

TUSCANIA

Willis, Howe Douglas
1891 VA – 1967 NC

Three Entered in Race for Mayor at Logan



H. D. WILLIS



DALE O. WILEY



BUREL STUDIO, LOGAN.
B. CARL EDDINGS

Three ex-service men seek the office of Mayor of Logan. They are Mr. Willis, manager of an automobile sales agency; Mr. Wiley, Logan merchant, and Deputy Sheriff Eddings. All three are members of the Gunther-McNeely-Nowlan post of the American Legion. The election is April 2.

Howe Douglas Wilson at left – "Charleston (WV) Daily Mail" Sunday 10 Mar 1935 p 4

Howe D Willis

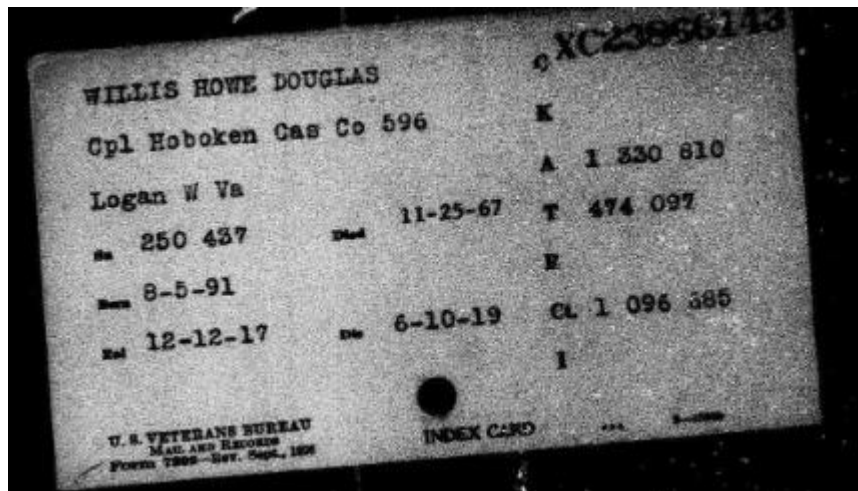
Birth • Virginia, Library of Virginia State Archive, Births, Marriages, and Deaths 1853-1900

Name **Howe D Willis**
Sex **Male**
Race **White**
Father's Name **Jas S Willis**
Father's Sex **Male**
Father's Occupation **Farmer**
Mother's Name **Virginia Willis**
Mother's Sex **Female**
Event Type **Birth**
Event Date **7 Aug 1890**
Event Place **Virginia, United States**

Commissioner of the Revenue, in the year ending 31st December, 1890 ³⁰⁰

7 Aug 1890 Howe D. Willis

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DEC 6 1967

NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
OFFICE OF VITAL STATISTICS

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH 35640

REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 25-80 REGISTRAR'S CERTIFICATE NO. 423

1. PLACE OF DEATH
a. COUNTY Craven
b. CITY OR TOWN New Bern
c. FULL NAME OF (If not in hospital or institution, give street address or location) Craven County Hosp.

2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived, if institution residence before admission)
a. STATE N. Carolina
b. COUNTY Craven
c. CITY OR TOWN New Bern
d. STREET ADDRESS or R. F. D. NO. 4508 Morgan Lane

3. NAME OF DECEASED
First Middle Last
Home Douglas WILLIS

4. DATE OF DEATH Nov. 25 1967

5. SEX Male
6. COLOR OR RACE White
7. MARRIED ☒ NEVER MARRIED ☐
WIDOWED ☐ DIVORCED ☐
8. DATE OF BIRTH 8/7/91
9. AGE (In years last birthday) 76
10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, give if retired) Retired Automobile Dealer
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) Rapidan, Va.
12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.A.

13. FATHER'S NAME James S. Willis
14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME Virginia Tryman
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) Yes WWII
16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. 771
17. INFORMANT'S NAME AND ADDRESS Mrs. H.D. Willis # 2 d.c.g.

18. CAUSE OF DEATH—ENTER ONLY ONE CAUSE PER LINE FOR (a), (b) and (c).
PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY:
IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) Pulmonary embolism
ANTECEDENT CAUSES—Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last.
DUE TO (b) Cerebral Thrombosis with right hemiplegia
DUE TO (c)
PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (a)
332X
19. WAS AUTOPSY PERFORMED? ☐ YES ☐ NO

20. ACCIDENT SUICIDE HOMICIDE ☐ ☐ ☐
20a. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of item 18)
21. TIME MONTH, DAY, YEAR HOUR OF INJURY 11-27-67 11:27 PM
21a. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.) New Bern Memorial
21b. CITY OR TOWNSHIP COUNTY STATE New Bern, N. C.
22. I attended the deceased from 11-27-67 to 11-27-67 and last saw him alive on 11-27-67
Death occurred at 7:15 PM on the date stated above; and to the best of my knowledge from the causes stated.
23. SIGNATURE (Degree or title) Francis P. King MD
23a. ADDRESS New Bern, N.C.
23b. DATE SIGNED Nov 27 1967
24. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) Burial
24a. DATE 11/27/67
24b. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY New Bern Memorial
24c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) New Bern, N. C.
25. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REG. Nov 28/67
25a. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE W.D. Browne MD (Spec. Reg.)
25b. FURNAL HOME Pollock
25c. ADDRESS New Bern, N.C.

THIS COPY FOR STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

Form 94 Issued 11-27-67
Form 94a Issued 11-27-67
Date Form 8 Rev. 1-62 7-63 140M

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from NC death cert: b. 7 Aug 1891 Rapidan VA, father James S. Willis, mother Virginia Twyman, wife Edna Earle Moore Willis, of pulmonary embolism, res: 4508 Morgan Ln, New Bern, Craven NC, d. Craven County Hospital, married, b. 7 Aug 1891 Rapidan VA, retired automobile dealer, WWI vet

Word has been received that Mr. Howe Willis, a native of this community, has suffered a stroke at his home in North Carolina and is reported to be in a critical condition at a hospital there.

“Culpeper (VA) Star-Exponent” Wednesday 8 Nov 1967 p 3

Relatives have been notified of the death of Howe Douglas Willis, son of the late James Sidney Willis and Jennie Twyman Willis and a native of Culpeper County, who died in Newbern, N. C. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Edna Earle Moore Willis, and a number of nieces and nephews.

“Culpeper (VA) Star-Exponent” Wednesday 29 Nov 1967 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cowell left Sunday to attend the funeral of her uncle, Howe Willis, in North Carolina. Mr. Willis was a native of this community, son of the late James Sydney Willis.

“Culpeper (VA) Star-Exponent” Tuesday 28 Nov 1967 p 3

Life:

M. A. C. CLASS NAMED

Eugene O'Dunne Will Address Them At Commencement.

College Park, May 31.—Rev. Dr. Oliver Huckel, of Baltimore, will preach to the graduates of the Maryland Agricultural College June 12. At the commencement, June 15, Eugene O'Dunne will deliver the address. The candidates for bachelors' degrees are:

Albert C. Adams,	Thomas S. Harding,
Herschel H. Allen,	Frank J. Maxwell,
Wilson G. Cole,	Walter D. Munson,
William P. Cole, Jr.,	Oswald H. Saunders,
John L. Donaldson,	Sydney S. Stabler,
John W. Duckett,	Thomas R. Stanton,
William J. Frere, Jr.,	Clarence W. Strickland,
Jackson P. Grason,	Millard E. Tydings,
Samuel D. Gray,	Frank R. Ward,
George E. Hamilton,	Miles H. Woolford.

