

Working Paper on Mary Ann Wiley

Wiley, Mary Ann

- Birth: 17 JUN 1806 in Kentucky, USA
- Spouse: Reuben Brown
- Marriage: about 1826
- Residence: 1840 in Sangamon, Illinois, USA
- Residence: 1850 in Pike, Illinois, USA
- Residence: 1860 in Liberty, Grundy, Missouri, USA
- Residence: 1870 in Bowman, Sullivan, Missouri, USA
- Death: 13 OCT 1876 in Sullivan, Missouri, USA

Line of Descent

- James Warren m. Mary Martin (confirmed chr 11)
- Benjamin Wiley m. Elizabeth Warren (speculative)
- Mary Ann Wiley m. Reuben Brown
- Ellen Brown m. James Robinson
- Mary Robinson m. Thomas Riley Ridenour

Facts

What I know about Mary Ann Wiley is that her maternal halo group is T1a1 thanks to my second cousin participating in DNA testing. She was born June 16, 1806 in Kentucky and she married Reuben Brown sometime around 1826 given the age of their oldest son, Isaac b. January 9, 1827 Illinois.

Her husband, Reuben died in March 1840 in Sangamon Co. Illinois and Mary is enumerated there on the 1840 census with 9 children. Reuben's probate papers also list his wife as Mary with 9 children. Mary moved to Pike Co. Illinois prior to 1850 and can be found living next to her daughter, Ellen, wife of James Robertson (Robinson). By 1860, the widow Mary and her children had moved to Grundy Co. Missouri with daughter, Ellen and her husband, James Robinson.

An article in The History of Grundy Co. Missouri written while James Robinson was still living documents his wife's birth in Sangamon Co. Illinois, his marriage in Pike Co. Illinois and subsequent move to Grundy Co. Missouri. Census data confirms this information and provides the names of Reuben & Mary's children. Mary Brown died Oct 13, 1876 and is buried in Lindley Cemetery, Sullivan Co. Missouri which is located just across border from Grundy Co. Missouri beside her son, Isaac. Her eldest son, Reuben's death certificate listed his mother's maiden name as Wiley.

Speculation

I have DNA matches with two people, one on 23andMe and one on FTDNA that are descendants of the Wiley family from Montgomery Co. Illinois who also belong to maternal halo group T1a1.

I have not been able to find a Wiley connection in Sangamon Co. IL but Montgomery Co. Illinois is just south of Sangamon county. After Reuben's death, Mary moved her family to Pike Co. IL sometime before 1850 and where there was a David Wiley on the census in 1840. Given David's age 30-40 (b.1804 per 1850 census) he may be a brother to Mary. Also, David is living next to the Breeden family and Mary's eldest daughter, Hannah married Simpson Breeden on Dec 24, 1846 in Pike Co. Illinois.

The Wiley family in Montgomery Co. Illinois came from Warren Co. Kentucky where there is a record of Benjamin Wiley and his children:

10 November 1819 James Wiley, Elijah Wiley, Zachariah Wiley, Nancy Wiley, David Wiley, Sarah Wiley, Bitsey Wiley, Polly Wiley, Ahalia Wiley, and Lucinda Wiley, heirs of Benjamin Wiley deceased, by Alexander M. Robinson, Commissioner of Circuit Court of Warren County, to Daniel Bowling, 200 acres South of Green River.

Note the name David and Polly (nickname for Mary) in the record. I though this was our Mary Wiley's father and an autosomal DNA match on chromosome 11 with two descendants of James Warren & Mary Martin confirm that this is the correct line.