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History

Ancestry Project

The Wilson Family

My family has recorded family history for years. My grandmother has been gathering information for a long time. She has a large family tree, because both of her father and mother come from big families. There are numerous interesting stories within my family, and they all lead to me. This is my family’s story.

My mom, Irene Yeoh, was born in Vietnam on September 4, 1966. This was smack middle in the Vietnam War. Her parents, Donald Yeoh and Francis McCormick, are both Chinese, and they wanted to get out of Vietnam. So, when my mom was two, they got tickets from the black market and flew over to the United States. My grandpa when to school and my grandma became a real estate agent. Shortly after they divorced, and my grandma remarried to Ed McCormick. My grandpa also remarried.

Ed McCormick grew up with his dad in an U.S. Army base. After high school he joined the Air Force and worked on missile silos. These silos were defensive missiles for the Cold War. If the Russians launched any plane or missile that was unofficial and came into U.S. airspace, they would launch the missiles to intercept and destroy the enemy vessel. When Ed’s service was up, he went into business and retired a couple years ago.

My dad, Barry Wilson, was born on April 21, 1964 in the Loma Linda Children’s Hospital. He is the fourth of five siblings, two older sisters, an older brother, and a younger brother. He grew up in Monument Valley, and would go scaling tall mesas with no gear. He earned his pilot’s license when he was a seventeen at Thunderbird Adventist Academy. He would help people by flying them to places and back. When he moved to Loma Linda, my dad would walk dogs with Randy Roberts. My dad married my mom on August 18, 1991. However in the early 2000’s, they divorced.

My dad’s parents, Granville (Gene) and Blanche Wilson, were also married on August 18, however they were married in 1957. My grandpa’s family was pretty poor in the Great Depression. He would sometimes walk to school barefoot because he had no shoes. He was really good at baseball, and could’ve gone to MLB, but didn’t because he didn’t want to play on Sabbath. However he was drafted into the army soon after he turned eighteen, but because he didn’t want to carry a gun, he served as a medic for two years. When he returned home he decided to go to college. He was a gymnast and could do all sorts of tumbling tricks. However he decided to go into dentistry, partially because he was dating my grandma and her parents didn’t think he had a stable job with the gym. After they were married they moved to Monument Valley as missionaries and remain there today.

Blanche Wilson has a big family tree, and her parents also got married on August 18, but in 1930. Her dad was a Nicola, and her mom was related to John Alden. These families have been keeping track of their genealogy for a couple hundred years. The Nicolas have reunions every once in a while, the most recent one being a few years ago. The Nicolas have a very large family, and so does John Alden. He was considered to be one of the most prosperous of the people to have come over on the Mayflower.

John Alden, born 1599, was a crew member on the ship Mayflower. He was responsible for the keeping of the ship’s barrels. He left on the 1620 voyage of the Mayflower. Once on American soil, he decided to stay here. John also signed the Mayflower Compact, and was the last male signer when he died. He married Priscilla Mullins in 1622 and had eleven children. He held several government positions during his life in the colonies. He died on September 12, 1687.

Colonel Lewis Nicola, born 1717 in Dublin, Ireland, was an Irish-American military officer. He was serving as an officer in the British Army in Europe before immigrating to Philadelphia. He opened a library in 1767 and helped establish the American Philosophical Society. In 1777, Lewis proposed the Invalid Corps to the Continental Congress. They agreed and appointed him as its commander. The Corps were stationed at several places before moving to West Point. In 1782, Nicola wrote the Newburgh letter to Washington, which urged him to take a royal title. Washington responded coldly. In November of 1782, Nicola complained to the Continental Congress about the Invalid Corps and his pay, saying that there were some who could not even afford food on the table, and there were some who were not paid at all. The Invalid Corps was dissolved in 1783 but Congress ordered Nicola to draw up certificates for the members of the Corps in 1784. In 1783, Nicola was elevated to the rank of brigadier general. He was recalled to service during the 1790’s and after that, continued research for the American Philosophical Society. He died on August 9, 1807.

John Alden m. Priscilla Mullins

B. 1599 B. 1602

D. Sept. 22, 1687 D. 1685

Elizabeth Alden m. William Peabody

B. 1623 B. ?

D. May 31, 1717 D. ?

Lydia Peabody m. Daniel Grinnell

B. ? B. ?

D. ? D. ?

Priscilla Grinnell m. Lheophilus Redfield

B. ? B. ?

D. ? D. ?

Sarah Grinnell m. James Redfield

B. ? B. ?

D. ? D. ?

Ruth Luttle m. Theophilus Redfield

B. ? B. ? John Burris m. Albinah

D. ? D. ? Schafar

Edwin Reed m. Sophia Redfield Matthius Burriss

B. ? B. ?

D. ? D. ? Mr. Ostnander m. Mrs. Buckle

Charlotte Reed m. Calvin Beach Mr. Buckle m. Caroline

B. ? B. ? Burriss

D. ? D. ?

Frank Beach m. Annie Buckle

B. 1878 B. ?

D. ? D. ?

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John Nicola Lewis Nicola

Jacob Nicola m. Catherine Miller Elmer Aurdy m. Mary Douglas

B. 1776 B. 1781

D. 1842 D. 1852

Jacob Nicola m. Sarah Cress Granville Wilson m. Annie Lyoins

B. 1810 B. 1811

D. 1875 D. 1871

Samuel Wilson m. Thelma Aurdy

Zalmon Nicola m. Mary

B. 1836 B. ?

D. 1929 D. ?

Benjamin Nicola m. Hattie Case

B. ? B. ?

D. ? D. ?

Caroline Beach m. Audrey Nicola

B. 1909 B. 1902

D. 2007 D. 1885

Donald Yeoh m. Frances Lee

B. 1837 B. 1945

Blanche Nicola m. Granville Wilson

B. 1936 B. June 1930

Barry Wilson m. Irene Yeoh

B. April 21, 1964 B. Sept. 4, 1966

Brendon Wilson

B. Aug. 21, 1998