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Death of An Old Pioneer

Joshua Willis, at the age of one hundred and three years, lacking a few days, died March 28, 1869, at the residence of Elza Willis, his son near Marion, Aid Township, Lawrence County, Ohio. Josh Willis was born April 1766, in Monroe County, now West Virginia. Was at a fort three or four years in 1769, 70, 71, on New River, Virginia. Came to Guyandotte about 1800. He help to raise the first log cabin built at that Place, was one among the first immigrants in Quakers Bottom, (Lawrence Co, Ohio), lived at Russell's Place (now called Getaway) in 1808, moved to Marion in 1811, In 1812 he was building the Wilson Water Mill at Marion. The first Mill built in Lawrence County, Ohio. He was drafted in the War of 1812. When he hired his brother Hugh to go substitute and he continued to finish and run the Mill. He helped to build the Salt Works in Jackson, Jackson County, Ohio in 1824. He also took a contract on the Ohio Canal, near Licking Summit. Cut off the timber : 120 feet in width, one mile in length and then grubbed up the stumps 60 feet. He had a strong constitution and remarkable good health. His teeth were all sound when he died.

Josh Willis, Piloted the Methodist Episcopal Ministers-Elders, Hunters and others, through Lawrence County and also Gallia County in 1817, 18 and 19. When they preached everyday except Mondays. It took four weeks to get around the Circuit.

Joshua Willis was a member of the M E Church. Was taken in by Elder D Clay of Jackson, Ohio. When he became old and feeble, he continued to read the Bible as long as he could see through glasses. Was a sober man all his life, on the 4th day of July, 1868, he was struck with pralysis and never could stand on his feet afterwards. He was very industrious man also. His cottage was always the home for the hunter and the traveler was never turned away hungry.

On Friday evening, March 26, he said he had suffered a long time, but his suffering would be over soon. He then sang with a strong voice:

“ When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not overflow.
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless
And sanctify thee in thy deepest distress.”

(Copied from Apr 21, 1869 issue of the Ironton Journal, at Briggs Library, Ironton, Ohio, by Robert M Willis, Rt 1, Box 1, Ironton, Ohio.)

Joshua Willis married July 28, 1807, Mary Blankenship, born VA 1787 died Marion, Law Co, Ohio Oct 27, 1857. Their children were 1) Elza b Jun 8, 1808 d Aug 24, 1871; 2) Andrew b ca 1812 ; 3) Clarissa; 4) Julia Ann; 5) Hugh born Sep 3, 1817, only one living in 1902; 6) George W born 1826 died May 1, 1857 , unmarried; 7) Mary b 1829 d 1886; 8) John b 1815 d 1849.

Joshua Willis born 1766 Monroe County, W VA died March 28, 1869 at the age of 103, lacking a few days at the home of his son Elza Willis, near Marion, Aid Township, Lawrence Co, Ohio. (His father was Henry Willis.) Joshua Willis married (record at Gallia Courthouse) July 28, 1807, Mary Blankenship b VA 1787 died (near Marion) Oct 27, 1857 at the age of 70 years old. They had the following children:

- 1) Elza Willis b June 8, 1808 d Aug 24, 1871 m July 29, 1830, Elizabeth Ward b VA March 30, 1807 died April 4, 1854 , dau of Edward & Martha _____ d 17 Aug 185? Elza Willis m 2ndly Oct 6, 1855 to Keziah George born Aug 29, 1824 died July 7, 1900.
- 2) Clarissa Willis B ca 1810 m (recorded at Greenup, KY) July 20, 1837 William Goolsby
- 3) Andrew Willis b ca 1812 d 1894 m Jan 5, 1837 Naomi Collier 1817-1890 bur Russell Cem Sharp's

Creek , Aid Township.

- 4) Elizabeth Willis died young in W VA ca 1813
- 5) John Willis b ca 1815 d ?
- 6) Hugh Willis b Sep 3, 1817 d 1903 m 1) Feb 8, 1847 Thebo Crowley d Mar 31, 1875; 2) Jan 18, 1876
Mrs Harriet Straten Wilson
- 7) Julian Ann Willis b ca 1819 d ca 1864-5 m Jan 28, 1843 Andrew Hunt
- 8) Joshua Willis Jr b ca 1821
- 9) George W Willis b ca 1826 d May 1, 1857 unmarried , a merchant also own real estate.
- 10) Mary Willis b 1829 d 1886 m Feb 24, 1853

August 27, 1974

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you so much for taking time to list all the people you did who might help me. Maybe our line connects one more generation back or two. My Elizabeth Willis or Johnson was born 1793 and my Oliver P Sallee or Sally was born in 1790 so you see there could be about two generations before yours. Thank you again.

Mrs Elizabeth Sallee Leslie
3530 Valley Ridge Rd
Dallas, Texas 75220

Children of George & Susanne Rucker Willis

George Willis born Monroe Co, W VA May 13, 1783, son of Henry and wife name unknown, d Aug 18, 1848. George Willis married at Greenup, KY Sep 4, 1808. Susannah Rucker b VA Nov 24, 1787 d here Jan 30, 1873. Lived on Leatherwood Creek in Fayette Township (within short distance where we now live) buried Harmony Baptist Church cem 3 miles from here on Symes Creek , State Route 243.

Their children:

- 1) Wyatt Willis b ca 1810 according 1830-40 US census
- 2) Purlina Willia b 1812 m Feb 2, 1830 Joseph Pemberton
- 3) Marena Willis b 1815 d 1873 m Aug 9, 1833 Robert Gibson
- 4) Henry Willis b ca 1816 m Mar 18, 1840 Sarah Gibson
- 5) Wm R Willis b ca 1819 m Feb 6, 1845 Hannahette ?
- 6) George W Willis b Dec 8, 1820 d May 21, 1864 m Jan 12, 1843 Eliz Patterson
- 7) John G Willis b 1822 d 1892 m Dec 1, 1851 Lorenia Neil
- 8) Mary (Polly) Willis b 1824 d 1903 m Nov 11, 1846 Samuel Steed
- 9) Electa (Jane) Willis b 1827 d 1897 m Feb 19, 1846 Rev Andy J Booth
- 10) Harriette Willis b 1830 d 1870 m Aug 1, 1848 Aaron Steed
- 11) Roberta (Bard) Willis b 1833 d 1883 m Aug 17, 1853 Sylvestor Steed

Children of Joshua & Mary Blankenship Willis

- 1) Elza b June 8, 1808 d Aug 24, 1871
- 2) Clarissa b 1810
- 3) Andrew b ca 1812 d 1894
- 4) John b 1815 d 1849
- 5) Hugh b Sep 3, 1817 d Mar 23, 1903
- 6) Julia Ann b 1819 d 1864
- 7) Elizabeth b 1813 d 183? in WVA
- 8) Joshua Jr b d 183? in WVA
- 9) George W b 1826 d May 1, 1857

- 10) Arimetha d 183? WVA
11) Mary b 1829 d 1886

Western Heraldry Organization
P O Box 19281
Denver, Colorado 80219

Dear Mr Willis: Our policy is to send a minimum of four entries per surname: however, since we do have some for each of your surnames, we are enclosing that information and also enclosing a \$1.00 refund.

Thank you.

PIGMAN

Doris Lemon
1019 Avenue C
Ft Dodge, Iowa 50501

Pauline Watson
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Scherverville, Ind 46375

RUCKER

Mrs Corinne Wiedbrauk
7453 Dyke Road
Fair Haven, Michigan 48023

Mrs Ted Hruska
617 Owen Street NW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52405

Mrs C E Sanders
Star Route
Ralls, Texas 79357

WILLIS

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120 S 183rd St
Seattle, Washington 98148

Mrs Geo Maly
9993 W North Ave Apt 341
Wawatoso, Wis 53226

George Parrish
Box 292
San Rafael, Ca 94902

Mrs Lee Renner
3339 Avenida de Loyola
Oceanside, Calif 92054

Lola M Knox
1006 N East Side
Santa Ana, Calif 92701

Mrs Dale Bentz
3518 Harvester Avenue
Ft Worth, Indiana 46803

The Ohio Historical Society
Edward N McConnell, Local Records Specialist
Ohio University Library
Athens, Ohio 45701
Phone: 614/594-5755

Birth – before 1864
Death – before 1868
Marriage – before 1900

Probate Court
Lloyd W Burwell, Judge
Division of Vital Statistics
Lawrence County Court House
Ironton, Ohio 45638
Phone: 614/ 532-3883

Birth – 1864 to 1908
Death – 1868 to 1933
Marriage – 1900 to present time

Ironton Health Department
2121 South 8th Street
Ironton, Ohio 45638
Phone: 614/532-2172

Birth – after 1908
Death – after 1906
Marriage - none

February 21, 1979
Clarksburg, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

In response to your query in T S T, Feb 20-24, concerning the Willis family, my husband's mother was a Willis, a lineal descendant of Tilghman and Kesiah Wrotan (Sp?) Willis. Tilghman was born in 1779 in Dorchester, Md, was a War of 1812 veteran, m K Wrotan 1805 and he died 1866 and is buried in Ross Co, Ohio. Kesiah was born 1781 and died 1866.

Their sixth (?) child was Sanford H Willis. He married Susannah Cline and their fifth child (of 11) was Wm Nelson Willis. He was killed at age 38 – in 1899- by a horse, leaving his wife and six children.

Their son, James Franklin Willis (1874-1955) married Ellen Eleanor Hughes, a native of Gallia County, and they were the parents of Zada Willis Hiser (1898-1974).

My husband is the son of Harley and Zada W Hiser.

Going back to Tilghman, he had a sister Henrietta who married Geo Washington Graham. She is buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery, Pickaway Co, Ohio.

Are you able to relate to any of this? I would like to know of Tilghman's parentage. I have names, dates, etc of bros, sisters, of these generations listed and would be pleased to hear from you if you think there might be a relationship.

Yours Truly,
Marilyn Hisler
Mrs James K Hisler
2311 Mile Trea RD
Clarksburg, Ohio 43115

PS It is said that Tilghman's father died young, when the son was about 12 yrs old.

Miss Ruth V Greer
Box 1106
Parkersburg, W VA 26101
March 7, 1975

Mr Robert Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Mr Willis:

Yesterday while looking through the Ohio Historical Society Booklets at the Marietta College Library noticed there were a good many queries by you concerning the Willis family.

Noted your address and am taking a chance you may be still living at this address.

I am interested in the Willis family as I have an ancestor William Underwood who married a Mary Hannah Willis around 1805. He was born in Del. in 1780 and she was born Oct 18, 1780 in VA. They came to Tyler County around 1803 and died there. However, have been unable to find their marriage record and do not know either of their parent's names. The story is that her father was a minister and lived near Marietta, Ohio.

Know there was a Joel Willis, Sr, Family as I have a notation of a will dated Jan 31, 1782 of a Samuel Willis who had the following children: 1. Samuel; 2. Sarah; 3. Ann; 4. Martha; 5. Hanna; 6. Rebecca; 7. Mary Jane. Samuel had a brother James and possibly Joel, Jr.

Since you have been working on Ohio Willis family thought you might have some information concerning (REST OF LETTER MISSING)

Joe Booth , Rt 4 , Rushville, Ind 46173

Dear Mr Booth,

In regard if your inquiry #33-2 in Genealogy Column in April 12, 1975 Tri-State Trader.

I suggest you write:

Mr George Pesely, 1912 Addison St #20, Berkeley, Calif 94704

Rev Ralph W Heller
406 Robin Road – Waverly, Ohio 45690
(614) 947-2633

April 6, 1976

Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio

Dear Mr Willis,

Your name and address have been given to me by Mrs Bernice Francis who is president of the Pike County Genealogical Society as having done extensive research along that line. I have a double interest in writing.

The name of Nathaniel Willis appears on a list of Revolutionary War veterans who are buried in the Moore Cemetery just north of Cynthiana, near the line between Pike and Ross Counties. Further, that he was born in 1755 in Boston and died in 1831. Nothing further shown to date. Do you happen to have information on him: more exact dates, nature of military service, which he came to Ohio, etc.?

I am contemplating writing to National Archives to request research there into pension application and land grant, if such information is available. As you probably know, their service costs \$2.00 per individual researched.

This particular project is bicentennial; I hope not only to write up some kind of comprehensive story on our county veterans of the Revolution, but it may be to spearhead a visitation to their graves around Memorial Day.

The second interest is more personally; my grandmother's name was Willis. My mother told me that her mother was a cousin of Frank B Willis, one-time governor of Ohio. The family lived in her younger days around Lebanon and Franklin; she married George Washington Doudne just after the Civil War, and they lived most of their lifetime in Dayton, Ohio, where my mother was born, one of a total of sixteen children in the family, some of whom died in infancy, but one still surviving, an aunt, Mrs Clifford (Charlotte) Friend, who did extensive research on the Doudne family, but none on the Willises so far as I know.

