

GEORGE C. MARSHALL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

COLLECTION SUMMARY SHEET

COLLECTION: DONALD WILSON PAPERS
ACCESSION NUMBER: (82-114) 96
DONOR: Theresa Wilson Cochran
DATE OF GIFT: 1979; 1982
SIZE: 2.5 Lf.
INCLUSIVE DATES: 1758-1979

BIOGRAPHICAL AND SUBJECT SUMMARY:

Donald Wilson (1892-1978) retired Major General, USAF, spent his retirement years doing a genealogical study of his family. The collection consists of his notes, correspondence, pedigree charts and data sheets acquired during the process.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION AND ARRANGEMENT:

Documents arranged by series: family correspondence; genealogical material including correspondence and notes; research material and notes for anthropology studies; oral history transcript; published family histories; recipes; and family photographs.

RESTRICTIONS: None
LOCATION: Vault-upper level
COLLECTION REGISTER AVAILABLE: yes

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Wilson, Donald. 1892-1978. Papers, 1758-1979. 5 boxes. 3Lf.

Biographical Sketch

Donald Wilson (1892-1978) was a pioneer in the Army Air Corps. He served in the Army for 31 years retiring in 1947 as a Major General. In 1938-1939 he was director of Air Tactics and Strategy and Head of Air Corps Tactical School, the forerunner of the Air University at Maxwell Field in Alabama. In 1940 he was involved in planning the expansion of the Air Corps before serving as Chief of Personnel Division (G-1) War Department General Staff in 1942. Wilson then served for a year as General Douglas MacArthur's Chief of Staff of the Fifth Air Force.

Two years prior to his retirement, Wilson served as a member of the Gerow board at the Command and General Staff School, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. This committee reviewed and recommended revisions to the military educational system, resulting in the military school system of today; i.e., the creation of military schools for Junior Officers, Command and Staff Colleges for Intermediate Officers, and War Colleges for more senior officers with "demonstrated potential for higher levels of professional responsibility".

After his retirement, Wilson moved to Carmel, California, and began his genealogical study and world travels which he continued until his death in 1978. In the course of his study, he determined he was a descendant of Samuel Wilson an officer killed at the Battle of Point Pleasant, the first battle of the Revolutionary War.

Scope and Content Note

The Donald Wilson Papers are arranged by type of material; the records are in six series: family correspondence, genealogical material, research material and notes, published material, recipes, and photographs.

Family correspondence consists of letters of the Wilson and Siple families, personal and business correspondence of Wilson's first wife, Edna Taggard Wilson, and Donald Wilson's letters to his daughters and son-in-law.

Genealogical material is mainly correspondence and notes provided by people Wilson contacted about his family history. Related families include Babb, Baker, Hiner, Marguson, McPike, Siple and Wilson.

Research material and notes include copies of wills and deeds made by Wilson during his genealogical research, reading notes taken on anthropological topics, notes for a proposed study of anthropology and cultures and 532 pages of handwritten notes on genealogy and anthropology.

Printed material consists of histories of the Wilson and Hiner families and an account of the Battle of Point Pleasant.

Recipes were collected by Ruth Cotterman Wilson and focus on whole green, fresh fruit and vegetable and basic food preparations.

The photographs are of Donald Wilson, his grandparents, parents, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Presented by Theresa Wilson Cochran, 1979.

A. M. Weber
13 July 1983

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Container List

Box/Folder(s)

FAMILY CORRESPONDENCE

- | | | |
|---|------|---|
| 1 | 1 | J. Floyd Siple, 1944, 1946. |
| | 2 | John H. Wilson to Martha Jane Siple Wilson, 1923, 1924. |
| | 3 | Edna Taggart Wilson - personal, 1942-1957. |
| | 4 | Edna Taggart Wilson - business, 1941-1952. |
| | 5-10 | Donald Wilson to John and Theresa Cochran, 1966-1978. |
| 2 | 1 | John and Theresa Cochran, Incoming, 1968-1979. |

GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Correspondence

- | | | |
|--|----|-----------------------------------|
| | 2 | General. |
| | 3 | Depositories. |
| | 4 | Robert E. Babb, Jr. |
| | 5 | Lenox D. Baker. |
| | 6 | Amanda Arbogast Forbes. |
| | 7 | Winnie, Mary Clay and Leta Hiner. |
| | 8 | Hiner Family. |
| | 9 | Adah Marguson. |
| | 10 | McPike Family. |
| | 11 | Vera Overly. |
| | 12 | Siple Family. |
| | 13 | Thurman Wilson. |
| | 14 | Wilson Family. |

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GENEALOGICAL MATERIAL

Correspondence (continued)

- 3 1 Margaret Woll.
2 Point Pleasant/Colonel Charles Lewis Day.

