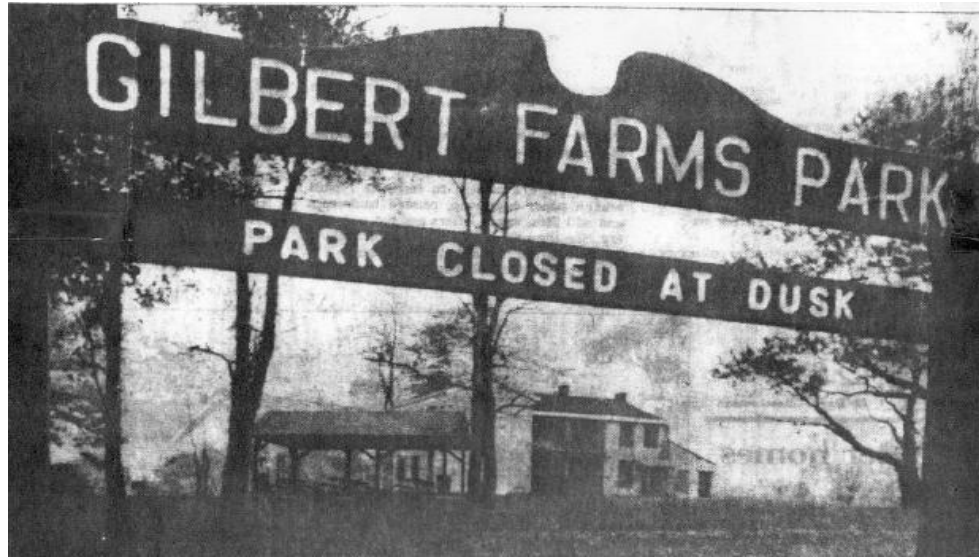


## Gilbert Farms



Gilbert Farms is a city park within the city of Fairfield, Butler County, Ohio. The 175+ year old structure was the Gilbert home for sixty years. This presentation tells a historical and genealogical story of the Gilberts who occupied the house. The history includes not only the house, but the history of the Stockton-Mack and Stockton-Port Union area of southeast Butler County, Ohio. It additionally will show these family member ties to Cincinnati, Southwest Ohio and pre-revolutionary America. This picture appeared in the Sunday, November 11, 1984 Home section of the Dayton Daily News.

# Gilbert Farms John Thomas Gilbert (J. T. Gilbert)



My name is Mark Gilbert and I am a Gilbert Farms descendant. My father grew up in the Elijah Morgan/Gilbert House. The original documented builder of the house [the front section] was the Elijah Morgan family.

I have been doing genealogy part time for about ten years and found that all my Fairfield, Butler County, Ohio families have a rich American, Cincinnati and Butler County, Ohio heritage.

Today I am going to focus on the Gilberts and my Stockton, Butler County, Ohio families. This display are highlights of my great grandfather, J. T. Gilbert, who purchased Gilbert farms.

## Gilbert Farms John Thomas Gilbert (J. T. Gilbert)



I am going to use 'J.T.' quite often during this presentation, but I think it helps identify this Gilbert as the one who purchased this farm.

J.T.'s most admirable trait was that he was a saver. He saved money. He got one of those turn of the century Butler County, Ohio manufacturing jobs at Hamilton Foundry. He moved his family from Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky to Schuler Avenue in Hamilton across the street from the foundry in 1900.

## Gilbert Farms John Thomas Gilbert (J. T. Gilbert)



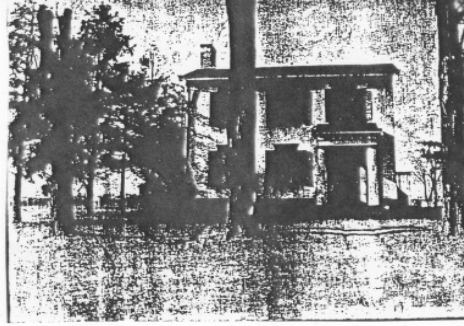
J.T Gilbert's ancestors came to America from England. They were Quakers and first settled in Philadelphia. This display is of a Quaker Friends Meeting House near Gracechurch Street in London, England. I have the actual marriage document from 1772 of Robert Gilbert that took place in this friends meeting house. The marriage document is two hundred thirty four years old and handed down eight generations. There is a blue stamp pressed on the document. [King's stamp from King George's Stamp Act was on the marriage document - we Americans fought a war over this stamp].

