

**Individual Narrative of Caroline⁸ Elizabeth Bonnett [239]
Daughter of Patience⁷ Leverich [124] and Peter Bonnett
Wife of John Wilmarth**

Caroline Elizabeth Bonnett was born on 31 July 1826 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Caroline was the daughter of Peter Bonnett and Patience Leverich.¹

Caroline E. Bonnett married John Wilmarth on 30 October 1845 at Manhattan, New York Co, New York. John Wilmarth was born 16 June 1821 in Manhattan, the son of William Magee Wilmarth and Margaret Lyon.^{2,3,4}

On 20 January 1845 a partnership was formed, John Wimarth and Hopkins P. Hall general partners, William M. Wilmarth (father of John Wilmarth), special partner. The general nature of the business to be conducted was the Dry Goods Jobbing Business. William Wilmarth contributed \$20,000 in cash to the capital or common stock. The partnership operated a Dry Goods store at 62 Cedar Street, opposite the Post Office, in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The partnership Hall & Wilmarth was dissolved by mutual consent on 1 November 1848.^{5,6}

On 18 March 1845 John Wilmarth 62 Cedar Street in Manhattan, New York Co, New York advertised for sale or lease a first class three story house located at 243 12th Street in Manhattan. The dwelling was 18 months old and was finished in the best manner throughout, with all the modern improvements including running hot water, water closets, marble washstands, and wash tubs.⁷

Caroline and John Wilmarth, age 22 born New York and age 28 born New Jersey were listed in the 1850 U.S. Census Ward 3, Manhattan, New York Co, New York living in the household Caroline's mother Patience Bonnett. The household included their children Peter Wilmarth age 4 and Euphemia Wilmarth age 3. John Walmart's occupation is given as pencil maker.⁸

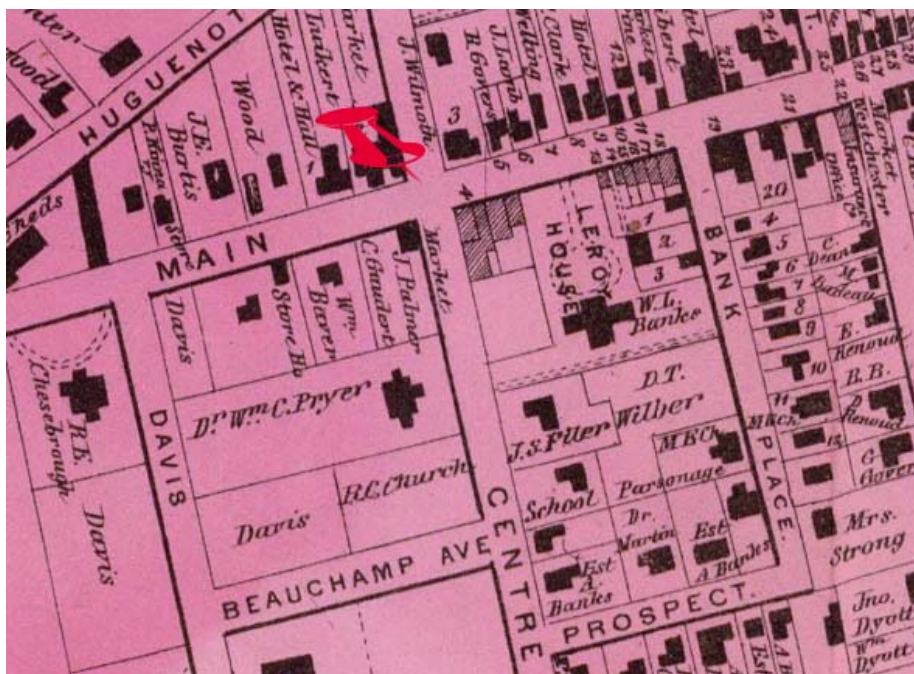
John Wilmarth, occupation pencil cases 72 Spring Street, residing at 168 Lexington Avenue, was listed in the 1857 New York City Directory. John's father William M. Wilmarth is recorded pencil cases, Wilmarth, Olussman & Co 21 Maiden Lane and 72 Spring Street, home 44 East 22nd Street.⁹

