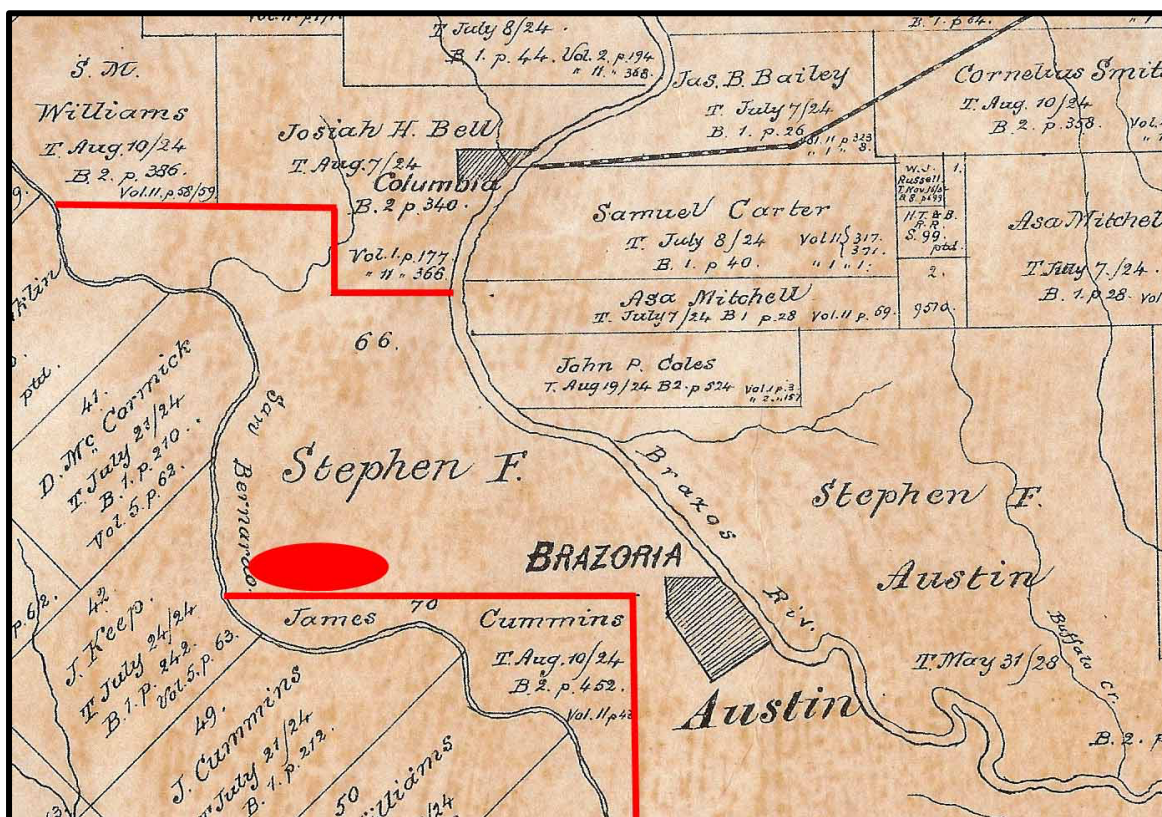


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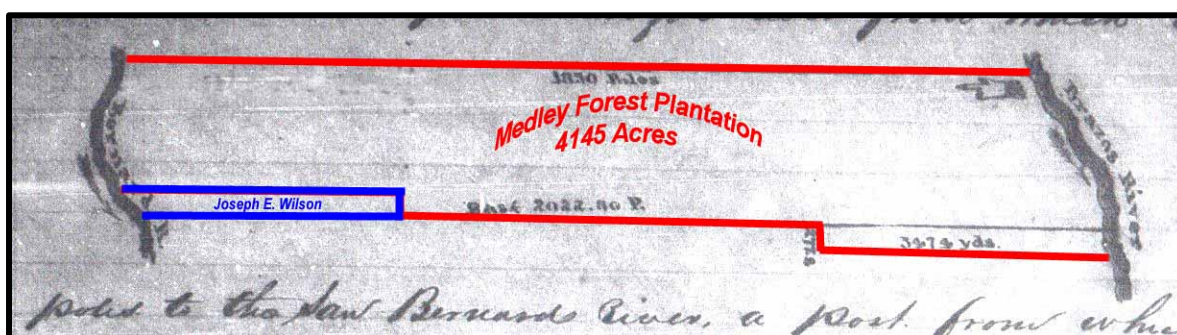
Joseph E. Wilson Plantation Upper Section Stephen F. Austin 7 1/3 Leagues

Joseph Erwin Wilson was born March 16, 1817 in Louisiana. His father died when he was only eight years old. In the 1830's he was in Arkansas Territory. Possibly trained as a physician Joseph E. Wilson came to Texas ~1840. Theresa A. McGreal, a native of Ireland, and Joseph E. Wilson were wed in 1842 in Brazoria County. They would raise a family of eight children. It appears the family resided in the town of Brazoria and on their small plantation which was on the east bank of the San Bernard River near Brazoria. Wilson purchased the property in 1844 and operated the plantation through the 1860's. Joseph E. Wilson bartered and bought town lots, land tracts, and slaves as he ran his plantation and operated a mercantile store in Brazoria during this time. By the mid 1850's he added sugar cane as a cash crop though seemingly operating on a smaller scale than many of the large planters in the county. During his ownership there were 20-30 slaves on the plantation. After the Civil War Joseph E. Wilson fell upon hard times and declared bankruptcy in 1868. His wife Theresa A. Wilson was able to purchase many of his tracts of land back from the owners of William Wiley & Co. of Galveston in 1872. She sold the plantation to their married son Eugene J. Wilson the same year. By 1880 Theresa and Joseph E. Wilson were divorced. During this time Eugene and his brother Erwin N. Wilson exchanged ownership of the plantation several times. Erwin N. Wilson gained ownership in 1884. He sold his wife Ella Wilson the plantation along with several other tracts of land as her separate property in 1887. Ella and Erwin Wilson sold various tracts of land including the old plantation to E. S. Bliss and B. F. Wood of Kansas in 1888 which ended the ownership of the Wilson family of the old plantation property.

