

Giles Register Report

Edward Giles was a one of the first wave of the Great Emigrants. Name variations include: Geils, Gile, Giles, Gilles, Guild, Gyels, Gyells, Gyle and Gyles.

First Generation

1. Edward¹ GILES was born circa 1610, probably in Meare, Somerset, England (3 miles NW of Glastonbury)^[3]. The date of his birth is based on the estimated date of his marriage to Bridget [surname not known]. Edward is also known as Edmond or Edmund and died in Salem, Essex co., MA after 17 December 1649; when he was 39^[22]. This is the last date in which his name appears in the Salem town records. More specifically, he died sometime between 17 December 1649^[22] and 10 December 1656 when "Widd. Giles" appeared in a probate inventory^[23].

According to Torrey, he had a first wife^[1]. We currently know nothing about her. However, on 6 October 1635, "Edward Gyles was fined 40s. for knowing his wife [Bridget] carnally before marriage"^[13]. Thus, it is possible that his first wife was dead by then.

Edward is possibly the "Gyles, Edmund" referred to in the Mary & John Master Index (volume 14:28, citing Banks) as being from possibly Meare, Somerset, England^[27]. Banks' states Edward's origin as "Meere, Somersetshire" citing only the curious source of "Banks Mss."^[2], which needs further investigation and proof. Anderson says that he migrated in 1633^[3]. However, Anderson also says the following: "In 1631 a 'Goodman Gyles' owed money to the estate of MARY RING of Plymouth, and the widow Ring had purchased of 'Edm[ond] Gyles' a ruff [MD 1:30,33,34, citing PCPR 1:4,6]. Given the movement of several Plymouth men to Salem in the early 1630s, this Edmond Gyles may be the same as the Edmond or Edward Giles who is in Salem by 1634."^[2] Giles is not listed by Savage, but is included on page 129 of the Patriots' Index as being of Salem, Essex co., MA in 1634^[28].

Regardless, on 14 May 1634 he was made freeman in Salem, Essex co., MA as "Edw: Gyles"^[34]. Thus we also know that he joined the Salem church before that date^[3]. His wife, Bridget, was admitted to the Salem church on 26 November 1648^[8]. Once in Salem, he thrived. Edward was granted sixty acres in the 1636 Salem land division, in the "freeman's" section^[29]. On 25 December 1637, he was also granted one acre of marsh, with a household of six^[3,30]. This household of six is believed to be Edward, Bridget, their daughter Mehitable and her children Thomas, Samuel and Mary.

On 27 January 1638/9 the town of Salem settled a dispute between "Edmond Giles" and Edward Harnett "about eight acres of Land which the said Edmond Giles sold him"^[31]. On 19 August 1639 the town of Salem granted to "Edmond Giles eight pole of ground lying in the common over against his ten acre lot...to build him a house there"^[32]. On 30 March 1640 "Edmond Giles" was fined 20s. "for taking in of the town's commons"^[3,33]. Edward Giles was also a witness when George Keyser of Lynn was presented for insufficient tanning of his leather^[24].

At the September 1649 session of court George Ingersoll deposed that he thought Hilliard Verin read that "Goodman Giles" was to make the fence between Richard Ingersoll and "Goodman Giles" at the end of the half acre and the general fence on the two acres, to which Giles replied that he was only to make and maintain his own proportion in the general fence^[25,26].

On 6 October 1635 when Edmond was 25, he second married **Bridget [surname not known]**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21]. Bridget was born in 1600^[1] and died in 1680; she was 80^[1]. She was also listed as a widow in Torrey's marriage record.

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Bridget first married **[not known] VERY**.

They had the following children:

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| 6 | i. | Samuell |
| 7 | ii. | Thomas |
| 8 | iii. | Mary |

On 10 November 1671 Bridget Giles of Salem, widow, gave to "my son Eliezue Giles" of Salem, husbandman, "twenty acres of upland and meadow formerly belonging to my husband Edward Giles of Salem deceased"^[3,7].

Bridget's will was written on 14 January 1668/9 and proved on 30 November 1680^[2]. In it "Bregett Giles of Salem, widow," bequeathed to son Samuell Very 20s.; to son Thomas Very 20s.; to Mary Cutler of Reading the wife of Thomas Cutler 40s.; to "Briegett Very the daughter of my son Thomas Very" a cow at eighteen or at marriage; to "my son Eliazer Gilles" one ten acre lot "which sometime belonged to Goodman Addams of Nuberie of whom my husband bought it" and some meadow adjoining; and to "my son John Geiles" the residue^[3,4].

The full text of her will reads as follows:

"Estate of Mrs. Bridget Giles of Salem.

