Mass. Brought by parents to Stratford  
 Conn. in 1639. Married Ann \_\_\_\_\_. He moved to Killingworth in 1665  
 and died there in 1689. The original papers of settlement of his estate  
 are on file in the Connecticut State Library, Hartford, Conn #5717. The  
 Ann Wilcoxson was still alive in 1708 when she petitioned for custody  
 of her Farnum grandchildren.

CHILDREN OF Joseph and Ann

# 17 \*\*\*JOSEPH born 10/29/1659  
 18 Thomas born 11/13/1661 and died 5/1694 unmarried  
 19 Samuel born 1663  
 20 Hannah born 1/19/1665  
 21 Nathaniel born 8/29/1668  
 22 William born 1/9/1671  
 23 Margaret born 1673  
 24 John born 1675

(4) TIMOTHY born about 1638 at Concord, Mass. Brought to Stratford as an infant.  
 He was known as "Deacon Timothy". He married there 12/28/1664 Joanna,  
 daughter of John Birdseye. Timothy and his wife both died in Stratford  
 in 1713.

Children

Joanna born 1667; Phoebe born 1668; Sarah born 12/26/1671;  
 Elizabeth born 11/1/1673; Ruth born 8/31/1677; Rebecca  
 born 7/13/1680; Hannah born 9/18/1685

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- (5) SAMUEL born about 1640 at Stratford, Conn. He moved first to Windsor, where he married about 1665, Hannah Rice the daughter of Richard Rice of Concord, Mass. He moved next to Simsbury, Conn. where he and his descendants continued to abide for about a century and a half. He died at Simsbury 3/12/1713. He represented Simsbury in the Connecticut Assembly at Hartford for many years. He was known as SERGEANT SAMUEL.  
Children: Samuel born 4/15/1666; William born about 1670; Joseph born about 1674; Margaret born about 1676.
- (6) ELIZABETH born 1642 at Stratford, Conn. Married Sergeant Henry Stiles and moved to Windsor. Children would be under "Stiles".
- (7) HANNAH born 1644 at Stratford, Conn. Married her step-brother Daniel Hayden in 1645.
- (8) SARAH born 1646 at Stratford, Conn. No information on her.
- (9) OBADIAH born at Stratford, Conn. Moved to Killingworth about 1663 with his mother, Step-father(Wm. Hayden) and sisters. About 1676 he moved to East Guilford (now Madison) where he and his posterity continued to abide for several generations. Obadiah married three times as follows: 1st to Mary Griswold about 1669; 2nd to Lydia (about 1675) who was the daughter of John Alling or Allen; and 3rd about 1689 to Silence the daughter of Joseph Mansfield of New Haven. Obadiah died in 1713. Subsequently his widow married George Chatfield as his second wife. Obadiah's will proved 11/1/1714 mentions wife Silence. Bequeathed to son Ebenezer land in Durham; to son John, land at Hessaka Gusell"; to son Joseph land in Guilford; Daughter Mary has received most of portion. Mindwell, Jemima, Thankful mentioned. Sons Obadiah and Timothy already deceased (confirmation of three marriages Vol. 66 NewEngland Hist. &Gen. Reg).  
Children by 1st wife : None  
Children by 2nd wife: Mary born 12/11/1676; Lydia born 10/14/1678; Obadiah born 1679 and died without issue; Ebenezer born 9/20/1682.  
Children by 3rd wife: Timothy born 11/15/1690 and died without issue; John born 11/9/1692; Joseph born in 1694; Mindwell born 1696; Jemima born 1699; Thankful born 1702
- (10) PHOEBE born 1651 at Stratford, Conn. and died 9/20/1743 at age 93. Married 1st John Birdseye, Jr. of Stratford and 2nd John Beach. At the time of her death her father's descendants were in their fourth to sixth generations and already numbered more than a thousand people .  
Children by Birdseye:  
Hannah born 2/5/1671 married Isaac Beach and their children  
(a) William born 7/7/1694; (b) Elnathan born 1/7/1698;  
(c) Rev. John born 10/6/1700; (d) Mary born 12/16/1703;  
(e) Hannah born 5/16/1706; (f) Dinah born (prtg off paper)



