        **NEW INFORMATION**

        **GEORGE WILCOCKSON MARRIAGE RECORD**

        **CHESTER COUNTY, PA. TAX RECORDS**

        **COURT RECORDS FOR DAUGHTER, MARY WILCOCKSON**

        **STORY OF BORROWING SQUIRE BOONE’S MUSKET**

        **HAVE WE THE WRONG PARENTS FOR WILLIAM "RED" WILCOCKSON?**

There are several immigrant lines of Wilcocksons in this country; but the George Wilcockson and Elizabeth Powell family line originated in eastern Pennsylvania.

The spelling of the Wilcockson surname varies greatly after descendants leave Pennsylvania and continues to do so past the year 1850.  Also, the grandchildren’s names are so similar that they cause much confusion.

     George Wilcockson

         Born: 10 March 1692\* England

         Married: 15 April 1719 at Haverford Quaker Meeting House, Chester County,                            Pennsylvania

         Died: before October 1739, at the age of 47, probably Chester County

         Parents: John Wilcockson of Cossal, Nottinghamshire, England

         Immigration:  1718 or before

     Elizabeth Powell

          Born: 10 March 1696\* in Chester County, Pennsylvania

          Died: 1740 at the age of 44 in Chester County.

          Parents:  Rowland Powell and Maud Richards, both born in Wales

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\* Reliability and source of dates is unknown

George Wilcockson immigrated to America before 1719, and at the time of his marriage in 1719, his father was noted living in Cossall, Nottinghamshire, England.  His 15 April 1719 marriage to Elizabeth Powell was recorded in Radnor Quaker Meeting given below.  The Quakers did not give their months names, but as 1st, 2nd , 3rd, etc.  This can be misleading in Colonial times when they sometimes began their 1st month with March, instead of January.

**Marriage of George Wilcockson + Elizabeth Powell**

            2dly Monthly Meeting **Radnor Monthly Meeting** of Overseers, Chester County, Pennsylvania:  That George Wilcockson proposes his Intention of Marriage with Elizabeth, daughter of Powell.  David Lewis and Henry Lawrence are appointed to inspect into his clearness and conversation and bring an account thereof to the next meeting.

15 April 1719 - Radnor Monthly Meeting, Chester County, Pennsylvania (with some spelling corrections and punctuation added, but names as spelled):  Whereas George Wilcockson, son of John Wilcockson of Cossal in Nottinghamshire in Great Britain, Batchelor, and Elizabeth Powell daughter of Rowland Powell of the Township of Haverford in the County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania, Spinster, having declared their intentions of Marriage before several Monthly Meetings of the People called QUAKERS, according to the good Order used among them whose proceedings therein after a deliberate consideration thereof and having consent of Parents and Relations concerned, nothing appearing to obstruct were left to their freedom to proceed by the said Meetings.

NOW THESE ARE TO CERTIFY all whom it may concern that for the full accomplishing of their said Intentions, this fifteenth day of the Second Month (called April) in the year One Thousand Seven hundred and nineteen, they the said George Wilcockson and Elizabeth Powell appeared in a public Assembly of the said people at their public Meeting house at Haverford aforesaid, and the said George Wilcockson taking the said Elizabeth Powell by the hand did in a Solemn manner openly declare (thus), he took her to be his wife, promising with God’s Assistance to be unto her a faithful and Loving husband until death should Separate (them), and then there in ye said Assembly the said Elizabeth Powell did in like manner declare that she took ye said George Wilcockson to be her husband promising with God’s Assistance to be unto her a faithful and Loving wife until death should separate (them).  And Moreover the said Geo: Wilcockson and Elizabeth Wilcockson (she according to ye Custom of Marriage Assuming ye name of her husband), as a further confirmation thereof did then and these presents set their hands, we whose names are here under written being among others presents at ye Solemnization of their said Marriage and Subscription in manner aforesaid as Witnesses thereunto have also to these presents set our hands the day and year above written.

            (Column One of names):  John Blumston, John Oxley, Joseph Allinson, Daniel Humphrey, Henry Lewis, Lewis David, David Llewelyn, David Lewis, Rees Phillip, Thos Lawrence, Obadiah Bonsall, James Hunt, Henry Lawrence

            (Column Two, separated by a line):  Wm Musgrave, Jno Wood Jur, Evan Bovan, Richd Moore

(Column Two, following):  Margret Thomas, Hannah Humphrey, Elizabeth Humphrey, Elienor Thomas, Anne Lewis, Sarah Lawrence, Sarah Rees, Hannah Humphrey Jur.

