

Ethel GILL 1884 - 1943

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William GILL b c1685

The earliest ancestor I can be reasonably confident about is William GILL, born about 1685. We know about William only because he is mentioned on his son's baptism record. William married Charity BENNET in 1706 in Schute, Devon, about 5km south west of Axminster, near the coast. They must have moved to Bishops Nympton soon after marrying, for all their six children are born here. The youngest is Thomas, born in 1723.

William was married in Schute, Devon, marked '1' on this map.



Thomas GILL b1723

Thomas GILL was born in 1723 in Bishop's Nympton in Devon. Thomas married Mary BARNS in 1742 in Exton, Somerset, where their children, including their youngest child, John GILL, were born. Exton is well north of Thomas's birthplace, but we do not know what caused him to move this far.

John GILL b1757

John GILL was born in 1757, in Exton, Somerset. He married Joan HAWKES in 1779, in Exton, not all that far from Dunster, the GILL homelands. I found three children, and the middle one, William GILL was born in 1781, in Selworthy, to the west of Minehead and Dunster.

Exton, where John was born, is at the pointer '1', on the map of part of Somerset.



William GILL b1781

William GILL was born in 1781 in Selworthy, Somerset, and near Minehead. He married Mary WATTS in Dunster in 1805, and settled in Alcombe, near Dunster. They were probably in Staunton Cottage where GILL family members would remain for more than a century. William and Mary had eight children, the fifth being James GILL, born in 1811. An earlier James had died at thirteen days old, so there were hard times with which to cope.

James GILL b1811

James GILL was born in 1811 in (or near) Dunster, Somerset. He married Mary CRAZE in 1835, in the parish church in Dunster, in the shadow of the great castle. They had nine children, the seventh being Emily GILL, soon to marry Isaac SQUIRE. However, we are following the GILL family, and the fifth child William GILL, was born in 1845. Emily GILL is a younger sister to William.

William GILL b1845

This William was born in Dunster, or more likely in the family home Staunton Cottage in Alcombe. He was baptised in Dunster though. He married Sophia COX in Bedminster, now a suburb of Bristol. This was probably Sophia's parish, and William moved there to be with Sophia and to bring their family into the world. They had eleven children, the ninth being Ethel GILL, born in 1884. Ethel's aunty Emily SQUIRE's (nee GILL) third child John SQUIRE would have known these cousins from an early age, and his apprenticeship may have been facilitated by William in Bristol. John and Ethel had plenty of time to get to know each other.

Ethel GILL b1884

After John SQUIRE completed his Coachbuilding apprenticeship in Bristol, he embarked on a voyage to Adelaide, Australia, and a new beginning in 1911. Ethel follows in 1914. They married on the day Ethel arrived in Port Adelaide, and they set up home together in Port Wakefield. Ethel and John were active in the local Methodist Church, according to news items found in Trove. In the late 1930's, Ethel and John moved to Adelaide, and settled in Torrensville. Ethel died in 1943.

Their story is further explored, and continues in the SQUIRE narrative, written previously.

Ethel's web page: <https://jansquire.com/tng/getperson.php?personID=122&tree=squire>

SQUIRE narrative: <https://jansquire.com/tng/showmedia.php?mediaID=75&medialinkID=76>

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Ethel GILL

♀ 1884 - 1943 (58 years)

Generation: 1

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1. Ethel GILL was born on 31 Oct 1884 in Bedminster, Somerset, England (daughter of William GILL and Sophia COX); died on 6 Apr 1943 in Stephens Avenue, Torrensville, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 9 Apr 1943 in Centennial Park Cemetery, South Australia, Australia.

Other Events:

- o Census: 1891, Bedminster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1901, Windmill Hill, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England
- o Census: 1911, Cannon Street, Bedminster, Gloucestershire, England
- o Emigration: 25 Sep 1914, London Docks
- o Immigration: 31 Oct 1914, Port Adelaide harbour, South Australia, Australia

Notes:

Name:

From The Advertiser (1943) - On April 6, at private hospital, Ethel, dearly beloved wife of John Squire, of 37 Stephens Ave., Torrensville, and loved mother of Ken. Aged 58 years.

From The Advertiser (1943) - SQUIRE - The friends of Mr John Squire are respectfully informed that the funeral of his late wife (Ethel) will leave his residence, 37 Stephens Avenue, Torrensville, on Wednesday at 2:30pm, for the Centennial Park Cemetery, Springbank.


