

Where Did The Gilberts Come From?

Concerning the parents of John Gilbert, nothing yet is reliably known. The following three stories give some hints; but each seems to contain errors, so it is hard to know what to accept as fact.

STORY 1:

"The Gilberts came from England and settled in Tazewell County, Virginia. Great grandfather Gilbert was a sailor and was in the U. S. Navy during the Am. Revolution. His initials were thought to be G. W. Gilbert. Son of G. W. Gilbert, Gilbert m. Bond." From the Anderson Genealogy and Related Family Groups. Collected and Edited by Kay Anderson Spence January 1966 May 1967, page 34. Note, however that "Gilbert m. Bond," in this genealogy appears to be the person we know as John Gilbert who married Sarah Tabor, as we both agree (mostly) as to the children of this union.

STORY 2:

"My great grandfather's name on the Gilbert side was John Gilbert. He was, as quite a young man, connected with the English Navy and deserted this navy and took up the fight of the Colonies and after the Revolutionary War settled in Tazewell County, Virginia. His wife's name was Taber. She died in Kentucky in about 1830. He was then about 80 years old and married a young woman and went to Kansas and raised a family of boys. He lived to be over 100. I have talked with some of his boys, one of whom used to be mayor of Kansas City, Kansas. This is all I know about the different branches of my family." Taken from a letter written by George W. Gilbert to his cousin Maggie Edwards of Ames, Iowa. If this is the same John Gilbert who married Sarah Tabor, their youngest child (Samuel Turner Gilbert) was born 28 April 1834. John would appear to be dead by 1859 as his children, "being the heirs of John Gilbert" are inheriting his land in Carter County.

STORY 3:

"Lylas Anderson said her mother always said 12 Gilbert brothers came from Scotland & scattered everywhere when they came to America."