

Ethel GILL 1884 - 1943

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The earliest ancestor I can be reasonably confident about is Thomas GILL. He was born in Nympton, Devon, about 1720. He married Mary BARNES in 1742 in Exton, where their children, including John GILL, were born.

John GILL was born in 1757, and 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 is at the pointer '1', on the map of part of Somerset.



William GILL 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 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, this direct line is from the fifth child William GILL, Emily's older brother.

This William married Sophia COX in Bedminster, now a suburb of Bristol. This was probably Sophia's parish, and William moved there to bring his family into the world. They had eleven children, the ninth being Ethel GILL, born in 1884. Ethel's cousin Emily SQUIRE's (nee GILL) third child John SQUIRE would have known his

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.

After John SQUIRE completed his Coachbuilding apprenticeship in Bristol, he embarked on a voyage to Adelaide Australia and a new beginning in 1911, and Ethel follows in 1914. They married on the day Ethel arrived in Port Adelaide, and set up home together in Port Wakefield. Ethel and John were active in the local Methodist Church, according to news items found in Trove. 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>

Related Surnames Through Marriage

Sophia COX

Ethel GILL's mother was Sophia (nee) COX, wife of William GILL. She was born about 1845, probably in Bedminster, Bristol. All I can be sure about is that her father was James COX.

Mary CRAZE

Ethel GILL's grandmother was Mary CRAZE, wife of James GILL. She was born in 1814 in Dunster, Somerset.

Her parents were Robert CRAZE born 1777, and Jane HAWKINS, born 1789, both in Dunster. They had seven children, Mary being the third. Robert's parents were John CRAZE, and Joan.

Mary WATTS

Ethel GILL's great grandmother was Mary WATTS. Mary was born in 1773, in Dunster, and married William GILL in 1805. They had eight children, James being the fifth.

Mary's parents were Thomas WATTS and Margaret SKINNER. They married in 1758, still in Dunster.

Joan HAWKES

Ethel GILL's great great grandmother was Joan HAWKES. Joan was born around 1760, and married John GILL in 1779. John and Joan had three children, and William was the second, born in 1781.

Mary BARNES

Ethel GILL's great x 3 grandmother was Mary BARNES. She was born around 1720, and married Thomas GILL in 1742, in Exton, Somerset.

Facebook Summary

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Ethel's parents were William GILL and Sophia COX. They married in 1865, in the Bristol (England) suburb of Bedminster.

Ethel's grandparents were James GILL and Mary CRAZE. They married in 1835, in Dunster, Somerset. The GILL family had a long association with the Dunster area.

Ethel's great grandparents were William GILL and Mary WATTS. They married in 1805, in Dunster. Their children were all born in Alcombe, only a couple of miles from Dunster, so they were probably living in Staunton cottage at the time. The GILL and later, the SQUIRE families lived her till 1914.

Ethel's x2 great grandparents were John GILL and Joan HAWKES. They married in 1779, in Exton, Somerset. This was only about 10 miles from Dunster, so just a two and a half hour walk away.

Ethel's x3 great grandparents were Thomas GILL and Mary BARNES. They married in 1742, also in Exton, Somerset.

Exton is within the Exmoor National Park, which is a significant area of National Heritage. The parish Church is Norman, and has a 13th Centruy tower, grade II listed by English Heritage.

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.

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](#)]

Children:

- i. [Kenneth John SQUIRE](#) was born on 15 May 1917 in Hamley Bridge, SA, 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.
[William](#) married [Sophia COX](#) on 11 Apr 1865 in Bedminster, Somerset, England. [Sophia](#) (daughter of [James COX](#)) was born in 1845. [[Group Sheet](#)]

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

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.

[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](#)]

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 .

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 Dunster, 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](#)]

- 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 ?**).

Robert married **Jane HAWKINS** on 18 Apr 1808 in Dunster, Somerset, England. Jane was born in 1789 in Dunster, Somerset, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

- 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](#)]

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 Dunster, 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](#)]

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](#)]

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

Thomas married **Mary BARNS** on 26 Dec 1742 in Exton, Somerset, England. [[Group Sheet](#)]

33. Mary BARNS

Children:

- i. **16. John GILL** was born in 1757 in Exton, Somerset, England; was christened on 2 Mar 1757 in Exton, Somerset, England.