

## William GILLIES and Margaret WILSON

### Chart 36-37

(Weblink LS Gillies Wilson about 1790 Scotland)

(Weblink to William's parents LS Gillies Anderson about 1765 Scotland chart 72-73)

(Weblink to Margaret's parents to be created chart 74-75)

#### William GILLIES

B about 1766 Selkirk Fife Scotland

D about 26 October 1805 Edinburgh Scotland

M about 1790 Scotland

#### Margaret WILSON

B about 1772 Edinburgh Scotland

D about 26 October 1806 Edinburgh 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. William GILLIES born Edinburgh Scotland
6. John GILLIES born Edinburgh Scotland

### The family history of William GILLIES and Margaret WILSON

William GILLIES was born about 1766 Selkirk Scotland. His parents were Margaret formerly MURRAY and Samuel GILLIES occupation thatcher.

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm parish records)

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

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm parish records)

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Margaret WILSON was born 1772 Edinburgh Scotland. Her father was John WILSON occupation Market gardener Edinburgh.

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm parish records)

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

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William GILLIES married Margaret WILSON about 1790 in Edinburgh Scotland

**ORDER** (Reference FHC LDS 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

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism)

William GILLIES Mason & Margaret WILSON his Spouse in new grey friar parish a son born the 6<sup>th</sup> current named **Samuel** Bap. In Church.

**ORDER AGAIN to check for year** (Reference source FHC LDS microfilm 1066687 OPR baptisms 1780-1807 Church of Scotland Edinburgh Midlothian page 272)

**Adam** GILLIES born about 18 September 1793 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland  
**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism

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

**SEARCH** (Reference FHC LDS microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR burial records

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

**ORDER** (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 9<sup>th</sup> current named **SAMUEL**

Witnesses George LESTON port and John WHITE mason both in Edinburgh.

*(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 1066687 OPR Church of Scotland baptism 1780-1807)*

William and Margaret had a daughter Isabela GILLIES who was born about 1797 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism

William and Margaret had a son William GILLIES who was born Edinburgh Scotland

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism

William and Margaret had a son John GILLIES who was born Edinburgh Scotland

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism

William GILLIES died 26 October 1805 Edinburgh age 40 or 41 years

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh OPR 1805 burial records

Margaret GILLIES formerly WILSON died 26 October 1806 age 34 years

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh OPR 1806 burial records

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### William & Margaret GILLIES their children and descendants

**1- Samuel GILLIES** born 06 December 1791 Edinburgh Midlothian died between 1793 and 1795 Edinburgh Midlothian 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

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm parish records

William GILLIES Mason & Margaret WILSON his Spouse in new grey friar parish a son born the 6<sup>th</sup> current named Samuel Bap. In Church.

**CHECK AGAIN for year** (Reference source FHC LDS page 272 Film 1066687 OPR baptisms 1780-1807 Church of Scotland Edinburgh Midlothian)

Samuel GILLIES died between 1793 and 1795 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland

**SEARCH** (Reference FHC LDS microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR burial records)

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**2- Adam GILLIES** born 18 September 1793 Edinburgh Midlothian died young Edinburgh Midlothian

**Adam** GILLIES born about 18 September 1793 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland  
**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism)

Adam GILLIES died young Edinburgh Midlothian  
**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR burial record)

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<p><b>3-Samuel GILLIES</b> born 09 May 1795 Edinburgh Midlothian died Edinburgh Scotland married 20 November 1822 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland <b>Elizabeth SOMERVILLE</b> <b>refer chart 18-19</b></p>
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**4- Isabela GILLIES** born about 1797 Edinburgh Midlothian died 14 June 1807 age 10 years Edinburgh Midlothian died young never married

Isabela GILLIES was born about 1797 Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland  
**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism)

Isabela GILLIES died 14 June 1807 age 10 years Edinburgh Midlothian  
**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR burial record)

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**5- William GILLIES** born Edinburgh Midlothian died married

William GILLIES was born Edinburgh Scotland  
**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism)

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR burial records and/or RGO Scotland death registration etc)

