

## The Leicestershire Wilford Family to America

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In two generations of the Leicestershire Wilford family, 6 sons immigrated to America: **6** James<sup>1</sup> (Edward<sup>A</sup>), **7** Frederick<sup>1</sup> (Edward<sup>A</sup>), **9** William<sup>1</sup> (Edward<sup>A</sup>), **12** Edward<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>A</sup>), **14** Hardy<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>A</sup>), and **16** Reuben<sup>2</sup> (John<sup>1</sup> Edward<sup>A</sup>). The first two went to Wisconsin, William to Nevada *via* Australia, Edward to Wisconsin and then Kansas, Hardy to Wisconsin and then into the American Civil War, and Reuben to Iowa.

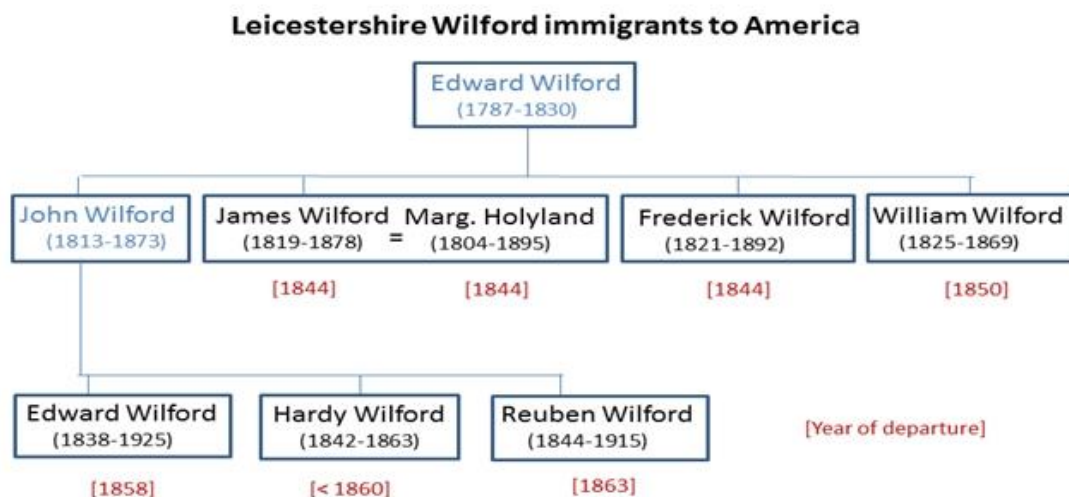


Figure 1. The young Leicestershire Wilfords who immigrated (in black) with their departure years (in red).

The immigration or naturalization records of these individuals do not reveal their origins in England.<sup>1,2,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Frederick Wilford, 4 Dec 1860, Certificate of Naturalization, Waukesha County (Wisconsin) Naturalization Records, Certificates, Vol. 4 (1859-1864), p. 234 [FHL US/CAN Film 2318,294]. Frederick states only that he was born in England and signed his declaration of intent on 4 Oct 1845.

<sup>2</sup> James Wilford, 30 Mar 1847, Declaration of Intention to Become a Citizen, Waukesha County (Wisconsin) Naturalization Records, Vol. 1 (1847-1855), p. 87 [FHL US/CAN Film 2316,930]. James states he was born about 1820 and emigrated through New York, arriving Jun 1844.

Frederick, James, and Margaret Catherine Wilford were presumed to be related because they are together on the ship 'Atlantic' at their arrival in New York on 1 Jun 1844.<sup>4</sup>

Similarly, Hardy and Edward are presumed to be close relatives in the same family, because of their Wisconsin association with James<sup>5</sup> and Frederick<sup>6</sup> respectively. Margaret Catherine (Holyland) Wilford was shown to be James' wife from their marriage record.<sup>7</sup> This was not obvious at first from the great disparity of their ages (15 years)—James continually reported his age older than he really was and Margaret always reduced her age until she finally reported her correct age (at 76) in the 1880 U. S. Census.<sup>8</sup>

William (the argonaut) went first to Australia on the 'Sophia'<sup>9</sup> in 1850 and then to Nevada in 1855 on the 'Tarquinia' (which sank in Hawaii) and then the 'Williamatic' which docked in San Francisco.<sup>10</sup> He first appears in Nevada records in 1859 when a William Wilford filed on two

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<sup>3</sup> Edward Wilford, 5 Nov 1860, Declaration of Intention to Become a Citizen, Waukesha County (Wisconsin) Naturalization Records, Vol. 5 (1859-1864), p. 284 [FHL US/CAN Film 2317,272]. Edward states he emigrated through New York, arriving March 1858.

<sup>4</sup> Wilford group (James, 'Marg/May/Mary', Frederick), family 30140859, Ship 'Atlantic', arrived 1 Jun 1844 from Liverpool, Registers of Vessels Arriving at the Port of New York from Foreign Ports, 1789-1919, micropublication M237, roll 54, National Archives, Washington, D. C.; online at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com).

<sup>5</sup> James Wilford family group, 1860 U. S. Census of Lindon, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, population schedule, p. 527, dwelling 460, family 408, National Archives micropublication T653, roll 1432, online at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com). The family group includes a Hardy Wilford, age 18, b. England, who does not appear in the James Wilford family group in the 1850 census.

<sup>6</sup> Edward Wilford family group, 1870 U. S. Census of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin, population schedule, p. 192, dwelling 28, family 27, National Archives micropublication M593, roll 1743, online at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

<sup>7</sup> Wilford-Holyland certification of marriage, Leicester District, First Quarter 1844, 15:131, England and Wales Civil Registration, General Register Office, London, U. K.

<sup>8</sup> Margaret Wilford, boarder, 1880 U. S. Census of Sheboygan Falls, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, population schedule, p. 304, dwelling 167, family 179, National Archives micropublication, T9, roll 1448, online at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).

<sup>9</sup> Passengers Arriving in Western Australia on the *Sophia* 27 Jul 1850: 'William Wilford, age 25, labourer of Leicestershire', online at [www.perthdps.com](http://www.perthdps.com); choose 'shipping' button on left, and the vessel 'SOPHIA', arr. 1850 (accessed 13 May 2014).

<sup>10</sup> Marjorie Newton, comp., in *Australian Mission: List of 19th Century Members* (Bass, New South Wales, Australia: privately printed, 1988), p. 262, reports that William Wilford, who converted to Mormonism in Australia in 1853, was part of the "Gold Diggers Unit." Corlyn L. H. Adams, in *The Jose Family: Utah by Way of Australia* (Wolfe City, Tex.: C. H. Adams, 1995), 2-3, reports that Wilford departed on the *Tarquinia*, which sank in Honolulu, and the voyage resumed on the *Williamatic*, which arrived in San Francisco in 1855. Neither compiler identified William by age, parentage, or origin;

pieces of property in the Carson Valley (Utah Territory);<sup>11</sup> he married Priscilla Clark Pickett in 1862, had three children before he died of smallpox 21 Jan 1869 in Carson City, Ormsby, Nevada. His wife Priscilla was murdered for money in July 1869 making the children orphans and wards of the state of Nevada. In 1870, a man named Frederick Wilford appeared in Carson City to petition the court for the custody of the children.<sup>12</sup> In the petition letter he stated that he was William's brother (he was actually a half-brother) and that he was an established farmer in Wisconsin.

