John Preston Wilson, born 09-28-1900; died 01-21-1989, married Ruth Kilby, born 05-22-1905; died 03-21-1996, in 1924. Preston lived and worked most of his life in Ashe County, N. C. and Johnson County, Tennessee. He lived all of his married life in Grayson, N.C., where his wife, Ruth, was postmaster of the Grayson Post Office from 1950 to 1975. When he was a young man, he worked on the construction of Highway 88 in Ashe county, using a team of horses to grade the land for the roadbed. He then did the same type of work in Kentucky and later worked in a tire manufacturing plant in Akron, Ohio. However, he was a farmer most of his life, often doing other jobs at the same time. Horses were one of his great loves, and he was known to be very skilled in the use of a team of horses for cultivating and working the land. For many years he served as registrar for the Board of Elections for the Pond Mountain Township of Ashe County. In his later years, he was a mail carrier. Preston took a great interest in his family, especially his grandchildren, and was always eager to help people in need in his community.

Preston's children are: Geraldine Wilson Greer born 01-17-1925

Emojean Wilson Suggs born 01-01-1927

Ruthel Wilson Merritt born 03-18-1929; died 11-23-2011.

Benjamin Franklin Wilson born 12-04-1946. Married Mary Carole Faw, born 02-19-1948, 09-13-1968.

Children: Brian Eric Wilson, born 08-18-1969

Mark Anthony Wilson, born 04-23-1975

Sheila Marie Wilson, born 01-23-1981

Grandchild: Preston Orval Wilson, Born 05-02-20013

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Preston's Children are

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