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We shall now go to the descendants of our ancestor JOSEPH WILCOXSON:

\*\*\*#17. JOSEPH SON OF No. 3, born at Stratford 10/29/1659. Died 9/29/1747. Taken as a small child to Killingworth. Married there 2/14/1693 to Hannah Kelsey (daughter of Lieut. Joseph Kelsey and Hannah Disborough). He was known as Lieut. Joseph Wilcoxson from the commission he held in the local trainband company. He served Killingworth as Deputy in the Colonial assembly at Hartford. The Kelsey book states that the graves of Joseph and Hannah "are marked by rough slabs of field stone in the western part of the old cemetery at Clinton". The compiler was unable to find the graves when there in 1936. Hannah died 2/2/1729.

CHILDREN:

#48: Hannah born 1/16/1694  
\*\*\* #49: JOSEPH born 1/17/1695  
#50: David born 3/10/1700  
#51: Abel born 10/6/1702  
#52: Elisha born 1/12/1704  
#53: Stephen born 1/12/1706  
#54: Lydia born 7/28/1713 m Capt. Samuel Buell

\*\*\*#49 JOSEPH known as "Deacon Joseph" son of #17, born at Killingworth 1/17/1695 and died at Tower Hill 5/3/1774. Married Rebecca Hurd 8/13/1724. She was the daughter of Ebenezer Hurd and his wife Sarah Pickett Lane. Joseph served his town as Justice of Peace and Deputy to the Hartford Assembly. About the time of his marriage he moved from the southern part of Killingworth (the modern Clinton) to Tower Hill in the northern part of the township, which was then an unpeopled wilderness. Tower Hill then remained in this branch of the family for about 75 years, being sold by his grandchildren, Nathan, Joel, Elon and Thankful in 1800 to Jedediah Harris. (see Vol. 16, pg 39, Killingworth Land Records). Rebecca died 12/26/1770. Both are buried in Union District Cemetery Killingworth. Gravestones still standing.

CHILDREN:

#134: Elijah born 7/18/1725  
#135: Rebecca born 2/29/1726 m Nathaniel Kirtland  
\*\*\* #136: Joseph born 9/11/1728 died unmarried 7/15/1747  
\*\*\* #137: NATHAN born 3/29/1730  
#138: Hannah born 12/7/1731 m Simeon Hough 10/27/1763  
#139: Adam born 4/1/1734  
#140: Sarah born 12/7/1738 m John Hull 12/28/1766  
#141: Lucy born 2/1/1741 m Samuel Hull 12/31/1767  
#142: Abigail born 8/23/1743 m Abner Post  
#143: Joseph born 9/18/1747

\*\*\*#137 NATHAN, son of #49 born at Killingworth 3/29/1730 died 1797 --- married Thankful Stone 1/11/1760. She was the daughter of Joseph and Hannah (Hotchkiss) Stone of Guilford and a DESCENDANT OF Rev. Samuel Stone of Hereford, England. The compiler has seen the original will of this Nathan Willcox (It is #2596 Conn State Library, Hartford), in which he mentions the four children below. Of these, Elon has not been found in the birth records of Killingworth. Nathan lived all his life at Tower Hill and died there in 1797.

CHILDREN

#419: Nathan born 11/16/1760  
\*\*\*#420: JOEL born 8/24/1762  
#421: Thankful born 12/16/1764 m Crippen Hurd of East Hadden  
#422: Elon born about 1766 Alive in 1798 NFI

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\*\*\*JOEL Son of #137 born at Killingworth 8/24/1762, and died at Chillicothe, Ohio 9/16/1821. Married at Killingworth 10/22/1786 Elizabeth Coan, daughter of Mulford Coan and Elizabeth Houd .(Note: She was an aunt of Titus Coan, a famous missionary to the Sandwich Islands in the early nineteenth century) Joel Wilcox was a revolutionary soldier who served several short enlistments , amounting to three or four years. Sometime prior to his father's death he moved to Woodbury, Conn where some of his children were born. In 1812 he moved to Union Township, Madison County, Ohio. The birth records of all of his children have not been found in Conn. Those not dated below are supplied from the compilers own paternal tradition.