The only Frederick Wilford in the Wisconsin censuses of 1850, 1860, 1870 (except for Frederick's son Frederick, b.1855) is the Frederick Wilford (b.1821) who immigrated from Leicestershire in 1844.

In 1861 Edward Wilford married Charlotte Ann Wilford (a first cousin), daughter of Frederick and Ann James Wilford of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin; their marriage record is found in 'Waukesha marriages'<sup>13</sup> (see below, ref 58 and Fig. 3). Edward lists his parents there as John and Elizabeth Wilford of Leicestershire, England. Searching the 1851 British Census, a John and Elizabeth Wilford are found in South Croxton, Leicester and they have sons Edward (age 12, b. abt 1839), Hardy (age 9, b. abt 1842) and Reuben (age 7, b. abt 1844).<sup>14</sup>

Thus we deduce that three of our six immigrants are brothers, children of Edward Wilford, b. 1787 and the other three younger men are children of a fourth brother John.

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exhaustive attempts have not yielded an immigration record elsewhere for an individual matching the name, age, and occupation of Priscilla's last husband.

<sup>11</sup> Ellison, Marion, *An Inventory and Index of Records of Carson County, Utah and Nevada Territories, 1855-1861* (Reno, Nevada: Grace Dangberg Foundation, 1984), p. 39-40 {FHL US/CAN 979.3 R2e}.

<sup>12</sup> Estate Files, Ormsby County Clerk (Carson City, Nevada), Docket 1779, item 2.

<sup>13</sup> Edward Wilford-Charlotte A. Wilford marriage, 27 Jul 1861, Waukesha county registration of marriages, 1860-1897, Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics, Madison, WI {FHL US/CAN Film 1275,597, item 2, (index item 5)} (Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin).

<sup>14</sup> John Wilford family group, 1851 British Census of South Croxton, Leicestershire, p.7, house 28, The National Archives (England), reference HO107/2087; online at [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com).



Figure 1. The St. John the Baptist Anglican Church in South Croxton (pronounced 'crow-sun'), Leicester where many of the early Wilfords were baptized, married and buried.<sup>15</sup>

## Generation A

1. **Edward<sup>A</sup> Wilford**, christened 30 Jul 1787 in Great Dalby, Leicestershire, England; died 1830 in South Croxton, Leicestershire, buried 11 Apr 1830, St. John the Baptist Church cemetery, South Croxton, Leicestershire, England.<sup>16</sup> He married<sup>17</sup> (1)

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<sup>15</sup> From FamilySearch.org (accessed 12 May 2014). In her article about the immigrating Wilfords, Sheila White [*Practical Family History*, April 2010, pp. 78-81] indicates them to have been baptized at the All Saints Anglican in Beeby, Leicester; while this may be true for Hardy and Reuben—the parish registers *vide infra* shows the other four to have been baptized in South Croxton. Edward Wilford's family lived in South Croxton and son John moved from South Croxton to Beeby about 1840.

<sup>16</sup> Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

on 15 Jul 1810 in South Croxton, Leicestershire **Ann Denshire/Denshaw**, christened 22 Aug 1790 in Tilton, Leicestershire, England daughter of John and Anne (n e Simpson) Denshire.<sup>18</sup> She died in Oct 1823 at South Croxton, Leicestershire and was buried in St. John the Baptist Church cemetery on 11 Oct 1823.<sup>19</sup>

Edward married<sup>20</sup> a widow on 17 Feb 1824 in St. John the Baptist Church, South Croxton, Leicestershire (2) **Ann Gutteridge**, born 1786 at Walton on the Wolds, Leicestershire to Thomas and Ann (n e Hammonds) Gutteridge.<sup>21</sup> Ann had been married<sup>22</sup> 23 Dec 1805 at Prestwold, Leicestershire to (1) **John Taylor**, born abt 1780; died 2 Jan 1812 at South Croxton, Leicestershire and buried in St. John the Baptist Church cemetery 5 Jan 1812.<sup>23</sup>

They had a son Thomas born 1807 and two girls, Elizabeth born 1810 and Mary born 1812.<sup>24</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 197.

<sup>18</sup> Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

<sup>19</sup> Ann (Denshire) Wilford burial record: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 251.

<sup>20</sup> Wilford-Taylor marriage record, Bishop's Transcripts for Parish Church of South Croxton (Leicestershire) parish registers, 1561-1857 [FHL BRIT microfilm 592,696], p. 11 and Church of England Bishops Transcripts, Parish Church at South Croxton (Leicestershire), Marriages (London: Phillimore, 1912, FHL 942.54 K29 V.6, p. 31 and Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 247.

<sup>21</sup> Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

<sup>22</sup> Church of England, Parish Church at Prestwold (Leicestershire), Marriages (London: Phillimore, 1912, FHL 942.54 K29 V.8, p. 155.

<sup>23</sup> Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 199.

<sup>24</sup> Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frames 194, 197, 199.



Figure 2. Central Leicestershire (Archer: Leicestershire in 1835, from FamilySearch.com online)

Edward and Ann (Denshaw) Wilford had seven children in South Croxton, Leicestershire parish:

- 2 i. **EDWARD WILFORD**, born 9 Oct 1811 and christened<sup>25</sup> 11 Oct 1811; died in Aug 1877 and was buried 26 Aug 1877 in St. John the Baptist Church cemetery.<sup>26</sup>  
He married<sup>27</sup> in May 1839 **Catherine Elizabeth Sibson** born 30 Dec 1808 in South Croxton,

<sup>25</sup> Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 198.

<sup>26</sup> *Leicestershire Monumental Inscriptions* (copy of a ms from the Society of Genealogy, London, 1971), FHL 942.54 V22m V.2, p. 169 (age 66 yrs.).

<sup>27</sup> Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

Leicestershire; died Oct 1889 and was buried in St. John the Baptist Church cemetery 18 Oct 1889.<sup>28</sup> [5 Children]

- + 3 ii. **JOHN WILFORD**, christened<sup>29</sup> 7 Mar 1814; died 15 Aug 1873 at Upper Conduit Street, Leicester and was buried 17 Aug 1873 in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire.<sup>30</sup> He married (1) on 17 Oct 1836<sup>31</sup> in St. John the Baptist Church, South Croxton, Leicester **Elizabeth Hardy** and (2) on 1 Feb 1860<sup>32</sup> in the Borough of Leicester **Mary Ann \_\_\_\_**.
- 4 iii. **THOMAS WILFORD**, christened 14 Dec 1815.<sup>33</sup>
- 5 iv. **MARY WILFORD**, christened 21 Jul 1817;<sup>34</sup> died 26 Jul 1817 and buried the same day in St. John the Baptist Church cemetery.<sup>35</sup>
- + 6 v. **JAMES WILFORD**, christened 20 Jul 1819;<sup>36</sup> died 1878 in Plymouth, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, USA and is buried in Lyndon Cemetery, Plymouth.<sup>37</sup> He married 16 Mar 1844 at Leicester Union, Leicester **Margaret Catherine Holyland**.<sup>38</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> *Leicestershire Monumental Inscriptions* (copy of a ms from the Society of Genealogy, London, 1971), FHL 942.54 V22m V.2, p. 169 (age 84 yrs.).

<sup>29</sup> John Wilford christening: Church of England, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 205.