Joseph Erwin Wilson was born March 16, 1817 in Louisiana to Nicholas and Eliza Erwin Wilson.¹ Nicholas Wilson died in 1825. In 1833 Joseph E. Wilson was in Arkansas Territory. He relocated to Brazoria, Texas in ~1840. Though he may have been trained as a physician it does not appear that he practiced to any great degree in Brazoria County.

April 1, 1842 Joseph E. Wilson and Theresa A. MacGreal² were wed in Brazoria. Theresa A. MacGreal was only 14 years of age at the time of her marriage. They would have eight children (See Appendix A). The Wilson family initially made the town of Brazoria their home. While living in Brazoria Wilson initially financed mortgages and traded in slaves to a small degree.³ At this time he was also a member of the city council.

For several years Joseph E. Wilson financed the mortgages of Joseph J. George, who owned a 300 acre plantation on the east bank of the San Bernard River about 8 miles west from Brazoria.⁴ In December 1844 Wilson purchased the plantation from Joseph J. George for \$5000.⁵ These lands were originally owned by the Joseph Hawkins heirs and were almost surrounded by the Medley Forest Plantation owned by Richard Payne Jones. The next year Joseph E. Wilson obtained a \$2000 line of credit with Brower & Neilson of New York in order to start a mercantile business in the town of Brazoria. He used his plantation and 14 slaves as security.⁶



Joseph E. Wilson 300 Acre Plantation

Joseph E. Wilson obtained an \$800 loan from William Hendley & Co. of Galveston in October 1849. He used his 300 acre plantation and 23 slaves as security for the note. He also consigned his 1849 cotton crop to Wm. Hendley & Co.⁷

According to the 1850 Agricultural Census Joseph E. Wilson had 75 acres under cultivation out of the 300 acres he owned and only \$200 worth of farm machinery on the plantation. There were 2 horses, 3 mules, 12 milch cows, 25 head of cattle, and 200 hogs on the property. In 1849 the plantation produced 1000 bushels of corn, 20 of Irish potatoes, 200 of sweet potatoes, and 2 tons of hay. There were 23 slaves owned by Wilson according to tax records. Tax records also indicate he also owned lots 1 & 8 in Block 7 in the town of Brazoria.

¹ His mother's parents were Joseph & Lavania Erwin of Iberville Parish, Louisiana

² It is not completely clear if Patrick, Hugh, Peter, and Theresa MacGreal were all siblings.

³ Brazoria County Deed Record: A 424, B 170, B 172, B 177, & B 408/09

⁴ BCDR: B 259/60

⁵ BCDR: B 452

⁶ BCDR: D 125/28

⁷ BCDR: E 289/91 William Hendley & Company of Galveston was owned by William Hendley, Joseph Hendley, Phillip Gildersleeve, and John Slight

The Joseph E. Wilson household appears to be living on the plantation at the time of the 1850 Federal Census:

Joseph E. Wilson	33M	Farmer	Louisiana
Theresa A. Wilson	23F		Ireland
Erwin Wilson	7M		Texas
Eugene Wilson	5M		Texas
Caroline Wilson	4F		Texas
George W. Wilson	2/12M		Texas

In another household living in close proximity were Catherine McGreal aged 50 and Eliza McGreal aged 16 both of whom were born in Ireland, possibly the mother and sister of Theresa A. Wilson.

June 1, 1852 Wm. Hendley & Co. released their mortgage on Joseph E. Wilson's plantation and slaves.⁸ Wilson a few days later mortgaged his plantation and cotton crop along with 70,000 fired bricks on the property for \$5000 to N. Bradner Smith of New Orleans.⁹

In October 1851 Joseph E. Wilson sold Christopher Randolph Cox¹⁰ a 1/3 interest in his "entire stock of goods, wares & merchandise" valued at \$7267.11.¹¹

Hiram Close of Galveston contracted with Joseph E. Wilson to build and install an engine, mill, and kettles for making sugar on Wilson's plantation for \$2810 November 2, 1852.¹² Though Wilson did not have the manpower to operate a full scale sugar plantation he was making the conversion. William Lee was to lay 25,000 bricks in 1853 on the plantation in return for a lot in Brazoria.¹³

Perhaps the family tired of plantation life or the weight of several mortgages was a concern to Joseph. In early 1854 Joseph E. Wilson advertised to sell two of his properties. One of which was his plantation on the San Bernard River:

FOR SALE—A plantation situated on the San Bernard river, about 8 miles from the town of Brazoria, now in the cultivation of cane, with a good Brick Frame Sugar House, thereon, and with all the machinery new and complete, capable, with a few additional hands, of taking off 200 hhds sugar. Together with about **20 SLAVES**; Also, a number of mules, horses, carts, ploughs, &c., necessary for its cultivation.

Terms—One-third cash; balance in two and three years. Any paper signed J.E. Wilson, will be received as cash. Apply to, or address,

J. E. WILSON,

Jan 25 Brazoria, Texas¹⁴

February 22, 1854 Joseph E. Wilson sold the plantation "now in the cultivation of cane & cotton", livestock, and a group of 20 slaves to Charles H. Sheafe of Mississippi for \$20,000. All the farm utensils were also noted which included "all the machinery and fixtures attached to and set up on

⁸ BCDR: F 337/38

⁹ BCDR: F 338/40

¹⁰ Christopher Randolph Cox was the son of Christopher Greenup Cox Md. and Harriet Hite Reese. Harriet had married Thomas Rivers Erwin in 1836 in Brazoria County after the death of her first husband.

