

Ancestors of James Moonlight Wilson

Generation 1

1. **James Moonlight Wilson (II)**, son of James Moonlight Wilson and Rosina Wodtli was born on 18 Jun 1900 in Portland, Multnomah County, OR. He died on 06 Dec 1943 in Siletz, Lincoln County, Oregon (Mill accident). He married **Leona Hester Parmenter**, daughter of David Jay Parmenter and Mary Louisa Lawrence on 31 Aug 1925 in Canby, Clackamas County, OR. She was born on 05 Nov 1900 in Barlow, Clackamas County, Oregon. She died on 23 Mar 1970 in Canby, Clackamas County, Oregon.

Notes for James Moonlight Wilson:
Burial: Zion Cemetery, Canby, Oregon

Notes for Leona Hester Parmenter:
She raised 7 children by herself after her husband was killed in a lumber mill accident.

Generation 2

2. **James Moonlight Wilson (I)**, son of James Wilson and Agnes Moonlight was born on 04 Sep 1862 in Carmyllie, Forfarshire, Scotland. He died on 01 Apr 1949 in Salem, Marion County, OR. He married **Rosina Wodtli**, daughter of Johannes Wodtli and Maria Anna Brown on 28 Oct 1898 in Foster, Linn County, Oregon.
3. **Rosina Wodtli**, daughter of Johannes Wodtli and Maria Anna Brown was born on 28 Dec 1866 in Zoftring, Aargav, Switzerland. She died on 17 Mar 1963 in Oregon City or Colton, Clackamas County, Oregon.

More About Rosina Wodtli:
Burial: Canby, Oregon

Rosina Wodtli and James Moonlight Wilson had the following children:

- i. **Helen Marion Wilson**, daughter of James Moonlight Wilson and Rosina Wodtli was born on 04 May 1909 in Wilsonville, Clackamas County, Oregon. She died on 30 Sep 2002 in Woodburn, Marion, Oregon, United States of America. She married Nolan Raymond Yoder, son of Aaron Livingstone Yoder and Edna Cora Conrad on 20 May 1934 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. He was born on 11 Sep 1911 in Hubbard, Clackamas County, Oregon. He died on 22 May 1996 in McMinnville, Oregon.

More About Helen Marion Wilson:
Burial: Sep 2002 in Smyrna Cemetery, Clackamas, Oregon

Notes for Helen Marion Wilson:
She graduated from Oregon Normal School in Monmouth, OR. Taught for 30 years. Retired in 1977 from Canby Elementary School District.

More About Nolan Raymond Yoder:
Burial: 30 May 1996 in Smyrna Cemetery, Canby, Clackamas County, Oregon

Notes for Nolan Raymond Yoder:

Graduated from Benson High School and Benson Polytechnic in Portland, Oregon. Partner in the Yoder Mill since 1938.

- ii. Anne Wodtli Wilson, daughter of James Moonlight Wilson and Rosina Wodtli was born on 28 Aug 1906 in Wilsonville, Clackamas County, Oregon. She died on 04 Sep 1995 in Canby Perception Care Center, Oregon. She married Lorin E. Wrolstad, son of Louis Wrolstad and Edda Erickson on 16 Jun 1934 in Zoar Lutheran Church, Canby, Clackamas County, OR. He was born on 14 Jun 1909 in Barlow, OR. He died on 28 Feb 1993 in Molalla, Clackamas County, OR.

More About Anne Wodtli Wilson:

Burial: 08 Sep 1995 in Canby Zion Cemetery

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 - iii. James Moonlight Wilson, son of James Moonlight Wilson and Rosina Wodtli was born on 18 Jun 1900 in Portland, Multnomah County, OR. He died on 06 Dec 1943 in Siletz, Lincoln County, OR (Mill accident). He married Leona Hester Parmenter, daughter of David Jay Parmenter and Mary Louisa Lawrence on 31 Aug 1925 in Canby, Clackamas County, OR. She was born on 05 Nov 1900 in Barlow, Clackamas County, OR. She died on 23 Mar 1970 in Canby, Clackamas, OR.
 - iv. Robert Hans Wilson, son of James Moonlight Wilson and Rosina Wodtli was born on 11 Mar 1902 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon at St. Vincent's Hospital. He died on 26 Sep 1994 in Redmond, Deschutes County, Oregon. He married Margaret Catherine Davenport, daughter of Harry Henry Davenport and Margaret on 04 Aug 1927 in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon. She was born on 29 Apr 1905 in Butte, Montana. She died on 17 Mar 1985 in Canby, Clackamas, Oregon, United States of America.