TWO-YEAR COURSE IN AGRICULTURE.

Charles O. Bowman,	Howe D. Willis,
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"Baltimore Sun" Wednesday 1 Jun 1910, p. 11

College, Park, Md., June 15.—Commencement exercises of the Maryland Agricultural College were concluded tonight when the annual ball was held. Nearly 500 guests were present.

Certificates for the two-year course in agriculture—Charles Orville Bowman, Baltimore county; Howe Douglas Willis, Prince George county, and Ralph Hoen, Richmond, Va.

"Washington (DC) Post" Thursday 16 Jun 1910 p 12

Gearhart, Wine avenue. Mr. Howe D. Willis, Maryland avenue, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Willis, Rapidan, Va. Mr. Willis is a student at the Maryland Agricultural College. Mr. Howard Moran, treasurer of the Home Savings Bank of

"Washington (DC) Evening Star" Sunday 1 Jan 1911 p. 17

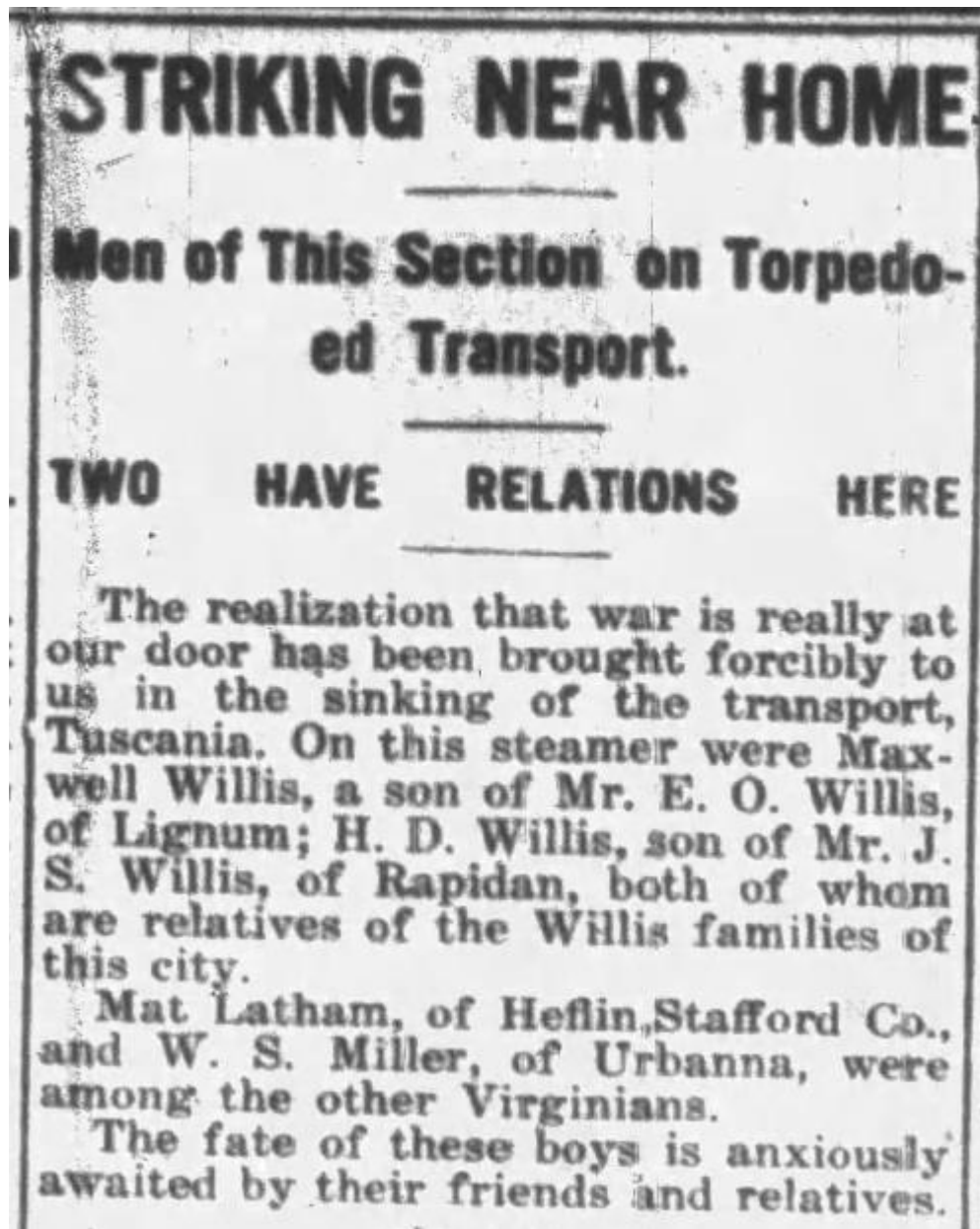
Virginians On Ship

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—According to the passenger list made public by the War Department tonight the following Virginians are given among those on board the Tuscania:

First Lieutenant Francis B. Hutton, medical corps, Abingdon; Jesse E. Vitch private in medical corps, Ballston.

Private W. S. Miller, Urbana; Private Walter L. Brown, Pera; Private Mat Latham, Heflin; Sergeant G. K. Clover, Hopewell; Private H. L. Vesta, Buena Vista; Private R. M. Willis, Lignum; Corporal H. D. Willis, Rapidan; Private William D. Hammer, Knoll; Private W. A. Hartsook, Rapidan; Private J. W. Holland, Wilmington; Private Charles E. Drep, Mouth of Wilson, and Private Edward Hagar, Spulockville, West Va., all of Twentieth Engineers' Corps.

"Virginian-Pilot" (Norfolk News VA) Friday 8 Feb 1918 p 1



"Fredericksburg (VA) Free Lance-Star" Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 3

TUSCANIA SURVIVOR

**Mr. Howe Willis Describes His
Experience.**

WHEN BOAT WAS TORPEDOED

The following letter from Mr. Howe Willis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. S. Willis, of Orange county, who was one of the survivors of the Tuscania will be read with interest:
Somewhere in England.

Church Army Recreation Hut or Tent
March 14, 1918.

Address H. D. Willis, No. 230437,
Section D, Co. 6 Batt., 20 Engineer
Regt.

My Dear Mama:—

I wonder every day if you have
heard anything from me.

Some of the men sent cablegrams as soon as they landed, but they were more fortunate than the rest of us financially. I've only been paid \$10 since I joined the army, due to the disaster, records being misplaced, etc. I have made out fine—bought a hair-cutting outfit and have picked up quite a bit—making as much as \$2.50 and \$3 a day. We are still lounging around, waiting I suppose for the men who were in hospitals at different places to join us, and to get equipped. Have drill every day and more fatigue duty.

The whole battalion had to be re-equipped. Everything was lost except what a fellow had on his back and in many instances that was practically nothing—some came right out of bed in the hospital—others were taking baths, etc.

We were submarined about 5:50 p. m., supper was to have been at six—so everybody was preparing to go up to mess. I was standing about four feet from my bunk with cap and machine on. My bunk was two stories under the first deck.

When the explosion came, which is indescribable, the crowd just took me off my feet and away from my life belt, which was hanging on the foot of my bunk, carried me right on up to the deck from which I was to take the life boat. We were having life boat drills every day, but when I got there I found the boat was gone and had no life belt to jump after, it, so I went to find a life belt finally I found it and went to my place on deck to find the water below full of drowning and dying men, some jumping overboard, some being killed as the boats smashed upsidedown, etc. I decided the best thing to do would be to wait till the last moment, right where I was. We expected every minute to be the last minute, as we were expecting to be torpedoed again; the *Tuscania* was tilting heavily. Finally a torpedo destroyer came along and unloaded a bunch, but I for one didn't get on, and after it left the rest of us decided we were doomed, but in about 20 minutes another destroyer came along and I rushed on safe and sound.