Caroline and John Wilmarth, age 39 born New York and age 39 born New Jersey were listed in the 1860 U.S. Census Ward 21, District 3, Manhattan, New York Co, New York. The household included their children Peter Wilmarth age 16; Euphemia Wilmarth age 13; William Wilmarth age 11; and Caroline Wilmarth age 7. Daughter Julia Gray Wilmarth, born 1859, is not included. Also listed is Bernard Wilmarth age 14 and Henry Wilmarth age 9. The relationship of Bernard and Henry to Caroline and John has not been determined.¹⁰

John Wilmarth is listed in the 1860 New York City Directory, living at 109 E. 84th Street. John is also listed in the 1865 New York City Directory at the same residence, occupation given as manufacturer. There is no New York City Directory listing for John for 1866-1869.^{11,12}

On 30 March 1866 Samuel B. Underhill and his wife Sarah of New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York sold land in New Rochelle to Caroline E. Wilmarth, wife of John Wilmarth, of the City of New York in consideration of \$13,000. The property is described as being located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Main Street and Centre Street; bordering the lots of Robert Gowers, Joseph Lampden, and Edgar W. Voris. The deed was recorded 30 March 1866.¹³

On 10 January 1867 Martha L. Lambden and her husband Joseph Lambden sold land at New Rochelle to Caroline E. Wilmarth and her husband John Wilmarth in consideration of \$800. The property was located on Main Street adjoining the land of Horace H. Day, Samuel G. Welling, Martha L. Lambden, and Caroline E. Wilmarth (3 Main Street, corner of Centre Street: see 1868 Frederick W. Beers Atlas). The deed was recorded on 14 January 1867.¹⁴



**John and Caroline E. Wilmarth: 3 Main St, Corner of Centre St
New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York
1868 F.W. Beers Atlas, David Rumsey Map Collection**

Caroline and John Wilmarth, age 44 born New York and age 49 born New Jersey were listed in the 1870 U.S. Census New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York. The household included their children Euphemia Wilmarth age 23; William Wilmarth age 19; Caroline Wilmarth age 14; and Julia Wilmarth age 11. John Wilmarth's occupation is given as a dry goods clerk. The household also includes Caroline's mother Patience age 84 and Caroline's niece Elizabeth Field (daughter of Caroline's sister Jane).¹⁵

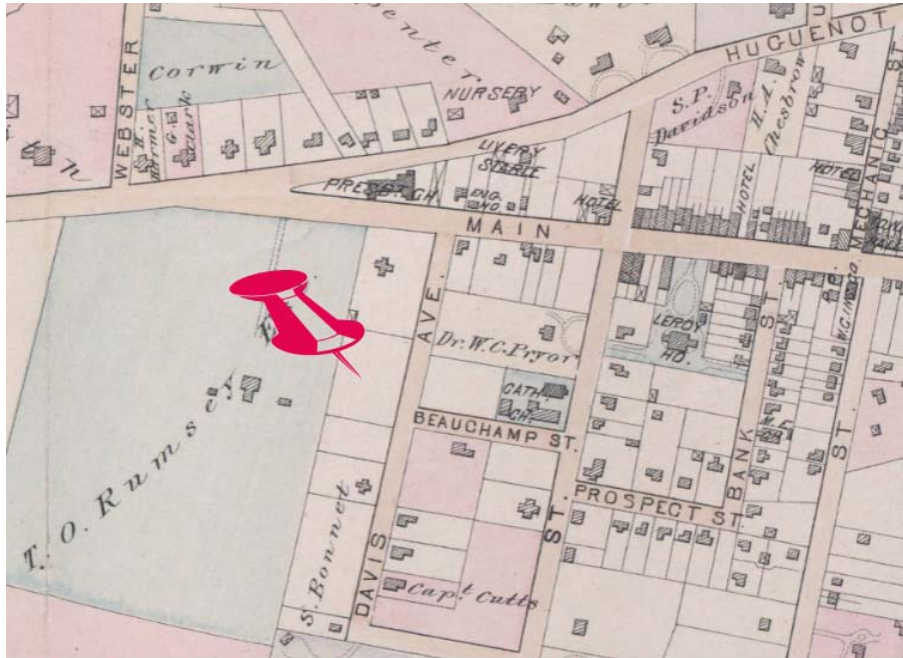
Caroline and John Wilmarth, age 53 born New York and age 59 born New Jersey were listed in the 1880 U.S. Census New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York. The household included their children Euphemia B. Wilmarth age 32 and Julia G. Wilmarth age 20. John Wilmarth's occupation is given as a real estate clerk.¹⁶

