

## The Shipton family named Wilmore

Don't look for manor houses from the Willmores. This was a working class family, toiling the soil for others and making lace for ladies. Some branches pulled themselves into the middle class and others died as servants. Earlier censuses don't distinguish Shipton from Winslow, but it looks to me like most of this family spent their lives in Shipton.

They consistently spelled the name Wilmore and Willmore, although other connected families in Bucks also used Wilmer. Richard, James and William are common first names within the family, being used in every generation until the one that moved to Shipton. That family missed James; perhaps Richard and Sarah (Haines) Wilmore didn't get along with the sibling or uncle who bore the name.

The earliest proven progenitor of this branch of the Willmore family, Richard Wilmore, a yeoman, died in Padbury. There are earlier Willmores and earlier records. John Mede, at Barking, wrote to his kinsman William West in West Haddon, Northants on 23 Mar [16]55:

"I here that there is on Willmer in warwick goale and that Willmer stole a hors out of my steabull... I am resolved to hang him if I have not satisfaction ..."

I'm not too proud to claim a horse thief, but most of the Willmore's were law abiding. Only a couple of the name from Bucks were transported to Australia; the family that lived in Shipton never got into trouble that I could tell.

My research is incomplete and there may be errors, but here you will find the genealogy of the Willmore's who found Winslow a good place to live.

All places are in Buckinghamshire unless stated otherwise, except London, which is a big place south of Bucks.

### Generation 1

1. **RICHARD WILMORE**, a great great grandson of the first Richard of Padbury, was baptized 03 Nov 1782 at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Padbury, son of William and Ann (Judge) Willmore. He died between 1846-1851 in Winslow (perhaps 22 Apr 1848). He wed **SARAH HAINES** on 17 Apr 1807 in London (married by license in the parish of St Leonard Church, Eastcheap, London). She was born about 1781 in Oxon, Bicester, Oxfordshire and died in 1858 in Winslow.

Richard was residing in Winslow when he got married and spent his life working as a labourer.

Who knows how Sarah met Richard? Did they meet in London? What would a poor labourer from Bucks be doing in London anyway? Perhaps he went looking for work and excitement. The work was probably not lucrative, as the lower classes struggled with poor wages and worse living conditions. The most excitement was perhaps dodging naval press gangs seeking sailors to populate the ships fighting Napoleon. However they found each other, Richard married Sarah and returned to Winslow.

After a healthy forty years of marriage, Richard died. In 1851, his widow Sarah earned her living making lace. She had her widowed daughter, Ann Hawkins, with her, along with Ann's children and grandchildren Mary and Emma Smith, ages 10 and 7. It is likely the Smith children belonged to daughter Elizabeth, who married a man by that name, but the relationship has not been confirmed. Ann Hawkins was employed as a servant in a house, so Grandma was taking care of the kids, making lace, and keeping up the house. I wonder if it was considered as much for a seventy year old woman to handle as it would be today?

Richard Wilmore and Sarah Haines had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM WILMORE was born on 12 Oct 1807 in Winslow. Baptized 25 Nov 1807 at St. Laurence Church in Winslow, he may have died 14 Mar 1822.
- ii. ANNE WILMORE died young, I assume, unless she is the girl below.
2. iii. ANNE WILLMORE was born 03 Nov 1808.
3. iv. JOHN WILMORE was born 09 May 1810.
4. v. RICHARD WILMORE was born 26 Feb 1812.

- v. ELIZABETH WILLMORE was baptized 21 Aug 1814 at St. Laurence Church in Winslow. She died in 1849 in Leckhamstead. Perhaps she wed RICHARD SMITH on 12 Oct 1839 in Leckhamstead; the marriage has not been proven to be her's.
- 5. vi. JAMES WILLMORE was born about 1817.
- 6. vii. GEORGE WILLMORE was born in Winslow about 1819.
- 7. viii. MARY WILLMORE was born about 1822.
- ix. SUSANNA WILLMORE was born about 1824 in Winslow. She married JOHN OSWELL 19 Aug 1849 at St. Laurence Church, Winslow. He was born about 1820, probably in Winslow. He died in 1866, to be replaced by a second husband, William Robinson, who died in 1868.

