

From "Culpeper Co." by Green (Dr. Slaughter's St. Mark's Parish)

The first of the name of Pendleton to come to Virginia 1674 - two men, Philip Pendleton, a teacher and Nathaniel, a clergyman. Philip returned to England about 1680 and tradition says he married a lady of high social position who died. He returned to Va., married Isabella Hurt in 1682. Philip was born in Norwich, England in 1650, the son of Henry Pendleton (3rd son of Henry Pendleton, son and heir of George Pendleton, who married Elizabeth Pettigall, daughter of John Pettigall, of Norwich, England. Geo. Pendleton moved from Manchester to Norwich in 1613. His son and heir, Henry Pendleton married Susan Camden.) In Vol 48 of New England History of Norwich, Jan. 1613, which says "Appoint my cousin, Henry Pendleton, supervisor of my estate". "Also Thomas Petters of Caistree, St. Edmunds', Norfolk, Oct. 1618. "To my cousins, Henry Pendleton and Susan, his wife, annuity out of my houses, etc., in Norwich." This family of Pettus is the same as the one in Virginia. The Pendletons were from Manchester (the name is well known there). Some were in public life in the reign of Henry VIII. The coat of arms of the Pendletons of Norwich and the emigrant Philip indicates by the presence of Escallop shells and Cardinals chapeau in the Crest a connection with Crusader traditions. Phillip Pendleton settled in Caroline Co. - records were burnt in the war of '61 - '65. Descendents settled north of New Kent. Two of his children married in the family of James Taylor, of Carlisle, England. Some descendents were founders of St. Mark's Parish, Va.

Nathaniel Pendleton was aminster of the Established Church of England. His brother,

Philip Pendleton b 1650 came to Va. 1674, returned to England 1680, ret. to Va. 1682, married Esabella Hurt in 1682, died 1721

Issue: (1) Henry Pendleton 1683 - 1721 m. Mary Taylor. She married Ed. Walkins. d 1772 Age 83. *in 1701*

- (2) Elizabeth Pendleton
- (3) Rachel Pendleton m. John Vass
- (4) Catherine Pendleton m. John Taylor
- (5) John Pendleton 1691 - 1775 m. Tinsley
- (6) Isabella Pendleton *(1712-1790) m Wm Henry Gaines*
- (7) Philip m. Elizabeth Pollard

Henry Pendleton b 1683 m. Mary Taylor 1701

Issue (1) James Pendleton 1702 - 1761 (Clerk of Vestry and Lay Reader at *m Mary Lyall in 1727* Chapel of St. Marks Parish)

- (2) Philip Pendleton 1704 - 1778 *m Martha Ruffin.*
- (3) Mary Pendleton ~~1703~~ m. Wm. Gam
- (4) Isabella Pendleton ~~1715~~ m. James Gaines *Eliz. (Clayton) Anderson*
- (5) Nathaniel Pendleton 1715-1794 m. first cousin Miss Clayton (Clerk and lay reader.)
- (6) JOHN PENDLETON 1719-1799 m. first Miss Phoebe James, 2nd *about 1761* Sarah Madison (related to Pres. Madison, according to some) *about 1761*
- (7) Edmund Pendleton b. Sept. 1721 - Oct. 26, 1805 m. 1st Eliz. Roy, d. same year, m. 2nd Sarah Pollard 1743.

John Pendleton B. 1719 m. 1st Phoebe James, 2nd Sarah Madison, d. 1799

By 1st marriage

- Issue (1) Edmund Pendleton 1744 m. Pollard
- (2) John Pendleton
- (3) Elizabeth Pendleton (1752-1831) m. Rev. Wm P. Martin *Convert of Methodism*
- (4) Mary Pendleton

By 2nd marriage

- Issue (1) Henry Pendleton 1762 - 1822 m. *Alice Ann Winston in 1786*  
*(1769-)*
- (2) Sarah Pendleton
- (3) James Pendleton
- (4) Lucy Pendleton m. Robert Sydnor
- (5) Thomas Pendleton

Philip Pendleton married Isabella Hurt. Their son, Henry Pendleton married Mary Taylor. Their son, John Pendleton, married Sarah Madison. Their daughter, Lucy Pendleton married Robert Sydnor. Their daughter, Mary T. Sydnor married Robert Gilbreath.

JOHN PENDLETON

John Pendleton, fourth son of Henry Pendleton and Mary Taylor, 1719-1799, was 58 years old at the beginning of the Revolutionary War. He held various offices of honour and trust in the Colony of Virginia and in the Senate. He was appointed by a convention of delegates of counties and corporations in the Colony of Virginia at Richmond Town on Monday, July 17th, 1775 to sign large issue of Treasury Notes issued on the credit of the colony taxes and duties, having been suspended to suit the distressed circumstances of the colonists, for £350,000 reading "of the notes to be issued 50,000 shall be of the denomination of one shilling and shall be signed by John Pendleton, Jr., Gentleman, which notes last named shall be on the best paper". John Pendleton was appointed by the Governor of Virginia a judge of her courts at a time when they were composed of the leading men of the colony. (Taken from Hennings Statutes at Large 9th Vol.)