Notes for Robert Hans Wilson:

Burial: 30 Sep 1994 in Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery, Portland, Oregon

Notes for Margaret Catherine Davenport:

Burial: Sunnyside, Oregon

Generation 3

- 4. **James Wilson**, son of James Wilson and Paterson was born in 1828 in Barry, Forfarshire, Scotland. He died on 13 Jan 1900 in South Grange of Connon, St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. He married **Agnes Moonlight**, daughter of David Moonlight and Helen Mill on 07 Jun 1862 in Forfar, Angus, Scotland.
- 5. **Agnes Moonlight**, daughter of David Moonlight and Helen Mill was born on 03 Sep 1836 in St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. She died on 10 Apr 1924 in Sedgewick, Alberta, Canada,.

Note for James Wilson:

Burial: St. Vigeans Church, near Arbroath, Scotland

Notes for Agnes Moonlight:

Burial: St. Vigeans Church, near Arbroath, Scotland

Mrs. A. Hutcheon (Ivydene) completed the "Moonlight" family tree.

Agnes Moonlight and James Wilson had the following children:

- i. David Wilson, son of James Wilson and Agnes Moonlight was born on 02 Oct 1864 in Carmyllie, Angus, Scotland. He died on 21 Jan 1943 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
 - ii. Agnes Wilson, daughter of James Wilson and Agnes Moonlight was born on 07 Jun 1867 in Kirkden, Forfarshire, Scotland. She died in 1937 in Scotland. She married Henry Thomas Weeks, son of Richard Tuckey Weeks and Emma Gunning in 1897. He was born in Jan 1869 in Colune, Wiltshire, England. He died on between 1911 & 1916.
 - iii. Mary Paterson Wilson, daughter of James Wilson and Agnes Moonlight was born on 05 Sep 1878 in St Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. She died on 19 Jan 1963 in General Hospital, Killam, Flagstaff, Alberta, Canada. She married James Drummond Ferrier on 06 Feb 1906 in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. He was born on 19 Nov 1875 in St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. He died on 17 Jan 1954 in General Hospital, Killiam, Alberta, Canada.
2. iv. James Moonlight Wilson, son of James Wilson and Agnes Moonlight was born on 04 Sep 1862 in Carmyllie, Forfarshire, Scotland. He died on 01 Apr 1949 in Salem, Marion Canby, OR. He married Rosina Wodtli, daughter of Johannes Wodtli and Maria Anna Brown on 28 Oct 1898 in Foster, Linn County, Oregon. She was born on 28 Dec 1866 in Zoftring, Aargav, Switzerland. She died on 17 Mar 1963 in Oregon City or Colton, Clackamas County, Oregon.
6. **Johannes Wodtli**, son of Jakob Woodtli and Marla Elisabeth Hofer was born on 23 Dec 1833 in Birchenfield, Switzerland. He died on 06 Jul 1906 in Sweet Home, Oregon. He married **Maria Anna Brown**, daughter of Brown and Von Safenwil in 1858.
 7. **Maria Anna Brown**, daughter of Brown and Von Safenwil was born on 26 Jan 1858 in Zofingen, Birchenfield, Switzerland. She died on 18 Jan 1916 in Sweet Home, Oregon.

Notes for Johannes Wodtli:

From Providence by Mrs. Anna Stocker. Johannes mother died when he was young but his father kept them at home. As the youngest of the children, he often was asked to read chapter after chapter of the Bible while his brothers and the neighboring boys played ball. He would later get to go out and play with the other boys but he always remembered the readings and received a firm faith in God from it. Grandfather Brown, our mother's father (Anna Wodtli Stocker), prayed every day. Johannes came to America first with the intention of buying a farm in Wisconsin. He returned to Switzerland to dispose of his property before taking his family, including a wife and 12 children, the youngest being four months old, to America. Johannes was in contact with Mr. Graff of Portage, Wisconsin. He had learned of this man through a German church paper. He left to buy the farm on April 5, 1852, on board a ship to St. Lawrence. It took about a month to cross the Atlantic to New York. He carried \$5,500 in Swiss money and a return ticket in a leather pouch. On board the ship, he lost the pouch in the lavatory. It was heartsick and quite distressed at losing the pouch, praying often to God for help. One day he was feeling especially alone despite all the people on the ship. As he looked out over the water, he heard satan talk to him. The devil said, "You are sure in a bad way. Your money all gone, can't buy a farm, return ticket gone, you'll soon land in New York a stranger and can't talk English. How could you go to Portage, Wisconsin to your friend you corresponded with." Then he reminded father of the family at home. Everything looked so dark; all was gone and lost and the future looked so discouraging. Satan said "Now what is your faith in God?" and suggested to father that he had better jump over board and end it all. But father had faith in God, also grandfather's praying for him at home, and quickly turned away, went down to his cabin and fell on his knees to pray to God. A fellow shipmate, Mr. Herrosay, tried to encourage Johannes by saying he would help him when they arrived in New York but Johannes had little confidence in him. When it was Johannes turn to walk down the gang plank, the Captain slapped him on the shoulder and asked if he was Hans Wodtli. They went to the Captain's private office where the Captain returned Johannes leather purse to him, with all the original contents. The Captain felt the purse would be safer with him. This event reaffirmed Johannes faith in God. Johannes went

