

THE STORY AND RECORDS OF THE GILES FAMILY OF WHOM I, DOROTHY GILES, AM THE LAST GILES HOLDING THIS NAME.

1. Extracts from a letter to Dorothy M. Giles from Nan Jury whose Grandmother was the last Giles of our Family left in St. Austell, Cornwall. She married W. Marriot.

Nan writes of going down to the Truro Records office to find out where the Giles originally came from and reports that

"...we've traced them back to 1618 in St. Austell. We think they came to St. Austell from Fowey. We've traced them back to 1582 in Fowey which keeps records starting from 1544, so we don't know where they came from before 1582. Going back a bit, we found that the spelling of 'Giles' changed a lot. In 1730 we found a death John son of John Giles and in 1731 there was the death of a Tamsin Giles, also in 1737 there was the death of Robert Gilos. This spelling wasn't just bad writing - it was definitely GILOS.

The name varies in different ways until we get back to Fowey, and the first appearance is in a baptism of Gilia daughter of Morrice Guilo in 1582. That I think is Spanish, which is quite possible as at that time Fowey had a corn and wine trade with Spain as well as all the pirate ships of Spanish, Moroccan, Algerian and Turkish nationality going up and down Cornwall.

Some of the more unusual Christian names are for males - Digory (Digorius), Mathaol, Egidius, Theophillus, Gulos, Tristram, Tennison and Gillesh. The Christian names that occur most for men are Digorius, Walter, Nicholas, John, Richard and Gilos.

The more unusual names for women are Jana, Pentecost, Ursula, Jono, Judah, Elmour, Emyr, and, I think the most unusual is Isne. The ones that occur most are Johan, Elizabeth, Constance, Mary and Jana. Women's surnames who have married include Lakes, Mayo, Williams, Coombe. Others have been Maye, Marrat, Penhall, Polking-horne, Couch, Eollons (possibly once spelt Collony). There is even a record of a Giles marrying a Jane Godolphon of Tywardreath. We're hoping that she may have been a relative of Lord Godolphon as there is really only one Godolphon family.

We found a book about St. Austell which features some of the names found in the records. John son of Richard was tried for attending a Quaker funeral in 1681. In 1671 William Giles, a farmer held the lease for the Market in St. Austell. In 1735, Mr. Nicholas Giles was making brass work for the market house for weighing goods. In 1724, Mrs. Joan Giles promised 10/- for 'the making of church bells costing £27.' In 1700 William Giles was a sexton, also referred to as William 'the Bedman'. Before 1618 Digory Gilis had a shop. In 1660 Gregory Giles of Fowey signed a document with a number of other men to put the act of births, deaths and marriage registration in the hands of a proper Registrar, and not the vicar. These two both left wills dated 1618 and 1682. In 1686 a Giles was paid for 'cutting the leaf above the bridge' and 1701 John Gilles, farmer, was fined for being a leader of a press gang.

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Nan concludes her letter with commenting on having seen an Australian television programme in which a certain 'Carlos and Iago Tregenzo' were referred to as Spanish gypsies, and she questions the veracity of their being Spanish as the name 'Tregenzo' is peculiarly Cornish, and also on having seen a film in which Spanish gypsy characters were called 'Güilo', exactly as the name is spelt in the Fowey Register. A fascinating conjecture that 'Farmer Giles', good yeoman stock, has absorbed at some time the more romantic strains of either (or both) the Spaniard and the Gypsey!

2. The Family - WALTER GILES (born 1795 - died 1861) married Fanny Williams in 1821. Fanny Williams' Father was a Mariner and her Mother's name was Jenny Langford. Walter's trade was Victualler and Carpenter and as far as we can trace he and Fanny had nine children of which William Henry was the second child.

WILLIAM HENRY GILES, born 1823, married Jane Jago Waine and came to Australia in 1854.

Extract from "Victoria and It's Metropolis Past and Present" Vol 11: Page 107, 1888.

