

William GILLIES and Margaret WILSON
Chart 38-39

William GILLIES

B 07 December 1764 Selkirk / Selkirkshire Fife Scotland
D 26 October 1805 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
M 27 May 1791 St Cuthberts Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

Margaret WILSON

B baptised 14 April 1773 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
D 26 October 1806 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

Children

1. Samuel GILLIES born about 02 December 1791 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
2. Adam GILLIES born about 18 September 1793 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
3. **Samuel GILLIES** born 09 May 1795 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
4. Isabela GILLIES born about 1797 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
5. John GILLIES born circa 1799 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
6. William GILLIES born circa 1801 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

William GILLIES was born 07 December 1764 baptised 16 December 1764 Selkirk / Selkirkshire Scotland. His parents were Margaret nee MURRAY and Samuel GILLIES occupation thatcher.

William left Selkirk as a young man and settled in Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland.

Margaret WILSON was born and baptised 14 April 1773 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland. Her parents were Janet nee Cockburn (1737-1781) and John WILSON occupation Market gardener Edinburgh.

If Margaret had followed the Scottish naming pattern then her parents could have been Isabella and Adam GILLIES.

William GILLIES married 27 May 1791 Saint Cuthberts Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
Margaret WILSON

(Reference LDS FHC microfilm 1066690 OPR marriages 1787-1821 Church of Scotland Edinburgh Midlothian)

William GILLES and Margaret WILSON had a son Samuel GILLES born and baptised 04 December 1791 Edinburgh Parish Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

William GILLIES Mason & Margaret WILSON his Spouse in new grey friar parish a son born the 6th current named Samuel baptised in Church.

(Reference LDS FHC microfilm 1066687 OPR baptisms 1780-1807 page 272 Church Scotland Edinburgh Midlothian)

William and Margaret had a son Adam GILLIES born about 18 September 1793 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

William and Margaret's first son Samuel died between 1793 and 1795 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

William GILLIES occupation Stone mason and Margaret formerly WILSON had a son named Samuel GILLIES who was born 09 May 1795 and baptised 23 May 1795 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

(Reference LDS FHC microfilm 1066687 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism records)

19 May 1795 Edinburgh

William GILLIES Mason and Margaret WILSON his spouse St Andrews Kirk parish a son born the 9th current named SAMUEL

Witnesses George LESTON port and John WHITE mason both in Edinburgh.
(Reference LDS FHC microfilm 1066687OPR Church of Scotland baptism 1780-1807)

William and Margaret had a daughter Isabela / Isabell GILLIES born baptised 23 September 1797 St Cuthberts Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

William and Margaret had a son John GILLIES born baptised circa 1799 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

William and Margaret had a son William GILLIES born baptised circa 1801 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

William GILLIES died circa 26 October 1805 Edinburgh age 40/41 years Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

Margaret GILLIES nee WILSON died circa 26 October 1806 age 34 years Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

William & Margaret GILLIES their children and descendants

- 1- **Samuel GILLIES** born 04 December 1791 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland died 11 November 1873 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland (died young never married)
#William GILLES and Margaret WILSON had a son Samuel GILLES born and baptised 04 December 1791 Edinburgh Parish Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
#William GILLIES Mason & Margaret WILSON his Spouse in new grey friar parish a son born the 6th current named Samuel Bap. In Church reference source LDS FHC microfilm 1066687 OPR baptisms 1780-1807 page 272 Church of Scotland Edinburgh Midlothian)
#Samuel GILLIES died 11 November 1873 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
- 2- **Adam GILLIES** born baptised 18 September 1793 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland died Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland (died young never married)
#Adam GILLIES born baptised 18 September 1793 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
#Adam GILLIES died young Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
- 3- **Samuel GILLIES** born 09 May 1795 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland died 11/18 November 1873 St George Edinburgh Scotland married 11/20 November 1822 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland **Elizabeth SOMERVILLE** born 23 February 1797 Fala & Soutra Midlothian Scotland died 04 January 1875 Canongate Edinburgh Scotland refer chart 18-19
- 4- **Isabela / Isabell GILLIES** born 23 September 1797 St Cuthberts Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland died 14 June 1807 age 10 years Edinburgh Midlothian (died young never married)
#Isabela GILLIES born baptised 23 September 1797 St Cuthberts Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
#Isabell GILLIES died 14 June 1807 age 10 years Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland
- 5- **John GILLIES** born 1799 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland died married
- 6- **William GILLIES** born 1801 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland died married

