

GEORGE WILLCOCKSON

280. GEORGE WILLCOCKSON

Born

Died c1739 Chester County, Pennsylvania

Married 281. Elizabeth Powell 15 Apr 1719 Chester County, Pennsylvania

Born 10 Mar 1696 Chester County, Pennsylvania

Died 1740 Chester County, Pennsylvania

Known child:

Mary Willcockson

b. c1735 Chester County, Pennsylvania

d.

m.

Probable children (order of birth unknown):

140. John Willcockson

b. c1721

d. bet 1798-1805 Rowan County, North Carolina

m. 141. Sarah Boone 1742 Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Isaac Willcockson

b. c1724

d. c1766 Rowan County, North Carolina

m. (1) Martha Bane 1747 Pennsylvania

(2) Edith Philpot c1758 North Carolina

Hannah Willcockson

b.

d.

m. Daniel Lewis

George Willcockson Jr

b. c1730

d. Sep 1785 Rowan County, North Carolina

m. Elizabeth Hall

George Willcockson was a son of John Willcockson of Cossal, Nottinghamshire, England. Elizabeth Powell was a daughter of Rowland Powell and Maud Richard of Chester County, Pennsylvania:¹

Wilcox (or Wilcoxson) sometime of Cossal

... John Wilcoxson of Cossal, Notts., was father of George Wilcoxson of Cossal, Notts., and afterwards of Pennsylvania where he m. 15 April 1719, Elizabeth, daughter of Rowland Powell, a native of Wales, and d. 1739. His son,

John Wilcox moved to North Carolina in 1750-2, Member of Assembly 1771, served in the American Revolution, moved to Kentucky before 1782, m. 1742 Sarah, dau. of Squire Boone of Pennsylvania (b. Manchester, England, 25 Nov. 1696; d. 1 Jan. 1765), later of Rowan Co., N. Carolina, by Sarah his wife (b. 1700; m. 23 July 1720; and d. 1777), daughter of Edward Morgan of Gwynedd, Montgomery Co., Pa. (a town settled by a colony of Welshmen in 1698, where he

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purchased 300 acres in 1711), and formerly of Philadelphia. This Edward Morgan (b. 1678-9; d. 1718), according to family records was a son of Sir James Morgan, 4th Bt. of Llantarnam by a first marriage to Anne (by whom he had a dau. Sarah, b. 1676, who m. 1691, Stephen Beasley, and settled in Philadelphia), dau. of Judge Richard Hopton of Bishop Frome, later of Canon Frome (and his wife Susan, dau. of Sir William Harvey), Chief Justice of N. Wales, temp. Charles II and James II, and first cousin therefore of Sir James's second wife, Alice, widow of Nicholas Jones (whom she had m. 13 April 1683), and dau. of Sir Edward Hopton of Canon Frome (see that family in *Landed Gentry of Great Britain*), by Deborah (d. 13 July 1702), dau. of Robert Hatton. Sir James Morgan d. 30 April 1718, when the Baronetcy appears to have become extinct (but see *The Morgan Family* by James Appleton Morgan). John Wilcox was killed by Indians at battle of Bryant Station, Kentucky, 1782. His son,

Lieut.-Col. George Wilcox, of Shelby Co., Kentucky, J.P. (1801), High Sheriff (1811), served in the War of 1812 with 8th Kentucky Militia, b. 1766; m. 1789, Elizabeth (b. in London 1774; d. 1814), dau. of John Pinchbeck ...

This genealogical sketch contains several inaccuracies, which do not necessarily diminish the credibility of most of the statements. George Wilcox of Shelby County, Kentucky, whose family used that spelling of the surname, was a son of George Willcockson, Jr. and a nephew of John Willcockson who married Sarah Boone. George Willcockson, Jr. married Elizabeth Hall. John Willcockson was not killed at Bryan's Station in 1782. He was alive in North Carolina in 1790 and 1798.² Squire Boone was born in Devonshire, England, not Manchester. He married Sarah Morgan on 23 September 1720; not in January.³ Edward Morgan built his house in Towamencin Township in 1695 and the deeds for the land were dated in 1708 and 1714.⁴

James Appleton Morgan confused the marriage sequence of Sir James Morgan by publishing that his first wife was Anne Hopton, widow of Nicholas Jones, and that she bore one son, Edward Morgan, who died in infancy. He identified the second wife of Sir James as Alice Hopton, the mother of Sarah Morgan, who married Stephen Beasley, and Edward Morgan, the father of Sarah Morgan Boone.⁵ A chronological analysis of the facts proves that Sir James Morgan of Llantarnam had to be married first to Anne Hopton and then to Alice Hopton Jones. Edward Morgan, who, traditionally, was the father of Sarah Morgan Boone, and Sarah Morgan Beasley had to be children of the first marriage.⁶

Supporting proof of the Burke lineage has not been found but it is substantiated by the evidence that has been located. George Willcockson and Elizabeth Powell were married on the 15th of the 2nd month 1719:⁷

Page 37 George Wilcockson, son of John Wilcockson of Nottingham, Great Britain and Elizabeth Powel, daughter of Rowland Powel of Haverford married in meetinghouse in Haverford 2.15.1719

The marriage of George Willcockson and Elizabeth Powell is stated in the terms of the Julian or Old Style (O.S.) calendar which was in effect until 1752 when the Gregorian calendar was adopted:⁸

An act of Parliament was passed in 1751, prescribing the adoption of the Gregorian Calendar throughout Great Britain and her colonies; making the succeeding year begin with the first of

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January and dropping eleven nominal days (3-13) from the month of September, 1752, so that what would have been the third of the month was called the 14th. The Quakers at their yearly meeting adopted this method, directing the members to recognize the change of style, and decreeing that thereafter the months should be numbered beginning with January. Formerly their numbering had begun with the month called March.