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Ethel married John SQUIRE on 31 Oct 1914 in Methodist Church, Port Adelaide, South Australia, Australia. John (son of Isaac SQUIRE and Emily GILL) was born on 7 Sep 1881 in Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England ; died on 16 Jul 1952 in Stephens Avenue, Torrensville, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 19 Jul 1952 in Centennial Park Cemetery, South Australia, Australia. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

Children:

- i. Kenneth John SQUIRE was born on 15 May 1917 in Hamley Bridge, South Australia, Australia; was christened on 1 Jul 1917 in Port Wakefield, South Australia, Australia; died on 9 Apr 1984 in Glengowrie, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 12 Apr 1984 in Centennial Park Cemetery, South Australia, Australia.

Generation: 2

2.  William GILL was born on 16 Nov 1845 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 14 Dec 1845 in Dunster, Somerset, England (son of James GILL and Mary CRAZE); died on 31 Oct 1914 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.

Other Events:

- o Census: 1861, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1871, Still House Lane, Shipley Cottage, Bedminster, Somerset
- o Census: 1881, 2 Wakefields Terrace, Bedminster, Somerset
- o Census: 1891, Bedminster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1901, Windmill Hill, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England
- o Census: 1911, Cannon Street, Bedminster, Gloucestershire, England

William married Sophia COX on 11 Apr 1865 in Bedminster, Somerset, England. Sophia (daughter of James COX) was born in 1845. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

3. Sophia COX was born in 1845 (daughter of James COX).

Other Events:

- o Census: 1891, Bedminster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1901, Windmill Hill, Bristol, Gloucestershire, England

Children:

- i. William GILL was born in 1866 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.
- ii. George GILL was born in 1867 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.
- iii. Emily Ann GILL was born in 1869 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.
- iv. Charles GILL was born in 1872 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.
- v. Caroline GILL was born in 1874 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.
- vi. Elizabeth GILL was born in 1878 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.
- vii. Alice GILL was born in 1880 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.

- viii. Alfred J GILL was born in 1883 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.
- ix. 1. Ethel GILL was born on 31 Oct 1884 in Bedminster, Somerset, England; died on 6 Apr 1943 in Stephens Avenue, Torrensville, South Australia, Australia; was buried on 9 Apr 1943 in Centennial Park Cemetery, South Australia, Australia.
- x. Arthur GILL was born in 1887 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.
- xi. Edwin L GILL was born in 1889 in Bedminster, Somerset, England.

Generation: 3

- 4. James GILL was born on 5 Dec 1811 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Dec 1812 in Dunster, Somerset, England (son of William GILL and Mary WATTS); died in 1897 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Other Events:

- o Census: 1841, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1861, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1871, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1881, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1891, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England

Notes:

Census:

Query - first children birth dates not consistent with 1841 Census.

James married Mary CRAZE on 11 Jul 1835 in Dunster, Somerset, England. Mary (daughter of Robert CRAZE and Jane HAWKINS) was born on 10 Apr 1814 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 30 Aug 1886 in Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England . [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

- 5. Mary CRAZE was born on 10 Apr 1814 in Dunster, Somerset, England (daughter of Robert CRAZE and Jane HAWKINS); died on 30 Aug 1886 in Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England .

Other Events:

- o Census: 1841, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1861, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1871, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England
- o Census: 1881, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England

Children:

- i. Eliza GILL was born in 1836 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 13 Mar 1836 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ii. Charlotte GILL was born on 23 Jun 1838 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 22 Jul 1838 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iii. Ann GILL was born in 1840 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 3 Jan 1841 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 10 Mar 1849 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was buried on 11 Mar 1849 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iv. Elizabeth GILL was born on 2 Jan 1843 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 5 Feb 1843 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- v. 2. William GILL was born on 16 Nov 1845 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 14 Dec 1845 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 31 Oct 1914 in Bristol, Gloucestershire, England.
- vi. Mary Jane GILL was born in 1848 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 19 Nov 1848 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vii. Emily GILL was born on 15 Apr 1851; was christened on 25 May 1851 in Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England ; died on 15 Feb 1939 in Lynmouth, Devon, England.
- viii. John GILL was born on 04 Jan 1854 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 11 Jan 1854 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ix. Ann GILL was born on 08 Dec 1855 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 13 Jan 1856 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

- 6. James COX

Children:

- i. 3. Sophia COX was born in 1845.

Generation: 4

- 8. William GILL was born on 20 Oct 1781 in Selworthy, Somerset, England; was christened on 28 Oct 1781 in Selworthy, Somerset, England (son of John GILL and Joan HAWKES); died on 23 Apr 1842 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was

buried on 24 Apr 1842 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

William married Mary WATTS on 14 Apr 1805 in Dunster, Somerset, England. Mary (daughter of Thomas WATTS and Margaret SKINNER) was born in 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 23 May 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

9. Mary WATTS was born in 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 23 May 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England (daughter of Thomas WATTS and Margaret SKINNER).