On 6 February 1885 the *Eastern State Journal* published in White Plains, Westchester Co, New York reported that on Thursday night (5 February 1885) it was discovered that a dastardly attempt had been made to set on fire the house of Mr. John Wilmarth, Centre avenue, New Rochelle, Westchester Co. The fire was discovered by one of the ladies of the house as she was about retiring for the night. The family were informed of the fact and it was discovered that the siding of the house near the back door had been saturated with kerosene oil and set on fire.¹⁷

On 25 February 1885 John and Caroline E. (Bonnett) Wilmarth of New Rochelle, Westchester Co, NY; Mary E. (Bonnett) Vanderburgh widow of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co; and William H. and Margaret A. Bonnett of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania granted a 7.5 acre tract of land at New Rochelle known as the "Fields" of which Jane (Bonnett) Fields died possessed in consideration of \$1.00 to Philip R. Underhill, grantee. This tract of land bordered easterly by the property of John Haskill, Adrean ?aelin Jr.; northerly by the property of Deborah Rhineland now of H? Iselin; westerly by the property late of Richard King and James Dusenbury; and southerly by the Pelham Road. The deed was recorded 6 May 1885.¹⁸

A "dollar deed" represents a transaction whereby people or even corporations can often deed a piece of property to a new owner for just one dollar. This type of deed transfer is also known as a quitclaim deed. One party "quits" the ownership of the property in favor of bestowing it upon someone else. The one-dollar phrase is the recital in the deed that confirms for every reader of the deed that the buyer gave the seller consideration, which is the at-least nominal consideration of one dollar, which is all that the law requires.¹⁹

On 12 April 1889 Cornelius E. Rumsey and his wife Mary Elizabeth of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania sold a tract of land in New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York to Caroline E. Wilmarth of New Rochelle, in consideration of \$5850. The tract is described as beginning at a point on the southwest side of Maple Avenue, previously known as Davis Ave which runs parallel to Centre Avenue where the same intersects by the southeast boundary of the land of Cornelius E Rumsey bordering the estate of Thomas O. Rumsey. The deed was recorded on 18 April 1889.²⁰



John and Caroline E. Wilmarth: contemporary 25 Maple Avenue, New Rochelle, New York
1881 F.W. Bromley Atlas Westchester County, New York

On 24 February 1890 William H. Bonnett the sole surviving executor of the Last Will and Testament of Peter Bonnett deceased sold to Caroline E. Wilmarth of the Town of New Rochelle County of Westchester and State of New York ... in consideration of the sum of \$18,000 ...all that certain tract of land situated ... at Chatsworth in the Town of Mamaroneck County of Westchester ...bounded and described as following, to wit: Beginning at the northeasterly corner of the said tract of land being at a point on the northwesterly side of New York and Boston Turnpike Road where the same is intersected by the boundary line of land now or late of Theodore E. Tomlinson running thence along said road ... 1017 feet to the center line of an avenue called Chatsworth Avenue thence along the said center line of said avenue ... 1175 feet to a line which was the center line of a certain strip of land intended for a street or road to be laid out and called Roosevelt Avenue but now discontinued ... on a line which was the center of said strip of land intended for a street and along a line in continuation thereof 1213 feet to land now or later of Thomas Palmer thence along said land ... 190 feet thence 535 feet thence ... along the land now or late of Theodore E. Tomlinson 375 feet to place of beginning containing 28 acres. Being the same premises which were conveyed to Mary E. Vanderburgh by James J. Roosevelt and Cornelia his wife by deed dated the 16th of June 1854 and recorded ... 20 June 1854.