The corresponding date on the current Gregorian calendar may be determined by adding eleven days to a date given in Old Style. Under the Julian calendar, the year began on 25 March, which was called the 1st month by the Quakers who did not approve of the names given to the months and referred to them by numbers, a practice which they followed under the new calendar as well.⁹ Historians and genealogists frequently show years as 1701/2, for example, to cover the months of January, February and March which, in this instance, was at the end of 1701 under the Julian calendar and the beginning of 1702 under the Gregorian calendar.

George Willcockson died before 25 October 1739 in Chester County, when Elizabeth Willcockson was granted administration of his estate, against a bond in the amount of 160 pounds, secured by Philip Yarnall and Joseph Pugh.¹⁰ Elizabeth Powell Willcockson died shortly thereafter because the administration of her estate occurred in 1740. Philip Yarnall, administrator for Elizabeth Wilcox, widow and relict of George Wilcox, her late husband, who had died intestate leaving several children to survive them, particularly Mary Wilcox, aged about five years, who needed support, petitioned the court for Mary Wilcox to be bound out to John Yarnall until age eighteen, and to be taught to read and write, and "housifrey."¹¹

Philip and John Yarnall provide a thread of circumstantial evidence connecting George and Elizabeth Powell Willcockson with the Boone family. After the death of Samuel Boone, brother of Squire Boone, Sr., his widow Elizabeth Cassel Boone married Joseph Yarnall, son of Francis Yarnall and Hannah Baker, on the 29th of the 07th month, 1748.¹² The relationship between Philip, John and Joseph Yarnall has not been determined, but they must have been kin.

Rowland Powell and Maud Richard were married on the 10th of the 03rd month (May), 1695 at Haverford and their daughter Elizabeth Powell was born on the 10th of the 1st month (March), 1696.¹³ This marriage provides another connection between the Willcocksons of Chester County and the Boones of Lancaster County to support the theory that John Willcockson, who married Sarah Boone, was the son of George Willcockson and Elizabeth Powell. William and Mary Howell, who witnessed the marriage of Rowland Powell and Maud Richard, had a daughter Deborah Howell who married George Boone IV, an uncle of Sarah Boone Willcockson, in 1713.¹⁴ This coincidence establishes a social relationship between the Powells and Boones that could have resulted in the meeting of John Willcockson and Sarah Boone. When the children of George and Elizabeth Powell Willcockson were orphaned, it is conceivable that Deborah Howell Boone arranged for their sons to go to her father-in-law for employment. Squire Boone reputedly operated a substantial weaving business, so it is plausible that John Willcockson was a weaver in the employ of Boone. It is known that John lived with the Boone family before he married Sarah.

George Willcockson was also a weaver and his residence in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, was about fifteen to twenty miles from the Boone home in Lancaster County. If the eldest child of George and Elizabeth Powell Willcockson was a son, born soon after their marriage in 1719, he would be of the approximate age of John Willcockson who married Sarah Boone. Presuming that the

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eldest child of George Willcockson was eighteen or nineteen years old when George died about 1739, he may have assumed responsibility for younger brothers, without enactment of official guardianship or apprenticeship papers.

John Willcockson who married Sarah Boone was not a member of the North Carolina Assembly in 1771. John Willcox, who was a burgess to the North Carolina Assembly, was a representative from Chatham County and the son of Thomas Willcox of Concord, Pennsylvania, who died in North Carolina in 1793.¹⁵ A connection between the two has not been made.

Sarah Boone, who married John Willcockson, was a daughter of Squire Boone and Sarah Morgan, who moved from Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, to Rowan County, North Carolina in 1750.¹⁶

Among the "several" orphans of George Willcockson and Elizabeth Powell, who apparently did not need the intercession of the court for their welfare, there probably was a George Willcockson, Jr., perhaps the George Willcockson who lived with Squire Boone at the same time as John Willcockson. They were described as relatives by Isaiah Boone, a nephew of Daniel Boone:¹⁷

George Wilcoxen, a young man entirely unacquainted with the practical use of a gun, expressed a desire to go out a deer-hunting. For this purpose, he borrowed Squire Boone's long musket, and requested Mr. Boone to load it for him over night, that he might lay it away for early morning use. During the evening, Miller and young Boone learning this sporting design, quietly took away the musket from its position, drew the ball, & put in load enough for half a dozen ordinary charges, and carefully replaced it. On the morrow at peep of day, Young Wilcoxen shouldered his gun and started out to try his luck, ruminating, as he entered the forest, the various gunning instructions with which his friends had favored him. Deer were plenty in the neighborhood; and after he had started, Miller and Boone began to have their misgivings lest the over-loaded musket should burst, and kill or seriously injure Wilcoxen.

