**Nancy Vawter4, (Richard3, John2, Bartholomew1)**

Nancy Vawter was the daughter of Richard Vawter and Frances Towles. She m. 17 Nov 1795 at Madison Co., VA to Elijah Wilhoit b. 18 Mar 1775 Culpeper Co., VA.. (Nancy and her sister Tabitha married together on the same day). Marriage reported by Rev. William Carpenter.

In the wills of her parents is found:

Richard Vawter will 1 Mar 1803 - 24 Mar 1803, Madison Co., VA: *Item, I give and* *bequeath unto my son-in-law Elijah Wilhoit, the tract of land where he now lives on condition of his paying unto my three daughters, Margaret Breedlove, Lucy Finks and Tabitha Rouse the sum of $100 each in three annual payments, the first payment due 1st. day of January after my decease.*

Frances Vawter will 11 Nov 1811 - 16 Dec 1811, Madison Co., VA: *after my decease my Executor sell the whole of my estate and the money arising from the sale those together with that debts as owing to me and all the money I have in hand be divided in the following manner first pay to my daughter Frances Alpha and Omega Shelton thirty six pounds lawful money of Virginia and the balance to be equally divided between by three daughters Francis Alpha and Omega Shelton above mentioned. Ann Vaughter and Nancy Wilhoit and their lawful heirs- I leave my estate in this manner for my conviction that my children herein named have received less from there Father Richard Vawter dece'd than my other children,*

From *History of Woodford County* by Wiliam E. Railey. The Taylors and Strothers were from Orange Co., VA. Col. Richard Taylor and his brother Hancock had been to the Kentucky territory earlier and had surveyed Fayette, Woodford, and Franklin Counties. Col. Richard Taylor was President Zachary Taylor’s father and they settled in KY when Zachary was one year old.

Alpha Vawter/Robert Shelton, Anna Vawter/Philemon Vawter, Jesse Vawter/Elizabeth Watts and William Vawter/ Mary Rucker had all migrated to KY during the first decade of the 1800’s. Woodford Co., KY is the location of these families, near the forks of the Elkhorn River. This was near Frankfort, KY.

About 1814, Nancy & Elijah moved to Woodford Co., KY and bought the farm of Col. Richard Taylor who inherited by Col. Taylor’s wife from her father, William Strother. The farm adjoined Thomas Colman, whose wife was a sister of Col. Taylor’s wife and had inherited her estate from the same source.

Shortly after, on 1 Oct 1815, Elijah Wilhoit died. Nancy married (2) Mr. Hawkins.

Elijah’s father was John Wilhoit b. 1745 Orange Co., VA d. bef. 13 Mar 1813 Jefferson Co., KY. Heads of Families - Orange County, 1782

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Wilholt, John 8 --

About 1768 he m. in Culpeper Co., VA to Elizabeth Blankenbaker b. ca 1753. Elizabeth’s father was Michael Blankenbaker b. ca 1730 d. bef. 21 Jun 1790 Culpeper Co. VA and Elizabeth’s mother was Elizabeth Barbara Gaar b. 11 Feb 1729/30. John Wilhoit and Elizabeth Blankenbaker had 11 children. The name is also found spelled Wilhoite or Willhoit.

Children:

1. Aaron b. ca 1767, this son was from a 1st wife of John’s named Sarah ?. The other 11 children are of Elizabeth.

2. Lewis (Dec. 26, 1768-May 28, 1859, age 90) (Married Miss Hollenbeck, then Rebecca Netherton Kellar)

3. Mary (Dec. 17, 1770-April 10, 1838, age 67) (Married Adam Miller) (ten children)

4. Anna (March 5, 1775) (Married William Roebuck on Feb. 18, 1805, in Madison County, Virginia) (William was previously Married to Sarah Wayland) (Anna remarried to Adam Shrader on Jan. 17, 1815)

5. Elijah (March 18, 1775-Oct. 1, 1815, age 40) (Married Nancy Vawter) (five children)

6. Simeon (Nov. 8, 1777-Nov. 1826, age 48 or 49) (Married Mary Finks) (eight children)

7. Elliott (Jan. 8, 1780-Dec. 17, 1846, age 66) (Married Julia Ann Finks) (five children)

8. Elizabeth (Sept. 5, 1782) (Married William Broyles)

9. Rhoda (May 22, 1785) (Married William Hardin) (nine children)

10. Julius (Dec. 13, 1787) (Married Lucinda Yewell) (lived in Edgar County, Illinois) (eight children)

11. Abraham (Feb. 5, 1791-Sept. 19, 1838, age 47) (Married Martha Mosby, then Frances Powell Mosby)

12. Lucy (Jan. 8, 1793-July 5, 1876, age 83) (Married Jonathan Hardin) (eight children)

Children of Elijah and Nancy (Vawter) Wilhoit:

1. Malinda Wilhoit b. 11 Oct 1796 Madison Co., VA d. 7 May 1885, m. Medley Shelton 24 May 1813 in Woodford Co., KY, cousin and son of Alpha Vawter & Robert Shelton.

