

Wilson Family History Part 2 – There and Back Again

Anna's brother Charles was born circa 1859 and he married Agnes Frances Watson. Charles, just like his sister Anna, lived in Ann Arbor for a time. Charles' brother William was born circa 1861 in Essex County, but no other information was available for him. Significantly more information was found for his brother Samuel W. who was born on October 7, 1863 in Amherstburg. He married twice. His first marriage was to Elizabeth Williams Anderson on February 11, 1884 in Detroit. At that time Samuel was 22, a cook, and living in Windsor, while Elizabeth was 21 and living in Sandwich. Samuel and Elizabeth had at least nine children: Charles, Elizabeth (born October 10, 1886 in Sandwich), Mary (born Feb 6, 1888 in Sandwich), Samuel Jr. (born April 16, 1889 in Sandwich), Clifford Stanley (born October 5, 1889), Alfred (born August 1, 1892 in Sandwich), William Spencer (born October 16, 1893 in Sandwich), Joseph (born February 5, 1894 in Sandwich and died on April 7, 1913 in Sarnia), and Walter (born July 5, 1898 in Ann Arbor, Washtenaw, Michigan).

The 1891 Census for Sandwich West lists Samuel, his wife Elizabeth, and four of their children: Charles, Elizabeth, Mary, and Samuel. The Census shows that Samuel (a cook) and his family moved from Sandwich to different locations including Ann Arbor, Washtenaw, Michigan, as is shown in the 1900 Census. In the 1900 Census Samuel and Elizabeth's children Elizabeth, E. Mary, Joseph, Walter and Clifford are included, in addition to Charles Anderson who is listed as Samuel's stepson. Charles Anderson was the son of Samuel's first wife Elizabeth Williams **Anderson** Wilson. The family moved again to Sarnia, Ontario, as is shown in the 1911 Census for Sarnia, Lambton, which lists Samuel and Elizabeth with Joseph, Walter and Clifford. The death record for Sarah Elizabeth Wilson states that she was living in Sarnia and that her father's last name was Williams and her mother's name was Sarah. A further note about Sarah is that the

birth record for Joseph Wilson, son of Elizabeth and Samuel, lists Sarah Coleman as the informant who is the child's grandmother. This means that Sarah Coleman is Elizabeth's mother.

Samuel's wife Elizabeth passed away on April 11, 1920 and the following year, the records show that Samuel was married to his second wife, Elmira Saunders, the daughter of Docus Flowers. The couple was married on February 10, 1921 in Washtenaw, Michigan. At that time Samuel was 58 and a cook and Elmira was 60 and a Housekeeper. Their marriage record also states that both Samuel and Elmira were previously married. According to Samuel W. Wilson's death record from May 30, 1945, he was living in Ann Arbor, Michigan, 81 years old and a widower.

Samuel's brother, Albert, is the next child of Washington and Mary Elnora (Starks) Wilson, but because there is substantial information on Albert, we will discuss his siblings first and return to discuss him. Albert's sister Sabra was born December 26, 1867 in Amherstburg. She married Joseph Marshall Williams on January 22, 1890 in Windsor. Joseph was the son of Robert and Sarah Williams. Sabra and Joseph eventually moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, but not before their first child was born. They had at least two children: Loyal Llewellyn and Eldridge. Loyal Llewellyn was born on April 29, 1899 in Windsor, although his draft registration card states that he was born on April 9, 1900. This record also states that he worked as a Truck Driver for American Car and Foundry. All that could be found for Loyal Llewellyn's brother Eldridge was his death record which states that he passed at the young age of 17 on July 17, 1911 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. At the time he was single and worked as a Drayman.

Sabra's sister Mary Elnora was born on January 1, 1870 in Sandwich. She married James Edward Brown, the son of James and Susan Brown, on June 28, 1893 in Windsor. Mary Elnora's brother Albert's 1932 obituary also lists Mary as Mrs. Mary Robinson of Ypsilanti, meaning she

married more than once. Her death record confirms this by listing her as Mary Robinson, the daughter of Washington Wilson and Elenore (Elnora) Stark. At the time, Mary Elnora was 75 years old, widowed and living in Pittsfield, Washtenaw, Michigan.

Mary Elnora's brother John Wesley is up next. He was born on February 20, 1871 in Windsor. According to his marriage record, he married Marie Kersey on September 14, 1897 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Marie was the daughter of George Kersey and a woman with the last Jones. At the time John worked as a Porter and Marie was a Domestic. According to his death record, John Wesley was born on February 20, 1871 in Windsor and passed on March 3, 1935 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. At the time he was widowed and 63 years old. According to a page from the Museum's collection, John Wesley's brother Walter was born circa 1878, but nothing further was found for him.

What we publish is not a complete history of any family and is based on the documents that are available. We welcome photos and information to fill in the gaps. See you next week for part 3.