"GILES WILLIAM HENRY, Yellingip, was born at St. Austell, Cornwall, England, and was apprenticed to the carpentering and building trade. He landed in Geelong in 1854 from the ship 'Thorwalson', going to the Castlemaine Diggings a few weeks after his arrival, but not being very successful, he decided to follow his trade, and returned to Geelong for a time. After this he proceeded to the Arat and Pleasant Creek diggings in 1858, and remained there until 1876, working at his trade. He was the first assessor for the Shire of Stawell, and was the President of the local branch of the Eight Hour's League. In 1876 he went to Yellingip and selected 320 acres of land also taking up 5 sq. miles of Mallee. He crops from 300 to 400 acres, and grazes horses, cattle and sheep."

WILLIAM HENRY GILES (my Grandfather) had four children.

1. Frederick Giles born in St. Austell, Cornwall.
 . married Sophy Stocks - 1 child Sophy Giles. (spinster)
2. Marion Jago Giles (spinster)
3. Caroline Giles married Harry Stocks.
4. GILES WILLIAM GILES, born in Geelong Victoria in 1858
 married Edith Ellen Drake of Collingwood on 20th February 1893.
 Edith Ellen was the daughter of John Drake (Gentleman) and
 Anne Roberts Drake who was famous for running a school attached
 to St. Phillips Church in Collingwood.

Edith Ellen Drake was also a Teacher and met Giles William when she went to teach at a small school and lived with the Giles family on their farm at Yillangip.

Giles and Edith were married at Warracknabeal by Rev. Palamentain at the Wesley Parsonage. Giles and Edith had four children, sadly all girls!

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1. Jane Roberts Giles married Stanley Douglass Livermore.
2. Dorothy Marion Giles, spinster and teacher (See Appendix A - Records).
3. Freda Florence Giles married Horace James Fensham.
4. Nancy Edith Giles married Frank Mores Read.

Jane Roberts and Stanley Douglas had three children :

- i. Joan Grace married ^{Thomas} Vivian Nethercote and has four children.
- ii. Douglas Giles married Margaret Reynolds, four children.
- iii. Margaret married Ronald Clarke (deceased), four children, and then Fraser Clarke.

Freda Florence and Horace James had two children :

- i. Gwennyth Nancy married Eric Newman and has four children.
- ii. Peter James married Christine Fairweather, four children.

Nancy Edith and Frank Mores had three children :

- i. Patricia, unmarried.
- ii. Frances Dorothy, married David O'Sullivan and has four children.
- iii. Giles Mores Read married Marion Stinecke, four children.

Giles and Edith, having only girls, decided to leave the farm, and they bought a small orchard and some virgin bushland on Canterbury R. opposite the now Mount Pleasant Road. At this time Jean and Dorothy were sent to the Continuation School situated where the College of Surgeons is now, to become teachers. When Freda finished at the State School Vermont, she and Dorothy took up scholarships to do the Domestic Economy Course. During the week they lived at a Hostel in Sydney Road, Parkville and went to Melbourne University for the theoretical subjects and to the Domestic Economy College in Lonsdale St. for the practical subjects (See Domestic Economy Diploma, App. A.)

At this time Jean became friendly with Stanley Douglas and the first World War commenced (1914 - 1918). Stanley Douglas, who owned an orchard in Vermont with his brother Roy, joined the forces and went overseas, while Jean took charge of a school out of Warracknabeal. When the war was over they were married and the ceremony was held in Warracknabeal as at that time Father and Mother has gone back to the farm for a time.

Dorothy, on obtaining the Domestic Economy Certificate, was appointed to take charge of Cookery Centres at Creswick and Clunes for two years until the end of the war. From there she went to Swinburne, the Emily McPherson and the Gordon Institue details of which are given in Appendix A.

Dorothy had the Gypsy desire to never settle too long anywhere! She resigned and entered the Education Department four times!

