

Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry Research Report

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Objective

The objective of the research report is to determine the parents of Sarah T. Wilson, who was born about 1836 in Pennsylvania, married Ezra McKinstry 31 December 1859 in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and died in 1898 in Orion, Henry County, Illinois.

Limitations

Due to the pandemic, it was not possible to visit local courthouses, libraries, and archives where other genealogically relevant information can be found that might not be available online.

Results Summary

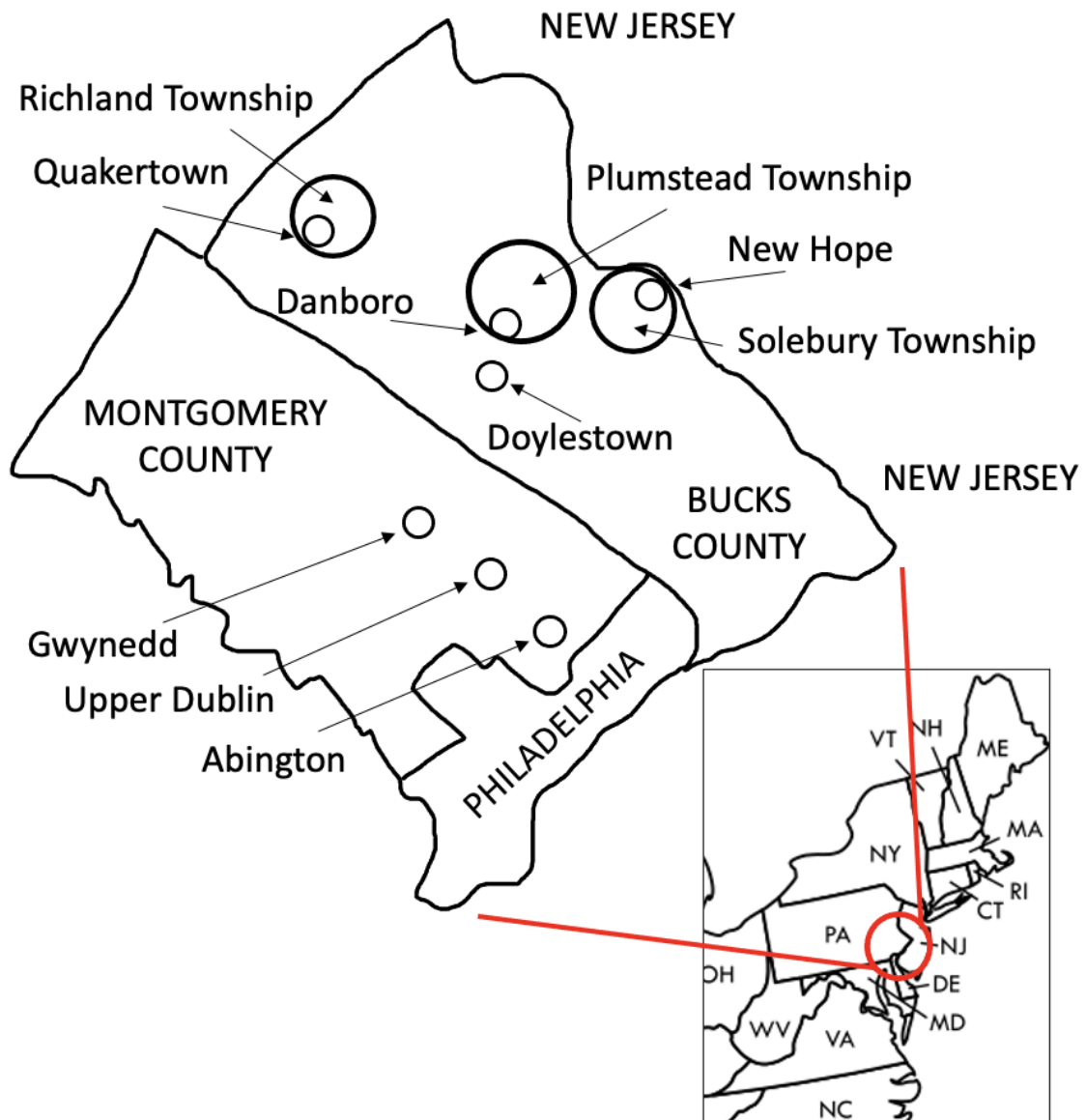
During this project, the following research activities were undertaken:

1. Reviewed probate, land, and church records in Bucks and Montgomery Counties, Pennsylvania.
2. Reviewed newspaper abstracts for marriage, birth, and death information.
3. Identified all applicable state and federal census records for Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry and her presumed siblings and parents.
4. Searched for death records for Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry and her presumed siblings and parents.
5. Evaluated Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry's application for a federal pension related to her husband's service during the Civil War.
6. Reconstructed Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry's presumed siblings and parents.

Background Information

Most of the evidence presented in support of identifying the parents of Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry comes from Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties in Southeast Pennsylvania. A map identifying the relevant communities is found in Figure 1.

Figure 1 -- Bucks, Montgomery, and Philadelphia Counties, Pennsylvania



Key Information for Sarah T. Wilson

Sarah T. Wilson was born in 1836 in Pennsylvania.¹ She married Ezra McKinstry 31 December 1859 in Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.² Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry died in Orion, Henry County, Illinois in 1898.³ No death record was found in either Rock Island or Henry Counties, Illinois.⁴

Sarah lived in the following locations:

- 1860: Pennsylvania, Bucks County, Plumstead Township;⁵
- 1864-1867: Pennsylvania, Bucks County, Plumstead, Danboro;⁶
- 1867: Illinois, Rock Island County, Milan;⁷
- 1867-1870: Illinois, Henry County, Orion;⁸
- 1870: Illinois, Rock Island County, Black Hawk;⁹
- 1880: Illinois, Rock Island County, Milan;¹⁰ and
- 1881-1898: Illinois, Henry County, Orion.¹¹

¹ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://findagrave.com>, accessed 12 March 2021), memorial 59624968, maintained by Lisa Engle Herdahl (contributor 47343398); citing Western Township Cemetery, Orion, Henry County, Illinois, USA. And 1860 U.S. census, Plumstead, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, p. 73, dwelling 570, family 570, image 37 of 68, Sarah McInstry [McKinstry] in Ezra McInstry household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm publication M653.

² U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970 (1859), Deep Run Presbyterian Church, Doylestown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, p. 233, No. 405, image 189 of 238; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 11 Mar 2021); citing Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1907, Accession Number VAULT BX 9211.P48901 D42 v.2.

³ *The Moline Review-Dispatch* (1898, Sep 9), "McKinstry", p. 1, col. 4, Moline, IL; online database, <https://Newspapers.com>, accessed 12 Mar 2021.

⁴ Negative death record search for Sarah McKinstry at *FamilySearch.org*, Rock Island County, Illinois, film 1428583, and Henry County, Illinois, film 1435940.

⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Plumstead, p. 73, dwelling 570, family 570, image 37 of 68, Sarah McInstry [McKinstry] in Ezra McInstry household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm publication M653.

⁶ Compiled Service Record, Ezra McKinstry, Indep Battery of Captain Durrell's Co. D Pennsylvania Lt Artillery Reg. 104, "Deposition A, Case of Sarah McKinstry, widow of Ezra McKinstry", dated 13 Oct 1896, Pension Application No. 518024, Call No. 1917, Bundle 7, pdf p. 77-85, U.S. Bureau of Pensions, Dept of the Interior, Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration.

⁷ *Ibid.*

⁸ *Ibid.*

⁹ 1870 U.S. census, Rock Island County, Illinois, population schedule, Black Hawk, p. 17, dwelling 136, family 120, image 17 of 44, Sarah McKinstry in Ezra McKinstry household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm publication T132, roll 273.

¹⁰ 1880 U.S. census, Rock Island County, Illinois, population schedule, Milan, p. 13, dwelling 5, family 5, image 1 of 18, Sarah Mc Kinstry in Ezra Mc Kinstry household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm T9, roll 245.

