

History of Fulton County, Illinois, Together With Sketches of its Cities, Villages and Townships, Educational, Religious, Civil, Military, and Political History: Portraits of Prominent Persons and Biographies of Representative Citizens. History of Illinois, Embracing Accounts of the Prehistoric Races, Aborigines, French, English And American Conquests, and A General Review of its Civil, Political and Military History. Digest of State Laws. Illustrated. Peoria: Chas. C. Chapman & Co., 1879

John B Wilson, farmer, section 2, is a native of Cumberland Co., Pa., where he was born in 1828. His parents were **John** and **Margaret (McLain) Wilson**, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of the Keystone State. His father came to Illinois in about 1834 or '35, and died before **John B.** came. He came to Scott Co., Ill., in 1841, and to this county in '42, and located near Ellisville, where he was married Oct. 3, 1844, to **Adeline Athearn**, a daughter of one of the old settlers of Deerfield Township. **Mr. W.** was engaged in cooperage and farming until 1846, when he moved to his present location one mile south of Canton, where he has a fine farm. He has been a member of the Baptist Church at Canton for 25 years, and Deacon for 24 years. His wife has borne him nine children, eight of whom are living: **Mary E.** married **James Tallman** and lives in Ohio; **Wm. H.** lives in Canton Township; **Miranda E.** and **Benjamin** live in Kokomo, Ind.; **Sarah J.**, **Addie G.**, **Elmer T.** and **John M.** live with their parents; **Frank** was killed by accident at the age of 14. **Esther Mary Wilson**, a sister of **J. B.**, came to this county in 1835 and married **Orrin Turner** and died Feb. 9, 1846, leaving two children, **Mary** and **John**, both of whom were raised by **Mr. W.**

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**W. H. Wilson**, son of **John B. Wilson**, an early settler, is a native of Buckheart Township, this county, and was born in 1847. He is now farming on section 36, Canton Township. He married in Dec., 1868, **Miss Mary Shriner**, daughter of **John Shriner**, deceased. His widow is living with **W. H. Wilson**, her son-in-law, on the old homestead. **W. H.** enlisted in the 7th Ill. Cav. in 1864, then being only 17 years old, and served 18 months.

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