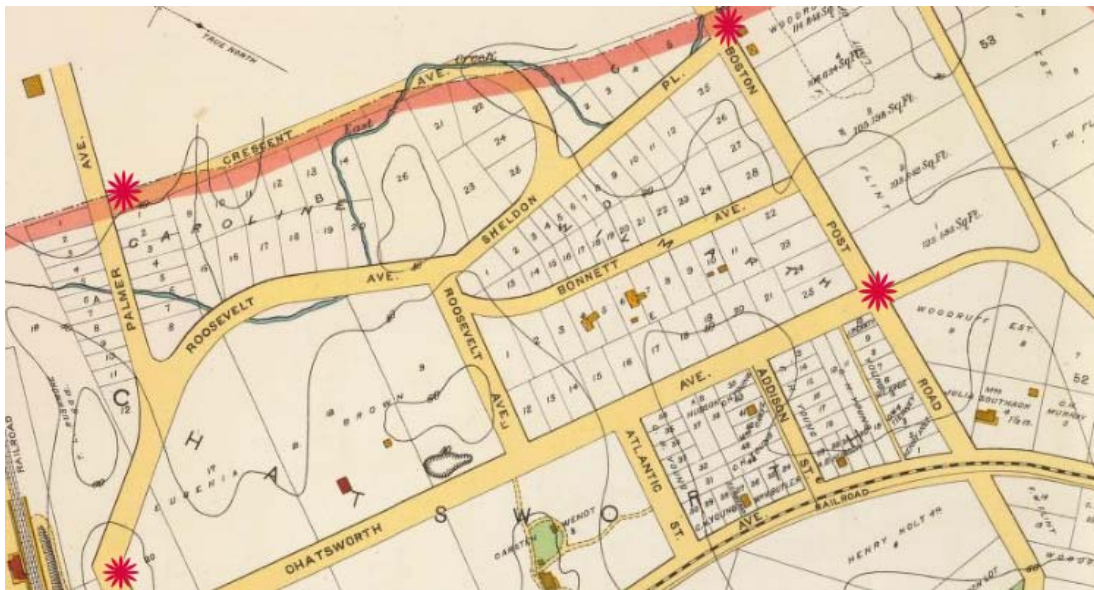
And also all those certain several pieces or parcels of land situate in the Town of Mamaroneck aforesaid and being known by lot numbers 10, 11, 18, 9, 12, 17, and 20 on a map of property belonging to George R. Jackson and Thaddeus David called Chatsworth laid out and surveyed by William Breyson Civil Engineer 15 June 1854 and filed or to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County which ... parcels of land taken together are bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point on the northeasterly side of Chatsworth Ave adjoining the land conveyed to the said Mary E. Vanderburgh by James J Roosevelt and wife being at the point where the said northeasterly line of Chatsworth Avenue is intersected by the center line of a strip of land intended for a street or Avenue laid down on said map and therein called

Roosevelt Ave (but which said avenue is now discontinued) continued thence northwesterly along the northeasterly side of Chatsworth Ave 1330 feet to the point where the center line of the said strip of land called Roosevelt Avenue on said map again intersects the northeasterly line of Chatsworth Avenue then northeasterly and Easterly in a continuing line along the said center line of the said strip of land called Roosevelt Ave as laid down on said map 516 feet to a point where the said center line would intersect the Easterly line of lot number 9 on the said map if the same were continued to the center of said avenue; thence northeasterly in a straight line across the said avenue and along the Easterly side of lot number 19, 777 feet to the land of the said Thomas Palmer, 1102 feet to the land conveyed by said Roosevelt and wife to said Mary E. Vanderburgh; thence southwesterly along the said last mentioned land running part of the way the center of the said strip of land called Roosevelt Ave; 1173 feet ... to the northeasterly side of Chatsworth Ave at the place of beginning containing within said ... 33 acres ...