¹¹ Compiled Service Record, Ezra McKinstry, Indep Battery of Captain Durrell's Co. D Pennsylvania Lt Artillery Reg. 104, "Deposition A, Case of Sarah McKinstry, widow of Ezra McKinstry", dated 13 Oct 1896, Pension Application No. 518024, Call No. 1917, Bundle 7, pdf p. 77-85, U.S. Bureau of Pensions, Dept of the Interior, Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration.

Confusion about Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry's Parentage

Sarah's parentage has been difficult to determine for reasons commonly experienced by many genealogists. Sarah T. Wilson was not enumerated in 1850¹² when she would have likely lived with her parents. Adding to the complexity of the situation and as will be shown later in the report, Sarah's presumed mother, maternal grandmother, and several of her siblings were also not enumerated in 1850.

In online family trees, Sarah T. Wilson's parentage is also frequently misattributed to George and Rachel Wilson.¹³ The misattribution is likely related to Sarah not being enumerated in 1850. It is possible that other researchers selected the only other Sarah Wilson of the same age living near Plumstead in 1850, which is where Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry was living in 1860.¹⁴ This other Sarah Ann Wilson was the daughter of George and Rachel Wilson living in nearby New Hope, a small borough in neighboring Solebury Township, Bucks County.¹⁵ However, Sarah Ann Wilson was found married to Volney Cronk and still living in George Wilson's household in 1860 resolving the confusion.¹⁶ Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry and Sarah Ann (Wilson) Cronk are two different individuals.

DNA Offers a Clue

If Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry is not the daughter of George and Rachel Wilson, then who are the parents of Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry? DNA evidence provides some clues. Shared DNA matches on Ancestry.com from multiple individuals, who descend from Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry, indicate that they are part of a genetic network cluster of individuals who descend from William Wilson (d. 1804) and Phebe Penrose (d. 1842). On the next page, Figure 2 graphically represents this DNA cluster. DNA matches are anonymized for privacy reasons.

¹² 1850 U.S. census, negative search for Sarah T. Wilson, Ancestry (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

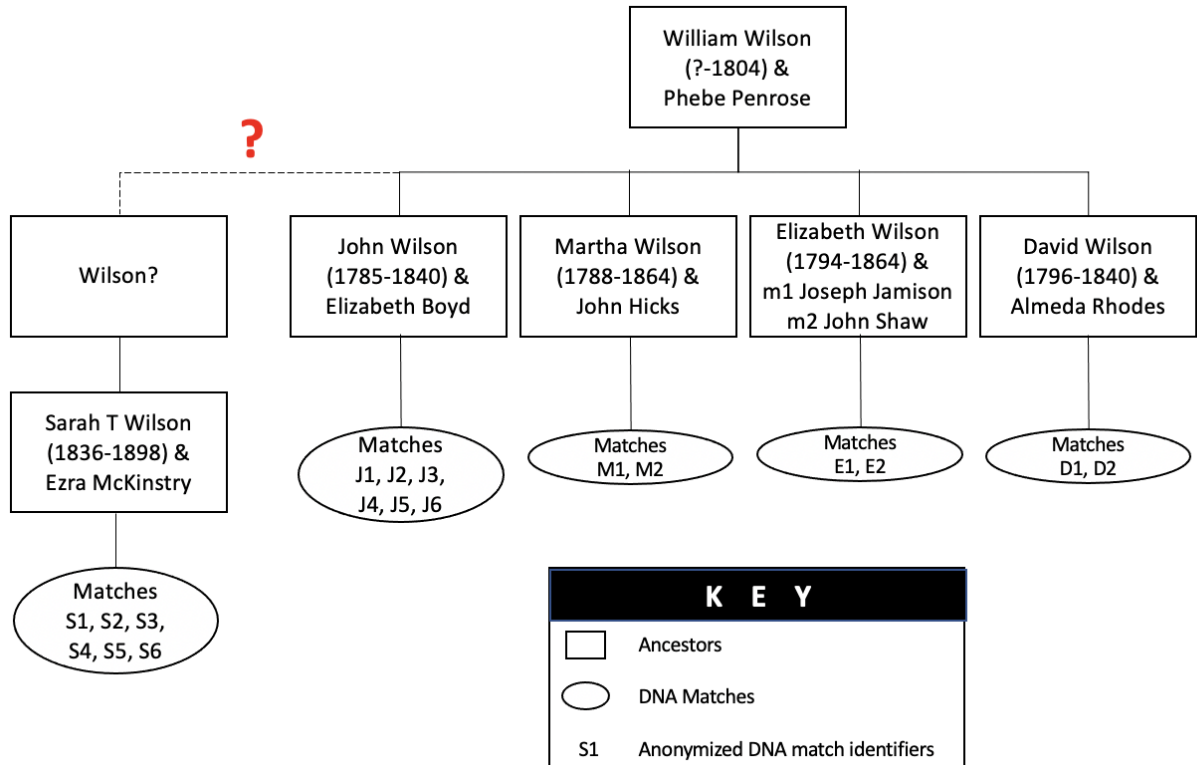
¹³ Family tree for George and Rachel Wilson...

¹⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Plumstead, p. 73, dwelling 570, family 570, image 37 of 68, Sarah McInstry [McKinstry] in Ezra McInstry household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm publication M653.

¹⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, New Hope, p. 206b, dwelling 238, family 240, image 20 of 28, Sarah Ann Wilson in George W. Wilson household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 April 2021); NARA microfilm publication M432, roll 758.

¹⁶ 1860 U.S. census, Middlesex County, New Jersey, population schedule, New Brunswick, p. 117, dwelling 826, family 891, image 27 of 282, Sarah Crouch [Cronk] in George Wilson household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 700.

FIGURE 2 -- Genetic Network Cluster



William Wilson (1793-1846), son of William and Phebe Wilson

Based on collected evidence, it is probable that Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry is the daughter of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah Thompson (1798-1882). William Wilson (1793-1846) is one of the sons of William Wilson (d. 1804) and Phebe Penrose (d. 1842).

William Wilson was born about 1793 in Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania,¹⁷ married Sarah Thompson 25 February 1819 in Doylestown,¹⁸ and died 2 January 1846 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.¹⁹ Sarah Thompson was born 1 March 1798 in Bucks

¹⁷ U.S., Presbyterian Church Records, 1701-1970, William Wilson, Abington Presbyterian Church, image 52 of 170; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 2 April 2021); citing Presbyterian Historical Society, Philadelphia, vault box 9211.P49001 P72 v1.

¹⁸ U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, Sarah Thompson, 1 March 1798, Buckingham Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, p. 24, image 57 of 105; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 1 Mar 2021), citing Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, Quaker Meeting Records.

¹⁹ U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, William Wilson, 2 January 1846, Richland Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, p. 10, image 7 of 28; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 5 Mar 2021), citing Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, Quaker Meeting Records.

County, Pennsylvania,²⁰ married first William Wilson and second Joseph Fravel on 8 Nov 1855,²¹ and died 19 Mar 1882 in Plumstead.²²

Several facts obscured the identification of William Wilson and Sarah Thompson as the parents of Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry and her siblings, not the least of which are the general absence of vital records from the early to mid-1800s. Similarly, William and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel left few genealogically relevant records that typically provide clues about family relationships. For example, William and Sarah did not own land and left no probate records.²³ William Wilson also died relatively young, so many members of the family were sent to live with relatives and friends making their whereabouts and relationships difficult to ascertain.

Additional Details for William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel

To provide context, William Wilson (1793-1846) was enumerated in Richland, Bucks County, Pennsylvania in 1820 and 1830.²⁴ William is not found in the 1840 census,²⁵ but Bucks County tax records indicate he was likely living in Plumstead from 1842-1844.²⁶

After William Wilson's death in 1846, Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel did not appear in any records until 1854. She was not enumerated in the 1850 census.²⁷ In 1854, Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel is listed in the estate file for her mother, Anna (Shaw) Thompson.²⁸ Sarah

²⁰ U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, Sarah Thompson, 1 March 1798, Buckingham Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, p. 24, image 57 of 105; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 1 Mar 2021), citing Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, Quaker Meeting Records.

²¹ Smith, C.A. and F.W. Waite (1986), *Bucks County Intelligencer Marriage Notices, 1804-1860*, Doylestown, PA: Bucks County Genealogical Society.

²² *Bucks County Intelligencer* (1882, Apr 15), "Fravel".

