

James H. Wilson

James H. Wilson, of Sec 4-144-62, was born in Ontario Canada, July 17, 1865. His father, Samuel Wilson, ^{son of James Wilson} was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent, a farmer and carpenter. He died in 1877.

His mother - maiden name Jane Halks, was born in England and came to America when she was a young girl.

Mr. Wilson was 5th of 9 children. He left home at 12 years and with his elder brother helped support the family for many years - At 21 he went to Staatsman Co - Sec 4-144-62. Here he built a 12x16 shanty. He worked at farm labor 4 years in Barnes and Griggs Counties. During 1889 he hired some breaking done, and in 1890 raised his first crop. In 1891 he rented the land at \$1⁰⁰ per acre, worked for others, and disposed of his team and effects. He moved into his shanty in 1892 and until the present. He has 780 Acres, machinery etc including a 22-horse-power threshing machine he bought in 1896. He has been threshing every year since.

Mr. Wilson married in November, 1892, to Martha Simonson, born in Norway ^{+ came to U.S. 1885} Mrs. Wilson's father, Simon Johnson, after ^{ward} settled in Dakota.

Mr. + Mrs. Wilson's children: Floyd, Glenn + Myra.

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