He was one of the Co. Committee of Hanover, 1775. Taken from "Some Prominent Virginia Families" by Louise Pecquet du Bellet Page 232, 4th Vol. This book also gives the issue by John Pendleton and his first wife, Miss James and his second wife, Sarah Madison, including his daughter by the latter, Lucy Pendleton, on Page 232, 4th V.

Edmund Pendleton (brother of above John)

Taken from "Wingfield's History of Caroline Co." Edmund Pendleton, whose labors had so much to do with shaping the life of the State and nation and who has been termed "Caroline's most distinguished son".

- 1740 - Made clerk of Caroline Court - Martial
- 1741 - Licensed to practice law and was apprenticed to Benjamin Robinson the first clerk of Caroline Co. Court for 6yrs. 6 mo. Mar. 14, 1735
- 1751 - Caroline Justice of the Peace, held till 1777
- 1752 - Elected Burgess from Caroline Co. Lieutenant of Caroline.
- 1774 - Delegate to 1st Continental Congress
- 1775 - President of the Committee of Safety, and as such was active in the control and direction of military and naval operations and was virtually dictator of Virginia. Became president of the Virginia convention at the death of Peyton Randolph

Speaker of the House of Delegates which sat under the new Constitution.

He called the first Virginia Convention.

Head of the judiciary Dept. of Va. 15 yrs.

He collaborated with Jefferson and Wythe in revising the laws of Va. when independence was declared.

Appointed by Washington in 1789 judge of the U.S. District Court of Va. and leader of the Federalist party in Va. until his death.

He signed the license for Patrick Henry to practice law.

From a biography of Pendleton - "Spare of person, but well proportioned, with countenance serene, contemplative and benign and with an expression of unclouded intelligence and extensive reach which seemed to denote him capable of anything that could be effected by the human mind."

Wythe said "His mind was clean, comprehensive and correct. He possessed a most acute and subtle faculty of discrimination. His conceptions were quick, acute and full of resource. He possessed a dexterity of address which never lost an advantage and never gave one. He was always cool, smooth and persuasive, his language flowing chaste and embellished. As a lawyer and statesman he had few equals and no superiors. For parliamentary management he was without a rival. With these advantages of person, manners and address and intellect he was also a speaker of distinguished enunciation. He possessed a pronunciation uncommonly distinct, a perennial stream of transparent, cool and sweet elocution and the power of presenting his arguments with great simplicity and striking effect - he could instruct and delight."

Thomas Jefferson said "Taken all in all, he was the ablest man in debate I have ever met."

He was interested in agriculture and records in Va. Land Office show grants to him of 10,000 acres.

The tomb of Edmund Pendleton is now in Bruton Parish Chapel, Williamsburg, Va. The marker may be seen in the floor of the church.

Marv Taylor Sydnor b. Apr. 23, 1793 m. Robert Gilbreath d. June 10, 1848

- Issue (1) Fortunatus Sydnor Gilbreath b. Feb. 17, 1815 m. Sept. 17, 1839
- (2) Robert Madison Gilbreath b. May 22, 1817 d. 1852 d. 1853 ↗
- (3) Wm. McKindree Gilbreath b. June 4, 1818 d. 1893
- (4) Joseph Benson Gilbreath b. Sept. 24, 1819 d. 1880
- (5) James Logan Gilbreath b. Dec. 3, 1820 d. 1880
- (6) John Pendleton Gilbreath b. June 24 1822, m. Feb 8, 1842 d. 1904
- (7) Mary Ann Patrick Gilbreath b. Feb. 15 1824, m. Jan. 11, 1942, d. July 5, 1845/
- (8) A Daughter b. June 9, 1825 d. 1850
- (9) Lucy Catherine Elizabeth Gilbreath b. Oct 22, 1826 d. 1849
- (10) Harriet Jane Gilbreath b. Apr. 8, 1829, d. Mar. 15, 1833
- (11) Margum Taylor Gilbreath b. Sept. 25, 1830 d. July 1, 1845

Robert Gilbreath b. May 31, 1791 m. <sup>Sydnor</sup> Mary Taylor, Mar. 15, 1814, d. July 18, 1852

Robert Gilbreath was born in North Carolina, died in Greensboro, N. Carolina and is buried in the Moriah Church cemetery there.

From the "Greensboro Patriot", July 24, 1852, No. 688 - the following: In this County, on Sabbath morning, the 18th inst., at the house of William Gilbreath, the Rev. Robert Gilbreath, in the 62nd year of his age. The deceased had been a minister of the gospel upwards of 40 years. He left six sons in the West and returned to his native Co. in April last to visit his friends after an absence of 24 years. He ended his ministerial labors on the 9th of May last at Moriah Church where his remains have been deposited.

In 1951 a marker was standing at the grave of Robert Gilbreath but the following year it was broken at the base and lying on the ground. Moriah Church is 4 miles south of Greensboro, N. C. on Rt. 421 The inscription on the marker read:

REV. ROBERT GILBREATH  
Minister of the Methodist  
Protestant Church

Died  
July 18, 1852  
of his age  
42 of which he spent in the  
ministry

Other markers in the cemetery of Moriah Church with the name of Gilbreath which are undoubtedly the family of Robert Gilbreath are:-

Rachel wife of Col. Wm. Gilbreath  
d. 2/6/43 b. 12/15/1816  
Robert Gilbreath  
d. 3/25/1907 b. 9/13/1827  
James Gilbreath d.  
d. 12/12/1850 b. 1784  
Rev. Joseph Gilbreath  
d. 2/26/1853 b. 1795  
Catherine daughter of Robert & Elizabeth  
d. 6/10/1854 b. 1786

From these markers it would seem that Catherine, daughter of Robert & Eliz., was his older sister which establishes the fact that Robert & Eliz. were probably Robert Gilbreath's parents.

Robert Gilbreath's brothers were leaders in the movement within the Methodist Episcopal Church which formed the Methodist Protestant Church and Robert probably became an M. P. about 1828. He emigrated from North Carolina to Belmont Co., Ohio in Dec. 1830. In 1845 he was in Cumberland, Ohio and in 1850 was in the Ozark Mts. (according to letters which he wrote to sons). In 1845 he was teaching school near Senacaville, O. and in 1850 was still teaching and was planning a visit to his son John, at the end of the school term. In 1850 he was alone, his wife and five daughters having died. As a Methodist Protestant circuit rider he organized the Prospect M.P. Church in 1831. In 1833 he was appointed to the Woodville Circuit by the Pittsburgh conference. By this appointment he was changed from the Georgetown Circuit. (From Methodism on the Headwaters of the Ohio, W.G. Smeltzer 1951) From a history of the M. P. Church by Rev. John Paris in 1849, printed by Sherwood & Co. (Page 290) - the following:

Col. Wm. Gilbreath was in the congregation at Moriah Church in April 1829. Rev. Mr. Merriwether, Supt. of Guilford Circuit asked him if he read "Mutual Rights" of which he did not approve. Col. Gilbreath said "What I buy and pay for is my own and I will read as I please." He was one of those who was becoming increasingly dissatisfied with certain phases of the M.E. Church. Two weeks after this incident Rev. John Coe called a meeting and appointed Joseph Gilbreath as secretary. A committee was appointed consisting of Ives, Heath, Hinkman, Hendrix and Wm. Gilbreath. They formed a church with Rev. Coe as minister. It was the first Associated Methodist Church in N. Carolina and was evidently the forerunner of the M. P. Church.  
Mary Taylor Sydnor Gilbreath

Aside from the dates of her birth and death, names of parents and husband and children we could find nothing of the background of Mary Taylor Sydnor. She and Robert Gilbreath were married by Rev. Seth (or Stith) Meede. She is buried in the M. P. Church cemetery in Noble Co. Ohio, near Hoskinsville State Rt. 215, 2.4 miles from Belle Valley, O. which is on U.S. 21. In 1952 we found her grave and those of some of her children. The markers were beginning to deteriorate pretty badly but were still readable. Returned in 1955 and the markers had crumbled badly. Besides the one for Mary T. S. Gilbreath there were markers for Robert M. Gilbreath, Mary Ann P. Gilbreath Bingham, Aurelia M. Bingham, Margum Taylor Gilbreath, Lucy C. E. Gilbreath, (Mary T. Gilbreath). They all died of tuberculosis, referred to as consumption on the markers. Aurelia M. Bingham was the baby daughter of Mary Ann P. Gilbreath Bingham.

Mary Ann Patrick BinghamEpitaph

The beatious flower that charms the eye  
 And decks the smiling plain  
 By winter's blast doth fade and die  
 But dies to bloom again  
 Then why should sorrow wring thy brow  
 Say, mourner, say why weepest thou

Margum Taylor GilbreathEpitaph

Happy Soul thy days are ended  
 All thy mourning days below  
 Go by angel guards attended  
 To the sight of Jesus go

Fortunatus Sydnor Gilbreath b. 2/17 1815 m. 9/17/39 Rachel Moore Lansing  
 F. S. Gilbreath, a doctor d. 1853 10/2 in Valpariso, Ind.