to Portage, Wisconsin and met his friend Mr. Graff. Johannes and Mr. Graff traveled to Columbia County where Johannes bought a 160 acre farm in a nice farming community from Mr. James Robinson on May 23, 1882. Johannes then returned to Switzerland for his family. Mother (Maria) did not want to leave her elderly father alone (Grandfather Brown). He was 84 years old at this time. He was a praying man, spending hours in prayer. Johannes agreed to let Maria stay with her father and the five smallest children. He would take the seven older children with him to Wisconsin and return for her and the other children when her father passed on. Grandfather Brown told Maria not to worry and that God would lead and direct everything. Maria planned to stay with her father. However, in August 1882, he suddenly took sick and died within a few days. Johannes then sold the farm to his brother and disposed of everything he couldn't take along. On January 18, 1883, the Wodtli family left Birchenfeld, Switzerland, and sailed to New York, where they took a train to Portage, Wisconsin, and then to the farm five miles from Portage. They lived there for thirteen years. Johannes, Maria and the older children were saved and joined the Evangelical Church (German). They worshiped nightly as a family. In 1895, Johannes sold the farm in Wisconsin for \$9,400.00. He went to Oregon, having corresponded with Mr. Sam Nothiger of Sweet Home, and bought a place on Fern Ridge. He came back to Wisconsin, sold the farm in April 1895 and took Maria and ten children to the new Oregon farm. Two daughters had married in Wisconsin. Mary, the oldest, married August Scholl, and Bertha married Fred Mattke. Both families came to Oregon later and settled in Linn County. After the older children were married and left home, Johannes, Maria, and the rest of the children moved to Foster. Their son, John, and his wife, Minnie, lived on the Fern Ridge farm. After several months of illness, Johannes passed away on July 6, 1906.

Notes for Maria Anna Brown:

See Johannes Wodtli for Maria's story on immigrating to Oregon. Maria had a partial stroke in 1907 and was an invalid until January 18, 1916.

Maria Anna Brown and Johannes Wodtli had the following children:

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 - i. Rosina Wodtli, daughter of Johannes Wodtli and Maria Anna Brown was born on 28 Dec 1866 in Zoftring, Aargav, Switzerland. She died on 17 Mar 1963 in Oregon City or Colton, Clackamas County, Oregon. She married James Moonlight Wilson, son of James Wilson and Agnes Moonlight on 28 Oct 1898 in Foster, Linn County, Oregon. He was born on 04 Sep 1862 in Carmyllie, Forfarshire, Scotland. He died on 01 Apr 1949 in Salem, Marion Canby, OR.
 - ii. Anna Wodtli. She married Jacob Stocker.
 - iii. Lydia Wodtli, daughter of Johannes Wodtli and Maria Anna Brown was born in Jul 1880 in Switzerland. She married J. Spaar.
 - iv. Godtlieb Wodtli, son of Johannes Wodtli and Maria Anna Brown was born on 25 Apr 1884 in Ft. Winnebago, Wisconsin. He died in Sweet Home, Oregon. He married Gertrude Johnson, daughter of William R. Johnson and Matilda Weir on 20 Jun 1915 in Portland, Multnomah, Oregon. She was born on 25 Apr 1884 in Ft. Winnebago, Wisconsin. She died in Sweet Home, Oregon.
 - v. Emma Wodtli. She married Yost.
 - vi. Fredrick Wodtli, son of Johannes Wodtli and Maria Anna Brown was born on 06 Mar 1873 in Switzerland. He died on 09 Dec 1950 in Linn, Oregon. He married Emma Fink. She was born in 1883 in Germany.
 - vii. Albertina Wodtli. She married Fred Mattke.
 - viii. Jacob Wodtli, son of Johannes Wodtli and Maria Anna Brown was born in Jun 1868. He died in Dec 1896 (burned in a house fire).

Notes for Jacob Wodtli:

he was 28 years, 6 months, and 24 days old at his death.

- ix. Elizabeth Wodtli. She married Josi.

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- x. Lena Wodtli.

