William Kenion Wright

William Kenion “Ken” Wright was born 31 January, 1863 in South Williams Township, Columbus County, NC. He was named in honor of his uncle, Kenyon Wright. Ken Wright was the second oldest son of Simpson and Prudence Norris Wright. His birthdate is extracted from the bible of Simpson Wright. Ken’s tombstone records a birthdate of 10 January, 1862. His death certificate gives a birthdate of 1871.

Ken Wright moved with his wife and children to Bladenboro in Bladen County, NC about 1915. He purchased a sizable farm near present day Galeed Church. His primary crops were cotton, tobacco, and corn. Ken also owned lots of grape vines, apple trees, peach trees, and other various fruits.

Ken married his 1st cousin, Sarah Emma Soles, probably about 1887. Sarah was born on 6 March, 1872 in Horry County, SC to Armajah “Armagy” R. and Sarah Norris Soles. Ken and Sarah had 9 children.

Claude Marvin Wright (28-Jun-1888 – 31-Dec-1936) married Lottie Belle Tyler. They were the parents of Bill Wright, James Oliver Wright, Hubert Bermie Wright, Jenkins Wright, Lottie Wright, and Frances Wright.

John Bruton Wright (01-Dec-1889 – 22-Jan-1954) married Elizabeth Armenta Williamson. They were the parents of Moddie Wright, Zollie Wright, Mennon Aber Wright, Paul Dubon Wright, Henry Thomas Wright, Phena Pearl Wright, Horace Wright, and Joyce Teresa Wright.
Asa “Acie” Reynolds Wright (10-Mar-1892 – 12-Sep-1973) married Mary Elizabeth Freeman. They were the parents of Beulah Grace Wright, William Wright, Mary Elma Wright, Dorothy Emma Wright, Virgie Louise Wright, and Asa Craydon Wright.

Dessie Wright (born 30-Aug-1894) married Willie Wooten Blanton. They were the parents of Herbert Blanton, Ernest Blanton, Grace Blanton, Addie Blanton, Lucille Blanton, Mack Daniel Blanton, and Cecil Blanton.

Lela Wright (10-July-1896 – 21-Apr-1980) married Byron Russ. They were the parents of Byron Russ, Louise Russ, and Dayniece Russ.

Dewey Hobston Wright (15-Oct-1899 – 08-Jul-1935) married Lunette Watts. They were the parents of David Hobston Wright, Sarah Eunice Wright, James Oliver Wright, Mary Margaret Wright, Laura Jane Wright, Franklin Delano Wright, and Stacy Lane Wright.

Eliza Wright (10-Jun-1902 – 05-Nov-1921) married Gaston Pait. They were the parents of Milba Gean Pait.

William “Bill” Wright (15-Jun-1906 – 26-May-2002) married Codie Ozola Jolly. They were the parents of Dorothy Emma Wright, Wilber William Wright, Leo Wright, Rachel Pearl Wright, Kenneth Elgin Wright, and Ann Jeneva Wright.

Jack Guy Wright (Sep-1908 – 4-Sep-1986) married Annie Belle Pait. They were the parents of Margie Maxine Wright, James Calvin Wright, Sarah Jane Wright, Pauline Wright, Richard Guy Wright, and Linda Joyce Wright.

Ken Wright died on 30 November, 1943 at 5:25 in the afternoon. Dr. Bridger listed the cause of death as apoplexy, or paralysis due to a stroke. Ken was 80 years old.
Sarah died several years later on 26 August, 1950 at the age of 78 in the home of her son Jack Guy Wright in Parkton, Cumberland County, NC. Ken and Sarah were buried at Oakdale Baptist Church in Horry County, SC.

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(L to R standing) – Bill Wright, Lela Russ, Jack Wright, Acie Wright.
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