

Lancaster County, PA , Will Book A:1:173, 22 February 1748/17 May 1749  
 MATHEW RUTLIDGE, deceased

In THE NAME OF GOD AMEN This twentyeth second day of February in ye year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty seven/eight I Mathew Rutlidge of Pensborow in the county of Lancaster Miller bring very sick and weak of body but of perfect mind an memory thanks be given to God therefore calling unto mind ye mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will & testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into ye hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to ye earth to be buried in a Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my executors nothing doubting but at the general resurrection I shall receive ye same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give devise and dispose of the same in ye following manner and form

Item I give to my well beloved mother Cathrine Rutlidge fifty pounds Likewise I leave to sister Ann Johnson twelve pounds Likewise to my Sister Elizabeth Rutlidge twenty five pounds Likewise to my sister Mary Evans ten pounds Likewise to my brother John Rutlidge eight pounds and to my sister Elenor eight pounds Likewise I leave my well beloved brother William Rutlidge my full share of ye mill and plantation equal with my father he paying ye half of ye cost and charges that is or shall be upon it but if either sees cause to sell his part he shall give the other the first offer and then if they can't agree between themselves they shall leave it to ye judgment of three or four honest men and then stand to their award Likewise I give to John Gye my servant man forty shillings and I do constitute make and ordain my father Isaac Rutlidge and my brother William Rutlidge my only and sole executors of this my last will and testament In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
 in ye presence of us

Mathew Rutlidge (Seal)

Mathew Dill  
 Andrew Miller Junr.  
 Charles Pippen

Original spelling and punctuation has been maintained.

Note:

Mathew Rutlidge's will was witnessed by the Andrew Miller, Jr, who later married Mathew's sister, Elizabeth Rutlidge. This suggests, but does not prove, that Andrew Miller's father was also named Andrew Miller.

# WILSON

The following extract is taken from *The History of Lincoln County, Missouri from the Earliest Time to the Present*. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1888.

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twenty-six years Mr. Menth has lived on his present homestead, which consists of 620 acres. He is a Democrat in politics, and he and wife are members of the Catholic Church. His first wife was also a member of the same church.

Capt. William Miller was born in Lincoln County, N. C., in 1812, and at the age of six years was brought by his parents, Andrew and Jane (Wilson) Miller, to Missouri. They settled near the mouth of Crooked Creek, in the woods among the Indians and wild animals, and there cleared a good farm. The father died on the 30th of December, 1826. The mother was born near Philadelphia, Pa., and when quite small moved with her people to North Carolina, where they lived during the Revolutionary War, her father, Thomas Wilson, furnishing supplies to the army. He was born in Ireland, and was a weaver by occupation. The grandfather Miller was of Scotch-Irish descent, and his son Andrew was a soldier in the War of 1812, and was captain of militia at an early day. He was instrumental in establishing towns in Lincoln County, and aided to a great degree in settling the county. At the time of his death he weighed 355 pounds, although in his young days he was of ordinary weight. They reared a family of nine children, William being the youngest in the family.



Information printed in county histories is undocumented and sometimes inaccurate. At present so little is known about this Wilson family that this county history becomes one of the principal sources for knowledge of them. As Wilson is a somewhat common name among the Irish and Scotch-Irish in the areas where this Wilson family lived, sorting out and constructing their genealogy will be a lengthy and complicated process.

Jane (Wilson) Miller was born in October, 1769.<sup>1</sup> There are so many communities which would qualify as being "near Philadelphia," this clue does not narrow the search as much as could be hoped for.<sup>2</sup>

A labyrinth of Thomas, Thomas, Jr., James and James, Jr. records which appear to relate to this Wilson family are found in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, from 1767 forward.

There Thomas Wilson, weaver, (probably Jane's father) purchased land on Goose Creek in November, 1770, from William and Margaret Query.<sup>3</sup> According to the deed Thomas was already a resident of Mecklenburg County at the time he bought the land. A James Wilson had purchased land in April, 1767, on Goose Creek adjoining the land of John Query.<sup>4</sup> Thomas and James were almost certainly related, probably brothers. (See the Mecklenburg County map in the Miller Family Section.)