... and also all the right title and interest of the party of the first part of in and to the land in Chatsworth Ave lying in front of the above described premises to the center of said avenue excepting there from the following described premises as follows: Beginning at a point formed by the intersection of Collins Ave or Larchmont Ave the same being the street or avenue on which the horse railway now ... and Chatsworth Ave and running thence southeasterly by and with Chatsworth Ave 1100 feet running thence northeasterly and at right angles to Chatsworth Ave 425 feet; running thence northwesterly and parallel with Chatsworth Ave 425 feet; thence northwesterly and parallel with Chatsworth Ave to the lands of the Larchmont Manor Company; and running thence southwesterly by and with the lands of the Larchmont Manor Co to the point and place of beginning. Being the same premises conveyed to the said party of the first part by Thomas Halstead Referee by deed dated 20 February 1890 (end of page 359) ... (page 360 not transcribed) ... The deed was recorded 25 February 1890.²¹

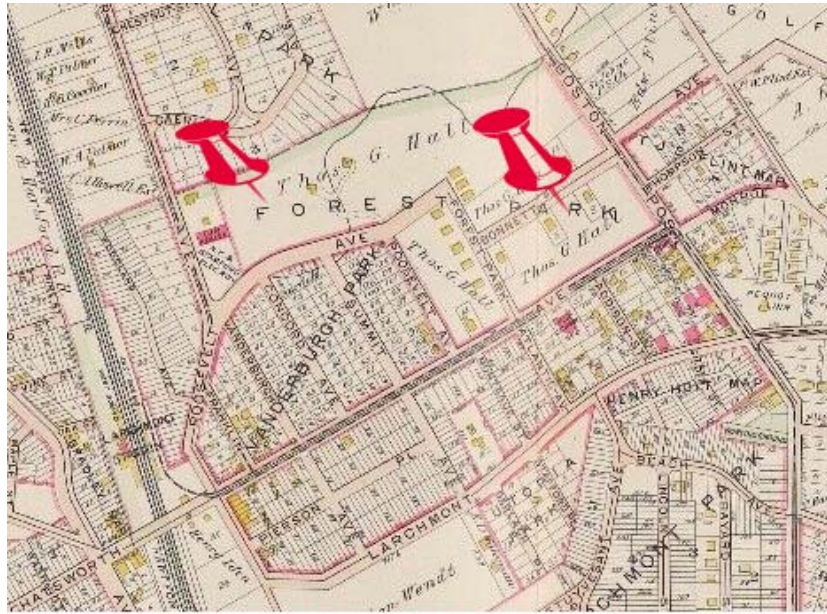
On 3 August 1891 Caroline E. Wilmarth of New Rochelle granted 7 acres of land at the intersection of Chatsworth Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue in the town of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co, New York, in consideration of \$1.00 to her niece Eugenia V. Brown, the daughter of Mary Vanderburgh, of Mamaroneck. The deed was recorded 5 August 1891.²²

On 13 April 1892 William H. Bonnett and his wife Margaret A. of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania granted land at Mamaroneck, Westchester Co, New York to his sister Caroline E. (Bonnett) Wilmarth, in consideration of \$1.00. The tract of land consisted 41.8 acres of land encompassing lots 1, 10, 11, 18 and bordering the estates of Thomas Palmer and Theodore Tomlinson, as well as the Boston Post Road, Chatsworth Avenue, and Roosevelt Avenue. The deed was recorded 6 June 1892.²³