I hope this request for information is not burdensome to you, and enclose a stamped address envelope for your early reply.

Sincerely yours,
Rev Ralph W Heller
406 Robin Road
Waverly, Ohio 45690

Mrs Ella Lipps
P O Box 99
Alice, Texas 78332

Received April 21, 1978

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Sir:

I was checking through my Willis files and found your correspondence and the mention of your Mitchell kin. I am working on the Willis side (David D Willis) of our family (my mother was James A Williams dau from Tenn) and found Rev W L Mitchell born Tenn. 7-11-1828 m Mary Brady Muchmore whose father was Samuel Mutckmore born 1767 near Carlisle, Pa and the brother of my gr-gr-grandmother, Mary Muchmore Johnston-Milligan. The Rev Mitchells lived at 3825 Walnut St, Kansas City, Mo; he d 2-23-1864.

They had a son, James Whitfield Mitchell b 2-12-1830 Ohio, m Ella Margaret Smith b 10-11-1862, dau of Jas M Smith & Elizabeth. Grandchildren was Florence Eleanor b Sep 10-1894; Samuel Mutchmore b 12-22-1895; Alice Brady b 11-1899; James Whitfield Mitchell Jr b 1-25-1902. The Brady name came from a boat load that came in their own boat in 1642 from Ireland and landed at Cape Menlopen, Dele.

You told me I could borrow your book Rockingham Co, N C Will Abstracts if I so desired. I would like to have this book now if I may and I will insure it when I send it home and return your postage for sending it. The mails are so uncertain today, however; I have not had any trouble but would be afraid to risk anything

borrowed. I am a very serious, reliable person and would not want anything to happen to other people's property. I will be looking for this book and a letter from you.

I note in your letter what you say about helping people if you can. I have learned the meaning of that phrase and I too, have a good many letters come to me now days that I answer whether I have any knowledge of their folks or not. There are many Willis and Williams scattered all across the US and it is like "looking for a needle in a haystack".

I suppose you and I are getting on the latter side of life, I will be seventy nine in May, but I still have a young mind and go to the Thurs. night dances at the Golden Age Club, 7-10 and that is about all we can stand. Like a bunch of kids, everything is funny to us. I live about seven streets from this Club and my niece comes for me about ten. Occasionally one drops out and passes on. We all feel sorry. Who next?

Sincerely,

Ella Lipps

Rev Ralph W Heller
406 Robin Road – Waverly, Ohio 45890

May 3, 1976

Dear Mr Willis:

Thank you for your response to my request for information about the Willis family. Please accept my apology for a tardy answer. I have been hoping that more information might come from my own side of the family and perhaps some clarification as to where our branch of the family connects with others. I do have some information, but the net outcome is rather disappointing so far.

My cousin, Mrs Ruth MacNeil, 4986 Powell Road, Dayton, Ohio 45424, writes that her mother, one of the older children of the family of George Washington and Rebecca Jane Willis Doudna, our grand-parents, gave her some information as follows:

"Our grandmother, Rebecca Jane Willis Doudna, was a distant cousin of former Governor Willis. She is buried here in Woodlawn Cemetery on the Doudna lot.....I am not sure where grandmother was born except in Butler County near Hamilton. I think, where she was married."

She enclosed a short list from a record her mother made in a family book, as follows:

Father, Amassa Willis. Mother, Elizabeth (Cummings) Willis. Married in Butler County. Peter, Preble County, no children, farmer. John, Dayton, Ohio, no children. Maggie (Reynold), Hamilton. Lemuel, Oxford, 2 sons. Rebecca Jane (Doudna), 14 children. Amy (Beard) Ft Thomas, KY, 4 children.

Our grandmother was born May 8, 1844 and died Nov 5, 1898, aged 54.

Your greatly superior expertise and background of study of the Willis family may provide clues which I do not see as to how these Willises are connected with the other branches of the family, if there be such a connection. The nearest I could come was an "Asa", for the "Amassa".

Sincerely yours,
Rev Ralph W Heller

PS If you ever travel this way, do stop and visit.

P O Box 99
Alice, TX 78332
July 10, 1976

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Sir:

I saw Mrs S F Webster's contribution of the Rockingham County Militia List in the April NC Gen So Journal. My grandmother, Mrs John Nelson Willis, was Elizabeth Webster, dau of Mathew and Amelia Webster and that was my reason for writing her.

In the run-down she gave me of her Websters, she also gave me some information on the Willises. She gave me your name and address and said you had bought her books and had ancestors in Rockingham County, I am searching the Willis and Webster lines (also Williams, my mother's family) and have a quite extensive line-up on the Willises. My great grandfather was William John Willis b NC 1789; mother Margaret Willis 1754, but have not been able to find his father as yet. There may have been many brothers and sisters that we do not know of. Large families was the custom in those days and W J Willis and wife, Ann Johnston, had twelve, four born in NC, eight in Ala, Benton Co (Calhoun now).

Today I received from a friend in Bladen County, NC census lists from 1790-1850 of Willis heads of Households; also tax lists and abst. of Wills. One Robert Willis will dated April 4, 1787, wife & Execrix: Anne. (Brothers & Sisters mentioned but not named) Witness: Elizabeth Lucas. Do you have much Willis ancestry material and would be interested in pursuing it farther? The founder of Lumberton, NC. Was Gen John Willis, a Capt in the Revolutionary War, later a brigadiar general and a member of thelegislature and of the conventions of 1788-89. He later moved to Natchez, Miss and died there. Do you know anything about him and his descendants? Where any one of the descendants may be living?

Did you get much information from Mrs Webster's books about your ancestry? I am thinking of ordering from her and have written for a list of them and the price? I would appreciate your opinion of her books.

I would be glad to hear from you?

Yours truly,
Mrs Ella Willis Lipps

SASE

Ella Willis Lipps
P O Box 99
Alice, Texas 78332
July 30, 1976

Dear Robert:

I have taken the privilege of dispensing with formalities in addressing you and I hope you will do the same, if we need to have further correspondence. I have enjoyed your letter very much and I want to thank you for all the information and dates.

Last night I was listening to Nite Cap out of Salt Lake and heard a woman by name of Hilda Mitchell in New Orleans call in. I have a book that states Robert D MacAnelly (McAnally) came here in 1830 and settled in Lampasas County, Texas; and that his father was listed as coming from Ireland and his mother from KY. Some of his family history researches think it more likely that it was his grandfather who came from Ireland and that man may have been John McAnelly who was pioneering in KY soon after the Rev War. He was the only McAnelly among the listings of hundreds seeking and receiving those early land grants. In Lincoln County was 400 acres 1781; 400 acres 1787 and 800 acres 1791. This Robert D had a younger brother, Pleasant McAnelly, and they came while it was still a part of the Mexico Dominion for it seems that their acquisition of lands began with headright and donation grants. There is mention of other brothers and if think these McAnelly's might be kin to you, write to O B Puryear, 5144 S Hudson PL, Tulsa, Okla, \$5.00. He is cousin of mine and the book is well worth the price and it was edited by his mother, Grace Hollis Puryear. This book is full of folks from Ala, Tenn, NC and S C, VA, Penn, etc and Willises. If you do send for this book let me know and I will send you a run-down on the Willises on pg 55. They are not all there due to I am the missing link and have the bible that lists them all. Oh yes, there are 14 pages about these McAnellys.

I wrote to Douglas M Willis about his book that you told me about. Thanks.

I also wrote C O Willis about his gr-uncle that served in the Confederate army and gave him a starting point with the mother, Margaret born 1754.

I have the Mildred Washington and Col Henry Willis story condensed, "The Willises of Virginia" by Maude Potter. There are several Williams and Johns but the dates doesn't seem to fit. Maybe I need to search it a little more.

Again thank you for your information and write me again.
Sincerely,
Ella Lipps

W R CHITWOOD M.D.
Jan 19, 1978

Dear Mr Willis,

Thank you so much for your letter and informative as to whom to contact about Dr Booth. I certainly will write both people you suggested and I hope they will have some information.

I have been interested in Confederate Navy Surgeons and am trying to collect biographies of them.

Thanks again for your help & good wishes.

Sincerely,
W R Chitwood M.D.

Mrs Ella Lipps
P O Box 99
Alice, Texas 78332
May 12, 1978

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 447-8
South Point, Ohio 45680

Dear Sir:

I received the book today along with two others that I had ordered about three weeks ago. Of course in all my enthusiasm check for the Willis and Williams names, I found on page 171 #3514 Willis Fam Rec (#791) and immediately drew lines under it. Then it occurred to me that I had ordered only two books and when I examined the North Carolina book and found your name sticker in it I was so surprised and ashamed that I had already underscored six lines. I do my books that way but I don't want other people to take that privilege. I apologize for this and there won't be any more underscored lines. I put the date on my calendar just over my desk when I am supposed to return it, and if something should happen to me (I am 79 this Tues) my niece knows about the book. Don't think anything will happen soon – I go to the Golden Age Club dances.

Your book is a wonderful one to have in anybody's library and I am about in the notion of buying one for myself. When I have finished with my family trees I am going to donate all my books to our library here in Alice. I have already given two that I paid \$20 each for. We are building a genealogical section and have organized a little society. I have read North Carolina History a couple of times and found a John Willis who founded the town of Lumberton in Robeson County. It said that he was a General, a Revolutionary Soldier from North Carolina; that he later moved to Natchez, Miss, and died there. I wrote to Natchez, Adams Co but they had no record of his will.

I hope you are satisfied in your new home. It is always like a burn out to move; so many things accumulated that you hate to dispose of – and will need next day. Armco Steel is a good company. I take the Wall Street Journal and watch the market every day, having stock in about twenty companies, mostly gas pipeline and oil and a few utility stocks. They are all doing well, several split their stock last year. Of course I wasn't mad about that.

I had better close and get busy. I have so much work stacked around and need filing, I can't find what I want easily.

Sincerely,
Mrs Ella Lipps

June 20, 1978

Mr Robert M Willis
Rt 1 Box 1
Ironton, Ohio 45638

Dear Sir:

I have been away on vacation with my nephew and family and have not had much time to peruse your book so I am writing to ask if I may keep it a little longer? You had said I could let you know by June 30 if I needed it a little longer.

The reason I need to keep it longer, I have another book that I must return to the Library (it is an inter-Library loan from Corpus Christi) if I can't make arrangements to keep it longer. It is Making It In The Market by Richard Ney and a mighty fine book. I have his first book but this one is much more enlightening. I have a good many stocks in different companies and this book has many charts and lots of gook instructions as to how these market specialists operate, so I have to get busy with it since next Tues, is July 1st. I have books by other stock operators that are good but this is the best I've seen yet.

I will take good care of your book. You would not want to sell it would you? When I finish my genealogy study I am going to give my books to the library (I have already given them two \$20.00 books); they are land books, federal and state: one was a bounty book.

I have lots of genealogy to do before we can publish our book. I have to rest more so I can't do as much as I used to. I get letters from people I did not know existed before, and I suppose you do too. I still have all of yours in the Robt M Willis file.

You will be hearing from me at times, telling you what I find in the Willis lines. I may find kin with you yet that we do not know about now.

Bye, bye.

Your friend, Ella Lipps

Do you live in the country? I notice your add is on a Route. I am a country reared girl. My father had lots of land right along the San Saba River and I could ride wild bridle-wise horses; had four brothers and two sisters, older than I. It was a great life but lots of hard work even though we had renters. We had 1 ½ mi. pecan orchard along the river and lots of good fishing. When the old folks died each wanted his inheritance and now somebody else owns it. The name of Willis is still prominent in that county, but there is only one nephew and two nieces left. Such is life.

Mrs Ella Lipps
P O Box 99
Alice, Tex 78332
July 3, 1978

Dear Mr Willis:

It seems strange to address anyone Willis I know as Mr Willis because they are all kin to me. A way back somewhere we probably are kin but that is neither here or there. I don't suppose we will ever know. I have some wonderful Willis cousins and they are all gook, law- abiding citizens.

I enjoyed your letter so very much; all the information about the Willises and Mitchells and your life in the service. My husband was in the 1918 WW I. He "went over the top" many times, and the last time orders came through for everybody to lie down flat on their back that a barrage was coming through. He got lots of shrapnel and gas but did not get killed, all his buddies on both sides of him did not make it and he was very sad about that. He took pneumonia and during the time he was on sick leave the Armistice was signed. A buddy from here, my husband and all the Texas troops had a time in Paris that day and I expect for several days. Shrapnel worked out of his flesh for seven years. He had good health after that got a job in the Mexia Oil fields and put everything in an oil well, even slept in the bank where he worked as a bookkeeper and was going to be rich. One morning that oil well blew out and ruined everything. He lost everything he had put in it. He decided he had better come back to Alice where he had a job waiting for him in the same bank he left in 1913 to go though war (volunteered) and make a new start.