From St. Laurence, Winslow parish records

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 Married by banns 19 Aug 1849

OSWELL John X , 29, bach, Serv of Winslow, Bucks, s of John Oswell, Groom  
 WILLMORE Susannah X , 25, spin of Winslow, Bucks, d of Richard Willmore, Laborer  
 Witnesses: Charles Smith, Sarah X Willmore

In 1861 John was a victualler at the Barley Mow Inn on High Street, Stony Stratford. Today, the Barley Mow is a private residence at the entrance to the town on the south bank of the Ouse.

As the census shows, John and Susanna had five children: John, Oliver, Sarah Jane, Emily, and Clara. William Robinson is responsible for one more: Walter.

- x. SUSAN WILLMORE was born about 1826. This child may be the Susanna found above.
- xi. SARAH WILLMORE was born about 1836 in Winslow. Did she die in 1914 in Winslow? Or did she marry George Hawkins, brother of the William Hawkins who married Sarah's sister Ann? Ann, William, George, and his wife, Sarah (Willmore) Hawkins, immigrated to America. The details are not set in stone, but it sure makes sense.

## Generation 2

- 2. **ANNE WILLMORE** (Richard<sup>1</sup> Wilmore) was born in Winslow 03 Nov and baptized 9 Dec 1808 at St. Laurence Church. She died 01 Sep 1858 in Blackman Township, Jackson County, Michigan, United States of America. She married **WILLIAM H. HAWKINS** 01 Nov 1835 in Winslow at St. Laurence Church, son of William and Lucy Hawkins. He was born on 08 Jan 1810 in Winslow. He died on 29 Sep 1879 in Leoni Township, Jackson County, Michigan.

I combined two Ann's - both listed as daughters of this family - into one, though I am not certain they should be combined. The only information I had on one was that her name was Anne (spelled with an e) and she was christened 3 Nov 1808 in Winslow. The rest of the information belonged with the Ann (with no e) known to my family.

From England and Wales, Civil Registration Index: 1837-1983

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 WILLMORE, Ann  
 Record Type: Marriages  
 Quarter: March  
 Year: 1842  
 District: Buckingham  
 County: Buckinghamshire Oxfordshire  
 Volume: 6  
 Page: 423

From St. Laurence parish records

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 Married by banns 1 Nov 1835

HAWKINS William X, bach of this parish  
WILMORE Ann, spin of this parish  
Banns        Witnesses: John Hazzard, Elizabeth X Wilmore

William's parents were William and Lucy Hawkins. I can't locate his baptism in Bucks parish records; there is no William with parents named William and Lucy, no William baptized in 1810 who could be him, and none listed at all in Winslow. Perhaps the family was nonconformist; those records are harder to come by.

Family stories say that William and his brother George were bridge builders in England. Was that true? It is entirely possible. Henry Provis, a civil engineer, built bridges in Buckinghamshire roughly between 1815 and 1828. One bridge was in Padbury.

In the early 1850s William and George left their families in England and went to America, ending up in Jackson County, Michigan. Why did they go to Michigan? Perhaps it was because Thomas Willmore, an uncle of Ann's, had left Padbury in the 1830's and immigrated to Canada. Thomas wandered around the states for several years, and ended up in Jackson County, Michigan. At the time he came, the government was selling land cheap in Michigan to encourage settlement. There Thomas did very well, becoming a prosperous farmer. (Indeed, the Willmore family became leaders in their corner of Jackson and Ingham counties.) There were a number of other English settlers in the area; some of them also came from Bucks (Elijah Butcher, George Hawes, William Clarke, James Quainton, and Joseph Hamp from Steeple Claydon, Thomas Curtis from Waddesdon, Thomas Harwood from Calverton, and William and Sarah (Plant) Mayo from Quainton are from a quick list.) So Jackson County, Michigan offered familiarity and the hope of success to two brothers let loose in a strange land.

The 1850 American census shows William Hawkins, 39, from England and George Hawkins, 30, from England living with the Edward Miller family in the city of Jackson. The English census in 1851 shows Ann and her four children living with her mother on Buckingham Road in Winslow. You do what you have to do, right? She was a house servant.

