

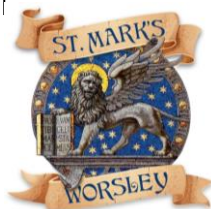
# William WILSON



Baptised: 16 July 1826

Died: 9 March 1908

*J. P.  
AUCTIONEER & VALUER  
CHURCH WARDEN*



July 16 <sup>th</sup> No. 568.	William	William & Ann	Wilson	Worsley	Shop= =keeper	W. Riggs
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Baptism entry at St. Mary, Ellenbrook, 16 July 1826.

**1841 census: Shaving Lane, Worsley**

William Wilson	50	Grocer
Ann	45	
Mary	19	
<b>William</b>	15	
Joseph	10	
Ellis	9	
Alice	15	
Richard	8	
Ann	6	
Eliza	3	

1842. Marriage solemnized at <i>the Parish Church in the Parish of Bolton-le-Moors</i> in the County of <i>Lancaster</i>								
No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
97	<i>16<sup>th</sup> June 1842</i>	<i>William Wilson</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>free</i>	<i>Shop Keeper</i>	<i>Worsley</i>	<i>William Wilson</i>	<i>Shop Keeper</i>
	<i>18/18</i>	<i>Ann Ramsden</i>	<i>Minor</i>	<i>Spinster</i>		<i>Great-Britain</i>	<i>John Ramsden, Publican</i>	
Married in the <i>Parish Church</i> according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by <i>License</i> or after _____ by me, <i>John Ellis Esq. Curate</i>								
This Marriage was solemnized between us, <i>William Wilson</i> and <i>Ann Ramsden</i>			in the Presence of us, <i>Roger Holiford</i> and <i>Joseph Wilson</i>					

**1851 census: Shaving Lane, Worsley**

<b>William Wilson</b>	Head	M	24	Inn Keeper	b. Worsley
Anne	Wife	M	23		b. Bolton le Moors
Sarah	Daur		1		b. Worsley
+ 3 servants					

3 November. The Will of William Wilson formerly of Worsley in the County of **Lancaster** Corn Dealer and Miller but late of Hope Fold in Worsley aforesaid Farmer deceased who died 28 August 1859 at Hope Fold aforesaid was proved at **Manchester** by the oaths of William Wilson of Old Warke Farm Worsley aforesaid Farmer and Joseph Wilson of Worsley aforesaid Grocer and Flour Dealer the Sons and two of the Executors.

Just to complete the life cycle of father William, and to help better understand the career of **William Wilson**, the information from the **1851** census revealed the following:

[**1851** census: William (60), Provision Dealer; Ann (56); Mary (30); Alice (27); Joseph (22); Ellis (20); Richard (17); Ann (15). + 2 servants]. And the probate for his will also tells us a little more.

Within the next ten years, and before the taking of the 1861 census, **William Wilson** completely changed his occupation and became an Auctioneer and Valuer - a career which he pursued unto his death and one which, according to his will, served him well.

**1861** census: Old Warke, Worsley

<b>William Wilson</b>	Head	M	34	Auctioneer & Valuer
Anne	Wife	M	33	
Thomas	Son		9	Scholar
William Henry	Son		7	Scholar
Frederick	Son		5	Scholar
Francis Egerton	Son		3	Scholar
James Ramsden*	Son		1	
+ 4 servants				
Alice Wilson	Sister	S	37	

\*James Ramsden Wilson died towards the end of 1863 and was buried on 3 December **1863** in plot K1357.

The *Manchester Courier* printed a report on Saturday 4 October **1862** on the funeral of the 2nd Earl of Ellesmere. The Tenantry of 90 people assembled at the Court House in Worsley. There they were supplied with hatbands by the undertakers. *'Many of the tenantry were very aged and had need almost of support themselves, while with feeble steps they proceeded to the hall and joined in the funeral procession'*. **William Wilson** of Old Work [sic] farm was one of the 90.

**1871** census: Old Warke, Worsley

<b>William Wilson</b>	Head	M	44	Auctioneer & Valuer	b. Worsley
Anne	Wife	M	43		b. Bolton
Thomas	Son		19	Warehouseman	b. Worsley
William H.	Son		17	Auctioneer's Clerk	
Eliza	Daur.		8	Scholar	
Emily	Daur.		5	Scholar	
<b>Anne E.</b>	Daur.		2		
+ 2 servants					

Frederick at this time was at Alston College, near Longridge, as a student. His brother, Francis Egerton was at the same college.

By the time we get to the mid-1870s, several announcements were appearing in the press concerning auctions of plots of land, dwellings, messuages, etc. across the region of Manchester, by Messrs. Wilson & Son. The auctioneers' offices were at 73 Princess Street, Manchester. As time passed, items for auction included horses, machinery, building materials. The majority of these auctions were held in hotels.