Notes for Lena Wodtli:

Lena never married. She went to India to be a missionary.

- xi. John Wodtli. He married Minnie Port.
- xii. Mary Wodtli. She married August Scholl.

Generation 4

- 8. **James Wilson** was born in 1800 in Scotland. He died in Scotland. He married **Unknown Paterson**.

- 9. **Unknown Paterson**.

Unknown Paterson and James Wilson had the following child:

- 4. i. James Wilson, son of James Wilson and Unknown Paterson was born in 1828 in Barry, Forfarshire, Scotland. He died on 13 Jan 1900 in South Grange of Connon, St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. He married Agnes Moonlight, daughter of David Moonlight and Helen Mill on 07 Jun 1862 in Forfar, Angus, Scotland. She was born on 03 Sep 1836 in St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. She died on 10 Apr 1924 in Sedgewick, Alberta, Canada,.
- 10. **David Moonlight**, son of John Moonlight and Magdaline Scott was born on 12 Jul 1806 in St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. He died on 30 Apr 1863 in Sunnyside, Montrose, USA. He married **Helen Mill**.
- 11. **Helen Mill** was born in 1809. She died in 1889.

Helen Mill and David Moonlight had the following children:

- 5. i. Agnes Moonlight, daughter of David Moonlight and Helen Mill was born on 03 Sep 1836 in St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. She died on 10 Apr 1924 in Sedgewick, Alberta, Canada. She married James Wilson, son of James Wilson and Paterson on 07 Jun 1862 in Forfar, Angus, Scotland. He was born in 1828 in Barry, Forfarshire, Scotland. He died on 13 Jan 1900 in South Grange of Connon, St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland.
- ii. Alexander Moonlight.
- iii. Thomas Moonlight, son of David Moonlight and Helen Mill was born in 1833 in Arbroath, Scotland. He died on 07 Feb 1899 in Leavenworth, Kansas.

More About Thomas Moonlight:

Burial: National Military Cemetery, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. Officers section.

Notes for Thomas Moonlight:

The Charles R. Low article on General Thomas Moonlight says his father's name was Thomas Moonlight, not James. This article also tells about the finding a baby in the moonlight as the founding member of the Moonlight family name. It says that the couple who found the baby at their door did not give them their own name but the last name of Moonlight (Munclight). Tom was apprenticed to Thomas Forbes, a firm of drapers in Arbroath at the age of 12. He disappeared a year later without a trace and did not write to his parents for several years. He wrote to say that he had signed on as a forecastle hand on a schooner heading to America and the city of Philadelphia. He worked several jobs and on farms in the east before enlisting in the regular US Artillery in 1853. He was sent to Florida to help the government move the Seminole

Indians to the Indian Territory, now the state of Oklahoma. At the end of this campaign, Tom was a captain of artillery. In 1857, he was sent to Colorado to take part in an expedition against the Mormons. His commanding officer, Colonel Albert Sidney Johnston, was one of the great generals of the Southern Confederacy during the Civil War. The Mormons, lead by Brigham Young, submitted to follow federal laws before any military intervention began. Tom returned to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas with the troops. This was his home between campaigns for the rest of his life. In 1859, Tom purchased a farm in Kickapoo Township, Kansas on the frontier near the Missouri River. Captain Moonlight again went into military service when the Northern and Southern states declared war on April 12, 1861. Kansas had divided loyalties so this was a bold move. Tom was promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General during the Civil War and received many commendations. He held several positions of importance during civilian life after the Civil and Indian Wars. He had a successful political life in Kansas. He was appointed as Governor of the Wyoming Territory by President Grover Cleveland in 1887, moving to Cheyenne on January 24, 1887. Wyoming Territory was the site of many bloody battles between the established cattle ranchers and the new sheep ranchers. The territory applied for and got statehood in 1888. Governor Moonlight reached a new low in popularity when he vetoed the new state legislature's appropriations bills to build various state buildings, which the state did not have the funds to build. The legislature over-ruled the veto but Governor Moonlight was soon proved to have the better financial judgment. His popularity soared with huge debt loomed over the new state. Tom resigned his governorship on April 9, 1889 to President Cleveland and returned to his farm in Leavenworth. He helped the Democrats return Grover Cleveland to a second term in 1893 and was appointed ambassador to the Republic of Bolivia. He served in Bolivia from 1893 to 1897. He returned to Leavenworth to establish a horse breeding farm but his retirement was short lived as he died on February 7, 1899. He was buried with full honors in the officers section of the National Military Cemetery at Fort Leavenworth.

