

# **The Wilson-Wolfe Family History Book**

**Histories and Genealogy of Rhoda  
Wilson-Wolfe, Her Children, and  
Descendants  
b. 1837 d. 1953**

**Banquet  
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# Objectives

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- Attain an overview of the Wilson-Wolfe Family Structure
- Learn Facts About Family History Research and its Limitations
- Be able to explain the timeline of Rhoda's life and the birth of her children (Branch Families)
- Be able explain Branch and Sub-branch families, and so on Be able to explain generational links and degrees of kinship in a single line of descent
- Other...

# Introduction

# Book's Author

Hi, my name is David C. Wilson and I am the son of Willie Wilson Sr., and Rosa Carr-Wilson and the grandson of Allen Oscar Wilson and Rosella Grate-Wilson



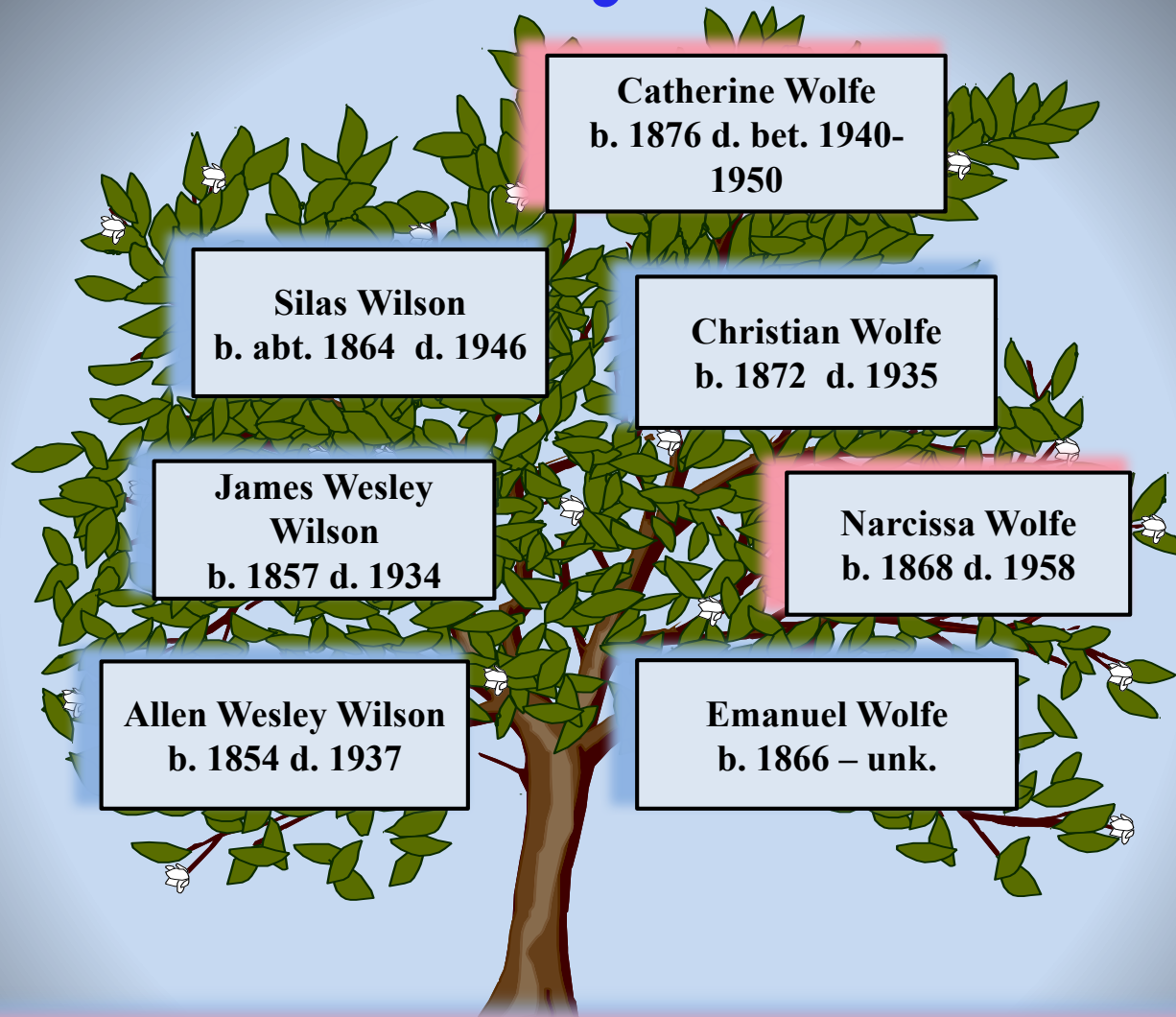
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# Comments by the Book's Author

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- ❑ I was blessed with meeting and got to know know all of Allen Wesley Wilson's children, some more than others. Initially, in my pre-teen years, I thought John Wesley Wilson was one of Allen's children because of his closes to them. I learned later that he was their first cousin, son of James Wesley Wilson, Allen's brother.
- ❑ As I reflected on the older folks throughout the years and the challenges that they faced at a time when segregation by race was the law of the land. Nevertheless, they worked hard, persevered and did the best that they could for their family.
- ❑ Therefore, we should feel proud that we are able to pay tribute to them, not only with tonight's celebration, but in a book that traces all of Rhoda's descendants eight generations from her, more than 175 years ago.
- ❑ The book will provide an on-ramp for future family history research for next 50 to 150 year

# Family Tree



**The Family Root**  
**Rhoda Wilson-Wolfe, b. 1837 d. 1922**  
Jacob Wilson, b. abt. 1815 d. Robert Wolfe, b. abt. 1820 d. bet.1910-1920

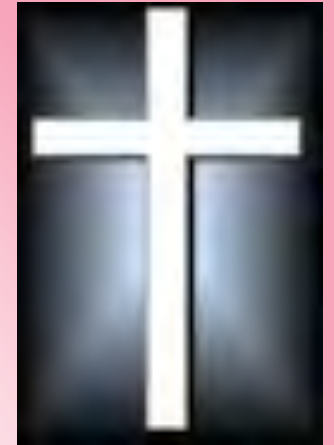
# Tribute to Rhoda Wilson-Wolfe

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Because of your courage and faith, you lit the torch for us to carry into the twenty-first century and beyond. You planted the seeds of success and greatness throughout the Wilson-Wolfe Family. We vow to honor your memory every day by living the best lives possible.