(See Frances Alpha & Omega Vawter4 file)

2. Hiram Wilhoit b. 22 Jan 1798 Madison Co., VA d. 18 Aug 1876. Married (1) Mary Hobson Mosby and m. (2) Sophia Thornton. Sophia was the granddaughter of Thomas Coleman and Susanna Strother Hawkins (widow of Capt. Moses Hawkins). They had several children of whom one was Judge James T. Wilhoit, early postmaster of Versailles, KY. Hiram as the eldest son cared for the other children when his father died at an early age.

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*Judge James T. Wilhoit
Important offices were filled by Judge James T. Wilhoit, whose spirit was of that vital and forceful nature which finds its highest expression in public service, and an unblemished record won for him the unqualified respect and confidence of the citizens of Versailles. He was known and honored throughout Woodford county and his demise on the 18th of June, 1923, was the occasion of deep and widespread regret.

Judge Wilhoit was born January 10, 1853, on a farm near Mortonsville, Kentucky, and was a son of Hiram and Sophia (Thornton) Wilhoit, the latter of whom was related to General Zachary Taylor through the Strother family. The paternal grandparents, Elijah and Nancy (Vawter) Wilhoit, settled on a farm near Mortonsville in 1814 and the former died in 1815, while his widow passed away several years later at Jacksonville, Illinois. When seventeen years of age Hiram Wilhoit took charge of the homestead, which he subsequently sold to a son, and purchased a tract of land on the Kentucky river. There he followed the occupation of farming and also operated a sawmill, converting the logs that came down the river into commercial lumber. He built up a large industry, which he continued until after the Civil war, and then sold the business. He was a democrat of the Jackson type and served as a magistrate under the old constitution. He filled the office for many years and died at the age of seventy-nine. His commission was preserved by the subject of this sketch, who was also the possessor of other interesting documents, dating back for a century or more. One was a letter written by his grandfather in 1812 and he also had an old account book that belonged to Richard Vawter, the father of his grandmother, Nancy Vawter. In this book mention is made of transactions between Richard Vawter and Henry Field, Jr., of Madison county, Virginia, during the year 1792. It also refers to a stock of rum or brandy and a large yardage of "nigger cotton."

James T. Wilhoit was reared on the river farm and attended the public schools of that locality. At the age of nineteen he entered Kentucky University at Lexington but soon afterward returned to the homestead and followed agricultural pursuits until appointed deputy sheriff under Robert H. Stout. Mr. Wilhoit was elected sheriff January 1, 1898, and was the first incumbent of the office under the new constitution, serving for one term. When Judge Stout was called to the state bench Mr. Wilhoit was chosen by Governor Beckham as his successor in the office of county judge and filled out the unexpired term. He was then elected for the regular term of four years and his just and impartial administration of the law won for him high commendation. On May 16, 1914, he was appointed postmaster of Versailles and acted in that capacity until 1922, discharging his duties with characteristic efficiency and fidelity. The business of the office was greatly increased during that period, requiring the services of three clerks and six rural delivery carriers. He was a good citizen, a devoted husband and father and a loyal, steadfast friend, always following the course dictated by conscience and honor.

In 1874 Judge Wilhoit married Miss Alice Bohon, a native of Missouri and a daughter of George and Susan (Gray) Bohon. She was a child when her father died and her mother returned to Kentucky soon afterward. To Judge and Mrs. Wilhoit were born six children. John T., the youngest, was in the employ of the Standard Oil Company at Henderson, Kentucky, and died September 12, 1925. The others are: Martha, the wife of Wallace Johnson, who is engaged in farming in Woodford county; Hiram, who acts as cashier of the Woodford Bank & Trust Company; James C., who is a well known attorney of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Sophia, the wife of Victor Bradley, a successful lawyer, practicing at Versailles; and George B., a clerk in the local postoffice.
Note: Judge Wilhoit was related to both Wilhoit and the Strother families of Carter Co., Ky.*

3. Eleazar Wilhoit b. 27 Mar 1800 Madison Co., VA d. 8 Mar 1880 Platte Co., MO. He m. (1) 21 Sep 1820 in Woodford or Trimble Co., KY to Nancy Connell b. 20 Jan 1803 d. 8 Jan 1827 Trimble Co., KY and m. (2) 15 Mar 1827 Clark Co., KY to Agnes “Addie” Connell. Both wives were the dau. of Jesse Connell & Elizabeth “Betsy” (Cotton) Gray.

4. Emily Tolls (Toles) Wilhoit b. 17 Dec 1806, Madison Co., VA d. after 1850 in MO or KS. She m. 15 Jan 1822 Woodford Co., KY to Merritt Scott Johnson and had at least one son, Hiram Willhoite Johnson.

5. Ansel Vawter Wilhoit b. 4 Aug 1812, Madison Co., VA d. 6 Jul 1858. He m. 1 Dec 1834 to Lucinda Rucker of Woodford Co., KY.

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