²³ Negative search for land records at FamilySearch.org, Bucks County Deed Index, 1684-1919, Grantees Index, surnames W, film 7898959 and Grantors Index, surnames W, film 7898963. And probate records at FamilySearch.org, Bucks County Estate Index, 1684-1939, surnames S-W, film 172898.

²⁴ 1820 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Richland, p. 51, image 2 of 5, William Wilson; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 April 2021); NARA microfilm publication M33. And 1830 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Richland, p. 221, image 11 of 20, William Wilson; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 April 2021); NARA microfilm publication M19, roll146.

²⁵ 1840 U.S. census, negative search for William Wilson, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8057/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

²⁶ Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, William Wilson (1842), Plumstead, image 25 of 28; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown. And Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, William Wilson (1843), Plumstead, image 53 of 63; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown. And Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, William Wilson (1844), image 28 of 33; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown.

²⁷ 1850 U.S. census, negative search for Sarah (Thompson) Wilson, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

²⁸ Bucks County, Pennsylvania, estate file, no 958, Account Settlement, Anna Thompson (1854), Recorder of Wills, Clerk of Orphans' Court, Doylestown.

(Thompson) Wilson Fravel was paid \$50 on 8 April 1854 for boarding expenses for her mother, who died in Plumstead. Coincidentally, Joseph Fravel, who Sarah later married in 1855,²⁹ is also paid \$50 for boarding Anna (Shaw) Thompson. Like Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel, Anna (Shaw) Thompson was not enumerated in 1850³⁰ suggesting that perhaps all three women lived together and were missed by census takers.

According to various records, Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel was recorded as living in the following locations after her husband's death in 1846:

1. 1854 - Plumstead, probably in the same household as Anna (Shaw) Thompson and Joseph Fravel;³¹
2. 1860 - Plumstead, in the household of Joseph Fravel;³²
3. 1870 - Abington, in the household of Burroughs P. Michener;³³ and
4. 1880 - Plumstead, in the household of Levi Dalby.³⁴

Research Findings

Summary of Evidence

On the next page, Figure 3 provides an overview of the evidence collected for the research report supporting that Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry is the daughter of William Wilson and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel. This evidentiary network figure provides direct and indirect linkages between Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry and her siblings, cousins, and ultimately her parents. Collectively, the evidence supports the parental connection and, in the process, also reconstructs the family of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel. Each link in Figure 3 is presented and discussed separately.

²⁹ Smith, C.A. and F.W. Waite (1986), Bucks County Intelligencer Marriage Notices, 1804-1860, Doylestown, PA: Bucks County Genealogical Society.

³⁰ 1850 U.S. census, negative search for Anna (Shaw) Thompson, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

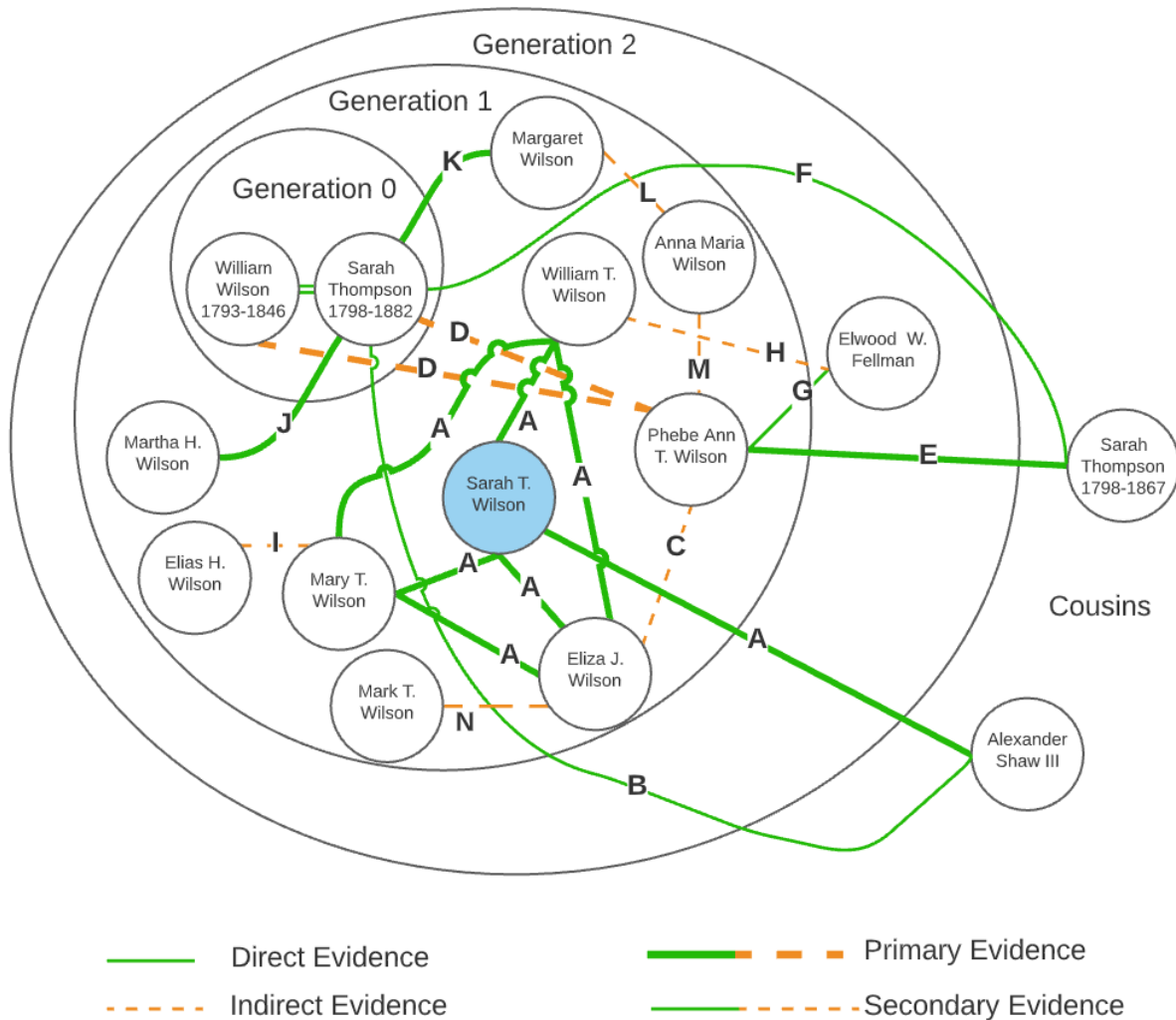
³¹ Bucks County, Pennsylvania, estate file, no 958, Account Settlement, Anna Thompson (1854), Recorder of Wills, Clerk of Orphans' Court, Doylestown.

³² 1860 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Plumstead, p. 80, dwelling 630, family 630, image 44 of 68, Sarah Fravell [Fravel] in Thomas Joseph Fravell household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm publication M653, roll 1085.

³³ 1870 U.S. census, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Abington, p. 22, dwelling 166, family 168, image 22 of 62, Sarah Fravel in Baness [Burroughs] Michener household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm publication T132, roll 1377.

³⁴ 1880 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Plumstead, p. 18, dwelling 148, family 174, image 18 of 57, Sarah Fravel in Levi Dalbey [Dalby] household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm T9, roll 1106.

FIGURE 3 -- Evidentiary Network



Notes³⁵

- Direct evidence: information that clearly addresses an issue, e.g., parent’s names.
- Indirect evidence: information that does not clearly provide a direct answer to an issue and provides no value unless combined with other evidence.
- Primary evidence: information obtained or witnessed first-hand.
- Secondary evidence: information obtained second-hand from someone else.

³⁵ Mills, Elizabeth S. (2007), *Evidence Explained: Citing History Sources from Artifacts to Cyberspace*, Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Publishing Company.

LINKAGE A: Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry's 1896 Deposition

Two years before her death, Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry provided detailed information on her and husband's life. On 27 October 1896 from Orion, Henry County, Illinois, Sarah gave a deposition in support of her application for her husband's federal pension for service in the Civil War.³⁶ In the deposition, Sarah listed, among other items, the following key pieces of information:

1. The family lived in the farmhouse owned by her cousin Aleck Shaw while residing in Plumstead Township.
2. She had three living siblings: William Wilson (Bullard, Texas), Eliza Hill (Curtis, Nebraska), and Mary Sherman (near Neosha, Kansas).
3. Her parents were deceased.