Founder:  
Wilson-Wolfe  
Family  
Reunion, 1993.  
May God keep  
and forever  
watch over you.  
We thank you  
profusely for  
starting us on  
this family  
celebration. We  
vow to keep it  
up no matter  
the amount  
strife and  
challenges we  
might face in  
the future.



**Mazie Wilson-Moore, b. 1914 d. 1993**

The Wilson-Wolfe Family History Book: Histories and Genealogy of Rhoda Wilson-Wolfe, Her Children, and Descendants



# The Wilson Family

The Wilsons enjoying a leisure day in the early 1950's



Lula Mae Scott (1927-2010)

# Root Church: McNeil Chapel Missionary Baptist Church



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# Book Contributors

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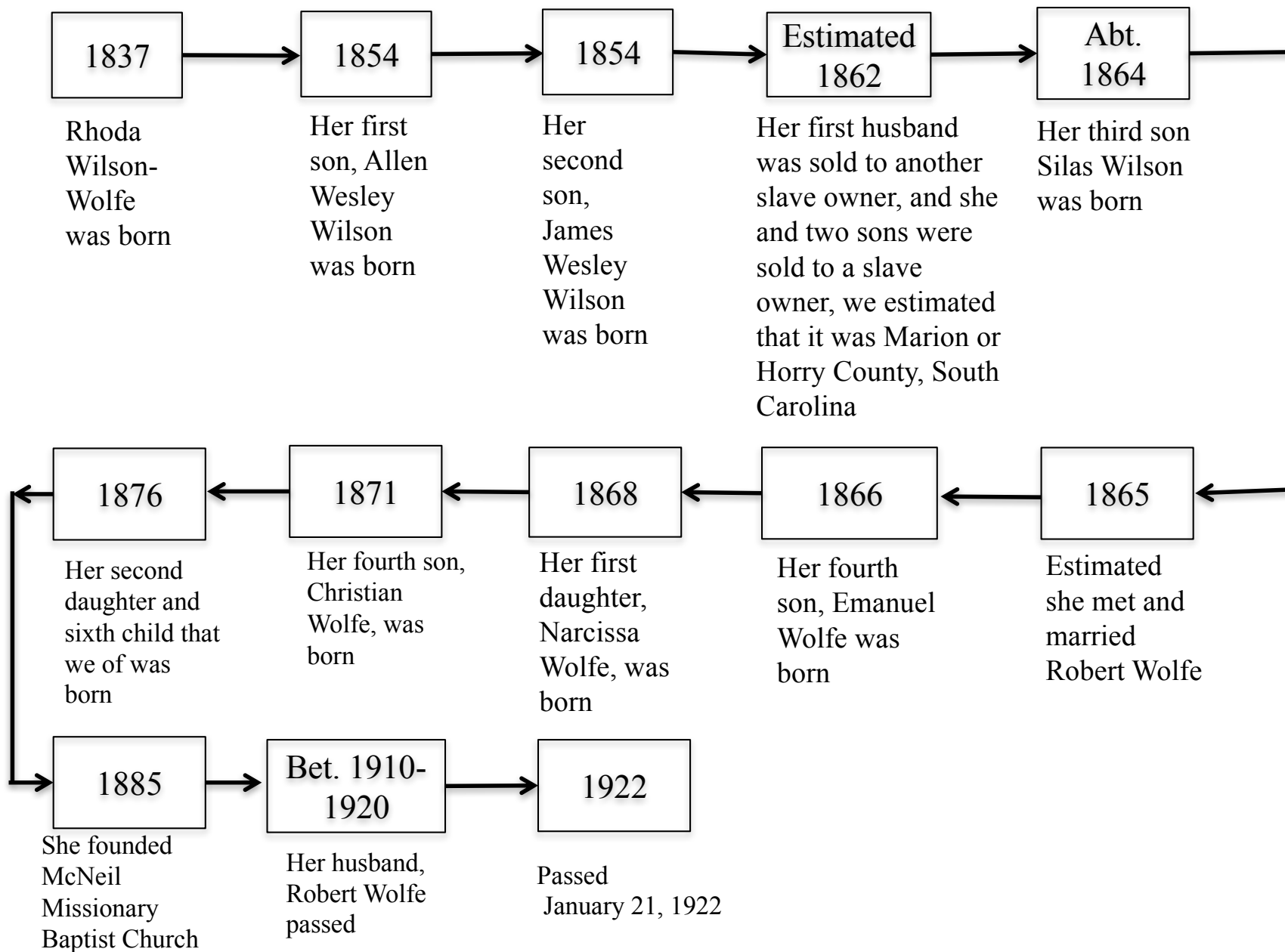
## Contributions by David C. Wilson

- Artwork for Book Cover
- Book Design/Layout
- Family Trees Flow
- Graphics
- Typing
- Historical Data Research

## Contributions by Family Members

- Oral History
- Names for Family Trees
- Photos

# Root: Rhoda Wilson-Wolfe: Short Flow Summary of Her Life's Journey



# Historical Data Sources

# Family Book: Preponderance of Evidence

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- A preponderance of evidence has been described as just enough evidence to make it more likely than not that the fact the claimant seeks to prove is true.
- A significant amount of the information in the family history book is based on historical records.
- Historical Records: **Census Data, Certificates of Death, Death Indexes, Military Records, Cemetery, Obituary Information, etc.**
- After careful analysis of the historical records, a preponderance of oral history and historical data, it is believed that the information in the family history book is accurate within a reasonable degree of genealogical certainty.

