

JOEL WILSON FAMILY

Riley Wilson was born in Virginia and his father was the progenitor of the emigrating from Scotland. Riley Wilson moved to Walton Ct. Ga. He was married to Melinda Fowler. In this county 1. Isom Wilson, 2. Joel Fowler 3. Rebecca were born. The family then moved to Valobusha Ct. Ms. in 1837. Later 4. Frances and 5. Riley, Jr. were born. Rebecca married a Quarles. Frances married Columbus Monroe. I have heard Joel Wilson had three sisters, but have been unable to obtain any info on the third one. Riley Sr. later moved to Louisiana. Riley Jr. went with him. They lived near Goldonna, La. Riley Jr. married Martha Malvina Brown and they had two sons, one of which was Congressman Riley Joel Wilson of Harrisburg, La. and Allen Wilson who moved to Texas. The sons of Riley Joel Wilson lives in Ruston, La. P.O. Box 338 and his name is Riley Joel also.

References: 1. History of MS. Heart of the South 2. Star Herald-1898 2nd. Generation

Joel Fowler Wilson (our great grandfather) was born April 10, 1830 and died May 23, 1898. Buried at Koscuisko, MS. Married to Ellender Caroline Coker, Aug. 4, 1846 by Reverend Lucas. Ellender was born May 24, 1828 in Shelby County, Alabama and died April 11, 1896. She is buried in Caddo Cemetery at Joshua Texas. She and her husband had gone there for her health. Ellender Caroline Coker's mother was a Honeycutt.

Joel Fowler Wilson was sixteen years of age when he was married and seventeen when his first child was born. To this union were born eleven children that lived to be grown. The family moved to Attala Ct. Ms. when their oldest son D. L. was a baby. Joel was converted and united with the New Hope Baptist Church in Attala Ct. in 1853. He was baptized by Elder W. W. Nash. Soon after he was ordained a deacon and in 1859 the New Hope Baptist Church through a presbytery composed of W. W. Nash, William Farrer and others ordained him to preach the gospel. The following was taken from the book entitled "Mississippi Baptist Preacher" by Foster and tells of his ministry. Taken from a Kosciusko paper, 1898.

Joel F. Wilson, Rev. W. H. Head says: "I think it superfluous to write about this brother, for he yet speaks for himself. It will be enough to give a brief estimate of him as a preacher. He is still in labor more abundant than many, having five churches in his care. He is probably the most effective preacher for his opportunity the Louisville Association has ever had, and some will say this is true, opportunity or no opportunity. He is a good minister of Jesus Christ and there is no need to say more. His educational advantages were very limited, not being able to read and write well when he began preaching, but being a man of great native ability and a close Bible student, he soon became a strong gospel preacher. During the 23 years of his public ministry he baptized about 1500 persons, most in the Kosciusko Association. In this Association he still preaches (Nov. 1894) He holds a warm place in the esteem of the churches, and is a man of great influence and moral force. He is a many of strong faith in the doctrines of the gospel, of unswerving integrity, of strong conviction of truth and of indomitable perserverance in whatever he undertakes. He has continued with one church during the greater part of his ministry. He has for a number of years, at different times served as moderator of the Kosciusko Association." end of article in book by Foster.