By 1853, William earned enough money to send for his family. They came around 1855, which gives plenty of time for William and Ann to write back and forth, arranging matters. He applied for naturalization in Jackson County 4 Oct 1856. The paperwork has not survived so no further information is available. Ann did not have to apply for naturalization. William's citizenship extended to his wife and children.

The 1860 American census shows William Hawkins, 50, from England, as a farmer in Blackman Township. He has 4 children living with him: Elizabeth, 21; Ann, 16; John, 14; and Susan, 9. They were all born in England.

I cannot find him on the 1870 census for Jackson County. After Ann died, William remarried. The family is not clear on the second wife's name and I cannot find her in any records other than the marriage record. Supposedly she was Catherine Buckhead, born about 1822 in England. William's daughter Elizabeth married James Burkhead, whose parents were John A. and Catherine (Smith) Burkhead from Yorkshire. I bet I only need to connect the dots.

The Jackson City Directory of 1905 shows William in Section 18 and 30 of Leoni Township. In 1908 and 1910, he owned 30 acres of farmland in Section 18 with a value of \$900. Earlier, he owned land in section 13 of Blackman Township.

From Cemetery and Church Records of Jackson County 1830-1870

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Sept. 1 1858 Mrs. Ann Hawkins, at Blackman, wife of Wm. (English) age nearly 50 years

From Gendis, an online collection of death records for the state of Michigan

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William Hawkins

Date of death: 29-Sep-1879

Ledger Page: 21

Place of death: Leoni

Sex: Male

Marital Status: Married

Cause of Death: Heart Disease

Father's Name: Hawkins, William

Mother's Name: Hawkins, Lucy

Date of record: 12-Jul-1880

Record Number: 214

County of Death: Jackson

Race: White

Age: 69 years 8 months 2 days

Birthplace: England Occupation: Farmer

Father's Residence: England

Mother's Residence: England

About Maxon Cemetery from Jackson County Cemeteries  
p. 415-417; p. 415A-415D, transcribed for the Internet by Paula J Bedell

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Hawkins Wm. d. 1879 age: 70yr  
Ann, wife d. 1858 age: 49yr  
Hawkins Sarah L. 1846-1923  
John W. 1847-1918

Maxon Cemetery is located on Seymour Road between Hawkins Road (just east of Hawkins) and Brills Lake Road, Section 20, Leoni Township, Jackson County, Michigan. Hawkins, King, Sargent, Seymour, Smith, and Updike, all names of people buried in Maxon Cemetery, are also the names of roads within 3 miles of the cemetery. Yes, the roads are named after people who owned farms locally. The Seymour family was from Lincolnshire, as were some of the Kings. Hawkins Road refers to William and Ann's family.

William H. Hawkins and Anne Willmore had the following children:

- i. ELIZABETH HAWKINS was born 14 Jul 1844 in Winslow according to her headstone. She died on 03 Mar 1898 in Lee Township, Allegan County, Michigan. She married JAMES H. BURKHEAD after 1869 in Jackson County, Michigan. He was born on 11 Mar 1844 and was baptized 22 Mar 1844 in York, Yorkshire. He died on 29 Apr 1916 in Cheshire Township, Allegan County, Michigan.

At the ripe age of 10, Elizabeth was making lace.

- ii. MARY HAWKINS was born in 1841 in Winslow.
- iii. ANN W. HAWKINS was born on 29 May 1844 in Winslow. She died 18 May 1910 in Leoni Township, Jackson County, Michigan. She married WILLIAM WILMER DANIELS 02 Sep 1860 in Jackson County, son of John Daniel and Ann Willmore. He was born 01 May 1836 in Akeley and died 10 Jun 1909 in Leoni Township, Jackson County, Michigan. According to the 1900 census, Ann had six children, four of whom survived. This couple is on a genealogical merry-go-round; their grandfathers were brothers.
- iv. JOHN WILLIAM HAWKINS was born in Winslow on 22 Apr 1847. He died 22 Mar 1919 in Leoni Township, Jackson County, Michigan of heart exhaustion following acute indigestion. He married SARAH LANEY WEED on 09 Jul 1878 in Jackson County, Michigan. She was born 09 Jul 1846 in Lockport, Niagara County, New York. She died in 1928 in Jackson County, Michigan.