# Family Book: Federal Census

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- **Often ages and name spelling are incorrect in census data sheets**
  - ❖ **Reasons** – names were written the way it sounded to census takers; poorly educated census takers; parents unable to spell child or their name, ages were estimated by census takers because often parents could not remember their children ages accurately, etc.
  - ❖ Ages were often inconsistent from census to census that varied as much as 10 years



# Family Book: Sources and Citations

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- A source is the record used in locating information. Sound genealogy research is built on a variety of sources.
- A citation is a notation that connects the source to the research and supports any conclusions made.
  - ✓ **Citation example:** Federal Censuses 1900 and 1920
- Deciphering sources require **critical thinking skills**: Primary sources are snippets of history. They are incomplete and often come without context. They require one to be analytical, to examine sources thoughtfully, and to determine what else is needed to know to make inferences from the materials.

# Family Trees and Their Layout

# Family Book: Title Page

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**Title:** The Wilson-Wolfe Family History Book

**Subtitle:** Histories and Genealogy of  
Rhoda Wilson-Wolfe, Her Children,  
and Descendants

**Publisher:** Wilson Consulting Services, LLC  
Conway, South Carolina

**Author:** David C. Wilson

**Printer:** BookBaby  
Pennsauken, New Jersey

# Family Tree Hierarchical Structure

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<u>Family</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Generation*</u>
Root Family .....	One	1st
Branch Family .....	Multiple	2nd
Sub-branch Family .....	Multiple	3rd
Family Tree (Matrix Format) .....	Multiple	4th
Children .....	Multiple	5th
Grandchildren .....	Multiple	6th
Great Grandchildren .....	Multiple	7th
Great <sup>2</sup> Grandchildren.....	Multiple	8th
Great <sup>3</sup> Grandchildren.....	Multiple	9th

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\*Each generations one through four is indicated by a paragraph numbering system

# Paragraph Numbering Format

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## Example

Chapter 2 Root Family

2.1 Family Tree

2.2 .....

## Rhoda's Son:

Chapter 3 Branch Family One: Allen W. Wilson

3.0.1 Family Tree

3.0.2 Life Story

3.0.3 Gallery

## Allen's Son:

3.1 Sub-branch: William L. Wilson

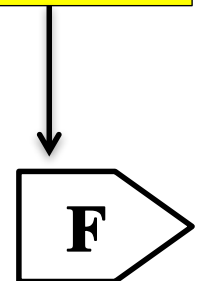
3.1.1 Family Tree

3.1.1.1 Family Tree: Sam Wilson

To an  
expanded  
family tree  
on another  
page



Continue  
to next  
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# Family Book: Book Outline

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Front End Matter: Title Page, Copyright, Dedication, Preface and Table of Contents

Chapter 1: Introduction

Chapter 2: Root Family – Rhoda Wilson-Wolfe (*Common Ancestor*)

Chapter 3: Branch Family One – Allen Wesley Wilson

Chapter 4: Branch Family Two – James Wesley Wilson

Chapter 5: Branch Family Three – Silas Wilson

Chapter 6: Branch Family Four – Narcissa Wolfe-Grate

Chapter 7: Branch Family Five – Christian Wolfe

Chapter 8: Branch Family Six: Catherine Wolfe-Bellamy

Chapter 9: The Root Church: McNeil Missionary Baptist Church

Chapter 10: The Root's Church School: Todd Swamp Colored School

Chapter 11: Profiles of Descendants

Chapter 12: Tribute to Veterans

Appendix and References: Determining Degrees of  
Kinship/Cousin-ship

Glossary

References

About the Author

# Family Book: Construction of the Book

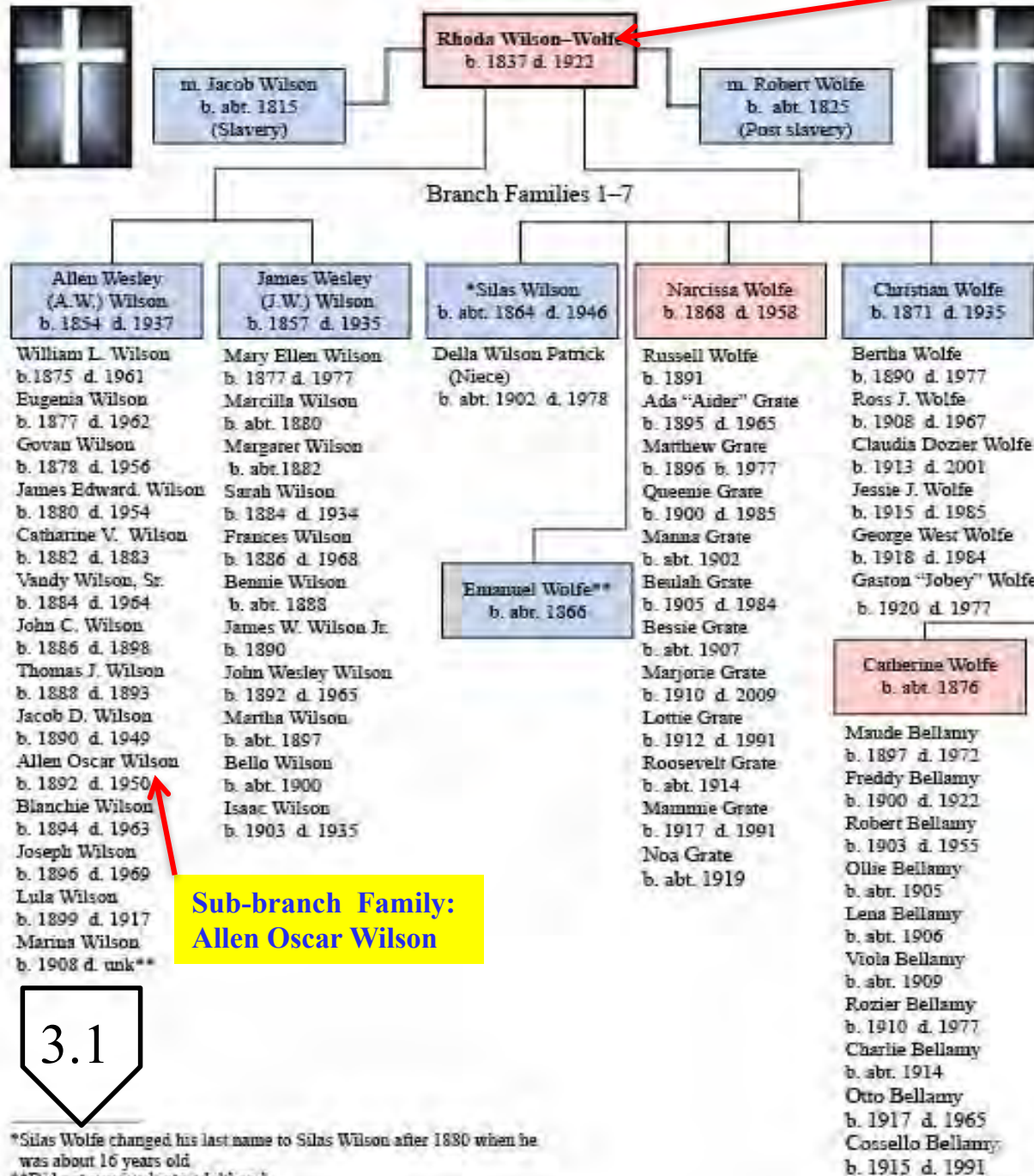
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- Page Size: 8.5 by 11 inches
- Binding Style: Adhesive case wrap
- Number of Pages: 332
- Text Paper Stock type: 80lb gloss paper/color throughout
- The cost was based on printing only in all previous editions, my labor is pro bono (free)
- **Due to the weight of the book, dropping it could cause the adhesive bonding to become detached from the book's spine. Handle with caution!!!**