<sup>30</sup> Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

<sup>31</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>32</sup> See 1861 England Census of Beeby, Leicestershire, Registration district Barrow upon Soar, Sub-registration Dist. Syston, piece RG9/2282, folio 83, p. 3, household 12 as well as 1871 and 1881 censuses; and Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

<sup>33</sup> Thomas Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 209.

<sup>34</sup> Mary Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 217.

<sup>35</sup> Mary Wilford burial: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 219.

<sup>36</sup> James Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 227.

<sup>37</sup> Lyndon Cemetery Records, Town of Lyndon, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, p. 14 online at [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sheboygan/cem33.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sheboygan/cem33.html) accessed Feb 2009.

<sup>38</sup> Wilford/Holyland certification of marriage, Leicester Union District, Leicestershire, First Quarter 1844, 15: 131, England and Wales Civil Registration, General Register Office, London, U. K.

- + 7 vi. **FREDERICK WILFORD**, christened 3 Jun 1821;<sup>39</sup> died at Woodville, St. Croix, Wisconsin, USA on 8 Jun 1892. He married on 14 Sep 1846 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin **Anna James**.<sup>40</sup>

8 vii. **WILLIAM WILFORD**, christened<sup>41</sup> 15 May 1823; died 21 Oct 1823 and was buried 26 Oct 1823 in St. John the Baptist Church cemetery.<sup>42</sup>

Edward and Ann (Gutteridge) Wilford had two children in South Croxton, Leicestershire parish:

- + 9 i. **WILLIAM WILFORD**, christened 10 Jan 1825;<sup>43</sup> died 21 Jan 1869 at Carson City, Ormsby, Nevada, USA.<sup>44</sup> He married<sup>45</sup> on 30 Jun 1862 at Placerville, El Dorado, California, USA **Priscilla (née Clark) Pickett**.

10 ii. **SARAH WILFORD**, christened<sup>46</sup> 9 Jul 1826; died<sup>47</sup> Dec 1875 at Barrow on Soar, Leicestershire. She married 26 Nov 1845 at Beeby, Leicestershire **Thomas Tilley**, born Jan 1818 at Barkby, Leicestershire.<sup>48</sup> [12 children]

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<sup>39</sup> Frederick Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 232.

<sup>40</sup> Unidentified St. Croix county (Wisconsin) newspaper obituary, on or about 8 Jun 1892 (copy in the possession of the author).

<sup>41</sup> William Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 250.

<sup>42</sup> William Wilford burial: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 251.

<sup>43</sup> William Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 254.

<sup>44</sup> For the cause of death, see "News of the Week," *Reno Crescent*, 10 July 1869, page 1. For the date, see "In the matter of the estate of William Willford [*sic*], deceased...", Estate of William and Priscilla Willford, docket 137, Ormsby Co. Estate and Guardianship Files. For the place, see Priscilla Wilford Family Bible.

<sup>45</sup> Pickett-Wilford marriage, 30 June 1862, El Dorado Co. Marriage Records A:213.

<sup>46</sup> Sarah Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 259.

<sup>47</sup> Sarah Tilley death date, see 'Tilley Family Tree' (no. 969407480; owner Garry Tilley), on-line at [trees.ancestry.com](http://trees.ancestry.com) (accessed 20 May 2011).

<sup>48</sup> Tilley-Wilford certification of marriage, Beeby Parish, Leicestershire, District Barrow upon Soar, Fourth Quarter 1845, 15:45, England and Wales Civil Registration.

### **Generation One**

**3. John<sup>1</sup> (Edward<sup>A</sup>) Wilford** christened<sup>49</sup> 7 Mar 1814 in South Croxton, Leicestershire, England; died<sup>50</sup> 15 Aug 1873 at Upper Conduit Street, Leicester and was buried 17 Aug 1873 in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester, Leicestershire.<sup>51</sup> He married<sup>52</sup> (1) on 17 Oct 1836 in St. John the Baptist Church, South Croxton, Leicester **Elizabeth Hardy** daughter of John and Sarah (née Phipps) Hardy. She was born in 1818 in Gaddesby, Leicestershire; died 5 Jul 1858 in the lunatic asylum, Borough of Leicester, Leicestershire and was buried Jul 1858 in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester.<sup>53</sup>

John married<sup>54</sup> (2) on 1 Feb 1860 in the Borough of Leicester **Mary Ann \_\_\_\_** born 1815 in Thurnby, Leicestershire; she died after 1881.

John and Elizabeth (Hardy) Wilford had thirteen children:<sup>55</sup>

- 11 i. **ELIZABETH ANN WILFORD**, born 1837 at South Croxton, Leicestershire; died 1869 and buried 7 Jun 1869 in Gaddesby, Leicestershire, England. She married 18 May 1854 in Gaddesby, Leicester **Henry Whait** born 1834 in Gaddesby, Leicestershire, England.<sup>56</sup> [5 Children]

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<sup>49</sup> John Wilford christening: Church of England, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 205.

<sup>50</sup> Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

<sup>51</sup> John Wilford will probate: England and Wales, National Probate Calendar (Index of Wills and Administrations), 1861-1941, Deathdate: 15 Aug 1873, Probate date: 10 Sep 1873; widow Mary Ann Wilford of Leicester.

<sup>52</sup> Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

<sup>53</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>54</sup> See 1861 England Census of Beeby, Leicestershire, Registration district Barrow upon Soar, Sub-registration Dist. Syston, piece RG9/2282, folio 83, p. 3, household 12 as well as 1871 and 1881 censuses; and Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

<sup>55</sup> John Wilford family group: 1851 British Census of South Croxton, Leicestershire, p. 7, Household 28, The National Archives (England), reference HO107/2087; comprising 8 of their eventual 13 children including the 3 boys who would emigrate: Edward, Hardy, and Reuben; online at <[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)>.

<sup>56</sup> Private communication, 'Wilford Genealogy' sourced from parish registers by David J. Ross, Lincolnshire, U.K. (rossko@btinternet.com; accessed 14 Jun 2004).

+ 12 ii. **EDWARD WILFORD**, born Sep 1838 at South Croxton, Leicestershire; died 1928<sup>57</sup> at Douglass, Butler, Kansas. He married<sup>58</sup> (1) 27 Jul 1861 (div) at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin his cousin **Charlotte Ann Wilford** born 27 Jul 1847 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Charlotte married (2) 30 Oct 1875 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin **Orpheus Hibbard Bigelow**. Edward married (2) in 1877 at Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas **Mary Anderson** born Feb 1849 of County Armagh, Ireland.

13 iii. **SARAH WILFORD**, born 1840 in Beeby, Leicestershire, England; died<sup>59</sup> Sep 1925 at Market Harborough, Leicestershire. She married<sup>60</sup> 7 Sep 1864 at Melton Mowbray, Leicester **Charles Vendy** born 1839 at Thorp Langton, Leicestershire and died 12 Feb 1914.<sup>61</sup> [13 Children]

14 iv. **HARDY WILFORD**, born 1842 in Beeby, Leicestershire, England. He emigrated to Wisconsin and enlisted in the Union Army where he was involved in the siege of Vicksburg.<sup>62</sup> He died 26 Oct 1863 in Hospital of disease at Little Rock, Pulaski, Arkansas and was buried in the Little Rock National Cemetery.<sup>63</sup> No issue.