I moved to Alice with my family in 1929, leaving a ranch in McCulloch Co because it was so cold up there.

Brothers ran the ranch and we three sisters came with the old folks. I got a job with Chevrolet Mtr Co as bookkeeper, etc and met my husband then. I was a widow and very lonely and he was a handsome bachelor with no sweetheart. We married but never had any children (don't know why) and lived a happy life. He was so good to me and I was very lonely when he passed away June 18, 1964. Everything we had made and saved was in S & L and stocks in different companies. I had been in the business world all my life, a bookkeeper and I was determined I could learn the stock market business, --- and I did. I bought some stock every year out of my income and now I have \$50,000 in S & L and lots of stocks such as oils, gas pipeline and utilities. I knew how to hang on to my money and manage. I was first a country girl and in those days there wasn't any rich people. Things were not worth anything and the money is getting cheap again.

I note your father married Lenora Robinson. We used to have kin by name of Robinson and they were at my home when I was born, May 16, 1899 and they named me Ella for her. They caught lots of fish and sold them while at our house before I was born; mother said she got so she wanted to vomit every time she saw a fish and to this day I don't like fish. You are lucky to have so many of your family living. I am the last. We have some allied lines of kin in Ohio but wont take time now to list them.

I decided I would buy your book and am enclosing my check for \$20.00. The other book you mention, I wrote that man and sent along a family chart and wrote back and said he did not think I would find anybody in it for my line, that if he ever ran across anyone that he thought was my kin that he would let me know. He missed a chance of selling one of his books. I take the North Carolina Gen Society magazine but have not tried to send in my family chart. I think if I get the census of the names you sent me I would probably have better luck. I note one is named John and he could be the one I am looking for.

I know you and your wife are enjoying your new home. You probably are retired according to your birth date. My husband has been gone fourteen years and I stayed right on here in my nice home; three bed-Rooms, a bath and half, big closets and a screened in porch nearly all the way across the back which is on the south side. My bedroom is on the S E with six windows and $\frac{3}{4}$ ton air conditioner. I have 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ton air conditioner in the living room on the north but I don't like air conditioners so we use fans everywhere and Put on the others when we have to. We bought the vacant lot on the west of us (an old house was on it at the time) several years before my husband even thought about dying. Right across the street is a Doctor's clinic, on the west of that is a duplex and then a private home on the corner and they own a big flower shop and sporting goods in back facing west. We have a nice hospital and lots of new Dr office, a nice library in next block to me and next to that is the P O and another is my church (Methodist and across the st. from that is a huge M E B grocery. Two good sized new banks and savings loan but my bank is why out on the Corpus Christi road. Our town is growing so fast (about 35,000) it will be a city before many years. You know in Texas we have oil and gas and cattle too and being only about 45 miles from Corpus Christi (see map) and lots little town between we will grow together some day. Corpus has to come this way which is West; it has not way going east that is where the bay is. A niece (72 yrs) lives with me. She does all the chores, grocery buying, see that the car is kept running, house work, etc. (we don't hurt ourselves keeping house; I run my own business and keep my books (I was a secretary first then changed to bookkeeping.

I must close this and answer some more letters from different people I hear from through genealogy. It is amazing how some of them you feel kin to and do get some of your personal life into the letters. I enjoy What they have to say about their life and the country in which they live. One mote thing , I wonder if you folks ever see PTL Club, Heritage USA, at Charlotte, N C? It comes on one of the stations in Corpus, #3 at 6 am in the morning and off at 7am. It is a non denominational organization and is broadcast by satellite all over the world. That is where I want to visit next summer. Will have to fly and take my other niece and her son with me to take care of me. Probably turn out to be only a happy dream.

Sorry, I misplaced your address the other letter. Wont do that again now that I have made a file for you.

Sincerely,

Ella Lipps

Alice, Texas
Jan 25, 1980

Dear Robert & Edna:

Your greeting card brought me great pleasure. I am so glad you remembered me in this way. The reason I have not answered sooner I was gone all the month of December visiting nephews. One of them had invited me up to go to the Elk's ball Dec 6th and I packed my beautiful new evening dress and gold slippers and went. I belong to the Golden Age Club here in Alice and we dance every Thursday night; there is only a handful of us but we have a lot of fun just being together. As old as we are we couldn't get into much trouble and we don't allow any alcoholic drinks therefore we are not bother with drunks like some clubs are. Oh yes, we have an electric record player, music box I guess you would call it.

Your card was beautiful. I had never thought of having a coat- of-arms put on but it does make it very attractive. I don't have one of my family. Just after my husband died I received one made up into a sample of what his would be, but – they wanted \$339.50 for it. I let them keep it.

Do you remember the book I brought from you? You could not guess how much I use it. And now I have another one I ordered from Gen Pub titled COLONIAL GRANVILLE COUNTY AND ITS PEOPLE. This one is full of Williams families and their children and who they married, where they migrated to, some coming to Texas, and in this book I located my gr-gr-grandfather Williams and gr-gr-grandfather William Willis; I have the service papers on Willis. I want to suggest you order this book from Gen Pub , which is only \$10.00 and 75 cents for handling. I think you will find your ancestors in it. This book was compiled by Worth S Ray and I have one from the library here by him, AUSTIN COLONY PIONEERS, which is our state capitol. So many of the people I know of and know their descendants. I am building a small library of genealogy and historical books.

Edna what do you do for entertainment? Several of my friends belong to a sewing club also church affairs. I am Legislative Chairman of our AARP chapter here, belong to our UMW (United Methodist Women) Circle IV. And Stardust account at my bank. Stardust plans tours to different places, mostly in Texas; plan on going to Mexico City next time which I am going to miss: I have not lost anything in Mexico. Last June a niece and nephew went with me to Charlotte, North Carolina, to visit PTL Club. We stayed a week and enjoyed it very much. I checked the phone book and found lots of Williams but was afraid some would be black, my grandfather had slaves, so I let it be.

Let me hear you to sometime. I imagine way back somewhere we are from the same line – tree likely. About once or twice a year I set a card or letter from several different correspondents doing genealogy. I have one more such person to answer; she sent me a once a year family letter that goes to all her kin, some not kin. I am kin to one of her kin, a Willis not a Williams.

Love in Christ's name to you both,

Ella Lipps

28-2-81

Dear Robert & Edna:

I sent you a card but sent it to your old address and it came back. I spent Xmas with my Lipps kin at Fredericksburg; went to New Brunfels for New Year and visited my Willis nephew 7 family, coming home Jan 2. I took my cards with me to mail out but was to busy, now I am trying to catch up.

Am still doing Genealogy. Hope to go to Charlotte, NC in June; have to trace some more Willis & Williams. I had our phone Co order a phone book- it is 2 " thick, weighs 5 lbs 1 1/2 page Willises, 4 pages Williams.

We have not had much rain here or much winter, but expecting some soon. We are not making a garden this year except will put out five tomato plants. They cost lots per lb. in store but I buy them anyway. I will be 82 May 16th so I don't have too many years to eat tomatoes. Beside my heirs will know how to use the money? I may as well have everything I want. Times are tight financially which I guess you know. Young people now days don't try to save a penny for old age; they think So. Security will be enough. How surprised they will be.

Hope you two have good health. I am in pretty good health, considering my age.

Best wishes to you both.
Love – Ella Lipps

April 14, 1983

Dear Mr Willis,

I am sorry it has taken me so long to answer your sweet letter and to thank you for the information that you sent to me. I'm still hunting for the parents of Ritty Crabtree (proof that is). We are almost positive that Reece is her father and no knowledge of her mother. We are almost 100% sure that he is the son of Issac Crabtree the lone survivor of the James Boone massacre. BUT we need proof. I have written letters to all kinds of Crabtree's and still finding new ones from the general area that Ritty was supposed to have moved to but can't find any trace of her. I do keep adding to the descendants however so maybe one of these days I'll find something to connect it positively. I have the Crabtree's from England on down to Issac the lone survivor and then Reece and then Ritty but getting the proof is worse than looking for a needle in a hay stack.

I was very sick the months of Jan, Feb and most of March but I am finally recovering. I was in the hospital three weeks. I hope your health is much better now.

I thought I'd let you know I'm still working on the tree but haven't found anything really of sufficient proof.

Keep in touch and let me hear from you from time to time and take care.

Do you know of any family tales that might provide any clues on anything, I would appreciate it very much. Would you care to tell me about how and why of the deaths of Edward Crabtree, son of Harvey, and about Walter, son of Joshua. I notice they died of homicide or accident. Please.

Sincerely,
Mrs Patricia Perry
Box 146
Scott Depot, W VA 25560

P S I'm going to write to Maude Wallier also. Thanks

Al Fulton
508 Wallace SE
Canton, Ohio 44707

1 Portrait and Biographical Record of the Scioto Valley Ohio, Lewis Publishing Co 1894; John Willis Page 237.8 Biog. Xerox copy this \$1.25 Send page back. Have other Willis in other Ohio records.

WILLIAM WILLIS

William Willis was born in Greenbrier County, Virginia, Aug 10, 1811. The forbears of Mr Willis, resident of Virginia, a member of them served during the Revolutionary War in General Washington's Continental Army.

William Willis married Elizabeth Davis Aug 30, 1826, solemnized by John Suesberry at Kanawha County, VA. Now W VA. Both very young then, shortly after moved to Ohio. William Willis born Aug 10, 1811 died Lawrence County, Ohio Aug 18, 1885. Wife Elizabeth (Davis) Willis born VA, Feb 15, 1814 died Lawrence County, Ohio Feb 14, 1896. Both buried Willis Cemetery, Leatherwood near Getaway, Ohio. (Lawrence township) William Willis was mustered into service of the United States as 2nd Lieut Co E 5th Regiment of West VA Inf Sep 2, 1861 and was the Company's Capt. Was honorably discharged at Wheeling, VA. Nov 6, 1864. In 1878 on July 24, filed claim for disability pension giving personal description as follows: age 73 years, height 5 feet 8 1/2 inches, Complexion light, hair light, eyes light. That while a member of the organization aforesaid and in line of his duty at Cross keys in state of W VA on or about the 8th day of June 1862, he contracted inflammation of the liver forward by partial paralysis of the right side from cold contracted on the march to said battle of Cross Keys and from exposure to measles for some weeks just prior to said battle of Cross Keys. That said disease became chronic and has existed continually from his discharge to the present time so that he has not been up anytime able to obtain his subsistence by manual labor by reason of said disability tracted at WB? Jackson at home in Lawrence County by Dr P R Aundall and Dr Geo. B Shattuck deceased.

Witness: A P Russell L D Markin Claimant signature ^{his} William + Willis
Mark

Of the opinion that his paralysis was cause of being unable to write. Totally disabled and his occupation, farmer. His address of Post Office Russell's Place, Lawrence County, Ohio (now Getaway)

General Affidavit

State of Ohio:

In the matter of the Pension Claim # 332116 of Elizabeth Willis widow of William Willis late 2nd Lieut Co E 5th Regt W VA Vols. Elizabeth Willis the claimant age 73 years residing in Lawrence County, Ohio. I am an applicant for pension as widow of William Willis late 2nd Lieutenant Co E 5th Regt W VA Vols. I further state that I am unable to prove my marriage to said soldier by a verified copy of a Public or church record as of the officiating magistrate or by eye witnesses to the ceremony first for the reason that the county clerk of Kanawha County, West Virginia. Where I was married has informed my attorney that there is no record of out marriage in his office; second, for the reason that then was no church record kept; third, for the reason that the officiating magistrate is dead; and forth, for the reason that there are no witnesses to the marriage Ceremony now living that I know as it has been so many years ago. I respectfully beg leave to furnish the testimony of old citizens and neighbors who know that for many years the said soldier and myself lived together and were recognized and acknowledge as man and wife.

My P O address is Russell's Place, Lawrence Co, Ohio ^{Her} Elizabeth + Willis
mark

Witnesses: W S Martin John Moore

A prior application was filed by said soldier who was a pensioner under certificate #256, 720 dated Jany 28, 1884

H D McKnight of Ironton, Ohio her attorney ^{her} Elizabeth + Willis
Witnesses; Sardine Paul

W G McKnight
17 Oct 1885

mark

William Willis enlisted Ceredo, W VA 2nd Sep 1861 in Co E 5th Regt W VA Vols Infty
Died of disease of liver and paralysis incurred while in said service on 18 Aug 1885.
Children according to 1850-60 Census of William and Elizabeth (Davis) Willis
Sarah Willis born Ohio 1829 in Jackson Co married July 13, 1851 to Sardine Paul

Rebecca Willis, born Ohio 1830 Jackson Co married 1851 to Michael Keeney

Petunia (Lina) Willis born 1834 in Ohio Jackson Co married Apr 17, 1852 Clinton Pemberton

John Willis born 1833 in Jackson Co, Ohio died 1908 father of Gov S S Willis married Dec 18, 1869
To Abigail Slavens

Pleasant Willis born Ohio July 4, 1838 died Mar 3, 1918 married 1st Jan 4, 1859 to Nancy McConnell d
1876 married 2nd July 10, 1880 to Margaret Ellison

William Willis Jr born Ohio 1840 died Jan 1927 married may 15, 1869 to Nancy Lycan

Charley Willis born Ohio 1842 married April 13, 1868 to Elizabeth Joseph

Edward Willis born Ohio 1845 married April 4, 1871 to Almeda Layne

Burdine Willis born Ohio 1848 died 1932 married July 12, 1871 to Cynthia J Crawford

Perry Willis born Ohio 1849-50 married May 28, 1872 to Amy Pepper

Mary Willis born Ohio 1852 married Oct 3, 1868 to John Pucket

Wilmington Willis born Ohio 1854 died young 6 years of age 1860 first buried in Willis Cem.

