

William Wills

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William Wills was born about 1795 in Carroll County, Virginia, and was the son of Hiram Wills and Mary Jones. He married Sarah Combs, daughter of Zedekiah Combs and Elizabeth Johnson. Sarah was born on September 15, 1803, in Grayson County, Virginia, and died on May 2, 1859, in Raleigh County. William came to Raleigh County about 1842 and settled near Arnett, Raleigh County. He was a farmer and a school teacher, and is listed on the Raleigh County Teacher's Payroll in 1861. The children for William and Sarah were Joseph, Melinda, Lucinda, Edith, Jabez, Luvernie, Rhoda, Rachel, Hiram, Samuel, and Jane.

In the 1860 Raleigh County Census are found the following members of his family:

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Joseph Wills, M, 35, Farmer Mary Wills, F, 21 Louisa Wills, F 9 Sarah A. Wills, F, 7 Francis Wills, F, 5 Nancy J. Wills, F, 3 Malinda B, Wills, F, 1	William Wills, M, 65, Farmer Nancy Wills, F, 18,	William Sarrett, M, 23, Violinist Lucy A. Sarratt, F, 21 Samuel Sarratt, M, 2	Hiram Wills, M, 37, farmer Catherine Wills, F, 24 William Wills, M, 3 Andrew J Wills, M, 1

-Melinda Lucy Ann Wills was born on December 12, 1832, in Carroll County, and married William H. Sarratt, on June 16, 1860, in Raleigh County. Their children were Joseph, Crockett and Samuel.

-Lucinda Wills was born in 1821, in Grayson County, Virginia and died in Raleigh County, in 1921. She married Andrew Jackson Massey, son of William Massey, Sr., and Martha Lafferty, on March 30, 1854, in Raleigh County.

-Rhoda Wills married John A. Baker.

-Rachel Wills married William Early.

-Hiram Wills was born about 1822 in Grayson County, and married Catherine Massey, daughter of William Massey, Sr., and Martha Lafferty, on March 30, 1854, in Raleigh County. Their children were Henrietta, William, Andrew, Joseph, Sarah, Richard, Henry, and Ruhama.

-Samuel F. Wills was born about 1830, and married Candace A Shockley on February 24, 1857, in Carroll County, Virginia.

-Jane Wills married Anderson Adkins on August 5, 1858, in Raleigh County.

-Joseph Wills was born on April 11, 1824, in Grayson County, Virginia, and died on August 4, 1919, in Raleigh County.

Edith Wills
(daughter of Wiliam Wills and Sarah Combs)

Edith Wills was born about 1825, and she married Alexander Lafferty, son of Sarah Jane Lafferty, on October 11, 1848, in Fayette County. Their children were Elizabeth, Hiram, William, Nancy, Mary, Sarah, Martha, Venila, Lucretia, Sina, and Rosabelle.

-Elizabeth Adeline Lafferty was born about 1849 in Raleigh County, and married James A. Milam, son of George Milam and Nancy Milam, on June 19, 1869, in Raleigh County. Their children were George, Mary, William, Hiram, Dudley, Edie, Sarah and Joseph.

-William Lafferty was born on November 9, 1865, in Raleigh County, and died on February 8, 1879.

-Nancy Jane Lafferty was born on October 4, 1856, in Raleigh County, and died on September 28, 1928, in Kanawha County. She married Carr Allen, Jr., son of Carr Allen and Jane Lafferty.

-Martha Ann McClelland Lafferty was born on January 1, 1861, in Raleigh County, and died on February 14, 1940. She married William C. Price on November 13, 1888, in Raleigh County. William was born February 14, 1930, in North Carolina, and died July 30, 1907, in Boone County. Their children were Alexander and Samuel.

-Venila E. Lafferty was born about 1866 and married Scott Adkins.

-Lucretia Ann Lafferty, was born about 1868, in Raleigh County, and married John Adkins on June 23, 1885, in Raleigh County.

Mary Catherine Lafferty
(daughter of Alexander Lafferty and Edith Wills)

.Mary Catherine Lafferty was born on 9 Oct 1858, in Arnet, Raleigh County, and died on March 7, 1952, at Arnet, Raleigh County. Her children were Joseph, Sarah, Letha, Edith and Leroy Lafferty.