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<sup>57</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>58</sup> Edward Wilford-Charlotte A. Wilford marriage, 27 Jul 1861, Waukesha county registration of marriages, 1860-1897, Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics, Madison, WI [FHL US/CAN Film 1275,597, item 2, (index item 5)] (Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin).

<sup>59</sup> Sarah Vendy death: England and Wales Death Index, 1916-2007, database online at Ancestry.com (accessed 13 May 2014).

<sup>60</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>61</sup> Family Trees at Ancestry.com: 'Love/Schoen/Vendy Family Tree' (owner: Ceri Pearce), tree 5252719, online at trees.ancestry.com/tree (accessed 13 May 2014).

<sup>62</sup> Hardy Wilford Military Service Record, National Archives Form 86, No. 1303603, Pvt. Wisconsin 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry, Co. E. [the 28<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin Infantry was involved in various activities north of Vicksburg (Helena and St. Charles, Arkansas and McNutt, Mississippi) in 1863.]

<sup>63</sup> Hardy Wilford Military Service Record, National Archives Form 86.

## Marriages.

1. Full name of husband.....	Edward Wilford
2. Name of the father of said husband.....	John
3. Name of the mother of said husband.....	Elizabeth
4. Occupation of said husband.....	Farmer
5. Residence of husband.....	Eagle
6. Birthplace of husband.....	England
7. Full name of the wife previously to marriage.....	Charlotte A. Wilford
8. Name of the father of said wife.....	Frederick
9. Name of the mother of said wife.....	Ann
10. The time when the marriage was consummated.....	July 27. 1861
11. The place, town or township, and county where the marriage was consummated.....	Eagle Hancock Co. Ind.
12. The color.....	White
13. By what ceremony consummated.....	Civil
14. Name of the person pronouncing marriage.....	L. H. Robinson
15. Residence of person last named.....	Eagle
16. Name of person signing the certificate.....	L. H. Robinson
17. Date of certificate.....	Aug 6/61
18. Date of registration.....	7

Figure 3. The Key Document in the Wilford Immigration Problem. The Waukesha County Registration of Marriages 1860-1897 (see Ref 58)

+ 15 v. **REUBEN WILFORD**, born<sup>64</sup> 3 Nov 1843 at Beeby, Leicestershire; died<sup>65</sup> 29

<sup>64</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>65</sup> Reuben Wilford death: Iowa Cemetery Records, p. 118, buried Riverside Cemetery, Shell Rock, Iowa from 'Gravestone Records of Butler County' online at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) (accessed Apr 2011).

Sep 1915 at Shell Rock, Butler, Iowa and buried in Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock.<sup>66</sup> He married<sup>67</sup> 1 May 1870 in Butler County, Iowa **Julia Scofield Dewitt Devore** daughter of Thomas H. and Amy A. Dewitt.

16 vi. **FREDERICK WILFORD**, born 12 Oct 1845 at Beeby, Leicestershire; married 24 Feb 1875 at St. Matthias, Lubbenham, Leicestershire **Maria Pickering** born 1850 at Lubbenham, Leicestershire.<sup>68</sup> [3 Children]

17 vii. **MATILDA WILFORD**, born 7 Nov 1847 at Beeby, Leicestershire; married 1 Apr 1877 at St. Peters, Highfields, Leicestershire **Edward Thomas Garner** born 1855 in Wirksworth, Derbyshire.<sup>69</sup> [2 Children]

18 viii. **HARRIET WILFORD**, born 13 Jun 1849 at Beeby, Leicestershire; married 4 Mar 1867 **James Disney Rudkin** born 1842 at Quorndon, Leicestershire.<sup>70</sup> [5 Children]

19 ix. **ADA WILFORD**, born 13 Jun 1851 at Beeby, Leicestershire and died abt 1911. She married Feb 1874 at Derby, Derbyshire **Henry Davis** born 1850 in Belper, Derbyshire.<sup>71</sup> [3 Children]

20 x. **JAMES WILFORD**, born 17 Oct 1852 at Beeby, Leicestershire; died 17 Feb 1853 and buried 1 Feb 1853 in All Saints Church cemetery, Beeby, Leicestershire.<sup>72</sup>

21 xi. **AGNES WILFORD**, born 23 Apr 1854 at Beeby, Leicestershire and died Nov 1892 at Market Harborough, Leicestershire. She married 13 May 1875 at St. Mary, Market Harborough, Leicestershire **William Mee** born 1849 at Dingly, Northamptonshire.<sup>73</sup> [2 Children]

22 xii. **GEORGINA WILFORD**, born 2 Feb 1856 at Beeby, Leicestershire; died in 9

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<sup>66</sup> 'Ruben Wilford' burial: Riverside Cemetery interments, USGenWeb Archvies, p. 8; online at [files.usgwarchives.net/ia/butler/cemeteries/rivcem06.txt](http://files.usgwarchives.net/ia/butler/cemeteries/rivcem06.txt); site has birth & death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>67</sup> 'Reuben Wilfred' household: 1870 U.S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler, Iowa, p. 726A, dwell. 209, fam. 219, NA T593\_379; col. 14, married within the year in May and living with in-laws and Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>68</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>69</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>70</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>71</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>72</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>73</sup> *Ibid.*

Dec 1922 at Humberstone, Leicestershire and was buried 12 Dec 1922 in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester. She married 5 Jun 1881 at Christ Church, Belper, Derbyshire, England **Joseph William Buckby Ross** born 5 Aug 1858 at Lutterworth, Leicestershire; he died 23 Feb 1937 and was buried in Welford Road Cemetery, Leicester.<sup>74</sup> [6 Children]

23 xiii. **JANETTA WILFORD**, born 27 Dec 1857 at Beeby, Leicestershire and died 1933. She married 9 Nov 1876 at St. Peters, Highfields, Leicestershire, England **Robert Kirton**, born 1849 at Swinshead, Lincolnshire.<sup>75</sup> [4 children]

6. **James<sup>1</sup>,(Edward<sup>A</sup>) Wilford** ' christened<sup>76</sup> 20 Jul 1819 in South Croxton, Leicestershire, England; died 1878 in Plymouth, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, USA and is buried in Lyndon Cemetery, Plymouth.<sup>77</sup> He married<sup>78</sup> 16 Mar 1844 at Leicester Union, Leicester **Margaret Catherine Holyland** daughter of William and Mary Holyland.<sup>79</sup> She was born 22 Jan 1804 in Ratby, Leicestershire, England; died<sup>80</sup> 14 Aug 1895 at Plymouth, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, USA and is buried in the Lyndon Cemetery, Plymouth.<sup>81</sup>

James and Margaret Catherine (Holyland) Wilford had a daughter:

24 i. **MARY H. WILFORD**, born 1844 in Ohio as her parents were underway from England to Wisconsin;<sup>82</sup> died 1865 in Plymouth, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, USA and buried in Lyndon

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<sup>74</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>75</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>76</sup> James Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 227.

<sup>77</sup> James Wilford burial: Lyndon Cemetery, Town of Plymouth, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, p. 14 online at [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sheboygan/cem33.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sheboygan/cem33.html) accessed Feb 2009.

<sup>78</sup> Wilford/Holyland certification of marriage, Leicester Union District, Leicestershire, First Quarter 1844, 15: 131, England and Wales Civil Registration, General Register Office, London, U. K.

