



## Wilson family photographs 2014.247

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Audiovisual Collections
<b>Creator:</b>	Wilson family (Wilson, Andrew Gray, 1844-1905)
<b>Title:</b>	Wilson family photographs
<b>ID:</b>	2014.247
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	circa 1860s-1942
<b>Physical Description:</b>	0.5 Linear Feet
<b>General Physical Description:</b>	2 cyanotypes ; 8 x 10 in. 2 silhouettes : 6.5 x 5 in. 1 gelatin silver chloride print ; 2.5 x 4 in. 1 gelatin silver chloride print ; cabinet card. 1 matte collodion silver print ; 4 x 5.5 in. (2 copies). 2 collodion silver chloride print ; 6 x 8 in. 1 collodion silver chloride print ; 3.75 x 5 in. 2 collodion silver chloride print ; cabinet card. 5 albumen silver prints ; carte-de-visites. 1 albumen silver print ; 4.25 x 5 in. 1 albumen silver print ; 7.5 x 9.5 in. 7 albumen silver prints ; cabinet cards. 1 item : mixed media art ; 2.75 x 4.5 in. 1 copperplate engraving ; 6 x 8.5 in. on 12 x 16 in. paper. 4 gelatin silver prints : b&w ; 8 x 10 in. mounted on board. 59 gelatin silver prints : b&w ; 3.5 x 5 in. or smaller. 2 platinum prints ; 4 x 5 in. or smaller.
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .
<b>Abstract:</b>	Andrew Gray Wilson (1844-1905) was well-known among shipbuilders as a preeminent marine engineer and naval architect. This small collection consists primarily of individual and group portraits and snapshots of the Wilson family and the family of one of the daughters, Natalie Wilson du Pont. The collection is organized into three series; family photographs; home interiors and exteriors; and family cars and dogs photographs.

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## Biographical Note

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Andrew Gray Wilson (1844-1905) was well-known among shipbuilders as a preeminent marine engineer and naval architect. Wilson began his career with the Harlan and Hollingsworth Company in 1866, leaving for Maryland Steel Company in 1898. Wilson was the general manager of the marine department of the Maryland Steel Company at Sparrow's Point, Maryland, a position he held until his death.

He was born in Newark, Delaware and later relocated with his family to Wilmington, Delaware where he attended the Col. Wyatt's School. In October of 1872, he married Natalie Green Driver (1846-1912), daughter of Joshua Driver, who was the mayor of Wilmington in 1852. The couple settled in Wilmington at 1119 Market Street.

The Wilsons had six children: Rodgers Wilson, (1874-1923), Esther Driver Wilson (1875-1891), Natalie Driver Wilson (1877-1918), Andrew Wilson Jr., (1880-1897), Reynolds Driver Wilson, (1884-1948) and Paul Edmondstone Wilson (1886-1916). Esther and Andrew Jr. both died in their youth. Natalie Driver Wilson married Lammot du Pont (1880-1952) who was president of the DuPont Company from 1926 to 1940. The couple had eight children. Reynolds Driver Wilson married Deborah B.H. Wilson (1886-1970). Paul Edmondstone married Alice Hounsfeld du Pont (later Buck) (1891-1967) on October 29, 1912 and had two children before Mr. Paul Wilson's death in 1916.

Natalie Green Wilson continued to live in Wilmington until her death in 1912. The couple is buried at Old Swedes Church in New Castle, Delaware.

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## Scope and Content

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This small collection consists primarily of individual and group portraits and snapshots of the Wilson family and the family of one of the daughters, Natalie Wilson du Pont. The collection is organized into three series; family photographs; home interiors and exteriors; and family cars and dogs photographs.

The Family photographs series contains portraits of Andrew Gray Wilson, Natalie Green Wilson and their five children. There are two snapshots of Andrew Gray Wilson standing with others on a dock of the Maryland Steel Company. The photographs of the Wilson children are mostly group portraits, with individual portraits only of Rodgers Wilson as a young boy and of Natalie Wilson du Pont (at various ages). There are portraits and snapshots of Lammot and Natalie du Pont and their eight children. The images of their children are unidentified. There are a sequence of images of an unidentified young man eating a piece of fruit (possibly a lemon) and an portrait engraving of T.C. du Pont.