This information establishes that:

- Three siblings were living in 1896, who might directly or indirectly lead to the identification of the parents or other siblings.
- If any other siblings are identified through subsequent research, these siblings should be deceased by 1896 to be consistent with Sarah's statement.
- Any identified parents should similarly be deceased by 1896.
- Aleck Shaw of Plumstead must be a cousin through either identified parent.

Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill

The oldest of Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry's siblings mentioned in the deposition is Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill, who was born 9 May 1832 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.³⁷ She was living with her husband Jesse B. Hill in 1850 in Plumstead.³⁸ In 1851, Jesse and Eliza purchased one acre of land in Plumstead from Elizabeth (Wilson) Jamison Shaw.³⁹ Elizabeth is a daughter of William Wilson (d. 1804) and Phebe Penrose (d. 1842) and a sister to William Wilson (1793-1846).

³⁶ Compiled Service Record, Ezra McKinstry, Indep Battery of Captain Durrell's Co. D Pennsylvania Lt Artillery Reg. 104, "Deposition A, Case of Sarah McKinstry, widow of Ezra McKinstry", dated 13 Oct 1896, Pension Application No. 518024, Call No. 1917, Bundle 7, pdf p. 77-85, U.S. Bureau of Pensions, Dept of the Interior, Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration.

³⁷ *The Curtis Enterprise* (1910, February 11), "Mother's Gone", p. 3, col. 4, Curtis, NE; online database, <https://Newspapers.com>, accessed 21 Feb 2021.

³⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Plumstead, p. 211b, dwelling 9, family 12, image 2 of 55, Eliza Hill in Jesse Hill household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 758.

³⁹ Bucks County, Pennsylvania, land deed, Elizabeth Shaw to Jesse Hill (1851), Book 82, p. 408-409, Recorder of Deeds, Doylestown; database with an image (www.familysearch.org), image 212 of 784, film 008084121.

Jesse and Eliza Hill moved to Mercer County, Illinois by 1860⁴⁰ and to Black Hawk, Rock Island County, Illinois by 1870,⁴¹ which is where Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry was also living in 1870. Eliza's family later moved to Lawrence County, Missouri by 1880⁴² and to Frontier County, Nebraska by 1885.⁴³ Eliza died 7 February 1910 in Curtis, Frontier County, Nebraska.⁴⁴ Her death record did not list any parental information.⁴⁵

Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman

Another identified sibling from the deposition is Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman, who was born 1 Jun 1832 in Pennsylvania.⁴⁶ Mary was not found in the 1850 census.⁴⁷ Mary married Daniel P. Baughman in Rock Island County, Illinois on 1 July 1858,⁴⁸ and neither Mary nor her husband were found in the 1860 census.⁴⁹ In 1870, Mary was found residing in Black Hawk,⁵⁰ which is where Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry was also living in 1870. Living with Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman in 1870 was her presumed brother, Elias H. Wilson. Mary moved to Wilson County, Kansas by 1875⁵¹ and later married John M. Sherman on 28 February 1884.⁵² Mary

⁴⁰ 1860 U.S. census, Mercer County, Illinois, population schedule, Township 15N1W, p. 953, dwelling 2023, family 2023, image 11 of 31, Eliza Hill in Jesse B Hill household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 211.

⁴¹ 1870 U.S. census, Rock Island County, Illinois, population schedule, Black Hawk, p. 16, dwelling 128, family 113, image 16 of 44, Eliza Hill in Jesse Hill household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 273.

⁴² 1880 U.S. census, Lawrence County, Missouri, population schedule, Lincoln, p. 16, dwelling 144, family 145, image 16 of 22, Eliza Hill in J.B. Hill household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 698.

⁴³ 1885 Nebraska State census, Frontier County, Nebraska, population schedule, Curtis, p. 1, dwelling 1, family 1, image 545 of 607, EJ Hill in JB Hill household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm record group M352, roll 19.

⁴⁴ The Curtis Enterprise (1910, February 11), "Mother's Gone", p. 3, col. 4, Curtis, NE; online database, <https://Newspapers.com>, accessed 21 Feb 2021.

⁴⁵ State of Nebraska, death certificate no. 1381, Eliza J. Hill (d. 7 February 1910, Vital Records Office, Lincoln, Nebraska; certified copy held by Department of Health and Human Services, 2021).

⁴⁶ Mary W Sherman, 1832-1908, Find A Grave memorial 192253383, online database, (<https://findagrave.com>, accessed 12 March 2021); citing Harrison Cemetery, Wilson County, Kansas, USA; Photo added by KJLII (contributor 46637247).

⁴⁷ 1850 U.S. census, negative search for Mary T. Wilson, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

⁴⁸ Illinois, U.S., Compiled Marriages, 1851-1900 (1858), Rock Island County, Illinois; database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 11 Mar 2021); citing Family History Library, film 1428580, image 446 of 867.

⁴⁹ 1860 U.S. census, negative search for Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

⁵⁰ 1870 U.S. census, Rock Island County, Illinois, population schedule, Black Hawk, p. 14, dwelling 108, family 105, image 14 of 44, Mary Baughman in Daniel Baughman household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 273.

⁵¹ Kansas, U.S. state census, Pleasant Valley, Wilson County, Kansas, population schedule, p. 9, dwelling 72, family 74, image 5 of 12, M W Baughman in D P Baughman household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing Kansas State Historical Society, roll ks1875_20.

⁵² Kansas, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1811-1911 (1884), Fredonia, Wilson County, Kansas, image 481 of 623; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 11 Mar 2021); citing Kansas State Historical Society.

died 23 November 1908 in Earlton, Neosho County, Kansas.⁵³ Kansas State Department of Health does not hold death records earlier than 1911, and no death records were found locally in Neosho County, Kansas.⁵⁴

William T. Wilson

The final sibling identified in the deposition is William T. Wilson, who was born September 1838 in Pennsylvania.⁵⁵ He was not found in the 1850 census.⁵⁶ William resided in Philadelphia during the 1860 and 1870 censuses⁵⁷ where he married Emma M. Fenton 29 October 1859.⁵⁸ William moved to Bullard, Smith County, Texas by 1880 and last appeared in the 1910 census in Smith County, Texas. His wife died 30 November 1917 in Cherokee County, Texas, and her death record indicated she was a widow suggesting that William died sometime between 15 April 1910 (date of the 1910 census) and 30 November 1917 (date of death for his wife). Early death records were not commonly filed in the state of Texas, and no death records were found in the Texas Statewide Death Index or at the counties that were the last known residences for him, his wife, or their children.⁵⁹ No obituaries were found for either William or his wife.⁶⁰

⁵³ Kansas, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1803-1987, Wilson County, Kansas, Mary Sherman, p. 239, Vol. B-E, image 380 of 921; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing Family History Library film 1428699.

⁵⁴ Negative search for Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman's death via phone call with the Neosho County, Kansas Health Department who indicated they do not hold death records, 14 April 2021. Death records not filed with the Kansas Department of Health prior to 1 July 1911.

⁵⁵ 1900 U.S. census, Smith County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 1, p. 36a, dwelling 259, family 259, image 27 of 30, William T Wilson; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 1669.

⁵⁶ 1850 U.S. census, negative search for William T. Wilson, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/>; accessed 1 April 2021).

⁵⁷ 1860 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Philadelphia Ward 22, p. 6, dwelling 39, family 43, image 27 of 30, Wm T Wilson; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653. 1870 U.S. census, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Philadelphia Ward 20 District 68, p. 23, dwelling 1903, image 88 of 224, William T Wilson; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 1434.

⁵⁸ Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669-1999 (1859), Wm T Wilson, 29 October 1859, First United Methodist Church, Germantown, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, p. 14, image 1609 of 2753; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 3 Mar 2021); citing Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

⁵⁹ Negative death record search for William T. Wilson in Texas Death Index, 1903-2000 at *FamilySearch.org* using William, Wm, W.T., W, W?lson, W?llson. Negative search for death records for William T. Wilson at *FamilySearch.org* for Smith County, Texas, death records 1910-1940, film 1846493; Cherokee County, Texas, death records 1903-1911, film 1531989 and death records 1911-1933, film 1531990; Angelina County, Texas, death records 1857-1955, film 2132.