CHILDREN:

#794: Loammi born 8/27/1707 at Killingworth. Went as a young man first to Woodbury, Conn where he was apprenticed for a time to a Mr. Thaddeus Minor. Later he went to Onondaga county, N.Y. where he married Hannah Paddock and became a prosperous farmer near Elbridge, N.Y. He died 5/15/1836.

CHILDREN: (a) Caroline married David Wilson; (b) Edmund married Sarah Greene and settled at Joliet, Ill. where he has descendants; (c) Harvey a California pioneer of 1849 married Harriet Demmond and left descendants on the Pacific Coast; (d) Cordelia married Charles Clement of Joliet, Ill.

#795: Ruth born at Killingworth married Captain Muir, a British Officer, stationed at Quebec. Known to have had at least one son, Peter Muir.

#796: Cynthia married 1st in Ohio, Stephen Kingery who lived for a time in Putnam County (See Putnam Cty Pioneer Association Centennial History 1873-1973)

#797: Lucinda married a Mr. Shaw. They were living at Sidney, Ohio

#798: Nancy died young

#799: Alvin born about 1798 at Woodbury, Conn. Married in Madison County, Ohio 2/6/1829 Laura Allen. Moved to Pella, Marion County, Iowa about 1856. There is a legend that his family was large but the names of only two have come down to the compiler, i.e; (a) Isaac (b) Elizabeth.

\*\*\*#800: JOEL born 6/10/1800 probably at Woodbury, Conn. Went with his father to Madison Cty, Ohio in 1812. married there 2/21/1821 Sarah Williams (daughter of Captain Richard Williams and Mary McCartney of Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania). In 1827 Joel moved to PutnamCty, Ohio; being one of the first three settlers to pioneer in that section of Ohio. He was one of the earliest Commissioners of that county and a captain of Ohio Militia. In March 1847 he sold out his valuable interests in Ohio and began a long trek with the younger members of his family by covered wagon across the plains to Oregon. However, they came down with the Measles, which turned into Camp Fever (Pneumonia?) and Sarah died 9/18/1847 at Cascade Falls and her body was taken on to Fort Van Couver, where Joel died on 11/10/1847 with Loami dying shortly thereafter. All buried at Ft. Van Couver in the military cemetery there.

CHILDREN: next page:

#801 SUSAN born about 1802 married Joseph Worley in Ohio, and moved to Marion County Iowa about 1856.

CHILDREN OF JOEL #800: (Here the official numbering stops so will be using the standard 1,2,3's).

- 1: MARY born in Madison County about 1822; married Elijah Steinaker.
- \*\*\* 2: JOHN (Major) compiler of this history. Born in Madison County, Ohio 3/12/1825-- married Jemima Hopkins 11/19/1843. Jemima was born 2/9/1825 and died 2/16/1871. Jemima buried in the Pomeroy Cemetery at Ottawa, Ohio. (Her marker says date of death 2/16/1871 -- but the death records of STATE OF OHIO says 1870). (John is buried at Dayton Ohio in the National Soldier's Cemetery there).
- 3: LOAMMI was one of the first white children born in Putnam County Perry Township, Ohio. He died in November of 1847 at Fort Van Couver on the Oregon Trail.
- 4: ELMIRA married in Oregon to William Chatfield. Left Descendants.
- 5: GEORGE born 12/26/1831 married Mary E. Dickson 12/1/1856 in Oregon Descendants.
- 6: CLARISSA born 9/24/1834 married Hiram Fellows in Oregon. 5 children.
- 7: WILLIAM born 7/28/1836 a "pioneer of Oregon" married Sarah Scott. Descendants live at Estcada and Portland, Oregon.
- 8: EMMELINE born \_\_\_\_? married 1st Wm. Allen and 2nd Rem Harmon. Left descendants.
- 9: EDWARD born 1844, pioneer of Oregon. Married 1st Tigard and 2nd Johnson. has descendants.
- 10: HANNAH was born and died on the Plains while family was enroute to Oregon.