About sun-rise they heard a loud report, like a small cannon, some distance off, and, soon after, much to their relief, discovered Wilcoxen approaching. Instantly running forward and meeting him, and seeing his face all covered with blood, they exclaimed, "Wilcoxen, how came so much blood on you!" He laconically related his misfortune by saying "the darned gun" had kicked him over - a result probably as much attributed to his awkward manner of holding the gun as the over-charge of powder. Entering the house with his nose and face badly bruised and a deep gash in his forehead, old Squire Boone wanted anxiously to know what the matter was? When informed, he stoutly protested against the fault being chargeable to the load; that he knew it was a very light load, and could, without the least apprehension of danger, have rested the breech of the gun against his nose, and discharged it.

Miller and young Boone, following Wilcoxen into the house, and finding his injuries were not of a serious character, enquired if he had shot at a deer and with what success? Yes, he had a pretty fair shot at a short distance; described the glade in which he had fired; but, from the mingled effects of pain and fear, could not tell what had become of the deer; he thought, however, it was pretty deer (sic) shot. Miller and Boone went to the spot indicated, and there found the deer dead. This George Wilcoxen was a relative of John Wilcoxen, who, about this period, married Boone's eldest sister Sarah; and soon getting over this mishap, learned to do his own loading, and thus dispensed with the roguish help of his mischievous young friends.

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Miller and young Boone, the pranksters of the episode, were Henry Miller and Daniel Boone. Miller, who was several years older than Daniel Boone, was employed by Squire Boone in his gunshop. He and Daniel were close companions for many years.¹⁸

Since this event occurred about the time that John Willcockson and Sarah Boone married, it must have happened about 1742. Daniel Boone, who was born in 1734, was eight years old in 1742, but the description of George Willcockson as a young man suggests that he was in his early teens, perhaps born about 1730, which would make him a younger brother of John Willcockson. The sibling relationship between John and George is proved in the Rowan County, North Carolina, will of George Willcockson, dated 21 June 1785, wherein he made a bequest to his "Beloved Brother John Willcockson, Senr."¹⁹

The exact date of the marriage of John Willcockson and Sarah Boone has not been determined, but it was shortly before the 29th of the 5th month (July), 1742. They were married in the part of Lancaster County that became Berks County in 1752. The Boones were members of the Exeter Meeting of the Society of Friends and John Willcockson was not, so, when John and Sarah married, she and her parents were condemned by the Quakers for her act:²⁰

5-29, 1742, Sarah, daughter of Squire Boone, treated with for marrying out.

5-29, 1742, Sarah Boone married out of unity with Friends, (1st offence of this kind). Friends appointed to speak to the father, Squire Boone.

6-26, 1742, Squire Boone declareth he did not countenance or consent to the marriage but confesseth himself in fault in keeping them in his house after their keeping company but that he was in a great streight in not knowing what to do, and hopeth to be more careful in the future.

George Willcockson was taxed in Uwchlan Township of Chester County in 1727, 1730 and 1732.²¹ He obtained 95 acres of land there on 06 November 1734.²²

Pennsa. SS. By Vertue of a Warrant from the Proprs. dated the 6th Day of Novr ... 1734, I have caused to be surveyed on the 10th Day of May the next ensuing unto George Wilcockson a Tract of Land situate in the Township of Uwchlan ... County of Chester Beginning at ... Corner of David Davis's Land ... thence by Joseph Phipp's Land ... thence by Land of David Roberts ... thence by Land of John Evans ... thence by Land of Thomas Pugh ... thence by Land of David Davis ... to the ... Beginning Containing Ninety five Acres and an Allowance for Roads &c. proportional to 6a. p Cent. Returned into the Secretary's Office the 20th Day of Decr ... 1737. p Benja: Eastburn Survr. Genl.

George Willcockson may have lived on his land in Uwchlan Township before 1737 and cleared title then in order to convey it to Philip Yarnall. In a deed, which may have been a mortgage since it was not recorded until 1740, after George died in 1739:²³

Be it Remembered that the twenty seventh day of August Anno 1740 the Indenture hereafter mentioned was produced before Caleb Cowpland, Esq. one of the Justices of Peace for the County of Chester and thereupon came Aubrey Roberts one of the Witnesses therein named who on his Solemn confirmation did declare that he was present and saw the

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Grantor therein sign seal and by his act and deed deliver the sd writing to the uses therein mentioned and that he the sd Affirmed subscribed his name as a witness thereunto which Indenture is received in the office for recording of Deeds in sd County of Chester the sixth day of October Anno Domini 1740 in these words

This Indenture made thirtieth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty seven Between George Wilcockson of Township of Uwchlan in the county of Chester and province of Pennsylvania Weaver of the one part and Philip Yarnall of Edgemont in the county aforesaid Yoeman of the other part Witnesseth that for ... twenty one pounds lawfull money of Pennsylvania ... George Wilcockson Hath ... Sold ... unto sd Philip Yarnall ... all the messuage or Tenament Land and plantation of him the said George Wilcockson within the county of Chester and Township of Uwchlan beginning ... at the corner of David Davis's land ... thence by Jos Phipps land ... thence by Land of David Roberts ... thence by land of John Evans ... thence by land of Thomas Pugh ... thence by land of David Davis to the ... beginning containing ninety five acres ...

George Wilcockson

Sealed and delivered in presence of Aubrey Roberts and Ruth Roberts

When George Willcockson died about 1739, the 95 acres still were considered his property, because the tract was included in an inventory of his estate. Elizabeth Willcockson was granted administration of the estate of George Willcockson on 25 October 1739 in Chester County, Pennsylvania.²⁴ Elizabeth Willcockson made an administratrix bond, in the amount of 160 pounds, on the same day, which she signed with her E mark. Phillip Yarnall and Joseph Pugh were sureties on the bond and Edward Goff and Joseph Pugh appraised the estate.²⁵

Inventory of the Estate, Goods, and Chattles of George Willcockson, dec'd.

	L	s
Tract of land containing 95 acres	45	
Eight (3 words illegible) containing 8 acres		3
Hay and corn in the stacks	5	6
Corn in the ground	2	
Cows and horses	77	15
Waring apparel and household goods		7 6
Implements of husbandry ware	2	8
Weavers looms and geares belonging		3 16

The 8 acres may have been George Willcockson's share of 60 acres on the Schuylkill River that he acquired in partnership with Griffith Bivens, Thomas Duckett, William Powell, Jonathan Duckett and Isaac Warner on 07 January 1692. If divided equally, the shares would have been ten acres each.²⁶

Surveyed and laid out the 7th of the 11th Month 1692. by Vertue of a Warrt. from the Commissioners dated the same day unto Griffeth Bivens Thomas Duckett, William Powell, Jonathan Duckett, George Willcox and Isaac Warner a certain Piece of marsh Cripple and

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Meadow lying before Passayunck in the County of Philadelphia beginning at a corner post standing near unto the Schuylkill and likewayes near unto the head of a small Creek thence S:21 W:8 Perches to the head of the said Creek thence down the severall Courses thereof to the Schuylkill thence up the severall Courses thereof to the Place of beginning the whole containing 69 acres in which said Number is included nine acres of Moveable Meadow lying in severall Parcels within the aforesaid Bounds which was formerly Granted by a Warrant from the Proprietary and laid out unto Peter Rambo the present possessor there soe that there is sixty acres remaining unto the above said Griffeth Bivens Tho: Duckett Will Powell George Willcox Jonathan Duckett and Isaac Warner being all equally concerned with the whole said 60 Acres. Returned according to which above said Survey and Bounds into the Proprietarys Secretarys Office the 3d. of the 12th. Month 1692/3.

The possibility that this survey pertains to George Willcockson of Chester County, is supported by the connection with the Powell family. Members of the Bevan family witnessed the marriage of Rowland Powell and Maud Richard.

Although the administrations of the estates of George and Elizabeth Powell Willcockson mention that they had children, only their daughter Mary, who was five years old in 1740, is positively identified. The weaving trade, naming patterns and the factors of time, place and opportunity, all strongly support the conclusion that the unidentified children include John, George, Isaac and Hannah. The circumstantial evidence is fragmentary, but the logic is irresistible.

Isaac Willcockson was a contemporary of John and George in Pennsylvania and Rowan County, North Carolina, as was Hannah Willcockson (Wilcox), who married Daniel Lewis. Daniel Lewis, who was born in 1730, was a son of James Lewis and Sarah Potts of Berks County, Pennsylvania, where the Boones once resided. Daniel and Hannah moved to Rowan County, North Carolina, where he died in 1801.²⁷

William Willcockson, who is mentioned in some genealogical notes about the family of Rowland Powell and Maud Richard, also may have been a son of George Willcockson and Elizabeth Powell. William took the Oath of Allegiance on 03 June 1778.²⁸ More than likely, however, this was William Willcockson, son of Isaac Willcockson and Martha Bane, who married Rachel Boone, daughter of James Boone and Mary Foulke, in Berks County, Pennsylvania, before 30 July 1777, when she was condemned by the Exeter Meeting of the Friends for marrying out of the Society. William and Rachel moved to North Carolina in 1790.²⁹

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DANIEL LEWIS

Born 1730

Died 1801 Rowan County, North Carolina

Married Hannah Willcockson c1766

Born

Died after 1810 Rowan County, North Carolina

Children (order of birth unknown):

Daniel Lewis Jr

b. 13 Oct 1767

d.

m. Hannah Stapleton

Sarah Lewis

b.

d.

m. (1) Joseph Lewis

(2) John Hendricks

Hannah Lewis

b. 23 Apr 1772 Rowan County, North Carolina

d. 16 Feb 1842 near Center, Alabama

m. John Cunningham Jan 1794 Rowan County, North Carolina

Daniel Lewis, Sr. and Daniel Lewis, Jr. were enumerated on the 1790 census for Rowan County, North Carolina.

John Cunningham and Hannah Lewis had five children.³⁰

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ISAAC WILLCOCKSON

Born c1724

Died c1766 Rowan County, North Carolina

Married (1) Martha Bane 1747 Pennsylvania

Born c1727

Died c1757 Rowan County, North Carolina

Children (1) (order of birth unknown):

William Willcockson

b. probably c1752

d.

m. Rachel Boone c1777 Berks County, Pennsylvania

Martha Willcockson

b. c1757-60 North Carolina

d. 1798 Kentucky

m. (1) Joseph Wilson c1772

(2) John Whitaker 25 Feb 1782

Daniel Willcockson

b. after 1750

d.

m.

Married (2) Edith Philpot

Born 23 Apr 1740 North Carolina

Died

Children (2):

Rachel Willcockson

b. 26 Feb 1760 Rowan County, North Carolina

d.

m.