RESEARCH MATERIAL AND NOTES

- 3 Basic References - Wills, Deeds.
4 Our Family Through the Years, Pedigree Charts and Data Sheets.
5 Notes - Anthropology.
6 Proposed Anthropology Study.
7 Genealogy.
8 Names.
9-11 Notes, pp. 1-327 and Index.
4 1-2 Notes, pp. 328-522.

2A ORAL HISTORY TRANSCRIPT (U.S. Air Force Oral History Program,
PUBLISHED MATERIAL December 10-11, 1975.)

- 3 Donald Wilson, Wilson Family History, 1960.
4 Amanda Forbes, A Man of the Bullpasture: John Hiner, 1742-1814,
1966.
5 Mary Clay Hiner, The Hiner Family, [1966].
6 John G. Morgan, A Point In History: The Battle of Point
Pleasant, 1975.
7 Vera Overly, The Wilson Family, [1966].
8 Save the Redwoods League Pamphlets.

RECIPES

- 9 Cookbooks.
10 Nutrition Books.

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RECIPES (continued)

| | | |
|---|----|--------------------|
| 4 | 11 | Bread. |
| | 12 | Cakes. |
| | 13 | Cheese. |
| | 14 | Chinese Food. |
| | 15 | Croquettes. |
| | 16 | Meat. |
| | 17 | Pancakes, Gnocchi. |
| | 18 | Pies. |
| | 19 | Poultry. |
| | 20 | Salads/Dressings. |
| | 21 | Seafood. |
| | 22 | Souffles/Omelets. |
| | 23 | Soups. |
| | 24 | Vegetables. |

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The following items have been removed from the collection:

| Description of items | Location |
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| <p>Photographs:</p> <p>Envelope 1 - Bowers and Siple Family Tintypes, 1883-1885.</p> <p>2 - Martha Jane Siple Wilson, 1885.</p> <p>3 - J. Floyd Siple, 1944-1959.</p> <p>4 - Donald Wilson, 1896-1962.</p> <p>5 - Donald Wilson Group Shots, 1940's-1978.</p> <p>6 - McPike Family.</p> <p>7 - Josie Ervine.</p> <p>8 - Unidentified portrait.</p> <p>9 - John Hiner Memorial.</p> <p>10 - Boatwright Cottage, Pawley's Island, S.C.</p> <p>11 - Donald Wilson's California Home.</p> <p>12 - "Colonel Charles Lewis Day" March, 1977.</p> <p>13 - Kodachrome Transparencies of Documents.</p> <p>14 - Hamilton & Josephine Armstrong Wilson.</p> <p>15 - Tintypes.</p> <p>16 - Siple portraits.</p> <p>17 - Donald Wilson.</p> <p>18 - Wilson Family, Philippine Islands.</p> <p>19 - Doc Hill, 1890-1900.</p> <p>20 - Post Field, Lawton, Oklahoma.</p> <p>21 - William J. Wilson, Gospels of St. Matthew.</p> | <p>Unaccessioned Photograph Box S-1</p> |

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| <p>Photographs (continued):</p> <p>Genealogical Photo album - Wilson Family.</p> <p>2 Scrapbook pages, Theresa Jane Wilson, 1921-1925.</p> <p>Miscellany.</p> <p>Pen and ink drawing by Les Care.</p> | <p>Unaccessioned Photograph Box S-1</p> |

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| <p>Publications:</p> <p>Doane, Gilbert H.. <u>Searching for Your Ancestors.</u></p> <p>Forbes, Amanda Arbogast. <u>1797 Assessment List for Pendleton, Virginia now West Virginia.</u></p> <p><u>Grave Register, Pendleton County, West Virginia.</u></p> <p>Lewis, Virgil H.. <u>History of the Battle of Point Pleasant, 1974 reprint of 1909 edition.</u></p> <p><u>Lineage Book of the National Society of Daughters of Founders and Patriots of America.</u></p> <p>Morton, Oren F.. <u>History of Highland County, Virginia, 1911 edition and 1969 reprint.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . <u>A Handbook of Highland County Together with a Supplement to Pendleton Highland History, 1922.</u> . <u>A History of Pendleton, West Virginia, 1910.</u> <p>Peyton, J. Lewis. <u>A History of Augusta County, Virginia, 1953.</u></p> <p>Thwartes and Kellogg. <u>Documentary History of Dunmore's War, 1974 reprint of 1905 edition.</u></p> <p>Waddell, Joseph A. <u>Annals of Augusta County Virginia, 1726-1871, 1958 reprint of 1902 edition.</u></p> <p>Wilson, Howard McKnight. <u>Great Valley Patriots: Western Virginia in the Struggle for Liberty.</u></p> | <p>Library</p> |