Thomas Wilson, Sen, James Willson, Sen and James Wilson, Junr of Capt. James Harris District were issued citations for neglecting or refusing to take the Oath of Fidelity in July, 1778.<sup>5</sup> Again in late 1778 or early 1779 James Wilson and Thomas Wilson, Sr of Col. Robert Irwin's District demurred from taking the oath of allegiance.<sup>6</sup> This suggests the Wilsons could have been Quakers or possibly Tories. As Thomas Wilson is purported to have contributed woven goods to the Revolutionary cause, he was probably not a British sympathizer.

A Thomas Wilson Sr, Thomas Wilson and James Wilson are found on the 1797 tax list for Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, in Capt. Hood's Company, the same in which Andrew Miller and Jane (Wilson) Miller resided.<sup>7</sup> Thomas and James Wilson (apparently seniors) along with Robert Wilson appear on the list for the same district in 1798.<sup>8</sup> By this time Andrew and Jane had moved to Lincoln County, North Carolina.<sup>9</sup> James Sr, Thomas and Robert appear on Capt. Hood's 1799 list.<sup>10</sup> Thomas Wilson Sr and Robert Wilson are still listed in Capt. Hood's Company in 1806.<sup>11</sup> Thomas Wilson and James Wilson are missing from Capt. Hood's Company in 1807. A Thomas Wilson Sr and a James Wilson Sr are on the company list of Capt. David Moore in 1807, but it is not known if they are the same Thomas Sr and James Sr who formerly appeared on Capt. Hood's lists.<sup>12</sup>

No will or other document was located in Mecklenburg County records to suggest that Thomas Wilson of the 1770 deed was the father of Jane (Wilson) Miller. His date of death is unknown. A will dated 1817 of a Thomas Wilson Jr. with holdings on Goose Creek mentions a daughter Jane, but she may have been unmarried still living at home.<sup>13</sup>

In Mecklenburg County there are hundreds of Wilson records which can be assigned to other Wilson families along with a few records whose connection is unclear. The matter of the various Thomases and Thomas Jrs. and Jameses and James Jrs. identified with the family of Jane (Wilson) Miller may defy resolution. There is almost nothing to establish relative ages. It should be remembered that formerly "junior" did not necessarily mean "son of," but could refer to the younger of two similarly named men in a community. Whether further in-depth study can resolve the mystery of the ancestry of Jane (Wilson) Miller remains to be seen.

<sup>1</sup>“Miller Family Cemetery,” Inear Moscow Mills, Lincoln Co., MO] *St. Louis Genealogical Society Quarterly* 20 (Spring 1987):21. See photograph of the Miller tombstones in the Brown Family Section.

<sup>2</sup>*The History of Lincoln County, Missouri from the Earliest Time to the Present* (Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing Co., 1888), p. 577.

<sup>3</sup>Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Deed Book 4:681-682, 4 November 1770/January term 1771. Mecklenburg County Courthouse, Charlotte, NC. All Mecklenburg County civil records cited herein are at this location.

<sup>4</sup>*Ibid.*, 4:140-142, 22 April 1767/April term 1767.

<sup>5</sup>Doris Futch Briscoe, *Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Court minutes, Docket book 1,1774-1780* (Greenville, S.C: Southern Historical Press, c1996), p. 179.

<sup>6</sup>*Ibid.*, 247.

<sup>7</sup>Horace W. Ferguson, *Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Will Abstracts 1791-1868 Books A-J, Tax Lists 1797, 1798, 1799, 1806 and 1807* (Rocky Mount, NC: Author, 1993), p. 273.

<sup>8</sup>*Ibid.*, p. 279.

<sup>9</sup>Mecklenburg County, NC, Deed Book 16:48, 6 October 1797/6 July 1798 and Lincoln County, NC, Deed Book 19:11, 4 September 1798/October 1798. Lincoln County Courthouse, Lincolnton, NC.

<sup>10</sup>*Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Will Abstracts 1791-1868 Books A-J, Tax Lists*, p. 287.

<sup>11</sup>*Ibid.* p. 295.

<sup>12</sup>*Ibid.*, pp. 298, 300 and 301.

<sup>13</sup>Mecklenburg County, NC, Will Book G:22, Thomas Wilson Jr., 26 September 1817.

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**Transcription of Mecklenburg County, NC, Deed Book 4:681-682,**

4 November 1770, recorded January Term 1771:

William Querry and Margaret his wife to Thomas Willson  
(punctuation added for clarity).