# Family Book: Root Family Tree

Root Family: Rhoda  
Wilson-Wolfe

Branch Family  
Allen W. Wilson

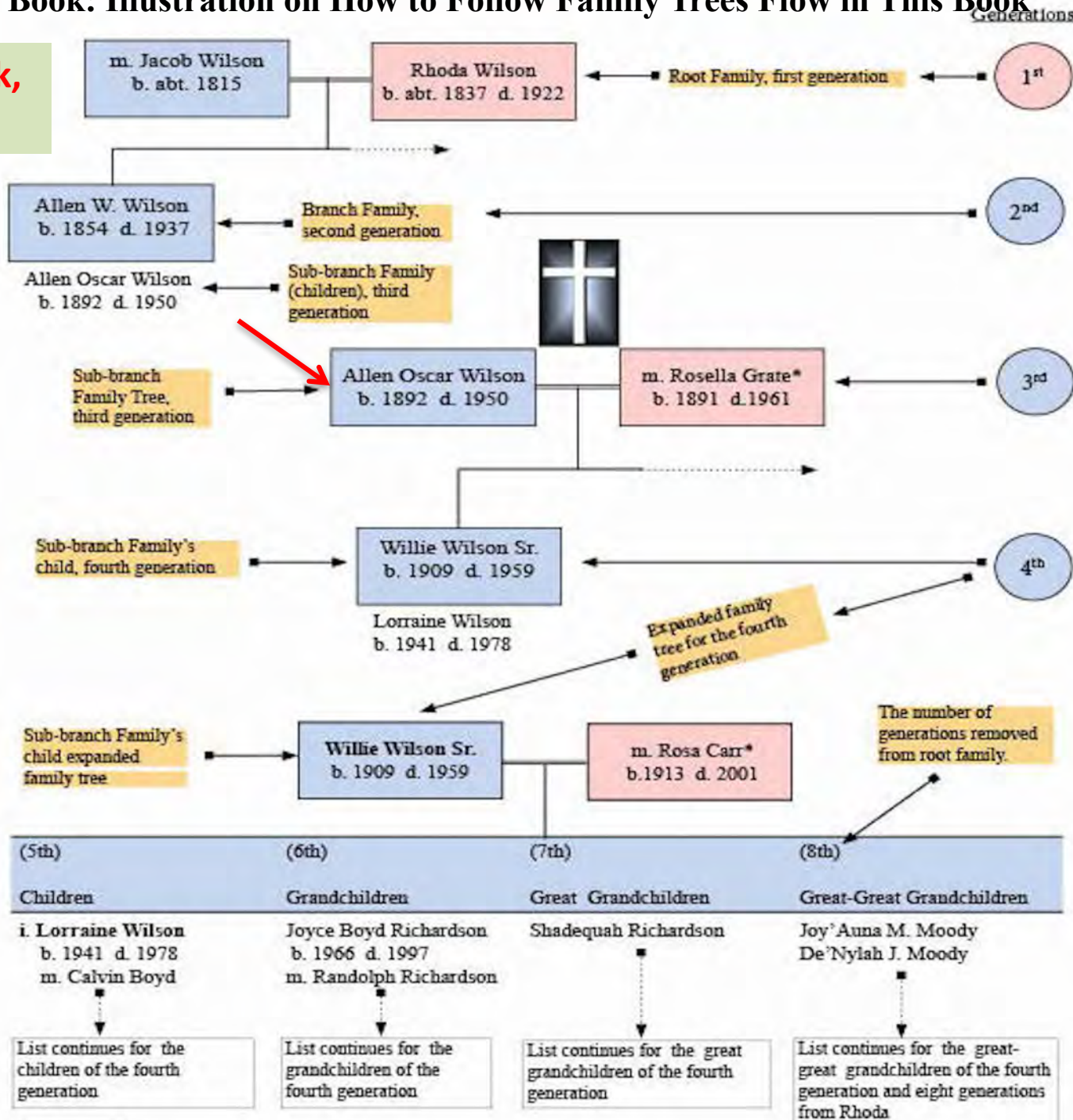


\*Silas Wolfe changed his last name to Silas Wilson after 1880 when he was about 16 years old  
\*\*Did not survived into adulthood