Children:

- i. Eliza GILL was born in 1806 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 18 Mar 1806 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ii. Charlotte GILL was born in 1808 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 31 Jan 1808 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iii. James GILL was born on 10 Feb 1810 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 10 Feb 1810 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 23 Feb 1810 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was buried on 24 Feb 1810 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iv. Samuel GILL was born on 10 Feb 1810 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 17 Feb 1810 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- v. 4. James GILL was born on 5 Dec 1811 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Dec 1812 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died in 1897 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vi. William GILL was born on 5 Dec 1811 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Dec 1812 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vii. Ann GILL was born in 1815 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 16 Apr 1815 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- viii. John GILL was born in 1817 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was christened on 13 Jul 1817 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

10. Robert CRAZE was born in 1777 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Mar 1777 in Dunster, Somerset, England (son of John CRAZE and Joan ?).

Other Events:

- o Census: 1861, Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England

Robert married Jane HAWKINS on 18 Apr 1808 in Dunster, Somerset, England. Jane was born in 1789 in Dunster, Somerset, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

11. Jane HAWKINS was born in 1789 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Children:

- i. Elizabeth CRAZE was born on 16 Jun 1809 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 2 Jul 1809 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- ii. Fanny CRAZE was born on 5 Apr 1811 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 6 May 1811 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- iii. 5. Mary CRAZE was born on 10 Apr 1814 in Dunster, Somerset, England; died on 30 Aug 1886 in Alcombe, Dunster, Somerset, England .
- iv. William CRAZE was born in 1817 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 23 Feb 1817 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- v. Ann CRAZE was born in 1819 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 1 Jan 1820 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vi. John CRAZE was born in 1822 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 9 Jun 1822 in Dunster, Somerset, England.
- vii. James CRAZE was born in 1824 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 17 Oct 1824 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Generation: 5

16. John GILL was born in 1757 in Exton, Somerset, England; was christened on 2 Mar 1757 in Exton, Somerset, England (son of Thomas GILL and Mary BARNS).

John married Joan HAWKES on 17 Jan 1779 in Exton, Somerset, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

17. Joan HAWKES

Children:

- i. Thomas GILL was born in 1779 in Exton, Somerset, England; was christened on 7 Nov 1779 in Exton, Somerset, England.
- ii. 8. William GILL was born on 20 Oct 1781 in Selworthy, Somerset, England; was christened on 28 Oct 1781 in Selworthy, Somerset, England; died on 23 Apr 1842 in Alcombe, Somerset, England; was buried on 24 Apr 1842 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

- iii. John GILL was born in 1784 in Minehead, Somerset, England; was christened on 23 May 1784 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was buried on 20 May 1849 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

18. Thomas WATTS

Thomas married Margaret SKINNER on 14 Dec 1758 in Dunster, Somerset, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

19. Margaret SKINNER

Children:

- i. 9. Mary WATTS was born in 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 23 May 1773 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

20. John CRAZE

John married Joan ?. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

21. Joan ?

Children:

- i. 10. Robert CRAZE was born in 1777 in Dunster, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Mar 1777 in Dunster, Somerset, England.

Generation: 6

- 32. Thomas GILL was born in 1723 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England; was christened on 22 May 1723 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England (son of William GILL and Charity BENNET).

Thomas married Mary BARNS on 26 Dec 1742 in Exton, Somerset, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

33. Mary BARNS

Children:

- i. William GILL was born in 1743 in Exton, Somerset, England; was christened on 13 Nov 1743 in Exton, Somerset, England.
- ii. Charity GILL was born in 1747 in Exton, Somerset, England; was christened on 5 Sep 1747 in Exton, Somerset, England.
- iii. Richard GILL was born in 1750 in Exton, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 May 1750 in Exton, Somerset, England.
- iv. John GILL was born in 1752 in Exton, Somerset, England; was christened on 29 Feb 1752 in Exton, Somerset, England.
- v. 16. John GILL was born in 1757 in Exton, Somerset, England; was christened on 2 Mar 1757 in Exton, Somerset, England.

Generation: 7

64. William GILL

William married Charity BENNET on 25 Mar 1706 in Schute, Devon, England. [Group Sheet] [Family Chart]

65. Charity BENNET

Children:

- i. Robert GILL was born in 1713 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England; was christened on 21 Apr 1713 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England.
- ii. William GILL was born in 1714 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England; was christened on 1 Mar 1714 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England.
- iii. Richard GILL was born in 1717 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England; was christened on 30 Apr 1717 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England.
- iv. Richard GILL was born in 1718 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England; was christened on 15 Jul 1718 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England.
- v. Charity GILL was born in 1720 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England; was christened on 24 Nov 1720 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England.
- vi. 32. Thomas GILL was born in 1723 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England; was christened on 22 May 1723 in Bishop's Nympton, Devon, England.

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