The Last Will and testament of Bregett Giles of Salem, Widow I Being weake of Bodie but will in My understandinge Doe Dispose of that Estate the Lord hath Left me in Mane and forme as ffolloweth Imprimis I giue to my Son Samuell Very twentie Shillings. If I giue to My Son Thomas Very twentie Shillings It I giue unto Mary Cutler of Redinge the Wife of Thomas Cutler fortie Shillings. It I Giue unto Briegett Very the Daughtr of My Son Thomas Very a Cowe to be Due to her when she shall be Eighteene yeares of age or at the tyme of her Mariage. It I Giue unto my Son Eliazer Gilles one ten aker Lott which sometime Belonge to Goodman Addams of Nuberie of whom My Husband bought it & I Giue unto him all My Meadow on both sides the Brooke to begin at the stump that doth part his Uplande and Mine & from that stump to Run over the Brooke to the Bound tree of the ten aker Lott aboue Menshoned Al my Meadoe be lowe that line I Giue to him provided & my will is that he pay unto Mary Vutler that fortie shillings I have giuen her in this My Will and for the Remainder of My estate howsing land Meadow ground Cattle househoudestuff & what euer elce Doth any way belonge or Apertaine unto me I Doe giue & bequeathe unto My son John Geiles home I ordaine & apotny My sole executor of this my Last Will and testament and in Witnes thereof I haue here Unto set my hande and seale this fourteenth of the 11th Month of 1668.

Witness: John Browne, James Browne.

Proved in Salem Court 30d:9m:1680 by Mr. Henry Bartholmew."^[5,6]

Edward & Bridget had the following children:

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| 2 | i. | Mehitabell (1637-) |
| 3 | ii. | Remember (1638-) |
| 4 | iii. | Eleazer (1640-) |
| 5 | iv. | John (1645-?1730) |

Generation: G8 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 1904/1905

Second Generation

Family of Edward GILES & Bridget [surname not known]

2. Mehitabell GILES (*Edward*¹) was born in 1637 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 2d:2m(April):1637^[2,35,36] as "Mehetabell, d. Edm[und]. On 9d:1m:1658/9 when Mehitabell was 21, she married **John COLLENS** in Salem, Essex co., MA^[2,37].

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3. Remember GILES (*Edward*¹) was born in 1638/9 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA in 31(?)d:11m(January):1638/9^[2,38,39]. On 1d:2m(April):1659 when Remember was 21, she married **Henry MOSES** in Salem, Essex co., MA^[2,40].

4. Eleazer GILES (*Edward*¹) was born in 1640 in Salem, Essex co., MA and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA in 27d:9m(November):1640^[2,41,42] as "Giles, Eleazer, s. Edmo[nd]". On 25 January 1664/5 when Eleazer was 24, he first married **Sarah MORE** in Salem, Essex co., MA^[2,37,43]. This marriage is also in the Lynn, Essex co., MA vital records under "Giles, Eleazer, and Sara More, 25d:11m:1664". On 25 September 1677 when Eleazer was 37, he second married **Elizabeth BISHOP** in Salem, Essex co., MA^[2,37].

5. John² GILES (*Edward*¹) was born on 15 April 1645 in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,39,44] and baptized in Salem, Essex co., MA on 11 May 1645^[2,45]. John's birth record reads: "Giles, John, s. Edward [Edmond in CR1] and Bridgett." According to Torrey, John died possibly in 1730; he would have been 84^[1].

John was one of the men who participated in the "physical examination" of John Proctor and John Willard during the Salem Witch Hysteria. The "examination" turned up no devil's marks.

Before 1671 when John was 25, he first married **Elizabeth TIDD** daughter of **Samuel TIDD & [not known]**, in Salem, Essex co., MA^[1,20,48,49,50,51]. Elizabeth was born in May of 1642^[1]. On 5 May 1679 when John was 34, he second married **Elizabeth GALLEY** in Beverly, Essex co., MA by Major Dennison^[1,2,52,53,20,46,54]. Elizabeth was the widow of Osmand TRASK. John & Elizabeth's Salem Marriage record reads: "Gyells, John, widr. and Elisabeth Trask, wid., of Beverly, at Salem.."^[46] Torrey has him under "Gyells"^[1]. Their Marriage record in Beverly reads "Gyels, John, widr., of Salem, and Elis[abeth] Trask, wid., May 5, 1679"^[47].

They had the following children:

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| 9 | i. | Eleazor (1680-1740) |
| 10 | ii. | Bridgett (1683-1688) |

Generation: G7 Grandparents
Person Numbers: 952/953

Family of [not known] VERY & Bridget [surname not known]

6. Samuell VERY. Nothing more is known of him.

7. Thomas VERY. On 6d:5m:1650 Thomas married **Hannah GILES** in Gloucester, Essex co., MA^[46] as "Gyles, Hanna, and Thomas Verry, s. of goodwife Gyles, at Gloucester".