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| <p>Oversize items:</p> <p>Beverage Family Tree (3)</p> <p>Wilson Family Tree (3)</p> <p>Siple Family Tree</p> <p>Wilson Fan Chart</p> <p>US Geological Survey Maps: McDowell Quadrangle, Va.-W.Va. Parnassus Quadrangle, Va.-W.Va. Staunton Quadrangle, Va. Spruce Knob Quadrangle, Va.-W.Va. Ft. Seybert Quadrangle, Va.-W.Va. Monterey Quadrangle, Va.-W.Va. Circleville Quadrangle, W.Va. Craigsville Quadrangle, Va.</p> <p>"Dr. Baker: The Way of a Healer," Greensboro <u>Daily News</u>, August 1, 1971.</p> | <p>Map Case</p> |
| <p>Miscellaneous items:</p> <p>100 Shares of Pittsburgh Lead Mining Company Stock (1907)</p> | <p>Administrative Security</p> |

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| 15"x21" painting by A.C. Gondring - B-17 attacked by 16 Zeros over New Guinea - WWII | Museum |
| 5 pennants: 1) felt, escola de Aeronautica 2) auto two, AF Maj.Gen. 4) cloth, large-AF wings 5) cloth, large-2 stars & AF insignia | Museum |
| Black cloth bag with Shriner's cap | " |
| Bible - John H. Wilson | " |
| Box of military buttons | " |
| Jeweler's box with 5 military ID tage-Donald Wilson | " |
| Box - military insignia, metal & cloth | " |
| Box - military insignia, rank badges, metal & cloth | " |
| Box - gold shoulder knots - 1 pair | " |
| Box - gold cords | " |
| Box - Blue/gold cloth belt with gold eagle metal buckle | " |
| Box - campaign ribbons, shoulder patches (TWO BOXES) | " |
| Box - assorted souvenirs-coins, chopsticks, seeds, glasses, cloth maps, stones, knife, shell fragments, WASP button, etc. | " |
| Package - 2 straight razors - 1910 | " |
| Package wood dowels - Hiner Mill, Pendleton Co.WV | " |
| Polished (bamboo?) "spear" - 12" long, approx. | " |
| Packet of iron pieces from Hiner Mill, WV | " |

DONALD WILSON PAPERS
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| | | |
|-------|----|---|
| 5 | 1 | 4th grade schoolwork by Donald Wilson, 1902 |
| | 2 | Newspaper clipping, Wilson given DSM, May 1944 and October 1945 |
| | 3 | Nat. Geographic Membership Certificate, Aug. 1915 |
| | 4 | Personal Letters, bound; Wilson family |
| | 5 | Vital Statistics; bound; Edna Taggart Wilson, Donald Wilson(M/G, USAF), Ruth C. Wilson. |
| | 6 | Genealogy documents |
| | 7 | Leatherette notebook; expenses |
| | 8 | Address book |
| | 9 | Correspondence, receipt of "Wooing Peponi" |
| | 10 | Aircraft Accident Report |
| Loose | | Returned postcards upon receipt of "Wooing Peponi" book. |
| 6 | 1 | Chapters 1-6, "Wooing Peponi", copy of final manuscript |
| | 2 | Chapters 7, 8, 9, 11, 12 "Wooing Peponi", copy of final manuscript |
| | 3 | Chapter 10, "Wooing Peponi", copy of final manuscript (History of Air Force) |
| | 4 | Chapters 13-end, "Wooing Peponi:", copy of final manuscript |
| 7 | 1 | Single-spaced bound copy of final manuscript of "Wooing Peponi" |
| 2&3 | | Bound final versions of book "Wooing Peponi" |
| | 4 | Marshall Library deed of gift & letters; newspaper clippings; instructions for photo album; summary of Wilson's life. |
| | 5 | Correspondence with Aviation Hall of Fame, 1977-1981 |
| | 6 | Correspondence; Library of Congress, Department of Air Force, etc. 1941-1982 |
| | 7 | Franking label for Library of Congress. |

