

This article provides documentation on George and his wife Emma Wills.

1: His Father was christened under the name of George Geep

Bap in the Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England FHL Film# 1526760
 1814 May 22 George son of William and Ann Geep , Merriott, Labourer.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Merriott
 in the County of Somerset in the Year 1814

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1814 May 22 No. 57.	George son of	William Geep	Ann	Merriott	Labourer	Wm. Viner

2: He was christened under the Name of George Gibb.

From the Parish Merriott Somerset records film# 1526222 and 1526760
 1855 Born 13 July baptism Oct 14 1855, George son of George and Anna Gibb abode
 Broadway, Merriott Labourer.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of Merriott
 in the County of Somerset in the Year 1855

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
Born Aug. 10 th 1855 No. 2113	Emily daughter of	Wm. and Susan	Deborue	Broadway Merriott	Hawker	P. C. Pratt
Born July 4 th 1855 No. 2114	Frederick daughter of	William and Susan	Nichell	Broadway Merriott	Hawker	P. C. Pratt
Born July 16 th 1855 No. 2115	Emma daughter of	John and Mary	Hochey	Broadway Merriott	Tranter	P. C. Pratt
Born Sep. 1 st 1855 No. 2116	Lucy daughter of	George and Jane	Nichell	Broadway Merriott	Tailor	P. C. Pratt
Born Aug. 20 th 1855 No. 2117	Elizabeth daughter of	Joseph and Ann	Peckmore	Higginshaw Merriott	Hatcher	P. C. Pratt
Born March 12 th 1855 No. 2118	Joseph son of	James and Sarah	Hubbings	Lower Street Merriott	Labourer	P. C. Pratt
Born Feb. 13 th 1855 No. 2119	George son of	George and Ann	Gibb	Broadway Merriott	Labourer	P. C. Pratt

3: He was married under the name of George Gabe.

IGI 1880 Jul 17 Marriage in Parish of Merriott
George Gabe and Emma Wills

Also 1880 Sep marriage Index Ref. chard 5c 631 , Geroge Gabe and Emma Wills (Willis)

1880 17 Jul Marring in Parish of Merriott

Page 19 Nov 294 July 17 1880

George Gabe 25 bachelor Lab., Abode Broadway, Father George Gabe Lab.

Emma Wills 22 Spinster, , Boozer Pit , Father Amos Wills Labourer

Signed George (Gibbs) crossed out, Gabe and Emma Wills

Witness Thomas Wills, and the Mark of Elizabeth Patemore

His EBY=1880-25=1855

Her EBY=1880-22=1858

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
394	July 17	George Gabe Emma Wills	25 22	Bachelor Spinster	Labourer —	Broadway Boozer Pit	George Gabe Amos Wills	Labourer Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church of England by us.

This Marriage was solemnized between us, George Gabe and Emma Wills in the Presence of us, Thomas Wills Curate in Charge and Elizabeth Patemore Witness.

4: His children are christened under the name of Gibbs and recorded in the Census records.

1881 Eng. Census Civil parish of Merriott, Somerset, England, Dist. Chard, Sub Dist Crewkerne

Name rel. cond. age occup. Where Born EBY(est. Birth Year)

Geo. Gibbs Head Mar 25 Somerset, Merriott 1856

Emma Gibbs Wife Mar 22 Somerset, Merriott 1858

Elish. Ann Gibbs Daug 6 month Somerset, Merriott 1880

5: George's Father in Law is Amos Will Not John , Charles, James, Job of William Wills as show in the following research.

Emma Wills of the parish of Merriott, Somerset, England

There are eight Emma Wills in the parish of Merriott.