I hear that poor Hartsook got in one of those life boats and drifted onto the rocky shores of Scotland, was capsized and killed against the rocks.

This, of course, is a brief outline of the sinking of the "*Tuscania*," details must wait till I come home.

We are well and in good shape.

Please send me an Orange paper; don't mind the date.

As ever, your boy, Howe.

The secretary of the Orange Chapter, Red Cross, has received a letter from Corporal H. D. Willis, Twentieth Engineers, A. E. F., a survivor of the Tuscania, thanking the chapter for supplies and also stating that he spent four weeks in a Red Cross hospital, and could not have received better treatment. Corporal Willis's home is in Orange County, near Rapidan.

Orange VA news: "Richmond (VA) Times Dispatch" Sunday 9 Jun 1918 p 30 –
<https://www.newspapers.com/image/827393085/>

RULING FACTION HIT BY LOGAN ELECTION

**Democrat Heads Commission;
Only One Republican is
Left in Group**

LOGAN, April 3.—The influence of the dominant Logan county Republican faction on the Logan city commission was weakened in the city election here yesterday.

Harry Robertson, a Democrat, automatically becomes president of the commission by receiving the highest number of votes. Other members will be J. C. Aldredge, Republican, reelected and Dr. L. E. Steele and H. D. Willis, Democrats. Outgoing members of the commission are H. A. Davin and R. B. Hayes, Democrats and R. D. Bailey, Republican.

It is generally understood that Aldredge is the only member of the new commission who is an adherent to the present ruling Republican group in the county.

"Charleston (WV) Daily Mail" Friday 3 Apr 1931 p 18

ATTEND CONVENTION

Among the prominent visitors attending the American Legion convention are Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Willis, of Logan, who are stopping at the home of Mr. Willis' brother, the Rev. H. A. Willis, in Bluefield, Va. Mr. Willis is engaged in the automobile business in Logan.

"Bluefield (WV) Daily Telegram" Wednesday 10 Aug 1932 p 3

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Willis, of Logan, were week-end guests of the Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Willis. Mr. Willis, prominent Logan business man, and the Rev. Mr. Willis are brothers.

"Bluefield (WV) Daily Telegraph" Tuesday 8 May 1934 p 5

GAINS ON RECOUNT

Logan, W. Va., March 14 (AP)—H. D. Willis, who apparently was defeated in the Democratic primary for mayor Tuesday, gained 22 votes on a recount today. Before the recount B. C. Eddings led Willis by 14 votes. Dale O. Wiley was unopposed on the Republican ticket.

"Bluefield (WV) Daily Telegraph" Friday 15 Mar 1935 p 12

CONTESTING OF PRIMARY SEEN

Defeated Logan Candidate for Mayor Making Investigation

LOGAN, March 22.—H. D. Willis, who was defeated by B. C. Eddings for the Democratic nomination for mayor in the primaries held March 12, is making an investigation which may lead to a contest of the nomination before the city council.

The unofficial returns on the election night gave to Mr. Eddings a majority of 44 votes which was whittled to 22 by a recount March 14. None of the other nominations by either party has been officially questioned.

“Charleston (WV) Daily Mail” Friday 22 Mar 1935 p 9

According to George C. Steele, incumbent mayor of Logan, H. D. Willis did not notify him Thursday of intention to contest the recent primary in which he was defeated by B. C. Eddings for the Democratic nomination for mayor. Mr. Willis had said that he would give notice on that day if he intended to appeal to the courts. Legally he has until March 24.

Mr. Willis and his attorneys have been investigating the election of March 12, unofficial returns of which gave to Eddings a majority of 44 which was later reduced to 22 by the recount board.

“Charleston (WV) Daily Mail” Sunday 24 Mar 1935 p 4

Page 6, CULPEPER STAR-EXPONENT, Thurs. July 10, 1975

Local man dies as WWI transport ship sinks

By RUSSELL GUINN

Stories of World War One, opening of a school, news of Winston as well as news of local interest, make up this weeks column. Old Culpeper newspapers on microfilm at the Culpeper Town and County Library is the source.

From the Culpeper Exponent, February 14, 1918:

On board the British transport, Tuscania, which carried more than 2,000 Americans, en route for the battle front in Europe, which was torpedoed and sank off the north coast of Ireland on February 5th, were three men from Culpeper county. They were:

R. Maxwell Willis, son of E.O. Willis, of Lignum.

Howe D. Willis, son of J.S. Willis, of Rapidan.

Winston A. Hartsook, son of G.S. Hartsook, of Rapidan.

Word has been received in Culpeper that both of the Willis boys were among the rescued. At this time (Wednesday) no news has been received concerning Hartsook, either whether he was rescued or lost.

Later. It was learned last night, through advices from Washington, that the body of young Hartsook was found among the drowned, and that his remains had been interred in Scotland. Thus the great war has claimed its first victim from Culpeper. (Note: Maxwell Willis survived the war and became one of Culpeper's outstanding citizens. He was manager of the Merchants Wholesale Grocery Company until his death in 1966. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Willis, a daughter, Mrs. Ann Holden, three sisters, Mrs. Floyd H. White, Mrs. H.B. Winfrey, Mrs. Dillard Glenn and a brother Mr. E.O. Willis, Jr.)

A look back at history – "Culpeper (VA) Star-Exponent" Thursday 10 Jul 1975 p 6 - <https://www.newspapers.com/image/966464503/>

Wife:

Edna Willis

BENNETTSVILLE — Services for Edna Earle Moore Willis, 89, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Sunset Memorial Park. Whitner-Evans Funeral Home is in charge. Memorials may be made to the Manor of Pee Dee Methodist of Florence, 2100 South Peniel Road, Florence, S.C. 29501.

Mrs. Willis, wife of the late Howe D. Willis, died Friday, March 25, 1994. Born in Marlboro County, she was a daughter of the late Marvin and Jennie Perry Moore. She was a graduate of Columbia College and was a retired public school teacher in Logan, W.Va. She was a member of First Baptist Church of New Bern, N.C. and the DAR.

Surviving is a sister, Gene Moore Jamison of Logan.

Obituary of Edna Earle Moore Willis – “Columbia (SC) State” Sunday 27 Mar 1994 p 23

Miss Edna Moore Is Married to Mr. Willis

(Special to The Record)

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., Aug. 20
A wedding of much interest to their many friends in this state and in Virginia was solemnized last Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock, when Miss Edna Earle Moore was married to Mr. Howard Howe Willis at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rowe.

The home was simply but tastefully decorated in summer flowers and lovely pink roses were used in the ceremony room. The Rev. E. M. Harris officiated, using the impressive ring ceremony. The bride was unattended and entered on the arm of the groom. The bride wore a beautiful dress of brown satin with harmonizing accessories and wore a corsage of pink asters.

The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Moore and has made her home here all of her life and has host of friends, who regret that her marriage will take her to another city to live. Mrs. Willis is a lovely young girl of the brunette type and has a charming personality. She was educated at Columbia college and has taught at the Hyatt Park school, in Columbia.

The groom is a prominent business man of Logan, West Va., and is in the automobile business.

Immediately after the ceremony, the young couple left for a wedding journey.