Home interiors and exterior photographs date from around the 1940s. The photographs are mostly exterior views of residential homes. The house locations and owners are unidentified.

Family cars and dogs photographs are a few photographs of dogs that seem to have been family pets of the Lammot and Natalie du Pont family. There are a few photographs of cars that possibly also belonged to the Lammot and Natalie du Pont family.

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## Administrative Information

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### Access Restrictions

This collection is open for research.

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## Related Materials

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### Separated Materials

Wilson family miscellany (Accession 2592), Manuscripts and Archives Department, Hagley Museum and Library.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Portraits
- Group portraits
- Dwellings
- Du Pont, Lammot, 1880-1952
- Du Pont, Natalie Wilson, 1877-1918
- Du Pont family

## Collection Inventory

<b>Family photographs</b>		
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>	
Andrew Gray Wilson snapshots, 1901 August 15 1903 April 3	box 1	folder 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Wilson standing with others on a dock at Maryland Steel Company.		
Andrew Gray Wilson and Natalie Green Wilson individual silhouettes, 1903	box 1	folder 2
Natalie Green Wilson portraits, circa 1860 circa 1884 circa 1900	box 1	folder 3
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Three individual portraits and one group portrait with four unidentified women.		
Wilson family group portrait, circa 1888	box 2	folder 2
Wilson boys group portrait, circa 1890	box 1	folder 4
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Rodgers, Andrew Jr., Reynolds, and Paul.		
Rodgers Wilson portrait and artwork, circa 1882 undated	box 1	folder 5
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Artwork is an etching of a young boy cut out and pasted onto lined school paper, with decorative border and flowers also pasted onto the paper.		
Esther Driver Wilson and Rodgers Wilson portrait, circa 1880s	box 1	folder 6
Natalie Wilson du Pont, circa 1890	box 1	folder 7
Wilson/du Pont family portrait, 1896	box 1	folder 8
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
At St. Amour; Bassie Gardner, William S. Hillis, P.S. du Pont II, Alice Belin, Irene du Pont, Sophie du Pont Ford, Kensey Hammond III, Rodgers Wilson, Alice du Pont Ortiz, Mrs. Kensey Hammond III, Louisa du Pont Copeland, Mildred Clark, Alexis I. du Pont, Julia du Pont, Charles I. du Pont, Harlam Scott, Lamnot du Pont, Natalie Wilson,		

Henry Canby, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wilson, Mrs. Bankson  
Holcomb, Mrs. Lammot du Pont.

Lammot du Pont and Natalie Driver Wilson du Pont family portraits	box 1	folder 9
Lammot and Natalie du Pont family portraits, circa 1880s-1900s	box 1	folder 9
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Includes individual and group portraits. Mostly of unidentified individuals.		
Friends and family snapshots, circa 1942	box 1	folder 10
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Individuals are unidentified.		
Unidentified man, circa 1940s	box 1	folder 11
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Sequence of shots of an unidentified man eating a piece of fruit (lemon?). Included is also a photograph of a penguin and another of a pistol.		
T.C. du Pont portrait	box 2	folder 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Engraved by E.G. Williams and Bros., New York.		

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## Home interior and exterior photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Home exteriors and interiors, 1942 May	box 1	folder 12
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Includes front, side and back views of the exterior of the house, and details of the building and surrounding area. One interior view of a living room. A photograph of a dog and one of two cats.		
Home exteriors and landscapes, undated	box 1	folder 13
Home exteriors, undated	box 2	folder 3

## Scope and Contents

Three residential homes; one building at a small cemetery.

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### Family cars and dogs photographs

Title/Description	Instances	
Dogs, undated	box 1	folder 14
Cars	box 1	folder 15

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