## Gilbert Farms John Thomas Gilbert (J. T. Gilbert)



I am also just as diligent tracing my maternal families back through history and that includes J.T's mother – Amelia (Millie) Spaulding. The Spauldings were also from Alexandria, Kentucky. One of Millie's brother's family also ended up in Stockton, Butler County, Ohio. Through Millie, J.T has many revolutionary war ancestors from Maryland. These ancestors also permit me to join the First Families of Maryland organization.

## Gilbert Farms



J. T. Gilbert Purchased 74 acre Gilbert Farms	September, 1920
J. T. Gilbert, Jr. returned to farming – Great Depression	1930
Three Gilbert Generations Lived on Gilbert Farms	1920-1957
Portions of Gilbert Farms Sold Off For Home Development	1950s
Gilbert Heirs receive remaining 16 acres	1957
Gilbert Heirs Rented House	1960s/1970s
Gilbert Heirs Sell 16 acres to City Of Fairfield	1979

In looking at the 1920 census, I found J.T.'s family in the Hamilton County, Ohio census off Kennedy road and Dixie Highway, not Butler County, Ohio. This census was taken in January, 1920. I asked my father about this and his response was that J.T. owned the farm down the road across the county line before he bought Gilbert Farms. If you travel down Ross Road to present day Kenn road, turn right onto Kenn Road, at the top of the hill on the left is a remodeled farm house. In January, 1920, J.T. had living with him in that house both his mother and father and his sister's married family.

I took a trip to the Butler County recorders office and found that J.T did not actually purchase Gilbert Farms until September of 1920. He purchased Gilbert Farms in addition to the farm on Kenn road. J.T moved his family into Gilbert Farms and his sister purchased the Kenn road farm from J.T. over time. J.T.'s mother and father remained with his sister's family. From the 1900 timeframe, with no income tax, J.T. would boast that he was able to save a third of his pay from his foundry job, which provided the funds for both of these farms. This chart shows the Gilbert Farms timeline of the Gilberts. The Depression brought my grandfather (J.T. Jr.) and his family back to the farm. At that time, it was 74 acres, the original acreage shown in the 1920 Butler County recorder's entry. J.T. started selling off portions of the farm in the 1950s for many of the 3-5 acre lots that you see today on Ross and Mack Roads. J.T. passed away in 1957 and the Gilbert heirs received the remaining 16 acres of the farm.



## Gilbert Farms



- General Farming
- 9 acres corn, 9 acres wheat
- Milk Cows and Sows (sold pigs)
- Sold milk door to door in Lockland
- Farmers Wholesale Market - Cincinnati
- Courthouse Market – Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio



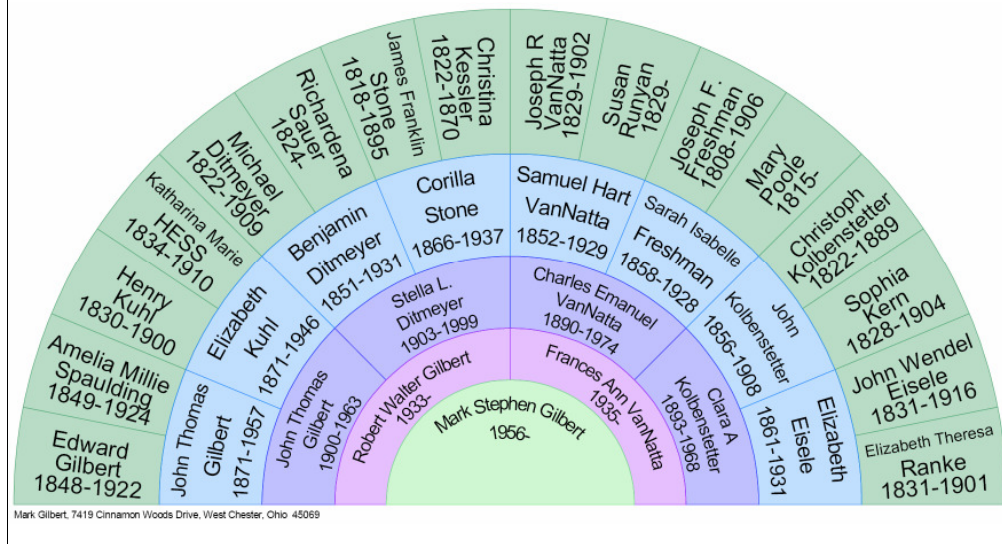
One of the most interesting farming activities to me was the door to door selling of milk. This same activity was also carried out in the 1830s by J.T.'s grandfather Thomas Gilbert and his brother Alfred West Gilbert. As teenage boys living in Covington, Kentucky, they went door to door on both sides of the Ohio river selling milk. This I gleaned from the book "[\*Colonel A. W. Gilbert: citizen-soldier of Cincinnati\*](#) / ed. by William E. Smith and Ophia D. Smith."

