

MAJOR WILSON.

Such are a few of the incidents in the life of Major Wilson.

Many more might have been preserved had the attempt to collect them been made at an earlier period.

After the wars were over Major Wilson devoted himself to the business of his farm, which consisted of about eight hundred acres of beautiful and rich land, now in the occupancy of John Bell < Jr., near New Derry.

His house was the home of a true western hospitality, and no man possessed more local popularity. He was frequently offered respectable officers, but he uniformly refused.

His family consisted of three sons and four daughters, and till 1820 he resided on the same farm.

His death was sincerely regretted by his numerous friends and acquaintances, all of whom had more or less experienced his kindness, or learned the self-sacrificing loyalty of his nature, and the deep indebtedness of the early settlers to "the might that slumbered in a true man's arm."

Major Wilson was about six feet and one inch in height, well made in proportion, very straight and very attractive.

Like most men of his type, he cared little for money. To the poor he was a steadfast and reliable friend.

His remains, along with those of his wife, two unmarried sons and one unmarried daughter, and his married daughter, mother of the late Wilson Knott, Esq., of Blairsville, all repose on the farm of Gilson, formerly Barr's Fort, where the bodies of the two brothers of Mrs. Wilson, killed by the Indians, were buried in early days.