She also made five trips abroad and travelled to England, Scotland and Ireland, and went through thirteen countries on the Continent. She also travelled into Egypt and to the Holy Land, through Jordan and Israel and into Greece, Corfu and then through Italy and France to London. She went to Bermuda, through the Panama Canal, into Panama City and then to Aralupa in Mexico and up the West coast of the United States of America to California, and then to Honolulu, Fiji, Auckland, New Zealand etc. and at this stage of writing feels she would love to take off again but age is catching up with her!

Freda took charge of a cookery centre at Horsham where she met James who taught Wood Work. Sadly Freda died before she saw her two children grow up and see what good and wonderful lives they have been permitted to live.

Nancy and Frank retired to Ballarat, where sadly Frank has recently died, but Nancy has the joy and comfort of being near her three children, and grandchildren, all of whom have their homes in Ballarat.

Now I must close, and leave the rest to my 8 nieces and nephews, 28 Great nieces and nephews, and 5 great-great nieces and nephews to carry on the story of the family, and hope that, somehow, the name of GILES will not fade forever from the scene.

- Dorothy M. Giles.
Vermont, April, 1977.

THE STORY OF THE GILES FAMILYAppendix A.

(Copies of Reports, records etc. regarding teaching career of Dorothy Giles).

- 1. Education Dept. Melbourne. 21 Jan, 1920.
Copy of the record of Miss Dorothy Marion Giles as a Teacher under this Department.

Roll No.	Qualifications & Classification	Authority	
2778		25.9.12 Betheras	Appointment on probation 9 Sept. 1912. She is making a good endeavour to improve in her class teaching. She is willing and painstaking - good J.T.
		24.2.13 "	She shows some improvement in her teaching. A good J.T. Transferred 30 April, 1913. Appointed J.T. May 1913 from 1 Jan 1913.
1022	<u>Second Class.</u>	12.12.13 "	She shows very good earnestness in all her work. Has good skill to teach. Good J.T. From 1 Apr. 1913.
	<u>First Class</u>	11.3.14	She displays good skill in conducting and teaching a small class. A good J.T.
		9.7.14 McLennan	A good J.T. Shows to develop well. English writing. Composition. History. Science Algebra. Theory of Teaching nature study etc. 1st class certificate. Entered on course 1/3/1915.
Domestic Arts Course.	6.3.635	28.6.15	Triennial Roll. Completing third year of Course at
	6.3.151	17	Completed course 3/12/1917.
Cookery Centre Creswick & Clunes.	Trained Teacher Certificate Domestic Arts. 6.3.8.	1.1.13 29.8.18 Miss Pell 26.6.18 Triennial Roll.	Appointed H.T. from 1 Jan. 1913. Trustworthy and capable, is neat
			in appearance, conscientiously carrying on work and obtaining good practical results. Good. 84.

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE RECORD OF MISS DOROTHY MARION GILES AS A TEACHER UNDER THIS DEPARTMENT.

V I C T O R I A.DIPLOMA NO. 51.

E....R

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

DIPLOMA OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

THIS DIPLOMA IS AWARDED TO DOROTHY M. GILES

A STUDENT IN THE COLLEGE OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY MELBOURNE
WHO HAS FULFILLED ALL THE CONDITIONS REQUIRED

DATED AT MELBOURNE THIS 26th DAY OF APRIL, 1921.

(sgd) F. Tate
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.

Miss Dorothy Giles is recorded as having passed in the undermentioned subjects :

Cookery, Household Economics, Laundrywork, Plain Needle Dressmaking, Hygiene, Physiology, First Aid, Home Nursing and the Care of Children, Physics and Chemistry, English, Education, Bacteriology, Biology, Anatomy, Drawing, Theory and Practice of Teaching.

SWINBURNE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.Near Glenferrie Railway Station,
HAWTHORN E.2. 14th Feb. 1930.