¹¹ BCDR: F 149/51

¹² BCDR: H 179

¹³ BCDR: F 782/83

¹⁴ *Texas Planter*, February 8, 1854, Brazoria, Texas

said plantation for taking off a sugar crop, consisting of a Steam Engine, Sugar Mill & Kettles complete..." Wilson still owed N. Bradner Smith \$5000, L. M. Wiley \$2150, and Hiram Close \$2010.¹⁵

During time of need Joseph E. Wilson had borrowed \$600 from his wife, Theresa, in order to buy a home and lot in Brazoria. In consideration of this loan Wilson now deeded ownership of Eliza, a slave for life aged 19, to his wife.¹⁶ At the same time he deeded his son Erwin a young slave aged 10 named Douglass¹⁷

His mercantile business which operated out of a brick building on Lot 4 Block 12 in Brazoria was now Joseph E. Wilson's primary concern.¹⁸ He and his partner C. R. Cox were still receiving merchandise from New York.

New Goods

WILSON & COX are now receiving from
New York a fresh supply of Goods—*suitable for the season*—consisting of
Saddlery; Clothing, for boys and men; Dry
Goods; Stationery, Hats; Hardware; Boots,
Shoes, and Brogans; Groceries; and a great variety
of other articles, purchased at low rates, and
for sale upon our usual terms.¹⁹

J. E. Wilson Brazoria

Invites purchasers to call and examine his stock
of goods, consisting in part of Staple and Fancy
Dry Goods, Clothing, Groceries, Saddlery, Hard-
Ware, Tin ware, Cutlery, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps,
&c.&c.; also superior Wines and Liquors constantly
on hand. All orders from his friends in the country
will be promptly attended to.

June 16, 1854²⁰

New Goods

I AM now receiving from New York a supply
of Fall and Winter Goods, consisting of—
Shirtlings, Linen Crash, Irish Linens, Damask
Napkins, Table Covers, Swiss, Cambrie, Jackonet
Muslins, heavy Mackinaw Blankets, Osnaburge;
Apron, furniture and Union Checks;
Prints; Wolsey's; Cable Warp Lindseys; Silk Luster
sup. Silk Poplins; Ladies' hose; Gent's and
Boys' ½ Hose, Patent Thread; Sewing Silk; Swiss
and Muslin Edging, Insertings, and other articles:
all of which are offered at moderate prices by
Oct 18, 1854 J. E. Wilson²¹

¹⁵ BCDR: F 708/11

¹⁶ BCDR: F 711/12

¹⁷ BCDR: F 712/13

¹⁸ BCDR: F 719/20

¹⁹ *Texas Planter*, February 8, 1854, Brazoria, Texas

²⁰ *Texas Planter*, November 8, 1854, Brazoria, Texas

²¹ Ibid.

Joseph E. Wilson was still heavily in debt. He lost two judgments brought against him, one by R. & D. G. Mills for \$2100 and another by Taylor & Hadden of New York for \$1000. He turned over all crops which he was producing for the year 1856 and all his unsettled accounts from his store in which he was owed money to Alexander Wilson²² for collection in order to pay the judgments against him.²³

Charles Haven Sheafe may have never come to Texas. May 12, 1857 Charles H. and Caroline E. Sheafe deeded the plantation back over to Joseph E. Wilson. Sheafe had failed to pay any of his promissory notes.²⁴ Joseph E. Wilson was still in debt because of his loans on his plantation. He quickly refinanced his note with Hiram Close.²⁵ Another piece of property just to the north of his plantation containing 425 acres, which he had sold to Alexander Wilson, was also deeded back to Joseph, July 30, 1857.²⁶

Joseph E. Wilson continued to pick up parcels of land at estate sales and on New Year's day 1858 he gave his wife Theresa a present of 115 acres near Brazoria which he had bought out Mrs. Susan M. Singleton's estate.²⁷

P. A. Champomier, who published a list of sugar producers in Louisiana and Texas during the 1850's, did not list Joseph E. Wilson as a producer for Brazoria County. Wilson was, however, producing small crops on a regular basis during this time.

January 1859 Joseph E. and Theresa M. Wilson sold their interest in the Hugh MacGreal estate to Peter MacGreal for \$2400.²⁸ This created a flurry of activity on the part of Joseph E. Wilson as he purchased several other properties. In the spring of 1859 Joseph E. Wilson conveyed two slaves to his wife Theresa for another \$1000 which he owed her. He also gifted a slave to his son Eugene, 11 acres to his daughter Kate, and a slave to his daughter Caroline.²⁹ In June 1859 he was able to pay off his note to Close and Cushman.³⁰

The 1860 Federal Slave Census lists 31 slaves on the plantation in 5 dwellings. The 1860 Agricultural Census lists Joseph E. Wilson with 154 acres under cultivation and another 2386 acres unimproved with only \$200 worth of farm machinery. There were 2 horses, 9 mules, 10 milch cows, 8 oxen, and 50 hogs on the property. The plantation produced 1600 bushels of corn, 25 bales of cotton, 15 hogsheads of sugar, and 1600 gallons of molasses in 1859.

In 1860 the Joseph E. Wilson family was living in Brazoria, Texas with an overseer, G. P. Whitman. Wilson listed his occupation as planter:

Joseph E. Wilson	46M	Planter	Louisiana
Theresa A. Wilson	32F		Ireland
Erwin W. Wilson	17M		Texas
Eugene Wilson	14M		Texas
Caroline Wilson	13F		Texas
Lavinia Wilson	8F		Texas
Alice Wilson	5F		Texas
Catharine Wilson	4F		Texas
Walter Wilson	2M		Texas
G. P. Whitman	32M	Overseer	Georgia

²² Alexander Wilson appears to be a relative but not his brother.