11 children in all 10 married

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DEERING FAMILY

Richard Deering was one of the first furnace men to come to Greenup County. He bought a farm west of Hopewell in the vicinity of what was Pactolus near the Little Sandy River, and engaged in salt boiling. He was above the average of his day for enterprise and investigation and was something of a mechanic. He noticed iron ore in his fields and on the hillsides and thought he might do some smelting, as in his old home in Pennsylvania.

In 1815 he constructed a crude cupola and charged it with a small quantity of iron stone. The results proved so satisfactory that he engaged four or five moulders to run his iron into hollow ware.

The success of this crude attempt induced him in 1818 to form a partnership with David and John Trimble for the erection of Argillite Furnace, the first iron plant to be established in Greenup County. it was located six miles southwest of Greenupsburg , on the left bank of the Little Sandy River. In 1824, Richard Deering built a forge at Hopewell and converted it into a furnace in 1832.

Richard Deering's children were John, William and Martha. John married Sally Rains in 1822; William married Nancy Hannah in 1827; and Martha married Elisha Mayhew in 1827. William's children may have been Nancy, who married Henry Davidson of Greenup; Mary, who married William Warneck; and

Martha, who married Jacob Everman of Hopewell. Members of the early Deering family are buried in the Oldtown Cemetery.

John Deering, a brother of Richard, made the blast cylinder and the water wheel of the Argillite Furnace. He

He seems to have moved to Lawrence County, Ohio, and lived at Hecla Furnace, where he and his wife, Ruhamah Davis Deering, are buried. A small village near Hecla is still known as Deering, named for this family. (This village is four miles east of Coal-grove, Ohio, state Rt 243.) They intermarried with the Gholson family in Lawrence County and Mrs Doris Deering Gholson Rapalee of Portsmouth, Ohio, is a descendant of the John Deering family.

It has always been said by the folks of the Hopewell section of Greenup County that William Deering invented a mowing machine and brought it down to Argillite, about six miles away.

It has been told also that the Deerings wrote to some Chicago relatives asking them to come to look at the machine and they did so. This was in 1832-34. The machine proved too heavy for use, but about the same time, in Illinois; near Chicago, a mowing machine was invented by a William Deering, who may have been a relative of the local Deering family. The people of Greenup County like to think the mowing machine idea was born here.

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(Census of Greenup County 1811

Anthony Deering & Richard Deering, William Gholson , Daniel Rateliffe, Ambrose Rucker, Ephriam Rucker & Reuben Rucher.

ELZA WILLIS

Elza Willis was born in this county at Russell's Place (now called Getaway) June 8, 1808 died Aug 24, 1871, son of Joshua & Mary (Blankenship) Willis.

He married first Elizabeth Ward born in VA Mar 30, 1807 died at Marion, Aid Township, Law Co, Ohio Apr 4, 1854. They married in this county July 27, 1830 and had the following children:

Julia Ann b May 19, 1831; died 1924 m George Russell, Aug 18, 1850.

Mary & Martha (twins) b May 30, 1833; Mary d Apr 7, 1859 unmarried; Martha d Aug 20, 1874 m to William M Taylor, Jan 7, 1859.

Thomas J b Dec 22, 1835 d 1916 m to Laura Wood, Dec 10, 1870

Joshua Benjamin b Oct 22, 1837 d 1904 m to Mollie A Davis Sep 16, 1869

Ruth b July 30, 1839 m Shadrack Smith Aug 17, 1853

Sarah Jane b Feb 4, 1841 d Aug 24, 1852

Edward b Jan 1, 1843 d Aug 5, 1866 unmarried

John Wesley b Sep 15, 1845 d 1920 m to Eva Booth April 25, 1878

William b Feb 18, 1847 d Aug 23, 1852

Elizabeth b April 19, 1849 d April 23, 1852

Elizabeth the mother died April 4, 1854

Thomas J, Joshua B, Edward and John Wesley were soldiers in Union Army.

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Elza Willis & Keziah George 2nd wife and family:

Elza Willis was subsequently married to Keziah George b Aug 26, 1856 d 1900 m Oct 6, 1855 and these were their children:

George W b Oct 18, 1856 d 1919 unmarried

Sidney E b May 18, 1858 d 1944 m Margaret Martin, May 22, 1899

Carlilse Willis b Aug 26, 1859 d 1948 m John G Shafer May 1, 1880

Amanda M Willis b Aug 24, 1861 d 1946 m Harrison Bennett, March 29, 1884

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MARRIAGES AT GALLIA COURT HOUSE

Annie Willis to Thomas V Brown vol 3 page 96
Lucy Willis to Stephen Stewert vol 1 p 156 12-14-1826
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Frances Willis to William Casey vol 1 p 177 colored
Hannah Willis to Guy Morris vol 1 p 130 July 18, 1824
Sephurnia E Willis to Lewis T Baker vol 3 p 129 Jan 6, 1866
John G Willis to Maggie Cofer vol 5 p 571 Mar 9, 1884 J E Cardwell (son of Geo & Eliz-lived at one time Kenawa) Maggie b 1890 d 1928
Lewis Willis to Leah Brown vol 1 P 99 Jan 19, 1821
Joshua Willis to Mary Blankenship Vol 1 P 9 July 8, 1807 Jacob Miller JP married in Aid by Advertisement. Son of Henry Sr
Isaiah Willis to Sanny Blankenship vol 1 P 31 1812 Son of Henry Sr
Henry Willis to Polly Tucker vol 1 p 39 Jan 6, 1814 Wm Miller JP Son of Henry Sr
William F Willis to Elenor S Ward vol 3 P 113 Oct 28, 1865 Hamson Willis MG
George Willis to Letter Casey vol 1 P 146 1826 colored
Henry Willis to Margaret Milhoff vol 3 P 51 March 27, 1864 Son of Thompson
Hamilton Willis to Mary E Graham Vol 3 P 72 Nov 24, 1864
Horance Willis to Mary S Cotter Vol 3 P 272 Mar 3, 1869 Harrison Willis MG
James Willis to Polly Payne Vol 1 P 53 Nov 25, 1815 Lewis Newson JP Son of Henry Sr
James C Willis to Jemima E Shiflet Vol 3 P 83 Mar 5, 1865 Wm Rob JP
Wesley Willis to Martha Moler vol 5 P 19 Dec 31, 1879
Hugh Willis to Polly Delly vol 1 p June 15, 1815 Son of Henry Sr
These marriages before 1816 at Gallia County court house.

Marriages

Vol 9 page 251 John Mitchell to Rebecca Willis Sep 26, 1867 Rev Ben Ashley
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George H Roush to Lizzie Willis Aug 15, 1899
David W Cochrane to Lizzie Willis Nov 23, 1888 dau of Fielden
Milton Bowen to Lizzie Willis Apr 17, 1878 Edward Hussey JP P 334
Allen Boggs to Lizzie E Willis 7-12-1883
Wm Bowen to Margaret E Rucker Nov 10, 1877 H Sanders Min. P 272
Ironton Register Thur Mar 1, 1883 died Miss Susan Willis, Perry Twp d Feb 21 age 25 years 4 mos
Miss Sarah Samatha Willis, Perry Twp died May 23, 1877 age 26

House of Representatives Caldwell Co, KY Jas W Rucker 1826-7-8-9 Bk 2 P 773

Bk 1 p 191 William G Willis d 1868 nearly 599 pounds, suppose to be largest man in Kentucky.
Bulletsburg, Boone Co, KY. Wm G Willis married Casandria Pratt Apr 7, 1849 Newsom Pratt bondsman,
Greenup, KY

MARRIAGES GREENUP CO., KY Court House/Clerks
Peggy Rucker to James Kite Sep 14, 1808 W C & Ann Rucker Parents of Peggy
Elzepham Rucker to Polly Dectley Aug 4, 1808 dau of John
James Rucker to Elizabeth Dectley Jan 19, 1810
Reuben Rucker to Mary T Love Oct 18, 1808
Bazel Rucker to America McGurpe Sep 10, 1832

Greenup Co, KY

George Willis to Anney Rucker Sep 4, 1808 consent Viat Rucker father of Anney (gr-gr-grandparents of
Robert M Willis)
Joseph Willis to (2nd marriage) Elizabeth Huffman July 6, 1811 Simeon Huffman made oath Eliz over 21
David Willis to Betsy Lowry Mar 21, 1820 consent John Lowry father of Betsy
John Willis to Barilla Young Willis May 11, 1821 Joseph Willis bondsman
Ambrose Willis to Mary Ann Clifton May 19, 1847 Simeon Willis, bondsman
Wm G Willis to Casandira Pratt Apr 7, 1849 Nelson Pratt Bondsman
Simeon Willis age 28 to Leander Haden age 29 (Widow) Oct 14, 1854
Benj Willis age 20 to Susan Ward age 17 Sep 21, 1858
Lewis Willis age 21 to Jane Farmer age 21 Oct 20, 1857
Clarissa Willis to Wm Goolsby July 20, 1837 son of Joshua, Clarissa niece of Geo. W
Nancy Willis to David Pugh June 18, 1840
Eliza Willis to Wm T Dickerson June 13, 1841
Margaret Willis age 17 to Wm Archey Sep 1877

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LAWRENCE COUNTY'S YESTERYEARS

(Editor's note: Today's article was written by a Lawrence County pioneer, Hugh Willis, Sr on March 1, 1902, when he was 84 years old. This copy of the original article was submitted to the Tribune by Robert M Willis, Box 1 Rt1, Ironton. The original paper is in the possession of Chester R Wessel, son of Amanda Willis Wessel. The fact that the writer was born just one year after Lawrence County was formed as a governmental unit, and was part of the county's growth during the last century offers today's readers an opportunity to visualize out area from 1817 to 1902.) 3-23-1902

by Hugh Willis Sr

Forestdale, March 1, 1902

Correct account of family names of Grandfather Henry Willis who was a citizen and merchant in the city of Richmond, Virginia and reared his family in Richmond. The following named are the children of Grandfather Henry Willis; Isaiah, Joshua, George, John, Hugh, Andrew, Tabitha, Catherine, and Mary.

When Ohio was admitted as a state and the Pre-emption law passed, these seven sons and three sons-in-law, Mathias Cooper, Charles Cooper and William Corbin, husbands of the above named daughters of Grandfather Willis, all pre-empted homes. Grandfather Henry Willis served as Colonel in the Revolutionary War and when he died he left 75,000 dollars to his heirs. The city treasurer wrote to father Joshua Willis and Uncle George Willis that he had that amount collected in his hands and would pay it to legal heirs.

Brother Elza Willis and I, Hugh Willis were appointed to go there and receive the money and was supposed to start May, 1861, but in April, 1861 the first 75,000 soldiers was called and on account of the war we could not go tho Richmond to receive our estate and it was said it was captured during the war of 1861-65.

I am the oldest Willis in the county and the only one of father's family living. The following are the children of father Joshua Willis: Elza, Clara, Andrew, Elizabeth, John, Hugh, Julian, George, Mary, Joshua Jr, and Arimetha.

I was born in Aid Township on the homestead at Marion, County of Lawrence, State of Ohio, Sept 3, 1817 and worked on the farm with father. When Spring came I helped mother to make sugar. She sent sister Arimetha to Loss Creek for water to fill the pots when the syrup was done. Sister stayed too long. Mother sent me to look after her and I went to the place where she sent to get the water and lo, she had fallen in and was drowned and I took her out of the water and carried her to Mother at the camp in the bottom where Father's orchard was. Uncle Henry Webb was there and rolled her in a barrel and brought her to life.

When I was 16 years of age in the year of 1833, I went with Father to work at Vesuvius Furnace and Quarried lime rock in the water. The mornings were so cold the wedges would stick to my fingers. I worked at the furnace in winter and back to the farm in summer. I hauled ore and pig iron from Vesuvius to Hanging Rock six years for Father. In the year 1838 Father and I cut fifteen hundred sawlogs. I hauled them in to Loss Creek and we run them down in the back water to Symmes Creek and on to Clarks Dam and the money Father received for those logs paid the expense of entering four 40 acres of land. Then we went to work at the furnace again.

