

## First Generation

1. **Wilbur Lee Stephens**<sup>1</sup> was born on 18 Feb 1879 in Richland, Fountain County, Indiana.<sup>1-5</sup> He lived in 1202 Sutter Ave, Wellston, Missouri on 13 Feb 1911.<sup>2</sup> On 12 Apr 1918 he was a Carpenter.<sup>4</sup> Wilbur lived in 4517 Cottage Ave, St. Louis, Missouri on 12 Apr 1918.<sup>4</sup> He lived in 2004 Spanish Drive, Brentwood, St Louis County, Missouri in 1930. He lived in Front Street, Valley Park, St Louis County, Missouri in 1941.<sup>6</sup> Wilbur died on 6 Jan 1941 at the age of 61 in St Louis County Hospital, Clayton, St Louis County, Missouri.<sup>6-7</sup> He was buried on 9 Jan 1941 at St. Patrick's "Old Rock Church" in Catawissa, Franklin County, Missouri.<sup>6</sup> He was also known as Lee Wilbur Stephens. Link to parents: Death certificate names parents Lafayette Stephens and Margaret Dove.<sup>6</sup>

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NOTES

The diary of Anna A Main Stratton has his name "Lee W Stephens." That was copied from a family bible. His wife was the person who copied the information. She may have added his birth date and all of their children's birth dates to the family bible information. She did those entries in 1929 when she attended Anna's (her mother's) funeral.

The 1880 census says "Wilber L Stephens."

The 1900 census says "Wilbur Lee Stephens." (1900)

The marriage record says "Lee W Stephens." (1900)

The death certificate of his daughter Anna says "Lee Stephens." (1911)

His son Lee Andrew said his name was "Lee W Stephens."

His draft registration card says his name was "Wilber Lee Stephens."

The Missouri death certificate says "Wilbur Stephens." (1941)

His tombstone says "Lee Stephens."

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Old Rock Church, St Partick of Armagh, Catawissa, Franklin County, Missouri

History of Saint Patrick's Church Armagh

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Although Mass was still said once a month thereafter at St. Patrick's, the church was seldom used. In 1929 descendants of the early Armagh settlers became concerned about the care of the cemetery at St. Patrick's where their parents and grandparents were buried. Martin Geatley and John Brennan organized a perpetual care plan for the cemetery.

However, the funds proved inadequate and there was no provision for the maintenance of the church itself. In 1939 another group of descendants, much interested in continuing the upkeep of a monument that meant a great deal to them, came forward and offered to help. Rev. Thomas Walsh, pas-tor at St. James, and administrator of St. Patrick's gave permission to the old Board of Directors to undertake the care of the historic property.

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# Wilbur Lee Stephens

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Permission was also given by Father Walsh to reinstate the picnics that had once been such a part of Armagh life. Mrs. Mattie McEvoy and Mrs. Thelma Pedrotti laid the groundwork for the picnic held on August 26, 1939. During the winter months many people held card parties in their homes for the benefit of St. Patrick's. The first picnic was a huge success and thereafter, with the exception of the war years, drew hundreds from the St. Patrick's vicinity and bus loads of descendants and friends from St. Louis.

Proceeds from the picnic were immediately put to use. The floor of the church had sunk, the interior plaster was badly chipped and the roof was in poor repair. Willing work-ers, headed by W. L. Stephens and Robert Mason, rebuilt the floor and stoop, patched the plaster and replaced the roof. The former parish residence and the fence surrounding received much-needed attention and a new road was built into the cemetery.

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1. 1880 United States Census. Lafayette Stephens Household, Richland Township, Fountain County, Indiana. Page 9, Supervisor's District 4, Enumeration District 72.
2. Missouri Death Certificate Anna Margaret Stephens (Certificate Number 7861, Feb 1911).
3. Diary of Anna A Main Stratton, owned by Kathleen Spies of Clarksville, MD.
4. Draft Registration Card Wilber Lee Stephens (Location: St Louis, Missouri, Draft Board 26; Date: April 1918;).
5. 1900 United States Census. Lafayette Stephens Household, Central Township, St Louis County, Missouri; Sheet 21, Supervisor's District 10, Enumeration District 120, Family 451; 13 June 1900.
6. Missouri Division of Health, Missouri Death Certificate Wilbur Stephens.
7. Cemetery Records (St. Patrick's Old Rock Church, Catawissa, Missouri).