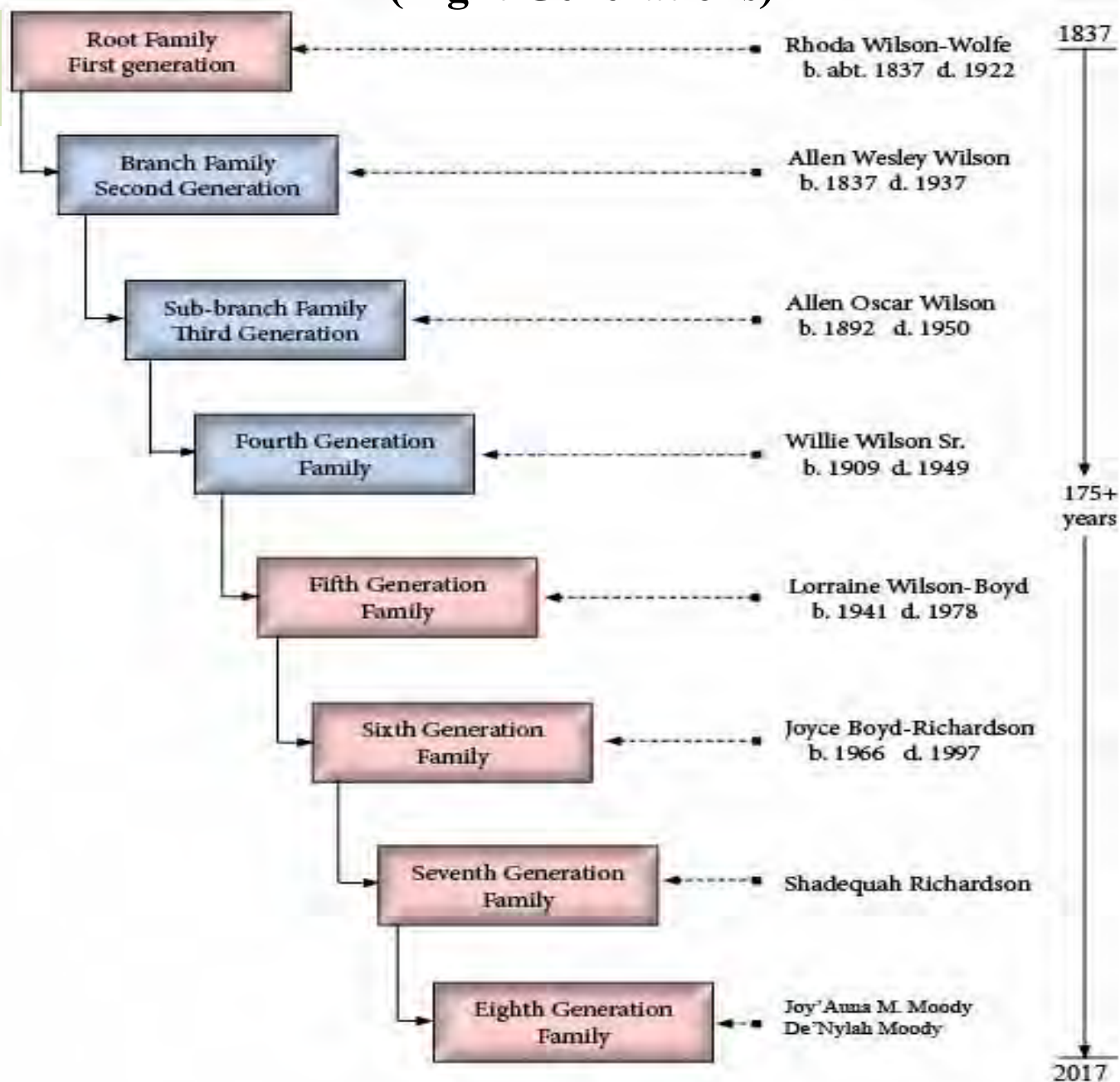
# Family Book: Illustration on How to Follow Family Trees Flow in This Book

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# Family Book: Simplified Single Line Diagram of Generational Structure (Eight Generations)

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# Determining Degrees of Kinship