PIONEER TELLS OF LIFE IN LAST CENTURY

Wade & Co was running the furnace when wee first went there to work and \$3,000 was due Father on first settlement and book account. The company broke up. Wade went to England to make Wade razors and Father never got a dollar of his money.

Then William Patten & Co came in as signers for Wade J Gould & Co. I was hauling ore to the furnace and patten weighed it and several loads had lost weight and at the same time I had increased the amount of each load and Father told me to have the scales balanced which I did and drove on to weigh the ore. I

turned back to the wheel horse. I heard the roller on the beam click. I jumped forward and caught him cheating me in the weight. I drew my horse whip and as he run to his office I gave him a lick across his legs about every other step to his door. The boys just laughed and he never came to weigh my ore anymore. He cheated me out of several hundred pounds in several loads.

In the year 1839, Nov 6, I left the furnace, went home to Marion and went to school that winter. In 1840, Sept 20, I took a subscription school on Yellow Creek and taught a three month term. In the year 1841, I taught the Marion school. In the year 1842, on May the 9th, I entered the academy at Burlington (Ohio) and remained in school six months and took the second degree of graduate signed up by the officials of the institution, George C Beaman, teacher, and a grand teacher he was. I turned my attention to the science of mathematics. I sat under the great beech trees on the banks of Symmes Creek and Loss Creek on the hillside and there I took some of the best and most lasting lessons I ever got in figures.

Then for four years I run as clerk on the Gondola. William F Davison was Captain and on the relief Fuson Davison, Captain during the summer season and fall. In the winter I taught school at Marion. Then I entered the Big Sandy store boat as salesman. Joseph Davison, Captain and owner, continued in that capacity four years.

In the year 1847 on Feb 8, I was married to Miss Phoebe Crowley. I taught school in Lawrence Co, Ohio sever years in all at Marion and in all 30 years in Lawrence Co., 1 year in Gallia Co, Ohio and two years in Scioto Co. In all, 33 years in the state of Ohio. I taught two years in the state of Kentucky and three years in the state of Indiana and twelve years in the state of West Virginia. In all, 50 years in the school room I labored in the cause of education. Besides, I did a great deal of teaching outside the school building.

Another sad experience in my boyhood days, Father rented the Holderby Farm on the West Virginia side of the Ohio River, the first farm above Guyandotte, lived there three years. When the great explosion of the boat "Kanawha", I first heard the report then I looked and saw the smoke from the field where I was pulling fodder. I saw the bodies of nine dead men side by side from that accident.

And after that brother Joshua, sisters Remetha and Elizabeth took the Flux and all died and all this distress was what enthralled Father in the Holderby debt. It was when I grew up it was settled. Father told me if I would stay with him until the debt was settled (which I did) I should have the upper part of the farm above the lane but I did not get it. This was after I was of age and when I was 23 years old I could not write my name.

When the war of 1861 came up, I responded and served three years and 1 month in the U S Army, Co C , 5th West Virginia Vol Inf, in which service I contracted the disease for which I drew pension. While in service I had a recruiting commission from General Seigle. I recruited 64 men for Lieutenant John Witchers Cavalry Co and twelve men for the 5th W VA Inf.

In the year 1875, March 31, my wife Phoebe Willis died and left me and seven children to mourn her loss. In the year 1876, Jan the 18th, I was married to widow, Mrs Harriet Louisa Wilson, nee Harriet Louisa Stratton, in Wayne Co, W VA. Five daughters were born to this union, three of whom died in infancy, the second, third, and fourth, and have raised Mrs Olive May, the oldest and Amanda Willis, the youngest. This I leave to be published after I pass away. This is a true account.

Died March 13, 1903

Jan 9, 1940, A Willis Record by Lynceus Dosier Willis and others of his family, Address, Kenilworth, Ill, Box 64

- 9-- Deacon John Willis (will proved 1693), a first settler at Duxbury, Mass, 1637, an original propr. And first deacon; represented Bridgewater at old Colony Ct, 25 yrs; m Elizabeth (Hodges) Palmer, widow of William Palmer;
- 8-- Benjamin Willis (1658-97), Bridgewater; (5th son) m Susanna Whitman, dau of Thomas Whitman
- 7-- Thomas Willis (b 1694 ?) 1st son, m 1716 Mary Kingsley, dau of Sam Kingsley;
- 6-- Thomas Willis (1721 ?) his 1st son; m 1741 Susanna Ames, dau of Capt Thomas and Mary (Hayward) Ames:
- 5-- Thomas Willis (1746-1836) 3rd son, was in American Revolution; of Easton, Mass; Mfc. Of hide covered trunks; m first a Huet, md later twice names not known.
- 4-- Thomas Willis (1768-1824) died before his father; md (1) 1787 to Deborah Mitchel; (2) Hannah Dean 1801; (3) he md Frances Willis dau of Ephraim and Fannie (Lemote) Willis; (Ephraim a grt grt grandson of Mr Nathaniel Willis); Thomas md 4th Mary Dean no date given. (he had 21 children)
- 3-- Martin Wyman Willis (1821- 93) 3 years old when his father died; Served with the Union Army in the Civil War; Received from Harvard College the Degree of Master of Arts, 1857 (recommended by Ralph Waldo Emerson), and the St Louis University, the oldest in the West, conferred upon him in 1884, the Degree of Dr of Philosophy and in 1886 that of LD m 1849, Hannah Ann Mason; she died 1892; was a dau of Jos. Mason. (Dr Martin Wyman Willis, spoke English, French, and knew Latin, ancient Greek and Hebrew.) Grand Orator of Masonic Lodge; died St Louis, MO.
- 2-- Frederick Charles Willis (3rd son born Sept 7, 1859 died Dec 29, 1939) Mfc., F C Willis & Co, of Machinery, Chicago, Ill m Mattie Dosier Lynn born Feb 14, 1872, a dau of James H & Pricilla (Doshier) Lynn of St Louis, MO.
- 1-- L Doshier Willis, born at St Louis, MO Dec 2, 1892, only child of Frederick Charles & Mattie (Lynn) Willis, education; Chicago grammar, Fligh, Atheneum & Balthayars French School. With F C Willis & Co, now retired. Unmarried.

L Dosier Willis, P O Box 64, Kenilworth, Illinois, Dec 17, 1939.

Two brothers John and Nathaniel Willis came to America in 1630 from London and settled in the Plymouth Colony from Duxbury to Bridgewater, Mass 1645. Deacon John was the principal man next to the Minister, served in the Colony Court Bar 25 consecutive years, etc etc.

Mr Nathaniel Willis, brother of Deacon John Willis, was with his brother, an original proprietor of Bridge-Water, and was with the title of Mr on the record must have been a distinguished citizen. He is said to have been the first schoolmaster in town. His estate was settled in 1686.

WILLIS FAMILY- Morse Genealogical Register (Puritans Vol II) (E 6962, WILLIS COAT OF ARMS.) Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.

Copied by Robert M Willis Oct 2, 1968

Marriage Bonds

Name of Husband	Maiden Name of Wife	Bondsmen's Name	Date
Rollyson, John Harwood	Philips, Abigail	Rollyson, John H Massey, James	4/7/1800
Wood, Mathew	Tull, Sarah	Wood, Mathew Christian, Allen	6/30/1800
McNutt, John W	Legg, Ruth	McNutt, John W Legg, Davenport	4/28/1800
Swope, Joseph	Hinds, Molly	Swope, Joseph Cornwall, Elijah	8/3/1800
McDowel, John	Dixon, Mary	McDowel, John Dickson, Richard	9/16/1800
Ballard, Thomas	White, Polly	Ballard, Thomas Miller, Jacob	6/28/170?
Morrey, Joseph	Higgin, Sarah	Morrey, Joseph Foster, George	2/17/1800
Cooper, Leehonias	Thompson, Polly	Cooper, Leehonias Thomson, Samuel	12/30/1800
Shannon, Henry	Pepper, Esther	Shannon, Henry Clark, John	7/7/1800
Neal, Obidiah	Miller, Sarah	Neal, Obidiah Hall, John	9/9/1800
Lewis, Zebulon	Best, Jean	Lewis, Zebulon Best, Francis	3/1/180?
Ingles, Samuel	Meredith, Elizabeth	Ingles, Samuel T Meredith, Bradley	4/10/18??
Willis, Bennet	---man, Katherine	Willis, Bennet Dunn, Thomas	11/13/18??
_____, Robert	Walles, Nancy	-----, Robert -----, George	12/29/18??
Legg, Telson	Jefferies, Mary	Legg, Telson Miller, David	8/??/1800
Johnston, John	Johnson, Rachael	Johnston, John Johnson, John	12/?2/180?
Willis, Henry	Knight, Nancy (Gloucester Co, VA)	Baker,	6/5/1770

Willis, Roger
Dear Ms Parry,

Hill, Ruth (Mass) ancs of Frank B Willis Gov OH 19-15-17 1664

In answer to your letter received 3 July regarding Harvey Crabtree and family. I found his military at Court House also of a William Crabtree. I also presume they to be brothers as they served in the same outfit as you stated. That is all I were able to find. Now you have two others Henry and John all borned at Pike Co, KY. I have list of Harvey's children: Harvey mar'd. Sarah A Willis 9 Oct 1863. She died 3 July 1924 thirty years after he did. Sarah b 1843 dau Andrew & Naomi :

1. James Crabtree b ca 1864 d 1964 m 16-5-1883 Dora Webb
2. Marion F Crabtree b 9-1-1886 d 16-5-1944 m 25-12-1883 Eliza Bryant
3. Joshua Crabtree b 25-5-1867 d 15-12-1945 m 19-2-1888 Sarah Martin
4. Minnie Crabtree (twin) b 5-8-1870 d ? m 25-2-1891 Hilery Rosenbird
5. Mintie Crabtree (twin) b 5-8-1870 d ? m 24-7-1894 Tom Dugan
6. John Crabtree b 8-2-1873 d 11-3-1874 AG-1 yr 1mo 2 da
7. Hannah Crabtree b 25-10-1875 d 25-12-1901 m Marion Evick
8. Edward Crabtree b 9-10-1876 d 9-2-1928 m Anna Wise 30-3-1899
9. Isaac N Crabtree b 7-12-1878 d 23-6-1964 m Anne Ackerson 4-1-1901
10. George W Crabtree b 28-11-1880 d 10-12-1962 m Martin Prichard
11. Mary Emma Crabtree b 17-7-1883 d 1-2-1911 m 20-11-1902 Edward Danbury
12. Martha Lane Crabtree b 2-12-1897 d 15-9-1968 m 23-12-1908 Chas. Holley

Children of Surdine & Sarah (Willis) Paul :

Clinton Clayton Paul md Emma Willis Parents of Wm Clayton Paul md Flora Collier Children Thelma, Louise, and Helen.

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO 1820 CENSUS WILLIS FAMILY

(The age groups include heads of family.)

SYMNES TOWNSHIP

Joshua Willis (farmer) mar's 1807 Mary Blankenship

2 males under 10 yrs of age

1 male under 16 yrs of age

1 male 26 to 45

1 female under 10 yrs of age

2 female 10 to 16

1 female 16 to 26

1 female 26 to 45

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP VOL 4 Page 170 or 170 A

Isaiah Willis 2 engaged in Agriculture mar'd Nancy Blankenship 1812

1 male under 10 yrs of age

1 male 16 to 26 yrs

1 male 26 to 45 yrs

3 females under 10 yrs of age

1 female 26 to 45 yrs

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP Vol 4 Page 171

George Willis Engaged in agriculture, mar'd 1808 Susannah Rucker

2 males under 10 yrs of age

1 male 10 & under 16

1 male 26 & under 45

2 female under 10

1 female 26 and under 45

Windsor Township Vol 4 Page 159
Henry Jr mar'd Polly Tucker Jan 6, 1814 Polly b 1796 KY d 1874
Henry Willis Sr
1 male under 10 yrs
2 male 26 & under 45
1 male 45 and upwards
1 female under 10 yrs
1 female 16 & under 26
1 female 45 yrs & upward
1 engaged in Agriculture
1 engaged in manufacture

Windsor Township Page 167
James Willis m Nov 25, 1815 Polly Payne
2 males 16 & 18 yrs
2 males under 26
1 male 26 & under 45
2 females 10 & under 16
1 female 16 & under 18
1 female 26 & under 45

Found 5 Willis families listed in 1820 census on Roll 41. Oldest male and female presumes husband & wife. All listed not necessarily children. Could be grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins or boarders.