<sup>79</sup> Holyland family group: 1841 British Census of Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, p. 5, The National Archives (England), reference HO107/588; online at <[www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)>.

<sup>80</sup> Margaret C. Wilford death: Wisconsin Death Index, 1820-1907. Sheboygan County 3:0032 online at Ancestry.com, accessed Apr 2005.

<sup>81</sup> Margaret Wilford burial: Lyndon Cemetery, Town of Plymouth, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, p. 14 online at [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sheboygan/cem33.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sheboygan/cem33.html) accessed Feb 2009.

<sup>82</sup> James 'Wolford' household, 1850 U.S. census of Lyndon, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, p. 125A, dwell. 1075, fam. 1077; NA microfilm M432, roll 1006; 'Mary O', age 6, b. Ohio; also James Wilford household, 1860 U.S.census of Lindon, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, p. 527, fam. 408, dwell. 460, NA microfilm M653, roll 1432; James, Margareth C., Mary H. (age 15, b. Ohio), Hardy (age 18, b. England).

Cemetery, Plymouth.<sup>83</sup> No issue.



Figure 4. Frederick James Wilford, b. 1821

**7. Frederick<sup>1</sup>,(Edward<sup>A</sup>) Wilford** christened<sup>84</sup> 3 Jun 1821 at South Croxton, Leicestershire, England; died<sup>85</sup> at Woodville, St. Croix, Wisconsin, USA on 9 Jun 1892. He married<sup>86</sup> on 14 Sep 1846 in Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin **Anna James** daughter of Henry and Mary (née Lindsay) James. She was born 24 Aug 1831 and christened<sup>87</sup> 28 Aug 1831 in Twyford, Leicestershire, England; died 12 Aug 1899 in Woodville, St. Croix, Wisconsin, USA.<sup>88</sup>

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<sup>83</sup> Mary H. Wilford burial: Lyndon Cemetery, Town of Plymouth, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, p. 14 online at [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sheboygan/cem33.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~sheboygan/cem33.html) accessed Feb 2009.

<sup>84</sup> Frederick Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 232.

<sup>85</sup> Frederick Wilford death: unidentified St. Croix county (Wisconsin) newspaper obituary, on or about 8 Jun 1892 (copy in the possession of the author).

<sup>86</sup> Wilford-James marriage: Index to Milwaukee County Marriages, 1838-1911, FHL US/CAN Film 1013,958 and Wisconsin State Genealogical Society, 'Index to Marriage Records of Milwaukee County' (WSGS-Madison, 1979), p. 192 (FHL 977.594 V22m).

<sup>87</sup> Anna James christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, Twyford Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 883,862 item 23.

<sup>88</sup> Anna Wilford death: unidentified St. Croix county (Wisconsin) newspaper obituary, on or about 12 Aug 1899 and obituary 24 Aug 1899 in 'Waukesha Freeman' (copies in the possession of the author).

She emigrated<sup>89</sup> to Wisconsin at age 8 with her parents on the 'Suviah'; the family were among the first settlers of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin; her parents lived and died there.

Frederick was a sometime inventor.<sup>90</sup> He hosted his nephews (sons of brother John) when they wanted to immigrate to America. When the railroad was being built through Wisconsin, Frederick and his family housed and fed the railroad workers. When he heard (in 1870) that his half-brother William had died in 1869, he traveled to Nevada and attempted to adopt the orphaned children, but the State of Nevada would not release them.

Frederick and Anna (James) Wilford had six children:<sup>91</sup>

25 i. **CHARLOTTE ANN WILFORD**, born 27 Sep 1846 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin; died 22 Mar 1921 and buried in Oak Grove Cemetery, Eagle. She married<sup>92</sup> 27 Jul 1861 (div?) at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin (1) **Edward Wilford** son of John and Elizabeth (née Hardy) Wilford. She married<sup>93</sup> 31 Oct 1875 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin (2) **Orpheus Hibbard Bigelow** born 27 Sep 1846 and died 22 Mar 1921 and buried in Oak Grove Cemetery.<sup>94</sup> [A daughter Elenora Elizabeth by Edward Wilford and 4 by Orpheus Hibbard Bigelow]

26 ii. **EDWARD HENRY WILFORD**, born 1849 in Wisconsin.<sup>95</sup> He married Jan 1870 at

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<sup>89</sup> Passenger list of the 'Suviah' (arrived New York 16 Sep 1839); father Henry, wheelwright from Leicestershire; children's names and ages consistent with James family composition in U.S. Census of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin. All 3 extant obits of Anna and husband Fred disagree about Anna's birth year but are consistent with her emigration to America about 1840.

<sup>90</sup> Notice in the 'Waukesha Freeman' 21 May 1861, that he invented and patented 'an apparatus for walling wells with grout and cement.'

<sup>91</sup> Frederick Wilford household, 1870 U.S. census of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin, p. 4-5, dwell. 29, fam. 28; NA microfilm M593, roll 1743; Edward age 31 (and wife Minnie), Henrietta (also called 'Sarah'; age 19), James F. (age 17), John (age 14), Thomas (age 10).

<sup>92</sup> Edward Wilford-Charlotte A. Wilford marriage, 27 Jul 1861, Waukesha county registration of marriages, 1860-1897, Wisconsin Bureau of Vital Statistics, Madison, WI [FHL US/CAN Film 1275,597, item 2, (index item 5)] (Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin).

<sup>93</sup> Family Trees at Ancestry.com: Wilford Family Tree (owner: BLW41), tree 25253641, online at [trees.ancestry.com/tree](http://trees.ancestry.com/tree) (accessed 13 May 2014).

<sup>94</sup> Bigelow family burial site: Oak Grove Cemetery, Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin; birth and death dates as well as 'comments' online at 'Nan's Backyard' [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~backyard/Cemetery\\_402.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~backyard/Cemetery_402.html) (accessed Feb 2009).

<sup>95</sup> Frederick Wilford household, 1870 U.S. census of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin, p. 4-5, dwell. 29, fam. 28; NA microfilm M593, roll 1743; Edward age 31 and wife Minnie age 29.

Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin **Minnie Keltz** born 1851 in Wisconsin<sup>96</sup>. [3 Children]

27 iii. **HENRIETTA SARAH WILFORD**, born 1852<sup>97</sup> in Wisconsin. She married 1874 **Michael Crawley** born 1847.<sup>98</sup> [2 Children]



Figure 5. Frederick James Wilford (b.1853) and Sarah G. Bigelow

28 iv. **FREDERICK JAMES WILFORD (Big Fred)**,<sup>99</sup> born<sup>100</sup> 3 Mar 1853 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin; died 21 Apr 1941 in Wisconsin. He married 16 Nov 1873 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin **Sarah Georgianna Ernestina Elrose Bigelow** daughter of Ferrand and Caroline

<sup>96</sup> B. Moksnes, 'Baldwin Township History and Biographies' from Easton, 'History of the St. Croix Valley' Vol. II (1909) online at [genealogytrails/wis/stcroix/biosofbaldwintwp.html](http://genealogytrails/wis/stcroix/biosofbaldwintwp.html) (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>97</sup> Frederick Wilford household, 1870 U.S. census of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin, p. 4-5, dwell. 29, fam. 28; NA microfilm M593, roll 1743; Edward age 31 (and wife Minnie), Henrietta (also called 'Sarah'; age 19), James F. (age 17), John (age 14), Thomas (age 10).