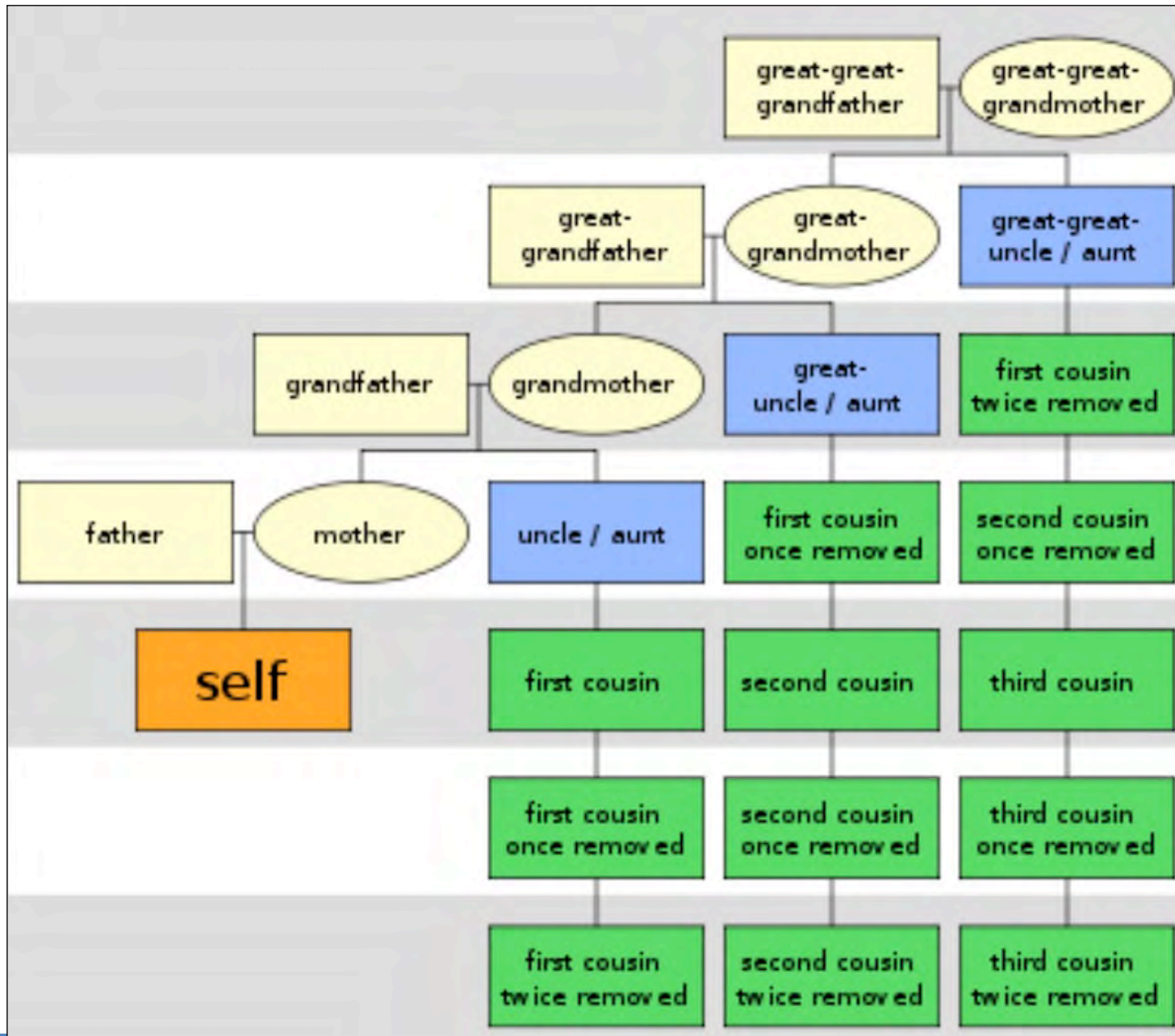
# Family Book: Option 1

## Determine the Relationship Between You and Another Relative

one person's →		Grandparent	Great-grandparent	Great-great-grandparent	Great <sup>3</sup> -grandparent	Great <sup>4</sup> -grandparent	Great <sup>5</sup> -grandparent
is the other person's ↓	then they are ↓						
Grandparent	<b>1st cousins</b>	1st cousins once removed	1st cousins twice removed	1st cousins thrice removed	1st cousins four times removed	1st cousins five times removed	
Great-grandparent	1st cousins once removed	<b>2nd cousins</b>	2nd cousins once removed	2nd cousins twice removed	2nd cousins thrice removed	2nd cousins four times removed	
Great-great-grandparent	1st cousins twice removed	2nd cousins once removed	<b>3rd cousins</b>	3rd cousins once removed	3rd cousins twice removed	3rd cousins thrice removed	
Great <sup>3</sup> -grandparent	1st cousins thrice removed	2nd cousins twice removed	3rd cousins once removed	<b>4th cousins</b>	4th cousins once removed	4th cousins twice removed	
Great <sup>4</sup> -grandparent	1st cousins four times removed	2nd cousins thrice removed	3rd cousins twice removed	4th cousins once removed	<b>5th cousins</b>	5th cousins once removed	
Great <sup>5</sup> -grandparent	1st cousins five times removed	2nd cousins four times removed	3rd cousins thrice removed	4th cousins twice removed	5th cousins once removed	<b>6th cousins</b>	