²³ BCDR: G 465

²⁴ BCDR: H 180/82

²⁵ BCDR: H 179

²⁶ BCDR: H 230/31

²⁷ BCDR: H 350/51 & H 333/34

²⁸ BCDR: J 285

²⁹ BCDR: J 75

³⁰ BCDR: J 215

In March 1860 Joseph E. Wilson and Theresa Wilson sold lots 1 & 7 in Block 7 of Brazoria to John W. Crofton for \$1800.³¹ This may have been their town home. The family was probably living on the property he had given Theresa. At the end of 1860 Wilson renewed his loan of \$2315 with L. M. Wiley & Co. of Galveston.³²

A few months after the beginning of the Civil War Joseph E. Wilson conveyed all of Block 32 in Brazoria to Theresa. This property had only recently been purchased and the family was residing there. In addition his two story building which contained his mercantile store was given to Theresa. She also received three slaves whom he had recently purchased in New Orleans and an additional slave.³³

During the Civil War Joseph E. Wilson was a contract physician with the Brazoria County Minutemen stationed along the coast. Joseph and Eugene are both listed as members of the Columbia Blues mustered into service October 5, 1861 1st Texas Cavalry Colonel Joseph Bates' Regiment.³⁴

Joseph Davie leased Joseph E. Wilson's 500 acre tract west of the San Bernard for 1/10 of his crop of corn and cotton for the year 1866 and 1/4 of his crop for the 1867, 1868, 1869.³⁵

March 1866 Joseph E. Wilson leased his plantation to his son Eugene Wilson for \$500 for the year. He reserved one room in the dwelling house for himself indicating he may not have been living with the family.³⁶

After the Civil War Joseph E. Wilson felt a moral obligation to his wife and children for monies borrowed and the value of the slaves which he had given them before the Civil War. He conveyed the plantation which had now grown to 724 acres to his eldest son, Erwin Nicholas Wilson. He reserved 200 acres out of this acreage for his homestead until his death. He owned several other tracts and another 500 acres west of the San Bernard River which he gave to E. N. Wilson in trust for his wife and children. These lands were held in trust to be sold within four years. The proceeds were then to be divided. To Theresa Wilson he gave \$2500 to secure her ownership of her home in Block 32 Brazoria. He also listed additional sums of money varying from \$500 to \$1000 to each of his children and another \$4000 to his wife.³⁷

In July 1866 Joseph E. Wilson deeded over the 500 acres tract west of the San Bernard River to Theresa Wilson for monies he had received during the Civil War. These monies had been given to her by her father Owen MacGreal.³⁸

June 11, 1869 Joseph E. Wilson was declared bankrupt effective from August 26, 1868 by U. S. Judge T. H. Duval in Galveston, Texas.³⁹

George Butler, Hugh R. Banks, and Henry Vandergee, the surviving partners of Leroy M. Wiley & Co. of Galveston received much Joseph E. Wilson's property as a result of foreclosure. Theresa A. Wilson was able to purchase several tracts of land from them including the 300 acre Wilson place for \$1500 June 1872.⁴⁰ By 1876 Theresa A. Wilson was living in Galveston and Joseph E. Wilson was in Brazoria County. They were divorced by 1880. Joseph E. Wilson had

³¹ BCDR: J 406/07

³² BCDR: J 625/26

³³ BCDR: K 134/35

³⁴ *Democrat and Planter*, October 22, 1861, Columbia, Texas

³⁵ BCDR: K 682

³⁶ BCDR: K 600

³⁷ BCDR: K 543/45

³⁸ BCDR: K 680/82

³⁹ BCDR: M 341

⁴⁰ BCDR: N 145/46

conveyed all his interest in his plantation to Theresa A. Wilson for the benefit of his younger children, January 20, 1877.⁴¹ Theresa sold the Wilson plantation to her son Eugene J. Wilson December 28, 1876 for \$5000. The sugar mill, engine, boiler, kettles, gin, and corn mill were listed as part of this transaction.⁴² He would have to take out a \$3000 mortgage payable to his mother.⁴³ Eugene J. Wilson had married Anna (Annie) Della Sweeny in 1871 and they would raise a large family.

The steam engine, mill, boiler, and kettles to the sugar mill were to be removed from the building without damage to the purgery by Erwin N. Wilson January 1878.⁴⁴ However, Eugene J. Wilson sold the entire property for \$7500 to his brother Erwin N. Wilson February 1878 and the equipment may have not been removed.⁴⁵ January 21, 1879 Erwin N. Wilson wed Ella McGrew, almost 17 years younger than Erwin.

The 1880 Federal census lists Joseph E. Wilson as a merchant living alone and divorced in Brazoria County. His sons' Eugene J. and Erwin N. Wilson's families are also listed in the 1880 census:

Eugene J. Wilson	34M	Lawyer	Texas
Annie D. Wilson	28F		Texas
Eugene J. Wilson	7M		Texas
Lewis J. Wilson	6M		Texas
Willie D. Wilson	4M		Texas
Alice Wilson	3F		Texas
Walter Wilson	1M		Texas
Erwin N. Wilson	36M	County Judge	Texas
Ella Wilson	25F(?)		Texas
Infant(Lucille?)	8/12F		Texas

Both brothers seemed to be prospering in Brazoria County and had acquired an additional 500 acres just below their plantation in the Cummings league. October 1880 Erwin N. Wilson agreed to deed half interest in the plantation back to his brother Eugene. Eugene released the mortgage he held on the property but Erwin was to pay their mother the \$3000 note originally given by Eugene.⁴⁶ The brothers went into general merchandising business in Brazoria forming Warren, Wilson & Co. with Jere Wilson November 1881.⁴⁷

The next year Erwin N. Wilson deeded his half interest over to Eugene J. Wilson, who assumed the \$3000 note to their mother.⁴⁸ July 18, 1882, Eugene J. Wilson sold half interest in the plantation to William H. Crafton for \$8000.⁴⁹ Crafton was unable to meet his scheduled payments and the property was returned to Eugene J. Wilson May 14, 1883.⁵⁰