Catherine Willcockson

b. 14 Feb 1762 Rowan County, North Carolina

d. 1803

m. Isaac Holman

Aaron Willcockson

b. 11 Jun 1764 Rowan County, North Carolina

d. 11 Jul 1830 Washington County, Indiana

m. Hannah -----

Isaac Willcockson and Martha Bane were married in 1747. She was a Quaker and he was not, so the women of the congregation brought it to the attention of the church:³¹

8th of 2nd month, 1748. The Women Friends Acquaint this Meeting that Martha Bane (Bon-Ban-Bone-Bane; Indexed Bane), now

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Willcockson hath ... in marriage, contrary to the Good
established among Friends, by a Priest ...

Order

Isaac Willcockson (Issacher Willcocks) witnessed a deed in Anson County, North Carolina, on 13 October 1750.³² Rowan County was formed from Anson County in 1753. Isaac Willcockson was listed near John Willcockson and John Willcockson, Jr. on the Rowan County tax list in 1761. On 25 July 1761 Isaac Willcockson (Willcoxon) sued William Grant in Rowan County Court. There are three Willcockson tombstones, that are partially illegible, near that of Squire Boone in the Joppa Cemetery, at Mocksville, North Carolina:³³

Isaac Willcockson, died Sept. ____ age 42 years
Martha Willcockson, died Sept. 9, ____ age 30 years
____ Willcockson, died Oct. 11, 1769.

In Rowan County Court in 1771, William, Martha and Daniel Willcockson, minor orphans of Isaac Willcockson, deceased, chose Isaac Willcockson as their guardian. George Willcockson signed the guardianship bond with Isaac Willcockson.³⁴ The Willcockson, who died in 1769 and is buried next to Isaac and Martha, could be another child.

Edith Philpot Willcockson was born on 23 April 1740 in North Carolina. As the widow of Isaac Willcockson (Wilcoxon), she married (2) Matthew Busey in 1767 in North Carolina. He was born on 09 April 1742 in Maryland. By Isaac Willcockson, Edith had three children, Rachel, Catherine and Aaron, whose names and birth dates are entered in early Busey family records. They moved to Kentucky with their step-father and mother.³⁵

William Willcockson, son of Isaac Willcockson and Martha Bane, returned to Pennsylvania, where he married Rachel Boone, daughter of James Boone and Mary Foulke. A Quaker, Rachel was condemned by the Exeter Meeting of the Society of Friends on the 30th of the 7th month 1777, for being married by a priest, out of unity with her church. An old Boone family record contains two statements about William and Rachel Boone Willcockson:³⁶

1790, Sept. 13. Then William Wilcoxon and his family moved for North
Carolina.

1797, Aug. 1. Then Rachel Wilcoxon came from North Carolina to see us, and
her neighbor Elizabeth Freelan and her son Harry Freelan on the
stage..

On 12 September 1788, William Willcockson of Berks County, Pennsylvania, bought 393 acres of land, on Bear Creek in Rowan County, North Carolina, from William Hall, by a deed witnessed by John Willcockson and Elizabeth Welsh.³⁷ William Willcockson and his wife Rachel of Rowan County, North Carolina, sold this tract to John Reese on 10 April 1795.³⁸

Martha Willcockson, daughter of Isaac Willcockson and Martha Bane, married (1) Joseph Wilson about 1772 in North Carolina. He died before 25 February 1782, when she married (2) John Whitaker. Martha died in Kentucky in 1798. Whitaker, who was born about 1758 or 1760, married (2) Nancy Guess in December 1809 and died in Mulberry, Tennessee, on 13 June 1837.³⁹

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Isaac Holman, who married Catherine Willcockson, was born in Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1757 and died in Clark County, Indiana, in 1843.⁴⁰

The wife of Aaron Willcockson (Wilcoxson) was named Hannah and their children were Edey, who married Robert Carter; Anna, who married Jacob Miller; David, who married Elizabeth Callahan; Isaac, who married Mary A. Standiford; Lillis, who married William Daniels; Rebecca, who married Maurice Morris; Berry, who married Sarah Casswell (sic); John, who was born on 07 March 1807 and married Margaret Johnson; and William Henry Harrison, who married (1) Nancy Taylor and (2) Angeline Byrn.⁴¹ Aaron Wilcoxson was born on 11 June 1764 and died in Washington County, Indiana, on 11 July 1830. He and his wife Hannah (1766-1839) are buried in a family cemetery in Washington County, where their gravestones contain their birth and death dates.⁴² Aaron got a patent for 160 acres of land in Clark County, Indiana, on 16 April 1808, which later was in Jackson Township, Washington County.⁴³

John Wilcoxson was appointed to administer the estate of Aaron Wilcoxson in February 1833 and reported a cash balance on 14 August 1833, for distribution to the unidentified widow, five sons and four daughters.⁴⁴ A biographical sketch of Berry Wilcoxson, who was born in Franklin County, Kentucky, in February 1804, states that, in his 25th year, he married Sarah W. Cassell (sic), who was born on 15 March 1808. His parents took him to North Carolina, when he was four years old, but did not stay there long. They moved to Indiana, settling near the Falls of the Ohio, in what became Washington County. In the spring of 1843, Berry Wilcoxson moved to Lee County, Iowa.⁴⁵