<sup>98</sup> Michael Crawley household, 1880 U.S. census of Baldwin, St. Croix, Wisconsin, p. 18, dwell. 162, fam. 158; NA microfilm T9\_1445; 'Ettie S. Crawley', age 29 and Mike 'Craley' household, 1900 U.S. census of Baldwin, St. Croix, Wisconsin, p. 1B, dwell/fam 12, NA microfilm T653\_1815; 'Sarah Craley' age 49, married 1874.

<sup>99</sup> Note: frequently called 'James Frederick Wilford', especially in early records.

<sup>100</sup> Frederick Wilford household, 1900 U.S. census of Baldwin, St. Croix, Wisconsin, p. 6A, dwell. 105, fam. 112; NA microfilm T623\_1815 and private communication, 'Descendants of Edward Wilford' (no sources) by John Wilford, Hamiton, MT, Feb 2006).

M. (née Hibbard) Bigelow born 24 Jan 1855 in Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin; died 18 Feb 1930.<sup>101</sup> [7 Children]<sup>102</sup>

29 v. **JOHN ORLANDO WILFORD**<sup>103</sup>, born 19 Apr 1855 in Wisconsin and died<sup>104</sup> 12 Dec 1916 at Baldwin, St. Croix, Wisconsin; married before 1880 (1) **Vinelia Amanda Rutherford** born 1854 in Grant County, Minnesota.<sup>105</sup> He married<sup>106</sup> in 8 Jun 1891 at Stillwater, Washington, Minnesota (2) **Velva Madessa Bush** born Mar 1864 in Pennsylvania [3 children by Vinelia Rutherford and 5 children by Velva Bush]<sup>107</sup>

30 vi. **THOMAS JEFFERSON WILFORD**<sup>108</sup>, born 10 May 1860 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin; died 28 Sep 1942 at Hammond, St. Croix, Wisconsin.<sup>109</sup> He married<sup>110</sup> 5 Nov 1879 (1) **Alice Anderson** daughter of Francis and Sarah (née Hayes Sayers) Anderson born 1860 in Wisconsin; died 1 Jul 1927 at Hammond, St. Croix, Wisconsin. He married (2) 30 Oct 1932 **Alice Lorena Hopkins**; she died after 1942.<sup>111</sup> [4 Children by

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<sup>101</sup> Family Trees at Ancestry.com: Wilford Family Tree (owner: wilford59), tree 3538967, online at [trees.ancestry.com/tree](http://trees.ancestry.com/tree) (accessed 13 May 2014).

<sup>102</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>103</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>104</sup> John O. Wilford birth and death: Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application, filed by George Martin Wilford (son) online at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) (accessed Aug 2011) and 'Death Takes Well Known Citizen', obituary in unidentified (Baldwin—Dec . 1916) newspaper (copy in possession of author); names and locations of surviving children from both marriages.

<sup>105</sup> John O. Wilford household, 1880 U.S. census of Oneka, Washington, Minnesota, p. 1, dwell. 162, fam. 6, Fam Hist Film 1254,637, p.372A.

<sup>106</sup> Wilford-Bush marriage: Minnesota Marriage Index 8 Jun 1891 Excelsion, Hennepin MN; FHL Film 1955363; see also Sons of the American Revolution Membership Application, filed by George Martin Wilford (son) online at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) (accessed Aug 2011)—different place (a secondary source).

<sup>107</sup> John O. Wilford death: 'Death Takes Well Known Citizen', obituary in unidentified (Baldwin—Dec . 1916) newspaper (copy in possession of author); cites names and locations of surviving children from both marriages.

<sup>108</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>109</sup> Family Trees at Ancestry.com: Wilford Family Tree (owner: wilford59), tree 3538967, online at [trees.ancestry.com/tree](http://trees.ancestry.com/tree) (accessed 13 May 2014).

<sup>110</sup> Wilford-Anderson marriage: marriage announcement 'Hudson Star & Times' in 'Vital Statistics Index of Newspapers in Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, Burnett, and Washburn Counties (Wisconsin) FHL Film 1292,192 item 1 Index (Ward-Z).

<sup>111</sup> Thomas Jefferson Wilford obituary: 'Death Calls Two Old Residents' in 'Hammond News' October 1, 1942, (copy in possession of author); contains birth/death dates and names/marriage dates of both

Alice Anderson]

9. **William<sup>1</sup>, (Edward<sup>A</sup>) Wilford** christened<sup>112</sup> 10 Jan 1825 at South Croxton, Leicestershire, England; died of smallpox 21 Jan 1869 at Carson City, Ormsby, Nevada, USA.<sup>113</sup> He married<sup>114</sup> on 30 Jun 1862 at Placerville, El Dorado, California, USA **Priscilla (née Clark) Pickett** [identical to individual 2. in the body of the manuscript.

William and Priscilla had three children in Carson City, Ormsby, Nevada, USA].<sup>115</sup>

31 i. **SARAH WILFORD**, born 26 September 1864; died by her own hand on 2 November 1918 at Salt Lake City.<sup>116</sup> She married **John Casper Lanno** on 2 October 1886 at Salt Lake City.<sup>117</sup> [7 Children]

32 ii. **WILLIAM M. WILFORD**, born 9 September 1866; died 17 February 1949 in Sonoma County, California.<sup>118</sup> He married **Martha Jane "Mattie" or "Jennie" Grandbois** on 2 July 1895 at Carson City.<sup>119</sup> [3 Children]

33 iii. **LILLA ISABEL "LIL" WILFORD**, born 4 October 1868 near Carson City,

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spouses as well as names of children and life history; 'Wisconsin Necrology' Vol. 47, p. 218 (Wisconsin Historical Society).

<sup>112</sup> William Wilford christening: Church of England Bishops Transcripts, South Croxton Parish Register (Leicestershire), FHL British Film 592,696 item 1, frame 254.

<sup>113</sup> For the cause of death, see "News of the Week," *Reno Crescent*, 10 July 1869, page 1. For the date, see "In the matter of the estate of William Willford [sic], deceased...", Estate of William and Priscilla Willford, docket 137, Ormsby Co. Estate and Guardianship Files. For the place, see Priscilla Wilford Family Bible.

<sup>114</sup> Pickett-Wilford marriage, 30 June 1862, El Dorado Co. Marriage Records A:213.

<sup>115</sup> Births of Wilford children are recorded in 'Priscilla Wilford Family Bible'; digital copy available online at [marialouisapickett.homestead.com](http://marialouisapickett.homestead.com): accessed 23 October 2006).

<sup>116</sup> Sarah "Lamo" death certificate, no. LL01525004 (1918), Utah Department of Health, Salt Lake City.

<sup>117</sup> Sarah Lanno, declaration for pension, 11 January 1901, John C. Lanno alias Casper Lanno (Private, Co. A, 13th U.S. Infantry), widow's certificate WC 525,011; Case Files of Approved Pension Applications of Widows and Other Dependents of Veterans of the Army and Navy who Served Mainly in the Civil War and the War with Spain ("Civil War and Later Widows' Certificates"), 1861-1934; Records of the Department of Veterans Affairs, Record Group (RG) 15, National Archives, Washington D.C.