            (Column Three, separate):  **George Wilcockson**, “E” her mark – **Elizabeth Wilcockson**

            (Column Three, following):  Rowland Powell Senior, Rowland Powell Jur, Gobithia Powell, Jemima Powell, Dorithy Powell, Mary Powell, John Wood, Rebeckah Wood, Rebekah Hunt, Sarah Faucitt, Lydia Ellis  (transcibed from both a later typed copy and the original handwritten record)

            14th day of 3rd month 1719:  Monthly Meeting held at Merion Meeting House:  Account is brought by the friends appointed to see the accomplishment of George Wilcoxson and his wife’s marriage, that their said marriage was accomplished Orderly, and their marriage Certificate was brought to this meeting in order to be recorded.

            Notice that there are no Wilcocksons at the wedding, but the Powell family is there in full force.

            Lyman Draper reported that “George Wilcoxen,” a young man unacquainted with guns, one day borrowed Squire Boone’s long musket to go deer hunting.  George loaded it with a half dozen ordinary charges, fired at a deer, and the kickback caused him a bloody nose and face and a deep gash in his forehead.   When Boone asked him what happened to the deer, Wilcoxen didn’t know, so he, Boone and a friend returned to the site and found a dead deer.  (from Draper Manuscript Collection, Volume B2, page 30-31, courtesy of the Wisconsin Historical Society.)

George Wilcockson was a weaver whose home was in Uwchlan Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania.  He was taxed there for 1726 to 1737.   No additional records of George Wilcockson were found at Radnor Meeting House.   Further research might be to find a Quaker Meeting House closer to where they lived.  There is, in fact, an early Uwchlan Meeting House as early as 1715/1720.  Records, if they exist, would be at the Friends Historical Library at Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

**Chester County, Pa. Tax Records which begin 1715**

1726 Uwchlan Township:  George Willcocks, 0 pounds, 1 shilling, 6 pence

1729 Uwchlan Township:  name not listed

1730 Uwchland Township:  George Willockson, 0-1-6

1732 Uwchland Township:  George Willcockson 0-1-0

1737 Uwchland Township:  George Wilcockson

1740 - Wilcockson name not listed

**Chester County, Pa. Land Patent of George Wilcockson**

Land Survey:  “By the Proprietaries, Pennsylvania.  At the Request of **George Wilcockson**of the County of Chester that We would grant him to take up **two hundred acres** of land in Uwchlan Township adjoyning to David Roberts and Thomas Puch in the said County of Chester for which He agrees to pay our use the Sum of Fifteen Pounds Ten Shillings current Money of this Province for each Hundred Acres, and the yearly Quit-rent of one Half-penny Sterling for every Acre thereof; THESE are to authorize and require thee to survey or cause to be survey’d unto the said **George Wilcockson**at the Place aforsaid, according to the Method of Townships appointed, the said Quanity of 200 Acres that hath not been already survey’d or appropriated, and make Return thereof into the Secretary’s Office, in order for a further Confirmation, for which this shall be thy sufficient Warrant, which Survey, in case the said **George Wilcockson**fulfil the above Agreement with six months from the Date hereof, shall be valid, otherwise to be void.  GIVEN under my Hand, and the lesser Seal of our Province, at Philadelphia, this **6th day of November**, Anno Dom. **1734.**To Benjamin Fastburn, Surveyor General.”

Actual Survey (C-224, page 78) with drawing:  “In pursuance of a warrant from the prop’es dated the 6th of November 1734.  Surveyer unto **George Willcockson**on the **10th of May**then next ensuring the above described Tract of Land Situate in Uwchlan Township in Chester County containing **95 acres**and the usual allowance for roads.  Jno. Taylor.”

            Land Patent (A-8, page 320), tow pages condensed:  John Penn, Thomas Penn, and Richard Penn, Esq., absolute Proprietaries and Governors in Chief of the Province of Pennsylvania and Counties of New-Caste, Kent and Sussex on Delansart...present greeting...on the sixth day of November 1734, there was surveyed and laid out on the Tenth Day of May...for **George Wilcockson**of the County of Chester a certain track of land situate in the Township of Uwchlan in said County...containing 95 acres (with survey details).  Recorded 21st Day of January 1737/8.