Name	Christening/Birth	Husband	Marriage Date	Parents
Emma Wills	28 July 1839			Joseph Will and Hannah Osborne
Emma Wills	About 1840	Henry Sweet	June 1859	John Wills and Mary Lawrence
Emma Wills	7 Nov 1852		Died 28 may 1857	Enos or Amos Wills and Ann Lawrence
Emma Wills	14 Sep 1856	Herbert Samuel Higgins Marshallsey	Dec 1877	Charles Wills and Elizabeth Lawrence
Emma Wills	2 Sep 1858	George Gibbs/Gabe	Sept 1880	<u>Enos</u> or Amos Wills and Ann Lawrence
Emma Wills	26 Jun 1859	Charles Henry Rogers	8 May 1881	James Wills and Grace Randall
Emma Wills	10 Mar 1861			Job Wills and Susan Lawrence
Emma Wills	24 Feb 1864			William Wills and Emma Farr

Emma Wills #1 -- Born 28 Jul 1839 to Joseph Will and Hannah Osborne

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *Merriott*
in the County of *Pomerset* in the Year 1839

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
Born 15 th April 1839 July 7 th No. 1241	Simon son of	Robert and Mary	Norton	High St. Merriott	Butcher	Joseph Coff Vicar.
Born 14 th June 1839 July 7 th No. 1242	Mayden son of	Samuel and Rachel	Lacey	High St. Merriott	Labourer	Joseph Coff Vicar.
Born 16 th June 1839 July 7 th No. 1243	Hannah son of	James and Eliza	Farr	Lower St. Merriott	Gardener	Joseph Coff Vicar.
Born 10 th May 1839 July 14 th No. 1244	Josias son of	Edward and Hannah	Pattemore	High St. Merriott	Gardener	Joseph Coff Vicar.
Born 10 th May 1839 July 14 th No. 1245	Thiige son of	Edward and Hannah	Pattemore	High St. Merriott	Gardener	Joseph Coff Vicar.
Born 25 th 1839 Nov 4 th No. 1246	Joseph son of	Benjamin and Ann	Higgins	Broad Lane Merriott	Gardener	Richard Baker off. Min.
Born 28 th 1839 July No. 1247	Emma son of	Joseph and Hannah	Wills	Broadway Merriott	Labourer	Joseph Coff Vicar.

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Emma Wills #4 born 14 Sep 1856 to Charles Wills and Elizabeth Lawrence

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *Merriott*
in the County of *Pomerset* in the Year 1856

When Baptized.	Child's Christian Name.	Parent's Name.		Abode.	Quality, Trade, or Profession.	By whom the Ceremony was performed.
		Christian.	Surname.			
1856 July 6 th No. 2145	Mary Ann son of	William and Emma	Wills	Lower St. Merriott	Gardener	F. Harrison officiant Minister
1856 July 18 th No. 2146	Albert son of	James and Susan	Mitchell	Church Row	Gardener	F. Harrison officiant Minister
1856 August 18 th No. 2147	Samuel son of	Edward and Ann	Wills	Lower St. Merriott	Labourer	George Dobson Vicar
1856 Sept 14 th No. 2148	George son of	George and Ann	Lawrence	Broad Way	Labourer	George Dobson Vicar
1856 Sept 14 th No. 2149	Mary son of	John and Jane	Mitchell	Gardens	Labourer	George Dobson Vicar
1856 Sept 14 th No. 2150	Emma son of	Charles and Elizabeth	Wills	Labourer	Labourer	George Dobson Vicar

Emma Wills #5 born 2 Sep 1858 to Amos Wills and Ann Lawrence.

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *Muskeget*
in the County of *Somerset* in the Year 18*58*

When Baptized	Child's Christian Name	Parent's Name		Abode	Quality, Trade, or Profession	By whom the Ceremony was performed
		Christian	Surname			
1858 Sept 12 No. 2281	Ann	Amos & Ann	Wills	Local way	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills
1858 Sept 12 No. 2282	Ann	James & Mary	Godthorpe	Home	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills
1858 Sept 12 No. 2283						Wiggan Wills Wills
1858 Sept 18 No. 2284	Ann	James & Ann	Wills	Home	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills
1858 Sept 18 No. 2285	Ann	James & Ann	Wills	Home	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills
1858 Sept 18 No. 2286	Ann	James & Ann	Wills	Home	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills
1858 Sept 18 No. 2287	Ann	James & Ann	Wills	Home	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills
1858 Sept 18 No. 2288	Ann	James & Ann	Wills	Home	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills

Emma Wills #6 born 26 Jun 1859 to James Wills and Grace Randall

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BAPTISMS solemnized in the Parish of *Muskeget*
in the County of *Somerset* in the Year 18*59*

When Baptized	Child's Christian Name	Parent's Name		Abode	Quality, Trade, or Profession	By whom the Ceremony was performed
		Christian	Surname			
1859 June 26 No. 2289	Emma	James	Wills	Church Street	People Woman	Wiggan Wills Wills
1859 June 13 No. 2290	James	James & Sarah	Wills	Station Road	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills
1859 June 26 No. 2291	Emma	James & Grace	Wills	Home	Labourer	Wiggan Wills Wills

I have Documentation of Emma 3,7 and 8 but I have not included them because they are not pertinent to this study.

Marriage Extraction that match the above parentage for each Emma

Emma #3: Marr: Index, Jun 1859, Henry Sweet, Dist Chard 5c, Page 771
 Emma Wills, dist Chard 5c, Page 771.

I don't have positive proof of the parents on this marriage but I think it is right.

Emma #4: Marriage: 24 Dec 1877 in Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England, FHL Film# 1526760

Herbert Samuel Higgins Marshallsay, 21 Bachelor, Abode Merriott, Father Samuel Marshallsay, Seedsman

Emma Wills, 20 spinster, --- abode Merriott, Father Charles Wills, Labourer

Witnesses William Hooper and Mary Hooper

Note: Herbert Marshallsay Father in law is Charles Wills

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
368	Dec. 24	Herbert Samuel Higgins Marshallsay Emma Wills	21 21	Bachelor Spinster	Gardener ---	Merriott Merriott	Samuel Marshallsay Charles Wills	Seedsman Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Reading by us.

This Marriage was solemnized between us: Herbert Samuel Higgins Marshallsay in the Presence of us, William Hooper Mary Hooper T. R. Pata Curate in charge
Emma Wills

Emma #5: Marriage: 17 July 1880 in Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England, FHL Film# 1526760

George Gabe, 25, Bachelor Labourer, Abode Merriott, Father George Gabe, Labourer
 Emma Wills, 22 Spinster --- Abode Booze Pit Merriott Father Amos Wills, Labourer

Solemnized, George (Gibb crossed out) Gabe and Emma Wills

Witnesses Thomas Wills and X of Elizabeth Patemore.

Note: George Gabe Father in Law is Emos Wills.

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
394	July 17	George Gabe Emma Wills	25 22	Bachelor Spinster	Labourer ---	Grandway Booze Pit	George Gabe Amos Wills	Labourer Labourer

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church after Reading by us.

This Marriage was solemnized between us: George Gabe in the Presence of us, Thomas Wills Thomas Wills Curate in charge
Emma Wills
Thomas Wills
X of Elizabeth Patemore

Emma #6: Marriage: in Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England FHL Film#1526760
 Date 8 May 1881

Charles Henry Rogers, 25 Widower Groom, Lower St Merriott, Father James Rogers, Molster
 Emma Wills, 20 spinster ---, Lower St. Merriott, Father James Wills, Weaver.

Witness James Farr X of Mark of Alice Pattemore

Note: Charles Henry Rogers Father in Law is James Wills.

1841: Marriage solemnized at the Parish Church in the Parish of Merriott in the County of Somerset								
No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the Time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
397	May 8	Charles Henry Rogers Emma Wills	26 20	Widower Spinster	Groom —	Lower St Lower St	James Rogers James Wills	Orator Warrant
Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church of England								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, Charles Henry Rogers Emma Wills			In the Presence of us, James Jern The mark X of Alice Paterson		Thomas H. H. H. Curate in charge			

Siblings of the Emma Wills and their associated Parents.