John, nicknamed Jack, had to make himself a wooden leg; he had an accident with a saw while buzzing wood. He went to kick off the belt and caught his leg.

He is listed in the 1884 Jackson plat book in Section 18. The 1894 plat book shows he owned at least 80 acres there. The Jackson City Directory of 1905 shows him owning land in sections 18, 19, and 122, with a worth of \$2850. In 1910 he is in sections 7, 8, 18, and 100, valued at \$7850. His farm was at the corner of Hawkins and Trumble Road.

- v. SUSAN W. HAWKINS was born in Apr 1850 in England. She died 23 Sep 1920 in Jackson city, Jackson County, Michigan (presumably). She married WILFRED BENNETT on 21 Apr 1874 in Jackson County, Michigan. He was born in Nov 1852 in England. He died on 05 Sep 1928 in Jackson city, Jackson, Michigan (presumably).

Before her marriage, Susan was in service to George Kennedy, a life insurance agent in the city of Jackson. It was a small family with two teenage children, so it can be assumed Susan was not worked to the bone.

Wilfred Bennett was baptized 4 May 1853 in Gawcott, Buckinghamshire, son of George and Ann Bennett. Going to the 1861 census, Wilfred's father, George Bennett, was a farmer with 207 acres employing 6 men and 2 boys. George E. and John H. were siblings to Wilfred.

Wilfred was on the 1871 census in Hillesden. His mother was Anne Cooper, a retired farmer. She owned her own home rather than living in a cottage. Wilfred's sisters were

Ada Mary, Louisa Anne, and Emily. Wilfred was also listed visiting Thomas Thorpe, a butcher, and his wife Mary, in Buckingham. Wilfred's occupation was given as a shepherd.

From the ship passenger list, it appears Wilfred came from England in 1871 with his siblings, his mother, and stepfather, Francis A. Cooper. They were in steerage.

Wilfred was superintendent of Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Jackson city. Both Susan and Wilfred are buried there.

3. **JOHN WILMORE** (Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born 09 May 1810 in Winslow and died before 1871 (an assumption made as he is not found on the 1871 census). He married (1) an unknown lady. He married (2) Winslow native **ELIZABETH VERNEY** 22 Jun 1835 in Winslow's St. Laurence Church. She was born in 1806 and died before 1861 (as John is married to Hannah for the 1861 census). He married (3) **HANNAH BANDY** between 1851-1861. Hannah was born in Padbury about 1822.

From parish records of St. Laurence, Winslow

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Married by banns 22 Jun 1835  
WILMORE John X, wid of this parish  
VERNEY Elizabeth, spin of this parish  
Witnesses: William X Hawkins, Ann Willmore

John was an agricultural labourer. For the 1851 census, he was living on Horn Street. Before 1861, he moved to Sheep Street. I don't have to see the buildings to know that the house on Horn Street must have been smaller than the one on Sheep Street. No matter how you arrange bodies, there is a marked difference between housing four children and seven children.

Bandy was not Hannah's maiden name; she was a widow when she married John. On the 1861 census she and John have her son Henry Bandy, age 18, with them. I couldn't find a Hannah born in Bucks anywhere near the correct age married to a Bandy in any of the earlier censuses. Then some researcher threw a monkey in the works and suggested her first name was Susanna or Anna. If anyone figures out who she is, I would like to know.

John Wilmore and Elizabeth Verney had the following children:

- i. **GEORGE WILMORE** was born about 1838 in Winslow. He married **MARY BUDD** on 28 Sep 1859. She was born in 1835 in Winslow or Quainton.  
  
There may have been a second son named George, probably born in 1835; he was baptized 8 Nov 1835 at St. Laurence Church in Winslow. This George was born in 1838. I would presume the other George died young.  
  
George worked as a carman (1861) – a delivery driver – then agricultural labourer (1871). By 1881, he had become a bricklayer's labourer.
- ii. **HARRIET WILMORE** was born about 1840 and died 04 Jun 1840 in Winslow.
8. iii. **ROBERT WILMORE** was born about 1843.
- iv. **WILLIAM WILMORE** was born about 1850 in Winslow.

I am not sure who William is. He is listed with John and his third wife, Hannah, for the 1861 census as a "son-in-law", as if he was a son of Hannah. This would give Hannah multiple marriages; the first two to a Bandy and a Willmore, the third to John Wilmore.

