

GILL

ABSTRACTS FROM RECORDS
IN SOUTHERN STATES

and

GENEALOGICAL NOTES

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The following line of descent from Captain Samuel Gill of Virginia and Kentucky is found in the *D. A. R. Lineage Book*, lxxii. 229:

Mrs. Mary Worthington McMakin, descendant of Walter Tolley, Captain Samuel Gill, Henry Pendleton, and Henry Van Meter. (Gill line only is here given.) Daughter of Charles Worthington (1819–1876) and Theresa Gill (1826–1906), his wife, m. 1846. Granddaughter of Erasmus Gill (1792–1850) and Anna Elizabeth Smith, his wife, m. 1822. Great-granddaughter of Samuel Gill and Ruth Van Meter (1758–1840), his wife, m. 1779. Samuel Gill served as Lieutenant and Captain in the 4th Virginia Regiment, 1776–78. He was born in Botetourt Co., Va., and died, 1822, in Garrard Co., Ky.

Descendants of John Gill of Virginia

(Contributed by Harrison Williams Gill, Esq., of New York, N. Y.)

John Gill is the ancestor of this Missouri family. No complete search on his life or ancestry has been made, but the following facts are known. In Bedford County, Virginia, 13 Oct. 1778, he married Peggy Pitman, the marriage bond showing Robert Alexander as surety, and Christopher Irvine testifying that the woman is of age. In 1783, John Gill bought 400 acres of land in Fayette County, Kentucky District of Virginia, and in the same year he made other purchases in Kentucky, amounting to a total of 2,863 acres. On 26 Sept. 1788, he executed a will in Richland County, South Carolina, in which he mentions wife, children, and the possibility of a posthumous child; the Kentucky executors were his brother William Gill, John Pitman, and Thomas Pitman. The will was recorded 9 Oct. 1788 in South Carolina and a copy was filed at Harrodsburg, Mercer County, Kentucky, where, as stated in the will, he owned a "plantation on which my family now resides at the head of Quirk's Run."

Bryan and Rose, in *Pioneer Families of Missouri*, make the following statement regarding this family: "John Gill of Scotland married Margaret Pitman of Cumberland County, Virginia, and they had four children: Mary, Elizabeth, Sally, and John. Mary married Archibald Bilboa of Kentucky, and after their death, their children moved to Indiana. Elizabeth married James Martin and removed to Missouri, settling in St. Charles County; of this union there were five children. . . ."

Supplementing these records are the following family traditions: John Gill was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1733, and came to America with his brother William. They were Presbyterians, as were most of their descendants. John Gill came to Kentucky with Pitman relatives, travelling by wagon over the Cumberland Trail. A negro woman, charged with keeping the children of the party quiet, made so much noise that they were attacked by Indians. Mr. Gill's wife's sister was scalped but recovered and was remembered by her nephews as an old lady with a skull cap.

John Gill engaged in cattle raising and it was on a trip, driving cattle and mules to the seaboard market, that he died of yellow fever at Charleston, South Carolina. One of his wrought silver knee buckles of early 18th century workmanship is owned by a descendant of the fourth generation.

The grandfather of Margaret (Peggy) Pitman is believed to have come to Pennsylvania in 1681. Her mother was an Irvine of the Pennsylvania and Virginia family which furnished one General and several other officers to the Revolutionary Army, as well as the famous Indian fighter of Kentucky, Colonel Christopher Irvine. Her brother, William Pitman, explored Kentucky in 1775; another brother, John Pitman, was an early member of the Kentucky Legislature and later was a Representative at the first Missouri Assembly.

William Gill, brother of John Gill, recorded a total of 15,913 acres of land in original Kentucky deeds between 1784 and 1786. He appears as an executor of his brother's will in 1788. In 1812, his heirs lost a suit in the Seventh Circuit Court of the United States for the Kentucky District, the suit involving a 200-acre farm. The heirs named in this suit were Sarah Gill, wife of John Robertson, Patsey Gill, wife of Elisha Roberts, Peggy Gill, wife of Martin Mitchell, and Esther Gill. The family tradition transmits the belief

Shows family of
Sally Gill wife of
John Sr.