Marriage of Edna Earle Moore to Howe Douglas Wilson (here misspelled as Howard) –
‘Columbia (SC) Sunday Record’ Sunday 21 Aug 1927 p 12

LOGAN

Miss Catherine Fisher, who had served during the year as chairman of the entertainment committee was elected chairman of the junior department, Logan Woman's club. She is a primary teacher at Holden Central school. Others elected were: Mrs. H. Prentice Farley, of Manus, vice chairman; Mrs. Herbert Jones, secretary; Mrs. H. Paul Holland, of Logan, treasurer; Mrs. H. D. Willis, and Miss Christine Pirrung, directors.

Fourteen new members were also elected, namely: Mrs. Tom Wilding, Miss Jean Brown, Miss Bess Lee, Miss Evelyn Poundstone, Mrs. Gordon Jones, Mrs. Earl Carper, Miss Audrey Aldredge, Mrs. Fred Thurmond, Miss Alice Dunnington of Holden, Mrs. John Reed, Mrs. Ike Vaughan, Mrs. Paul Hefner, Miss Polly Agee of Dehue, and Mrs. Ose Richey.

“Charleston (WV) Daily Mail” Sunday 12 Apr 1931 p 5

Father:

U.S. Civil War Soldier Records and Profiles

View record

Name	James S Willis
Enlistment Date	6 Apr 1862
Enlistment Place	Orange County, Virginia
Enlistment Rank	Private
Muster Date	6 Apr 1862
Muster Place	Virginia
Muster Company	A
Muster Regiment	15th Infantry
Muster Regiment Type	Infantry
Muster Information	Enlisted
Rank Change Date	21 May 1863
Rank Change Rank	Corpl
Side of War	Confederacy
Survived War?	Yes
Death Date	20 Jan 1923
Death Place	Rapidan, Virginia
Notes	1864-12-15 On rolls
Additional Notes 2	Rank Change 2 Date: 01 Jul 1864; Rank Change 2 Rank: Sergeant;
Title	The Virginia Regimental Histories Series

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PENSIONERS now on the ROLL are NOT required to make new application, but must file annual certificate.
THIS APPLICATION must be filed with the Clerk of the Corporation or Circuit Court of Your City or County
 (No application will be entertained not on the printed form.)

FORM No. 4

APPLICATION of a Disabled Soldier, Sailor or Marine of the Late Confederacy Under Act Approved February 22, 1912, as Amended by Act Approved March 12, 1922.

I, J. S. Willis, do hereby apply for a pension under the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, approved March 12, 1922, amending an act approved February 22, 1912, relating to Confederate pensioners. I do solemnly swear that I am a citizen of the State of Virginia, and that I have been an actual resident of the said State for two years next preceding the date of this application, and that I was a soldier (sailor or marine) of the Confederate States in the war between the States, and that I am now disabled, and that from the effects of such disability I am incapacitated from following my usual and ordinary occupation, or any other occupation for a livelihood; and that during the said war I was loyal and true to my duty, and never, at any time deserted my command or voluntarily abandoned my post of duty in the said service, and that by reason of such service and disability I am now entitled to receive a pension under the provisions of said act. And I do further swear that I do not hold any unpaid, State, city or county office or position which pays me in salary or fees more than \$1000.00 dollars per annum; nor have I an income from any other employment or any source whatever which amounts to more than \$1000.00 dollars per annum; nor do I receive from any source whatever money or kind of support amounting in value to the sum of three hundred (\$300.00) dollars per annum; nor do I own in my own right, my home, any land in trust for my benefit or use, nor does my wife own, nor does any one hold in trust for my wife, estate or property, either real, personal, or mixed, either in fee or for life, of the assessed value of five hundred (\$500.00) dollars; nor do I receive any pension from any other State, or from the United States, or from any other source, and that I am not an inmate of any soldier's home and am without necessary means of support from any source, and that I do further swear that the answers given to the following questions are true:

All questions must be answered fully—be explicit.

1. What is your name? Jas S. Willis
2. What is your age? 79 years
3. Where were you born? Orange Co. Va.
4. How long have you resided in Virginia? all life
5. How long have you resided in the City or County of your present residence? 79 years.
6. In what branch of the service were you? Infantry
15th Va. Infantry Regiment.
Co. A Company.
7. Who were your immediate superior officers?
Colonel B. M. Morrison
Captain M. W. Haglerwood
8. When did you enter the service? May 1862
9. Where did you enter the service? Bottoms Bridge
Harrison Co. Va.
10. When and why did you leave the service?
April 3-1865. Left in first and
commanded regiment which was at
Fredericksburg Va.
11. Where do you reside? If in a city, give street address.
Postoffice Rapidan Va.
County of Orange Virginia.
12. Have you ever applied for a pension in Virginia before? If so, why are you not drawing one at this time?
no

12. What is your usual and ordinary occupation for earning a livelihood?
the occupation of
farmer - 1/2 of 1/2 of 1/2
14. Are you following such occupation or any other occupation or employment at this time? If yes, state the nature and extent of same.
no on account of
defect in eye sight
15. What is your annual income? \$120
NOTE—The income is meant the total gross receipts derived by you from all groups (whether sold or used), wages and other sources valued in dollars.
16. How much property do you own?
Real Estate \$ 1800.00
Personal Property \$ 100.00
17. What is the exact nature of your disability and the cause thereof?
Defect in eye sight
cause as yet has not been
ascertained
18. Are you totally or partially incapacitated by such disability?
partially
19. Give the names and addresses of two comrades who served in the same command with you during the war.
Name J. S. Willis
Address Washington St.
Name Field
Address Rapidan Va.
See Certificate "A"
20. Is there a camp of Confederate Veterans in your city or county?
yes
21. Give here any other information you may possess relating to your service or disability which will support the justice of your claim.

A signature made by X mark is not valid unless attested by a witness.

WITNESS

I, Thomas B. Biscoe, a Deputy Clerk in and for the County of Orange, in the State of Virginia, do certify that the applicant whose name is signed to the foregoing application, personally appeared before me in my County aforesaid, having the aforesaid application read to him and fully explained, as well as the statements and answers thereto made, and the said applicant made oath before me that the said statements and answers are true.

Given under my hand this 1st day of December, 1921.

Thomas B. Biscoe, Deputy Clerk
Orange Cir. Ct. Va. Signature of Officer.

JAMES S. WILLIS DEAD.

**Confederate Veteran Fought
Throughout the Civil War.**

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., January 25.

—James Sydnor Willis, Confederate veteran and prominent resident of Rapidan, Va., died at his home on January 20, following a lingering illness, in his eighty-second year. When the civil war broke out Mr. Willis, then a nineteen-year-old student at Locust Dale Academy, left his school and enlisted in the 15th Virginia Infantry. He fought with valor throughout the struggle until the end at Appomattox, and was once severely wounded. Surviving are five sons—Messrs. Harry Willis of Gordons-

ville, Rev. Herbert Willis of Blackstone, Dr. H. T. Willis of Hyattsville, Md.; Haber Willis of Rapidan, Howe Willis of West Virginia; one daughter, Miss Hassie Willis of Rapidan; two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Tyman of Madison county and Mrs. George Wright of Orange. The deceased was a son of the late James Willis and Elizabeth Gordon Willis of Orange.

Funeral service and interment took place Monday.

Obituary of father James Snyder Willis II – “Washington (DC) Evening Star” Thursday 25 Jan 1923 p 22

Jas. Willis to H. C. and H. D. Willis, land.