-Sarah Josephine Lafferty was born on June 18, 1882, in Arnet, Raleigh County, and died on July 8, 1955. She married Governor Lacy Daniel, son of Edward Henderson Daniel and Julia Snuffer, on March 21, 1901, in Raleigh County. Their children were Winnie, Owen, Alfred, Elvira, Bessie, Emory, Jesse, Dessie, and Annis.

-Edith Jane Lafferty was born June 1896 and died on December 15, 1954. She married Barney H. Brown, son of Ralph Kinley Brown and Louemma Webb. Their children were French, Virginia, Sylvia, Ruby, Quentin, Athalene, Pauline, Madeline, Patsy Ann, Frankie, and Dennis.

Mary Catherine Lafferty married James G. Cook, son of William Fernandez Cook and Luvernie Wills, on December 10, 1898, in Raleigh County. James was born May 2, 1871, in Raleigh County and died on July 13, 1856, in Edwight, Raleigh County. Their daughter was Lessie May Cook.

Hiram Frank Lafferty
(son of Alexander Lafferty and Edith Wills)

Hiram Frank “Buck” Lafferty was born about 1853, in Raleigh County, and married first Frances Virginia Lemon on January 23, 1873, in Raleigh County. Frances was born on April 6, 1851, in Montgomery County, and died in Raleigh County, on September 5, 1900. Her parents were Silas F. Lemon and Sarah Wilson. Their children were Leander, Silas, Henry, Alfred, Sarah, and Ida Jane.

-Ida Jane Lafferty was born on August 15, 1895, in Raleigh County, and died on February 5, 1959, in Oregon. She married Charles Bernard Sarrett on November 9, 1907, in Raleigh County. Their children were James, Harmon, Jesse, Juanita, Joe, and Jack.

Hiram Frank “Buck” Lafferty married second Rosabelle Dickens, daughter of Francis Marion Dickens and Rebecca Webb, on December 18, 1900, in Raleigh County. Their children were Frank, William, Harriett, Harry, and Lydia.

-Frank Lafferty married Pearl Cook.

-William Preston Lafferty was born on May 9, 1905, in Raleigh County, and died on September 13, 1988. He married Martha Arbutus Workman.

-Harriett Elizabeth Lafferty married James Kelly Combs, son of Christopher Columbus Combs and Lucretia Massey.

-Harry Lafferty married Ruby Hood.

-Lydia Pearl Lafferty was born about 1914, and married Columbus Wade Combs, son of Christopher Columbus Combs and Lucretia Massey.

Sarah B. Lafferty
(daughter of Alexander Lafferty and Edith Wills)

Sarah B. Lafferty was born on May 19, 1862, in Raleigh County, and died on November 3, 1931, in Raleigh County. She married first Bob Callaway. Their daughter was Josephine Callaway.

-Josephine Callaway was born on February 9, 1880, in Raleigh County, and died on March 7, 1945, in Arnet, Raleigh County. She married first James F. Bell, son of Samuel Bell and Charity Milam, on October 7, 1893, in Raleigh County. Their children were Jesse, Frank, and Elsie.

-Josephine married second Leonard Weese Cook, son of William Fernandez Cook and Luvernie Minerva Wills, on December 22, 1898, in Raleigh County. Their children were William, Winifred, Myrtle, Sarah, Mae, Pink, Wavie, Mary, Lilly, Lou, Ruby, Virgil, Quentin, and Ada.

Sarah B. Lafferty married second Jacob Walls on January 19, 1880, in Raleigh County.

Sarah B. Lafferty married third William Grant Massey, son of Andrew Jack Massey and Lucinda Wills, on September 29, 1906, in Arnet, Raleigh County.

Jabez Wills
(son of William Wills and Sarah Combs)

Jabez Wills was born about 1833 in Grayson County, and died on July 9, 1893, in Raleigh County. He married Susanna Webb, daughter of Jacob Webb and Nancy Dickens, on December 23, 1859, in Raleigh County. Susanna Webb was born on January 6, 1843, in Fayette County. Their children were Rebecca, Sarah, Hattie, Nancy, Emily, Jacob, Paulina, and Flora.

