

# Wilson Cemetery

## Great Hope

911-V-33-East

Exact location: 38 degrees 07.692  
75 degrees 43.749

Richard Keenan Farm on Keenan Road .  
Near Westover

This site contains some of the oldest marked graves that we have found in our study of the Somerset County area. Located on a tract of land patented by the name Great Hopes by Samuel Wilson for 774 ½ acres in 1768, a resurvey from Arracaco in Revells Neck. Near the home of F. B. Cook on the Atlas of 1877 and in an area marked as Westover. The graveyard is on the north side of Back Creek a tributary of the Manokin River.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">SCARED<br/>to the memory of<br/><b>ELIZABETH</b>, wife of<br/>John C. <b>Wilson Jr.</b><br/>And daughter of Col. Peregrine Tilghman<br/>of Hope Talbot County<br/>who departed this life<br/>on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 1815, in her<br/>29<sup>th</sup> year<br/>Bright be the place of the soul<br/>No lovelier spirit than thine<br/>E'er broke from its mortal control<br/>In the orb's of the blessed to shine<br/>On earth thou -er't all but divine<br/>the soul shall immortally be;<br/>And our sorrows may cease to repine,<br/>When we know that thy God is with thee<br/>Affections tribute to departed worth.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">A Sisters Tribute<br/>to<br/>the memory of<br/><b>PEGGY C. WILSON</b><br/>Consort of<br/>the late John C. Wilson Sen'r.<br/>She was born Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 1763:<br/>and died Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1825:<br/>In her 62<sup>th</sup> year<br/>or her age.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>GRACE ARABELLA.</b><br/>daughter of<br/>J H &amp; Mary E. <b>Risley.</b><br/>Aged 4 mos. &amp; 7 days.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p style="text-align: center;">To<br/>the memory of<br/><b>JOHN CUSTIS WILSON</b><br/>Born<br/>March 19, 1784,<br/>Died<br/>Nov'r 23, 1832.<br/><br/>H. Caddess, Peril, Bal.</p>                                                                                                                |

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| <p>Here lies inteerd the Remains<br/> of <b>PEGGY</b> the wife of<br/> <b>SAMUEL WILSON</b><br/> An Daughter of<br/> <b>JOHN CUSTIS</b> and <b>ANNE</b> his wife<br/> of Hungary in Virginia<br/> Whose affability and good sense<br/> Greatly Adorned the life<br/> in which providence has placed her;<br/> who beside her real veneration for religion<br/> was a dutifull child, a lovin wife,<br/> a tender parent, a sincere friend<br/> and kind -----<br/> virtue which highly recommended her<br/> to the — and regard<br/> of all that knew her.<br/> She departed this life<br/> the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1765<br/> in the 26 yr. of her life ?(line hard to read)<br/> Her affectionate husband<br/> who survives to Mourn her loss<br/> expects agreeable to her request<br/> to be buried by her.</p> | <p><b>SCARED</b><br/> to the memory of<br/> <b>MARY ANN</b> the second wife of<br/> <b>JOHN C. WILSON</b> Jun r. and daughter of<br/> William burton Savage ESQ r<br/> of Cherry Grove Northampton Co.<br/> Virginia, where she was born June 10th<br/> 1796 and departed this life at Arlington<br/> in Somerset Co. Md. Sept r. 27th, 1820.<br/> In here 25th year.<br/> Thy gentle spirit now is fled<br/> Thy body in its earthly bed<br/> Is laid in peaceful sleep;<br/> A spirit good and pure as thine<br/> Best in immortal scenes can shine,<br/> Though friends are left to weep.<br/> An infant son the perfect image of his mother<br/> baptized William Gilmor; and aged 2 months<br/> 5 days repoeses with her beneath this Tomb<br/> This flower that droop'd in one cold clime<br/> Transplanted from the soil of time<br/> To immortality<br/> In full perfection there shall bloom<br/> And those who now lament his doom<br/> Must bow to GOD'S deeree.<br/> The bereaved and afflicted husband<br/> and father offers this tribute.</p> |
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Note: The transcript of Peggy Wilson wife of Samuel is a difficult stone to read. The above transcript was take from several photos and from earlier transcript recorded by others on visits to the site in the past. The photos clearly show her death date as 1765 a very early grave.

Site visited March 7, 2004, by Rebecca F. Miller, Ed Smith and Philip L. Goldsborough, with assistance from Richard Keenan & Family.

This transcript by: Philip L. Goldsborough from photos by Ed Smith. April 20, 2004 corrected the birth of Peggy C. Wilson March 2016 P.L.G.