Lawrence County, Ohio
1830 census: Willis families

Aid Township Vol 36 page 54
Joshua Willis
1 male under 5 yrs of age
1 male 10 under 15 yrs
1 male 20 under 30 yrs
1 male 50 under 60
1 female under 5 yrs
1 female 10 under 15 yrs
1 female 15 under 20 yrs
1 female 40 under 50 yrs

Aid Township Vols 36 Page 54
Maray Willias (must be Mary or Polly) mar'd 1815 Hugh Willis
1 male 10 under 15 yrs
1 female 10 under 15 yrs
1 female 15 under 20 yrs
1 female 30 & under 40 yrs (believe a widow of Hugh)

Fayette Township Vol 36 Page 26 George Willis Sr
1 male 5 & under 10 yrs John
2 males 10 & under 15 yrs Wm & Geo Jr
1 male 15 & under 20 yrs Henry
1 male 40 & under 50 yrs Self
2 females under 5 Electa & Henrette
1 female 5 under 10 Mary
1 female 10 under 15 Marenin
1 female 40 & under 50 Spouse- Anney

Windsor Township Vol 36 Page 60

Andrew Willis mar'd Mariah ?

2 males 5 yrs and under

1 male 20 under 30

1 female 5 under 10

1 female 10 under 15

1 female 20 under 30

Union Township vol and page not given

Wyatt Willis mar'd ?

1 male 15 under 20 yrs of age

1 female under 5

1 female 20 under 30

5 Families all that were found 1830 census 32 on Roll

LAWRENCE COUTY, OHIO 1840 CENSUS Willis family

Aid Township Vol & page not given

Joshua Willis

1 male 10 under 15 yrs of age

1 male 40 under 50 yrs

1 male 60 under 70 yrs

1 female 10 under 15 yrs

1 female 15 under 20 yrs

1 female 40 under 50 yrs

Aid Township Vol 14 page 12

Elza Willis mar'd Eliz Ward (son of Joshua #2 & Mary Blankenship)

2 males under 5 yrs

1 male 30 under 40 yrs

1 female under 5 yrs

3 females 5 under 10

1 female 30 under 40

Aid Township Vol 14 page 12

Andrew Willis mar'd Naomi Collier

1 male under 5 yrs of age

1 male 20 under 30 yrs

1 female 20 under 30 yrs

Windsor Township Vol 14 page 33

Andrew Willis mar'd Mariah ?

1 male under 5 yrs

1 male 5 under 10

2 males 10 under 15

1 male 30 under 40

1 female under 5 yrs

1 female 10 under 15 yrs

1 female 30 under 40 yrs

McFielden
Sylvester
Wm & Wash

Maria

Windson Township Vol 14 page 34

Henry Willis mar'd Polly Tucker Jan 6, 1814

1 male 5 under 1p yrs of age

1 male 40 under 50 yrs

Henry

1 female 15 under 20 yrs

1 female 40 under 50 yrs

Polly

Windsor Township Vol 14 page 38

Henry Willis mar'd 1840, Sarah Gibson

1 male 20 under 30 yrs of age

1 female 20 under 30 yrs of age

Windsor Township Vol 14 page 34

Greenbury Willis mar'd Barbara Lambert (He was son of Henry & Polly Tucker Willis)

1 male 15 under 20 yrs of age

1 female 15 under 20 yrs of age

Windsor Township Vol 14 page 34

Thompson Willis mar'd ? Smith (Son of Henry & Polly Tucker Willis)

1 male under 5 yrs of age

1 male 20 under 30 yrs

1 female under 5 yrs

1 female 20 under 30 yrs

Fayette Township Vol 14 Page 4

George Willis Sr mar'd Anna Rucker Sep 4, 1808 at Greenup

2 males 15 under 20 yrs of age

1 male 20 under 30 yrs

1 male 50 under 50 yrs

1 female 5 under 10 yrs

2 female 10 under 15 yrs

1 female 40 under 50 yrs (RMW says it should be 50-60 yrs)

Fayette Township Vol 14 page 7

Wyatt Willis mar'd ?

1 male under 5 yrs of age

1 male 5 under 10 yrs

1 male 30 under 40 yrs

1 female under 5 yrs

1 female 5 under 10 yrs

1 female 10 under 15 yrs

1 female 30 under 40 yrs

10 families, 53 on Roll 2 Andrews 2 Henrys 1840 census

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO 1850 Census Willis family

Union Township Vol not shown Page 789

Wm R Willis		30	Ohio
Henriette (Booth)	wife	22	Ohio
Mary		4	Ohio

Union Township Vol 28 Page 767 line 27

William Willis	farms	42	VA
Elizabeth (Davis)	wife	40	VA
Sarah		21	Ohio
Rebecca		19	Ohio
Petunia (Lina)		16	Ohio
John H		13	Ohio (Father of Simeon Willis Gov KY)
Pleasant		11	Ohio
William Jr		9	Ohio
Charley		7	Ohio
Edward		5	Ohio
Benson (Burdine)		3	Ohio
Perry		1	Ohio

Real Estate \$600 Value Enumerated July 24, 1850

Perry Township Vol 28 Page 739

Hamilton Willis		25	Ohio
Sarah (Wolf)	wife	25	Ohio
George H		4	Ohio
Mary J		2	Ohio
Nancy Wolf		21	Ohio Mar'd 2 nd ; 1st wife's sister
Union Township			
Susanna Willis		64	VA (Widow of Geo W Willis Sr listed with dau & son-In-law)
Andy J Booth		28	Ohio
Electa J (Willis)	wife	23	Ohio
Roxie (Booth)	dau	1	Ohio

Perry Township

Roberta Willis		17	Ohio (dau of Geo W & Susanna (Rucker) Willis listed in Her sister & brother-in-law)
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Aaron Steed

Henriette Steed		20	Ohio
Mary		1	Ohio

Rome Township

Mary Jane Willis		15	Ohio (listed with family of Adam Coulter born in VA)
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12 families listed & 3 singles found 1850 census, 89 on roll 7 others.
(some of the information is missing)

Aid Township Vol not listed, Page 114

Hugh Willis		42	Ohio
Phoebe (Crowley)		31	Ohio
Elza	son	12	Ohio
Joshua H	son	10	Ohio
Mary J	dau	7	Ohio

Isaac C	son	4	Ohio
Hugh	son	1	Ohio

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO 1860 CENSUS Willis families

Aid Township, Vol 34 page 115 line 13

Joshua Willis farmer age 86 Birthpl VA listed alone; wife Mary (Blankenship) Willis died Oct 27, 1857 age 70 yrs. Real estate \$1, 200 value, Personal Property \$100 Post Office: Aid, Ohio Enumerated: July 28, 1860

Aid Township Vol 34 page 116 line 6

Elza Willis	farms & Lawyer	52	Birthpl for all Ohio (Son of Joshua & Mary Blankenship Willis)
Kesiah (George)	wife	39	
Jefferson	School teacher	26	
Joshua B	farmer	23	
Ruth		20	
Edward	farm helper	17	
John	farm helper	15	
George W		3	
Sidney		2	
Carlisle	female	9 mos	

Real estate \$5, 000 value Personal property \$1,000 Post Office Aid, Ohio Enumerated July 28, 1860

Elizabeth Township Vol not listed Page 246

William Willis		33	birthpl Ohio (son of Andrew & Maria Willis)
Julian		24	Ohio
Sarah		2	Ohio

Fayette Township Vol 34 page 24

George W Willis Jr	farmer	39	birth Pl Ohio (son of Geo W Sr & Susannah Rucker Willis)
Elizabeth (Patterson)	housewife	44	VA
William T	son	16	Ohio
Oliver D	son	14	Ohio
George W III	son	13	Ohio
Robert P	son	11	Ohio
Sarah S	dau	9	Ohio
John G	son	6	Ohio
Susanna	dau	2	Ohio

Elizabeth's mother and sister listed as living with family.

Sarah Patterson mother age 75 birthpl VA widow of John Patterson

Agnes Patterson unmarried sister age 49 birtpl VA

No real estate listed, Personal property \$100 Post Office Burlington, Ohio Enumerated: June 18, 1860

Lawrence Township Vol 34 page 46 line 24

John G Willis	farms	37	Ohio (Brother of Geo W Jr)
Lorenia (Neal)	wife	32	Ohio
Theodore N	son	7	Ohio
Marenia	dau	6	Ohio
J Gilbert	son	1	Ohio

Fayette Township Vol 34 Page 20 line 6

Greenbury Willis	farmer	38	Ohio (Son of Henry & Polly Tucker Willis)
Barbara (Lambert)	wife	37	Ohio
Elizabeth		18	Ohio
Henry		16	Ohio
Polly		15	Ohio
Rachel		13	Ohio
William		11	Ohio
Josiah		9	Ohio
Richard		7	Ohio
Thompson		6	Ohio
Julia		5	Ohio
Judidiah		2	Ohio
Alonzo		2 mos	Ohio
Polly Willis		63	KY (Mother of Greenbury-Maiden name Tucker)

Post Office South Pointe, Ohio Enumerated June 15, 1860

Lawrence Township Vol and page not given.

Sarah Willis (Widow of Henry, Jr)		43	Ohio
Greenbury	son	16	Ohio
John	son	14	Ohio
James	son	12	Ohio
George	son	9	Ohio
Almeda	dau	8	Ohio
Henry (Jeff)	son	5	Ohio

Henry (Jeff) father of Crate Willis and Greenbury grandfather of Wm C Paul Sr

Windson Township Vol 34 Page 143 line 18

Thompson Willis	farmer	45	Ohio (Son of Henry & Polly Tucker Willis)
Margaret (Smith)	wife	43	Ohio
Mary	dau	22	Ohio
Henry	son	20	Ohio
John W	son	18	Ohio
Rachel	dau	16	Ohio
Greenberry	son	14	Ohio
Lamenda	dau	12	Ohio
Wyatt	son	10	Ohio
Leander	son	8	Ohio
Hester A	dau	6	Ohio
Thomas J	son	4	Ohio
Landon T	son	2	Ohio

Real estate \$800 Value personal prop \$200. Post Office: Russell Place Enumerated: Aug 11, 1860

Lawrence Township Vol 34 page 28 line 19

Pleasant Willis	laborer	22	Ohio (Son of Capt Wm & Elizabeth Davis Willis)
Nancy (McConnell)	wife	22	VA

Post office Rock Camp, Ohio Enumerated June 25, 1860

Lawrence Township vol & page not given
 William Willis farmer 51 VA
 Elizabeth (Davis) wire 48 VA
 John farms son 22 Ohio
 William Jr son 19 Ohio
 Charles son 16 Ohio
 Edward son 14 Ohio
 Burdine son 12 Ohio
 Perry son 10 Ohio
 Mary dau 8 Ohio
 Wilmington son 6 Ohio (died young)
 Enumeration date not given

Perry Township Vol 34 Page 10 line 19

Andrew Willis (wagon maker) 47 Ohio
 Naomi (Collier) wife 41 Ohio
 Isaac N son 19 Ohio
 Sarah A dau 16 Ohio
 James H son 14 Ohio
 Elizabeth dau 12 Ohio
 Andrew Jr son 10 Ohio
 Joshua (Twin) son 8 Ohio
 Cornilous (Twin) son 8 Ohio
 Hannah dau 4 Ohio

Real Estate 100? Personal prop. \$150 Enumerated: June 8, 1860

Elizabeth Township Vol 34 Page 245 line 24

Andrew Willis farm hand 60 VA
 Maria wife 55 VA
 Elizabeth dau 18 Ohio
 Eliza dau 15 Ohio
 Margaret dau 12 Ohio (mar'd Andrew Kiser)

No Real Estate listed, personal prop \$200 Post Office: Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: July 10, 1860

Elizabeth Township Vol 34 Page 247 line 24

Fielden Willis (Teamster) 35 Ohio (son of Andrew & Maria Willis)
 Eliza 21 Ohio
 Creighton 3 Ohio
 Andrew 1 Ohio

Real Estate not listed, Personal prop \$500 Post Office: Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: July 11, 1860

Elizabeth Township Vol 34 page 247 line 34

Washington Willis (teamster) 28 Ohio (son of Andrew & Maria Willis)
 Sarah (Shuff) wife 22 Ohio
 Margaret dau 1 Ohio
 Mariah dau 3 Ohio

Post Office: Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: July 11, 1860

Lawrence Township Vol page 42 line 37

Margaret Willis 18 Ohio listed with family of Thomas M Neal

Post Office: Rock Camp, Ohio Enumerated: June 27, 1860

(Believe she mar'd Dec 5, 1861 Obion Pemberton)

Elizabeth Township Vol 34 Page 247 line 34

Sylvester Willis farmhand 22 Ohio (son of Andrew & Maria Willis)

Martha Jane (Millhuff) wife 19 Ohio

John son 1 mo Ohio

Lyton 22 Ohio

Ellen M Shuff servant 20 Ohio

Post Office: Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: no date given

Upper Township Village of Ironton Vol 34, page 205. Line 13

Alfred Willis brickmason 32 KY

Mary 31 VA

Elizabeth J 9 KY

James W 4 Ohio

Edith N 1 Ohio

Same dwelling, listed in same family

George W Colegrove 13 MO

Frances Betts servant 17 KY

Post Office: Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: June 15, 1860

Elizabeth Township, Vol 34 Page 266 line 31

William Willis 1 mo Ohio (seems to be listed with family of Elizabeth Stephens. 10
People in same dwelling house. Post Office; Franklin Furnace,
Ohio Enumerated: July 27, 1860

