



The History of the Anderson, Robinson, Wells & Wilson Families

God has planted deep within the rich soil of the earth a family of strong roots which matured into Maples of Love, Oaks of Faith, Redwoods of Strength, and Cedars of Unity. Like branches on a tree, our lives may grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one. Hence, our family brings forth good fruits and countless greenery to flourish to the rich and beautiful meaning of a Family.

Following the Emancipation Proclamation five of our forbearers were left on the Reese Plantation in Mayesville, South Carolina. Without parents to continue their development, **Isaac, Dorothy, Eli, Wes, and Wilton** stood in need of guardians. There were relatives who were eager to raise these children, but could not keep them all together. So, they were raised by four separate families.

Isaac, who was the oldest child, went to the Robinson family. Dorothy, the only female, entered the Wilson household. Eli, the middle child, was raised by the Anderson family. Wes and Wilton, the youngest, were raised by the Wells family.

In later years, the children grew up, married, and had children of their own.

Isaac Robinson married Minnie Spann and from this union were eight (8) children: Maggie, Amelia, Millee, Janie, Izena, Neal, Sammie, and Joseph.

Dorothy married Louis **Wilson** and from this union were ten (10) children: Johnny, Willie, Harry, Eugene, Nathaniel, Annie, Aleatha, Carrie, Eugenia, and Mary Jane.

Eli Anderson married Mary Wheeler and from this union were ten (10) children: Joseph, Mary, George, Eli Jr. (JT), Katherine, Rebecca, Sarah, Eugene, Willie, and Cora.

Wes Wells married Sarah Cato and from this union were eleven (11) children: Frank, Junous, Isaac, David, James, Fate, Eli, Rachel, Mary, Lucy, and Geneva.

Wilton Wells married Mary Franklin and from this union were fourteen (14) children: Lunette, Louise, Suddie, Sadie, Georgia, Ollie, Nather, Wilton Jr., Evelyn, Marie, Viola, George, Elijah, and Robert

Throughout the years, we have been immensely blessed with generations after generations of sons and daughters who have kept the family flame burning. In retrospect of the struggle and separation of living in separate homes, Isaac, Dorothy, Eli, Wes, and Wilton persevered. They would be proud of God's favor upon a family that is so historically and courageously vital and present in the religious, social, economic, and political communities. Let our roots remain as one as our love, faith, strength, and unity propel us to greater progress in the future.