

STATEMENT OF WITNESS

Statement of: Maud Janette Chentouf (Wilson)
 Date of Birth: February 17th 1914
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This statement consists of pages each signed by me, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have willfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

Dated the 24th day of Nov 2020.

Signed: Maud Janette Chentouf
 Signature witnessed by: J. G. Gurdak

STATEMENT:

I am the above named person and I reside at the above named address

I am the great great granddaughter of Joseph Bear Wilson. My father, Rudolph Wesley Robinson Wilson told me that the story has been passed down that my great great ~~grandfather~~ grand father x MJC had owned Wilson Island, now known as Five Star Island in Southampton. I was told two stories, one that the island was stolen by the forty Thieves that from my great great grand father. I was also x MJC told that my great great grand father was forced to sell the island for ten barrels of potatoes. I do not know any of the names, nor do I have any written documents to confirm any of this. I can confirm that my family still own property on St Annas Road and some family members still live in the area.

I was told that Joseph Bear Wilson wanted to

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plant potatoes on what is known as AM The Farm, Tribe Road #3 and he needed to purchase potato slips, but he did not have the funds to purchase the slips. He only had deeds to his property, Wilson Island. Because he didn't have the funds Joseph Bear Wilson, I was told that The Bermuda Company would give him the necessary potato slips and he would have to give up the deeds to Wilson Island, with the promise that when the potatoes harvest, he would sell ten barrels of potatoes and payback the company and get his deeds to the island back.

The year that the potatoes were due to harvest, there was a blight. Something happened and the potatoes never came up. So Joseph Bear Wilson did not have the money to payback the company so the company never returned the deeds to him. Because he didn't have the funds to payback his loan, the deeds to Wilson Island were kept by the company.

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