George Washington Wilson
Great Grandfather

Summary

George Washington Wilson was born on an auspicious day: July 4, 1831. He spent his entire life as a farmer in Saverton, Ralls County, Missouri on his father's farm and later on his own farm. He may have served on the Union side in the Civil War. After the war, he helped his brother Henry with his farm and lived with a couple of his sisters, always seeming to stay close to the home he knew.

George got a late start on building his own family, marrying Mary Jane Helms, a local girl, when he was 50 years old and she was 24. They had three children, Nannie, Oscar, and Roxy.

He died when the kids were young – ages 10-13. His wife Mary Jane continued raising the kids as a single mother and got work as a cook in a hotel. She died 10 years after he did and they were buried side by side in Barkley Cemetery.

Links

Ancestry – links to my tree
WikiTree
FIndaGrave – note the gravestone is wrong and he did not marry Angelina Howard as stated.
FamilySearch

Alternate Spellings

George W.

Detailed Bio

George W. Wilson was the 5th child of Hedgeman and Levina Wilson, born July 4, 1831. The Wilson family had a history of naming their sons after famous characters, and since his birthday was July 4, the name seems fitting. However, the only reference to his middle name spelled out is in the family bible. All other references to George are formatted as George W.

George helped on his family farm, where they were engaged in farming, lumber, and the Wilson Mill on Salt River. He lived at home with his parents, brothers and sisters until at least age 29, based on the 1840, 1850, and 1860 census. The family farm was located in Saverton, Ralls County, Missouri. Be sure to read about his father Hedgeman Wilson, where I go into more detail about this amazing pioneer farm.

George's Findagrave.com site shows he married Angeline Elisabeth Howard. This is not correct. He did not marry until very late in life, when he was 50.

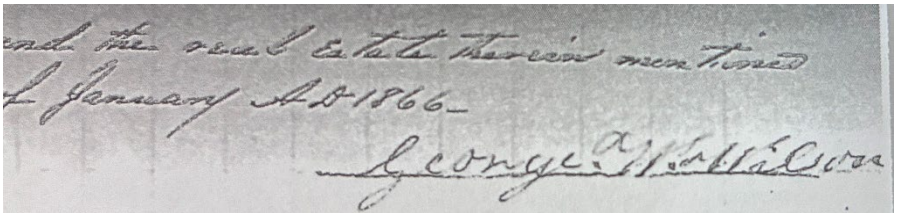
In 1861, Hedgeman set George up with land containing 86.63 acres. Here are the details:

February 11, 1861 – Deed of Mortgage - George W. Wilson paid Hedgeman Wilson $1 for the north part of the South East fractional quarter of Section 33 Township 56 Range 5 West containing 86 63/100 acres. Along with the following notes:

- One bond due to the County of Ralls for the use of the school fund of said County for $220 for which he agrees to become the security
- One note due to Francis Shuck for $150 due one day after date with interest at 10% per annum from date
- One note due to James Buford for $150 due one day after date with interest at 10% per annum from date
- One note due to Madison Wilson for $50 due one day after date with interest at 10% per annum from date
- Also $530 for money borrowed of George W. with interest at 10% per annum, the date of said recited notes not now recollected