16 Willises families & 2 singles listed in 1860 census 112 on roll & 3 others

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO 1870 CENSUS Willis family

Aid Township dwelling 269 family 247
 Joshua B Willis farming 33 VA (died 1879 age 103)
 Mary A (Davis) wife housekeeping 19 Ohio

Aid Township Vol 34 Page 215 line 9
 Elza Willis farmer 61 Ohio (son of Joshua & Mary Blankenship Willis)
 Died 1871)

Keziah (George) wife 49 Ohio
 John 26 Ohio
 George W farms son 14 Ohio
 Sidney Att. School 12 Ohio
 Carlilse dau 10 Ohio
 Amanda 9 Ohio
 Post Office: Aid, Ohio Enumerated: July 2, 1870

Aid Township Vol 34 page 228 line 7
 Charles Willis coal worker 25 Ohio
 Elizabeth (Joseph) housewife 21 Ohio
 Post Office: Aid, Ohio Enumerated: July 14, 1870

Elizabeth Township Vol 34 Page 291 line 18
 Pleasant Willis hauler 32 Ohio (son of Capt Wm & Elizabeth Davis Willis)
 Nancy (McConnell) wife 30 VA
 Ema Lucy dau 10 Ohio
 Welington (Wells) son 6 Ohio
 Susan dau 3 Ohio
 Angeline dau 7 mo Ohio
 Post Office: Samsonell, Jackson Co, Ohio Enumerated: July 8, 1870

Lawrence Township Vol 34 page 411 line 29
 John G Willis farmer 47 Ohio (son of Geo Sr & Suzannah Rucker Willis)
 Lorenia (Neal) wife 42 Ohio
 Theodore N son 17 Ohio
 Marena dau 16 Ohio
 J Gilbert son 11 Ohio
 William H son 9 Ohio
 Thomas J son 7 Ohio
 George W son 5 Ohio
 Real Estate \$800 Value Personal Prop \$430 Enumerated: July 19, 1870

Elizabeth Township Vol 34 page 263 line 9
 John Willis Ox driver 32 Tenn (His father born VA, His mother born Tenn)
 Rebecca (Ross) wife 29 Ohio
 Nancy Willis dau 12 Ohio
 Henry son 11 Ohio
 Sarah dau 9 Ohio
 Elizabeth dau 6 Ohio
 John son 3 Ohio
 Maud dau 11 mo Ohio
 Post Office: Samsonall, Jackson Co Enumerated: June 20, 1870

Perry Township Vol 34 Op Page 473 line 1

John W Willis (Civil War Vet) farms 28 Ohio (son of Thompson & Margaret Smith Willis)
Amanda (Hammond) wife 22 Ohio
Rachel Willis dau 2 Ohio
Emeline dau 5 mo Ohio

No property listed. Post Office: Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: July 5, 1870

Perry Township Vol 34 Op page 461 line 2

Elizabeth Willis keeps house 54 VA (widow of Geo W Jr died Civil War. Mother of Wm T Willis also died Civil War)

Oliver D Willis son 24 Ohio
Robert P farm laborer 21 Ohio
Sarah S dau helps keep house 19 Ohio
John G son laborer 16 Ohio
Susanna att school dau 12 Ohio

Own Farm., Post Office: Ironton, Ohio Enumerated June 28, 1870

Perry Township Vol 34, Op Page 466, line 25 Real Estate: \$500, Post Office: Ironton, Ohio

Andrew W Willis works farm 57 Ohio
Naomi (Collier) wife/kps house 50 Ohio
Andrew Willis Jr son/wrks farm 21 Ohio
Joshua son twin 17 Ohio
Cornelius son twin 17 Ohio
Hannah dau 14 Ohio

Perry Township Vol 4, page 464, line 6

James H Willis Civil War vet 25 Ohio (son of Andrew & Naomi Collier Willis)
Elizabeth (May) wife 21 Ohio
Cornelius Willis son 1 Ohio

No property listed. P O Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: June 30, 1870

Isaac N Willis farms 30 Ohio (Civil War Vet. Son of Andrew & Naomi Collier Willis)
Nancy J (Jenkins) wife 24 Ohio
Josephine Willis dau 4 Ohio
Hannah dau 1 Ohio

Real Estate \$300. Personal Property \$250 Value. P O: Aid, Ohio Enumerated: July 21, 1870

Hamilton Township Vol 34 Page op 334 line 28

Lucinda (Lucy) Willis widow 54 Ohio
John son 26 Ohio
Joseph son 21 Ohio
Anna dau 14 Ohio

P O Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: June 4, 1870

Windsor Township Vol 34 Op page 595 line 2

Henry Willis farm laborer 29 Martenburg, PA
Lucy wife 27 Martenburg, PA
Diana dau 8 Ohio
James son 5 Ohio
Isaac son 1 Ohio

P O Bartramville ? Enumerated: June 25, 1870 no property listed.

Lawrence Township Vol 34 Page op 418 line 38

Sarah Willis	53	Ohio (Widow of Henry Jr)
George son, works farm	18	Ohio
Almeda dau	17	Ohio
Henry (Jeff) son	14	Ohio

Real Estate \$1, 200 Value Per Property \$400 P O Aid, Ohio Enumerated: July 26,1870

Upper Township Vol 34, Page 549. Line 15

Maria Willis Infirm.	70	VA (widow of Andrew)
Elizabeth keeps house	29	Ohio
Eliza helps keep house	25	Ohio
Margaret helps keep house	23	Ohio

No Prop listed PO Ironton, Ohio Enumerated June 11, 1870

Upper Township Vol 34 Page Op 549 Line 35

Joseph Willis Iron furnace wkr	28	Ohio
Ellen House keeper	24	Ohio
James son	3	Ohio
John son	2	Ohio
Joseph son	2	Ohio John & Joseph must be twins
Margaret dau	1	Ohio

No Prop listed. P O Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: June 10, 1870

Lawrence Township Vol 34, Page 418, Line 12

William Willis farmer	60	VA Army Capt.
Elizabeth (Davis) wife	57	VA
Burdine Willis son	22	Ohio
Perry son	21	Ohio

Real Estate \$3, 000 Per Property \$625 Value P O Aid, Ohio Enumerated July 26, 1870

Elizabeth Township vol 34 page op 291 line 24

William Willis Jr ox driver	27	Ohio (Civil War Vet-son Capt Wm & Elizabeth Davis Willis)
Nancy (Lycan) wife	23	Ohio
Abby Willis dau	2	Ohio

PO Samsonell, Jackson Co. No RE listed Enumerated: July 8, 1870

Elizabeth Twp, Vol 34, Page 291, Line 21

William Willis teamster	43	Ohio (son of Andrew & Maria Willis)
Philisa (?) wife	45	Ohio
Sarah dau	12	Ohio
Maud dau	9	Ohio
Yielda son	6	Ohio
Jane dau	3	Ohio
Martha dau	2 mo	Ohio

PO Samsonell, Jackson Co, Per Prop. \$900 Enumerated: July 8, 1870

Fayette Twp. Vol 34 OP Page 316, line 21

William R Willis farms	51	Ohio
Henrietta (Booth) wife	47	Ohio
Camillus Willis son	18	Ohio

William son 10 Ohio
 Real Estate \$2,000 value,. Per Prop \$200 P O Ironton, Ohio Enumerated: July 15, 170
 Elizabeth Twp. Vol 34 No R Estate listed. No enumeration given.
 Yelda Willis laborer 39 Ohio (Believe Fielden-son of Andy & Lorian ? Willis)
 Eliza housewife 34 Ohio
 William son 13 Ohio
 Andrew son 9 Ohio
 (can't make out name) dau 7 Ohio
 Elizabeth dau 3 Ohio
 Charles son 2 Ohio

Lawrence Twp Vol 34, Op Page 412, line 11
 Thompson Willis farmer 56 Ohio (Son of Henry & Polly Tucker Willis)
 Margaret (Smith) wife 54 Ohio
 Wyatt Willis son 20 Ohio
 Hester A dau 16 Ohio
 Leander son 15 Ohio
 Thomas J son 14 Ohio
 Landon T son 12 Ohio
 Real Estate \$1, 500 Per Prop. \$400 Enumerated July 20, 1870 P O Aid, Ohio

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP Vol 34 Op Page 311 line 37
 Greenberry Willis farms 49 Ohio (son of Henry & Polly Tucker Willis)
 Barbara (Lambert) wife 48 Ohio
 William Willis son farms 22 Ohio
 Thomas son farms 16 Ohio
 Julia dau 14 Ohio
 Jeddiah son 12 Ohio
 Alonzo son 9 Ohio
 Charles son 6 Ohio
 Polly mother 78 KY
 Per Prop \$250 No R E Enumerated July 15, 1870 P O Ironton, Ohio

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP Vol 34, Page 410, line 33 Per. Prop. \$2,000 PO Aid, Ohio Enum. July 19,1870
 Greenberry Willis farm laborer 25 Ohio (son of Thompson & Margaret Smith Willis)
 Lucinda (Blair) wife 27 Ohio
 Arcada Willis dau 3 Ohio
 Joseph son 4 mo Ohio

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP Vol 34, Page 418, Line 2
 Greenberry Willis farm worker 25 Ohio (son of Henry Jr & Sarah Gibson Willis/grandfather of Wm Paul Jr: also, Civil War Vet)
 Matilda (Mitchell) wife 22 Ohio
 Emma Willis dau 3 Ohio
 Abigail dau 1 Ohio
 Per Prop \$200 No Real Estate P O Aid, Ohio Enumerated: July 26, 1870

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP Vol 34, Page 321, Line 11
 Susannah Willis widow/infirm 84 VA (Widow of Geo W Sr- Listed with granddaughter Emily Pemberton Crawford family: Emily dau of Joseph & Perlinia Willis Pemberton.) (died Jan 30, 1873 age 85 yrs)
 John Crawford laborer 38 Ohio
 Emily (Pemberton) housewife 35 Ohio
 Sarah Crawford dau 13 Ohio
 Mary dau 12 Ohio
 Anthony son 9 Ohio

Electa dau 4 Ohio (married Wm Keeny)

25 Willis families & 1 single listed in 1870 census 135 on roll.

LAWRENCE COUNTY, OHIO 1880 CENSUS Willis Families

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP Page D-111 Line 3

John Wesley Willis sch teacher 32 Ohio (Civil War Vet- Father –Elza Willis; Mother-Elizabeth Ward Willis)

Eva (Booth) Willis wife 22 Ohio

Eugene P Willis son 1 Ohio

Mattie A Taylor niece 10 Ohio (Mattie’s father born VA; Mother b Ohio)

Enumerated June 18, 1880.

AID TOWNSHIP Page 7

John H Willis farmer 42 Ohio (Father William Willis SR Captain in Civil War b VA: Mother Elizabeth (Davis) Willis born VA)

Abigil (Slavens) Willis wife 39 Ohio

William Willis son 20 Ohio

John son 18 Ohio

Charles E son 13 Ohio

Guard son 8 Ohio

Elizabeth dau 5 Ohio

Harvey son 3 Ohio

Simeon S son 5 mo Ohio (EX Gov of KY 1944-48; born Dec 1, 1879 died April 2, 1965 at Frankfort, KY)

Enumerated June 11, 1880. (The above Elizabeth living at present Hollywood, CA. Age past 90 yrs, Oct 1, 1965.)

PERRY TOWNSHIP

John W Willis farmer 39 Ohio (Father-Thompson Willis; Mother Margaret Smith Willis. Both born Ohio.)