GILLIES miscellaneous information

- 0- James GILLIES born late 1600 died about 1700 occupation Farmer upon the estate of Philip Haugh Sil Kirkshire married about 1723 wife details unknown [refer chart 288-289 to be created]
- 0-1- William GILLIES born about 1724 died 1700s Ploughman Selkirk who married about 1744 Scotland Elspeth ANDERSON from Fife (11 Issue) [refer chart 144-145 to be created]

- 0-1-1- Samuel GILLIES born about 1745 died 1700s occupation thatcher married about 1765 Scotland Margaret MURRAY of Selkirk (7 Issue) [refer chart 72-73]
- 0-1-1-1- **William GILLIES** born about 1766 Selkirk died 26 October 1805 Edinburgh age 40/41 years occupation Mason married Margaret WILSON (daughter of John WILSON occupation Market gardener Edinburgh) born 1772 died 26 October 1806 age 34 years (5 sons 1 daughter) [refer above chart 36-37]
- 0-1-1-1-1- Samuel GILLIES born died young
- 0-1-1-1-2- Adam GILLIES born died young
- 0-1-1-1-3- **Samuel GILLIES** born 09 May 1795 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland died Scotland married 20 November 1822 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland **Elizabeth SOMMERVILLE** (daughter of George SOMMERVILLE) [refer chart 18-19]
- 0-1-1-1-4- Isabela GILLIES born about 1797 died 14 June 1807 age 10 years
- 0-1-1-1-5- William GILLIES born died
- 0-1-1-1-6- John GILLIES born died
- 0-1-1-2- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-1-3- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-1-4- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-1-5- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-1-6- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-1-7- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-2- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-3- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-4- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-5- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-6- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-7- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-8- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-9- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-10- GILLIES born Scotland
- 0-1-11- GILLIES born Scotland

Letter of introduction for William GILLIES (1873)

Edinburgh 14 March 1873

Presented to William GILLIES Upholsterer Edinburgh previously to his leaving Edinburgh to emigrate to Canada America. The great, great, great, great grandfather of the said William GILLIES Upholsterer as above stated was James GILLIES farmer upon the estate of Philip Haugh Sil Kirkshire whose son was William GILLIES Ploughman Selkirk who married Elspeth ANDERSON from Fife and had eleven children of whom the eldest was Samuel GILLIES Thatcher married Margaret MURRAY of Selkirk and had seven children of whom the eldest William GILLIES Mason left Selkirk when a young man came to Edinburgh and settled there where he married Margaret daughter of John WILSON Market Gardner Edinburgh and had five sons and one daughter namely Samuel, Adam who both died while infants Samuel, Isabela, William and John the father of the said children William GILLIES died 26th October 1805 age 40 or 41 years and Margaret spouse to the said William GILLIES also died 26 March 1806 aged 34 years also their daughter Isabela died 14 June 1807 age 10 years their third son Samuel GILLIES born on the 9th May 1795 and married Elizabeth daughter of George SOMMERVILLE Ormiston on the 20th November 1822 their first son Robert Halliwall GILLIES was born on the 6th March 1824 and baptised on the 20th same month and registered in the City of Sission Brooks also their second son William GILLIES was born on the 30th September 1825 and baptised on the 23^d and died on the 25th October 1825 and had five daughters namely Janet, Hellen, Elizabeth Margaret and Isabela. Their oldest son Robert Halliwall GILLIES was married.

Appendix

John Samuel GILLIES was born 09 September 1859 at Edinburgh Trinity College and lived at the Carrubbers Close Mission, 65 High Street Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland (Reference Scotland registration 941 V2), to Robert Halliwall GILLIES (Tailor & Green grocer) born Edinburgh St Andrews. John Samuel GILLIES married Helen Sandy PURVES (1860-1922) in 1883 in Edinburgh Scotland. Emigrated to New York in 1887 then moved to Pittsburgh PA, and finally settled in Magnolia St, Kearny, Hudson County, New Jersey, and then North Arlington, NJ. John Samuel GILLIES and Helen Purves GILLIES had 4 children.

- [1] George (Aug 1886 – 1937) Scotland
- [2] John (Sept 1888 -?) New York
- [3] Jessie (Oct 1892) Pennsylvania
- [4] Charles (Aug 1896 - Jan 1966) New Jersey

65 High Street Edinburgh is the location of the Carrubbers Close Mission (Carrubbers Mission Centre) was founded in 1858 in Carrubbers Close, an alley leading off the Royal Mile in Edinburgh. It started in a former Atheist Meeting House in an effort to reach Edinburgh children for Christ. <http://www.carrubbers.org>

US census 1900 Enumeration district: 0052|sheet number and letter: 17A|Household id: 340|Reference number: 42|GSU film number: 1240974|Image number: 00281|Collection: United States Census 1900.