**1893 Atlas Larchmont, Westchester Co, New York
Julien Bien & Co, Publisher
David Rumsey Map Collection**

Circa 1893 Caroline E. Wilmarth, then living in New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York owned about 100 acres of land at Larchmont, Westchester County. Larchmont equals about 1 square mile, or 640 acres. The Wilmarth tract represented about 1/7 or 16% of the village. See the 1893 atlas of Larchmont above. The tract began at the intersection of Boston Post Road (southwest corner) and Chatsworth Avenue (northeast corner) and was bordered on the north by Roosevelt Avenue and Sheldon Place; on the south by Chatsworth Avenue; on the West by Palmer Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue; and the estates of Theodore E. Tomlinson and Thomas Palmer. By the year 1910, the Wilmarth tract was owned by Thomas G. Hall, Caroline's son-in-law and the husband of her daughter Caroline E. Wilmarth.²⁴



**1910 Atlas G. W. Bromley
Larchmont, New York**

On 10 December 1895 Caroline E. Wilmarth of New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York granted land in the Town of New Rochelle to her daughters Euphemia B. Wilmarth and Julia Gray Wilmarth in consideration of \$1.00. This tract of land started a point on the southwesterly side of Maple Avenue, formerly known as Davis Avenue which runs parallel to Centre Avenue where same intersects the southeast boundary line of the land formerly owned by Robert A Cheeseborough now owned by Cornelius E. Rumsey. Which point is distant 264 feet southeast from the southeast side of Main Street; southwest along boundary line of land formerly owned by Robert A. Cheese borough now owned by Cornelius E. Rumsey; 168 feet by the land of the estate of Thomas O. Rumsey, deceased; 195 feet northwest and at right angles with Maple Avenue; 168 feet to said Maple Avenue thence northwest along southwest side of Maple Avenue to point of beginning 195 feet. The deed was recorded 30 August 1897.²⁵

On 11 October 1897 Caroline E. Wilmarth of New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York granted land in the Village of Larchmont to Clark A Miller agent of New Rochelle, in consideration of \$1.00. This tract of land known as lot 20 begins at the intersection of the Boston Post Road and Chatsworth Avenue; along Chatsworth Avenue 182 feet north; at right angles to Chatsworth Avenue 80 feet east; parallel to Chatsworth Avenue 175 feet; along Boston Post Road 80 feet southwest. The deed was recorded 12 October 1897.²⁶

On the same date Caroline E. Wilmarth granted land in Larchmont to the same Clark A. Miller in consideration of \$1.00: lot 19, block E; lot 16, block E; lot 15, block E; lot 14, block E; lot 6, block E; lot 5, block E; lot 4, block E; lot 9, block D; lot 8, block D. The deeds were recorded 12 October 1897.²⁷

On 24 November 1897 Caroline E. Wilmarth of New Rochelle granted land in Larchmont to Emily E. Lindsley of New Rochelle, in consideration of \$1.00. The tract consisted of lot 14, block E; the northeast side Chatsworth Avenue and the south east side of Roosevelt Avenue bordering lot 6. The deed was recorded 20 December 1897.²⁸

The 1897 City Directory of New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York lists John Wilmarth, real estate New York City, home 25 Maple Avenue, New Rochelle.²⁹

John Wilmarth, one of the best known residents of New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York, died 17 October 1898 at his home 25 Maple Avenue. John was a member of an old New York family and was born in New York City seventy-seven years ago. He had for many years been connected with Horace S. Ely and Co, real estate dealers, No. 64 Cedar Street as an expert appraiser of land, and with his wife Mrs. Caroline E. Wilmarth, owned a number of large tracts of land in and around New Rochelle. John left a widow and three daughters Mrs. Thomas G. Hall and the Misses Euphemia Bonnett and Julia Gray Wilmarth. John Wilmarth was a trustee of the First Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle. The funeral was held October 18 at the house, the Rev. W. B. Waller officiating. John was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{30,31}

Caroline E. Wilmarth, age 63 (census enumerator error, Caroline was actually age 74) and widowed, was recorded in the 1900 U.S. Census of New Rochelle, Ward 2, Westchester County, New York, living at 25 Maple Avenue. The household included her daughters Euphemia B. Wilmarth age 52 (identified as an artist) and Julia G. Wilmarth age 40.³²