The *Manchester Courier* for Wednesday 4 April **1877** reported that *'the annual meeting of the parishioners of Worsley was held on Monday evening, in the Court house; the Vicar (the Rev. the Earl of Mulgrave) presiding. The general expenses showed balance against the parish of £54, whilst the improvement fund showed a balance in favour of the parish of £56. The Vicar nominated Mr. Whittle his warden, with Mr. and Mr. John Laycock as sidesmen, and the parishioners appointed Mr. **William Wilson** as their warden, with Mr. Upjohn and Mr. Williams sidesmen. Mr. R. Lansdale and Captain Heaton were appointed parish counsellors. The vicar intimated that as the churchwardens intended to erect a new organ in the parish church of St. Mark, it had been proposed by Lord Ellesmere, who took deep interest the parish of Worsley, to build a new organ chapel, so as to give increased accommodation in the parish church. Votes of thanks to the vicar brought the proceedings to a close'*.

Indeed, from 1876 to 1883, **William Wilson** served as People's Warden at the church.

As it happened, **William** was not at home at the time the next census was taken in 1881. In fact, he was at 29 Marylebone Road, Marylebone, the home of a lodging house keeper. His occupation was registered as Land Agent/Valuer, born in Worsley, Lancashire.

**1881** census: Old Warke, Worsley

Anne Wilson	Wife	M	54	Wife of William Wilson
Thomas	Son	Un	29	Cigar Merchant
Francis E.	Son	Un	23	Auctioneer's Clerk
Eliza D.	Daur.		18	Scholar
Emily	Daur.		15	Scholar
<b>Annie E.</b>	Daur.		12	Scholar

+ 1 servant

**1891** census: Old Warke, Worsley

<b>William Wilson</b>	Head	M	64	J.P.; Land Agent; Auctioneer
Annie	Wife	M	63	
Eliza D.	Daur.	S	28	
Emily	Daur.	S	25	
<b>Annie E.</b>	Daur.	S	22	

+ 2 servants

In **1891**, his son, Frederick, was a doctor, practising at Auckland Terrace, Ramsey, Isle of Man. He had first registered on 13 January 1880, and gained the qualifications Mem. R. Coll. Surg. Eng., 1879 and Lic. R. Coll. Phys. Edin., 1882.

All the family was born in Worsley. **William** and Anne had nine children - Sarah (bp. 30 Dec 1849 - died 19 Nov 1853; Thomas (baptised 14 March 1852); William Henry (bp. 19 Mar 1854); Frederick (bp. 27 Jan 1856); Francis Egerton (bp. 10 Jan 1858); James Ramsden (bp. 25 Dec 1859 - buried 3 Dec 1863); Eliza Dorning (bp. 25 Dec 1862); Emily (bp. 6 Aug 1865); and Annie Ellen (bp. 10 Jan 1869). In each case, the residence was the same (Old Warke, Worsley), the mother's name was spelt either Ann or Anne, and the occupation was either Farmer or Victualler.

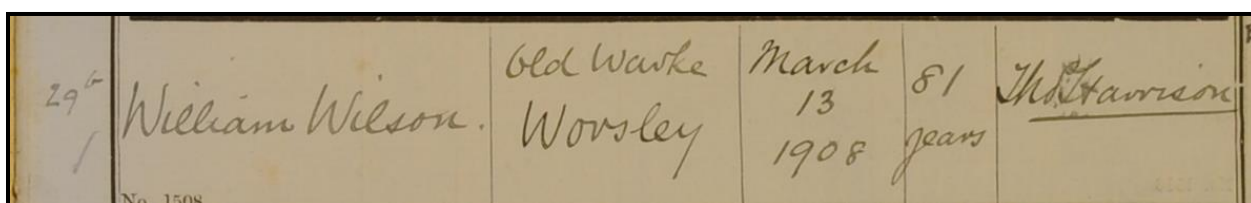
On Friday 5 January **1900**, the *Manchester Courier* reported that the local Real Property Market throughout December had performed well. In particular, **Wilson and Son** had also contributed largely to the month's total of the sale of properties in King Street, in this city. *'During December, there were altogether 57 lots, including seven chief rents, offered for sale, 33 being brought to the hammer, the amount realised was £65,456. Bids to the amount of about £9,786 were made for properties withdrawn in the following districts: Cheetham, Crumpsall. Didsbury, Gorton, Hulme, Longsight, Manchester, Pendleton, and Salford. For 11 lots, no offers were made. The aggregate amount realised of sales by auction in Manchester during 1899 was £818,405.'*