Comment - The above information was kindly sent to me by researcher Male (living) GILLIES from United States of America a descendant of Robert Halliwall GILLIES.

0- Alexander GILLIES born about 1804 Midlothian Scotland married Scotland Ann PARK born about 1799 died Scotland

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- 0-1- George GILLIES male age 18 occupation Tailor apprentice born Midlothian Scotland
 - 0-2- William GILLIES male age 14 born Midlothian Scotland (occupation Architect)
 - 0-3- Alexander GILLIES male age 13 born Midlothian Scotland
 - 0-4- Catherine GILLIES female age 11 born Midlothian Scotland
 - 0-5- Ann GILLIES female age 3 born Midlothian Scotland married Robert SOMERVILLE

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- 0- Samuel GILLIES born died 1791 (Sailor boatman) married Janet CLARK
 - 0-1- Mary GILLIES born about 25 October 1777 baptised 07 November 1777 Greenock Renfrew Scotland died before 1785
 - 0-2- Janet GILLIES born about 11 September 1782 and baptised 15 September 1782 Greenock Renfrew Scotland
 - 0-3- Mary GILLIES born about 11 January 1785 baptised 16 January 1785 Greenock Renfrew Scotland
 - 0-4- Samuel GILLIES born about 14 November 1791 Baptised 27 November 1791 Greenock Renfrew Scotland

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- 0- Samuel GILLIES married Janet CLARK
 - 0-1- Mary GILLIES born 25 November 1777 Greenock Renfrew Scotland
#Mary daughter to Samuel GILLIES sailor and Janet CLARK his spouse born on the 25 baptised 7th November 1777 reference LDS FHC microfilm 1041062 Parish Church of Greenock 1698-1854 Renfrew Scotland
 - 0-2- Janet GILLIES born 11 September 1782 Greenock Renfrew Scotland
#Janet daughter to Samuel GILLIES boatman and Janet CLARK his spouse born 11th baptised 15th September 1782 reference LDS FHC microfilm 1041062 Parish Church of Greenock 1698-1854 Renfrew Scotland page 150
 - 0-3- Mary GILLIES born 11 January 1785 Greenock Renfrew Scotland
#Mary daughter to Samuel GILLIES sailor and Janet CLARK his spouse born 11th baptised 16th January 1785 reference LDS FHC microfilm 1041062 Parish Church of Greenock 1698-1854 Renfrew Scotland

0-4- Samuel GILLIES born 14 June 1791 Greenock Renfrew Scotland
#Born 14 June 1791 baptised 27 November (1791) Samuel parents Samuel GILLIES
boatman deceased and Janet CLARK reference LDS FHC microfilm 1041062 Parish
Church of Greenock 1698-1854 Renfrew Scotland page 222

#1841 census Shoemakers Close New Street Canongate Midlothian Enumeration District
37 1841/685 folio 37 page 7

- Alexander GILLIES male age 37 occupation Hatter born Midlothian Scotland
- Ann GILLIES female age 42 born Midlothian Scotland
- George GILLIES male age 18 occupation Tailor apprentice born Midlothian Scotland
- William GILLIES male age 14 born Midlothian Scotland
- Alexander GILLIES male age 13 born Midlothian Scotland
- Catherine GILLIES female age 11 born Midlothian Scotland
- Ann GILLIES female age 3 born Midlothian Scotland

1841 Census East Ardfuir Kilmartin Argyll Scotland Parish 521

- Alexander GILLIES head age 35 Ag Lab born about 1806 Argyle Scotland
- Ann Gillies wife age 35 born about 1806 Argyle Scotland
- John GILLIES son age 3 born about 1838 Argyle Scotland

1841 Census 5 Buclengh Area Edinburgh St Cuthberts Midlothian Scotland Parish
number 685/2

- William GILLIES age 80 born about 1761 occupation H L Weaver born Midlothian
Scotland
- Marjorie GILLIES age 65 born about 1776 born Midlothian Scotland

1851 Census 5 Ardifur West Kilmartin Lewerary Argyll Scotland parish 521 ED5 page 5
household schedule 14 line 15 roll CSSCT1851_111