FAMILY TREE OF THE WILCOXSON, WILLCOX, AND WILCOX FAMILY BEGINNING IN 1635 WITH THEIR ARRIVAL IN AMERICA.

William Wilcoxson -- born 1601 and died in 1652. Known as the FATHER OF CONNECTICUT.  
Margaret ??? born in 1611 - no date of death

CHILDREN: John, born 1633 in England

1st  
Generation

\*\*\* Joseph born in 1636 in Concord, Mass (our ancestor)

Timothy born 1638 born at Concord, Mass

Samuel born 1640 at Stratford, Conn.

Elizabeth born 1642 at Stratford, Conn.

Hannah born 1644 at Stratford, Conn

Sarah born 1646 at Stratford, Conn

Obadiah born 1648 at Stratford, Conn

Phoebe born 1651 at Stratford, Conn.

JOSEPH Second son of William and Margaret: born 1636 and died 1689:  
married Ann \_\_\_\_\_ in 1658. She was still alive in 1708.

CHILDREN:

2nd  
Generation

\*\*\* Joseph born 10/29/1659 (our ancestor)

Thomas born 11/13/1661 and died 5/1694 unmarried

Samuel born 1663

Hannah born 1/19/1665

Nathaniel born 8/29/1668

William born 1/9/1671

Margaret born 1673

John born 1675

JOSEPH Born 10/29/1659 at Stratford. Taken to Killingworth as small child.  
married Hannah Kelsey 2/14/1693. Known as Lieut. Jos. Wilcoxson.  
Graves in old cemetery at Clinton. Joseph died 9/29/1747 and his  
wife died 2/2/1729

3rd  
Generation

CHILDREN

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Hannah born 1/16/1694

Joseph born 1/17/1695 (our ancestor)

David born 3/10/1700

Abel born 10/6/1702

Elisha born 1/12/1704

Stephen born 1/12/1706

Lydia born 7/28/1713 - married Capt. Samuel Buell

JOSEPH Born 1/17/1695 born at Killingworth - died 5/3/1774. known as DEACON JOSEPH.  
married Rebecca Hurd 8/13/1724. Moved from southern Killingworth (the modern  
Clinton) to Tower Hill in the northern part of the township, then an unpeopled  
wilderness. Tower Hill remained in this branch of his family for about 75  
years, being sold by his grandchildren Nathan, Joel, Elon and Thankful in 1800.  
Rebecca died 12/16/1770. Both buried in Union District Cemetery, Killingworth.  
Gravestones still standing in 1936.

4th  
Generation

CHILDREN

Elijah born 7/18/1725

Rebecca born 2/19/1726 married Nathaniel Kirtland

Joseph born 9/11/1728 died 6/15/1747 unmarried

\*\*\* Nathan born 3/29/1730 (Our ancestor)

Hannah born 12/7/1731 married Simeon Hough

Adam born 4/1/1734

Sarah born 12/7/1738 married John Hull

Lucy born 2/1/1741 married Samuel Hull

Abigail born 8/23/1743 married Abner Post

Joseph born 9/18/1747



NATHAN born 3/29/1730 born at Killingworth -- died 2797. Married  
Thankful Stone 1/11/1760. Nathan lived all his life at Tower Hill.

5th  
Generation

CHILDREN

Nathan born 11/16/1760

\*\*\* Joel born 8/24/1762 (our ancestor)

Thankful born 12/16/1764 married Crippen Hurd

Elon born about 1766 -- alive in 1798

6th  
Generation

JOEL born at Killingworth 8/24/1762 and died 9/16/1821 at Chillicothe, Ohio.  
married Elizabeth Houd Coan 10/22/1786 at Killingworth. Joel was a  
Revolutionary War soldier who served several short enlistments, amounting  
to three or four years. Prior to his father's death, he moved to Woodbury, Conn  
where some of his children were born. In 1812 he moved to Union Township, Madison  
County, Ohio. Birth records of all his children. Not found in Conn.  
Those not found supplied by paternal tradition:

CHILDREN

Loammi born 8/27/1787

Ruth born at Killingworth married Capt. Muir

Cynthia married Stephen Kingery and then Mr. Warburton at Sidney, Ohio

Lucinda married Mr. Shaw at Sidney, Ohio

Nancy died young

Alvin born about 1798 at Woodbury, Conn.