They had one child:

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| 11 | i. | Bridget |
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8. Mary VERY married **Thomas CUTLER** of Reading, Middlesex co., MA.

Third Generation

Family of John GILES (5) & Elizabeth GALLEY

9. Eleazor³ GILES (*John*², *Edward*¹) was born on 19 March 1680 in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[55] as "Gyles, Eliazur, s. John and Elizabeth, Mar. 19 [abt. 1685?]", Eleazor's birth record reads: "Eliazar Gyles, son of John & Elizabeth Gyles, born on the 19th Day of March, anno Domine 1688". Eleazor died in Beverly, Essex co., MA in April or May 1740 as "Eleazer Giles"; he was 60^[56].

On 24 April 1702 when Eleazor was 22, he married **Lidia GROVER**^[57] daughter of **Nehemiah GROVER & Ruth**

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HASKELL, in Beverly, Essex co., MA by the Reverend Thomas Blover/Blower^[58]. Eleazor and Lydia's marriage record reads: "Eleazer Giles and Lydia Grover ware joyned together in Marriage by ye Reverend Thomas Blower of Beverly on ye 24th of April in ye year of Our Lord 1702".

They had the following children:

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| 12 | i. | Eliazer (1704-) |
| 13 | ii. | Lidia (1707-) |
| 14 | iii. | John (1711-) |
| 15 | iv. | Ebenezer (1714-) |
| 16 | v. | Samuel (1716-) |
| 17 | vi. | James (1723-) |
| 18 | vii. | Edmond (1725-) |

Generation: G6 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 476/477

10. Bridgett GILES (*John², Edward¹*) was born on 1 January 1683 in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[55] as "Gyles, Bridgett". Bridgett died in Beverly, Essex co., MA on 10 February 1688/9; she was 5^[59].

Fourth Generation

Family of Eleazor GILES (9) & Lidia GROVER

12. Eliazer GILES (*Eleazor³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 18 October 1704 in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[60]. On 25 October 1730 when Eliazer was 26, he married **Rebecca CHAPMAN** in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[58].

13. Lidia GILES (*Eleazor³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 11 May 1707 in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[61]. On 15 June 1728 when Lidia was 21, she married **Benjamin VERRY Jr.** in Salem, Essex co., MA^[37] as "Giles, Lydia, of Beverly".

14. John GILES (*Eleazor³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 24 April 1711 in Beverly, Essex co., MA. On 25 September 1730 when John was 19, he married **Martha PITMAN** in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[58].

15. Ebenezer⁴ GILES (*Eleazor³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 10 May 1714 in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[60]. Ebenezer's death record is probably: "Ebenezer 'young' 9d: 11m: 1741/2", due to the fact that they had only one child and Eve's remarriage in 1748. He was "of Beverly" on his marriage record^[62], but apparently moved to his wife's hometown of Lynn, Essex co., MA after their marriage.

On 7 August 1739 when Ebenezer was 25, he married **Eve HAWKES** daughter of **John HAWKES Jr. & Mary/Margery WHITFORD**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[62]. An Intention was also filed. Their marriage record reads: "Giles, Ebenezer and Eve Hawkes of Lynn, at Lynn".

They had one child:

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| 19 | i. | Mary (1740-) |
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Generation: G5 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 238/239

16. Samuel GILES (*Eleazor³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 12 February 1716/7 in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[61]. On 23 November 1747 when Samuel was 31, he married **Eunes HERRICK** in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[65].

17. James GILES (*Eleazor³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 8 April 1723 in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[60]. On 16 November 1749 when James was 26, he married **Hannah THOMPSON** of Ipswich in Ipswich, Essex co., MA^[58].

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18. Edmond GILES (*Eleazor³, John², Edward¹*) was born on 22 August 1725 in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[60]. On 9 July 1744 when Edmond was 18, he married **Esther ELLINWOOD** in Beverly, Essex co., MA^[58].

Fifth Generation

Family of Ebenezer GILES (15) & Eve HAWKES

19. Mary⁵ GILES (*Eleazor³, John², Edward¹*) was born in 1740 in Beverly, Essex co., MA and was baptized in Beverly, Essex co., MA in 25d:5m:1740^[66]. On 28 November 1759 when Mary was 19, she married **Ezekiel CHEEVER** son of **William CHEEVER & Sarah WAITE**, in Lynn, Essex co., MA^[67].

They had the following children (*surnamed CHEEVER*):

- i. Mary (1760-)
- ii. **Sarah (1762-1849)**
- iii. Rebecca (1763-)
- iv. Ebenezer Giles (1765-)
- v. Lydia (1767-)

Generation: G4 Grandparents

Person Numbers: 118/119

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