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GEORGE WILLCOCKSON JR

Born c1730

Died Sep 1785 Rowan County, North Carolina

Married Elizabeth Hall

Born c1739

Died 15 Dec 1782 Rowan County, North Carolina

Children (order of birth unknown):

Isabella Willcockson

b.

d.

m. (1) Daniel Adams

(2) Samuel Casey

David Willcockson (Wilcox)

b. c1747-1750

d. c1815-1816 Franklin County, Kentucky

m. (1) Elender (Sally) Boone

(2) Jannett Pemberton 04 Feb 1804 Franklin County, Kentucky

George Willcockson III (Wilcox)

b. c1761 Rowan County, North Carolina

d. 1819 Howard County, Missouri

m. Elizabeth Pinchbeck 23 Feb 1789 Rowan County, North Carolina

John Willcockson (Wilcox)

b. 06 Sep 1766 Rowan County, North Carolina

d. 03 Feb 1820 Shelby County, Kentucky

m. Sarah Boone 01 Mar 1791 Jefferson County, Kentucky

Elizabeth Willcockson

b.

d.

m. Wiles Cook

Mary Willcockson

b.

d.

m. John Cook 22 Jan 1793 Rowan County, North Carolina

Isaac Willcockson (Wilcox)

b. Rowan County, North Carolina

d. c1846 Shelby County, Kentucky

m. Elizabeth Gooch

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James Willcockson (Wilcox)

- b.
- d.
- m.

The male descendants of George and Elizabeth Hall Willcockson spelled their surname Wilcox. The surviving children of George Willcockson are named in his will which was dated 21 June 1785 and proved in Rowan County, North Carolina, in August 1786:⁴⁶

In the Name of God, Amen, I George Willcockson of Roan County and province of North Carolina - being sick and weak in Body but of perfect Mind and Memory,

Thanks be to God; calling into Mind the mortality of my Body, and knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die, do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament ...

First, I give & bequeath to my Eight Children a tract of land, lying on Bear Creek Containing five hundred Acres ... to be Equally Divided amongst them at the discretion of my Exrs.-

Also, I give to my well beloved Children above mentioned A tract of Land lying ... in Wilks County on Roaring River known by the name of the long bottom Containing three hundred Acres more or less - to be likewise Divided at the Discretion of my Executors- likewise I give the land and plantation whereon I now live to my well beloved Children above mentioned being too hundred and fifty acres to be Divided amongst them all at the Discretion of my Exrs.

I also desire that all the rest of my Estate should be sold by Exrs if they see cause to do it and Equally divided amongst my Eight Children above mentioned Viz- Isabella Adams David Willcockson George Willcockson John Willcockson Elizabeth Willcockson Mary Willcockson Isaac Willcockson James Willcockson

I also desire that my Book Accounts should be collected By my Exrs & that money with what I have in hand & what is Due me by notes should be bestowed on my five youngest Children in Schooling & other Necessaries Only one half Joannas (sic) and that I give to my Beloved Brother John Willcockson Senr.

I constitute and ordain my beloved son John Willcockson and David my beloved son the Executors of this my last will and Testament. In witness whereof I have here unto Set my hand & seal this twenty first Day of June one thousand seven hundred and Eightyfive.

Signed and Sealed and Delivered

His Seal

in presents of

George Willcockson

Lazs Whitehead

David Jones, Jr.

Will proved August 1786

John Bryan

Joanna, the child whose portion of a bequest was to be divided with the testator's brother John Willcockson, Jr., may have been a ninth child but that it a puzzling inconsistency which is not addressed by the author of the Wilcoxson genealogy and presumably the transcriber of the will. Perhaps it should read James.

George died before his son, John, who was born in 1766, was old enough to act as executor, so David acted as sole executor, although he was residing in the part of Virginia that became Kentucky. On 14 September 1786 David Willcockson of Fayette

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County, Virginia, conveyed to Isabella Adams of Rowan County, North Carolina, for 100 pounds, 250 acres, adjoining Thomas Prather, which was part of a state grant to George Willcockson for 500 acres. On 26 August 1796, David Wilcoxson of Clark County, Kentucky, as executor of his father, George W., late of Rowan County, North Carolina, deceased, conveyed to John Cook, who married Mary, the daughter of George W., deceased, 250 acres on Bear Creek, part of a tract granted by the State to George Wilcoxson. Later John Cook of Rowan County deeded to Samuel Casey of the same place, for 225 pounds, 250 acres on Bear Creek, which was part of a state grant to George Willcockson, that his executor, David Willcockson, conveyed to John Cook on 26 August 1796.⁴⁷

George and Elizabeth Hall Willcockson were buried in Eaton's Cemetery in Rowan County, where their tombstones read:⁴⁸

George Wilcoxson, d. Sept., 1785, aged 55 years.

Elizabeth Wilcoxson, d. Dec. 15, 1782, aged 43 years.

The family Bible of Moses Hall, whose daughter Isabelle married Gibson Taylor Wilcox, son of John Wilcox and Sarah Boone and grandson of George Willcockson, Jr., identified the wife of George Willcockson (Jr.), as Elizabeth Hall and listed six of their children as George Wilcox, Jr., who married Elizabeth Pinchbeck; David Wilcox, who married Sarah (sic) Boone, daughter of George Boone, who was brother of Daniel Boone; John Wilcox, who married Sarah Boone, daughter of Squire Boone, youngest brother of Daniel Boone; Isaac (Isaic) Wilcox, who married Elizabeth Gooch (Gouch); Elizabeth Wilcox, who married Wiles (Wilds) Cook; and Nancy Wilcox, who married Samuel Casey (Cacy) and remained in North Carolina. The brothers and their sister Elizabeth Wilcox Cook moved to Kentucky.