⁶⁰ Negative obituary search for William T. Wilson and Emma M. (Fenton) Wilson at *Newspapers.com* using search variants of William, William T., Wm, W.T., W., Emma, Emma Maria, Maria, Mariah, E.M., W?lson, W?llson. Negative obituary search for William T. Wilson and Emma M. (Fenton) Wilson in the Alto Herald newspaper, Alto, Texas; performed by Serena Keech, affiliated genealogist with the Stella Hill Memorial Library in Alto, Texas, 10 April 2021.

Aleck Shaw III of Plumstead

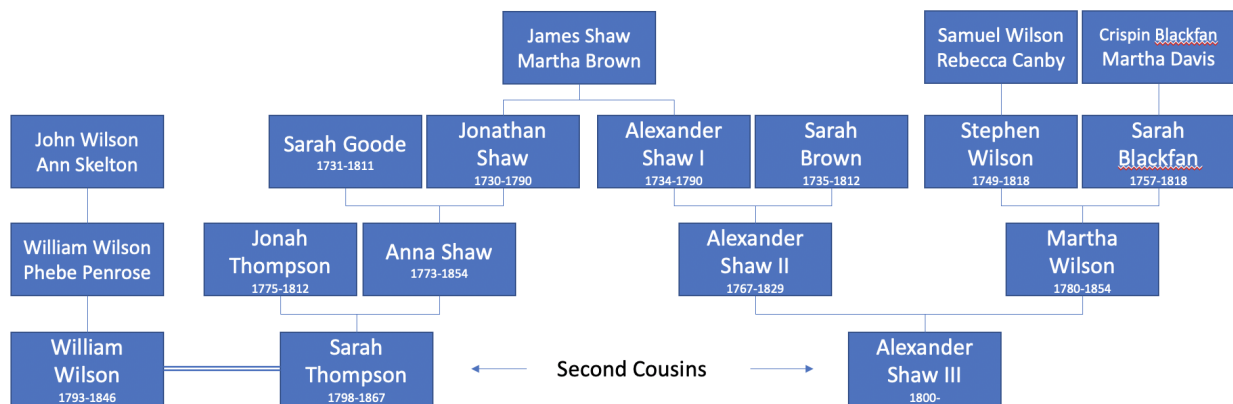
In her deposition, Sarah mentioned living with her husband on the farm owned by her cousin Aleck Shaw. The only Aleck or Alexander Shaw owning land or living in Plumstead in 1860 was the son of Alexander Shaw II and Martha Wilson.⁶¹ Alexander Shaw III's connection to Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry is discussed next.

LINKAGE B: Shaw-Thompson Cousin Relationship

A cousin link between Alexander Shaw III and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson was found. See Figure 4. Alexander Shaw II is the grandson of James Shaw and Martha Brown through their son Alexander Shaw I.⁶² Another grandchild of James Shaw and Martha Brown is Anna Shaw, daughter of Jonathan Shaw.⁶³ Anna Shaw is the wife of Jonah Thompson and mother of Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel, who is the presumed mother of Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry. Therefore, Alexander Shaw III is a second cousin once removed to Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry through her presumed mother, Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel.

Given that Alexander Shaw III is the son of Martha (Wilson) Shaw, it is possible that Martha might also be related to Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry through her presumed father William Wilson (1793-1846). Unfortunately, going back two generations for Martha (Wilson) Shaw produces no known connections between her and William Wilson (1793-1846). See Figure 4.

FIGURE 4



⁶¹ Recorder of Deeds, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Alexander Shaw from Alexander Shaw estate, 1844, Plumstead Township, Book 76, p. 475-476, image 246 of 394; database with images, Family History Library film 8084116. "Public Member Trees," database, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>, accessed 2 April 2021), "Wilson120411" family tree by rwilson7135, profile for Alexander Shaw (1767-1829).

⁶² "Public Member Trees," database, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>, accessed 2 April 2021), "Wilson120411" family tree by rwilson7135, profile for Alexander Shaw (1734-1790).

⁶³ "Public Member Trees," database, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>, accessed 2 April 2021), "Wilson120411" family tree by rwilson7135, profile for Anna Shaw (1773-1854).

LINKAGE C: Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill and Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman

Enumerated adjacent to Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill in Plumstead in 1850 was Phebe Ann T Wilson, who was living with her husband Joseph Fellman.⁶⁴ Plumstead is where Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry was living in 1860 and Sarah's 1896 deposition identified Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill as a sibling. Phebe was born 25 September 1825 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania.⁶⁵ She married Joseph Fellman on 7 October 1844 in Philadelphia⁶⁶ and died 28 February 1885 in Philadelphia.⁶⁷

LINKAGE D: Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman to William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson (1798-1882)

In 1876, as an adult, Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman was baptized at the Midtown Methodist Church in Philadelphia where she listed her parents as William and Sarah Wilson.⁶⁸ Given the evidence presented thus far and that yet still to come, it is reasonable to believe William and Sarah Wilson were William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel.

LINKAGE E: Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman and Sarah Thompson (1798-1867)

In 1860, Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman was living in the same household of Sarah Thompson (1798-1867) in Gwynedd, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania,⁶⁹ which is the township where Phebe indicated she was living at the time of her marriage in 1844.⁷⁰ In 1866, Sarah Thompson

⁶⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Plumstead, p. 211b, dwelling 11, family 14, image 2 of 55, Phebe Ann Felman [Fellman] in Joseph Felman household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 758.

⁶⁵ Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013, Phebe Ann Fellman, 1876, Midtown Methodist Church, Philadelphia, PA; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Reel 643. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates Index, 1803-1915, Phoebe A Fellman, 1885; database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 5 Mar 2021); citing Family History Library film 2070374.

⁶⁶ Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669-1999 (1844), Phebe Ann T Wilson, 7 October 1844, German Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, p. 62, image 510 of 727; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 3 Mar 2021); citing Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, reel 166.

⁶⁷ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Death Certificates Index, 1803-1915, Phoebe A Fellman, 1885; database, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 5 Mar 2021); citing Family History Library film 2070374.

⁶⁸ Pennsylvania and New Jersey, U.S., Church and Town Records, 1669-2013, Phebe Ann Fellman, 1876, Midtown Methodist Church, Philadelphia, PA; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Historic Pennsylvania Church and Town Records, Reel 643.

⁶⁹ 1860 U.S. census, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Gwynedd, p. 7, dwelling 49, family 52, image 6 of 50, Pheby Fellman in Joseph Fellman household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 1145.

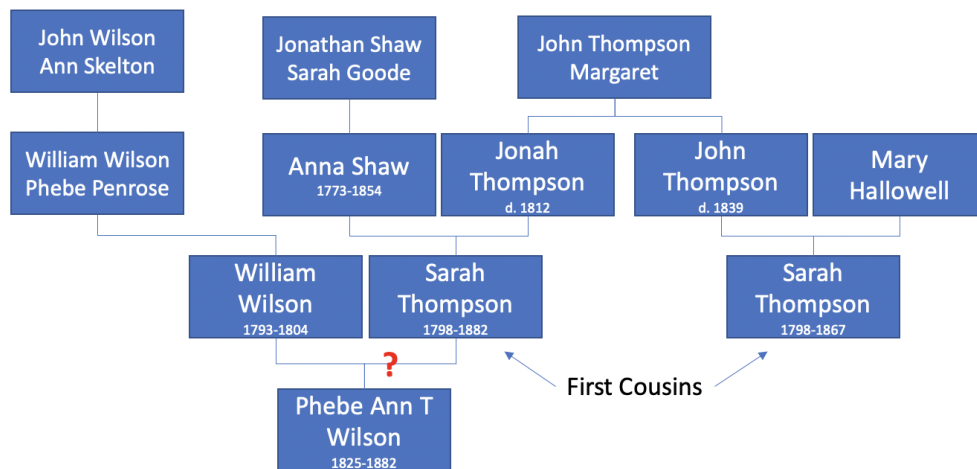
⁷⁰ Pennsylvania and New Jersey, Church and Town Records, 1669-1999 (1844), Phebe Ann T Wilson, 7 October 1844, German Reformed Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, p. 62, image 510 of 727; *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 3 Mar 2021); citing Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, reel 166.