Would appear to be a land transfer from James Snyder Willis to his sons, Heber Charles and Howe Douglas Willis – “Fredericksburg (VA) Free Lance-Star” Tuesday 3 Feb 1914 p 1

H. C. and H. D. Willis to David Jacobs, trust. 86a.

“Fredericksburg (MD) Free Lance-Star” Thursday 27 May 1915 p 2


Mother:

James Sydnor Willis

in the Virginia, U.S., Select Marriages, 1785-1940

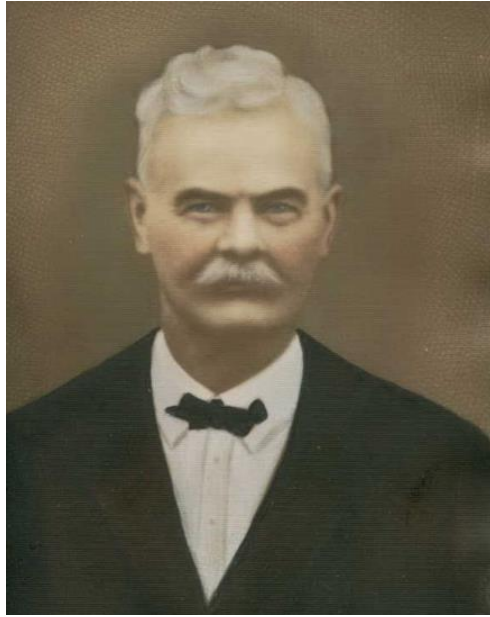
Name	James Sydnor Willis
Gender	Male
Marital Status	Single
Age	24
Birth Date	1843
Birth Place	Orange Co, VA
Marriage Date	24 Dec 1867
Marriage Place	Madison, Virginia
Father	James Willis
Mother	Elizabeth Gordon
Spouse	Virginia Thomas Tuyman
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Reference ID	p25 n8

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James Sydner Willis Virginia, Marriages, 1785-1940	birth: 1843 Orange Co, Va marriage: 24 Dec 1867 Madison, Virginia	parents: James Willis, Elizabeth Gordon spouse: Virginia Thomas Tuyman
		groom's name: James Sydner Willis
		groom's birth date: 1843
		groom's birthplace: Orange Co, Va
		groom's age: 24
		bride's name: Virginia Thomas Tuyman
		bride's birth date: 1848
		bride's birthplace: Madison Co, Va
		bride's age: 19
		marriage date: 24 Dec 1867
		marriage place: Madison, Virginia
		groom's father's name: James Willis
		groom's mother's name: Elizabeth Gordon
		bride's father's name: Isaac S Tuyman
		bride's mother's name: Eliza A Hill
		groom's marital status: Single
bride's marital status: Single		
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Siblings:



Brother Dr. Harry Snyder Willis (1869-1929) - <https://www.ancestry.com/mediaui-viewer/tree/8184328/person/6122887326/media/65ef71e6-b307-428e-ba1a-716f731ac4fc>

District of Columbia, Select Marriages, 1830-1921

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Name	Harry S. Willis
Gender	Male
Marital Status	Divorced
Race	White
Age	46
Birth Date	1870
Marriage Date	26 Jan 1916
Marriage Place	Washington, District of Columbia
Spouse	Jennie C. Jeffries
FHL Film Number	2109857
Reference ID	p 259 cn 72759

<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/8184328/person/6122887326/facts>

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA — CERTIFICATE OF DEATH									
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH — BUREAU OF VITAL RECORDS AND HEALTH STATISTICS — RICHMOND									
COPY A FOR BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS		REGISTRATION AREA NUMBER 168	CERTIFICATE NUMBER 54	STATE FILE NUMBER 73-016565					
DECEDENT		1. FULL NAME OF DECEASED Jennie C. Willis				2. SEX male <input type="checkbox"/> female <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
PLACE OF DEATH 101		3. DATE OF DEATH May 29, 1973	4. AGE OF DECEASED 91 years	5. UNDER 1 YEAR months days		6. UNDER 1 DAY hours minutes		7. COLOR OR RACE White	
USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED		8. NAME OF HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION OF DEATH Orange-Gordonsville Comm. Hosp.				9. COUNTY OF DEATH Orange			
PERSONAL DATA OF DECEASED		10. CITY OR TOWN OF DEATH Gordonsville				11. STREET ADDRESS OR ST. NO. OF PLACE OF DEATH Main St.			
		12. STATE (OR FOREIGN COUNTRY) OF DECEASED'S RESIDENCE Virginia				13. COUNTY OF DECEASED'S RESIDENCE Louisa 154			
		14. CITY OR TOWN OF RESIDENCE Gordonsville 22942				15. STREET ADDRESS OR ST. NO. OF RESIDENCE Rt. 2 22942			
		16. NAME OF FATHER OF DECEASED William Fiske Dettor				17. MOTHER'S NAME OF DECEASED Kattie Ann Carter			
		18. DECEASED CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY U.S.A.				19. IF MARRIED OR WIDOWED, NAME OF SPOUSE Dr. Harry Sydnor Willis			
		20. MARITAL STATUS WIDOWED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NEVER MARRIED <input type="checkbox"/> DIVORCED <input type="checkbox"/> SEPARATED <input type="checkbox"/>				21. BIRTHPLACE OF DECEASED Louisa Co., Va.			
		22. SOCIAL OR LAST OCCUPATION Retired				23. DATE OF BIRTH (month) (day) (year) Aug. 8, 1881			
		24. KIND OF BUSINESS OR INDUSTRY Own-Work				25. INFORMANT — OR SOURCE OF INFORMATION Dean, William S. Willis			
TO PHYSICIAN: Complete and sign medical certificate (Form 24) and return both copies to funeral director as soon as possible after completion of service.		26. CAUSE OF DEATH (Enter only one cause per box for I, II, III, and IV.) PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (A) Obstructive jaundice DUE TO ? Carcinoma head of pancreas DUE TO DUE TO PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I (A) 1570						INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH 111 mos	
NOTES: If "Pending" must be indicated, as state for part I and pending report of final autopsy as soon as possible.		27. IF FEMALE, WAS THERE A PREGNANCY IN PAST 3 MONTHS yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unknown <input type="checkbox"/>		28. IF EXTERNAL CAUSE, IT WAS PRIMARY <input type="checkbox"/> OR CONTRIBUTING TO CAUSE OF DEATH. NOTE: IF EXTERNAL CAUSE, NOTIFY MED. EXAMINER		29. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in part I or part II)			
		30. TIME OF DEATH (month) (day) (year) A.M. P.M.		31. INJURY OCCURRED while at work <input type="checkbox"/> not while at work <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		32. PLACE OF INJURY (Home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)		33. CITY OR TOWN (county) (state)	
		34. I CERTIFY that I attended the deceased from 2-15 to 5-29-73 and that death occurred at 9:15						35. ADDRESS (CITY AND STATE) M.D. Gordonsville, Va. 5-31-73	
ACTUAL SIGNATURE		36. SIGNATURE OF DECEASED W. S. Willis				37. SIGNATURE OF PHYSICIAN M.D. Gordonsville, Va. 5-31-73			
FUNERAL DIRECTOR		38. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR OTHER TREATMENT BURIAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CREMATION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>		39. PLACE OF BURIAL, CREMATION, ETC. Maplewood Cemetery, Gordonsville, Va.		40. NAME OF FUNERAL HOME AND ADDRESS Freddy's Funeral Home			
REGISTRAR		41. SIGNATURE OF REGISTRAR Mrs. Annie D. Matthews				42. DATE RECORD FILED 6-1-73		43. CITY OR TOWN Gordonsville, Va.	