**1901** census: Old Warke

<b>William Wilson</b>	Head	M	74	Land Agent
Anne	Wife	M	73	
Francis Egerton	Son	S	43	Farmer
Emily	Daur.	S	35	

+ 2 servants and 1 nurse

**William Wilson** died on 9 March 1908 at his home.



The *Manchester Courier* of Wednesday 11 March 1908 carried the following obituary:

#### MANCHESTER'S OLDEST AUCTIONEER.

*We regret to announce the death, which occurred at Worsley late on Monday night, of Mr. William Wilson, head and founder of the firm of Messrs. Wilson and Sons, auctioneers, surveyors, and valuers, Fountain street, Manchester. Mr. Wilson was the oldest auctioneer in Manchester, though for some time past he had not engaged actively in his profession. After an illness lasting about a month, Mr. Wilson died, at his house, Old Warke, Worsley, at the age of 82 years. He was a member of the Manchester City Bench of magistrates, but apart from this was not very closely identified with local public work. At Worsley he took a prominent part in the affairs of the parish church of St. Mark's, and it is there that the funeral will take place on Friday morning. Mr. Wilson was the father-in-law of Alderman Sir William Stephens, ex-Mayor of Salford. He leaves a family of six, all grown up.*

In the same paper and the same edition, but in a different part of the paper, there was an advance notification of the funeral:

*WILSON.-On the 9th inst., at Old Warke, Worsley, William Wilson, J.P. in his 82nd year. Interment St. Mark's Church, Worsley, Friday. 13th inst., at 12 noon.*

And then to cover the funeral, the *Manchester Courier* on Saturday 14 March 1908 reported:

*The funeral of Mr. William Wilson, who died at his residence, Old Warke, Worsley, on Monday, took place at St. Mark's, Worsley, yesterday. There was a large and representative gathering at the graveside, several deputations from public bodies with which Mr. Wilson was associated being present. The Manchester City Justices were represented by Alderman Snape and Mr. George Haywood, assistant clerk.*

**WILSON** William of Manchester and of Old Warke Worsley Lancashire died 9 March 1908 at Old Warke Probate **London** 5 December to Thomas Wilson cigar manufacturer William Henry Wilson auctioneer and sir William Stephens knight. Effects £117657 8s. 10d.

The inscription on the stone reads:

*In loving memory of **WILLIAM WILSON** J. P. who died March 9th 1908 in the 82nd yr. of his age. **ANNE**, wife of **WILLIAM WILSON** J.P. of Old Warke, Worsley, died May 21st 1901 aged 73 yrs. **FRANCIS EGERTON WILSON** of Hatherton, Cheshire their fourth son, died January 12th 1920 aged 62 yrs. Also of **EMILY**, their second daughter, wife of Sir **WILLIAM STEPHENS**, who died February 8th 1932 aged 66 yrs. **FREDERICK WILSON**, Surgeon, of Ramsey, Isle of Man, their third son, died January 2nd 1903 aged 47 yrs. (d29b)*



His former home at Old Warke, Worsley, prior to its demolition.

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MR. W. WILSON.

