

Genealogical Section

GILMAN FAMILY HISTORY

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The first of the family in America was *Edward Gilman* and his wife, *Mary*, who with their children left Gravesend, England, April 26, 1638, in the "Diligent" of Ipswich. They landed in America at Boston, August 10, 1638. Their children were Mary, Edward, Sarah, Lydia, John, Moses, and Jeremiah.

John (the Hon. John) s. of Edward, b. 1624, d. 1709; settled in Hingham, Massachusetts, the Exeter, New Hampshire, records indicate that he was living there in 1650, entered lumber business, elected a Selectman, when New Hampshire was separated from Massachusetts in 1680 he was appointed a Councillor, which office he held three years, elected a member of House of Representatives and in 1693 was Speaker; wife was the dau. of an English merchant; they had sixteen children.

Nicholas (Col. Nicholas), s. of John, b. 1672, d. 1741, m. Sarah Clark (dau. of Nathaniel and Elizabeth Clark of Newbury, Massachusetts), two sons were mentioned: Daniel¹ and Nicholas (Reverend Nicholas).

Nicholas (Reverend Nicholas), s. of Colonel Nicholas, b. 1707, d. 1748, m. 1730, Mary Thing (b. 1713, d. 1789, dau. of Bartholomew² and Sarah Kent Thing), attended Latin School at age of eight at Newbury, Massachusetts, was graduated from Harvard at age of 17 in 1724, began to preach at Kingston, New Hampshire, October 30, 1727, was ordained at Durham, New Hampshire, March 3, 1742.

Joseph, s. of Reverend Nicholas, b. May 5, 1738, in Exeter, New Hampshire, d. May 14, 1806, at Marietta, Ohio, m. (1) Jane Taylor (d. 1760), (2) Rebecca Ives (b. June 23, 1745, d. May 20, 1823, m.

¹ Daniel, s. of Colonel Nicholas, b. 1702, d. 1780, m. (1) Mary Lord, (2) Abigail Sayer; had two sons: Nicholas and John. Nicholas, s. of Daniel, b. 1731, d. 1783, m. Ann Taylor; children included John Taylor, Nicholas, and Nathaniel. John Taylor, s. of Nicholas, b. December 19, 1753, d. September 1, 1828, served in provincial army, delegate from New Hampshire in the convention at Hartford called to take measures for the defense of the country, member of Continental Congress, 1782-1783, state treasurer, 1791, governor, 1794-1805, 1813-1816, member of state legislature, 1810, 1811. Nicholas, s. of Nicholas, b. August 3, 1755, d. May 2, 1814, served as adjutant in Colonel Scammell's regiment during the Revolution, was a member of Washington's military family, took account of prisoners surrendered by Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, member of Philadelphia convention that framed the Constitution of the United States, member of Congress, 1786-1797, presidential elector, 1793 and 1797, United States Senator, 1805-1814.

² Bartholomew was the s. of Jonathan and Mary Gilman Thing, who had six children, one of whom was Tristram, an early and noted minister of Maine.

September 22, 1763; dau. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Hale) Ives of Beverly, Massachusetts); appointed treasurer of Rockingham County, New Hampshire, justice of the peace, 1779, senator, 1785, member of Governor's Council in 1787; in 1788 went with wife and one son to Marietta, Ohio, where he became one of the judges of the Northwest Territory.

Benjamin Ives, s. of Joseph; b. July 29, 1766, in Exeter, New Hampshire, d. October 13, 1833, in Alton, Illinois, while on a visit to a son, m. February, 1790, at Plymouth, Massachusetts, Hannah Robbins (dau. of the Reverend Chandler Robbins³), they had nine children, among whom were Ichabod W., Chandler Robbins,⁴ Winthrop Sargent,⁵ and one daughter who married Samuel Long; came with his parents to Marietta, Ohio, in 1788; in 1824 came to Terre Haute, Indiana, and established a pork-packing business, building the first

