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Lesley Dickinson

From: Nancy Overton [noverton24@gmail.com]
Sent: 16 July 2014 20:31
To: dickinson@lawnbowls.plus.com
Subject: Re: Marriage of Rev William Crawford and Arminella Wilson

Hi,

I found this christening record at familysearch.org:

Name: Armenella Wilson
Gender: Female
Christening Date: 07 Apr 1794
Christening Place: Baltimore Independent City, Maryland
Birth Date: 21 Apr 1793
Birthplace: Maryland
Father's Name: [Stephen Wilson](#)
Mother's Name: [Rebecca](#)
Indexing Project (Batch) Number: [C53562-1](#) , System Origin: Maryland-ODM , GS Film number: [13699](#)

They also have the marriage record of a Stephen Wilson and Rebecca Nelson:

Name: Stephen Wilson
Spouse's Name: [Rebecca Nelson](#)
Event Date: 13 Feb 1786
Event Place: First Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Baltimore, Maryland
Indexing Project (Batch) Number: [M53562-1](#) , System Origin: Maryland-EASy , GS Film number: [13699](#)

On Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 2:15 PM, Nancy Overton <noverton24@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi,

Stephen Wilson, Arminella's father, was from Belfast originally. He was the younger brother of Nathaniel Wilson who, with Nicholas Grimshaw, built the first cotton mill in Ireland at Whitehouse near Belfast in 1784. I assume the mother returned to Ireland with her daughter Arminella after Stephen's death in 1794. His obit from "The Belfast Newsletter", published 27-31 Oct 1794, p.3: "At Baltimore in America, Mr. Stephen Wilson a native of Belfast. His character as a merchant, and in all the relations of life, stood so deservedly high, that he was considered an ornament to the country he had adopted and an honour to his own. The services rendered by his brother to the Cotton Manufactures of Ireland will long be remembered with gratitude and respect."

I've been researching the Wilsons of Purdysburn in Ireland, but I haven't discovered Stephen and Nathaniel's parents, though the name Arminella does suggest a relationship with the Wilsons of Purdysburn.

Nancy

On Wed, Jul 16, 2014 at 11:30 AM, Lesley Dickinson <dickinson@lawnbowls.plus.com> wrote:

Hello Nancy !

Thank you for sending me the Belfast Newsletter report on the marriage of Rev William Crawford and Arminella Wilson. This would mostly tally with what I have and I can add to my pages from that, except the reference to her father Stephen Wilson of Baltimore, since I have fairly strong information that she was from Ballycastle. Newspapers can get things wrong (note that Skeery should be Skerry). It may be that since her father was deceased she and her mother at least had returned to (or never left) Ireland and she was in fact at Ballycastle at the time of her marriage. Also it is strange that she died in Co Cork (a long way off the living that her husband had in the north from 1815 – 1868 covering their entire married life together 1831-1853.) Maybe you are following the Wilson family States-side and can confirm that her father was from the USA? Her name certainly has links to Irish families, but that could easily be from her mother's side.

Note that I have speculated (page links below) that *'It is noted that the age of this Arminella would be right for her to be a daughter of Eleanor WILLSON née SHARMAN (who was daughter of Arminella SHARMAN née WILLSON and married Hill WILLSON, who was probably a cousin).'*

This would explain her very unusual Christian name, in this circumstance, coming from her grandmother.

<http://www.lawnbowls.com/gycontrl/files/tree1e.htm>

<http://www.lawnbowls.com/gycontrl/files/53.htm>

I was, of course, more interested in the Sharman-Crawfords, whereby hangs a tale related by my grandfather, Joseph Quinn. It was said that either his father Bernard was somehow connected to the family – although despite all my work, I never managed to establish any connection!

Consequently I was only putting down what other information I came across when it comes to marriage partners, such as Arminella, and the Crawfords of Orangefield were in themselves something of a side issue too. So I did not look for documents relating to this. Doubtless the parish church of Ramoan would have records relating to the marriage.

Regards

Lesley Dickinson

Lesley Dickinson

From: Lesley Dickinson [dickinson@lawnbowls.plus.com]
Sent: 16 July 2014 15:34
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Subject: FW: Arminella Wilson m. Rev. William Crawford

From: Nancy Overton [mailto:noverton24@gmail.com]
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