



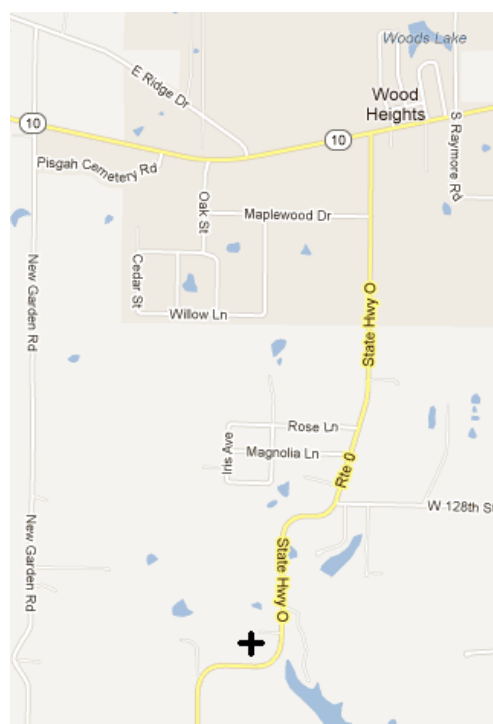
Patriot James Wills Ray County, Missouri 1763-1855

James Wills assisted in establishing American Independence as a Private, Capt. Burns' Company, Col. William's Regiment, Virginia Militia. He also provided patriotic service as a blacksmith for Lt. Daniel Howe. His service is documented in his pension application S17198 at the U.S. National Archives & Records Administration. He received a pension starting 13 May 1834 for his service.

James (son of George and Juda Wills) was born 17 July 1763, Chester County, Pennsylvania; died 17 August 1855, Ray County, Missouri; and buried at the Old New Garden Church Cemetery, Ray County, Missouri. James married Lillian Buchanan in 1791, Augusta County, Virginia. Lillian (daughter of Archibald Buchanan and Agnes Bowen) was born 1765, Augusta County, Virginia; and died 17 August 1855, Ray County, Missouri. Children

- Archibald Wills (1792-1877).
- Mary Wills (1794-1837).
- Susan Wills (1796-).
- George Wills (1798-). George married Sarah Shackelford.
- James Wills (1799-1875). James married Amy Shackelford.
- Margaret Wills (1801-).
- David Wills (1804-). David married Mary Elizabeth Creek.

Old New Garden Church Cemetery is located adjacent to the Old New Garden Primitive Baptist Church at 12764 State Highway O, Wood Heights, Ray County, Missouri. James has a private and military tombstone that is marked by the DAR. It is located north of the church entrance at coordinates: N39° 19' 23.30" and W94° 10' 00.59".



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