³ Chandler Robbins, b. at Branford, Connecticut, August 24, 1738, d. at Plymouth, Massachusetts, June 30, 1799, was graduated from Yale, 1756, taught in Indian Schools at Lebanon, studied theology, was ordained pastor of Congregational Church in Plymouth, Massachusetts, was awarded D. D. degree by Dartmouth College in 1792 and by University of Edinburgh in 1793, published reply to John Cotton's *Essays on Baptism* and other books. His father Philemon was the pastor of the church at Branford, Connecticut, 1732-1781. An uncle of Chandler Robbins, Ammi Ruhamah Robbins, was a graduate of Yale, the pastor of the Congregational Church at Norfolk, Connecticut, who joined General Philip Schuyler's brigade at Albany, New York, as chaplain. Thomas Robbins, s. of Ammi Ruhamah, was also a clergyman, and a founder of the Connecticut Historical Society to which he gave his private library valued at \$10,000, and containing a pine chest that was brought over on the Mayflower, on the lid of which the passengers signed their compact. Chandler Robbins, a grandson of Chandler, was b. at Lynn, Massachusetts, February 14, 1810, d. at Weston, Massachusetts, September 11, 1862, was a graduate of Harvard, 1829, and of the Divinity School in 1833, was pastor of the Second Church in Boston of which Ralph W. Emerson had been in charge, active in building a new church edifice on Royston Street, was chaplain of Massachusetts Senate in 1834 and of the House of Representatives in 1850, was awarded the D. D. degree by Harvard in 1855.

⁴ Chandler Robbins Gilman, s. of Benjamin Ives Gilman, was b. September 6, 1802, at Marietta, Ohio, d. September 26, 1865, in Middletown, Connecticut; moved with his father to Philadelphia, where he received the M.D. degree; later moved to New York where he spent the remainder of his life; was professor of Physiology and Surgery after 1841; with a relative, Charles Fenne Hoffman, he had charge of the *American Monthly*, and wrote several books.

⁵ Winthrop Sargent Gilman, s. of Benjamin Ives Gilman, m. Abia Swift Lippencott; they had thirteen children among whom were two sons, Theodore and Arthur. Theodore was b. January 2, 1841, at Alton, Illinois, m. Elizabeth Drinker Paxton in 1863; was educated at private schools and at Williams College where he received the A.B. degree in 1862, and the A.M. degree in 1864; in Wall Street forty years in municipal, railroad, and industrial business; a deacon and an elder in the Presbyterian church; is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution; has two daughters and two sons. Arthur Gilman was b. June 22, 1837, d. Dec. 27, 1909, m. (1) Amy Cooke Ball, of Lee, Massachusetts, April 12, 1860, and (2) Stella Houghton Scott, July 11, 1876; became an editor and author of note in the fields of history and English literature; was instrumental in the founding of the "Harvard Annex," which became Radcliffe College; published *The Gilman Family*, (1869).

brick building in the town on the northeast corner of First and Mulberry Streets, which he used as an office; he sold the business to Joseph Miller, going to St. Louis, where he entered business with his brother under the name of Gilman Brothers.

Ichabod W., s. of Benjamin Ives, b. 1793, d. 1879, m. (1) Lydia Mattox (d. 1850), (2) Nancy Rhodes Andrews (m. in 1852); enlisted in War of 1812 in Clermont County, Ohio, February 5, 1813, under Captain Daniel Hasbrook; came to Indiana in 1832 and settled first in Shelby County, and later in Greene County; died at Hymera, Sullivan County, Indiana; a son and a daughter are mentioned.

Elijah Mattox, s. of Ichabod, was b. in Clermont County, Ohio, August 25, 1825, m. Helen Louise Reeves (dau. of Eden and Phoebe (Hawkins) Reeves) in April, 1848; came with his father's family to Shelby County, Indiana, in 1832, where he attended school; came to Terre Haute, Indiana, in 1834, where he learned the cooper trade; had six children: Henry (d. in infancy), Helen Louise (b. February 2, 1850, in Terre Haute, Indiana, m. October 10, 1871, James Bartram Reynolds, who was b. December 18, 1846, in Freeport, Pennsylvania, and d. September 29, 1902), Anna, Frank (m. Alice Lee), Harry Bryant (m. Virginia Feltus, served several terms in the city council, and carried on the largest stave and barrel industry in the city until his death), and John A. (d. in infancy).

Mary Ellen, dau. of Ichabod W., was b. in Clermont County, Ohio, January 29, 1829, m. in 1849 James W. Gibson; came with her father's family to Shelby County, Indiana, in 1832; attended schools in this county; had seven children: Josephine (b. September 8, 1850, d. May 31, 1927), Lucetta (b. April 21, 1852, d. April, 1931), Martha (b. March 17, 1854, d. 1922), Frank C. (b. October 30, 1855, d. November, 1928), Charles H. (b. April 15, 1860), Kate (b. December 21, 1862, d. 1884), and Jessie M. (b. December 15, 1870).