Nancy may have been another name for Isabella Willcockson, who apparently married (1) Daniel Adams and (2) Samuel Casey. Daniel Adams died before 15 February 1782, when George Willcockson was surety on the administratrix bond of Isabella Adams, widow of Daniel.⁴⁹

Elender Boone, who married David Willcockson (Wilcox), was a daughter of George Boone and Ann Linville. She was born about 1766, died on 17 July 1799 and is buried in the George Boone Cemetery in Madison County, Kentucky, where her tombstone is inscribed:⁵⁰

In memory of Elender Wilcox, who departed this life the 17th of July 1799, aged 33 years

Elender was identified as Sally Boone in the family history left by Gibson Taylor Wilcox. G. T. Wilcox was interviewed in 1891, when he was aged 85.⁵¹

Jannett Pemberton, the second wife of David Willcockson (Wilcox), was the widow of Richard Pemberton, by whom she had five children, who became wards of David after their marriage. David Willcockson signed his will, David Wilcox.⁵² Nancy Wilcox, daughter of David, married Joseph Helm in Franklin County, Kentucky, on 26 August 1815. Isaac Wilcoxson, who married Priscilla Hackley, daughter of Francis, on 06 August 1804, in Franklin County, could have been a son of David and Ellender Boone

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Wilcox. Ann Ewing Wilcox, who married William F. LeRoy on 22 September 1800, may have been a widowed daughter-in-law.⁵³

Elizabeth Pinchbeck, who married George Willcockson (Wilcox) in Rowan County on 23 February 1789, with William Hall as surety on the bond, was a daughter of John Pinchbeck and Isabel Rathgen, who were married at St. George's in Hanover Square, London, on 18 January 1772. Elizabeth was born in England in 1774 and died in Kentucky in 1816. John Pinchbeck, who was born on 26 August 1739 and died in 1811, was a son of Thomas Pinchbeck of London and Lydia Farnsworth. George Willcockson (Wilcox) was a Lieutenant Colonel in the 8th Kentucky militia during the War of 1812.⁵⁴

Sarah Boone, who married John Willcockson (Wilcox) at Lynch's Station in Jefferson County, Kentucky, on 01 March 1791, was a daughter of Squire Boone, Jr. and Jane Van Cleve. Her father, who was a Baptist minister, as well as an Indian fighter, performed the wedding. Sarah Boone Wilcox was born on 26 September 1774 in Rowan County, North Carolina, and died on 26 June 1846 in Shelby County, Kentucky.⁵⁵ G. T. Wilcox recalled that Sarah was seven years old when her father established Boone's Station in 1779, but she was only five. Other of Wilcox's recollections appeared in a letter written to Thomas W. Bullitt on 23 July 1880.⁵⁶

Eden postoffice (Jefferson County), Ky., July 23, 1880.

Mr. Thos. W. Bullitt

Dear Sir:

Having made your acquaintance at the unveiling of the monument erected to the memory of the dead of G. John Floyd's defeat on Floyd's Fork, now in Jefferson County, you requested me to give you a narrative of what I knew of the massacre and Floyd's defeat. I am a representative of Squire Boone, being his grandson, and what I know I learned from Isaiah Boone, my uncle, a son of Squire Boone. He was at Floyd's defeat. He said that his father had built a station on Clear Creek, two miles east of where Shelbyville now stands, and that his father, with several families, left Boonesborough in 1779, settled in this, then called Boone's station. There was a station on Beargrass, three miles east of Louisville, called Beargrass (or Floyd's Station), and one eight miles from Louisville, called Lynn's Station. Lynn's Station was on the place afterward owned by Col. R. C. Anderson. Boone's Station at that time was the only station between Harrod's and Lynn's Station. Squire Boone's station was about twenty-two miles east of Lynn's Station. Bland Ballard and Samuel Wells at that time lived in Lynn's Station, while Gen. Floyd lived in Beargrass Station.

There were two couples to be married in Lynn's Station. Bland Ballard and a man named Carris went from Lynn's Station to Brashear's Station, near the mouth of Floyd's Fork, now Bullitt County, after a Baptist minister, John Whitaker, to marry them. This was to be the first legal marriage in this part of the country. In going over, Ballard discovered an Indian trail and was satisfied there was a large body of them. He retraced his steps to Lynn's Station, sent word to Beargrass Station, and then went to Boone's Station that night. They held a meeting and agreed to leave the station and go to Lynn's Station. There were a large number of families in Boone's Station at this time, viz: the Hintons, Harrises, Hughses, Hansboro,

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Bryans, Van Cleves and many others. They could not all get ready to move the next day, but some were determined to go. Squire Boone was not ready and could not prevail on them to wait another day. So Major Ballard conducted this party, leaving Squire Boone and a few families in the station to come the next day. When Ballard's party reached Long Run he was attacked in the rear. He went back to protect the rear. He drove the Indians back and held them in check as long as he could. In going back he saw on the ground a man and his wife, by the name of Cline. He told Cline to put his wife on the horse and hurry on. They were in the bed of Long Run. Ballard returned in a short time, to find Cline and his wife still on the ground. He put her on his horse and gave the horse a tap with his wiping-stick and as he did so an Indian pulled a sack from her horse. Ballard shot the Indian and hurried to the front.