Note at side: This mortgage (above) is satisfied in full as of Jan 11, 1866

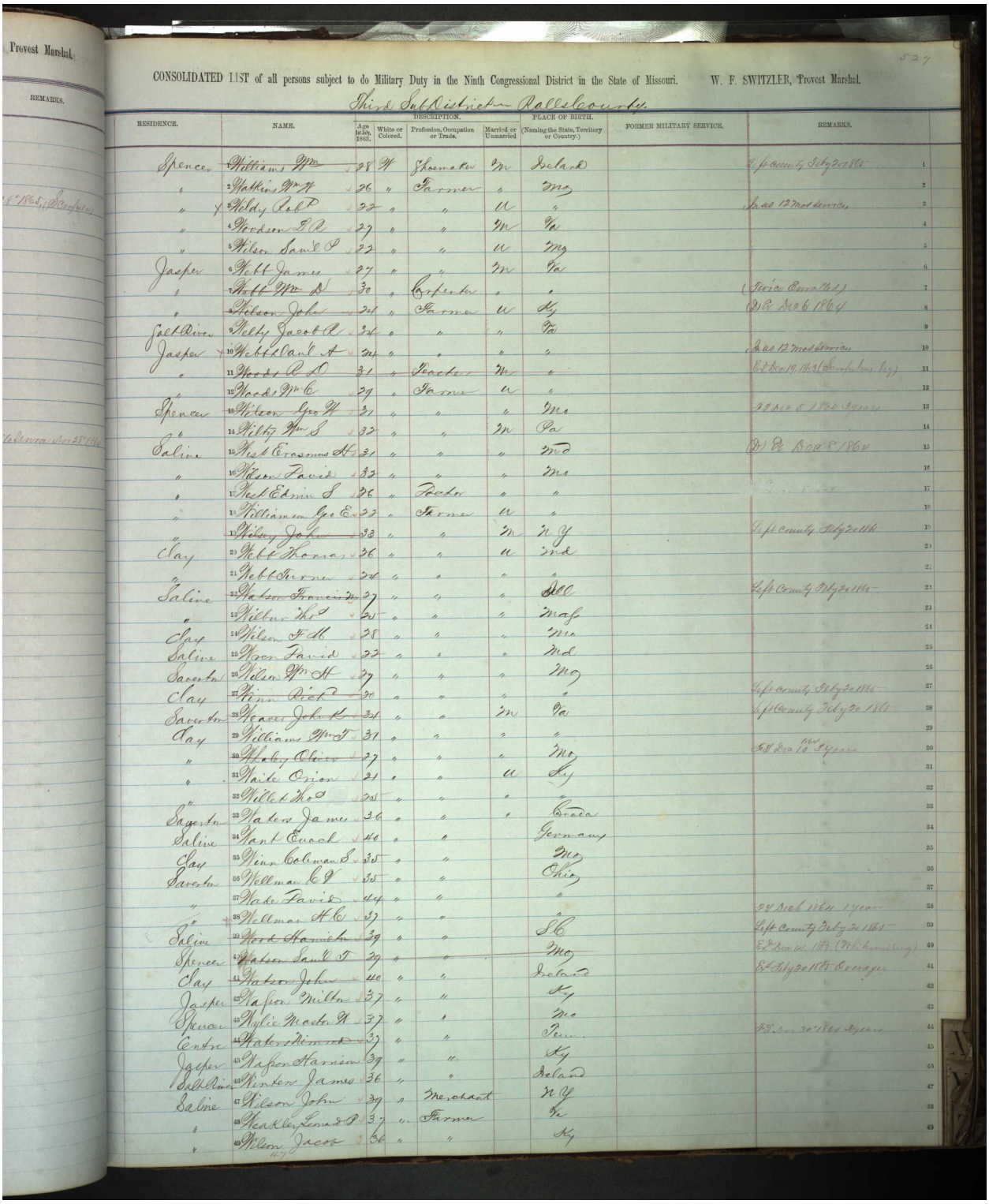
Here is George's signature. He was at least literate enough to sign his name.



George may have served in the Civil War. The remarks include a date of Dec 5, 1864 and 3 years. Here is his record, the document and the full citation below.

Name	**Geo W Wilson**
Marital Status	Unmarried (Single)
Race	White
Age	31
Birth Year	abt 1832
Birth Place	Missouri
Residence Date	1 Jul 1863

Residence Place	Spencer, Ralls, Missouri, USA
Congressional District	9th
Series Number	Nm-65, Entry 172
Description	Class All, A-Z, Volume 1 of 1



CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons subject to do Military Duty in the Ninth Congressional District in the State of Missouri. W. F. SWITZLER, Provost Marshal.

Third Sub District—Pallelo County.