John Wilmore and Hannah Bandy had the following children, all born in Winslow:

- i. **MARY WILMORE** was born about 1855.
- ii. **ELIZABETH A. WILMORE** was born about 1858.
- iii. **CATHERINE A. WILMORE** was born in 1861.

4. **RICHARD WILMORE** (Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born in Winslow on 26 Feb 1812 and baptized 16 Apr 1812

at St. Laurence Church in Winslow. He died on 28 Jun 1883 in Winslow. He married **ANN SAUNDERS** on 15 Jun 1830 in Winslow (as the official record says, Addington in this County, Winslow). Witnesses to their marriage were John Willmore and Elizabeth Saunders. Ann was born in 1803 in Ashendon and died in Dec 1895. She may have been a Judge descendant, making her and Richard connections before they wed.

Richard was an agricultural laborer, but by 1861 he called himself a farmer. In 1881 he was a Sand Merchant. They lived in the same house on the London Road in Shipton for ten to twenty years, and then moved to Aylesbury Road.

On 24 Jun 1896, the following properties in Shipton were sold:

A neat brick and slated house, newly erected and substantially built, situate at Shipton, facing the Main Road, late in the occupation of Mrs Wilmore, deceased. Estimated Annual Rental £6 10s. [This does not seem to be listed in the 1891 census]

4 brick-built and slated cottages, severally in the occupation of Mrs Brockless, Mrs Bowler, Samuel Norman, and one vacant, at the following rents, when all let: three at 1s 8d per week & one at 1s 9d. [These were in Swanbourne Road]

The first property listed above was occupied by Ann (Saunders) Wilmore. One of the cottages was occupied by Samuel Norman and his wife, Ann Saunders' daughter Ann.

Richard Wilmore and Ann Saunders had the following children:

- i. MARY ANN WILLMORE was born about 1831 in Winslow.  
In 1851, she was a house servant to Thomas Morecraft, his wife Emma, and their young grandson, Montague, at the Morecraft home on the Buckingham Road in Winslow. Mr. Morecraft was a landed proprietor.
- ii. ELIZABETH WILMORE was born about 1833 in Winslow. Like her sister, Mary Ann, Elizabeth was in service in 1851.
9. iii. HANNAH WILMORE was born about 1835.
- iv. SARAH WILMORE was born on 25 Nov 1836 in Winslow. Her name was given as Wellmore in the baptismal record of the Winslow Independent Church. Since the family was Church of England, I wonder if Sarah belongs in this list.
- v. MARTHA WILMORE was born about 1838 in Winslow. The birth was registered in the 3rd Quarter in Winslow). She married ALFRED BETTS in Dec 1870 in Winslow. He was born about 1836 in Nash. In 1851, Martha was at home with her parents earning money as a lace maker. By 1861, she had taken a similar position as her sister Mary Ann; Martha was a servant to George and Elizabeth Moorcraft. George, born in Winslow, was retired from his business as a linen draper. The elderly couple lived in Tower Hamlet, Hackney, Middlesex. After she wed Alfred, Martha lived in Buckingham, where Alfred worked as a carrier.
10. vi. WILLIAM WILMORE was born about 1841.
- vii. SUSANNA WILMORE was born about 1844 in Winslow.
11. viii. RICHARD WILMORE was born about 1846.
- ix. GEORGE WILMORE was born in 1851 in Winslow. He became a shoemaker and lived on Aylesbury Road in Winslow. He may have died in 1872.
- x. ANN WILMORE was born about 1859 in Winslow. She married a local boy, SAMUEL NORMAN, 19 Sep 1880 in St. Laurence Church, Winslow. He was born about 1858 and died in 1935.

Ann spent her life in Shipton next door to her mother. She had eight children, one of whom had died by 1911. Her husband was an ordinary agricultural labourer. It sounds dull, but she never worked outside the home according to the census. She didn't make lace, she didn't dust other people's homes, so she had it better than her sisters.

- xi. AMY WILMORE was born about 1859 in Winslow. This girl might be Ann, although it has not been confirmed.