VA death record of Jennie Carter Dettor Jefferis Willis, wife of Harry Snyder Willis -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9278/images/43006_162028001249_0385-00066?pld=451018765

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Form V, S. 12

N. B.—WRITE PLAINLY, WITH UNFADING INK (WRITING FLUID) THIS IS A PERMANENT RECORD. EVERY ITEM OF INFORMATION SHOULD BE CAREFULLY SUPPLIED. AGE SHOULD BE STATED EXACTLY. PHYSICIANS SHOULD STATE THE CAUSE OF DEATH IN PLAIN TERMS, SO THAT IT MAY BE PROPERLY CLASSIFIED. EXACT STATEMENT OF OCCUPATION IS VERY IMPORTANT.

1 PLACE OF DEATH
COUNTY OF Tazewell
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF Clear Fork
OR Bluefield
INC. TOWN OF Bluefield
CITY OF Bluefield
(If death occurred in a hospital or other institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
REGISTRATION DISTRICT No. 0921-a REGISTERED No. 8
(TO BE INSERTED BY REGISTRAR) (FOR USE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR)
(No. St. Ward)

Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 8 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? yes 0 yrs. 0 mos. 0 ds.

2 FULL NAME Rev. Herbert Arthur Willis,
(A) RESIDENCE No. 90 Tazewell Ave., ST. Ward
(Usual place of abode) (If nonresident give city or town and State)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (circle the word) Married
5A. IF MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED
HUSBAND OF Lucy Temple Richerson
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) April 3rd, 1871
7. AGE Years 65 Months 10 Days 28 IF LESS THAN 1 DAY, _____ HRS. OR _____ MIN.

8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS SPOKESMAN, SAYER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC. Minister
9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS Baptist Church MILL, BANK, ETC.
10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (month and year) _____ 11. TOTAL TIME (YEARS) SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION Life

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Rapidan, (State or country) Orange Co. Va.,
13. NAME James Sidney Willis,
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Rapidan, (State or country) Orange Co. Va.,
15. MAIDEN NAME Virginia Twyman
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Locustdale, Va., (State or country)
17. INFORMANT Miss, Lucy Temple Willis (Address) Bluefield, Va.,
18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL Cremated Place Richmond, Va., Date Mar. 14, 1937
19. UNDERTAKER Mercer Funeral Home Inc., (Address) Bluefield, Virginia,
20. FILED 4-8-1937 A. C. Callaway Registrar

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

21. DATE OF DEATH (month, day, and year) Mar. 11, 1937 1
22. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I ATTENDED DECEASED FROM Feb'y. 1936 To March 11th/37.
I LAST SAW him live ON March 11th/37 DEATH IS SAID TO HAVE OCCURRED ON THE DATE STATED ABOVE, AT 4:15 P.M.
THE PRINCIPAL CAUSE OF DEATH AND RELATED CAUSES OF IMPORTANCE IN ORDER OF ONSET WERE AS FOLLOWS: _____ Date of onset
Anginal attack-----3/11/37.
Coronary thrombosis
---(partial)-----2/3/36.
NAME OF OPERATION _____ DATE OF _____
WHAT TEST CONFIRMED Clinical WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? No
23. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN ALSO THE FOLLOWING: DATE OF ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE? INJURY 1
WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR? _____ (Specify city or town, county, and State)
SPECIFY WHETHER INJURY OCCURRED IN INDUSTRY, IN HOME, OR IN PUBLIC PLACE.
MANNER OF INJURY _____
NATURE OF INJURY _____
24. WAS DISEASE OR INJURY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED? No
IF SO, SPECIFY _____
(SIGNED) [Signature] M. D.
(ADDRESS) Bluefield-Va.

VA death record of Lucy Temple Richerson Willis, wife of Howe's brother Herbert Arthur Willis (1871-1937) - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/307076:9278>

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Term V. S. 12

1. PLACE OF DEATH
COUNTY OF Tazewell
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT OF Clear Fork
OR Bluefield
INC. TOWN OF Bluefield
CITY OF Bluefield
(If death occurred in a hospital or other institution, give its NAME instead of street and number)
Length of residence in city or town where death occurred 8 yrs. 12 mos. 12 ds. How long in U. S., if of foreign birth? YES 12 mos. 12 ds.

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS
Phlegar 8611
REGISTRATION DISTRICT NO. 0921-a REGISTERED NO. 8
(TO BE INSERTED BY REGISTRAR) (FOR USE OF LOCAL REGISTRAR)
(No. ST. WARD)
(If nonresident give city or town and State)

2. FULL NAME Rev. Herbert Arthur Willis,
(A) RESIDENCE No. 90 Tazewell Ave., ST. WARD
(Usual place of abode)

PERSONAL AND STATISTICAL PARTICULARS

3. SEX Male 4. COLOR OR RACE White 5. SINGLE, MARRIED, WIDOWED, OR DIVORCED (circle the word) Married
6. DATE OF BIRTH (month, day, and year) April 3rd, 1871
7. AGE 65 Years 10 Months 28 Days IF LESS THAN 1 DAY, NRS. OR MIN.
8. TRADE, PROFESSION, OR PARTICULAR KIND OF WORK DONE, AS SPINNER, SAWYER, BOOKKEEPER, ETC. Minister
9. INDUSTRY OR BUSINESS IN WHICH WORK WAS DONE, AS MILLS, BANK, ETC. Baptist Church
10. DATE DECEASED LAST WORKED AT THIS OCCUPATION (month and year) Life 11. TOTAL TIME (YEARS) SPENT IN THIS OCCUPATION Life

12. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Rapidan (State or country) Orange Co. Va.,
13. NAME James Sidney Willis,
14. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Rapidan, (State or country) Orange Co. Va.,
15. MAIDEN NAME Virginia Twyman
16. BIRTHPLACE (city or town) Locustdale. Va. (State or country)
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18. BURIAL, CREMATION, OR REMOVAL PLACE Forest Lawn Richmond, Va., DATE Mar. 14, 1937
19. UNDERTAKER Mercer Funeral Home Inc. (Address) Bluefield, Virginia,
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Coronary thrombosis 8/3/36.
---(partial)---
NAME OF OPERATION Clinical DATE OF Ne
WHAT TEST CONFIRMED Ne WAS THERE AN AUTOPSY? Ne
23. IF DEATH WAS DUE TO EXTERNAL CAUSES (VIOLENCE) FILL IN ALSO THE FOLLOWING: DATE OF 1
ACCIDENT, SUICIDE, OR HOMICIDE: INJURY
WHERE DID INJURY OCCUR? (Specify city or town, county, and State)
SPECIFY WHETHER INJURY OCCURRED IN INDUSTRY, IN HOME, OR IN PUBLIC PLACE.
MANNER OF INJURY
NATURE OF INJURY
24. WAS DISEASE OR INJURY IN ANY WAY RELATED TO OCCUPATION OF DECEASED? No
IF SO, SPECIFY Ne
(SIGNED) Bluefield-Va. M. D.
(ADDRESS)

VA death record of Rev. Herbert Arthur Willis - https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/600307076:9278?tid=8184328&pid=6059600041&queryId=c6951f4c24eaf8a755967eb097027186&_phsrc=hFB69783&_phstart=successSource

Willis—Willis.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LURAY, VA., Oct. 12.—Dr. Hillary Thomas Willis, of Luray, and Miss Annie Elizabeth Willis, daughter of Mrs. Annie Lee Willis, of Culpeper county, were married at Lael Baptist Church, in that county, this evening, Rev. F. W. Robertson, of Salem, officiating. The wedding a very quiet affair, owing to the fact that Miss Jeane C. Willis, a niece of the bride, was killed in a runaway accident near Lael Baptist Church a few days ago. Dr. Willis and bride left soon after the marriage for an extended tour of the Northern States and Canada.