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DONALD WILSON ESTATE

- 8 1 Swiss Credit Bank, stock certificates, etc.
Bound.
- 2 Wills, trusts, assets, insurance, annuity,
safe deposit box, taxes
- 3 Monte Sole, Progress Foundation coins, Mausa,
Silver Claim

PHOTOGRAPHS

- 9 1 Wilson -
2nd Lt. Donald Wilson, 5th Md Inf. N.G.
April 1917 7½x9"
- B/G Wilson, pointing to globe; uniform, no
hat; March 1944 8x10"
- B/G Wilson, USAAF, CofS, 5th Air Force, Australia;
uniform, no hat; seated at desk. April 1943
8x10"
- B/G Wilson; c. 1943; uniform blouse, no hat;
portrait photo. 8x10"
(actual photo size 5x7½)
- Portrait photographs; all 11x14" overall,
actual photo size 7½x9½" April 1945
1. uniform blouse & hat
 2. uniform blouse, no hat; seated, waist
up (4 copies)
 3. uniform blouse, no hat; bust photo.
(3 copies; 1 eyed forward, 2 eyed
to side)
- 2 Scene of rice-planting, Philippines, c. 1927
9½x12"
- Four Mangyans with stringed instruments, Mindoro
Island, Philippines, c. 1927 9½x12"
- View from Pentagon office of Ass't Chief of
Air Staff Wilson; March 1945 11x14"
- 3 Bound photo album - Wilson family members
- 4 Bound photo album - empty

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Container List

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PHOTOGRAPHS

| | | |
|----|----|---|
| S2 | 1 | Donald Wilson's pre-marriage family: 18 photographs 3 negatives |
| | 2 | Early friends of Donald Wilson: 22 photographs |
| | 3 | Edna Taggart Wilsons's premarriage family: 14 photographs 3 negatives |
| | 4 | Edna Taggart Wilson before Dec.1919: 10 photographs 1 negative |
| | 5 | Wilson friends including distant relatives: 14 photographs 5 negatives |
| | 6 | Early Residences of DW/ETW: 14 photographs 9 negatives |
| | 7 | Relatives and Friends of the Wilsons including the Cochrans: 6 photographs |
| | 8 | Donald Wilson and Edna Taggart Wilson, 1892- 1922: 46 photographs 17 negatives |
| | 9 | World War I and the AEF including General J.J. Pershing on the grandstand: 66 photographs 10 negatives |
| | 10 | Edna Taggart Wilson, Theresa Jane Wilson, and Donald Wilson, Jr. in Kelley Field Texas, 1923-1924: 9 photographs 10 negatives |
| | 11 | The Wilsons in Van Buren Ark, Baltimore and Washington D.C., 1924-1927: 77 photographs 3 negatives |
| | 12 | Donald Wilson with Bogobo tribesmen, c. 1928: 7 photographs 1 negative |
| | 13 | Philippines, China--natives, 1927-1929: 47 photographs |
| | 14 | Philippines, China--miscellaneous, 1927-1929: 28 photographs |

15 Philippines, China--Donald Wilson, Capt.
USAAC, 1927-1929:
28 photographs
7 negatives

16 Philippines, China--Donald Wilson Jr., 1927-
1929:
22 photographs
23 negatives

17 Philippines, China--the Wilsons, 1927-1929:
49 photographs

S3 18 Philippines, China--Natives, 1927-1929:
77 photographs

19 Philippines, China--Natives, 1927-1929:
43 photographs
1 roster
19 negatives

20 The Wilsons in Langley Field, VA, 1929-1931:
8 photographs
8 negatives
1 invitation

21 Fort Leavenworth, KS and Maxwell Field, AL--
the Wilsons, 1932-1940:
47 photographs
2 invitations

22 Fort Leavenworth, KS, 1934-1936:
11 photographs

23 Australia--Donald Wilson, 1942-1944:
21 photographs
2 negatives

24 View from Pentagon, 1945:
1 color positive

25 Donald Wilson/Ruth Cotterman Wilson, 1947-
1978:
38 photographs
2 negatives

26 Carmel, California, 1948 and 1953:
8 negatives

27 Passport photographs, 1956, 1962, 1968, 1973:
40 photographs
8 negatives

28 Geneology Negatives:
16 negatives
1 roster (2 cards)

29 Theresa Jane Wilson (Cochran) and Family:
11 photographs

30 Miscellaneous--special:
12 photographs
1 card
1 program
1 clipping