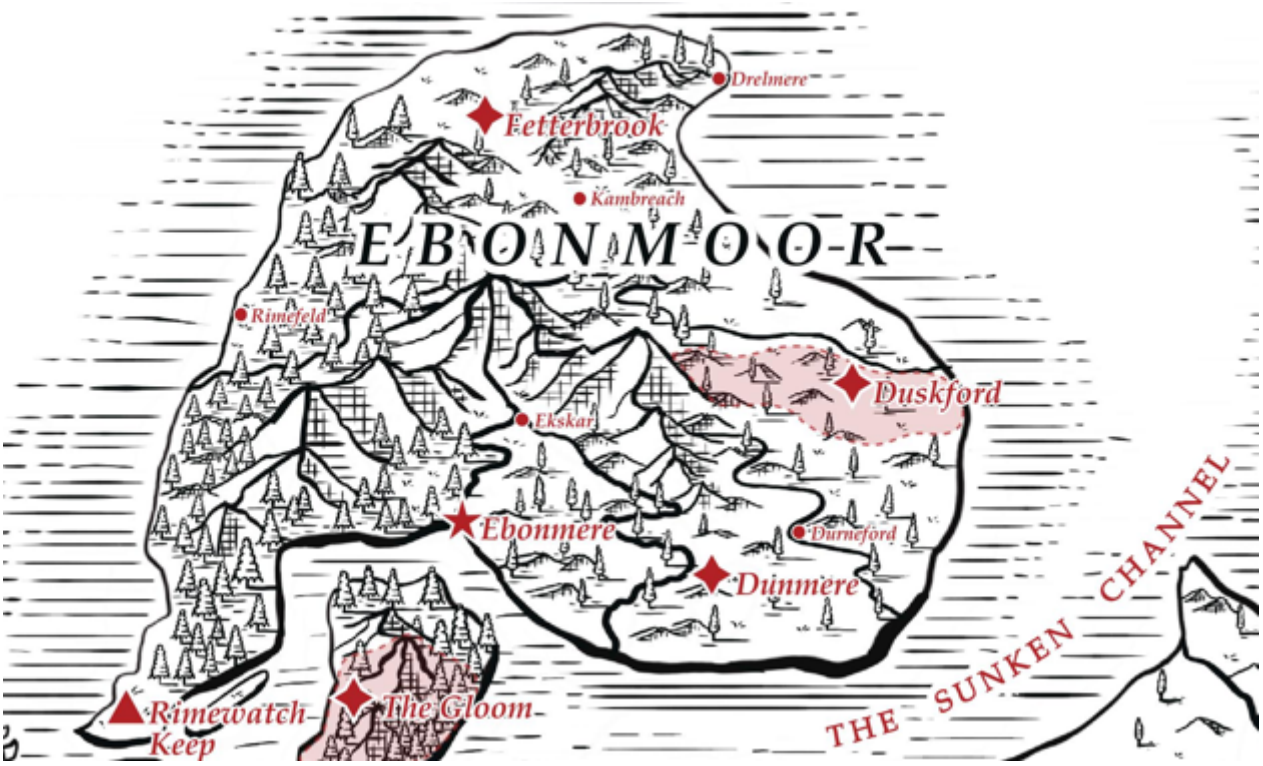
House Wilthorne of Ebonmoor

> *“The Black Thorn Strikes Deep.”*
> — House Wilthorne motto

House Wilthorne rules Ebonmoor from Ebonmere as a major vassal house of House Valkenmar. Its public image favors patience, diplomacy, and carefully applied pressure over open displays of force.



Overview

Before the Rotmire Blight, House Wilthorne was one of Valkenmar's closest political partners. Ebonmoor's ports, defensible approaches, military value, and trade connections made the house essential to the wider stability of Faulmoor.

For ordinary travelers, Wilthorne power is encountered less through ceremony than through movement: whether a bridge opens, a ship clears harbor, a cargo is inspected, or passage onto Ebonmoor is allowed at all.

The crisis has changed that relationship. Ebonmoor's relative isolation and control of important crossings have made Wilthorne decisions increasingly consequential, while harsh mainland containment policies and disrupted trade have strained older loyalties.

History

The Wilthornes built their influence through Ebonmoor's strategic geography and a longstanding relationship with House Valkenmar. Trade, defense, diplomacy, and family connections tied the two houses closely together.

Their family motto reflects the house's preferred image of power: pressure applied carefully, patiently, and at the point where it matters most.

Present Day

Lord **Eadric Wilthorne** heads the house during a period of increasing uncertainty between Ebonmoor and the mainland. The house continues to control important trade and access routes, including the Ebonmoor side of the crossing through Rimewatch Keep.

Its tighter control of crossings, trade, and Ebonmoor's resources has made the strain with House Valkenmar increasingly visible. Whether this reflects temporary emergency policy or a deeper political shift is not publicly settled.

Lady **Elspeth Wilthorne** is publicly associated with religious devotion and interest in relics, adding another source of attention to the family beyond its political and commercial role.

Major Members

Lord **Eadric Wilthorne** heads the house. His household includes Lady **Elspeth Wilthorne** and their adult children, **Eadric Wilthorne II** and **Seraphine Wilthorne**.

See Also

- Ebonmoor
- Ebonmere
- Rimewatch Keep
- Faulmoor
- House Valkenmar
- House Harrowden
- Rotmire Blight

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