<sup>118</sup> William Wilford death certificate, no. 49-016821 (1949), Calif. Office of Vital Records, Sacramento.

<sup>119</sup> Wilford-Grandbois marriage record, Ormsby Co. Marriage Certificates 1:411, entry 943; and "Married," *Daily Appeal*, 4 July 1895, page 2. The former calls her "Martha Jane" and the latter "Jennie." For "Mattie," see Mattie J. Wilford death certificate, no. 180065 (1960), Calif. Office of Vital Records.

Nevada; died 8 Feb 1954 at Medical Lake, Spokane, Washington.<sup>120</sup> She married (1), at Carson City on 31 October 1886 (div), **Henry Heidenreich**<sup>121</sup>; (2), at Reno, Nevada on 22 November 1910, **Jesse Allen Thomas**<sup>122</sup>; and (3), at Ely, Nevada on 26 August 1917 (div), **Isaiah Sutherland**<sup>123</sup>. [2 Children by Heidenreich; a daughter by Thomas]

## ***Generation Two***

**12. Edward<sup>2</sup> ( John<sup>1</sup>, Edward<sup>A</sup> ) Wilford** was born Sep 1838 in South Croxton, Leicestershire and died<sup>124</sup> in 1925 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas. He married (1) on 27 Jul 1861 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin **Charlotte Ann Wilford** daughter of Frederick and Anna (née James) Wilford. She was born 27 Jul 1847 at Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin and died there 24 Feb 1917; she is buried in the Oak Grove Cemetery in Eagle.<sup>125</sup>

Edward married<sup>126</sup> (2) in 1877 in Wichita, Sedgwick, Kansas **Mary Anderson** of County Armagh, Ireland. She was born Feb 1849 and died 1932 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas and interred in the Douglass Cemetery.<sup>127</sup> He remained friendly with his first wife's sibs as both E.H. Wilford and family were visitors in Kansas during the

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<sup>120</sup> Lillie "V." Sutherland death certificate, state file no. 3522, Washington State Department of Health, Spokane.

<sup>121</sup> Heidenreich-Wilford marriage record, 31 October 1886, Ormsby Co. Book 20:638, entry 1840N, Nevada State Archives, Carson City.

<sup>122</sup> Thomas-'Thomas' marriage record, Washoe Co. Marriages A, entry 4,174, County Clerk, Reno, Nev. Lilla is recorded as "Lillie V. Thomas." He died 22 Nov 1912 in Reno, Nevada.

<sup>123</sup> Sutherland-Thomas marriage record, White Pine Co. Marriages 80:11, Recorder, Ely, Nevada.

<sup>124</sup> Edward Wilford burial: Kansas Trails, Butler County, Douglass County Cemetery interments, online at [genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-vw.html](http://genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-vw.html).

<sup>125</sup> Bigelow family burial site: Oak Grove Cemetery, Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin; birth and death dates as well as 'comments' online at 'Nan's Backyard' [freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~backyard/Cemetery\\_402.html](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~backyard/Cemetery_402.html) (accessed Feb 2009)

<sup>126</sup> V. P. Mooney, 'History of Butler County, Kansas' (Standard Publishing Co.-Lawrence, KS, 1916)p. 592 transcribed by C. Ward online at [skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/butler/history/1916/33/w/wilford\\_edward.html](http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/butler/history/1916/33/w/wilford_edward.html) (accessed Feb 2009) and Edward Wilford household, 1900 U.S. census of Douglass, Butler, Kansas, p. 12B, household 298, NA microfilm T623\_472.

<sup>127</sup> Mary A. Wilford burial: Kansas Trails, Butler County, Douglass County Cemetery interments, online at [genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-vw.html](http://genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-vw.html); includes birth and death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

census enumeration.<sup>128</sup> Edward was Mary's second husband; she had married in Ireland and had a daughter Belle from this marriage.

Edward and Charlotte Ann (Wilford) Wilford had a daughter:<sup>129</sup>

34 i. **ELENORA ELIZABETH WILFORD**, born 9 Aug 1865 Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin. She married<sup>130</sup> (1) 30 Oct 1880 at St. Croix, Wisconsin **Sidney Welch** and (2) 5 Jul 1886 at Butler, Kansas **Martin Arthur Rockteacher** and (3) 15 Sep 1894 **Willis M. Crawley**.<sup>131</sup> [1 son by Sidney Welch, adopted by Willis Crawley]

Edward and Mary (Anderson) Wilford had five children:<sup>132</sup>

35 i. **THOMAS E. WILFORD**, born 2 Aug 1878 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas and died there 3 Jan 1929; interred in the Douglass Cemetery.<sup>133</sup> He married **Clara E. Starkey**, born 1881 in Kansas.<sup>134</sup>

36 ii. **JULIA M. WILFORD**, born May 1878 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas. She married in 1898 **Arthur D. Vint**.<sup>135</sup> [1 Child Myrtle]

37 iii. **SARAH A. WILFORD**, born 21 Sep 1885 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas and

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<sup>128</sup> Edward Wilford and E. H. Wilford households, 1875 Kansas census of Douglass Township, Butler, Kansas, p. 15, dwell. 154, fam. 179; KS1875\_3.

<sup>129</sup> Edward Wilford household, 1870 U.S. census of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin, p. 4, dwell. 28, fam. 27; NA microfilm M593, roll 1743; Elenora, age 4.

<sup>130</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>131</sup> Willis Crawley household, 1900 U.S. census of Eagle, Waukesha, Wisconsin, p. 1B, household 24, NA microfilm T623\_1822.

<sup>132</sup> Edward Wilford and Willis Crawley households, 1920 U.S. census of Douglass Township, Butler, Kansas, p. 2B, households 44 and 45, NA microfilm T625\_523; Willis Crawley married Elnora, dau by Charlotte Wilford.

<sup>133</sup> Thomas E. Wilford burial: Kansas Trails, Butler County, Douglass County Cemetery interments, online at [genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-vw.html](http://genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-vw.html); includes birth and death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>134</sup> Edward Wilford household, 1920 U.S. census of Douglass Township, Butler, Kansas, p. 2B, household 44, NA microfilm T625\_523; for Clara's maiden name see 'Prault Family Tree' (no. 17161445; owner MPrault), on-line at [trees.ancestry.com](http://trees.ancestry.com) (accessed 20 Feb 2012).