Emma #2: Siblings daughter of John and Mary Lawrence.

Heads up on this John Wills

The following are know John Wills Chr. in the Parish of Merriott,
Chr. assigned wife Parents

John Wills 12 Oct 1789 Joan Mitchell Thomas Wills and Jane Mitchell

John Wills 14 July 1792 Mary Warry John Wills and Elizabeth Mitchell

John Wills 21 May 1798 Mary Lawrence Elizabeth Wills, BB son

The Census records are needed and used in this study to separate the Children in the Families belonging to each John and Mary Wills above. The children births go on so long for Mary Warry that there could be a 3rd set of John and Mary Wills.

All children Pre 1823 are given to Mary Warry.

Children after 1823 are base on the 1841 and 51 Census shown in each of the John Wills notes.

Bap: Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England, FHL Film# 1526760

Date 21 May 1798, John of Elizabeth Wills, B . C.

Notes: 1823 Marriage in the Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England FHL Films# 1740874 and 1526760

100 Date 21 Sep 1823

John Wills and Mary Lawrence both of this Parish NO Parents given.

Signed x of John Wills and X of Mary Lawrence.

This is the only John Wills Marriage in Merriott since 1813. When John Will(1789) and Mary Warry were married.

When two John and Mary Wills are having children. The Census record are needed and used to separate the Children in the Family belonging to Each John and Mary Wills.

1841 Census for the Parish of Merriott, Somerset England

Name age occup Somerset Est. Birth year

Mary Wills 30 - Y 1811 Assuming Mary to be a widow at this time as in 1851.

Samuel Wills 16 y 1825

Mary Wills 15 Y 1826

Edward Wills 14 Y 1827

Ann Wills 11 y 1830

Betsy Wills 8 Y 1833

Jane Wills 3 Y 1838

Emma Wills 1 Y 1840

Note age difference of Mary in the two Census

1851 Census for the Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England

Abode Name rel cond age Occup. Where Born Est. birth year

Mary Wills Head Widow 46 Employed in Fields Merriott, Someset 1805

Ann Wills Daug Un 20 Merriott, Somerset, 1831

Betsy Wills Daug un 18 Merriott, somerset, 1833

Jane Wills Daug	Un	12	Merriott, Somerset	1839
Emma Wills Daug		11	Merriott, Somerset	1840
Ellen Wills Daug		7	Merriott, Somerset	1844

The John and Mary Wills Children assigned to this family is based on the above two Census records, all the others are assigned to John Will and Mary Warry

Emma #4: Siblings, Daughter of Charles and Mary Wills.

1881 Census civil parish Oldham, Lancashire, England , Reg. dist. Oldham sub reg dist. Oldham below town

Abode name rel cond age occup. where born, EBY

32 Avon St

Charles Wills Head mar 48 Labourer Merriott, Somerset 1833

Elizabeth Wills Wife Mar 48 Merriott, Somerset 1833

Annie Wills Daug un 22 Merriott, Somerset 1859

Elizabeth Wills daug Un 21 Merriott, Somerset 1860

Geo. Wills Son 18 Merriott, Somerset 1863

Edwin Wills Son 16 Merriott, Somerset 1865

Emily Wills Daoug 13 Merriott Somerset 1868

Ellen Wills Daug 9 Merriott, Somerset 1872

Herbert Marshalsea Board mar 25 Rway serv. Merriott, Som. 1856

Emma Marshalsea Board mar 24 Merriott, Somerset 1857

Elizabeth A Marshalsea Board 2 Merriott, Somerset 1879

Mary E. Marshalsea Board 1 Merrriott, Somerset. 1880

Note: Emma Marshalsea is Charles Wills Daug.

Emma #5 siblings ,daughter of Amos and Ann Wills.