I have pleasure in stating that Miss Dorothy M. Giles was on the staff of this College from February 1920 until February 1930, when she resigned to go into business on her own account.

Her appointment in February 1920 was that of Assistant Cookery Instructress, and this position she occupied until March 1923 when owing to the death of Miss Lucy Drake she was appointed Instructress in Charge and held this position until her resignation.

During the whole of this time Miss Giles carried out her duties to the entire satisfaction of the Council of the College. Possessing to a high degree ability for teaching and organisation, she showed great enthusiasm for her work, and these qualities contributed materially to the development and successful progress of the Cookery Department. Every year Miss Giles gave Demonstrations in Advanced Cookery to which the public were admitted on payment of a fee. The fact that for all such demonstrations the number desiring admission exceeded the accommodation available is evidence of her undoubted skill as a Demonstrator and of her extensive knowledge of Cookery in all its branches. The results of students trained by her for the Education Depts. Annual examinations in Cookery Grades 1, II and III are excellent. Though the actual numbers presented each year were not great, every student presented passed, and the reports of the examinees showed their appreciation of the work done at this school.

Miss Giles has the best wishes of the Council, and of myself for her future success.
Sgd. F. W. GREEN, DIRECTOR.*****
SWINBURNE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

John St. Hawthorn. June 1931

Miss Giles,

The enclosed extract from the Inspectors Report is forwarded for your information.

(Sgd) J.R. TWANTHIA FRYOR. Director.

Enclosed extract :

COOKERY - very good work is done with very limited accommodation.

SWINBURNE TECHNICAL COLLEGE.

Near Glenferrie Railway Station,
HAITHORN 17th Sept. 1926.

Memo - Miss Giles : Copy of Examiners Report 1925 :

Cookery : Foundation work - correct.
Method of Teaching - Excellent.

EMILY McPHERSON COLLEGE OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

Cnr. Russell and Victoria Sts.
MELBOURNE. 25th Jan. 1939.

Miss E. M. Giles,
3 Kalang Av.,
HARTWELL. E.6.

Dear Miss Giles,

At the last meeting of the College Council I was requested to convey to you the congratulations of the President and Members on your well deserved promotion.

Council recognises the very fine work you have done, both in the training of students and in the extension of the scope of the Trade Kitchen at this College, and extends to you best wishes for happiness and success in your new sphere.

On behalf of the Council,
yours sincerely,

(sgd.

Acting Principal.

EMILY McPHERSON COLLEGE OF DOMESTIC ECONOMY.

21st December, 1945.

MEMORANDUM.

Miss E. M. Giles was promoted as Senior Assistant in charge of the Cookery Dept. at the College in Feb. 1943 and has been responsible for organising classes in simple cookery, advanced cookery and large quantity cookery. This involved a distribution of work amongst a staff of seven and classes receiving instruction included 3 years Diploma course, 2 years Student Teachers course, invalid cookery courses, etc.

During her period at the College Miss Giles has compiled into book form a set of recipes and notes on Household cookery and this is being used by instructors and students at the College. The material for this book has been obtained from the instruction given at the College since its inception together with the knowledge gained by Miss Giles in her wide and varied experience.

The management of the Cookery Department has worked smoothly and efficiently under Miss Giles's direction. Expert guidance has been given to all cookery classes by the members of staff under her control and the results she has achieved have been outstandingly successful.

(Sgd) R. Gainford Principal.

Copy of Letter of Application.

C/- Miss Phillips,
Grove St. Vermont.
Jan. 4th, 1945.

The Secretary,
Public Service Board,
Public Offices, Treasury Place,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Sir,

I hereby make application for the position of Senior Assistant in Charge (Female) of the Cookery Department at the

I feel confident that I have filled this position to the benefit and credit of the College as well as myself as the Reports of the Board of Inspectors and Examiners show (see copies for the years 1943, 1944 and 1945) and will continue to do so if I am promoted to the present position advertised. I hold a Diploma of Domestic Economy which was issued to me on 26th April, 1921, having passed all required subjects.