(1798-1867) of Gwynedd bequeathed to “her cousin Phebe Ann Fellman” \$25 and clothing.⁷¹ This Sarah Thompson (1798-1867) is a different individual than Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel (1798-1882).

LINKAGE F: Sarah Thompson (1798-1867) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel

Sarah Thompson (1798-1867) is a cousin to Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel, the presumed mother of Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman and Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry. Sarah Thompson (1798-1867) was born 3 December 1798⁷² and is the granddaughter of John and Margaret Thompson through their son John.⁷³ See Figure 5. Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel is also the granddaughter of John and Margaret Thompson through their son Jonah making Sarah Thompson (1798-1867) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel first cousins.

FIGURE 5



⁷¹ Pennsylvania, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993, Sarah Thomson, Montgomery County, Wills, Vol. 11-12, 1863-1871, image 294 of 701; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021), citing Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Register of Wills, Vol. 11, p. 562-563.

⁷² U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, Sarah Thompson, 6 December 1798, Gwynedd Monthly Meeting, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, p. 58, image 39 of 111; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 1 Mar 2021), citing Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, Quaker Meeting Records.

⁷³ “Public Member Trees,” database, *Ancestry.com* (<http://www.ancestry.com>, accessed 2 April 2021), “Wilson120411” family tree by *rwilson7135*, profile for John Thompson (d. 1790 Gwynedd, Montgomery County, PA).

LINKAGES G & H: Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman and William T. Wilson

In 1880, Phebe's son, Elwood W. Fellman,⁷⁴ was living in the same precinct in Smith County, Texas as Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry's brother, William T. Wilson.⁷⁵ No other families from Pennsylvania lived in Precinct 3 in 1880 suggesting Elwood and William likely traveled the approximate 1,500 miles from Philadelphia to Texas together.

LINKAGE I: Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman to Elias H. Wilson

A plausible conclusion based on the 1870 census,⁷⁶ is that Elias H. Wilson, who was single and lived in the household of Daniel P. Baughman, is a brother to Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman. If so, Elias provides another possible indirect connection with Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry given that Black Hawk is where Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry also lived in 1870.

Like Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry and Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman, Elias was also not enumerated in 1850,⁷⁷ suggesting that Elias might have lived in the same household as all those previously identified as not being enumerated in 1850. Interestingly, tax records in Bucks County, Pennsylvania do list an Elias H. Wilson as a single man in Doylestown in 1854 and 1855 and in Plumstead in 1856 and 1857⁷⁸ so it is plausible he was in the household not enumerated in 1850. Like Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman, Elias is not found anywhere in the U.S. census in 1860,⁷⁹ and Elias may have been living with Mary in 1860 as he did in 1870. According to the 1870 census, Elias was born about 1828 in Pennsylvania. He served in the Civil War, joining 20 September 1861 from Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois and died 29

⁷⁴ Pennsylvania, U.S., Births, 1852-1854, Elward [Elwood] W Felman [Fellman], Plumstead, Bucks County, p. 36, number 214, image 41 of 54; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021), citing Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission, Pennsylvania State Archives.

⁷⁵ 1880 U.S. census, Smith County, Texas, population schedule, Precinct 3, p. 30, dwelling 206, family 212, image 20 of 37, E W Fellman; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 13 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm T9, roll 1326.

⁷⁶ 1870 U.S. census, Rock Island County, Illinois, population schedule, Black Hawk, p. 14, dwelling 108, family 105, image 14 of 44, Elias Wilson in Daniel Baughman household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M593, roll 273.

⁷⁷ 1850 U.S. census, negative search for Elias H. Wilson, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

⁷⁸ Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, Elias Wilson (1854), Doylestown, image 43 of 45; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown. And Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, Elias Wilson (1855), Doylestown, image 85 of 89; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown. And Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, Elias H. Wilson (1856), Plumstead, image 62 of 64; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown. And Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, Elias H. Wilson (1857), Plumstead, image 66 of 68; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown.

⁷⁹ 1860 U.S. census, negative search for Elias H. Wilson, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/7667/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

March 1874 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the Northwestern Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers.⁸⁰

LINKAGE J: Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel and Martha H. Wilson

In 1870, Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel was widowed a second time and living in the household of Burroughs P. Michener in Abington, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.⁸¹ On 18 October 1855, Burroughs P. Michener of Plumstead married Martha H. Wilson of Solebury, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.⁸² It is probable that Martha is the daughter of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel. In 1850, Martha was living in the household of Richard Moore in Richland, Bucks County, Pennsylvania,⁸³ which is consistent with a family separated due to the untimely death of the father in 1846. It is unclear whether there was a family relationship between the Wilsons and the Moores, but a Richard Moore did serve as a witness to the will of Sarah Thompson (1798-1867) in 1866.⁸⁴ Martha H. (Wilson) Michener died 20 May 1881.⁸⁵

LINKAGE K: Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel and Margaret Wilson

In 1880, widow Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel was living in the household of Levi Dalby in Plumstead.⁸⁶ According to Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel's death notice in the local newspaper, she died at the residence of her son-in-law, Levi Dalby.⁸⁷ Based on the ages of Levi

⁸⁰ U.S. National Homes for Disabled Volunteers and Soldiers, 1866-1938, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Elias H Wilson, Milwaukee registers for W, image 43 of 2313; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 8 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm T1749.

⁸¹ 1870 U.S. census, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Abington, p. 22, dwelling 166, family 168, image 22 of 62, Sarah Fravel in Baness [Burroughs] Michener household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm publication T132, roll 1377.

⁸² Smith, C.A. and F.W. Waite (1986), Bucks County Intelligencer Marriage Notices, 1804-1860, Doylestown, PA: Bucks County Genealogical Society.

⁸³ 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Richland, p. 318a, dwelling 208, family 229, image 29 of 42, Martha Willson Moore [Martha Wilson] in Richard Moore household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 759.

⁸⁴ Pennsylvania, U.S., Wills and Probate Records, 1683-1993, Sarah Thomson, Montgomery County, Wills, Vol. 11-12, 1863-1871, image 294 of 701; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021), citing Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Register of Wills, Vol. 11, p. 562-563.

⁸⁵ *Find A Grave*, database with images (https://findagrave.com, accessed 23 April 2021), Martha Michener, memorial 114480475, maintained by Aimee Pattison (contributor 47112330); citing Richland Friends Meeting Burial Ground, Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, USA.

⁸⁶ 1880 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Plumstead, p. 18, dwelling 148, family 174, image 18 of 57, Sarah Fravel in Levi Dalbey [Dalby] household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); NARA microfilm T9, roll 1106.

⁸⁷ Bucks County Intelligencer (1882, Apr 15), "Fravel".

and Margaret's children in the 1850 census, it is probable that Margaret Wilson married Levi Dalby about 1838.⁸⁸ Margaret died 16 January 1892.⁸⁹

LINKAGES L & M: Anna Maria (Wilson) Hicks to Margaret (Wilson) Dalby and Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman

Anna Maria (Wilson) Hicks is found living with her family in 1850 in Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.⁹⁰ Quakertown is a borough within Richland Township, which is where Martha H. (Wilson) Michener was also living in 1850 and where William Wilson (1793-1846) is buried.⁹¹ By 1860, Martha appears to have died as her alleged children are living in other households, and her husband, Nathan Penrose Hicks, who was a master blacksmith, is found living in the household of another master blacksmith without his children.⁹²

In 1860, presumed son of Martha and Nathan Hicks, Charles R. Hicks (age one), was living in the household of Joseph and Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman in Gwynedd.⁹³ Daughter Sarah W. Hicks (aged 9) was living in the household of Joseph L. Thomas in Upper Dublin, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.⁹⁴ Daughter Margaret Hicks (age eleven) was living in the household of Levi and Margaret (Wilson) Dalby in Philadelphia.⁹⁵ Daughter Clementine Hicks (age fifteen)

⁸⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Northern Liberties Ward 3, p. 168b, dwelling 560, family 697, image 116 of 165, Marry Dolby [Margaret Dalby] in Levy Dolby [Levi Dalby] household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); NARA microfilm M432, roll 810.

