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**George L. Watson**, Wilmington, Del, son of **David B.** and **Abigail B. (Chalfant) Watson**, was born in Baltimore, Md., November 27, 1856.

His ancestry was Irish on the paternal and English on the maternal side. His grandfather, **Alexander Watson**, was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came to America about 1820. He was the first of his family to emigrate from his native country. He was a copper refiner, and was engaged in that occupation until his death in Baltimore, where he lived for about thirty years. **Alexander Watson** married **Miss Biddle**, and had children: I. **David B.**; II. **William A.**, of Washington, D. C.; III. **Jane (Mrs. John Magill)** of Washington, D. C.; has children, i. **Dora**, ii. **Mary**, iii. **Charles**; IV. **Benjamin F.**, died in Baltimore in 1850; **Mrs. Watson** died in Wilmington, in 1879.

The maternal grandfather of **George L. Watson** was **William Chalfant**, who was born in Baltimore, Md., about 1812. He lived for a number of years in that city, and afterward, in Chester County, Pa., where he was a well known carpenter and builder. **William Chalfant** married **Elizabeth Edwards**, of Chester County, Pa. They had children: I. **John**, of Cloverdale, Cal.; II. **Aaron**, of Mendocino, Cal.; III. **Mary A. (Mrs. Jesse Spencer)**, deceased, formerly of Jennersville, Chester County, Pa.; IV. **Abigail B. (Mrs. David B. Watson)**; V. **Maria (Mrs David Spencer)**, of Fulton County, Pa.; VI. **William J.**, of Everett, Pa.; VII. **Jesse**, deceased; VIII. **Hannah**, died when young; IX. **Elizabeth**, died when young. **William Chalfant** died in Franklin Township, Chester County, Pa., in 1887. His remains were buried in New London Cemetery. **Mrs. Chalfant** died in Penn Township, Chester County, and was buried beside her husband.

**David P. Watson**, father of **George L. Watson**, was born in Baltimore, Md., about the year 1827. He was a student in the public schools of that city, and afterwards learned the business of iron-rolling. In June, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Second Regiment, Maryland Volunteer Infantry, and served throughout the civil war. He was wounded at the battle of South Mountain. After the close of the great struggle for the preservation of the Union, he returned to Baltimore and worked at his trade there until about 1870, when he came to Wilmington and continued in his occupation as iron-roller for about ten years. **David P. Watson** married **Abigail B.**, daughter of **William and Elizabeth (Edwards) Chalfant**, of Baltimore. They had children: I. **Elizabeth A.**, died in Wilmington at age of forty-two years; II. **Mary L. (Mrs. Chauncey W. Getzleman)**, of Wilmington, has two children, i. **Luella**, ii. **Warren**; III. **William W.**, of New York City; IV. **George L.**; V. **Laura G.**, of Wilmington. **Mr. Watson** died in Wilmington, August 13, 1881; his wife died September 9, 1879. Their remains are interred in Riverview Cemetery, Wilmington.

**George L. Watson** removed from Baltimore to Pennsylvania in early life, and lived with his grandfather, **William Chalfant**, in Chester County. He attended the public schools of Franklin Township until he was fifteen years old and, in 1870, he went to Wilmington and learned carriage-making with the firm of Robinson & Bro. After completing his apprenticeship he

worked as a journeyman for about three years and in 1880 entered the upholstery department of the P. W. & B. P. P. Company's shops and has since been employed there. In 1893 he was made foreman of the department. He is a Republican but does not take an active part in political affairs. In 1881, in Philadelphia, **George L. Watson** married **Mary E.**, daughter of **John** and **Hannah (Dudley) Willis**, of Wilmington. They have children: I. **Gertrude L.**, born August 12, 1882; II. **William H.**, born May 13, 1884; III. **Jessie S.**, born March 31, 1886; IV. **Susan N.**, born December 19, 1888; V. **Ethel M.**, born November 9, 1890; VI. **George L. 2**, born October 14, 1892; VII. **Regina J.**, born May 23, 1898. **Mr. Watson** and family attend Trinity P. E. Church.

**John Willis**, father of **Mrs. George L. Watson**, was born in Wilmington. He is still a resident of New Castle County, and is engaged in farming near Hazeldale. He married **Hannah Dudley**, who was born in Duncannon, Perry County, Pa. Their children are: I. **Mary E. (Mrs. George L. Watson)**; II. **Leonard**; III. **Henry**.

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