⁴¹ BCDR: M 431

⁴² BCDR: P 696/97

⁴³ BCDR: P 697/98

⁴⁴ BCDR: Q 547

⁴⁵ BCDR: Q 536/37

⁴⁶ BCDR: S 655/87

⁴⁷ BCDR: T 586/88

⁴⁸ BCDR: U 122/23

⁴⁹ BCDR: U 378/79 & U 381

⁵⁰ BCDR: V 100/01

Arthur Curtis leased the property for \$500 in 1884 and though he also was in position to lease the property again in 1885 & 1886 he relinquished the lease to allow Brooks Bros to lease the property in 1885.⁵¹

In 1884 William H. Crafton again bought into the plantation. This time it was for a $\frac{1}{4}$ interest for \$2000.⁵² Before the end of the year Crafton sold this $\frac{1}{4}$ interest for \$2500 to Erwin N. Wilson.⁵³ November 1884 Erwin N. Wilson acquired the $\frac{3}{4}$ interest of his brother Eugene for \$1500.⁵⁴

March 1, 1885 Joseph E. Wilson passed away and was buried in the “old town” Brazoria Cemetery.



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In 1886 Erwin N. Wilson paid off all his mortgages including the \$3000 note that had been owed their mother.⁵⁶ November 1887 Erwin sold the plantation plus several other tracts for \$8000 to his wife Ella Wilson as her separate property.⁵⁷ Ella and Erwin Wilson sold the Wilson place in addition to many of their real estate holdings in Brazoria County in June 1888 to E. S. Bliss and B. F. Woods.⁵⁸ Later that same year Erwin N. Wilson died. A few years later Ella married W. G. Love.

The Joseph E. Wilson plantation has not been surveyed archaeologically. Current owners have not been contacted.

⁵¹ BCDR: X 40/41

⁵² BCDR: X 87

⁵³ BCDR: X 88

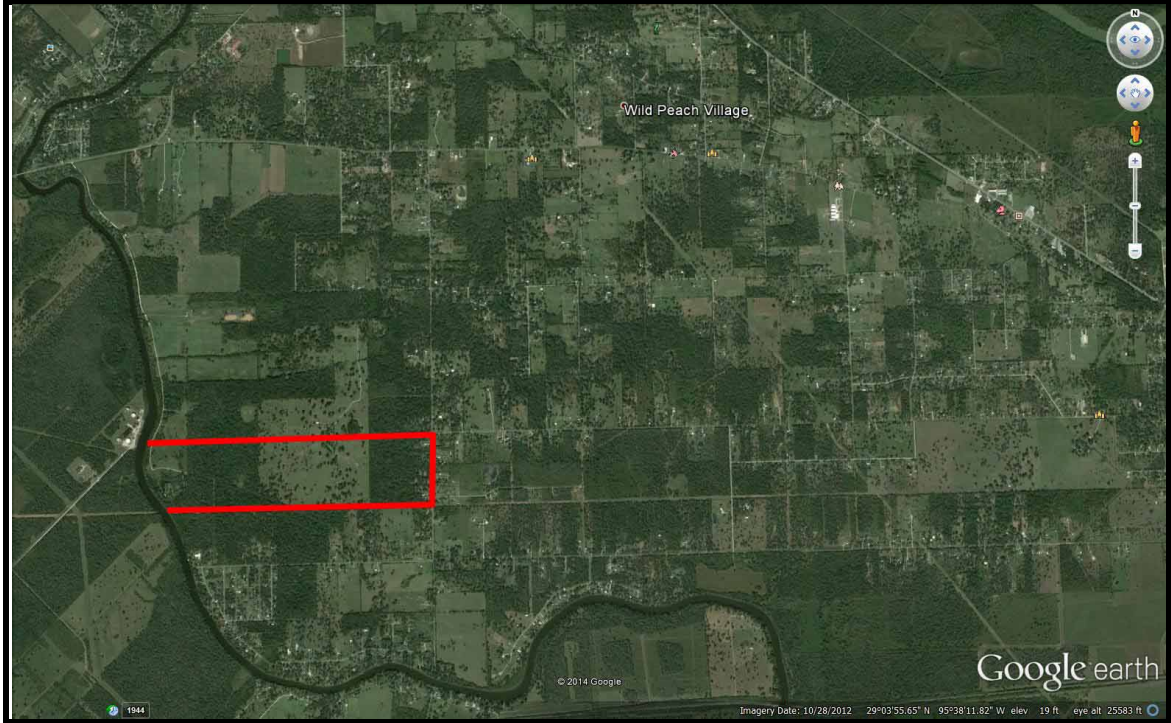
⁵⁴ BCDR: X 90/91

⁵⁵ Age on tombstone may be in error.

⁵⁶ BCDR: Y 455/57 & Y 458/60

⁵⁷ BCDR: Z 559/65

⁵⁸ BCDR: 1 369/74



Appendix A
Joseph Erwin Wilson Family

Joseph Erwin Wilson b. March 16, 1817 Louisiana (Nicholas Wilson 1786-1825 & Eliza Erwin 1793-1834)
 d. March 1, 1885 Brazoria, Texas buried old town Brazoria Cemetery
 m. April 1, 1842 Brazoria, Texas
 Theresa A. MacGreal b. 1828 Ireland (Owen or Orren MacGreal & ??Catherine??)
 d. 1910 Brazoria County, Texas
 A. Erwin Nicholas Wilson b. 1843
 d. 1888
 m. January 21, 1879
 Ella McGrew b. January 1860 Texas (married W. G. Love after death of Erwin N. Wilson)
 d. March 26, 1931 Houston, Texas
 1. Lucille Wilson b. 1880
 2. Joseph Erwin Wilson b. October 13, 1882 d. January 28, 1960 Houston, Texas
 3. John McGrew Wilson b. April 1885 d. May 12, 1958
 4. Ashly Fly Wilson b. March 23, 1886 d. 1953
 B. Eugene Joseph Wilson b. July 19, 1845
 d. August 2, 1921 Galveston, Texas buried old Brazoria Cemetery
 m. 1871
 Anna Della Sweeny b. February 17, 1849
 d. October 30, 1904 buried old Brazoria Cemetery
 1. Eugene J. Wilson b. 1873
 2. Louis Janis Wilson b. April 1874
 3. William Douglas Wilson b. December 5, 1876 d. December 8, 1944 Arkansas
 4. Theresa Alice Wilson b. 1878
 5. Walter Wilson b. 1879
 6. Roscoe Walter Wilson b. March 1881 d. February 13, 1936
 7. Della Wilson b. February 1883
 8. Theresa Alice b. June 1886