The 1901 and 1903 New Rochelle City Directories list Caroline E. Wilmarth, widow John; Euphemia B. Wilmarth and Julia G. Wilmarth, all living at 35 Maple Avenue. These individuals are also listed in the 1905 New York State Census living at 35 Maple Avenue. It is not known if the household had relocated to 35 Maple from 25 Maple, or if perhaps the house numbers had changed.^{33,34,35}

Caroline E. Bonnett Wilmarth died on 7 Oct 1905 at her home at New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York, at age 79. Caroline was the widow of John Wilmarth and the daughter of Peter Bonnett, a descendant of a French Family that fled from La Rochelle and helped found New Rochelle. She was born in New York City. Caroline was a member and active worker in the First Presbyterian Church of New Rochelle. Caroline's funeral took place from her residence at 35 Maple Ave in New Rochelle. Services were conducted by Rev. John Paul Egbert and Caroline was buried at Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York. Caroline was survived by three daughters Mrs. Thomas G. Hall, and the Misses Euphemia B. and Julia G. Wilmarth.^{36,37,38}

Caroline E. Bonnett and John Wilmarth had five children all born in Manhattan, New York County, New York except for son William born in New Jersey, and all of whom survived to adulthood.^{39,40}

- i. Peter Bonnett Wilmarth was born 24 July 1846 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Peter was enrolled in the Civil War 9 March to 8 June 1865 in the 117th New York Infantry Regiment in Thompkinsville, New York. Peter was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census in Contra Costa Co, California. Peter appeared in the 1879 Voter Registration in Santa Clara Co, California. Peter married 29 October 1880 Carrie M. Harrison in Santa Clara Co, California. Peter B. Wilmarth died 22 April 1887 in Gilroy, Contra Costa Co, California and was buried in the Gavilan Hills Memorial Park.^{41,42,43,44,45,46,47}
- ii. Euphemia Bonnett Wilmarth was born 31 August 1847 in Manhattan, New York County, New York. Euphemia attended the Rutgers Female Institute in Manhattan. Euphemia was never married. Euphemia was recorded in the 1870, 1880, 1900 U.S. Census, and the 1905 New York State Census, all in New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York. Euphemia B. Wilmarth died 20 July 1906 in Los Angeles, California. She was buried in Green-wood Cemetery, Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{48,49,50,51,52,53,54,55}
- iii. William H. Wilmarth was born 13 September 1851 in Morristown, Morris County, New Jersey. William was recorded in the 1870 U.S. Census of New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York. William married 6 December 1875 Agnes Yates Thompson in New Rochelle. William was recorded in the 1880 U.S. Census of Washington, D.C. William was listed in the 1887 New York City Directory, business at 22 Pine Street in Manhattan, residence in New Rochelle. William H. Wilmarth died 22 April 1893 in New Rochelle, and was buried at the Green-wood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Kings Co, New York.^{56,57,58,59,60,61,62,63,64,65,66}

- iv. Caroline E. Wilmarth was born 15 July 1856 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Caroline married 18 June 1879 Thomas G. Hall in New Rochelle, Westchester Co, New York. Caroline was recorded in the 1880, 1900, and 1910 U.S. Census of New Rochelle; the 1920 and 1940 U.S. Census of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co, New York; and the 1930 U.S. Census of Larchmont, Westchester Co, New York. Caroline E. Wilmarth Hall died 26 November 1943 in Larchmont, Westchester Co, New York. Caroline's place of burial has not been determined.^{67,68,69,70,71,72,73,74,75,76}

- v. Julia Gray Wilmarth was born 21 July 1859 in Manhattan, New York Co, New York. Julia was never married. Julia was recorded in the 1880, 1900, and 1910 U.S. Census of New Rochelle; the 1920 and 1940 U.S. Census of Mamaroneck, Westchester Co, New York; and the 1930 U.S. Census of Larchmont, Westchester Co, New York. Julia Gray Wilmarth died 17 or 27 December 1949 in Larchmont, Westchester Co, New York. Julia's place of burial has not been determined.^{77,78,79,80,81,82,83,84,85,86}

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