**FINAL YEARS**

                        In 25 October 1739, Elizabeth Wilcockson is given administration of the estate of her husband, George Wilcockson, deceased.  No details could be found in the 10/2002 visit. (from Wills of Chester County, Pennsylvania, based on the Abstracts of Jacob Martin, page 91).

However, Dorothy Ford Wulfeck in her book Wilcoxson and Allied Families,” 1958 (page 6), has the Elizabeth Wilcockson administratrix bond for her husband, George, deceased, bond dated 25 October 1739, Chester County, Pa.  The estate Inventory included a tract of 95 acres of land, cows and horses, corn in the ground, hay and corn in the stacks, weavers looms, etc.  (Estate File 677)

            In 17 April 1740, Philip Yarnall, who had previously purchased the Wilcockson land, became the administrator to the estate of Elizabeth Wilcockson, deceased.  The estate file packet had only two papers, and suggested missing information.  For instance, there must be an estate sale with purchasers and-or final estate totals.  Perhaps, a much older genealogy history might have this.  This was what was found:

**Estate File** #704 for **Elizabeth Wilcockson**, with information condensed and subject to interpretation due to difficulty reading the document:  Phillip Yarnal, John Wharton and Thomas James, of Chester County, Province of Pennsylvania, yeomen, bound unto Peter Evens, Reg. General to administer the probate, dated **17 April 1740**.  Phillip Yarnal is to make an inventory or possessions and credits of the estate of Elizabeth Wilcockson, deceased...before 5th of May...with orphans court named...for chattels and credits delivered to pay to such person or persons, as appointed by this court.  (Signed on left side of document by) David Ranken and Jo Parker, (and on right side by) Philip Yarnall, John Wharton, and Thomas James.

            21st of 2nd month **1740**:  The **inventory** of the rights, goods and chattels of **Elizabeth Wilcockson**, late deceased (the following has many unreadable items):

            Right to remainder of a lease - 3 pounds-0 shillings-0 pence; corn in the ground - 1-0-0; one weavers loom - 2-5-0; slays? and geers? - 0-15-0; one hcvs? - 1-0-0; one pot - 0-4-0; one pail - 0-1-0; two chairs - 0-2-0; one box grain - 0-1-6; one frying pan - 0-5-0; one Beak? stone - 0-6-0; one Dugh? trough - 0-3-0; one brass kettle - 0-3-0; boards - 0-4-0; one grnls? ngues? - 0-3-0; broken wheels? - 0-2-0; - one side saddle - 0-1-0; \_\_ goen\_bs? - 0-1-0; bed and bed clothes and bedsteads - 0-10-0; one hanging gren and pothooks - 0-2-0; washing pans and trough - 0-?-0; two caggs (kegs?), one tub - 0-2-0; Two glass bottles - 0-0-10; earthen ware - 0-1-0.   \_\_ accounts \_\_ (incoming?) - 6-18-9; move to \_\_ accounts \_\_ (owed?) – 2-14-5.  (Ap)praised by Edward Goff and Joseph Pugh.

**Orphans Court for Mary Wilcockson, 1742**

            The next document is a petition to Orphans County by John Yarnall, with the original nearly impossible to read and its “translation,” subject to other interpretations.  Letters such as “r”, “o”, “x”, and “e” appeared uniquely incorrect from today’s English lettering.

**Petition of John Yarnell** of the Township of Edgemont and County of Chester in the Province of Pennsylvania at Orphans Court held in Chester, 21st day of September **1742**.  Jhenothy George Wilcox of Youkland in the County of Chester, died in said year 1739 and his widow Elizabeth Wilcox administered to her Husband, Deceased, and that she also dyed in ye year 1740 and allyed children remaining unprovided for by her deceased Husband, Werd (reared?) by her (crossed off is – “untill they arrived at age, except”) taken cared off untill they word fitt to be bound out to trades except Mary Wilcox the youngest surviving which was lost at age of five years without any friends to take any care of her, and Phillip Yarnell, administering to said Elizabeth Wilcox as principal credetor finding her estate fall very (in)sefficiant, could not allow her any support.  John Yarnoll, the petitioner did then out of compasion to the said child take her to his house and has since maintained her past his own proper cost and charge for about 18 months.  Therefore Beggs this Honourable Court will ce pleased to bind her out to him untill she arrives att the age of eighteen years.  Your Petitioner Shall geateffully acknowd this, Mo 21-1742.  (signed) John Yarnall

The **Minutes of Orphans Court**in **1742** for Mary Wilcoxson (very hard to read and open to other interpretations):

John Yarnall, administrator of Wilcockson petition ye Court for ye binding of its within named Child with right is supposed to be 6 years ­­\_\_ old and at ye Just an (supposed) honour that said Court put forth ye with\_ Child to John Yarnall till she arrives to 18 years and he have her to read and write and he to instruct in husbandry and at ye his  \_\_ turns to give her now new such \_\_ of \_\_ she wears.