 C. Caroline Wilson b. 1847
 d.
 D. George W. Wilson b. 1850
 d.
 E. Lavinia E. Wilson b. 1852
 d. 1902
 F. Alice Wilson b. 1855
 d. 1878
 G. Catherine (Kate) Wilson b. 1857
 d.
 H. Walter L. Wilson b. 1859
 d. March 14, 1918 Harris County, Texas
 m.
 Flora ? b. August 1873 Germany
 d.
 1. Selma Wilson b. September 1897

Appendix B
Deed Records Joseph E. Wilson

GRANTORS	GRANTEES	Kind of Instrument	Book	Page	Month	Day	Year	Acres	Description
Mexican Government	Stephen F. Austin	Deed	SR		May	31	1828		Stephen F. Austin 7 1/3 League Tract
Stephen F. Austin	Heirs of Joseph Hawkins	Deed							
John Sweeny	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	A	424	July	17	1841		\$9458.75 17 Slaves as security
Mary Jane Davis	James Love	PA	B	92	Oct	14	1840		Power Attorney
Thomas R. Erwin	Joseph E. Wilson	Lease	B	141	June	2	1842		\$200 for 5 yrs his property in Brazoria
John W. Turner	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	B	170	Sept	12	1842	slaves	\$697 2 female slaves
Joseph E. Wilson	Robert J. Townes	Deed	B	172	Sept	19	1842	slaves	\$600 mother & child
Joseph E. Wilson	Thomas K. Pelkington	Mortgage	B	177	Oct	20	1842		\$600 2 lots in Brazoria
Joseph J. George	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	B	259/60	May	9	1843	300	\$1556.57 Plantation & 8 slaves as security
J. T. Hawkins	Joseph J. George	Contract	B	260	May	8	1843	300	\$1500 Land on which J. J. George lived
Joseph J. George	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	B	330	Dec	20	1843	slave	\$250 1 slave
Joseph J. George	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	B	331	Dec	20	1843		\$427.12 debt owed Mills Bros. picked by Wilson
William G. Hill	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	B	373	Feb	24	1844		\$554.23 Cotton crop as security
Joseph J. George	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	B	387/88	March	15	1844		\$1500 & \$477 notes 15 bales cotton as security
Joseph E. Wilson	Charles Schlect	Deed	B	408/09	April	28	1844	slaves	11 yr old girl
Joseph J. George	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	B	452	Dec	9	1844	300	Plantation, livestock, & 8 slaves
Joseph E. Wilson	Samuel Hinkle	Mortgage	B	453	Dec	9	1844	slaves	\$578 2 slaves as security
Joseph E. Wilson	Joseph J. George	Deed	B	454	Dec	9	1844	slave	\$250 1 slave
Thomas G. Masterson	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	B	461	Dec	17	1844	slave	\$70 1 3 yr old child
Joseph E. Wilson	Brower & Neilson New York	Mortgage	D	125/28	March	31	1845		\$2000 credit line to start mercantile business - Plantation & 14 slaves as security
F. W. Douglass	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	D	211	Dec	8	1845		\$70 1/2 Lot 5 Blk 5 Brazoria
William P. Corbin	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	D	293/95	Jan	29	1847	500	\$1737.41 land & 14 slaves as security
Thomas Cayce	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	D	446	Aug	25	1847		\$31 5 bales security
Joseph E. Wilson	Philip Dargan	Deed	E	273	Aug	18	1849		\$57.50 1/2 lot Brazoria
Joseph E. Wilson	William Hendley & Co. Galveston	Mortgage	E	289/91	Oct	4	1849	300	\$800 Plantation + 23 slaves 1849 cotton crop as security
Sheriff	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	E	322	Sept	17	1849	slaves	\$890 7 Corbin slaves
Jarvis Dockrill	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	F	74/75	March	24	1851	11	1/8 of Outlot 14 Brazoria Back Taxes
Jarvis Dockrill	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	F	75/76	March	24	1851		Lot 4 Blk 2 Brazoria Back Taxes
Joseph E. Wilson	Christopher Randolph Cox	Agreement Mortgage	F	149/51	Oct	10	1851		1/3 Interest wares & merchandise of \$7267.11
Peter MacGreal	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	F	300	April	9	1851	slave	\$325 Female slave
William Hendley & Co.	Joseph E. Wilson	Release	F	337/38	June	21	1852	300	Release their mortgage paid
Joseph E. Wilson	N. Bradner Smith New Orleans	Mortgage	F	338/40	June	29	1852	300	\$5000 credit line Consign cotton crop plantation & 23 slaves
C. R. Cox	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	F	469	May	5	1853		\$650 1/2 int Blk 12 Brazoria
Joseph E. Wilson	M. K. Grogies	Deed	F	505/06	Oct	27	1852		Sold Outlot 14
W.C.C. Lynch	Wilson & Cox	Mortgage	F	191/92	Jan	13	1852		Line of credit @ store
Joseph E. Wilson	C. R. Cox	Deed	F	601/02	Sept	10	1853		Split lots 4 & 5 Blk 12 Brazoria

