

Silliman in New Galilee, Pa., having reached the ripe age of nearly 93 years. His health is excellent, but unfortunately, since he was 65 years old, he has been hopelessly blind. He bears this affliction with resignation and Christian fortitude. He has spent most of his life in Beaver County.

Jas. Wilson is the father of Thomas Wilson next mentioned.—[Ed.]

Thomas Wilson, the son of James just mentioned, is a great-great-grandson of Christopher Wilson.

At the age of sixteen the subject of this sketch was apprenticed to David Woodruff, of Salem, Ohio, in the manufacture of carriages and buggies. At nineteen he returned to his home at New Brighton, Pa., and joined his father in the same business. Later on he migrated to Marietta, Iowa—regarded as the “far West” in those days—and opened a shop for making heavy plows for breaking prairie.

Mr. Wilson, who had always been a student, afterward engaged in the study of law with Messrs. Finch and Crocker, of Des Moines, Ia., and in course of time opened an office in Marietta, Iowa, where he was fairly successful.

At the breaking out of the Civil War, Mr. Wilson was among the first to respond to the country's needs, serving as captain in the Second Iowa Cavalry and the 44th Infantry until the close of the war, after which we find him in Washington, D. C., where he resumed the practice of his profession, chiefly before the Court of Claims and the United States Supreme Court.

As United States Consul, Mr. Wilson served his government successively at Ghent, Nantes and Nice, and while abroad improved his opportunities to study prehistoric anthropology, and at the present time, 1898, occupies the responsible position of Curator in the National Museum and Smithsonian Institution of Washington, D. C., holding also a professorship in the National University with the title of LL. D. In rec-