RESIDENCE.	NAME.	Age in Jan. 1865.	DESCRIPTION. White or Colored.	DESCRIPTION. Profession, Occupation or Trade.	DESCRIPTION. Married or Unmarried	PLACE OF BIRTH. (Naming the State, Territory or Country.)	FORMER MILITARY SERVICE.	REMARKS.	
Spencer	Williams Wm	28	W	Shoemaker	M	Ireland		Left County July 2nd 1863	1
"	Watkins Wm W	26	"	Farmer	"	Mo			2
"	Weldy Robt	33	"	"	U	"		Has 12 Mos Service	3
"	Verdson P R	27	"	"	M	Va			4
"	Wilson Saml S	23	"	"	U	Mo			5
Jasper	Watt James	27	"	"	M	Va			6
"	Watt Wm D	30	"	Carpenter	"	"		(Texas Bounty)	7
"	Watson John	24	"	Farmer	U	Ky		D & Dec 6 1864	8
Salt River	Weldy Jacob A	32	"	"	"	Va			9
Jasper	Webb Saml A	24	"	"	"	"		Has 12 Mos Service	10
"	Woods R D	31	"	Teacher	M	"		D & Dec 19 1863 (Drowned in Osage River)	11
"	Woods Wm C	29	"	Farmer	U	"			12
Spencer	Wilson Geo W	21	"	"	"	Mo		D & Dec 8 1864 3 years	13
"	Wiltz Wm S	32	"	"	M	Pa			14
Saline	West Erasmus H	31	"	"	"	Md		D & Dec 8 1864	15
"	Wilson David	33	"	"	"	Mo			16
"	West Edwin S	26	"	Teacher	"	"			17
"	Williamson Geo E	23	"	Farmer	U	"			18
"	Wilson John	33	"	"	M	N Y		Left County July 2nd 1863	19
Clay	Webb Thomas	36	"	"	U	Ind			20
"	Webb Thomas	24	"	"	"	"			21
Saline	Watson Francis M	27	"	"	"	Ill		Left County July 2nd 1863	22
"	Wilbur Thos	25	"	"	"	Mass			23
Clay	Wilson F M	38	"	"	"	Mo			24
Saline	Woon David	32	"	"	"	Md			25
Saverton	Wilson Wm H	29	"	"	"	Mo			26
Clay	Winn Richd	30	"	"	"	"		Left County July 2nd 1863	27
Saverton	Weaver John L	34	"	"	M	Va		Left County July 2nd 1863	28
Clay	Williams Wm T	31	"	"	"	"			29
"	Whaley Chas	27	"	"	"	Mo		D & Dec 10 1864 3 years	30
"	Waik Orion	21	"	"	U	Ky			31
"	Willet Hod	28	"	"	"	"			32
Saverton	Yates James	36	"	"	"	Canada			33
Saline	Yant Enoch	46	"	"		Germany			34
Clay	Winn Coleman S	35	"	"		Mo			35
Saverton	Wellman C P	35	"	"		Ohio			36
"	Wade David	44	"	"		"			37
"	Wellman H C	37	"	"		"		D & Dec 1863 1 year	38
Saline	Ward Hamilton	39	"	"		Ill		Left County July 2nd 1863	39
Spencer	Watson Saml T	29	"	"		Mo		Ex 2nd Dec 1st 1863 (White bounty)	40
Clay	Watson John	40	"	"		Ireland		D & July 2nd 1863 Overage	41
Jasper	Wasson Milton	37	"	"		Ky			42
Spencer	Wylie Marion H	37	"	"		Mo			43
Centre	Waters Minnard	33	"	"		Tenn		D & Dec 30th 1864 3 years	44
Jasper	Wasson Harrison	39	"	"		Ky			45
Saline	Winter James	36	"	"		Ireland			46
Saline	Wilson John	39	"	Merchant		N Y			47
"	Yeakley Lenard P	37	"	Farmer		Va			48
"	Wilson Jacob	36	"	"		Ky			49

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Detail

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January 11, 1866 - Deed - George W. Wilson paid Hedgeman and Levina $2,100 for 86 63/100 acres of land. The north part of the South East fractional quarter of Section No. 33 Township No. 56 Range No. 5 west containing 86 63/100 acres.

Sometime after the war and before 1868, George operated a farm with his brother Henry Clay Wilson (Source: Portrait and Biographical Record of Marion, Ralls, Pike Counties, 1895, page 516, found at the Palmyra Historical Society). It's likely the land mentioned above.

On the 1870 census, George was living with William Lennox, his brother-in-law and Evaline Wilson Lennox, his sister, and their children. His father's death in 1869 may have triggered the move.

On the 1880 census, George is listed as farmer, head of household. Elizabeth, sister, is living with him. Elizabeth married Landie Whitamore later that year on December 14, 1880.

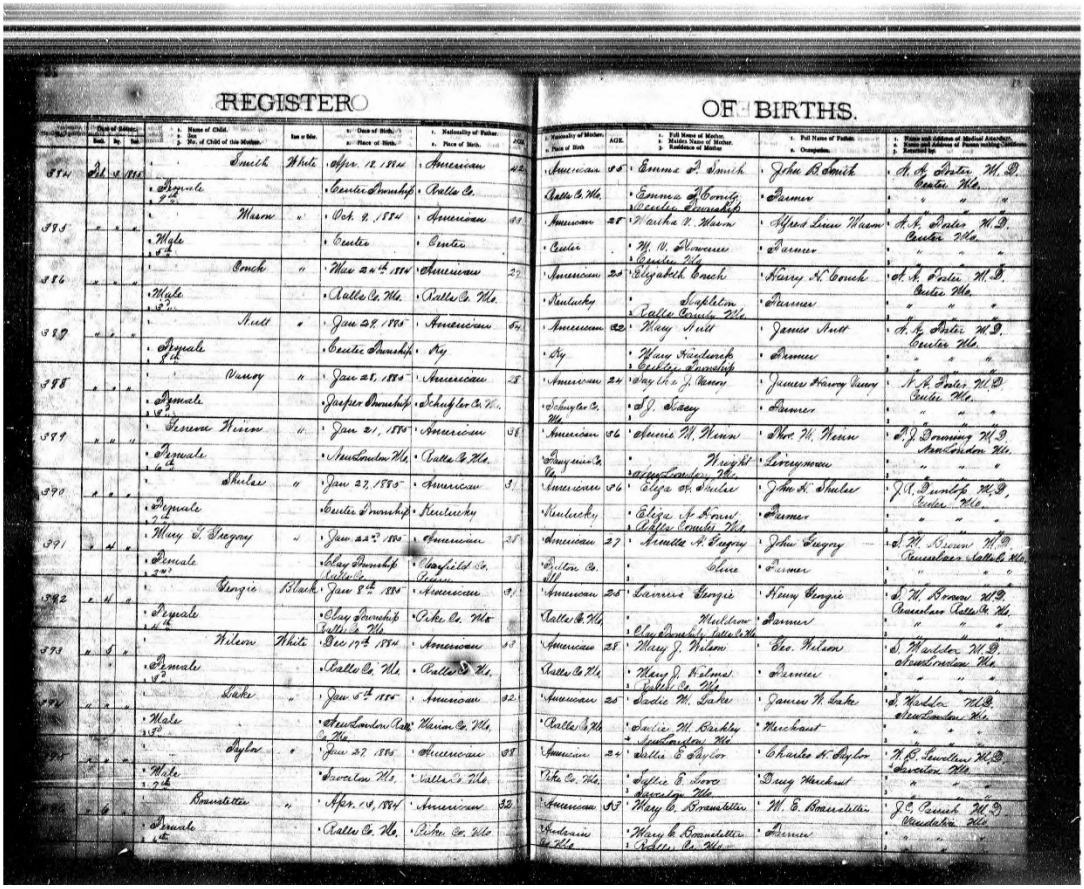
George W. Wilson married Mary Jane Helms circa 1881, when he was 50 years old and she was 24. Mary Jane Helms was born in 1857 in Ralls County, MO to Walter C. and Nancy Helms. She was the 2nd of 7 children: LaRue b. 1855, Lizzie P. b. 1860, John T. b. 1862, Nannie, b. 1864, Leora b. 1868, Uriah, b. 1869, Olivia, b. 1874.

George and Mary Jane had three children:

- Nannie Lula, 1881-1958

- Oscar Marion Wilson, Sr., 1883-1952
- Roxy L., 1884-1955

Here's a record of Roxy's birth. See entry 393.



REGISTER OF BIRTHS.

George died in 1894 and was buried at Barkley Cemetery in Ralls County, Missouri where he spent his entire life. Oscar would have been 11 at the time.

The 1900 census shows Mary Jane as head of household with the three children. It lists her birth year as 1855 which conflicts with her gravestone by 2 years. It lists Mary Jane's profession as a cook in a hotel.

Mary Jane died in 1904, after her father's death in 1901, and prior to her mother's death in 1907. She was also buried at Barkley right next to George.



