

## **Dr. John Allen Williams Family Records, 1771–1951**

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Amongst the plethora of materials at the William H. Smith Memorial Library at the Indiana Historical Society, it is easy to overlook the assortment of single-folder collections. The library houses thousands of these Small Collections, which contain a wealth of knowledge for genealogists.<sup>1</sup> The Dr. John Allen Williams Genealogy Collection is one such collection that contains a variety of materials on the ancestors and descendants of this early Hoosier physician.<sup>2</sup>

John Allen Williams was born in August 1827 in Madison County, Indiana. He was the oldest son of James and Sarah Ann (Allen) Williams. He trained as a physician and received his license in 1848 for practice in “Medicine, Surgery, and Obstetrics.”<sup>3</sup> In 1850 Williams opened his first medical practice in Fishersburg, Indiana. Later, he would become a charter member of the Madison County Medical Society when it was organized in 1862.

Williams was married twice. His first marriage was to Sarah Emmaline Ford (1825–1862), with whom he had seven children. In 1864 he married again to Virginia Ann (Fulton) Fodge, a Civil War widow with three children. Due to economic hardship, the family moved a few times: first to Honey Creek, Indiana; then Richwoods, Indiana; and finally Cowan, Indiana. John and Virginia had six children together. Williams died in 1875 after being injured in a factory accident.

This collection contains a variety of materials pertaining to John Allen Williams’s genealogy, including accounts of Williams-Fodge family reunions from 1898 to 1924 and some family photographs. Additionally, a compilation folder of genealogical materials created by Elizabeth (Williams) Dillion, John Allen Williams’s granddaughter, is included. This fifty-page folder contains typewritten biographies of select family members and pedigree charts, along with photocopies of certificates, newspaper clippings, and other documentation relating to the Williams family lineage. The records in this folder were used to create the following family tree,

which begins with Isaac Williams and continues through two generations of male lineage to John Allen Williams and his offspring.

## **Notes**

1. Small Collections usually consist of one or two folders; multiple collections are housed together in the one box. These small collections are denoted by the letters SC in their call number.
2. All subsequent information for this article was found in the Dr. John Allen Williams Genealogy Collection, SC2952, William H. Smith Memorial Library, Indiana Historical Society.
3. Three medical licenses are included in the collection for John Allen Williams, issued in 1848, 1864, and 1865. Medical License for John A. Williams, Issued by the State of Indiana (May 1, 1848), John Allen Williams Genealogy Collection, SC2952, Indiana Historical Society.

## **Williams Family Tree**

### **Generation No. 1**

1. Isaac WILLIAMS (b. 1771) m. Dec. 16, 1795, Jane GALBREATH/ GALBRAITH (b. 1775; d. 1838)

#### *Children:*

- i. Polly WILLIAMS (b. June 15, 1796)
- ii. Jane WILLIAMS (b. June 6, 1798)
2. iii. James Wesley WILLIAMS (b. Jan. 15, 1800; d. 1878/79) m. 1825 Sarah Ann “Sally” ALLEN
- iv. David WILLIAMS (b. May 9, 1802; d. 1866)
- v. John WILLIAMS (b. Aug. 20, 1804; d. 1866) m. Mary I.
- vi. William WILLIAMS (b. Dec. 28, 1806)
- vii. Wesley WILLIAMS (b. Mar. 9, 1808)
- viii. Allen WILLIAMS (b. Mar. 8, 1812; d. Feb. 15, 1889) m. Mary D. HARLEY (b. 1822)
- ix. Martha WILLIAMS (b. May 23, 1814) m. Warden Phillip HALL

## **Generation No. 2**

2. James Wesley WILLIAMS (b. Jan. 15, 1800; d. 1878/79) m. Jan. 13, 1825, Sarah Ann “Sally” ALLEN (b. 1806; d. 1881)

### *Children:*

3. i. John Allen WILLIAMS (b. Aug. 19, 1827; d. May 13/18, 1875) 1st m. Oct. 29, 1849, Sarah Emmaline FORD (d. 1862); 2d m. Sept. 11, 1864, Virginia (FULTON) FODGE  
ii. Joshua Jackson/Nathan WILLIAMS (b. March 22, 1836; d. April 19, 1898) 1st m. Elizabeth Ann KINNEMAN (later div.); 2nd m. Aug. 6, 1875, Hannah E. SEWALL

## **Generation No. 3**

3. John Allen WILLIAMS (b. Aug. 19, 1827; d. May 13/18, 1875) 1st m. Oct. 29, 1849, Sarah Emmaline FORD (b. 1825; d. 1862)

### *Children:*

- i. Sarah Jane WILLIAMS (b. Jan. 29, 1850; d. 1893) m. George FULTON  
ii. James Monroe WILLIAMS (b. Mar. 12, 1852) m. Alice Althea TAYLOR  
iii. William Jasper WILLIAMS (b. June 12, 1854) m. Aug. 10, 1902, Mary GRAHAM  
iv. Isaac Hull WILLIAMS (b. July 27, 1856; d. Jan. 1928) m. Aug. 25, 1881, Pricilla HUTCHINGS  
v. John Luther WILLIAMS (b. Oct. 16, 1858; d. Dec. 4, 1938) m. Mar. 23, 1887, Lucinda Jane CLEVINGER (b. Apr. 20, 1860; d. Dec. 22, 1939)  
vi. Laura WILLIAMS (b. Dec. 12, 1861; d. June 10, 1909) m. John Ferdinand JACKSON  
vii. LeRoy WILLIAMS (b. Sept. 16, 1862) 1st m. Hattie HACKENBERRY; 2d. m. Emma MILLER

2d m. Sept. 11/15, 1864, Virginia Ann (FULTON) FODGE\* (b. May 15/20, 1837; d. July 25, 1907)

### *Children:*

- viii. Ella Rosetta WILLIAMS (b. June 20, 1865; d. June 26, 1923) m. Feb. 6, 1886, Alonzo FUSON  
ix. Oliver Perry WILLIAMS (b. June 20, 1869; d. June 26, 1951) m. Aug. 8, 1889, Lucy Ina HINES  
x. Adam Fulton WILLIAMS (b. June 10, 1870; d. Aug. 24, 1942) m. Sept. 15, 1895, Anna Belle KIGER  
xi. Allen Wesley WILLIAMS (b. June 10, 1870; d. Aug. 14, 1937) m. Mar. 14, 1896/97, Sadie WEST  
xii. Harley Jackson WILLIAMS (b. May 2, 1873; d. Mar. 14, 1937) m. Dec. 20, 1899, Belle OWENS  
xiii. George Washington WILLIAMS (b. June 6, 1875) 1st m. Anna Watts; 2d m. 1913 Nora CAR-- IRONS

\*Virginia 1st m. Henry FODGE (b. 1836; d. during Civil War in 1863). They had three children: Emily Jane FODGE, John Henry FODGE, and Jeanette FODGE

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