Thomas and Alfred would daily set out on the door to door selling as teen age boys in the 1830s.

A fond memory that I have is of the courthouse market in downtown Hamilton. Gilbert Farms would participate in the market as well as the market that used to be across from city hall and music hall in Cincinnati.



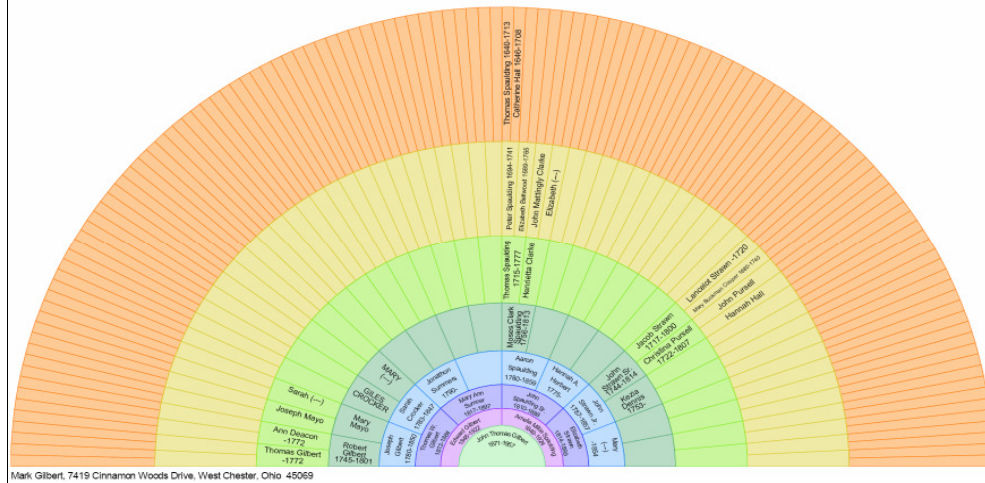
# Five Generations From Me



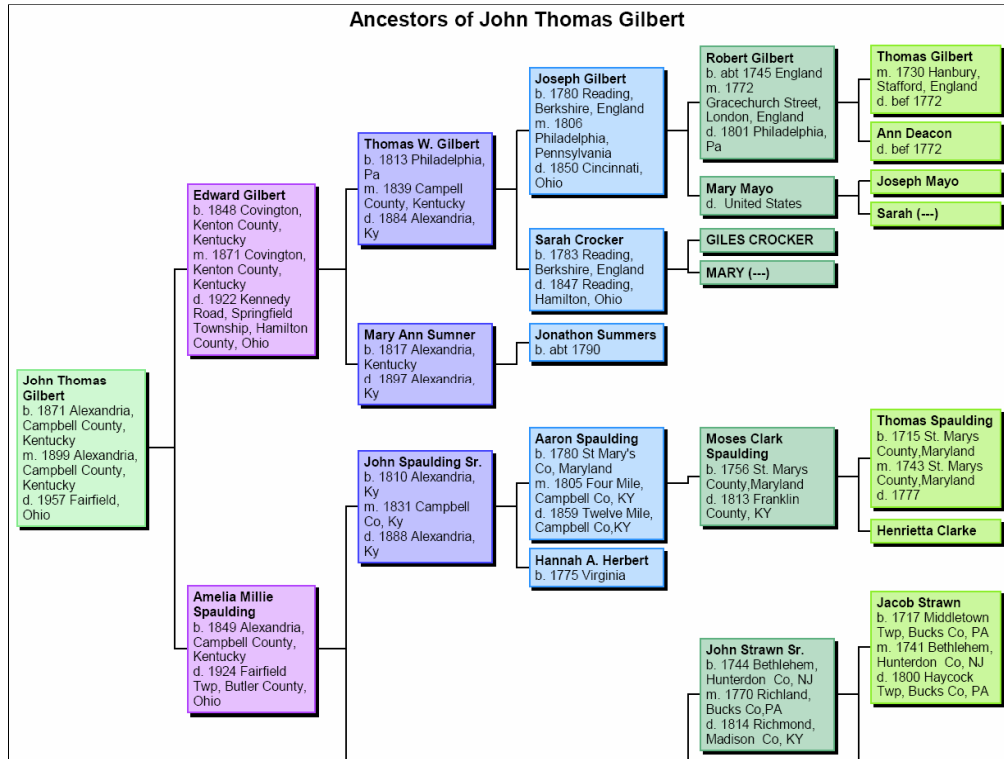
This is my part time hobby. From this display, you also can tell how old I am, I am in the middle, born in 1956. This chart is my five generations of ancestors. We are primarily focusing on the two lines on the lower left of the display. As you can see, I have documented all 16 of my great, great grandparents.



# Eight Generations From J.T. Gilbert



This is a more typical genealogical chart. Most of the chart is empty! J.T. is at the center of this display. A couple family lines I have been able to trace back all eight generations from J.T. The Gilbert line I have traced back six generations from J.T.



This display shows the lower left ancestors from the previous chart in a different form. These families are primarily J.T.'s father and mother's ancestors. The display above roughly takes us back to the generations of the 1750s. The Gilberts of England and their trek to Cincinnati and then Butler County, Ohio and the Spauldings of Maryland.

## Gilbert Family - Places in History

Gilbert Farms	Fairfield, Butler County, Ohio	1920
Kennedy Road	Springfield Township, Hamilton County, Ohio	1917
Schuler Avenue	Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio	1900
Gilbert Avenue	Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio	1870
Gilbert Ridge Road	Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky	1865
Findlay Market	Cincinnati, Hamilton County, Ohio	1852
Richards-Gilbert Cemetery	Fairfield Twp, Butler County, Ohio	1840
Gilbert Cemetery	Reading, Hamilton County, Ohio	1838
	Covington, Kenton County, Kentucky	1828
Robert Owen/William McClure	New Harmony, Posey County, Indiana	1825
	Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania	1800
	Reading, Berkshire, England	1780
	London, England	1772
	Hanbury, Staffordshire, England	1760

Here I have taken the upper portion of the last display and show in this table the locations of the Gilberts over two centuries.

Robert and Mary (Mayo) Gilbert came to America in 1799 with three boys all grouped around 20 years of age. They were not alone in the New World though. Robert had one or two sisters already living in Philadelphia. As well, Robert and Mary also had a daughter already living in Philadelphia.

Their son, Joseph Gilbert, married in 1806 in the Philadelphia Arch Street Society of Friends house. Joseph's family left Philadelphia in 1825, but first settled in the utopian community of New Harmony, Indiana. Here, Joseph's eldest daughter was married. After the failure of this community, Joseph moved his family to Cincinnati, eventually settling in Covington, Kentucky by the 1830 census.

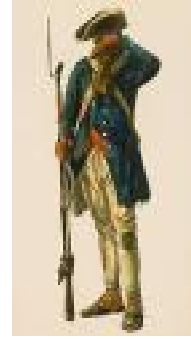
Joseph moved his family again by 1838 to Reading, Hamilton County, Ohio. Here is documented the Gilbert Cemetery by the Reading and Hamilton County historical society chapters.

The Richards-Gilbert cemetery is the resting place of Alfred West Gilbert. Gilbert Avenue in Cincinnati, Ohio is named after him. Alfred also oversaw the construction of Cincinnati's Findlay Market as Cincinnati City Engineer. You will find his name in the historical section of the Findlay Market web site.

Gilbert Ridge Road in Alexandria, Campbell County, Kentucky is named after Alfred's brother Thomas. If you remember, the door to door milk brother team from the 1830s!

Schuler Avenue, Kennedy Road and Gilbert Farms I have previously shown to go with J.T.

## Gilbert Family Revolutionary War



Private Moses Clarke Spalding, Maryland Militia

- Great, Great Grandfather of J.T. Gilbert
- **National Number: 798471**

Private Bennet Spalding, Maryland Militia

Sgt. Aaron Spalding, wounded, Nat'l Archives Pension

- Brothers of Moses Clarke Spalding
- **15 Spaldings of St. Mary's County served in Md. Militia**

I have two other families in my genealogy research like the Spalding family. I am trying to document those two families as well as Pat Doster of North Carolina has done with the Spalding family. I have only added a small part to her research.

What I mean by similar, is very large families, many participants in the Revolutionary War from the same family and cousins with identical first names.

My other two families are VanNatta, my mother's paternal family of New Amsterdam (Dutch) origins, and the Stones who have a descendent that lived on Gilbert Farms that we learn about in a couple more slides.

## Gilbert Family Civil War

Colonel Alfred West Gilbert, Union  
• Great Uncle of J.T. Gilbert  
• **39th OVI**



Corporal Hiram (Hugh) Spaulding, Confederate  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sergeant Aaron Spaulding, Confederate  
• Great Uncles of J.T. Gilbert  
• **Kentucky Volunteers**

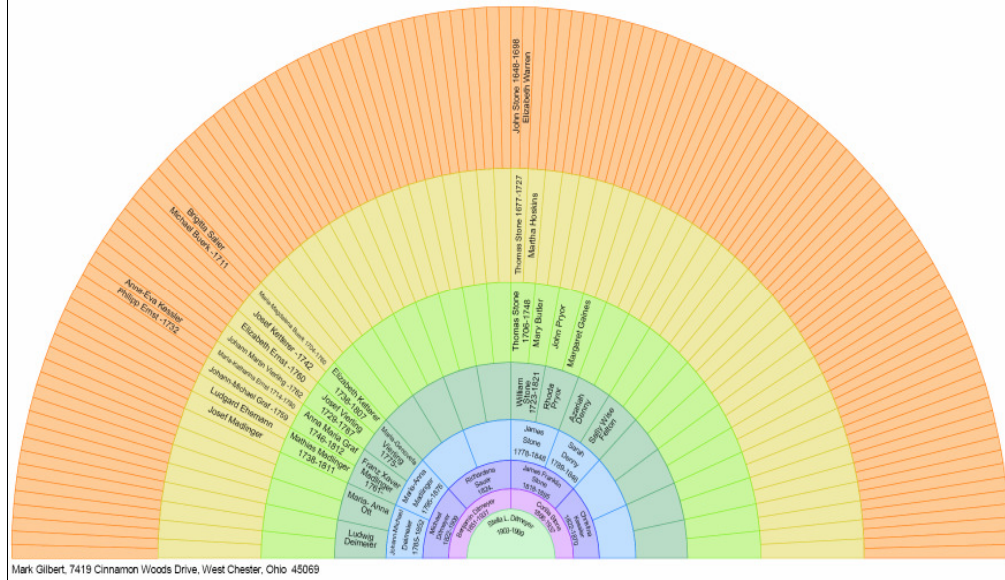
Here is an excellent example of descendants having veterans from both sides of the same war.

## Gilbert Family Occupations

Stella Ditmeyer Gilbert	Clerk, Butler County, Support Division	1960
John Thomas Gilbert, Jr.	Farmer; Factory Worker, Fisher Body	1948
John Thomas Gilbert	Molder, Iron Factory; Farmer	1915
Ben Ditmeyer	Trackman, Interurban Line	1900
Joseph Gilbert	Hamilton County Engineer	1861
Alfred West Gilbert	3 time Cincinnati City Engineer	1849
Joseph Gilbert	Umbrella Manufactory, Philadelphia, PA; Tenant Farmer, Covington, KY	1820
Robert Gilbert	Cheesemonger, London, England	1772
Joseph Mayo	Shoemaker, Bristol England	1765
Governor William Stone	3rd Governor Of Maryland	1655
Robert Clarke	Surveyor-General of Maryland, St. Mary's County	1648

I enjoy this table. My ancestors cover the occupational spectrum – from governors to cheesemongers. My tie to the Interurban line presentation back @ the June 2006 Fairfield, Butler County, Ohio historical society meeting was that my great grandfather Ditmeyer, who lived in Stockton, was a trackman for one of those lines. Stella's mother was a Stone. The Stones came to Stockton before 1900 from White Oak. Robert Clarke was the revolutionary war soldier's grandfather.

# Eight Generations From Stella Ditmeyer Gilbert



Here is another eight generation ancestor chart of Stella. I am pointing out the three to six lines that are six generations or more. But again, the majority of the graph is empty! My grandmother's mother was a Stone.





## Stockton-Mack Area

Although Fairfield remained a rural area well into the nineteen-hundreds it was constantly attracting more people. By 1954, after a controversy over annexation with Hamilton, the Village of Fairfield was formed. The following year the Stockton-Mack area was annexed, and with a population of 6,202, Fairfield advanced to city status. Clockwise from upper left are The Elisha Morgan Mansion at Gilbert Farms Park, Valley Chapel Community Church, Stockton School and the reestablished Mulhauser barn.

## Gilbert Farms Of The Stones



Stella Ditmeyer Gilbert was my grandmother. Her mother was Cora Ellen Stone. The Stones settled in Stockton before 1900 from White Oak in Hamilton County, Ohio. The Stones descend from Governor William Stone, the 3<sup>rd</sup> governor of Maryland and first protestant governor of Maryland. The portrait in the lower right hangs in the Senate lounge of the Maryland State House. It depicts Cecil Calvert Presenting the Acts of Toleration to Gov. William Stone. Maryland was originally a colony of Roman Catholics escaping England due to religious persecution. These Acts of Toleration enacted the religious tolerance between Catholics and Protestants within Maryland. Also a descendent of Governor William Stone was Thomas Stone of Maryland, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. His home is now a national historic site. Thomas Stone's father was David Stone. David Stone's nephew's son is Stella's great grandfather. Governor William Stone was married to Verlinda Graves whose parents are documented as Jamestown, Virginia immigrants, as early as 1618.

# Gilbert Farms

## Stella Ditmeyer Gilbert



STELLA DITMEYER

One of those very unusual persons who are capable of doing something really worthwhile, without wishing the entire school to laud her. Yes—that's our Stella. You have the right spirit and your only fault is in being a student. We agree with you that teachers are sometimes quite a bore.



Stella (Ditmeyer) Gilbert attended grade school at the Stockton School (lower right picture). Stella is shown in 1910 (upper left picture) from her Stockton School picture. The lower left picture is from the 1920 Hamilton High School yearbook. Stella was a 1920 graduate of Hamilton High School. Stella's brother was a minister at one time at the Valley Chapel Church. Stella passed away in 1999. Mr. Cropenbaker, former Fairfield School superintendent, came to her visitation and commented on her contributions to the Fairfield Parent Teachers Association.

## Stockton- Port Union Area



Clockwise from upper right are the reestablished Mulhauser barn, the Odd Fellows Hall and the Morlein home. The owners of the Stockton and Port Union farms also owned breweries in Cincinnati - 'GMulhauser 1881' and 'Morlein' could be seen on farm rooftops. These two brewers, and the Windisch's were located on Port Union Road or Seward Road. The Mulhauser barn was torn down, but saved and is to be restored to become a center piece in Beckett Park of West Chester Township, Bulter County, Ohio.

## Gilbert Farms Stella Ditmeyer Gilbert



The Ditmeyers were well known in the area as longtime farm operators. Their work covered a century, from the 1870s-1970s. They farmed for the Mulhauser, Heinemann, Bramble, Griess, Oliver, Brates and Linder families. They covered at times more than 1,000 acres of crops. The Ditmeyers were recipients of an all expense paid trip to the Worlds Fair in NYC in 1939 thanks to their generous employers.

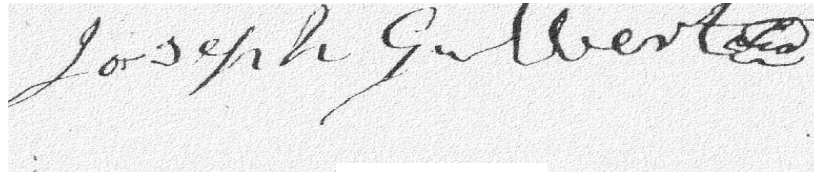
## Gilbert Farms Stella Ditmeyer Gilbert



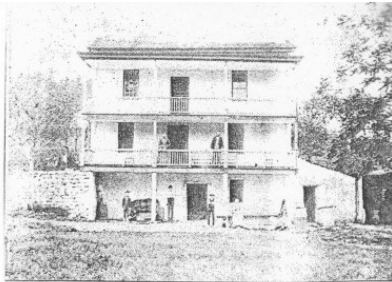
The Ditmeyers (Dietmier) came from Sasbach, Germany, the Black Forest region. Sasbach is a Rhine river town located on the border with France. They entered America through the port of New Orleans in the 1840s, as many German families in this area immigrated. They settled in Lindenwood within Cincinnati, Ohio by 1850. Stella's grandparents were married at old St. Mary's church on 13<sup>th</sup> street in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1852. The family migrated to Hamilton and then Stockton 1870/1880 with other German families.



## Gilbert Farms

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph Gilbert" followed by a circular flourish.

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NEW HARMONY  
SOCIETY  
P.O. BOX 364  
NEW HARMONY, IN 47631



OLD FUHRMAN HOMESTEAD ON HUNT RD.  
ORIGINALLY BUILT BY JOSEPH GILBERT

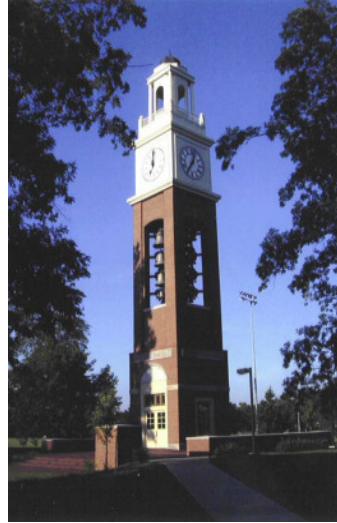
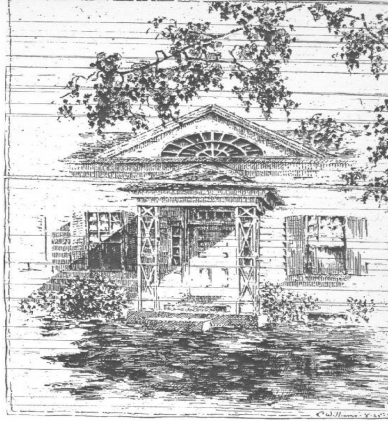


OLD GILBERT BURIAL PLOT BEING INSPECTED  
BY MAYOR GERTZ

J.T.'s great grandfather, Joseph Gilbert, moved to Cincinnati, Ohio by 1830. The signature above I snagged from his Will. This was written in 1850. Notice the pride of being in Ohio in 1850. The 1951 Reading, Hamilton County, Ohio Centennial booklet in the Archives and Rare books department at the Hamilton County Library documents the Gilbert cemetery (picture lower right) and Joseph's house (picture lower left). Both do not exist today. Gilbert Family Cemetery was obliterated when the farm became the `Maplewoods Subdivision` of homes. This is also the family that experienced New Harmony, Indiana.

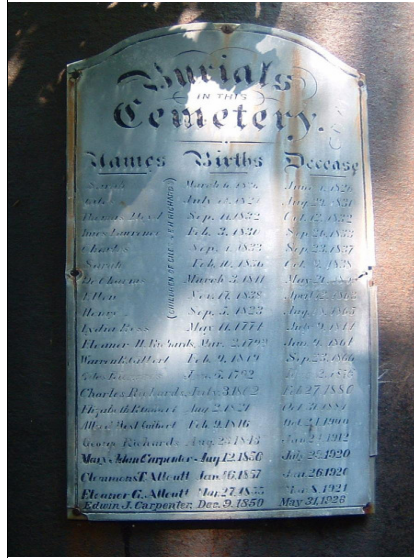


## Gilbert Farms Alfred West Gilbert

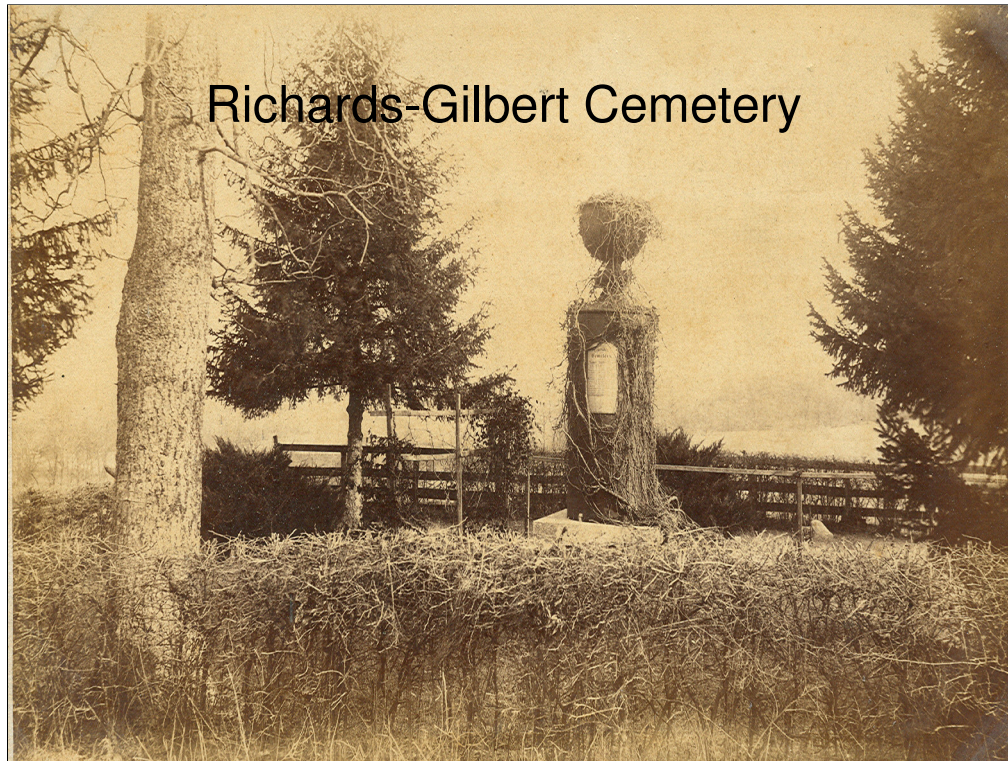


The Richards-Gilbert manuscripts are at Miami University, Oxford, Butler County, Ohio (right picture). The upper left picture is a sketch from a 1935 Cincinnati Enquirer 'Moments in Time' feature that shows Alfred West's home. Alfred was in charge of the initial construction of Cincinnati's Findlay Market in 1852.

## Alfred West Gilbert



This cemetery is in Fairfield township, Butler County, Ohio on East River Road near the border with Hamilton County, Ohio. The white sign can be seen from River Road. These pictures were taken by my daughter on a field trip with me during the Summer of 2005. We had made a previous trip to the cemetery in 1999, before everyday digital cameras were available. My pictures of this cemetery are on the Butler County, Ohio Historical Society Internet Site.



Richards-Gilbert Cemetery overlooks the Great Miami River. This picture I acquired from Tod Sutton, a descendant in Lawrence, Kansas. This picture was taken before 1900. Jenn Gilbert Van Brunt of North Carolina has been a member of the Coleraine Township Historical Society for 22 years. The monument consists of two parts. Beneath the flower urn is a roller from the construction of the Cincinnati-Oxford-Brookville Turnpike.



## Alfred West Gilbert



Both of these pictures are from Todd Sutton of Lawrence, Kansas and both dated before 1900. Alfred West Gilbert is on the left and his house at Elland is on the right.

## Brookside Cemetery West Chester Township



John Thomas (J.T.) Gilbert  
Elizabeth (Kuhl) Gilbert

J. Thomas Gilbert  
Stella (Ditmeyer) Gilbert

Harland D. Block  
Elizabeth (Gilbert) Block



Benjamin F. Ditmeyer  
Ellen C. (Stone) Ditmeyer

Harold E. Gilbert  
Kathryn L. (Morris) Gilbert

Russel L. Spain  
Mary E. (Gilbert) Spain

Gilbert Farms families final resting place. Thank you.