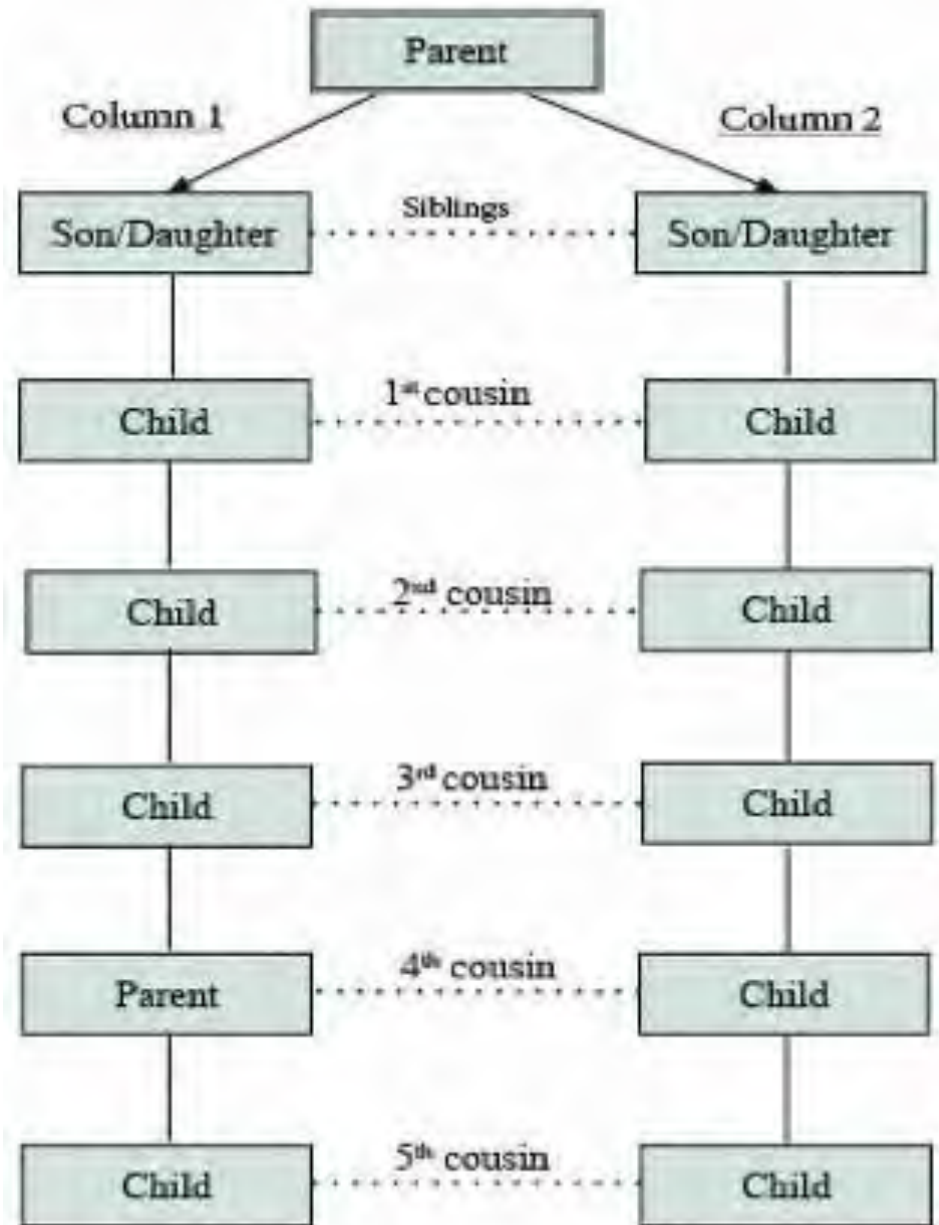
## Family Book: Option 2

### Parents, Grandparents, Uncles, Aunts and Cousins Flow Chart



## Family Book: Option 3

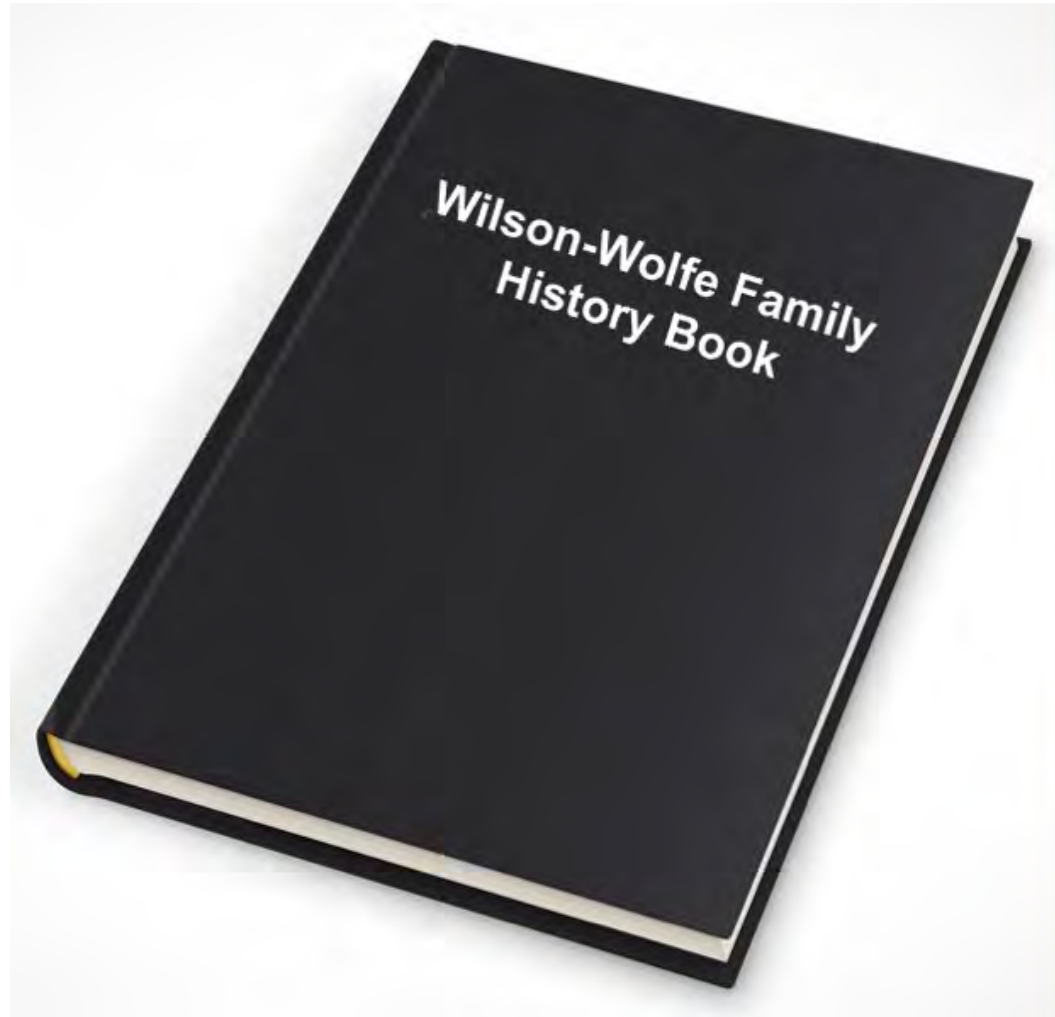
### Ladder Diagram to Determine Cousins, Nephews/Nieces, Uncles/Aunts Degrees of Kinship



