

# Winchester Wrangler

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Family newsletter of the descendents of Willoughby and Mary (Wallace) Winchester

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## Greetings

You hold in your hands the very first edition of the *Winchester Wrangler* ! This is a family newsletter for all those descendents of **Willoughby and Mary (Wallace) Winchester** (born 1770s). The purpose of this newsletter is to contact Winchester descendents for a family history project which I will discuss a bit later. This newsletter will be published on an "as needed" basis, or at least once a year.

The publisher of this newsletter is me! My name is Jane (Frank) Freundt. My father is John Frank whose mother was Loretta (Winchester) Frank, whose father was John Hamilton Winchester, and so on. Willoughby is my great, great, great, great grandfather.



## The Purpose, The Project

A few decades ago, Winnie (Winchester) Crowe began writing several books about the 7 children and descendents of Willoughby and Mary. These books have been untouched since Winnie's death in 1979.

In July 1996, at the triennial Wyoming Winchester Reunion, I had the great privilege of being appointed the family historian. My job is to complete my great aunt Winnie's work. When I complete her books, I will continue to act as historian for my branch of the family tree (Willoughby's son, James). At that point, my duties as historian for Willoughby's other children shall cease, and other volunteers can continue the documentation of their respective family histories.

I intend to complete the family history up to about 1980. Anyone born after that time can wait for the sequel! My goal is to have a complete published family history shortly after the turn of the century.

### MISSION STATEMENT

To document and preserve an accurate and complete family history of the descendents of Willoughby and Mary (Wallace) Winchester for future generations.

## You are an Important Descendent!

As a descendent of Willoughby and Mary, you will be included in this book, and I need your help!! The following is a list of things I need from each one of you:

- 1) Names and addresses (& e-mail addresses) of any and all family members, so they can receive a copy of this newsletter. Is your address on the mailing label correct? Please contact me with any revisions.
- 2) Any old photos, stories, official documents, records, etc. of our ancestors (I will copy or scan them and return them immediately.)

I ask that you reply to me as soon as possible, as budget constraints and time do not allow me to conduct a follow-up. ☰

### A PAGE FROM THE PAST

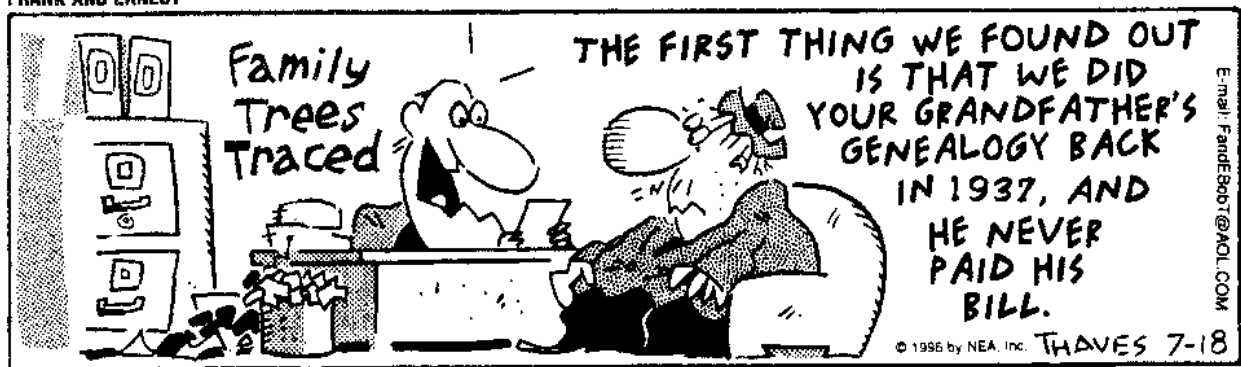
*Excerpt from Winnie Crowe's work:*

"James Winchester, our grandfather, was born Oct. 6, 1796. He remained at the old home place and reared a family of at least 7 children. Little Joe and Nancy died in childhood. He furnished 4 sons to the Civil War, namely: Willoughby III, Daniel II, J. Matt and Moses Columbus. Willoughby died of measles during the War. Daniel, J. Matt and Columbus returned home at the close of the War and reared families; one daughter, Mary, died unmarried. A good portion of the descendants of the 3 brothers live in Pickens County - others are scattered here and there."

## Bits and Pieces

- ☛ As soon as I build this newsletter's mailing list, I will make it available.
- ☛ I will be using Personal Ancestral File software (published by the LDS church) to track the family trees.
- ☛ A *Winchester History Fund* was established at the Wyoming Reunion for the expenses of this project. My time to this project is donated, so this fund will be used for postage, paper, computer disks, research, and other expenses incurred while publishing this book. Donations to this fund are more than happily accepted. You can send your donation directly to me. (Please make checks payable to *Winchester History Fund*.)

FRANK AND ERNEST



## WANTED: YOU!

To help me transcribe Winnie's work into the computer. I have FIVE books ranging from 50 to 200 pages of manually typewritten chapters that need to be transcribed into the computer in ASCII format for me to convert into WordPerfect 7.0 for Windows 95. If you are a typist and have some spare time, let me send you some chapters to transcribe! (I also have one audio tape to be transcribed.) Please contact me if you can help.

I can be contacted in this modern day by any number of ways: