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Hi Samuel,
I just don't know where to begin! The Gillham line is my Mother's line through her father who was a Gillham (Claude Clark).

Jane was the granddaughter of Thomas Gillham, Sr. and Margaret Campbell . Thomas Gillham, Sr. was Scots-Irish arriving here with John Patton and James Lewis (I believe) and were part of the huge land grant of VA to these Scotsmen living as outcasts in Ulster IR.

There is much on the net about Thomas and his 2 wives Mary Meade and Margaret Campbell. They lived and are documented in 'The Chronicles' and other early historical records throughout their lives here in America. I believe that most of what you will find there is accurate. He has 7 sons and four sons-in-law and all of them fought in the Revolutionary War from SC.

There is a true story about the Gillham clan as the 1790's drew near; they were staunch Presbyterians and later Methodists and deplored slavery and only a few if any ever owned slaves. One son James Gillham, having moved to KY about 1784, while in the fields with his eldest son, a band of Kickapoo Indians kidnapped his pregnant wife Ann Barnett (brother of Revolutionary War fame) and three children. They were held for 5 years and eventually sold into slavery to a Frenchman in St. Louis (then Louisiana). James tracked them all that time and when eventually found their trail, was able to contact the Frenchman and 'buy' his family back.

In order to honor his debt, he wrote to his 5 own brothers (his two eldest brothers were from Thomas's first wife Mary Meade) requesting that they move to IL to assist and support him there. Beginning the trek in 1801, the group some 400 strong, moved to Madison IL along with the Lusk, Kirkpatrick, Davidson, White, Brown, Nations, Self, Lofton, etc. families.

Jane Gillham's parents were Thomas Gillham, Jr. and Susanna McDow. Thomas and four of his 10 children moved to IL: William, Isom, Sarah, and Martha. The history of her other siblings John T., Violet, Agnes, Susanna and Mary are not known at this time.

As Jane and John Minter were married in 1792, she remained there in SC with the Minter family and did not move to IL. The DAR does recognize this marriage and John as a descendant of William Minter:

DAR Records for :

MINTER, WILLIAM

Ancestor #: A080373

FUTURE APPLICANTS MUST PROVE LINEAGE OF CHILD

SOUTH CAROLINA Rank: CIVIL SERVICE

(ANTE) 1741 VIRGINIA

(ANTE) 3 Jul 1809 YORK DIST SOUTH CAROLINA

HENDRIX & LINDSAY, JURY LISTS OF SC 1778-1779 P 57

1) JUROR

Comments (Overview)

- 1) #483306 + 583 AND #586074 +583 ARE IN CONFLICT WITH #594100 + 622,
- 2) #597267 +661 + #717154 +699. THE FIRST TWO STATE THAT WILLIAM MINTER
- 3) WHO MARRIED LUCINDA LOVE WAS THE SON OF JOHN MINTER. THE LAST THREE STATE
- 4) WILLIAM MINTER WHO MARRIED LUCINDA WAS THE SON OF WILLIAM MINTER.
- 5) DATES OF BIRTH & DEATH FOR WILLIAM MAR LUCINDA ARE THE SAME ON ALL PAPERS.
- 6) DATACF. MCL/HFK 11-99

Residence

1) NEW ACQUISITION - CAMDEN DIST - SOUTH CAROLINA

Spouse

Number

Name

1)
MARTHA X (Hillis)

Service:



Birth:

Death:

Service Source:

Service Description:

Member

ID	Apps	Add Vol.		Child/Spouse Number/Spouse
483306		583	EL	JOHN / [1] JANE GILHAM
594100		622	EL	WILLIAM / [1] LUCINDA M. X

Thomas Gillham Sr., and other Gillham's are buried in Bullocks Cemetery where Jane Gillham-Minter is also interred. Jane's father Thomas Newton Gillham, Jr is buried in the Wanda Cemetery in Wanda/Madison/IL.

I descend from Thomas's son John Gillham who is buried there with Thomas Jr.

Martha Hillis was the sister of my father's ancestor, Samuel Hillis, Jr and both were the children of Samuel Hillis, Sr and Ann Luckey. They lived in Lancaster PA before moving south to NC with their land winding up in SC when the new state lines were drawn. Ann's father was Robert Luckey who named his children as well as Samuel Hillis, Sr. in his will. Again, the brothers all fought in the Rev. War from NC and then moved on to KY and then into Maury TN before my father's grandfather moved to Butler MO where they remained.

This too is well documented and most of what you will study on the net is accurate, to the best of my knowledge.

My grandfather Claude Clark Gillham was raised by his grandfather Rev. John Gillham who was in turn the grandson of John Gillham, Sr. one of the 5 Patriots buried there in Wanda Cemetery, Rev. John was a Methodist Circuit rider and that whole gang of Gillham's and their allied lines there in Madison IL were all his own cousins, aunts and uncles. Rev. John was also an historian and he wrote it all down! So the history that I have and other Gillham researchers have, is what we were left by the actual people as they lived their lives there in IL.

Hope this gets you started back in the fun of searching...there is much to find on this incredibly rich family...

Regards, Donna