# Final Book

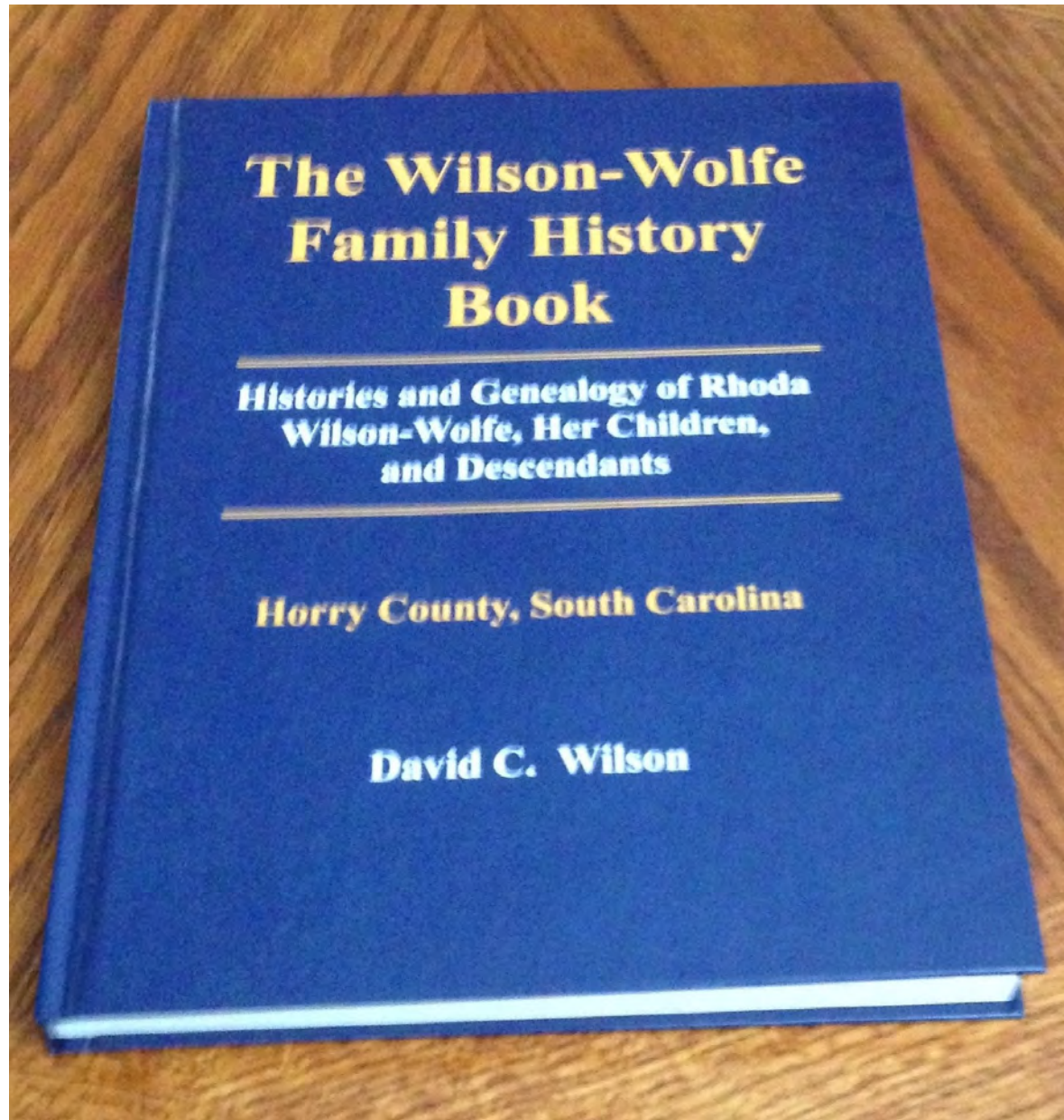
# Family Book: Mockup – Spring 2017

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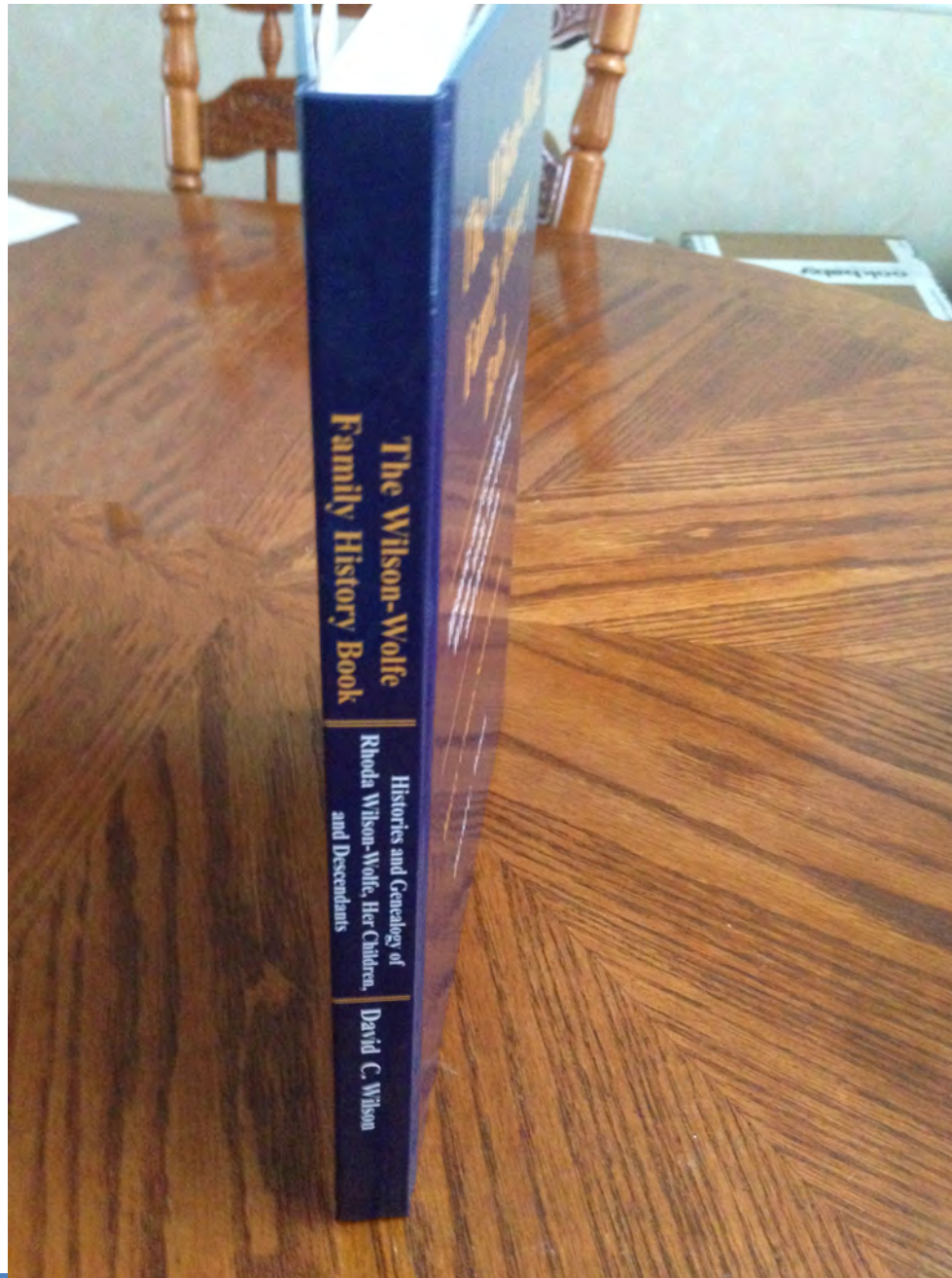




# Family Book: Finished Copy



# Family Book: Finished Copy w/Spine



# Conclusion Statement

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It is my hope that you will take advantage of the rich heritage left by our ancestors. Please remember that they worked hard and endured a lot of pain and degradation to make the world a better place for you. To that end, you must ask of yourselves—what impact have I to made to make the world a better place for the next generation?

Thank you and May God forever bless you.

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