Comment:  Yarnall was going to teach Mary to read and write?

**Children of George Wilcockson and Elizabeth Power are thought to be:**

            Currently, proof is needed to complete this immigrant linage with four of his five reported children (except their daughter Mary).  The first names given to these Wilcockson children do seem very compatible with earlier known names.   The children’s records to follow are sometimes a blend of other records, with their accuracy undetermined.

1.  **John Wilcoxson**

Born: 6 Sept 1720 at Lancaster County (later Berks County), Pennsylvania

Married:  1742 to Sarah C. Boone, daughter of Squire and Sarah (Morgan) Boone

Died: died 1798 in North Carolina.  See next generation for details.

2.  **George Wilcoxson**

Born:  about 1722, 1727, 1730, or ?

      Died:  September 1785 and was buried at Eaton Cemetery, Rowan County, N.C.

      Married:  Elizabeth Hall (1739 to 15 December 1782) who is also buried at the same cemetery.

     The will of George Willcockson was filed in Rowan County, North Carolina in 20 June 1785 and probated 1786.  He gave to his eight children 500 acres on Bear Creek, 300 acres on Roaring River in Wilkes County, and the 250 acre homeplace: (1) Isabella Adams, (2) David Willcockson, (3) George Willcockson, (4) John Willcockson, (5) Elizabeth Willcockson, (6) Mary Willcockson, (7) Isaac Willcockson, and (8) James Willcockson.  The five youngest children were to be schooled.  The will named John Willcockson, Sr. as a brother.   Senior is clearly given to John Willcockson in this will.

     Children of George Wilcoxson and Elizabeth Hall are:

           (a). Isabel Willcockson was born about 1745, location unknown

           (b). George Willcockson was born about 1749.  George W. Willcockson, deceased, of Rowan County, North Carolina named in his will:  (i) daughter who married Jonathan Gary, (ii) Enoch Wilcox, (iii) Asa Wilcox, (iv) Jesse Wilcox, (v) Eunice Wilcox

           (c). David Willcockson was born 1747-50 and died 1815-16 at Franklin County, Kentucky.  David married 1st to Ellender Boone (1766-1799) and 2nd to Janet Pemberton on 4 February 1804, a widow with 5 children.  David was at Fort Boonesborough in 1776, and noted in Fayette County, Kentucky 1776, 1779, 1789.  A David Wilcox is reported in tax lists of 1793, 1794 Madison County and 1796 Clark County, Kentucky.

           (d). John Wilcox was born 6 September 1766 in Rowan County, N.C. and died 3 February 1819 at Shelby County, Kentucky.  Said to have 13 children from 1794 to 1816, with all using the surname of Wilcox.

           (e). Elizabeth Willcockson was born about 1768.

           (f). Mary Willcockson was born about 1770.

           (g). Isaac Willcockson was born about 1772, and married Elizabeth Gooch.

           (h). James Willcockson was born about 1774.

3.  **Hannah Wilcoxon**

            Hannah was born about 1729 and married Daniel Lewis (1730-1801 Rowan County, North Carolina).  Children: (1) Daniel Lewis Jr. (13 October 1767 – 1801 Rowan County, North Carolina), (2) Sarah Lewis, (3) Hannah Lewis (23 April 1772 Rowan County, N.C. to 16 February 1842 in Alabama)

4.  **Isaac Wilcockson**

Born:  ~1724

            Married 1st on 1747 to **Martha Bane** (~1727 Pennsylvania – 9 September 1757 Rowan County, North Carolina.).

            Married 2nd  on 1759 at Rowan County , North Carolina to **Edith Philpott** (23 April 1740 to 17??).  After Isaac died, Edith Philpott Wilcoxon later married Mathew Bucie (Busey) 1767 at Rowan Co, N.C., and had additional children.

Died: 11 September 1765 at Rowan County, North Carolina, and buried at Joppa Cemetery, near Mocksville, N.C. at the age of 41.