Alexander Wilson	Joseph E. Wilson	Release	F	666/67	Jan	30	1854	300	\$9000 line of credit Land + 23 slaves
Joseph E. Wilson	Charles H. Sheafe Mississippi	Deed	F	708/11	Feb	22	1854	300	Steam engine, Sugar Mill, Kettles slaves & livestock
Joseph E. Wilson	Theresa M. Wilson	Trust	F	711/12	March	17	1854	slave	\$600 debt to his wife Elija 1 slave held in trust to her
Joseph E. Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Trust	F	712/13	March	17	1854	slave	Slave Douglass aged 10 in trust to son
Joseph E. Wilson	C. R. Cox	Release	F	713	March	16	1854		Paid F 149/50
Joseph E. Wilson	William Hendley & Co.	Mortgage	F	719/20	March	25	1854		\$760 Lot4 Blk12 his store + others security
Joseph E. Wilson	William Lee	Deed	F	755	April	10	1854		\$50 Lot 4 Blk 2 Brazoria
Joseph E. Wilson	Richmond Champion	Deed	F	763/64	May	15	1854	slave	\$500 Sarah Jane aged 9 yrs
Charles Sheafe	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	F	764	April	24	1854	slave	Sarah Jane
Joseph E. Wilson	William Lee	Contract	F	782/83	Nov	21	1852		25,000 brick on his plantation for lot
Joseph E. Wilson	N. Bradier Smith	Mortgage	F	793	July	5	1854		\$2930.68 Lots in Brazoria as security
William Outterside	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	G	62	Oct	4	1841		Lot 4 Blk 2 Brazoria
R. P. Jones Estate	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	G	147/49	Dec	19	1854	425	Medley Forest tract
W. C. C.-mother Nancy Lynch	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	G	225/27	March	6	1855	400	\$100 At auction as result of suit William Cummings LG
Sheriff	Wm. Hendley & Co.	Deed	G	375/76	Aug	23	1855		\$229 debt foreclosed Lots in Brazoria sold
Joseph E. Wilson	Alexander Wilson	Deed	G	388	Sept	8	1855	425	\$3300 Medley Forest Property
Joseph E. Wilson	Hiram Close Galveston	Contract	G	418/19	Nov	2	1852		\$2810 Engine Mill Kettles for sugar
Joseph E. Wilson	Alexander Wilson	Agreement	G	465	Jan	4	1856		All his crops of cotton & sugar-unsettled accounts from store to pay his debts
Joseph E. Wilson	Hiram Close	Mortgage	H	179	June	13	1857		\$2744.94 Refinance
Charles Haven Caroline E. Sheafe	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	H	180/82	May	12	1857	300	Released plantation back to Wilson
Alexander Wilson	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	H	230/331	July	30	1857	425	Released back to Joseph Wilson
Estate Susan M. Singleton	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	H	333/34	Dec	28	1857	115	Outlot 10 \$1300
Alexander Wilson	Joseph E. Wilson	Agreement	H	255/56	Aug	24	1847		Suit over inheritance
Joseph E. Wilson	Theresa A. Wilson	Deed	H	350/51	Jan	10	1858	115	Gift to his wife
Abner S. Lathrop	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	H	356	Nov		1857	350	Cummings League
Francis MacGreal	Joseph E. Wilson B. C. Jones	Deed	H	359	Dec	29	1857		\$500 all his rights to Hugh MacGreal estate
Joseph E. Wilson	Theresa & children	Deed	J	75	March	3	1859	slaves	Sale and gifts to wife and children
John Campbell	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	J	99	March	15	1859		\$254 old Engine
Peter MacGreal	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	J	158/59	Jan	22	1859		\$2400 various tracts
Joseph E. Wilson	Parthenia W.C.C. Lynch	Agreement	J	192/93	July	7	1859	400	75 acres out of the 400 to Wilson
James Margaret Broughan	Joseph E. Wilson Andrew P. McCormick	Deed	J	201/02	July	21	1859		\$400 Lots 4 & 5 Blk 12 Brazoria which they live
Wm. Hendley	Joseph E. Wilson	Release	J	214	Aug	4	1859		Mortgage on Lot 4
Don Alonzo Cushman	Joseph E. Wilson	Release	J	215	June	13	1859		Paid off note Close & Cushman
Joseph & Theresa Wilson	Peter MacGreal	Deed	J	285	Jan	22	1859		\$2400 all rights to Hugh McGreal Estate