**This Indenture** made the fourth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy between William Querry, cooper, and Margaret his wife of the C<sup>o</sup> Mecklenburg in the province of North Carolina of the one part and Tho<sup>s</sup> Willson of the C<sup>o</sup> and province afs<sup>d</sup>, weaver, of the other part: Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred five pounds proclamation money of the province afs<sup>d</sup> to them in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof we hereby acknowledge hath granted, bargained and sold, enfeoffed, conveyed & confirmed and by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, enfeoff, convey & confirm unto the said Tho<sup>s</sup> Willson, his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land situate lying & being in the C<sup>o</sup> & province afs<sup>d</sup> on the waters of Goose Creek, a branch of Rockey or Johnston's River beginning at a W. O. running thence E<sup>t</sup> 125 poles to a Red O. thence N<sup>o</sup>    poles to a Red O. thence W<sup>t</sup> 140 poles to a W. O. thence S<sup>o</sup> 30 W<sup>t</sup> 60 poles to a W. O. thence S<sup>o</sup> 56 E<sup>t</sup> 116 poles to the first station [?] --- Containing by survey one hundred & six acres in as full and ample a manner as the same was granted and conveyed to the said William Querry by deed of bargain and sale from Arthur Dobbs dated the twenty-fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & sixty-four reserving excepting each and every of the exceptions mentioned in the deed aforesaid reference thereunto had, will more fully & at large appear and also all trees, woods, underwoods, advantages, hereditaments & appurtenances to the said tract or parcel of and belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversion & reversions, remainder & remainders, rents, issues & profits of the premises hereby granted or intended to be granted and every part and parcel thereof and also all the estate, rights, titles, interests, claims and demands of them the said William Querry and Margaret his wife of in the said part or parcel of land and premises and every part thereof To have and to hold the said tract of land and all singular other the premises above mentioned and every part and parcel thereof with the appurtenances to the s<sup>d</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Willson, his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him the said Tho<sup>s</sup> Willson, his heirs and assigns forever and the said William Querry & Margaret his wife for themselves and their heirs the said tract and parcel of land & premises and every part thereof against them and their heirs to the said Thom<sup>s</sup> Willson his heirs & assigns shall and will warrant & forever defend by these presents according to the true intent of these presents hereof In Witness whereof the said William Querry and Margaret his wife hath hereunto set their hands and seals the day & year first above written

Signed, sealed & delivered

In the presence of

Jams Willson  
Robert Harris Junr

William Querry (Seal)  
Margret Querry (Seal)

January Term 1771

North Carolina  
Mecklenburg Co

To wit  
This is [to] certify that the execution of the  
within deed was moved in open court  
and recorded in the Clerk's Office according  
to law Robert Harris C. C.

This Instrument made the fourth day of June  
 in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and  
 seventeen William Quincy Cooper and Margret his wife of the  
 Co. of Mecklenburg in the province of North Carolina of the one  
 part & the widow of the late and province of Virginia of  
 the other part have agreed that for in consideration of the  
 sum of one hundred five pounds proclamation money of  
 the province aforesaid to them in hand paid at and before the  
 and Delivery of these presents the said Margret in writing  
 acknowledged hath granted Bargained & sold Confessed  
 & Confirmed and by these presents doth grant Bargain sell  
 Conveyance & Conveyance unto the said ~~William~~ William  
 her heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land  
 situate lying & being in the Co. & province aforesaid in the  
 of Goose Creek & Branch of Nekeg or Johnsons Nekeg  
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 Hereditaments & appurtenances to the said tract or parcel of land  
 Belonging or in any wise appertaining and the Reversions &  
 Reversions Remainder & Remainders Next & Next of kin  
 of the premises here by granted or Forfeited to be granted and  
 every part & parcel thereof and also all the Estate Rights  
 Contracts Claims and demands of them the said William Quincy and  
 Margret his wife of or in the said tract or parcel of land and  
 appurtenances and every part thereof to have and to hold the said  
 tract or parcel of land and all singular other the premises  
 therein and every part and parcel thereof with the  
 appurtenances to the said William Quincy her heirs and assigns forever

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 This land purchase was made presumably on occasion of the Thomas Wilson family's move from Pennsylvania.