Isaac Willcockson witnessed a deed in Anson County, North Carolina, 13 October 1750, the date of which indicates how early he came to North Carolina.  In 1753, Rowan County divided from Anson.  On 9 October 1765, Rowan County court books ordered \_?\_ Willcock, Widdow of Isaac Willcocks and George Wilcox to administer the estate of Isaac Wilcox, deceased.  In 12 February 1771, orphans of Issac Willcock, deceased – William, Daniel, and Martha came into court and chose as their guardian, Isaac Willcock, under 100 pound bond with George Willcocks and John Bryant as security.

         Children of Isaac Wilcockson and Martha Bane:

                  a. Daniel Wilcockson (born about 1751/53)

                  b. Martha Wilcockson was born about 1757 and died 1798 Ky.  She married 1st to Joseph Wilson about 1772 in N.C. and 2nd to John Whitaker.

                  c. William Wilcockson was born about 1752/3 – died either September 1795 N.C or after 1800 in Wilkes County, North Carolina.

            This William married 1777 at the Exeter Meeting House, Berks County, Pa. to Rachel Boone, born 1756 and died September 1795.   William had returned to Pennsylvania and then moved back to North Carolina about 1788, when he purchased land.  Children probably are:  (i) Tarlton Wilcoxson (~1790), (ii) Rachel Wilcoxson (~1793).

**Is the William + Rachel Boone Wilcockson Information Wrong?**

**Could the line really be:**

**1 - Isaac (~1724 - ~1765) + Martha Bane Wilcockson to son**

**2 - William (~1752/58 – 1800+) + Nancy Sparks Wilcockson to son**

**3 - Daniel (1775 - ~1853) + Fanny Wilcockson of Wilkes County, North Carolina**

         Judy Brown recently questioned the traditional parents of William "Red" Wilcockson (~1758), who married Nancy Sparks.  While the evidence is not yet conclusive, her arguments included (e-mails of 30 July; 6, 7 August 2005):

1.  William Wilcox made land entries on North Fork of Hunting Creek in Wilkes County in 1778, 1779, 1780.   In 13 June 1803, he sold to Daniel Wilcoxson 24.5 acres and 1850 acres on North Hunting Creek.

2.  The 1772 Rowan County Tax list in "Johnston's District" included:  Daniel Wilcox, Isaac Wilcox, William Wilcox, George Wilcox.  In contrast in "Lyon's District" were: John, John, Jr., and George Wilcockson (surname spelling not certain here).

4.  1790 U.S. Census of Wilkes County, N.C.:

            Wm. Wilcox: 3 males 16+; 4 males >16; 3 females all ages

     1790 U.S. Census of Rowan County, N.C. (not an alphabetical list), but next to each other:

            William Wilcoxon 3-2-2; John Wilcoxon, Sr. 1-1-1; John Wilcoxon, Jr. 1-4-6

5.  1800 U.S. Census of Wilkes County, N.C.(alphabetical by A's, B's, etc):

            Daniel Wilcoxson 20100-00100

            William Wilcoxson 02201-32010

     1800 U.S. Census of Rowan County, N.C.

            WilliamWilcoxon 10101-10101

            Census records suggest Rowan County's William Wilcoxon belongs to John \_ Sarah Boone Wilcockson.  He does not appear have the numerous children that William + Nancy Sparks had.  Can any reader help sort out this problem?

       Martha’s kin state that her brother died when Martha was a small child, and her father died when she was still a minor.  “The guardian Isaac Willcocks may be Isaac Willcockson, son of John Wilcoxson (JRM).

       Isaac Wilcockson married 2nd to Edith Philpott in 1759 and children are:

                   (a). Rachal Wilcoxon was born 28 Feb 1760

                   (b). Catherine Wilcoxon was born 14 Feb. 1762 and died 1803 or 1843 in

                               Clark County, Indiana.  She married Isaac Holman in 1757.

                   (c).  Aaron Wilcoxon was born 11 June 1764 Rowan Co, N.C. and died 11

                               July 1830 in Washington Co, Indiana.  He married Hannah \_\_.

                               Aaron “Wilcocks” was listed on the 1789 Fayette County, Kentucky

                               Census and later lived in Clark County, Indiana, and Washington

                               County, Indiana.

5.  **Mary Wilcockson**

            Mary Wilcockson was born about 1735.  Mary was about the age of five when her mother Elizabeth died in 1740, and is mentioned in the orphans court papers.  Thereafter, her trail cannot be picked up.