⁸⁹ *Find A Grave*, database with images (<https://findagrave.com>, accessed 23 April 2021), Margaret W. Dalbey, memorial 113784031, maintained by Aimee Pattison (contributor 47112330); citing Richland Friends Meeting Burial Ground, Quakertown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, USA.

⁹⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Quakertown, p. 320a, dwelling 17, family 18, image 3 of 6, Anna Maria Hicks in Nathan Hicks household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); NARA microfilm M432, roll 759.

⁹¹ 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Richland, p. 318a, dwelling 208, family 229, image 29 of 42, Martha Willson Moore [Martha Wilson] in Richard Moore household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 759. And U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, William Wilson, 2 January 1846, Richland Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, p. 10, image 7 of 28; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 5 Mar 2021), citing Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, Quaker Meeting Records.

⁹² 1860 U.S. census, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Upper Dublin, p. 914, dwelling 109, family 104, image 14 of 38, Nathan P. Hicks in William Butler household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 1144.

⁹³ 1860 U.S. census, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Gwynedd, p. 7, dwelling 49, family 52, image 6 of 50, Charles R. Flis [Hicks] in Joseph Fellman household; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 1145.

⁹⁴ 1860 U.S. census, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Upper Dublin, p. 908, dwelling 55, family 54, image 8 of 38, Sarah Hicks in Joseph L. Thomas household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 1144.

⁹⁵ 1860 U.S. census, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Philadelphia Ward 11, p. 858, dwelling 251, family 317, image 32 of 304, Margaret [Margaret] Hicks in Levy Dalby household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653.

was living in the household of Edward Burk in Upper Dublin.⁹⁶ Lastly, daughter Anna Matilda Hicks (age eighteen) was living in the household of Evan Penrose in Richland.⁹⁷

Two of Anna Maria (Wilson) Hicks' five alleged children, Charles and Margaret, were living with presumed daughters of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Favel.

LINKAGE N: Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill to Mark T. Wilson

An 1836 Bucks County tax list for Richland Township identified two Wilson children whose parents were unable to pay for their schooling. These so-called poor school children records list the children aged five to twelve whose parents require county assistance to educate their children. The two Wilson children on the Richland tax list were Mark (age eight years) and Eliza (age five years and eleven months).⁹⁸ Their parents were not identified, and no other adult Wilson is taxed in Richland for this year. Richland is where William Wilson (1793-1846) resided during the 1820 and 1830 censuses, where he was buried, and where two of his children lived in 1850.⁹⁹ William Wilson also had two siblings living in Richland at the time: Margaret (Wilson) Miller and Martha (Wilson) Hicks.¹⁰⁰

In 1837, the same two Wilson children were found in the list of poor children in East Vincent, Chester County, Pennsylvania: Mark (age nine) and Eliza (age 6).¹⁰¹ This time, Chester County

⁹⁶ 1860 U.S. census, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Upper Dublin, p. 909, dwelling 62, family 61, image 9 of 38, Clementine Hicks in Edward Burk household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653, roll 1144.

⁹⁷ 1860 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Richland, p. 516, dwelling 270, family 267, image 24 of 54, Ann [Anna] M Hicks in Evan Remose [Penrose] household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M653.

⁹⁸ Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, Mark Wilson and Eliza Wilson (1836), Richland, image 30 of 31; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 24 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown.

⁹⁹ 1820 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Richland, p. 51, image 2 of 5, William Wilson; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 April 2021); NARA microfilm publication M33. And 1830 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Richland, p. 221, image 11 of 20, William Wilson; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 22 April 2021); NARA microfilm publication M19, roll 146. And U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, William Wilson, 2 January 1846, Richland Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, p. 10, image 7 of 28; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 5 Mar 2021), citing Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, Quaker Meeting Records. And 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Richland, p. 318a, dwelling 208, family 229, image 29 of 42, Martha Willson Moore [Martha Wilson] in Richard Moore household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm M432, roll 759. And 1850 U.S. census, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, population schedule, Quakertown, p. 320a, dwelling 17, family 18, image 3 of 6, Anna Maria Hicks in Nathan Hicks household; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 23 April 2021); NARA microfilm M432, roll 759.

¹⁰⁰ "Public Member Trees," database, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>, accessed 2 April 2021), "Wilson120411" family tree by rwilson7135, profile for Margaret Wilson (1786-1859) and Martha Wilson (1788-1864).

¹⁰¹ Chester County, Pennsylvania, Poor School Children Records, 1810-1842, Mark and Eliza Wilson (1837), East Vincent, p. 473 of 505; database with index, Chester County Archives (www.chesco.org, accessed 24 April 2021).

poor school children records list the father as William Wilson. Mark, Eliza, and William Wilson were not found in other Chester or Bucks County poor school children tax records.

To evaluate the probability of Mark and Eliza being the children of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel, an expanded discussion is presented next.

Mark Wilson in the 1836 and 1837 Tax Records

The name Mark has not been used in earlier generations associated with the family of William Wilson (1893-1846).¹⁰² However, Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel did have a brother named Mark Thompson,¹⁰³ and so it is plausible that Mark could have been named after Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel's brother.

Outside of the poor school children records, another tax record for a Mark Wilson was found. Later in 1851, a Mark T. Wilson was listed as single in the Bucks County tax records for Doylestown.¹⁰⁴ If Mark T. Wilson in 1851 is the same as Mark Wilson in 1836 and 1837 (born about 1828), then he would have been old enough to be listed in tax records in 1851 (i.e., aged 21 years and older). A similar tax record was found in Doylestown for Mark's presumed brother, Elias H. Wilson between 1854 and 1855.¹⁰⁵ Furthermore, several other Wilson family members married in Doylestown.¹⁰⁶ Doylestown is an adjacent township to Plumstead where the Wilson family likely lived in 1850. If the 1836, 1837, and 1851 tax records are for the same individual, then the middle initial of "T" in the 1851 tax record is consistent with the middle initials used for several of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel's other presumed children.

Eliza Wilson in the 1836 and 1837 Tax Records

The Eliza Wilson in the 1836 and 1837 tax records would have been born about 1830 and 1831, respectively, which is one to two years earlier than the birth date of 9 May 1832 provided in Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill's obituary.¹⁰⁷ A deeper analysis of Eliza's birth year is needed to assess the veracity of whether the Eliza Wilson in the 1836-1837 tax records is the same as Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill.

¹⁰² "Public Member Trees," database, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>, accessed 24 April 2021), "Wilson120411" family tree by rwilson7135, profile for John Wilson (d. 1799 Franconia, Montgomery County, PA).

¹⁰³ "Public Member Trees," database, Ancestry.com (<http://www.ancestry.com>, accessed 24 April 2021), "Wilson120411" family tree by rwilson7135, profile for Mark Thompson (1802-1838).

¹⁰⁴ Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, Mark T. Wilson (1851), Doylestown, image 151 of 153; database with image, Ancestry (www.ancestry.com, accessed 24 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown.

¹⁰⁵ Elias tax in 1854-1855.

¹⁰⁶ Sarah & William Wilson, Sarah T Wilson

¹⁰⁷ The Curtis Enterprise (1910, February 11), "Mother's Gone", p. 3, col. 4, Curtis, NE; online database, <https://Newspapers.com>, accessed 21 Feb 2021.

Eliza Wilson identified in the 1836 tax record was aged five years and eleven months. Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill's obituary and the 1900 U.S. census indicated she was born in May.¹⁰⁸ If these two Eliza Wilson individuals are the same person, then the tax assessment would need to have occurred in April for her to be one month away from her next birthday in May. Based on the front matter for the tax record, the Bucks County Commissioners ordered the tax assessment on 28 March 1836. The Richland assessor, John Ball, signed his report on 28 April 1836 indicating that he faithfully performed his duties. Therefore, it seems likely that the tax record was created in April and is consistent with Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill being one month away from her May birthday.

While it seems likely that Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill was born in May, it is less clear what year she was born. In the 1836 tax record, Eliza was listed as almost six years old while she was listed as six years old in the 1837 tax record.¹⁰⁹ Eliza's age remained at six years despite her presumed brother Mark increasing in age by one year. From these tax records, it is unclear whether Eliza was born in 1830 or 1831.