12. **Jakob Woodtli**, son of Jakob Woodtli and Barabra Hynziker was born on 20 Feb 1791 in Switzerland. He died on 03 Dec 1864. He married **Marla Elisabeth Hofer**, daughter of Unknown Hofer and Unknown Von Niederwil on 06 May 1813.
13. **Marla Elisabeth Hofer**, daughter of Unknown Hofer and Unknown Von Niederwil was born on 10 Sep 1790. She died on 26 Mar 1851.
 Marla Elisabeth Hofer and Jakob Woodtli had the following child:
 6. i. Johannes Wodtli, son of Jakob Woodtli and Marla Elisabeth Hofer was born on 23 Dec 1833 in Birchenfield, Switzerland. He died on 06 Jul 1906 in Sweet Home, Oregon. He married Maria Anna Brown, daughter of Brown and Von Safenwil in 1858. She was born on 26 Jan 1858 in Zofingen, Birchenfield, Switzerland. She died on 18 Jan 1916 in Sweet Home, Oregon.
14. **Unknown Brown**. He died in Aug 1882. He married **Unknown Von Safenwil**.
15. **Unknown Von Safenwil**.
 Von Safenwil and Brown had the following child:
 7. i. Maria Anna Brown, daughter of Brown and Von Safenwil was born on 26 Jan 1858 in Zofingen, Birchenfield, Switzerland. She died on 18 Jan 1916 in Sweet Home, Oregon. She married Johannes Wodtli, son of Jakob Woodtli and Marla Elisabeth Hofer in 1858. He was born on 23 Dec 1833 in Birchenfield, Switzerland. He died on 06 Jul 1906 in Sweet Home, Oregon.

Generation 5

20. **John Moonlight**, son of David Moonlight and Janet Simpson was born in 1768. He died date Unknown. He married **Magdaline Scott**.
21. **Magdaline Scott** was born in 1776. She died in 1861.
- Magdaline Scott and John Moonlight had the following child:
10. i. David Moonlight, son of John Moonlight and Magdaline Scott was born on 12 Jul 1806 in St. Vigeans, Angus, Scotland. He died on 30 Apr 1863 in Sunnyside, Montrose, USA. He married Helen Mill. She was born in 1809. She died in 1889.
24. **Jakob Woodtli** was born in Switzerland. He married **Barabra Hynziker**.
25. **Barabra Hynziker** was born in Switzerland.
- Barabra Hynziker and Jakob Woodtli had the following child:
12. i. Jakob Woodtli, son of Jakob Woodtli and Barabra Hynziker was born on 20 Feb 1791 in Switzerland. He died on 03 Dec 1864. He married Marla Elisabeth Hofer, daughter of X. Hofer and X. Von Niederwil on 06 May 1813. She was born on 10 Sep 1790. She died on 26 Mar 1851.
26. **X. Hofer** was born in Switzerland. He married **X. Von Niederwil**.
27. **X. Von Niederwil** was born in Switzerland.
- X. Von Niederwil and X. Hofer had the following child:
13. i. Marla Elisabeth Hofer, daughter of X. Hofer and X. Von Niederwil was born on 10 Sep 1790. She died on 26 Mar 1851. She married Jakob Woodtli, son of Jakob Woodtli and Barabra Hynziker on 06 May 1813. He was born on 20 Feb 1791 in Switzerland. He died on 03 Dec 1864.

Generation 6

40. **David Moonlight**, son of James Moonlight and Mary was born in 1740. He died date Unknown. He married **Janet Simpson**.
41. **Janet Simpson** was born date Unknown. She died date Unknown.
- Janet Simpson and David Moonlight had the following child:
20. i. John Moonlight, son of David Moonlight and Janet Simpson was born in 1768. He died date Unknown. He married Magdaline Scott. She was born in 1776. She died in 1861.

Generation 7

80. **James Moonlight**, son of Robert Moonlight was born in 1703. He died date Unknown. He married **Mary**.
81. **Mary** was born in 1707. She died date Unknown.
- Mary and James Moonlight had the following child:
40. i. David Moonlight, son of James Moonlight and Mary was born in 1740. He died date Unknown. He married Janet Simpson. She was born date Unknown. She died date Unknown.

Generation 8

160. **Robert Moonlight**, son of James Moonlight was born in 1682. He died date Unknown.
- Robert Moonlight had the following child:
80. i. James Moonlight, son of Robert Moonlight was born in 1703. He died date Unknown. He married Mary. She was born in 1707. She died date Unknown.

Generation 9

320. **James Moonlight** was born about 1630. He died date Unknown.

James Moonlight had the following child:

160. i. Robert Moonlight, son of James Moonlight was born in 1682. He died date Unknown.