\*\*\* Joel born 6/10/1800 at Woodbury, Conn (our ancestor)

Susan born about 1802 married JOSEPH Worley in Ohio, and moved to Marion County,  
Iowa about 1856,

From the above, all his children were born in the east, as records  
say Susan was born at Killingworth. Must have moved back there before  
coming to Ohio.

7th  
Generation

JOEL

born at Woodbury, Conn 6/10/1800, went with his father to Madison Cty, Ohio  
in 1812. Married Sarah Williams 2/21/1821. In 1827 Joel moved to Putnam Cty,  
Perry Township, Ohio. One of three of the first white families in this  
area. In 1847 he started the trek over the Oregon Trail in a covered wagon  
but died enroute. Sarah died at Cascade Falls, and Joel and son Loammi  
died at Fort Van Couver, and all three are buried in the military cemetery  
at the fort. Sarah died 9/18/1847, Joel died at Fort Van Couver 11/10/1847  
and Loammi died shortly thereafter. All had come down with the Measels and  
followed by Camp Fever (Pneumonia).

CHILDREN

Mary born about 1822 married Elijah Stalnaker (stayed in Ohio -- not on trail)

\*\*\* John born 3/12/1825 at Madison Cty, Ohio died 6/3/1881 at National Soldier's  
Home in Dayton, Ohio of Paralysis. (not on trail -- stayed in Ohio)

Married Jemine Hopkins 11/9/1843 who was born in 1825 and died 1875

Loammi born 1828 and died 1847. One of the first white children born in Putnam Ct

Elmira born? married Wm Charfield in Oregon

George born 12/26/1831 pioneer of Oregon

Clarissa born 9/24/1834 married Hiram Fellows in Oregon

William born 7/28/1836 a pioneer of Oregon

Emmeline born (1837-1843) married Oregon Wm. Allen and then Ram Harmon

Edward born 1844 -- Oregon

Hannah -- born and died in 1847 enroute to Oregon.

\*\*\* JOHN: Born 3-12-1825 near Sidney, Madison County, Ohio and died 6-3-1881 at the National Soldiers' Home in Dayton, Ohio of Paralysis. Married Jemima Hopkins on 11-9-1843 and then Mary J. MacKay on 2/25/1868.

CHILDREN - Jemima

Sarah Eliza Born 9-22-1844 and died 6-14-1925. Born near Kalida, Ohio Married Staley Brower (1836-1921) on 4-18-1867. Sarah's daughter (Alice Edith Brower) was born 10-9-1872 and died 9-2-1873 and is buried on Jemima Hopkin's lot in Pomeroy Cemetery in Ottawa, Ohio.

Almon Hopkins was born 11-27-1846 near Kalida, Ohio and died 11-10-1859.

Elmira Jane was born 12-16-1848 near Kalida, Ohio and died 5-29-1900. Married Samuel P. Wright 3/1869 and then Prescott Wright.

\*\*\* Martha Elizabeth was born 12-16-1850 near Coldwater, Ohio, Mercer County and died 12-5-1920 at Lodi, Ohio. Buried in Fountain Grove Cemetery in Bryan, Ohio. Married Charles Culvert Woodward on 4-14-1872 at Ottawa, Ohio. Charles died 3-19-1891 and is buried in the cemetery at Stryker, Ohio. Martha then married Jacob Switzer, born 8-18-1832 and died 4-3-1929 at Lodi, Ohio. Married 10-22-1892. Jacob had also been married before, and had two grown daughters. No children by Martha.

Frank Pomeroy was born 7-5-1854 at Wapello County, Iowa (near Eddyville). Married Edith May Dutton in April 1894. No date of death recorded. Frank received his middle name in remembrance of C. T. Pomeroy who was a physician who came to Putnam County and served for many years. Extremely appreciated and admired by all settlers.

John Fremont born 12-19-1856 in Iowa in Wapello County (near Eddyville). John married Minnie Crennan in November of 1879. He died in a train wreck of the Wabash RR 7/2/1892. Middle name was for a wartime general.