Joseph & Theresa Wilson	John W. Crafton	Deed	J	406/07	March	20	1860		\$1800 Lots 1 & 8 Blk 7 Brazoria
Peter MacGreal	Joseph E. Wilson	Deed	J	460	May	14	1860	550	Alsburys League
C. Stringfellow	Joseph E. Wilson	Mortgage	J	512	Aug	1	1860		\$849.44 sugar plantation security
Joseph E. Wilson	L. M. Wiley & Co.	Mortgage	J	625/26	Dec	30	1860		\$2315.44
Joseph E. Wilson	Minor children	Deed	K	23	Dec	25	1860	slaves	Xmas gift to children
Joseph E. Wilson	Theresa A. Wilson	Deed	K	134	June	1	1861	slaves	Blk 32 Brazoria & his brick store & slaves gifts to wife
Joseph E. Wilson	C. Stringfellow	Release	K	298	Aug	1	1860		Mortgage paid
Joseph E. Wilson	A. P. McCormick	Deed	K	357	Oct	1	1862		\$225 lots Blk 12 Brazoria improvement
Joseph E. Wilson	Wife & Children	Deed	K	543/45	Jan	18	1866		To compensate children for loss of slaves signed over tracts of land to each.
Joseph E. Wilson	Eugene Wilson	Lease	K	600	March	10	1866		\$500 Lease until Jan. 1, 1867 Homestead Plantation
Joseph E. Wilson	Eugene Wilson	Deed	K	604	March	17	1866		\$150 several unimproved lots & blocks in Brazoria
Joseph E. Wilson	Eugene Wilson	Deed	K	605/06	March	19	1866		\$1000 several tracts
Joseph E. Wilson	Eugene Wilson	Deed	K	606/07	March	19	1866		\$500 all claims from his accounts
Joseph E. Wilson	Theresa A. Wilson	Deed	K	649/50	May	26	1866	300	\$1000
Joseph E. Wilson	Theresa A. Wilson	Deed	K	680/82	July	14	1866		McDonald tract
Joseph Davis	Joseph E. Wilson	Lease	K	682	Jan	5	1866		McDonald tract for 1867,68, & 69
Joseph E. Wilson	U. S. Judge T. H. Duval	Bankruptcy	M	341	June	11	1869		Effective from August 26, 1868
Joseph E. Wilson	Theresa A. Wilson	Deed	M	431	Jan	21	1871		All claims & privileges to plantation for 5 years
Hugh R. Banks Henry Vanderges Leroy M Wiley & Co.	Theresa A. Wilson	Deed	N	145/46	June	20	1872	300	\$1500 several tracts including plantation had been foreclosed on Federal
Theresa A. Wilson	Eugene J. Wilson	Deed	P	696/97	Dec	28	1876	300	\$5000 Plantation with improvements
Eugene J. Wilson	Theresa A. Wilson	Mortgage	P	697/98	Dec	28	1876	300	\$3000 land & sugar mill as security
Eugene J. Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Deed	Q	536/37	Feb	23	1878	300	\$7500 land improvements & livestock
Eugene J. Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Release	Q	537	Feb	23	1878	300	\$3000 Mortgage still in effect to be paid by him not his brother
Erwin N. Wilson	Eugene J. Wilson	Mortgage	Q	538/39	Feb	23	1878	300	\$7500
Eugene J. Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Deed	Q	547	Jan	14	1878		Steam engine, Sugar Mill, Boiler, Kettles to be removed from purgery
Erwin N. Wilson	Eugene J. Wilson	Mortgage	S	191/92	Oct	1	1879	300	\$710 note Wilson place + 500 acres below as security
Erwin N. Wilson	Eugene J. Wilson	Deed	S	685/87	Oct	20	1880	300	½ interest plantation & sugar mill released Q: 538 & S:191 Erwin also assumed the \$3000 note to their mother
Eugene J. Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Release	S	687	Oct	20	1880	300	Release \$7500 note
Erwin N. Wilson	Eugene J. Wilson	Deed	U	122/23	March	18	1882	300	His half interest in Wilson Place with Eugene assuming the \$3000 note to their mother
Eugene J. Wilson	William H. Crafton	Deed	U	378/79	July	18	1882	300	½ Interest \$8000 land + sugar mill
Eugene J. Wilson	William H. Crafton	Agreement	U	381	July	18	1882	300	Only plantation land covered by mortgage

Eugene J. Wilson	William H. Crafton	Agreement	V	100/01	May	14	1883	300	Notes by Crafton returned Plantation lack back to Wilson
Arthur Curtis	Eugene J. Wilson	Release	X	40/41	Oct	15	1884	300	Lease for 1885 & 1886 released- lease for 1884 still in effect-\$500- Brooks Bros to lease in 1885
Eugene J. Wilson	William H. Crafton	Deed	X	87	Oct	30	1884	300	\$2000 ¼ interest in Wilson place + 500 acres below
William H. Crafton	Erwin N. Wilson	Deed	X	88	Nov	22	1884	300	\$2500 his ¼ interest
Anna Della Wilson	Eugene J. Wilson	Deed	X	89	Nov	19	1884	300	\$5000 all her rights to her husband Wilson place
Eugene J. Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Deed	X	90/91	Nov	24	1884	300	¾ Interest Wilson Place + 500 acres below \$1500
Erwin N. Wilson	Theresa A. Wilson	Mortgage	X	716	Dec	5	1885		\$3000
Anna Della Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Deed	Y	276	April	28	1886	300	All her interest in plantation as gift
Theresa A. Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Release	Y	455/57	July	20	1886	300	Mortgage paid in full
Eugene Wilson	Erwin N. Wilson	Release	Y	458/60	July	5	1886	300	Mortgage paid in full
Erwin N. Wilson	Ella Wilson	Deed	Z	559/65	Nov	14	1887		\$8000 several tracts including Wilson place to his wife as separate property
Erwin & Ella Wilson	E. S. Bliss B. F. Wood Kansas	Deed	1	369/74	June	19	1888		Several tracts + Wilson place \$100,000
Benjamin & Priscilla Wood	Charles A. Bliss	Deed	1	699/705	Oct	24	1889		Several tracts + Wilson place 1/3 interest
	Francis Smith	Deed	8	80					
	Francis Smith	Deed	15	469					
Francis Smith Indiana	Tom W. Mitchell Fort Bend County	Deed	38	396	April	1	1897		
Tom & Mary Mitchell	Francis Smith	Deed	47	447	Sept	22	1898		
Francis Smith	J. E. Stevenson	Deed	77	582	May	18	1906		Several tracts + Wilson place

Appendix C
Joseph E. Wilson Slave Populations

March 1, 1846		October 4, 1849		February 22, 1854	
Jack 42		Jack 45		Jack 45	
Doctor 27		Doctor 26		Doctor 30	
Milly 38 Eley 8 Orren 5		Milly 40 Eley 14 Orren 12		Milly 40 Orren 14 Sarah Jane 8	
Riney 22 Infant		Riney 25		Riney 25 Mary 8 Charlotte 6	
Elija 14		Elija 18		Elija 15	
Becky 20		Becky 26		Becky 25 Albert 6	
Flora 27 Ellen 5 Douglass 2 Infant		Flora 30 Ellen 12 Douglass 9 Peter 2		Flora 28 Ellen 13 Davie 6 Peter 3	
Rosa 48		Rosa 50		Rose 50	
		Jenny 50			
		Davis 50			
		Henry 8		Henry 8	
		Milly 16		Milly 15	
		Eliza 28			
		Mary 8			
		Little Flora 12		Little Flora 12	
		Sarah Jane 8			
		Charlotte 4			
		Rose 2		Little Rose 7	

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