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**6- John GILLIES** born Edinburgh Midlothian died married

John GILLIES was born Edinburgh Scotland  
**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR baptism)

**SEARCH** (Reference LDS FHC microfilm Edinburgh Midlothian Scotland OPR burial records and/or RGO Scotland death registration etc)

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## GILLIES miscellaneous information

- 1- **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]
- 1-1- **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]
- 1-1-1- **Samuel GILLIES** born about 1745 died 1700s occupation thatcher married about 1765 Scotland Margaret MURRAY of Selkirk (7 Issue) [refer chart 72-73]
- 1-1-1-1- **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]
- 1-1-1-1-1- Samuel GILLIES born died young
- 1-1-1-1-2- Adam GILLIES born died young
- 1-1-1-1-3- **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]
- 1-1-1-1-4- Isabela GILLIES born about 1797 died 14 June 1807 age 10 years
- 1-1-1-1-5- William GILLIES born died
- 1-1-1-1-6- John GILLIES born died
- 1-1-1-2- GILLIES born Scotland
- 1-1-1-3- GILLIES born Scotland
- 1-1-1-4- GILLIES born Scotland
- 1-1-1-5- GILLIES born Scotland
- 1-1-1-6- GILLIES born Scotland
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- 1-1-7- GILLIES born Scotland
- 1-1-8- GILLIES born Scotland
- 1-1-9- GILLIES born Scotland
- 1-1-10- GILLIES born Scotland
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### 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> May 1795 and married Elizabeth daughter of George SOMMERVILLE Ormiston on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 1822 their first son Robert Halliwall GILLIES was born on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 1824 and baptised on the 20<sup>th</sup> same month and registered in the City of Sission Brooks also their second son William GILLIES was born on the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1825 and baptised on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and died on the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1825 and had five daughters namely Janet, Hellen, Elizabeth Margaret and Isabela. Their oldest son Robert Halliwall GILLIES was married

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#### Appendix

##### John Samuel GILLIES

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, 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

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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 a effort to reach Edinburgh children for Christ. <http://www.carrubbers.org>

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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.

Please note that the above information was kindly sent to me by researcher Male (living) GILLIES from United States of America a descendant of Robert Halliwall GILLIES.

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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

#### **Samuel GILLIES and Janet CLARK**

##### GILLIES

**Mary** daughter to Samuel GILLIES sailor and Janet CLARK his spouse born on the 25 baptised 7<sup>th</sup> November 1777

(Reference: FHC Film 1041062 Parish Church of Greenock 1698-1854 Renfrew Scotland)

## GILLIES

**Janet** daughter to Samuel GILLIS boatman and Janet CLARK his spouse born 11<sup>th</sup> baptised 15<sup>th</sup> September 1782

(Reference: FHC Film 1041062 Parish Church of Greenock 1698-1854 Renfrew Scotland page 150)

## GILLIES

**Mary** daughter to Samuel GILLIES sailor and Janet CLARK his spouse born 11<sup>th</sup> baptised 16<sup>th</sup> January 1785

(Reference: FHC Film 1041062 Parish Church of Greenock 1698-1854 Renfrew Scotland)

Born and baptised 1791

Born 14 June baptised 27 November (1791) **Samuel** parents Samuel GILLIES boatman deceased and Janet CLARK

(Reference FHC LDS microfilm 1041062 Parish Church of Greenock 1698-1854 Renfrew Scotland page 222)

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## Census Records

**1841 Census** 5 Buclenagh Area Edinburgh St Cuthberts Midlothian

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

(Reference National Library of NZ Ancestry 1841 census Scotland Edinburgh St Cuthberts Midlothian Scotland Parish number 685/2)

Not our family?

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## GILLIES miscellaneous New Zealand information

The Press Christchurch newspaper Thursday 25, 1996 (NOT RELATIONSHIP)

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 catalogued papers of Thomas Bannatyne Gillies a prominent 19<sup>th</sup>-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 change 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 for 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 for 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 notable for there brevity precision in reasoning and clear analysis were rarely overturned on appeal.

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