5. **JAMES WILLMORE** (Richard<sup>1</sup> Wilmore) was born about 1817 in Winslow. He wed **MARY ANN BAILEY** 21 Oct 1839 in Winslow's St. Laurence Church. She was born about 1816 in Winslow.

From Winslow parish records  
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Married by Banns 21 Oct 1839

WILLMORE James X, 21, bach, lab of Winslow, s of Richard Willmore, Labourer

BAILEY Mary Ann X, 27, spin, Lacemaker of Winslow, d of William Bailey, Carpenter

Witnesses: William X Hawkins, Elizabeth X Willmore

James Willmore and Mary Ann Bailey had the following children:

- i. WILLIAM WILLMORE was baptized 06 Sep 1840 in Winslow at St. Laurence Church.
- ii. RICHARD WILLMORE was baptized 23 Apr 1843 at St. Laurence Church in Winslow. In 1861 he was lodging in Winslow with William Hopkins and working as a bricklayer's labourer.
- iii. GEORGE WILLMORE was baptized 25 Apr 1846 in Winslow's St. Laurence Church.
- iv. JOHN WILLMORE was baptized 25 Apr 1846 in Winslow's St. Laurence Church. Was he George's twin? I have not been able to discover that he was. Boarding with George and Rebecca Goodman in 1861, John was employed as an agricultural labourer.

In 1897, Winslow charities gave bread on the first Friday in January to those parishioners who applied for it. John Wilmore, with one person in his family, received one loaf of bread. He could have asked for coal, but did not receive any. I have no proof that the receiver of bread is this John, but I have no other in Winslow who fits the time frame.

6. **GEORGE WILLMORE** (Richard<sup>1</sup> Wilmore) was born in Winslow about 1819 and died there 13 Aug 1889. He married **ELIZA JENNINGS** on 30 May 1842 in East Claydon. She was born about 1819 in East Claydon or Shenley.

From St. Laurence, Winslow parish records  
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Married 1 Apr 1842

WILLMORE George, bach of this parish

JENNINGS Eliza, spin of East Claydon, Bucks

The entry lacks witnesses; was the ceremony performed in East Claydon and registered in both parishes?

Her parents were William Jennings (b. 1 Apr 1798 in East Claydon) and Mary Whitehall.

In 1871 George's grandson Frederick, age 3, was with George's family. I have no hint as to who Frederick's parents were.

Another researcher has George as a son of James, not Richard.

George Willmore and Eliza Jennings had the following children:

- i. THOMAS BARNES WILLMORE was baptized 2 Oct 1842 in East Claydon. He married a woman from Bedfordshire named Emma and died on 22 Sep 1903 in London. By occupation, he was an agricultural labourer. Come 1881 he is in Kentish Town, St. Pancras, London, still working as a labourer. He and Emma are in Regent's Park, St. Pancras in 1901. His brother George is with them.
- ii. MARY ANN WILLMORE was born 02 Apr and baptized 4 May 1845 in Winslow. She died in Jun 1902 in London. She married EDWARD JEFCOATE 23 Oct 1870 in London (Christ Church (Somertown)). He was born about 1848 in Stony Stratford. He died 03 Apr 1894 at the Colney Hatch Lunatic Asylum in Greater London, worth £264 2s. 10d.

- iii. CHARLOTTE WILLMORE was baptized 2 Apr 1848 in Winslow and died in Jun 1902 in London. She married WILLIAM PEPPER in 1877. He was born in Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire. In 1851, she followed the family career of lace maker. In 1881, they lived in Kentish Town, St. Pancras, London, where William was a labourer.
  - iv. GEORGE WILLMORE was baptized 2 Apr 1848 in Winslow, which leads one to believe he was Charlotte's twin. He was an agricultural labourer.
  - v. ELIZA WILLMORE was baptized 11 May 1851 and died 20 Dec 1857 in Winslow.
  - vi. ROSETTA WILLMORE was born about 1857 and died the same day as her sister Eliza, which ruined Christmas for the family.
  - vii. CLARA WILLMORE was born about 1859 in Winslow. She died on 15 Dec 1914 in Winslow.
  - viii. SUSAN WILLMORE was born about 1859 in Winslow. She married EDWIN PUGH on 08 Apr 1882 in Camden, Middlesex. He was born about 1857 in Brimington, Derbyshire. By 1891, they were in Charlton, Middlesex.
12. ix. JAMES WILMORE was born on 05 Aug 1854.