Peter Knox (known as "Kelly") was born 4-30-1859 in Wapello County, Iowa. Was named for Peter Knox who assisted in many of John's land purchases and was evidently a lawyer. He died by drowning in July of 1900.

Clarie Emma Althea born 7-3-1863 in Iowa and died 3-8-1864. .

CHILDREN - Mary J.

Della - born on 7-9-1869 and died about 1-15-1902. Will left her recipient of his pension --- but it was paid to her mother, Mary J.

JOHN, Continued

His Civil War experience is taken from THE HISTORY OF EDDYVILLE and his actual pension records from the NATIONAL ARCHIVES, in Washington, D.C. On July 24, 1861 he enlisted in the 7th Iowa Infantry as a Fifth Corporal and was mustered in at Burlington, Iowa on 8-22-1861. His inherited natural instinct for the military resulted in being promoted to Fifth Sergeant and Fourth Sergeant on the same day on 10-16-1861. He was slightly wounded in the arm on 11-7-1861 at Belmond, Missouri. On 11-22-1861 he was promoted to Second Lieutenant. He did not seem too happy with his superiors in this branch of the service and resigned 9-26-1862. He was immediately transferred to Company "B" of the Seventh Cavalry under the reorganization and appointed Captain. He was promoted to third Battalion Major on 11-27-1865. Under this branch, he saw service at Willow Creek where company was located; saw service with the West Virginia Regiment on Col. Brown's expedition to Soloman River in January and February of 1864 --- and on this expedition he was treated for Piles which had been treated by Dr. Willy of his own regiment while on General Curtis' expedition which had started from Plum Creek, Nebraska. He also served at Willowbrook Mountain in the Wyoming Territory and was then sent to O'Fallons Bluffs, Nebraska on out-post duty-- scouting and escorting wagon trains and mail coaches. The physician assigned to company was reassigned on 12-4-1864 and the medication he had been subscribed for Bronchitis and Piles was soon gone with the exit of the physician. Being 250 miles from another physician, or medical aid of any kind, it was necessary he treat himself as best he could. He applied for treatment to Dr. Willy, at Fort Leavenworth, but as he was on his way home he did not want to wait. He was mustered out of service 5-17-1866 at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. This condition stayed with him for the rest of his life.

After his death in 1881, John had the distinction of having the G.A.R. Post in Eddyville named in his honor in 1883. The charter was granted 3-15-1883 at Newton to the John Wilcox Post No. 138, Department of Iowa, which was located in Eddyville, John B. Hogan being the Department Commander.

But his absence to the service of our country, had a very bad effect on his home life. It seems that while away to service, John met someone else who became his "spiritual affinity" and would be waiting for him when he was free. Thus Jemima was in the way. Jemima filed for divorce after physical violence, and a very hostile divorce followed. In the meantime she sent her children away to Ohio until she could join them. Martha had her picture taken in Ottawa, Ohio at 16, so the children had to be secreted in Ohio in 1866/67 and Jemima bought her home there in 1868.

Divorce granted in January of 1868, and John and Mary J. MacKay were married in Kirkville, Iowa at the home of W.F. and Mary McCarroll on 2/25/1868. On 7-9-1869 their daughter "Della" was born.

The 1870 Census of Iowa shows:

John	40(Shld have been 45)	Editor with RE holdings of \$1000 and Pers. \$700.00
Mary J.	35(Shld hv bn 39)	Keeping House RE \$4,000 born in Scotland
Della	17	born in Iowa (visual check of census - shows Della 11/12)
John Denham	16	born in Ohio
Lizzie		- clerk in office born in Ohio
Elizabeth Drummond	58	born in Scotland

John was the editor of the Des Moines Valley Gazette having bought an interest in the paper and he ran it until 1872 when it was discontinued. As through all his writings John had a considerable command of the English Language and probably made a good editor. After his discharge he was appointed postmaster at Eddyville which he held until he became paralyzed in 1878 and resigned in 1879.