- Alexander GILLIES head age 47 Agricultural Labourer born about 1804 Lewerary
Argyle Scotland
- Ann Gillies wife age 50 born about 1801 Kilmartin Argyle Scotland
- John GILLIES son age 12 born about 1839 Kilmartin Argyle Scotland

GILLIES miscellaneous New Zealand information

The Press Christchurch newspaper Thursday 25, 1996 (not related)

*Museum Pieces by Josephine Drysdale - A Glimpse into the life of Thomas GILLIES
Sorting and cataloguing in the museum's archives department can offer a fascinating
window into the lives of people long dead. One such glimpse can be found in the
recently catalogues papers of Thomas Bannatyne Gillies a prominent 19th-century
New Zealand lawyer and politician.*

*Born at Rothsay in Scotland in 1828 the young Thomas was apparently not at first
inclined to follow his father into the law intending to become an engineer. It seems
his father John Gillies subjected him to several days of solitary confinement in order
to charge his mind.*

*This was not the only time differences were to spring up between Thomas and his
father John Gillies also put a stop to Thomas's and his brother John junior's
ambitions to leave for the goldfields of California.*

*This difference of opinion caused John Gillies jun. To emigrate to Australia in 1850.
The collection contains a number of testimonials from this time, which suggest
Thomas's employer's thought more highly of his ambitions than his father did.*

*In 1852 John Gillies senior decided that the family should emigrate to the Free
Church settlement in Dunedin. On July 24 1852 less than two months after Thomas
Gillies marriage to Catherine Douglas nine members of the Gillies family left Scotland
on the Slains Castle fro New Zealand. John Gillies Jun. And his sister later joined
their kin in New Zealand.*

The family settled on land at Takokmairiro and Halfway Bush and in 1856 Thomas Gillies bought a property at Warepa. However he was not long content there and in 1857 he left Warepa took his Bar examination and the following year took over his father's legal partnership with John Hyde Harris.

In 1860 Gillies career took a political turn with his election to the Otago Provincial Government and quickly progressed to national politics with his election as Member of the House of Representatives for Bruce County (1861-1864) in the Domett and Whitaker-Fox ministers.

The collection contains an impressive array of hand-lettered parchment letters of appointment for Gillies from Queen Victoria including appointments to the posts of Attorney General, Post Master General and Secretary for Crown Lands although unfortunately they are poorly preserved and fragile.

The papers from his time as an MHR suggest that this time was not always interesting his notes from a parliamentary session are framed by a variety of doodles including a caricature of a fellow politician.

Catherine Gillies died after childbirth in 1865 and soon afterwards Gillies and his four children moved to Auckland. His second wife whom he married in 1867 was Agnes Sinclair. They had two children.

Thomas Gillies re-entered politics in 1870 as the member for Mangonui and the following year won the seat from Auckland City West. In 1875 he was appointed judge of the Supreme Court of New Zealand and deputy judge of Vice Admiralty Court of New Zealand. This made him the first judge in this country to have been admitted to the Bar by New Zealand examination.

Gillies was also involved with the then Auckland University College being a member of the council from the time of the college's establishment until his death. He also provided for two scientific scholarships. One of these the Sinclair scholarship, was in honour of his second wife (who died in 1884) and her uncle.

In 1887 and 1888 he travelled overseas a trip, which included a return to his birthplace and ranged across Western Europe as far as Venice. His letters home to his children preserved in the collection provide a detailed and interesting account of his journey.

Thomas Gillies died age 61 on July 26 1889 in Auckland still holding judicial office. It is from after his death that one of the most interesting documents of the collection dates. It seems that after he died his family had a valuation made of his house and contents.

What has survived is a complete list of all the furnishings and myriad other bits and pieces to be found in a well-to-do 19th century New Zealand home. For instance had we entered his house we would have found in the hallway several pots and stands a table and chair an icebox and a gong while the wash house contained tubs, casks, a wringer, a mangle, a trap, irons and bellows – making it sound more like a torture house to the modern ear than a laundry. The list of items in the servant's room is telling short, naming only the bare necessities of furniture.

A resolution from the Auckland University College Council in 1889 mourns the passing of Thomas Gillies and praises both his administrative abilities and his generosity in assisting underprivileged students to pursue their studies.

His loss was also mourned by the legal profession. According to the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography, He was considered a sound judge and his judgement's notable for their brevity precision in reasoning and clear analysis were rarely overturned on appeal.

(Reference copy of The Press Christchurch newspaper Thursday 25, 1996)