Marriage of [brother Dr. Hillary Thomas Willis \(1873-1966\)](#) - to Annie Elizabeth Willis –
“Richmond (VA) Times-Dispatch” Thursday 13 Oct 1904 p 5

WILLIS, HILLARY T., M. D. On Wednesday, September 12, 1956, at Leland Memorial Hospital, Riverdale, Md., **HILLARY T. WILLIS, M. D.**, of 4212 Longfellow st., Hyattsville, Md., beloved husband of Annie E. Willis and father of Mrs. Frank H. Cowell, jr. He also is survived by a sister, Miss Hassie V. Willis; a brother, Mr. Howe D. Willis, and three grandsons. Friends may call at the Gasch Funeral Home, Hyattsville, Md., until 2 p.m. Friday, September 14; thence to the First Baptist Church of Hyattsville, 42nd and Longfellow sts., Hyattsville, Md., where services will be held at 3 p.m. Relatives and friends invited. Entombment Fort Lincoln Cemetery. Please omit flowers. 14

Obituary of Hillary Thomas Willis – "Washington (DC) Evening Star" Friday 14 Sep 1956 p 20

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VA death record of **sister Hasseltine Virginia Willis (1877-1961)** - <https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui-content/view/601881853:9278>

Miss Hassie V. Willis
ORANGE — Miss Hassie V. Willis, 84, of Orange, died Tuesday.
She is survived by a brother, Howe D. Willis of New Bern, N.C.
The funeral was held at 2:30 p.m. EDT today at Rapidan Baptist Church. Burial was in the family cemetery at Rapidan.

Obituary of Hasseltine (Hassie) V. Willis "Charleston (WV) Daily Progress" Thursday 13 Jul
1961 p 20

Hayward M Willis

Birth • Virginia, Bureau of Vital Statistics, Birth Records, 1853-1896

Name **Hayward M Willis**
 Father's Name **J S**
 Father's Sex **Male**
 Mother's Name **Jennie T**
 Mother's Sex **Female**
 Event Type **Birth**
 Event Date **4 May 1880**
 Event Place **Orange, Virginia, United States**
 Event Place (Original) **Orange**

			Willis				
"	Hayward M.	J. S.	Jennie T.	May	4, 1880	Orange	190

<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C374-N3H3-1?cc=5000046&personUrl=%2Fark%3A%2F61903%2F1%3A1%3A623N-Q6NB>

H. Willis	Hayward M. Willis	W	1880	4	May	Orange	190
G. S. Willis	Farmer	"	Jennie T. Willis	1			

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PLEASE WRITE PLAINLY, WITH U P
The correct age is especially important.

ONLY, WITH UNFADING INK. Every item of information should be carefully supplied. Especially important. Physicians: please write the causes of death clearly and legibly.

Department of Commerce
Bureau of the Census

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

State File No. 13212
Registered No. 12

1. PLACE OF DEATH
(a) County Orange Registration district No. 682A (For reg. use)
(b) Magisterial district Hayter
(c) City or town _____
(d) Name of hospital or institution _____
(e) Length of stay in hosp. or inst. _____ In this community _____ (Specify whether years, months, or days)
(f) Is place of death within corporate limits? No

2. USUAL RESIDENCE OF DECEASED
(a) State Virginia
(b) County Orange
(c) City or town _____
(d) Street No. _____
(e) Is place of residence within corporate limits? No
(f) If foreign birth, how long in U. S. A? _____ Years

3. (a) FULL NAME Heber Charles Willis
(b) If veteran, name war _____

4. Sex Male 5. Color or race White 6. (a) Single, married, widowed, divorced. Married

7. Date of birth of deceased Sept. 7, 1886 (Month by name) (Day) (Year)

8. Age: Years 54 Months 8 Days 19 If less than one day _____ hours _____ min.

9. Birthplace Orange, Co. Va. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

10. Usual occupation Farmer

11. Industry or business _____

12. Name James Sylvester Willis (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
13. Birthplace Orange, Co. Va. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
14. Maiden name Adeline Thomas (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)
15. Birthplace Madison, Co. Va. (City, town, or county) (State or foreign country)

16. (a) Informant's own signature Mr. Rufus H. Willis
(b) Address Rapidan, Va.

17. (a) Burial, cremation, or removal? Burial
(b) Place Orange Co. May 26/41 (Month by name) (Day) (Year)
Signature of Buddy Howard How
(c) funeral director Orange, Va.
(b) Address _____

18. (a) Filed May 28 1941 (Date received by reg.) (b) Chas. Vanhook (Local, deputy, or sub-registrar's own signature)

20. Date of death May 24, 1941 (Month by name) (Day) (Year) (Hour) 7:30 P. M.

21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from May 23 to May 24; that I last saw him alive on May 24 and that death occurred on the date and hour stated above.
Immediate cause of death Lobar pneumonia from history Duration 4 days
Due to _____
Due to 108
Other conditions Pharyngeal effusion (Include pregnancy within 3 months of death)
Name of operation _____
Date of operation _____ Major findings: (a) of operations _____
(b) of autopsy _____
Physician Underline the primary cause to which death should be charged statistically.

22. If death was due to external causes fill in the following:
(a) Accident, suicide, or homicide (specify) _____
(b) Date of occurrence _____
(c) Where did injury occur? (City or town) (County) (State) _____
(d) Did injury occur in or about home, on farm, in industrial place, in public place? _____ While at work? _____
(e) Means of injury (Specify type of place) _____

23. Signature D. N. Shelton M. D., Gen. or other _____
Address Orange Va Date signed 5-28-41

VA death record of brother Heber Charles Willis (1886-1941) -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/9278/images/43006_162028006072_0140-00310?pId=1766579

Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

Name: Willis, Howe Douglas

Name variations:

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - corporal

Serial number: 250,437

Entered service from: Rapidan, Culpeper VA

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Howe D. Willis

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": brother H.C. Willis, Rapidan VA

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Howe D. Willis

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: brother Heber C. Willis, Rapidan VA (cpl, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Howe Douglas Willis - b. 8 Aug 1891 Orange Co. VA; res: Rapidan, Orange VA. Single. Dairy farming for self, Orange Co. VA. Tall & slim.

National Tuscania Survivors Association (1939): as "How" Willis - 438 Stratton St., Logan WV

World War II draft registration (1942): as Howe Douglas Willis - b. 4 Aug 1891 Rapidan VA; res: 644 Stratton, Logan, Logan WV. NOK Edna Earle Willis, same address. Mentor (?) Chevrolet, self-employed. Height: 5'7 1/2" – 180 lbs.

Veterans Administration Military Index:

Enlisted: 12 Dec 1917

Discharged: 10 Jun 1919

Address: Logan WV

Rank/unit: corporal, Hoboken Casual Co. 596

Birth & death:

Born: 4 (WWI draft) or 5 (Veterans Administration Master Index) or 7 (NC Deaths) or 8 (WWII draft) Aug 1891 Rapidan, Culpeper (or Orange) VA – but VA birth record reports born 7 Aug 1890

Died: 25 Nov 1967 New Bern, Craven NC (of pulmonary embolism, at Craven County Hospital)

Find A Grave record: 184493964 – presence on Tuscania indicated on flower

Burial location: Trent Woods, Craven NC

Cemetery: New Bern Memorial

Tombstone:

Father: James Sydnor Willis II, 7 Nov 1843 Spring Hill, Orange VA – 20 Jan 1923 Locust Dale, Madison VA, Son of James Sydnor Willis I (1808-1866) & Elizabeth Gordon (1809-1865). Enlisted in the Army of the Confederate States of America as a private in Co. A, VA 15th Infantry Regiment. Promoted to corporal 21 May 1863. Promoted to sergeant 1 Jul 1864. Left the Army "on foot" on 3 Apr 1865.