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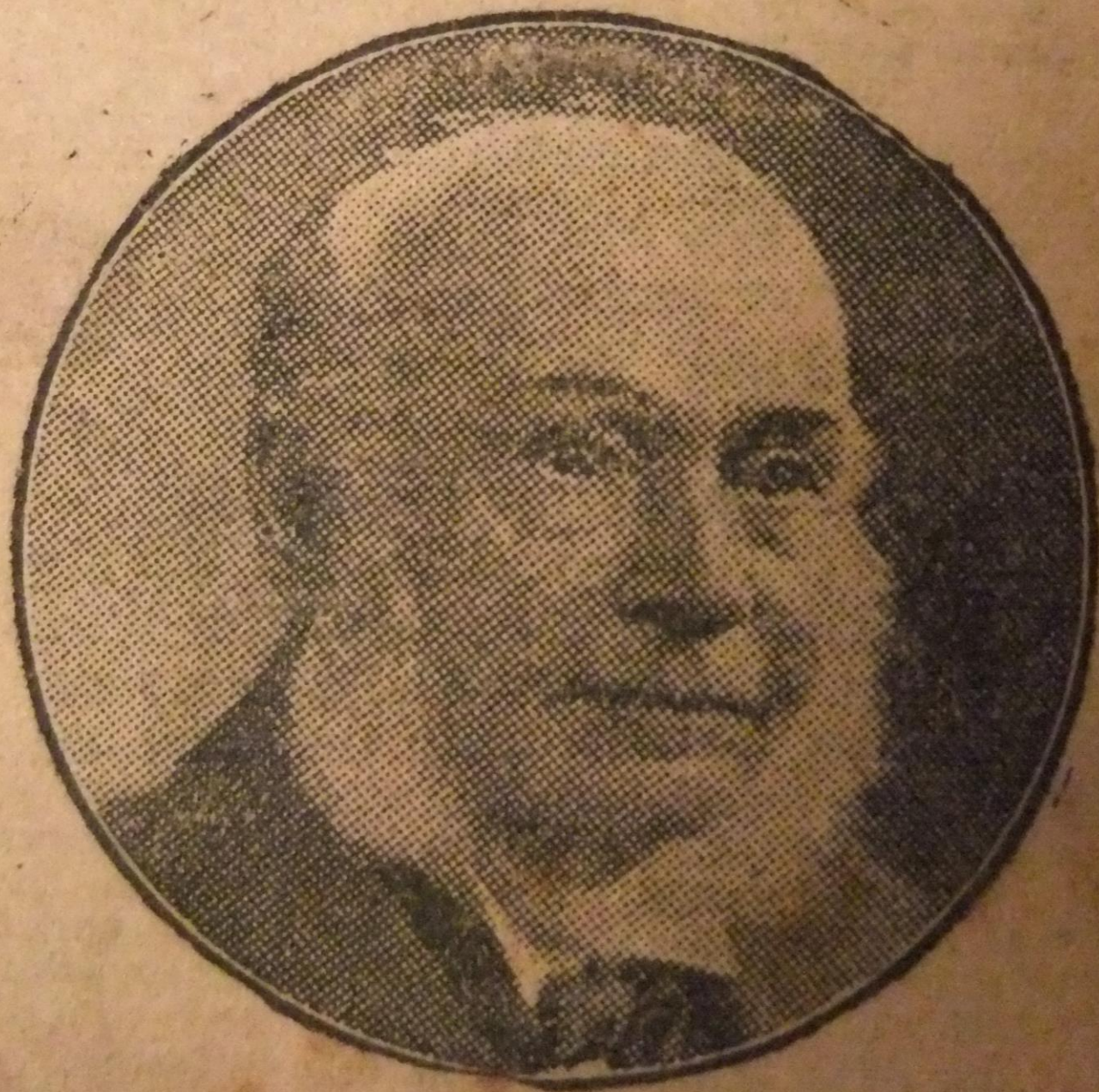


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Mr. Wilson, the well-known auctioneer, who died on Monday at Worsley, in his 82nd year, was buried at St. Mark's Church, Worsley, today.

## POSTSCRIPT

- 1 Baptism: 10 Jan 1869 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England  
Annie Ellen Wilson - [Child] of William Wilson & Anne  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Farmer  
Baptised by: S. Vincent Beasley
- 2 Baptism: 10 Jan 1858 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England  
Francis Egerton Wilson - Son of William Wilson & Anne  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Farmer  
Baptised by: S. Vincent Beasley
- 3 Baptism: 19 Mar 1854 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England  
William Henry Wilson - Son of William Wilson & Ann  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Victualler  
Baptised by: S. Vincent Beasley
- 4 Baptism: 25 Dec 1862 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England  
Eliza Dorning Wilson - [Child] of William Wilson & Ann  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Farmer  
Baptised by: Thos. A. Morley, Curate
- 5 Baptism: 6 Aug 1865 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England  
Emily Wilson - [Child] of William Wilson & Anne  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Yeoman  
Baptised by: S. Vincent Beasley
- Baptism: 14 Mar 1852 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England
- 6 Thomas Wilson - [Child] of William Wilson & Ann  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Victualler  
Baptised by: S. Vincent Beasley
- 7 Baptism: 25 Dec 1859 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England  
James Ramsden Wilson - [Child] of William Wilson & Anne (buried 3 Dec 1863)  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Farmer  
Baptised by: S. Vincent Beasley
- 8 Baptism: 27 Jan 1856 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England  
Frederick Wilson - Son of William Wilson & Ann  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Farmer  
Baptised by: S. Vincent Beasley
- 9 Baptism: 30 Dec 1849 Ellenbrook Chapel, Worsley, Lancashire, England  
Sarah Wilson - [Child] of William Wilson & Ann  
Abode: Worsley  
Occupation: Inn Keeper  
Baptised by: J.D. Rodgers Curate
- \* Burial: 19 Nov 1853 St Mark, Worsley, Lancashire, England (Plot K 1357)  
Sarah Wilson -  
Age: 3yr11mo  
Abode: Shaving Lane, Wy  
Buried by: S. Vincent Beechey