7. **MARY WILLMORE** (Richard<sup>1</sup> Wilmore) was born about 1822 in Winslow. She died 11 Aug 1893 in Surry Hills, New South Wales, Australia (residing on 429 Riley Street). She married **WILLIAM HIGGINS** on 10 Mar 1846 in Wingrave at the Church of St. Peter & St. Paul. He was born about 1823 in Rowsham, son of John and Anne (Thorne) Higgins, and died 8 May 1899 in Surry Hills, New South Wales, Australia (where he had been resident at 427 Crown Street).

From parish records of St. Peter and St. Paul, Wingrave

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Married 10 Mar 1846

HIGGINS William X , 22, bach, lab of Rowsham, s of John Higgins, Labourer

WILLMORE Mary, 22, spin of Rowsham, d of Richard Willmore, Labourer

Witnesses: Hannah X Cockerill, William Stevens Paine

Her sister Anne went to America; Mary went in the opposite direction. No, she was not transported for theft. Passenger records of the ship "Sarah", which took the Higgins family to Australia, show 274 passengers from all areas of Britain with a number from Bucks. David Higgins, likely a brother of William, was aboard. William said he was a groom/gardener on his immigration records and Mary was listed as a housemaid.

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The Higgins family, too, are also worthy of note. They are first mentioned in the parish records [of Weston Underwood] in 1624 when John Higgins, a yeoman, married Ellen Beard. This union produced at least two sons Bartholomew, who settled in Northamptonshire, and Hugh, who remained in Weston Underwood...

William Higgins and Mary Willmore had the following children:

- i. SARAH WILMORE HIGGINS was born about 1846 in Rowsham. She died in 1923 in Paddington, New South Wales. She married a man named SUNNERS.
- ii. MARY WILMORE HIGGINS was born in Rowsham about 1848. She died on 30 May 1941 in New South Wales. She married PETER GODFREY STEPHEN in 1879 in New South Wales. He was born in 1852 and died in 1934.
- iii. ELIZABETH HIGGINS was born on 20 Dec 1849 in Chippendale, New South Wales. She died on 10 Nov 1905 in Waverley, New South Wales (2 Mackenzie Street). She married JOHN LOGUE on 07 Jul 1871 in Waverley, New South Wales. He was born in 1844 and died in 1916.
- iv. WILLIAM WILMORE HIGGINS was born 10 May 1858 in Shepherds Paddock, Sydney, New South Wales. He died 26 Sep 1927 in Surry Hills, New South Wales (58 Marshall Street). He married BRIDGET MCGRATH on 12 May 1886 at St. Michael's Church in Surry Hills, New South Wales. She was born in 1863 and died in 1941.

- v. ANN WILMORE HIGGINS was born in 1861 in Shepherds Paddock, Sydney, New South Wales. She died on 08 May 1905.
- vi. THOMAS W. HIGGINS was born on 06 Apr 1854 in Chippendale, New South Wales. He died on 03 Mar 1888 in Leichhardt, New South Wales (All North Streets). He married JANE TURNIDGE on 17 Aug 1877 in Surry Hills, New South Wales. She was born in 1855 and died in 1929.
- vii. HENRIETTA HIGGINS was born in 1852 in Sydney, New South Wales. She died 12 Apr 1897 in Waterloo, New South Wales (27 Botany Road). She married JOHN LAURENCE DEELEY 12 Apr 1871 at St. Benedict's Church in Sydney, New South Wales. He was born in 1849 and died 27 Aug 1904 in Liverpool, New South Wales.
- viii. A CHILD HIGGINS.

### Generation 3

8. **ROBERT WILMORE** (John<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born in Winslow about 1843 and died after 1901. He married **LEAH BUDD** on 25 Nov 1867 in Winslow. She was born about 1846 in Winslow and died in May 1893. Her parents were Phillip (1813-1886) and Martha (1816-) Budd.

In 1871, they had the joy of living with her parents, but by 1881 they had their own place on Sheep Street. Robert was an agricultural labourer until sometime before 1881, when he became a bricklayer's labourer.

Robert Wilmore and Leah Budd had the following children, all born in Winslow:

- i. GEORGE WILMORE was born in 1872.
- ii. JOHN WILMORE was born in 1875.
- iii. ELIZABETH MARTHA WILMORE was born in 1880 and died in May 1881.

9. **HANNAH WILMORE** (Richard<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1835 in Winslow. She died 07 Feb 1876 in Paddington, Shepherds Paddock, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (off Comber Street). She married **HENRY JAMES STEVENS** on 13 Oct 1853 in Winslow. He was born about 1832 in Swansea, Glamorganshire, Wales. He died on 30 Mar 1880 in Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (Iceworks, Ice Street).

Like her sister Mary, Hannah, Henry, and their son Henry immigrated to Australia. They embarked on the sailing ship 'Samuel Boddington' at Plymouth in Oct 1854 and arrived in New South Wales 17 Feb 1855. Imagine more than three months on a crowded ship with a baby and no aspirin for headaches.

Henry James Stevens and Hannah Wilmore had the following child:

- i. HENRY JAMES STEVENS was born on 12 Mar 1854 in Winslow.

10. **WILLIAM WILMORE** (Richard<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1841 in Winslow. He married **JANE BOWDEN** in Mar 1862 in Winslow. She was born about 1840 in Winslow. Her father was Joseph Bowden, a farmer born in Winslow. Her mother, whose maiden name is unknown, was Elizabeth. Elizabeth was born in Bletchley.

In 1851, Jane's family lived on Horn Street. For the census, they reported that Jane was born in Shipton. She wasn't with her family in 1861, but her dad said he was also born in Shipton. He was a farmer tending 23 acres.

After their marriage, William and Jane lived in the Church Yard. He was a farmer with 11 acres of land. By 1881, they had moved to Shipton, where he was a Threshing Engineer, also known as an agricultural machine attendant. Their neighbor was Thomas Hand, who had 185 acres to take care of.

William Wilmore and Jane Bowden had the following children, all born in Winslow:

- i. ELIZABETH WILMORE was born about 1863.

- ii. CLARA J. WILMORE was born about 1865.
- iii. WILLIAM J. WILMORE was born in 1867.
- iv. EDITH ELLEN WILMORE was born in 1869. She married JAMES CHESHIRE on 04 Dec 1890 in Winslow. He was born about 1859 in Whitchurch. Marriage witnesses: John Cheshire and Clara Wilmore. James was a widow when he wed Edith.
- v. SOPHIA WILMORE was born in 1872.
- vi. MAUD WILMORE was born in 1874.
- vii. MAY WILMORE was born in 1876.
- viii. FLORENCE E. WILMORE was born in 1878.
- ix. AMY WILMORE was born about 1882.
- x. RICHARD WILMORE was born about 1887.

**11. RICHARD WILMORE** (Richard<sup>2</sup>, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born about 1846 in Winslow. He married **ELIZABETH HOLLAND** on 26 Oct 1871 in Winslow. She was born about 1853 in Waddesdon.

Her father was Constantine Holland, baptized 11 Feb 1821 in Waddesdon and married 31 Oct 1852 to Emily Cripps. Emily was b. about 1825 in Waddesdon.

Richard Wilmore and Elizabeth Holland had the following children:

- i. EMILY ETTA MINNIE WILMORE was born in Waddesdon on 28 Jul 1872. She died in Jun 1873 in Waddesdon.
- ii. WINIFRED ANNIE WILMORE was born on 24 May 1874 in Waddesdon. She married FRANK PAICE in Dec 1893 in the Pancras Registration District. He was born in 1867 in Upham, Hampshire.
- iii. EMILY LAVINIA WILMORE was born in 1877 in Waddesdon.

**12. JAMES WILMORE** (George<sup>2</sup> Willmore, Richard<sup>1</sup>) was born on 05 Aug 1854 in Winslow. He married **ELIZA FLETCHER** before 1881 in Winslow (perhaps). She was born in 1855 in Fainworth, Lancashire.

Isn't it wonderful the odds and ends you can throw into a genealogy report? She had a grandmother named Mary Fletcher.

James Wilmore and Eliza Fletcher had the following child:

- i. GEORGE WILLMORE was born in 1880 in Southport, Lancashire.

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