

Wayne McKinstry

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Wayne,

Recently I ran across the genealogy website wayneandshirley.name that you had created for your family. It is a nice website; and, you have been blessed with a very nice family. I was searching for some of my ancestors when I discovered it. Horace Boudinot Wilson was a brother to my great grandfather Calvin Wilson. Their father was my great-great grandfather William "Paddy" Wilson. Also, I discovered that your mother was June Mills McKinstry who I have a paper in my genealogy collection written by her before she died. The paper is about Horace Boudinot Wilson and is titled "Old Hearsay Stories". I believe Horace was her grandfather and your great grandfather! *I will enclose a rough copy of "Old Hearsay Stories" that I am sure you have seen and probably have a copy of.

June's father and mother, Tyra Mills and Cora (Wilson) Mills, were our neighbors when my family live in Jefferson County about a mile southeast of them on the Wayne/Jefferson County line. I attended New Bradford one room grade school west of where Tyra and Cora lived. I did not know your mother as well as I knew her sister Reba who married Clair Byers. They lived east of the Mills one room grade school which I also attended in Wayne County. I knew her brother Marvin when he was still single. As you know Cora was the daughter of Horace Boudinot Wilson and Sarah Abbott Wilson.

I know a lot about Horace Boudinot Wilson, my great uncle, because he was the one who acquired the land and built Garrison Temple Church for his future wife Susan Abbott. Also, he became very wealthy and influential in his community. I always said that if you build a church for God he will reward you! I am including you a genealogy paper that I created about the Boudinot – Wilson families. My family and almost all of my ancestors attended Garrison Temple church and most are buried in the cemetery there. I just recently buried my 97 year old mother there. An exception is Paddy who is buried in Bradford Cemetery which is a few miles northeast of Garrison Temple. Many of the Mills family are buried at Garrison Temple Cemetery also.

I am enclosing a letter that someone had sent you concerning Paddy's wife Susan Boudinot. This was very confusing to me for a long time because many genealogy papers show his wife as Susan Vergereau Bradford Boudinot which is incorrect. She is not the Susan Boudinot that he married. The Boudinot – Wilson paper I created will explain all this. It is amazing that when one person gets a name wrong in a genealogy study that it ends up wrong in many other places.

I hit a dead-end in my genealogy studies in determining who Paddy's actual father and mother were! I know there are genealogy studies that have his parents incorrect. There have been lots of controversy and arguments about who his parents actually are! I have a Wilson Family History Genealogy paper that says the Perrins History of Jefferson County states that he was the son of James Wilson. But the record of his 3rd marriage shows him to be the son of George Wilson and Rachel Caldwell as his parents. I am sure this is incorrect. I have spent lots of time researching this but do not have the answer. Do you know who his parents might be?

During my research I never did find your current phone number but did find your Springfield address which I hope is correct. I found the phone number when you lived in Chatham but it had been disconnected when I tried to call it. I had heard the name McKinstry many times; but, I not sure if I knew any of your family when I lived in Jefferson County. I saw that you graduated from Pickneyville High School. MY wife's name was Bigham and all of her relatives on her father's side were from the Pickneyville area. Also, I saw that you had recently retired from State of IL where you had worked in IT. I retired at end of 2010 after working about 40 years as an IT Programmer/Analyst. My wife and I, 2 children, and 2 grandchildren have lived for the last 22 years in Flower Mound, TX just north of the DFW airport. I graduated from Bluford (Webber Township) High School which was recently torn down in 1958.

I will keep my fingers crossed that you receive this letter. Please call me anytime and/or EMAIL me. Thanks for your time!

Handwritten signature of Jerry Wilson in cursive script.