His obituary said he was survived by 5 sons – Harry, Herbert, Hillary, Heber & Howe – and 1 daughter Virginia Hasseltine Willis.

Find A Grave:

Family tree at: <https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/8184328/person/6059600041/facts>

Mother: Virginia Thomas ("Jennie T.") Twyham Willis, 5 Aug 1848 Locust Dale, Madison VA – 20 May 1918 Rapidan, Orange VA. Daughter of Isaac & Elizabeth Twyham.

Find A Grave:

Parents' marriage:

Spouse: Edna Earle Moore Willis, 12 Jul 1904 Marlboro Co. SC - 25 Mar 1994 Bennettsville, Marlboro Co. SC. Daughter of Marvin Moore & Jennie Perry (1884-1977, F: 186656415).

Graduate of Columbia College, SC. Died at age 89. Buried in Sunset Memorial Park, Bennettsville, Marlboro SC but not on Find A Grave as of 26 Jul 2023.

Spouse Find A Grave:

Marriage: 16 Aug 1927 Bennettsville, Marlboro SC.

Children:

Siblings:

- Harry Snyder Willis, 1 Apr 1869 Locust Dale, Madison VA – 6 Feb 1929 Green Springs, Louisa VA. Dr. Willis was a veterinary surgeon. In the 1910 census for Taylor, Orange VA, Dr. Harry S. Willis (41 VA, in his 1st marriage) was living with wife Gertrude P. (49 VT, parents b. VT, in her 2nd marriage) with a son named Ralph P. West (19 DC) & daughter-in-law Gertrude E. West (21 DC). Divorced, Harry was married in Washington DC on 26 Jan 1916 to Jennie Carter Dettor Jefferis (1881-1973, F: 22670484). Jennie was the daughter of William Fiske Dettor & Pattie Ann Carter. Her first husband was Dr. Tomas Noval Jefferis (1856-1913), whom she had married in 1901. – Cause of death: "Pistol shot wound at frontal region of head (Suicide)." Harry & Jennie are buried in Maplewood Cemetery, Gordsonville, Orange VA. F: 22670468
- Herbert Arthur Willis, 3 Apr 1871 VA – 11 Mar 1937 Bluefield, Tazewell VA. A Baptist minister. Husband of Lucy temple Richerson (1884-1946, F: 174472679), daughter of James Reuben Richerson & Kate Butler. Herbert & Kate married 19 Apr 19006 in Sparta, Caroline VA. Buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery & Mausoleum, Henrico Co. VA. F: 174746600
- Hillary Thomas Willis, 3 Jun 1873 Locust Dale, Madison VA – 12 Sep 1956 Riverdale, Anne Arundel MD. Dr. Willis was a physician. Married to Annie Elizabeth Willis (1875-1967), her married surname being the same as her unmarried surname, F: 114462940. They married on 12 Oct 1904 in VA. Both are buried in Fort Lincoln Cemetery, Brentwood, Prince George's Co. MD. F: 114462564
- Virginia Hasseltine ("Hassie") Willis, 15 May 1877 Orange Co. VA - 11 Jul 1961 Gordonsville, Orange VA. Never married. Died of uterine cancer. According to her VA death certificate, she was buried in the "Family Cemetery" in Orange Co. VA.

- Hayward M. Willis, b. 4 May 1880 Orange Co. VA. Two months old as of the 1880 census (conducted 14 Jun 1880).
- Heber Charles Willis, 7 Sep 1886 Rapidan, Culpeper VA– 24 May 1941 Orange Co. VA. Wife of Pauline Russell Hardeman (1896-1997), whom he married 12 Nov 1917 in Washington DC. Pauline was the daughter of Letcher Hardeman (F: 10184396) & Adelaide Russell (F: 153976384). A child of Heber & Pauline's was Heber Charles Williams Jr. (1924-2012, F: 84823544, whose biography is on his Find A Grave record. According to his VA death certificate, Heber was buried in Orange Co. VA.
- Son born 11 May 1889 Orange Co. VA?

Notes:

Newspaper accounts of 1918 indicate that Howe Douglas Willis and fellow Tuscania survivor Robert Maxwell Willis were related.

Pre-war:

Wartime:

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number:

Censuses:

1880 Taylor, Orange VA – conducted 14 Jun 1880

James S. Willis, 36 VA, parents b. VA, farmer

Jennie T., 30 VA, parents b. VA, keeps house

Harry, 11 VA

Herbert, 9 VA

Hillary, 7 VA [indexed as Hillasy]

Hasseltine, 4 VA [reported as son, but she is a daughter]

Haywood, 2 months VA

1900 Taylor District, Orange VA

James S. Willis, 55 VA [no month/year], married 31 years, farmer

Jennie T., 51 VA, Aug 1848, gave birth to 7 children, 6 are living

Harry S., 37 VA, Apr 1869, single, veterinary surgeon

Hassie B., 23 VA, May 1877, single

Heber C., 13 VA, Sep 1886, at school

Howe D., 9 VA, Aug 1890, at school

& 2 Black servants:

Louisa Johnson, 16 VA, parents b. VA cook

& Sally A. Johnson, 9 VA, parents b. VA, servant

1910 Taylor, Orange VA – conducted 15 Apr 1910

James S. Willis, 66 VA, parents b. VA, in 1st marriage, married 43 years, farmer, farm

Virginia T., 61 VA, parents b. VA, in 1st marriage

Hassie V., 30 VA, single

Heber C., 22 VA, single, laborer

Howe D., 19 VA, single, laborer

Lucy C. Willis, 74 VA, parents b. VA [sister]

On the same census page:

Dr. Harry S. Willis, 41 VA, parents b. VA, in 1st marriage, veterinarian surgeon, country practice

Gertrude P. Willis, 49 VT, parents b. VT, in 2nd marriage, gave birth to 2 children, 2 are living [wife]

Ralph P. West, 19 DC, father b. DC, mother b. VT, [son]

Gertrude E. West, 21 DC, father b. DC, mother b. VT [daughter-in-law]

1920 Taylor, Orange VA

Jas. S. Willis, 86 VA, parents b. VA, widowed, farmer, general

Hassie V., 39 VA, single

Heber C., 34 VA, married, farmer, dairy

Howe D., 30 VA, single, farmer, dairy farm

Gwynn Gratton, 35 MN, divorced, farmer, dairy farm [partner]

Alma Doss, 10 VA, parents b. VA [adopted]

Zella (Ella?) Miller, 38 VA, race: Black [servant]

1930 Logan, Logan WV – 299 River Side Dr.

Howe Willis, 32 VA, parents b. VA, age 30 at 1st marriage, manager, automobile, not a veteran

Edna Willis, 25 SC, parents b. SC, age 23 at 1st marriage, teacher, public school [wife]

Jean Moore, 14 SC, father b. SC, mother b. NC [sister]

Vivian Wotring?/Wothing?, 25 WV, father b. VA, mother b. WV, teacher, public school [lodger]

1940 Logan, Logan WV – Stratton St. – same house in 1935

Howe D. WILLISON or Willis, 48 VA, car dealer

Edna E. Willison, 35 SC [wife]

Gene Moore, 24 SC, stenographer, car sales place [sister of Edna – phrase is verbatim]

1950 McConnell, Logan WV

Douglas Howe Willis, 58 VA, manager, automobile

Earle Edna Willis, 45 SC