Here he found a great many killed and the people scattered, leaving their cattle and losing their baggage and many horses. Some reached Lynn's Station that night, and a few Boone's. Boone remained in his station for several days after that before he and his party went down to Lynn's Station. I'll give the name of a few of those that were killed on Long Run: Two Misses Hansboros, sisters of Joel Hansboro; a Mr. McCarby, a brother of Mrs. Richard Chenoweth, and a Mrs. Van Cleve, an aunt of my mother's. The next day General (then Colonel) Floyd, Colonel (then Captain) Wells, and Bland Ballard (afterward Major Ballard) and thirty-four others from Lynn and Beargrass Stations, went up to bury the dead. When they reached Floyd's Fork, Ballard said to them: "You send a few men and ascertain where the Indians are." He, however, was overruled and on they went. At the head of the ravine they were surrounded and sixteen of their men were shot down at the first fire. Fourteen of these were buried in one sink. They began to retreat. Isaiah Boone said that when he reached the Fork he discovered an Indian following him. He raised his gun. The Indian stepped behind a tree. Just at this time General Floyd and Colonel Wells came in sight, Floyd on foot and Wells on horseback. Wells said to Floyd: "Take my horse." Floyd, being large and fleshy, was much exhausted.

They took to the bushes and reached the place selected, should they be defeated. It was near where Thos. Elder's new house now stands, on the Shelby Pike, about three miles above Middletown. For some time prior to this, General Floyd and Wells were not friendly. Isaiah Boone said: "General, that brought you to your milk." The General's reply was: "You are a noble boy; we were in a tight place." This boy was then but fourteen years of age. He was at that time visiting Lynn's Station. The occurrence took place in September, 1781. Squire Boone's wife's maiden name was Jane Van Cleve. Enoch Boone, their youngest son, was born in Boonesborough, October 16, 1777, being the first male white child born in Kentucky. He died in Meade County, Kentucky, 1861. Squire Boone died in 1815, and was by his request, buried in a cave in Harrison County, Indiana. Sarah Boone, my mother, was the only daughter of Squire Boone. She was married to John Wilcox, my father, in 1791, and he settled on and improved land, surveyed and patented in the name of Sarah Boone by her father, four miles north of Shelbyville. Dear Sir, pardon me for departing from the subject of my narrative. I am making it too long.

Yours truly,

G. T. Wilcox

P. S.---The information here given you was derived from conversations with Isaiah

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Boone; confirmed by conversations with my mother, who was in the fort with her father at the time of the massacre; also with Enoch Boone; also with my grandmother, Jane Boone, wife of Squire Boone, who lived at my father's house and died there in 1820. For further information on this interesting topic I would refer you to John Williamson, now living at Eden Station, in this county, and in the eighty-fifth year of his age. Squire was the Christian name, not the title, of Squire Boone. He was the youngest brother of Daniel Boone.

G. T. Wilcox

Squire Boone, Jr. erected his station at the Painted Stone on Clear Creek, a branch of Beargrass Creek, in the part of Kentucky County, Virginia, that became Jefferson County, Virginia in 1780 and Shelby County, Kentucky, in 1792. It was near where Shelbyville now stands and was sometimes called Painted Stone Station. About 1783, when Squire Boone was serving in the Virginia legislature, he transferred the station to Colonel Lynch and it thereafter was known as Lynch's Station.

Samuel Casey was bondsman when Mary Willcockson and John Cook were married in Rowan County, North Carolina, on 22 January 1793.⁵⁷

Elizabeth Gooch, who married Isaac Willcockson (Wilcox), was a daughter of Thomas Gooch and Lucy Grubbs of Albemarle County, Virginia. The will of Isaac Wilcox was dated 23 June 1845 and proved in February 1846 in Shelby County, Kentucky.⁵⁸

James Willcockson (Wilcox) apparently resided in Green and/or Muhlenberg counties, Kentucky.⁵⁹

ADDENDA

E-mail data from Reg Wilcox 20 Aug 1997:

In Bucks County PA Criminal Papers it is recorded that on 6-17-1732 "Isaac Wilcockson of Bucks County was delivered to Baile on a cephi caipas to Joseph Wildman of Middle Towne of in the county aforesaid, a yeoman at the suite of Richard Mountain."

In *The Heritage of Rowan County North Carolina*, Vol. I, 1991, it is written at page 272 that Sarah Clifford's first husband was Isaac Wilcox (or Wilcoxson), that members of the Wilcoxson family were among the first settlers of the Forks of the Yadkin, that unlike most Wilcoxons, Isaac was a Whig, that in the Revolutionary War he was captured and was a prisoner of the Tories at Liberty Hill, that he was held prisoner on a notorious prison ship called the Old Jersey off the coast of Long Island and that virtually all prisoners on that ship died in the spring of 1780 and that his wife, Sarah, remarried before 1784 to Richard Haines. Sarah's father was named Michael and he and his family moved to the Forks of the Yadkin around 1775. Michael died in 1784. He was from Ireland, had lived in New Jersey then moved to Frederick County MD around 1762 before moving to NC.

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