I am a trained Teacher of Domestic Arts and a Trained Teacher of the Education Department, Melbourne.

I was appointed Head Teacher of Cookery Centres of Creswick and Clunes on 1st January 1918 and held that position until I joined the staff of the Swinburne Technical College, Hawthorn as Assistant Cookery Instructress in February, 1920 and on the death of Miss Lucy Drake in 1923 succeeded to her as Instructress in charge and held that position until I resigned in February 1930 to commence business on my own account. During that time I had much experience in organising Cookery classes and managing staff. I trained students with good results (see copies of Examiners report and Director's letter of appreciation)

I gained valuable Trade experience during the three years that I spent in conducting a very successful Catering and Cake Shop business, and in May 1934 I was appointed to the position of Senior Assistant G.O. at the Emily McPherson College, which position I held for five years. I was in charge of the trade kitchen during that time and trained students in both Chef and Pastry Cook work. In 1937 I went to London and was attached to the Staff of one of the National Institute Schools (Berridge House) West Hampstead and instructed students in Institutional Cookery. I also travelled on the Continent and visited several Domestic Science Schools both in England and abroad.

I took the opportunity by means of letters of introduction to see the kitchens and dietary departments of some of the leading hotels and hospitals in London. I also had lessons in small goods and sugar work at one of the Polytechnic Schools.

In 1939 I was appointed to the position of Head of Cookery Dept. at the Gordon Institute of Tech. Geelong where I commenced and organised the new Domest. Science Schools and developed it on sound lines.

During the five years I was at Geelong, I had under me students doing the Institutional Management Course in their 1st, 2nd & 3rd years and obtained very satisfactory results. I also developed classes for adults in Cookery and classes for Nurses in Invalid Cookery.

I gave many very successful cookery demonstrations to the public and helped them in their war time food problems.

In 1943 I was appointed to my present position at the College and have tried to the utmost of my ability to develop the Cookery Dept. and organise it on a sound and economical basis. The Cookery Dept. has grown and new courses have been introduced during the years I have been in charge and I am looking forward to further developments when the new kitchen and demonstration rooms, which I have helped to plan, are ready for use. I have had the most loyal support from the members of staff under me and it has been their willing co-operation with me that has made for the success of my department.

I have taught 111 Cookery and have submitted forty four students over the three years for examination all of whom have obtained a pass and several pass credits.

I have compiled into book form and brought up to date the present cookery notes and Invalid cookery and am now working on the advanced notes and recipes.

Trusting that my application may be successful and that I will be allowed to carry on the work I have begun.

yours respectfully (sgd) Dorothy M. Giles.

Private & Confidential.

Geelong. 11.11.38.

Dear Miss Giles,

I am very pleased to convey the enclosed information to you. I would be most happy to know that you will accept it. I know you

Appendix A.

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4 Station St.,
CAULFIELD. S.E.7.

MISS D. GILES is a first class cookery teacher, and practical demonstrator. I have been the external examiner for the past eighteen years, during that period I consider that Miss Giles is one of the best teachers I have come in contact with.

yours sincerely,

Sgd. F. MOSS.

THE GORDON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

GEELONG,

11.11.38.

Private & Confidential.

Dear Miss Giles,

I am very pleased to convey the enclosed information to you. I would be most happy to know that you will accept the appointment when official approval has been obtained. I know you will be happy here, and you will have the advantage of being solely responsible to me as Principal for the successful development of your department. I anticipate, of course, that some move may be made to influence you to stay where you are : but I would be exceedingly glad to know that you still wish to come to the Gordon, and I am confident that our new school would flourish under your direction.

with kind regards (and hopes)

yours sincerely,

(Sgd) R.R. Pavia.

Principal.