-Rebecca Jane Wills was born on November 18, 1869, in Raleigh County, and she married William Robert Combs, son of Columbus Washington Combs and Sarah Acord, on September 21, 1893, in Raleigh County. William was born on March 28, 1870, and died on April 11, 1965, in Raleigh County. Their children were Robert, Perry, Albert, Jacob, Sarah, Hattie, Heidi, and Rosie.

-Sarah C. Wills was born on September 17, 1865, in Raleigh County, and married William Grant Massey, son of Andrew Jackson Massey and Lucinda Wills, on July 18, 1884, in Raleigh County. Their children were Susan, Amelia, Thomas, Louisa, Samuel, Jabez, Joseph, and Isabella.

-Nancy Jane Rachel Wills was born on November 3, 1860, in Raleigh County, and married George F. Lemon, son of Silas F. Lemon and Sarah Wilson. Their children were Betty, Sarah, and Arizona.

-Emily A. Wills was born on January 29, 1862, in Raleigh County, and died on November 20, 1906. She married James Jefferson Cottle on December 22, 1883, in Raleigh County. James was the son of William Harvey Cottle and Louisa J. Calloway. He was born on June 6, 1861, in Saxon, Raleigh County, and died on February 18, 1960, at Arnet, Raleigh County. Their children were Mary Etta, Virginia, Dora B., Susanna, William, Ida May, Lydia, Harvey, Flora, Jacob, Maude, Pink, and Daisy.

-Jacob W. Wills was born on August 11, 1867, in Raleigh County, and married Ollie Massey on December 7, 1899, in Raleigh County. Ollie was born on September 1, 1882, in Raleigh County, and was the daughter of James Ballard Massey and Louisa Dickens.

-Paulina Isabelle Wills was born on April 14, 1873, in Raleigh County, and married John Bavern Schmidt on March 10, 1898, in Raleigh County.

-Flora A. Wills was born on January 15, 1881, and married William Jarrell, Jr., on March 28, 1901, in Raleigh County.

Luvernie Minerva Wills
(daughter of William Wills and Sarah Combs)

Luvernie Minerva Wills was born in September, 1844, and married William Fernandez Cook, son of Pemberton Cook and Ruth Shumate. Their children were Amelia, Ruth, James, Leonard, Laura, Sina, William, and Joseph J.

-Amelia Cook married Francis Marion Webb, son of John Webb and Juliana Allen, on December 11, 1884, in Raleigh County. Their children were Albert, Pinkie, Alford, Myrtle, Lura, Howard, Dayton, and Wirt.

-Ruth Catherine Cook was born on February 27, 1875, in Raleigh County and married Robert "Chub" Webb, son of John Well and Juliana Allen. Their children were Della, Samuel, James, Parker, Donna, Quincie, and Earl.

-James G. Cook was born on May 2, 1871, at Arnet, Raleigh County, and died on July 13, 1956, at Edwight, Raleigh County. He married Mary Catherine Lafferty, daughter of Alexander Lafferty and Edith Wills, on December 10, 1898, in Raleigh County. Their daughter was Lessie May Cook.

-Lessie May Cook was born on May 31, 1900 and died on August 13, 1966. She married King Sheridan Pettry on July 14, 1919, in Raleigh County. He was the son of William Edward Pettry and Minerva Angeline Pettry, and was born on January 29, 1901, in Raleigh County. He died on February 22, 1984, at Edwight, Raleigh County. Their children were Mary, Donna, King, Jr., James, Joseph, and Billy.

-Leonard Weese Cook was born on October 15, 1876, in Arnet, Raleigh County, and died on July 7, 1956. He married Josephine Calaway, daughter of Bob Callaway and Sarah B. Lafferty, on December 22, 1898, in Raleigh County.

-Laura Donnie Cook was born on December 27, 1905, in Arnet, Raleigh County, and died on February 28, 1998, in Raleigh County. She married Bert Hubert Combs, son of Christopher Columbus Combs and Lucretia Massey. Their children were Delice, Marilyn, Dexter, and Myrtle.

-William Pemberton Cook was born on November 13, 1866, in Raleigh County, and married Louisa Massey on June 11, 1903, in Raleigh County.

-Joseph J. Cook was born about 1870, and married Minta Brown on January 24, 1893, in Raleigh County.