Amanda (Hammond) Willis 33 Ohio

Emma Willis dau 11 Ohio

Enumeration date not given.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP Page D-8 line 5

John Willis ox driver 42 Tenn (Father b VA; mother b Tenn)

Rebecca (Russ) Willis wife 42 Ohio

Henry Willis laborer/ son 21 Ohio

John son 14 Ohio

Mary dau 11 Ohio

David son 5 Ohio

George son 2 Ohio

Enumerated June 8, 1880.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP Page A-87 Line 1

John Willis coal mining 37 Ohio (father & mother born in Ohio)

Jennie (Stevenson) Willis wife 28 Ohio

Isaac Willis son 2 Ohio

Edward son 1 Ohio

Enumeration June 16, 1880 Pleasant Willis mar'd 2nd Margaret Ellison Aug 1, 1880

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP page B-233, line 50

Edward Willis farmer 34 Ohio (Father Wm Willis Sr, Capt born VA; Mother-Elizabeth (Davis) Willis born VA)

Almeda (Layne) Willis wife 23 Ohio

Effa Willis dau 9 Ohio

Berma? (Burdine) son 7 Ohio

Galleton ? son 5 Ohio

William son 2 Ohio

Enumerated June 2, 1880

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP Page C-234, line 15

Burdine Willis farmer 32 Ohio (Father Wm Willis Sr b VA; Mother-Elizabeth (Davis) Willis b VA)

Cynthia (Crawford) Willis wife 25 Ohio

Perry Willis son 9 Ohio

Adaline dau 7 Ohio

Elizabeth dau 5 Ohio

Alemeda dau 3 Ohio

William son 4 mo Ohio

Enumerated June 2, 1880

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP Page C 234. Line 6

Perry Willis farmer 30 Ohio (Father-Wm Willis Sr b VA; Mother-Elizabeth (Davis) Willis b VA)

Amy (Pepper) Willis h-wife 24 Ohio

Burdine Willis son 8 Ohio

Pleasant son 6 Ohio

Rebecca dau 4 Ohio

William son 2 Ohio

Madison (Matt) son 7 mo Ohio

Enumeration June w, 1880

John H, Pleasant, William Jr, Edward, Burdine & Perry Willis six brothers with families in 1880 census and Charles #7 in Jackson Co with his family.

PERRY TOWNSHIP Page A-399 line 4 Dwelling 72 Family 76

George Washington Willis III farmer 31 Ohio (Son of George W Jr & Elizabeth (Patterson) Willis; Geo b Ohio & Elizabeth b VA)

Nancy Ann (Buttericks) Willis wife 36 Ohio

William H Willis son 9 Ohio

Esther dau 7 Ohio

Rose dau 2 Ohio

Elizabeth Buttericks mother-n-law 61 Ohio

Enumerated June 10, 1880.

This family moved 1884 to W VA. Geo W died July 5, 1888, Nancy Ann died 1908. William H Willis established both Willis Furniture and Funeral establishments in Huntington, W VA. His grandson the late Eugene Willis, Mayor of Huntington, W VA b 19? D 1957.

PERRY TOWNSHIP Page A-268 line 16 dwelling 141 family 143

Oliver (Dink) Willis, farmer, Civil War Vet., age 34 b Ohio (son of George W & Elizabeth (Patterson) Willis)

Aretyha E (Pigman) Willis wife 27 Sybene, Ohio
Enumerated June 9, 1880.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP Page A-221 line 1

Kesiah (George) Willis widow 59 Ohio (Widow of Elza Willis died 1871)

George W Willis farmer son 23 Ohio

Sidney E farmer son 22 Ohio

Carlilse dau 20 Ohio

Amanda M dau 18 Ohio

Enumerated June 7, 1880.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP Page C-222 line 1

Joshua B Willis farmer 42 Ohio (Civil War Vet)(Son of Elza & Elizabeth (Ward) Willis both b OH)

Mary A (Davis) Willis wife 29 Ohio

Jeneva G dau 9 Ohio

Nora E dau 7 Ohio

Cora E dau 5 Ohio

Flora E dau 1 Ohio

Enumerated June 9, 1880.

AID TOWNSHIP Page 3 line 1

Thomas J Willis farmer 44 Ohio (Civil War Vet-Son of Elza & Elizabeth (Ward) Willis both b OH)

Laura (Ward) Willis wife 36 Ohio

Nellie dau 8 Ohio

John E son 7 Ohio

Orin son 5 Ohio

Enumerated June 7 & 8, 1880.

Thomas J, Joshua B, John Wesley & Edward Willis, died 1886. These four brothers served in Civil War.

LAWRENCE TOWNSHIP Page B-233 line 33

Sarah (Gibson) Willis widow 65 Ohio (Widow of Henry Willis JR, died 1856)

George Willis farmer son 26 Ohio

Henry (Jeff) farmer son 24 Ohio

Ruth (Neal) (Jeff's wife) 20 Ohio

Creighton son 2 Ohio

Charles F son 4 mo Ohio

Enumerated June 22, 1880.

WINDSOR TOWNSHIP Page D-406 line 13 dwelling 209 family 219

Theodore N Willis farm hand 27 Ohio (Son of John G & Lorenia (Neal) Willis both born Ohio)

Amy (Earles) Willis wife 20 Ohio

Oscar O Willis son 2 Ohio

UPPER TOWNSHIP IRONTON, OHIO 3rd Ward, Page A-107,

Benjamin Willis laborer 47 MO (Civil War Vet-Parents born VA)

Susan (Ward) Willis wife 37 KY

Mary dau 18 KY

Butler son 16 KY

John son 14 KY

Hariet dau 12 KY

Joseph son 10 KY

Robert son 8 KY

Charles son 6 KY

William son 4 KY

Opal dau 1 KY
Enumerated June 3,4, 1880
UPPER TOWNSHIP IRONTON, OHIO 1st Ward, Page A-37, line 12
Alfred Willis bricklayer 52 KY (Civil War Vet- Parents both born KY)
Mary Willis housewife 50 VA
James W bricklayer/son 24 Ohio
Samuel nail feeder/son 19 Ohio
John laborer/son 16 Ohio
William Att Sch/son 14 Ohio
Enumeration June 7, 1880

UPPER TOWNSHIP IRONTON, OHIO 5th Ward, Page A-201, line 21
Nancy Willis housekeeper 44 KY
Mary E dau 19 VA
James T (Poddy) son 12 Ohio
Lydia dau 9 Ohio
Franklin son 6 Ohio
Enumeration June 3, 1880

HAMILTON TOWNSHIP, HANGING ROCK VILLAGE Page B-117, line 37
Lucinda (Moore) Willis widow 62 Ohio
Joseph Willis coal miner 29 Ohio
Enumerated June 8, 1880

UNION TOWNSHIP Page C-323, line 38
Camillus Willis laborer 30 Ohio (Son Wm R & Henriette (Booth) Willis both born Ohio)
Frances M (Kates) Willis wife 26 VA
Laura B dau 7 Ohio
Albert O son 5 Ohio
Robert B son 2 Ohio
Enumerated June 1, 1880

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP Page A-104, line 48
Green B Willis Tanner 59 Ohio (Son Henry & Polly (Tucker) Willis, Henry b VA, Polly b KY)
Barbara (Lambert) Willis wife 58 Ohio
Alonzo son 20 Ohio
Charles son 18 Ohio
Jedidiah son 22 Ohio
Mary A (Elswick) 19 VA Jedy's wife
Green son 6 mo Ohio
Enumerated June 14, 1880

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP PAGE A-104, line 13
Joseph Willis tanner 29 Ohio (Son Green B & Barbara (Lambert) Willis both born Ohio)
Sarah (Riel) Willis wife 29 Ohio
Annie dau 8 Ohio
Ettie dau 4 Ohio
Lizzie dau 1 Ohio
Enumerated June 14, 1880

PERRY TOWNSHIP Dwelling 107, Family 109
Thompson Willis farmer 26 Ohio (Son Green B & Barbara (Lambert) Willis both born Ohio)
Bell (Bowman) Willis wife 22 Ohio

Clinton G son 2 Ohio
Charles V son 6 mo Ohio
PERRY TOWNSHIP Dwelling 342 Family 351 Page D-279 line 41
Thompson Willis farmer 64 Ohio (Father, Henry Willis b VA; Mother, Polly (Tucker) Willis b KY)
Margaret (Smith) Willis wife 62 Ohio
Hester A dau 26 Ohio
Leander laborer/son 25 Ohio
Landon T laborer/son 23 Ohio
Enumerated June 22, 1880

WINDSOR TOWNSHIP Page D-406 line 3
Green B Willis farmhand 35 Ohio (C W Vet-son of Thompson & Margaret (Smith) Willis both b OH)
Lucinda (Blair) Willis H-wife 37 Ohio
Cada dau 13 Ohio
Joseph T son 10 Ohio
John son 8 Ohio
Frank B son 4 Ohio
Landon T son 1 Ohio
Enumerated June 12, 1880

FAYETTE TOWNSHIP family 248 Page B-100 line 31
Green Willis farm laborer 37 Ohio (Blind & C W Vet-son Henry Jr & Sarah (Gibson) Willis both b OH)
Matilda (Mitchell) Willis 35 VA wife
Emma dau 13 Ohio
Abagil dau 11 Ohio
Erastus son 9 Ohio
Sarah J dau 8 Ohio
John H son 4 Ohio
Mary Emma dau 10 mo Ohio
Enumerated June 10, 1880

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP Family 343 Page C-30 line 33
Lewis Willis ore miner 42 KY
Jane Willis wife 42 Ohio
Jenette dau 17 KY
James son/att. School 14 KY
Charles son/att School 10 KY
John at home 5 KY
Enumerated June 17, 1880 Apparently this family moved from KY 1875-80. Later moved to Indiana.

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP Page D-44 line 28
Crate Willis laborer 27 Ohio (son Fielden & Liza Willis both born Ohio)
Clarinda Willis H-wife 26 Ohio
Cora dau 2 Ohio
Ada dau 2 mo Ohio
Enumerated June 18, 1880

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP Page C-60 line 15
Andrew Willis ore miner 21 Ohio (Son Fielden & Eliza (Minard) Willis both born Ohio)
Mary (Sherman) Willis wife 23 Ohio
George son 1 Ohio
Enumerated June 18, 1880

PERRY TOWNSHIP Page C-271 line 33-36 Dwelling 196 family 199 Enumerated June 14, 1880
Andrew Willis farmer 69 Ohio (Both parents born VA)
Naomi (Collier) Willis wife 63 Ohio

Andrew Willis Jr farms/son 31 Ohio
Harliss? Jackson Grandson 5 Ohio
PERRY TOWNSHIP Page C-271 lines 33-6 dwl. 195 Fam 198
Joshua Willis farmer 26 Ohio (Son Andrew & Naomi (Collier) Willis both b Ohio)
Mary (Warren) Willis wife 18 Ohio (Parents both born England)
Enumerated June 14, 1880 Joshua & Cornelius Willis twins.

PERRY TOWNSHIP Page D-271 lines 33-6 dwl 198 fam 201
James H Willis Baptist Min/farmer 35 Ohio (C W VET- son Andrew & Naomi (Collier) Willis)
Elizabeth (May) Willis wife 29 KY
Cornelius J son 11 Ohio
Sarah A son 9 Ohio
C Edward son 7 Ohio
Oscar son 3 Ohio
Benjamin (Purl) son 1 Ohio
Enumerated June 15, 1880
Purl Willis served in Co H 2nd US infantry during Spanish American War. He resides at present in San Diego, Calif. 86 years of age.

PERRY TOWNSHIP dwelling 307 family 313
Hugh Willis 22 Ohio listed as boarder in home of James Deering. Son Hugh & Phoebe (Crowley) Willis, both born Ohio

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP family 378 Page C-60 line 10
Fielden Willis laborer 49 Ohio (son Andrew & Maria Willis both born VA)
Eliza Willis wife 41 Ohio
Lizzie dau at sch 15 Ohio
Charley son 13 Ohio
Johny son 7 mo Ohio
Enumerated June 18, 1880

UPPER TOWNSHIP fam 113, 157 Ward Ironton, Ohio
Joshua H Willis laborer 29 Ohio (son Hugh & Phoebe (Crowley) Willis both born Ohio)
Martha (Litteral) Willis wife 19 Ohio

UPPER TOWNSHIP page C 364 line 26
Mariah Willis keeps house 70 VA (living alone; widow of Andrew Willis born VA; her parents b VA)
Enumerated June 14, 1880

ELIZABETH TOWNSHIP
Nancy Willis 23 Ohio (Father b VA; Mother b Ohio; servant in home of Jefferson Church age 25 Born VA, ore miner; Ella Church wife 17 born Ohio)
Enumerated June 18, 1880

Family # 138 Township not given.
James Willis 45 Ohio (parents born Ohio) In home of :
Madison Dunn 65 VA
Letha Dunn wife 63 VA

Joseph Dunn 19 Ohio

Family # 52 No Township given

Albert Willis 14 Ohio (Parents Hugh & Thebo Willis) In home of :

Samuel Jenkins 23 Ohio

Mary J (Willis) Jenkins 21 Ohio wife

5 Singles & 43 Willis Families 241 on Roll in Lawrence Co, Ohio, 1880 U S Census.

Total on Roll 1820 thru 1880 11 singles, 105 families. 703 individuals on Roll.

All Past on as far as I know, except one Purl Willis age 90 (died Oct 11, 1972 age 95), residing in San Diego, Calif. Son of Rev James H & Elizabeth (May) Willis.

Mrs Elizabeth (Willis) McNeal, age 89, resides Hollywood, Calif., dau of John H & Abigail (Slavens) Willis. Her brother Simeon S Willis, Gov Kentucky (1944-48) died April 2, 1965, age 85 years 4 months 1 day at Frankfort, KY. Purl Willis died Oct 11, 1972.

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