

Exploring Early Gillespie's – One More Time

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ULSTER NY GILLESPIE'S

This group is interesting because a) they occupied Orange County, NY where the Michigan pioneers were supposed to have originated from (on the land patent of Elizabeth Gillespie), b) the Rainey and Crawford surnames can be associated with Greer's, c) the Covenanters can be associated with the Greer's, and of course d) association with County Armagh

[1] Samuel Gillespie SR (?) arrived with Robert Hunter, came from County Armagh in 1727, settled in Montgomery, Orange, NY. Robert Hunter married Samuel's sister, Elizabeth Gillespie

[2] Samuel Gillespie (1742 - 1815 Montgomery, Orange, NY) burial Pine Bush Cemetery, Lt. in Rev. War

+ Esther Rainey (she is the daughter of James Rainey, the original covenanter in Orange Co)

children include: William (+Martha), Anne, Mary, Stephen, Susanna, Samuel, Nathaniel, Joseph, David, Matthew and Esther - AND

[3] Abram Gillespie (1788-1864 Crawford, Orange, NY)

+ Mary Crawford

children include: Sally, Mary Jane, Stansbury, Samuel, Esther, and Jonathan, AND

[4] Renwick Gillespie (1825-1904 Montgomery, Orange, NY)

+ Caroline Augusta Smith

[Renwick is of interest to me because Mary Ann Gillespie Sloat named her first son James Renwick Sloat. Mary Ann was supposedly born in 1816, so Renwick Gillespie was not her father, but he must have been somebody of importance in her life (I don't find other Renwick's anywhere else in the family).]

From The History of Orange County, NY, Town of Montgomery: the following is a list of names which appear on the town record, including Crawford, from 1768 to 1778. Some of them were in the present town of Walkill, which till 1772, was a part of Montgomery:

Thomas Baty, James Crawford, Jacob Crist, Jacob Crawford, Jacob Millspach, James Gillespie, John Gillespie, William Crist, James Rainey, Samuel Rainey, James Houston, Cornelius Slott, Philip Millspach, Robert Hunter, David Smith.

Deacons in local Presbyterian churches included: James McKinney, James Beatty, and Abraham Gillespie.

In 1825 Census:

In Montgomery, Orange, NY, the following names:

Joseph Greer, James and John Beaty (probably surname of Joseph's wife), Sarah Brelsford (this surname shows up in MI as the mother's maiden name on some death certificate?), William Snyder, James McKinney, Thomas Gorden

In Walkill, Orange, NY:

Joseph Gillespy, Robert Gillespie, James Greer, Timothy McKinney, John McWilliams.

In 1830 Census:

Grier in Walkill and Montgomery;

Sarah Gillespie, Crawford

(she was alive same place in 1840, age 89, on the census of pensioners)

Abraham Gillespie, Hamptonburgh

James Gillespie, Newburgh (1 male 40-49) and two females (5-9 and 15-19)

Jason and William Gillespie in Crawford

Joseph Gillespie, Walkill

Stephen Gillespie, Montgomery

VA/TN GILLESPIE'S

This group is of interest primarily because a) the names seem more closely aligned with the group in Michigan, b) the name Isabella is of particular interest

[1] James Gillespie (- 1769 August Co. VA)

+ Jennet

[2.1] Agnes

[2.2] John, died 1796 Blount Co, TN

[2.3] Margaret

[2.4] Elizabeth

[2.5] James

+ Elisabeth Finley

[2.6] William Gillespie Sr. (1734-1826 Blount Co, TN)

+ Isabella Houston Henderson

[3.1] Capt. James Gillespie (1771-1848 Pine Bluff, AR)

+ Margaret "Patsy" Houston + Nancy Gallagher + Patsy W. Wallace

[3.2] John

[3.3] Robert

[3.4] William (not sure they had a son William)

[3.5] Nancy Agnes

+ Samuel Houston

Esther "Hettie" F. Houston

+ Andrew Cowan

[3.6] Ann

[3.7] Polly Mary

[3.8] Elizabeth

The best resource for the family of JAMES GILLESPIE and wife JENNET can be found in "Brief History of the Family of William Gillespie, Sr. (1734-1826) son of James and Jennet" by Dorothy Day Gillespie written in 1988. "All information in this paper has been revised and corrected through 1987; based on the lengthy family history called "Genealogy – Commentary of William Gillespie, Sr. (1734-1826) and Some of His Descendants, 1740-1980" compiled by Dorothy Day Gillespie, in the process of writing since 1986, completion date unknown. Note: Dorothy Day Gillespie is the great-great-granddaughter of William Gillespie, Sr. and Isabella Houston Henderson."

"James Gilaspy came into Court and made oath that he imported himself, Jennet, Agnes, John, James & Wm Gilasby and Edward Hall from Ireland to Philadelphia & from thence into this Colony at his own Charge & that this is ye first time of his proving his & their rights in order to obtain Land wch is ordered to be certified." July 29, 1740 in Orange Co. VA for the Beverley Patent also called Beverley Manor of Augusta Co. VA. His son JAMES GILLESPIE b.@1730 in Ulster m. ELLEN (ELIZABETH) FINLEY in Prince Edward Co. VA on Jan. 5, 1764. His son WILLIAM GILLESPIE, SR. b. 1734 Ulster m. ISABELLA HOUSTON HENDERSON @ 1766-68 Augusta Co. VA., WM.SR. d. 1826 Blount Co. TN. Son JOHN m. ELIZABETH d. Mar. 16, 1796 Blount Co. TN. Daus. MARGARET and ELIZABETH are listed in baptismal records of Rev. John Craig of Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church in Beverley Patent.

Sloat

Cornelius Sloat (son of Johanne Sloat & C. Ackerman) [1742-1816] + Eleanor McKinney (dau of Arthur McKinney & Elizabeth Decker) [1746-1820]

Cornelius Sloat [1782-1851] Pine Bush + Charity Cummings [1785-1854]

Johanne C. Sloat + Martha Corkey

James Sloat + Phebe Upright of Montgomery, Orange, NY

Henry P. Sloat + Mary Ann Gillespie