JOHN WILCOX

John was born 3-12-1825 at what was then known as "New London". Today it is known as plain "London" as "New London" is in a different county much further to the North. John was born in Madison County. John died 6-3-1881 at the National Soldiers' Home in Dayton, Ohio. His death certificate is signed by Frank P. Wilcox, his eldest son.

From his service records, we find John was 6 feet tall, fair complexion, with Black Hair and Gray Eyes.

It has been possible to find out a great deal about John, for the records are available for the years covering his life. It is with this in mind, that I find him a puzzling and controversial subject.

John's parents, Joel and Sarah Williams Wilcox, brought him to Putnam County, Perry Township, Ohio when he was two, moving from Madison County to a spot on the Blanchard River on the fractional part of Section 11, on the south side of the river and three miles from its junction with the Auglaize. At that time there were just two children, John 2, and Mary around 5. The story of the hardships endured during the early years is thoroughly covered in the PIONEER ASSOCIATION CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF PUTNAM COUNTY.

On 11-9-1843 he was united in marriage with Jemima Hopkins by Rev. John McNabb of Kalida, Ohio. Although they were both only 18 years of age, John had already purchased acreage in Putnam County, Pique Land District, which later became Greensburg Township. This consisted of 60 and 80/100 acres from Brockman Brower at a cost of \$430.00. This was purchased on 9-13-1843 and sold back to Brockman Brower on 3-16-1847 when he immediately purchased from said person 80 plus acres of land in the same area for \$450.00. This was sold to John Neill in 1849 when John and Jemima moved to Mercer County. (Sold for \$500.00)

Their first three children were born on the land near Kalida; Sarah Eliza was born 9-22-1844 and died 6-14-1925; Almon was born 11-27-1846 and died 11-10-1859; and Elmira Jane was born 12-16-1848 and died 5-29-1900.

In 1849 John and Jemima moved to Mercer County, Ohio. There they once again engaged in farming and school teaching. The only child born in Mercer County was Martha Elizabeth who was born on 12-16-1850 near Coldwater, Ohio. As you can see, John and Jemima were both educated. Mercer County could find no record of land purchases there.

Sometime in early 1854 This couple and their family moved to Wapello County, Iowa. Frank Pomeroy was born there on 7-5-1854. There they once again engaged in farming. There were lots of land dealings --- buying and selling---- with Peter Knox involved in several. The home plot was 160 acres which must have kept all of them exceptionally busy. Here the balance of their family was born --- Frank Pomeroy on 7-5-1854 no date of death; John Fremont born 12-19-1856 died in a wreck on the Wabash RR 7-2-1892; Peter Knox (went by the name of Kelly in 1870 born 4-30-1859 and died by drowning in July 1900; and Clarie Emma Althea born 7-3-1863 and died 3-8-1864. Tracing sometimes became difficult for they had a habit of naming their children and then calling them by their middle names. Sarah was Eliza; Elmira Jane was Myra; John was Fremont; and Peter was Kelly.

And now, we go back to John's ancestors: John's dad, Joel, Jr was captain of the first militia company organized in Putnam County. His grandfather, Joel, Sr, fought in the Revolutionary War and so it was inevitable that John would follow in their footsteps by enlisting in the Civil War in 1861.



JOHN, continued

John's LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT is dated 5-10-1880 in Iowa. He left his pension to his youngest daughter, Della. His home had been deeded to Della's grandmother, Elizabeth Drummond with the solemn promise that it was to be occupied by Della, her mother Mary J., and herself until death.

John returned to Putnam County Ohio, probably in late 1880 as the following is remembered in the PIONEER ASS'N HISTORY OF PUTNAM COUNTY as follows:

"And now in the evening of life, I have returned to the land of my childhood to note the changes, renew the acquaintances and associations of life's early morning."

John entered the Soldier's Home in Dayton on April 8, 1881, due to Bronchitis and Paralysis, and died on June 3, 1881. Grave marker at Dayton is Upright, Row A, Section C, Grave #4. Marker reads: Co. 1, 7th Iowa Infantry. Certificate signed by Frank P. Wilcox.

His pension was approved and paid after his death to Mary J. -- the last payment paid on 1-4-1902 with notation that pensioner had died about 1-15-1902.