1851 Census for the Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England

Abode Name rel cond age Occup. Where Born Est. birth year

Emias Wills Head Mar 33 Power loam weaver Merriott, Somerset 1818

Ann Wills Wife Mar 31 Merriott, Somerset 1820

Jospeh Wills Son 7 Merriott, Somerset 1844

Simeon Wills Son 5 Merriott, Somerset 1846

Eliza Wills Daug 3 Merriott, Somerset 1848

Thomas Wills Son 1 Merriott, Somerset 1850

A look at the original indicate the Name is Wills Not Wells

1861 Census for the Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England

Abode Name rel cond age Occup. Where Born Est. birth year

Amos Wells(Wills)Head Mar 40 Sail cloth weaver Merriott, Somerset, 1821

Ann Wills Wife Mar 40 Merriott, Somerset, 1821

Joseph Wills Son Un 17 Merriott, Somerset, 1844

Simeon Wills Son Un 15 Merriott, Somerset 1846

Thomas Wills Son 11 Merriott, Somerset, 1850

Elizabeth Will Daug 5 Merriott, Somerset, 1855

Emma Wills Daug 3 Merriott, Somerset 1858

did not find them in 1871 or 1881 census

Emma #6 Sibling, daughter of James and Grace Wills.

1851 Census for the Parish of Merriott, Somerset, Englan

Abode Name rel cond age Occup. Where Born Est. birth year

James Wills Head M 27 Weaver Merriott, Somerset 1824

Grace Wills Wife M 30 Weaver Hardington , Somerset 1821

Thomas Wills Son 6 Merriott, Somerset, 1845

Sarah Amanda Wills 3 Merriott, Somerset 1848

Rachel Wills 1 Merriott, Somerset 1850

1861 Census for the Civil Parish of Merriott, Somerset, England

Abode Name rel cond age Occup. Where Born Est. Birth Year
Lower Street

James Wills Head mar 37 Weaver of Canvass Merriott, Somerset 1824
Grace Wills Wife Mar 40 Merriott, Somerset 1821
Thomas Wills Son un 15 " " Merriott, Somerset 1846
Sarah Wills Daug un 13 Worker in Fact. Merriott, Somerset 1848
John Wills Son 11 Scholar Merriott, Somerset 1850
Elanor Wills Daug 9 " Merriott, Somerset 1852
Harriet Wills Daug 6 Merriott, Somerset 1855
Henry Wills Son 3 Merriott, Somerset 1858
Emma Wills daug 2 Merriott, Somerset 1859

1871 Census for Civil Parish of Merriott, Somerset, Reg. Dist Chard

Name rel. cond age Occup where born Est. Birth Year

James Wills Head mar 50 Sail Cloth weaver Merriott, Somerset 1821
Grace Wills Wife mar 50 Hardington, Dorset, 1821
Rachel Wills Daug un 21 Lab factor Merriott, Somerset, 1850
Ellen Wills Daug un 19 " " Merriott, Somerset 1852
Harriott Wills Daug un 16 Merriott, Somerset 1855
Henry Wills Son un 13 Merriott, Somerset 1858
Emma Wills Daug un 11 Merriott, Somerset 1860
Bessy Wills Daug 8 Merriott, Somerset 1863

1881 Census for Civil Parish of Merriott, Somerset, Reg. Dist Card

Name rel. cond age Occup where born Est. Birth Year

James Wills Head mar 60 Sail Cloth Weaver Merriott, Somerset 1821
Grace Wills Wife Mar 60 Hardington, 1821
Bessie Wills, Daug 18 Merriott, Somerset, 1863

1891 Census for Civil Parish of Merriott, Somerset, Reg. Dist Card

abode Name rel. cond age Occup where born Est. Birth Year

Shiremore Hill Merriott

William Young Head M 33 Weaver Canvas , Hinton St. George, Somerset, 1858
Harriett, Young Wife M 35 Spooler Merriott, Somerset, 1856
Henry Young Son 14 Bleacher in Factory, Merriott, Somerset, 1877
Edwin Young Son 11 Scholar Merriott, Somerset 1880
Bessie G. Young Daug 5 Merriott, Somerset, 1886
Grace Wills Mother in law wid 70 Hardington, Somerset, 1821