Issue  
 (1) Erasmus Corwin Gilbreath m. Susan Corse

Issue (1) William Sydnor Gilbreath b. 1867 m. Minnie Schaffd. 1936  
 William Sydnor Gilbreath was born Jan. 21, 1867 at Grenada, Miss., where his father was stationed as a major in the 11th Infantry of the U.S. Army. His earliest impressions were of marches against Indian uprisings in Texas and the territories of Dakota and Montana. He attended Swarthmore College. During his early teens he marched from Galveston to Ft. Griffin, Tex. - 325 mi. in 30 days. He became conscious of the necessity for better highways and entered the field of highway construction. He was organizer of the Hoosier Motor Club in 1901 and Indiana's first good roads are credited to his untiring efforts. As field secretary of Dixie Highway Association he gained national fame. His work in laying out the 1,587 mi. road from the Canadian border to Miama made his name a byword with automobile drivers. It was finished in 1911. In 1913 he aided in the task of creating the Lincoln Highway. In 1916 he became manager of Detroit Automobile Club, now the Automobile Club of Michigan, and started Mich. toward good roads. In 1930 he was made a Ky. colonel in recognition of his work in promoting the Dixie Highway across Dixie, or Kentucky. He had two sons, William S., Jr. and John. He was a member of the Masonic Order and of the Sons of American Revolution, the Loyal Legion, the Detroit Athletic Club, the Beavers, of the D.A.C. the Automobile Association of London, England, the Detroit Symphony Society, Institute of Art Founders Society, the Players and other clubs. He was president of the Michigan Pikers Association and supervising editor of the Detroit Motor News.

Robert Madison Gilbreath b. 5/22 1817 d. 6/30/52 in Noble Co., Ohio  
 Robert Madison Gilbreath was a Lutheran minister. He is buried near Belle Valley, O.

William McKindree Gilbreath b. 6/4/ 1818 m. Louise Dorland d. 1893  
 William M. Gilbreath was a Lutheran minister. Feb. 7, 1845 he was in Vanburen Clay Co., Ind. In 1860-1866 was at St. Paul's Evangelical Church and also 1873 - 1882. He was pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Issue (1) Fortunatus Gilbreath (Later renamed Charles Ordway)

(2) Violet Gilbreath m. Charles A. M. Stotts by Rev. A.M. Rader  
 Buried in Zanesville, O. cemetery d. 10/31/93

Wm. V. ...  
an farm owned by — Ab. Allen (Henry's bro. John)

Edmund had already been a leading member of House  
of Burgesses for 25 yrs. "Of such a man it may be  
safely said that in whatever view we take of him whether  
we look abroad or at home a man accomplished  
personage has rarely preceded in a public assembly.  
1764 - Selected with Geo. Clyburn, Richard Henry Lee to  
prepare memorial of King, Lords & Commons of England.  
1773 made one of Committee of Correspondence.  
1774 Elected to Convention & by it appointed delegate  
to Continental Congress - also was Presiding Justice of  
Caroline Co. & to Lieutenant.  
1775 - Re-elected for Congress - declined due to health  
Pres of Cong of 1775 & 1776 by unanimous vote also  
Chairman of Com. of Trade Safety (Pres. of these matters  
until superseded by Constitutional Law).  
Distinguished lawyer debator presiding officer  
Pres of Convention 1788 - Judge of Court of Appeals for  
4 centuries Appointed judge in Federal Court (District)  
Proposed to be Chief Justice of Sa.

To Franklin Grier Gilliland ALWAYS KEEP THIS RECORD OF YOUR LINEAGE.

The following is the direct line and does not take the brothers or sisters or marriages where there is no issue.

Edmund Pendleton of Virginia was president of the Virginia Convention of May 1776. This convention was called together to finally and completely break all connections with Great Britain.

He was afterwards President of the Virginia Convention of May and June 1788 which was called to ratify or accept the constitution of the United States.

According to the historians he was one of the most cautious and conservative and one of the oldest of Virginia's patriots.

Philip Pendleton married Isabella Hurt. Their son, Henry Pendleton married Mary Taylor. Their son, John Pendleton (brother of above Edmund Pendleton) married Sarah Madison (cousin of President James Madison). Their daughter, Lucy Pendleton married Robert Sydnor. Their daughter, Mary T. Sydnor married Robert Gilbreath. Their son, James Logan Gilbreath, married Louisa Ann Grey. Their daughter, Lucy A. Gilbreath married Jacob H. Harkey. Their daughter, <sup>MARY</sup> ~~Mary~~ Louisa Harkey married <sup>(Taylor)</sup> Edward R. Crichlow. Their daughter, Mary Louise Crichlow married Grier T. Gilliland. Their son, Franklin Grier Gilliland married Betty Jean Arnold.

PENDLETON Family

Betty Gilliland

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