

Harrison Wilson

Harrison Wilson on Sec 4 - 141 - 58, was born in Franklin County New York on Sept 18, 1852, and on his father's side comes of old Revolutionary stock, his grandmother having had 2 brothers who fought for American independence, and were killed in the battle of Plattsburg, New York. He was also a direct descendant of the Wilson who came to this country in the Mayflower. His father Asa Wilson, a farmer, was born in Vermont, in 1800 and died on the in N.Y. at 75 years, while his mother - nee Saphrona Corey, was born in New Hampshire in 1805, and died in New York at 61 years.

Harrison was reared in much the usual manner of farm boys of his day, attending the local schools, and assisting in the farm work until 16 years old. He then traveled for a time in New Hamp., Mass, and Vermont after which he returned home and remained under the parental roof 2 years. Deciding to go West he went to Berlin Wisc., and later to Amboy, Ill. where he remained 6 months. He then made a trip to St Joseph Mich, and worked in a sawmill for ~~6 months~~ a short time. Later he returned to Berlin, Wisc., then to Linn Co Iowa, where he lived 3 years on a farm near Center Point.

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His next home was in Cass county Iowa where he worked 2 summers, then to Linn Co, from which place he left for ^{Wesley} Minnesota with a drove of horses in 1879, where he lived about a year. In 1880 he went to Barnes Co Dak and took a pre-emption on Sec 4-14-58

At Morris, Clinton Co, New York, in 1886 he married Miss Ida M. Ney who was born there Oct 23, 1850, a daughter of Robert + Martha Ney.

They have one son Benjamin, born Oct 9, 1888,

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