

James Ellis Wilson (2 Sep 1859 – 19 Jan 1940), Provided by Laura "Randy" Wilson Fennemore

James Ellis Wilson, (born September 2, 1859 in Perry County) aged 80 years, 4 months, 17 days, died at his home in Loysville, Friday (January 19, 1940) about 3 a.m. of intestinal flu following an illness of only something over one day. **Mr. Wilson** was married to **Miss Frances Dunkelberger** (1858-1936), Falling Springs who died a few years ago.

Surviving him are one son ex-county Commissioner **Harry Wilson**, Loysville, eight grandchildren (**James C., Dorothy C., Edrie L., Harry W., Gerald G., Joseph Samuel** and **Lou Ann Wilson** and **Anna Wilson Wise**) and one great grandchild (**Elinor Ann Wise**). He was a member of Tressler Memorial Lutheran Church a member of the choir, Christian Endeavor Society, teacher in the Sunday School and chorister in the Sunday School. Formerly served as Deacon, Trustee and Elder for eighteen years, and Superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School, (Union Church) a number of years. Was a blacksmith by trade, which learned with his uncle **John Wilson**, Landisburg. Worked in the Stewart Blacksmith shop, Falling Springs some years, then moved to Loysville, where he blacksmith for 35 years, retiring in 1915. In politics he was a Democrat. Was well known and had a host of friends who mourn his loss. Funeral services were held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in the Lutheran Church, his pastor, Rev. J. Grover C. Knipple, officiating and burial was in Restland Cemetery. The pallbearers were, **C. W. Lightner, C. L. Emlet, J. G. Bistline, Floyd** and his **grandsons**.

Contributor Note: (Additional notes not included in obituary:)

Along with his wife, two sons, **Ira C. Wilson** (1885-1885) and **Samuel Ellis Wilson** (1883-1937), one granddaughter, **Mary Marguerite Wilson** (1909-1926) predeceased him. **James Ellis Wilson** helped to build the Tressler Memorial Lutheran Church in Loysville. He was a Sunday School teacher there and his class donated a stained glass window to him in one of the church's Sunday School rooms.

James Ellis Wilson's parentage is not known. His death certificate, completed by his son, **Harry C. P. Wilson**, stated his parentage as unknown. The family story had been that his father was killed during the Civil War and his mother died shortly thereafter leaving **James** and a sister to survive.

I added the dates in () as well as the names of his survivors. Union Church was in () in the original obituary. It was the older church in Loysville that served both the Lutheran congregation and the Reformed Church congregation until the Tressler Memorial Lutheran Church was built in 1910.

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