<sup>135</sup> V. P. Mooney, 'History of Butler County, Kansas' (Standard Publishing Co.-Lawrence, KS, 1916)p. 592 transcribed by C. Ward online at [skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/butler/history/1916/33/w/wilford\\_edward.html](http://skyways.lib.ks.us/genweb/archives/butler/history/1916/33/w/wilford_edward.html) (accessed Feb 2009) and Arthur D. Vint household, 1900 U.S. census of Douglass, Butler, Kansas, p. 12B, household 292, NA microfilm T623\_472.

died 2 Jan 1972 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas; interred in the Douglass Cemetery.<sup>136</sup>  
She married **Charles H. (Bert) Shanks**, born 12 Apr 1880 and died 21 Aug 1941 at  
Douglass, Butler, Kansas; interred in the Douglass Cemetery.<sup>137</sup>

38 iv. **LILIAN WILFORD**, born 18 Jun 1886 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas and died  
14 Dec 1887 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas; interred in the Douglass Cemetery.<sup>138</sup>

39 v. **MABEL WILFORD**, born Feb 1888 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas and died 24  
Jun 1953 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas; interred in the Douglass Cemetery.<sup>139</sup> She  
married Jesse O. Darter born 24 Oct 1885 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas and died 8 Dec  
1972 at Douglass, Butler, Kansas; interred in the Douglass Cemetery.<sup>140</sup> [6 children]

**12. Reuben<sup>2</sup> ( John<sup>1</sup>, Edward<sup>A</sup> ) Wilford** born<sup>141</sup> 3 Nov 1843 at Beeby,  
Leicestershire; died<sup>142</sup> 29 Sep 1915 at Shell Rock, Butler, Iowa and was buried in  
Riverside Cemetery in Shell Rock.<sup>143</sup> Reuben immigrated in 1863.<sup>144</sup> He was a butcher

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<sup>136</sup> Sarah A. Shanks burial: Kansas Trails, Butler County, Douglass County Cemetery interments, online at [genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-s.html](http://genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-s.html); includes birth and death dates.

<sup>137</sup> Charles H. Shanks burial: Kansas Trails, Butler County, Douglass County Cemetery interments, online at [genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-s.html](http://genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-s.html); includes birth and death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>138</sup> Lilian Darter burial: Kansas Trails, Butler County, Douglass County Cemetery interments, online at [genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-d.html](http://genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-d.html); includes birth and death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>139</sup> Mabel Darter burial: Kansas Trails, Butler County, Douglass County Cemetery interments, online at [genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-s.html](http://genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-s.html); includes birth and death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>140</sup> Jesse O. Darter burial: Kansas Trails, Butler County, Douglass County Cemetery interments and obituary from the 'Douglass Tribune', December 11, 1972, online at [genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-s.html](http://genealogytrails/kan/butler/douglasscem-s.html); includes birth and death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>141</sup> Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013) and 'Ruben Wilford' household: 1900 U.S. Census of Shell Rock , Butler, Iowa, p. 6B, dwell. 158, fam. 160, NA T623\_420.

<sup>142</sup> Reuben Wilford death: Iowa Cemetery Records, p. 118, buried Riverside Cemetery, Shell Rock, Iowa from 'Gravestone Records of Butler County' online at [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) (accessed Apr 2011).

<sup>143</sup> 'Ruben Wilford' burial: Riverside Cemetery interments, USGenWeb Archives, p. 8; online at [files.usgwarchives.net/ia/butler/cemeteries/rivcem06.txt](http://files.usgwarchives.net/ia/butler/cemeteries/rivcem06.txt); site has birth & death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>144</sup> 'Ruben Wilford' household: 1900 U.S. Census of Shell Rock , Butler, Iowa, p. 6B, dwell. 158, fam. 160, NA T623\_420, col. 16, 17: year of immigration 1863, 37yrs in U.S.

and proprietor of a meat shop. He married<sup>145,146</sup> 1 May 1870 in Butler County, Iowa **Julia Scofield Dewitt** daughter of Thomas H. and Amy (Adams) Dewitt.<sup>147</sup> She was born 15 Feb 1840 in New York; died 28 Mar 1923, buried in Riverside Cemetery, Shell Rock, Butler, Iowa.<sup>148</sup> She married (1) \_\_\_ **Devoe** abt 1864, probably in New York.<sup>149</sup>

\_\_\_ and Julia Scofield (DeWitt) Devoe had a son:

40 i. **DERWIN M. DEVOE (WILFORD)**, born 6 Jul 1865 in New York; died 18 Jan 1897 in Shell Rock, Butler, Iowa, buried in Riverside Cemetery, Shell Rock.<sup>150</sup> He married<sup>151</sup> 26 Jul 1890 at Bremer County, Iowa **Julia Louisa Johns** born 1862 in Cedar County, Iowa.

Reuben and Julia (Dewitt) Wilford had two children:<sup>152</sup>

41 ii. **UNKNOWN**, b. after 1885.

42 iii. **JAMES EDWARD WILFORD**, born<sup>153</sup> 30 Nov 1872 in Iowa died after 1930.

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<sup>145</sup> 'Reuben Wilfred' household: 1870 U.S. Census of Shell Rock , Butler, Iowa, p. 726A, dwell. 209, fam. 219, NA T593\_379; col. 14, married within the year in May and was living with the in-laws; also Family Trees at Ancestry.com, 'Newman Kirk Family Tree' (owner: Hertsgirl) tree 46021165 (accessed 13 May 2014).

<sup>146</sup> Wilford/Devoe marriage: Iowa County Marriages 1838-1934, database online at FamilySearch.org; bride is 'Julia S. Devoe'.

<sup>147</sup> Julia was found in the 1920 U.S. Census of Shell Rock to be living with Millard and Emma Farr, a widow listed as 'sister-in-law'—so Emma was her sister. Emma F. Farr was found in the 1925 Iowa Census of Cedar Rapids and she listed her father as Thomas Dewitt and mother as Anna Adams; this is the family Julia and Reuben were living with in Shell Rock a month after they were married in 1870. Therefore, Julia's full name is: Julia Schofield Dewitt (Devoe) Wilford.

<sup>148</sup> 'Julia Scofield Wilford' burial: Riverside Cemetery interments, USGenWeb Archives, p. 8; online at [files.usgwarchives.net/ia/butler/cemeteries/rivcem06.txt](http://files.usgwarchives.net/ia/butler/cemeteries/rivcem06.txt); site has birth & death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>149</sup> Wilford/Devoe marriage: Iowa County Marriages 1838-1934, database online at FamilySearch.org; bride is 'Julia S. Devoe'; Research and family papers of John Wilford, Hamilton, MT (correspondence received 9 Mar 2013).

<sup>150</sup> 'Derwin M. Wilford' burial: Riverside Cemetery interments, USGenWeb Archives, p. 8; online at [files.usgwarchives.net/ia/butler/cemeteries/rivcem06.txt](http://files.usgwarchives.net/ia/butler/cemeteries/rivcem06.txt); site has birth & death dates (accessed Aug 2011).

<sup>151</sup> Wilford/Johns marriage: Family Trees at Ancestry.com, 'Newman Kirk Family Tree' (owner: Hertsgirl) tree 46021165 (accessed 13 May 2014).

<sup>152</sup> 'Ruben Wilford' household: 1900 U.S. Census of Shell Rock , Butler, Iowa, p. 6B, dwell. 158, fam. 160, NA T623\_420, col. 16, 17: year of immigration 1863, 37yrs in U.S.; Julia states 2 of 3 children alive in 1900 (Derwin died in 1897).

He married<sup>154</sup> in 1896 **Caroline Susan Gray 'Carrie' Hunter** born in Indiana Dec 1873. No issue.

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<sup>153</sup> Reuben Wilford household: 1885 Iowa Census of Shell Rock, Butler, Iowa, Fam. 46, IA1885\_156 and 1880 U. S. Census of Shell Rock, Butler, Iowa, ED 111, FamHis Film 1254330, p. 244A, Fam. 280; Derwin (son) is 14 and Eddie (son) is 7.

<sup>154</sup> James E. Wilford household: 1900 U.S. Census of Chicago Ward 12, Cook, Illinois, p. 1B, Fam. 21, NA T623\_260.