In her obituary, Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill's birth year was listed as 1832,¹¹⁰ which is altogether different from the tax records. It is possible then that Eliza or whomever wrote her obituary did not know her exact year of birth. Indeed, Eliza's age was not consistently indicated throughout census and other records (see Table 1 on the next page). Therefore, it is possible that the Eliza Wilson in the 1836 and 1837 tax records and Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill are the same person.

¹⁰⁸ The Curtis Enterprise (1910, February 11), "Mother's Gone", p. 3, col. 4, Curtis, NE; online database, <https://Newspapers.com>, accessed 21 Feb 2021. And 1900 U.S. census, Frontier County, Nebraska, population schedule, Curtis, p. 1B, family 126, image 12 of 18, A J [E J] Hill; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 10 Mar 2021); citing NARA microfilm T623, roll 927.

¹⁰⁹ Bucks County, Pennsylvania Tax Records, 1782-1860, Mark Wilson and Eliza Wilson (1836), Richland, image 30 of 31; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 24 April 2021); citing Bucks County, Pennsylvania, Tax Records, 1782-1860, Bucks County Historical Society, Doylestown. And, Chester County, Pennsylvania, Poor School Children Records, 1810-1842, Mark and Eliza Wilson (1837), East Vincent, p. 473 of 505; database with index, Chester County Archives (www.chesco.org, accessed 24 April 2021).

¹¹⁰ The Curtis Enterprise (1910, February 11), "Mother's Gone", p. 3, col. 4, Curtis, NE; online database, <https://Newspapers.com>, accessed 21 Feb 2021.

TABLE 1 -- Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill's Reported Years of Birth

Date	Informant	Birth Date	Source
1836	Unknown	1830 (May)	Poor school children tax record, Bucks County
1837	Unknown	1831	Poor school children tax record, Chester County
1850	Unknown	1827	U.S. Census
1860	Unknown	1831	U.S. Census
1870	Unknown	1834	U.S. Census
1880	Unknown	1831	U.S. Census
1885	Unknown	1832	Nebraska Census
1900	Unknown	1833 (May)	U.S. Census
1910	Likely children	1832	Find A Grave

Conclusion

Based on the evidence summarized in the evidentiary network in Figure 3, it is likely that Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry is the daughter of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel. In addressing this research objective, at least nine other siblings were potentially identified, several of which have "T" as a middle initial, which may be an abbreviation for "Thompson". During this period, it was common to give children their mother's maiden name as a middle name.¹¹¹

Perhaps the most critical piece of evidence is the 1896 deposition made by Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry, which set into motion the discovery of evidence leading to the probable identification of her parents. In her deposition, Sarah made three important statements, which cannot be violated if the assertion that William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel are to be her parents.

Statement 1: Aleck Shaw is Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry's Cousin

Alexander Shaw III was demonstrated to be a cousin through Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel's maternal line. Alexander Shaw III is a second cousin once removed to Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry.

¹¹¹ "Forenames," National Records of Scotland and the Court of the Lord Lyon, *ScotlandsPeople*, (<https://www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/guides/forenames>, accessed 23 April 2021), Middle Names.

Statement 2: Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry's Parents were Deceased by 1896

William Wilson (1793-1846) died 2 January 1846 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania,¹¹² and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel died 19 Mar 1882 in Plumstead.¹¹³ Both parents were deceased by 1896.

Statement 3: Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry had Only Three Living Siblings by 1896

Of the ten identified and probable children of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel, only four were living in 1896, including Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry, which is consistent with Sarah's statement (see Table 2 on the next page; siblings who were still living in 1896 are **bolded**). Note: Mark T. Wilson's fate is not known, but his disappearance from census records suggests he likely died after 1851.¹¹⁴

TABLE 2 -- Summary of Siblings Living in 1896

Children of William and Sarah Wilson	Birth Date	Death Date
Anna Maria (Wilson) Hicks	~1819	Before 1860
Margaret (Wilson) Dalby	~1821	1892
Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman	1825	1885
Mark T. Wilson	~1828	?
Elias H. Wilson	~1828	1874
Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill	1832	1910
Mart T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman	1832	1908
Martha H. (Wilson) Michener	1834	1881
Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry	1836	1898
William T. Wilson	1838	Between 1910-1917

¹¹² U.S., Quaker Meeting Records, 1681-1935, William Wilson, 2 January 1846, Richland Monthly Meeting, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, p. 10, image 7 of 28; database with image, *Ancestry* (www.ancestry.com, accessed 5 Mar 2021), citing Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania, Quaker Meeting Records.

¹¹³ *Bucks County Intelligencer* (1882, Apr 15), "Fravel".

¹¹⁴ 1850 to 1900 U.S. censuses, negative search for Mark T. Wilson, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/categories/usfedcen/> : accessed 1 April 2021).

Another important piece of evidence supporting the conclusion of this research report comes from U.S. census records. While Sarah’s presumed father, William Wilson (1793-1846), was not found in the 1840 census, the 1830 provides additional support that Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry and her newly identified siblings fit within the reconstructed family profile of William Wilson (1793-1846) and Sarah (Thompson) Wilson Fravel. As outlined in Table 3, all of Sarah’s presumed siblings born prior to 1830 fit within the applicable age categories in the 1830 census.

TABLE 3 -- 1830 U.S. Census: Pennsylvania, Bucks County, Richland

Males	Count	Hypothesized Family	Females	Count	Hypothesized Family
<5	2	-Elias H Wilson (~1828-1874) -Mark T. Wilson (~1828-?)	<5	1	Phebe Ann T (Wilson) <u>Fellman</u> (1825-1885)
5-10	1	-Unknown male	5-10	1	Margaret (Wilson) Dalby (~1821-1892)
10-15			10-15	1	Anna Maria (Wilson) Hicks (~1819-before 1860)
15-20			15-20		
20-30			20-30		
30-40	1	William Wilson (1793-1846)	30-40	1	Sarah (Thompson) Wilson <u>Fravel</u> (1798-1882)
Others Not Listed					
Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill (1832-1910)					
Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman (1832-1908)					
Martha H. (Wilson) Michener (~1834-1881)					
Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry (1836-1898)					
William T. Wilson (1838-between 1910-1917)					

Future Research Suggestions

Three future research suggestions are offered.

1: Search for the Unknown Male Wilson Child

An additional future research suggestion is to identify the one male child, who was likely born between 1820 and 1825 and who remains unaccounted for, based on the 1830 census (see Table 3).

2. Further Evaluate the Poor School Children Lists

The next research suggestion is related to the poor school children tax lists in Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery Counties. If all school children aged five to twelve requiring financial assistance are supposed to be listed in these records, then why aren’t Elias H. Wilson (born about 1828) and Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman (born 1825) listed on the poor school children lists? They would have been the right age to be included in the 1836 and 1837 lists. Perhaps they were living elsewhere at the time, or their other children were sponsored by someone else? Indeed, it appears that Phebe Ann T. (Wilson) Fellman spent considerable time with her cousin,

Sarah Thompson (1798-1867). Certainly, more research is required to fully address these questions.

3: Reconcile Birth Date Inconsistencies Between Sisters Eliza J. and Mary T. Wilson

Eliza J. (Wilson) Hill and Mary T. (Wilson) Baughman Sherman appear to have been born one month apart. Eliza's date of birth is reported as 9 May 1832 and Mary's is 1 June 1832.¹¹⁵ Sarah T. (Wilson) McKinstry identified both as siblings in her 1896 deposition. Therefore, one, or both, of the two sisters' birth dates must be incorrect given the one-month difference in births. It seems likely that the months and days of their respective births are correct as compared to their year of birth. Birth days are celebrated every year on the same day reinforcing the month and day, but the year more easily lost to time either intentionally or unintentionally. This discrepancy provides a final area for future research.

¹¹⁵ The Curtis Enterprise (1910, February 11), "Mother's Gone", p. 3, col. 4, Curtis, NE; online database, <https://Newspapers.com>, accessed 21 Feb 2021. And Mary W Sherman, 1832-1908, Find A Grave memorial 192253383, online database, (<https://findagrave.com>, accessed 12 March 2021); citing Harrison Cemetery, Wilson County, Kansas, USA; Photo added by KJLII (contributor 46637247).