



**Archives Center & Research Library  
Finding Aid**

**HSH Collection on the Gill Family, 1530-1997 (bulk 1800-1930)  
Collection #2016-005**

**ABSTRACT:**

This is an artificial collection of family papers, photographs, and genealogical and historical research related to the Gill family of Haddonfield, New Jersey, whose former home is now the headquarters of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. John Gill I (1686-1749) was a cousin and agent for Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh, now celebrated as the founder of Haddonfield, and Gill's family and descendants became major landowners in South Jersey. The bulk of the collection dates from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and provides glimpses of the family's legal, land, business and farm dealings. The collection also includes some personal correspondence, mostly regarding the 1915 destruction of Ephraim Tomlinson Gill's Guernsey cattle herd for hoof and mouth disease, and history and genealogy research into the Gill and related families.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION:**

Collection #: 2016-005

Collection title: HSH Collection on the Gill Family

Creator: Gill Family

Type of collection: Family

Date of materials - earliest: 1530

Date of materials - latest: 1997

Bulk dates: 1800-1930

Number of boxes: 7 standard archival boxes

1 flat box

other: 9 flat file folders

Extent: 3.8 linear feet

Provenance: This is an artificial collection made up of several gifts. The first set of documents was among the initial donations to the Historical Society. Additional gifts have been added to the collection over the past century, including but not limited to:

- Gifts of Julia Bedford Gill, twentieth century
- Gifts of Mary Bauer, twentieth and twenty-first century
- Gift of John Gill VII, 1980

Any restrictions on access? No restrictions

Language(s): English; three 16<sup>th</sup> century documents in Latin

Related collections:

- \* Historical Society of Haddonfield, Beatrice Stuckert collection of notes on Gill and Bedford families, collection #2014-011
- \* Historical Society of Haddonfield, Gill and Tomlinson family papers, collection #1998-014
- \* Historical Society of Haddonfield, Haddon Farms photographs and genealogical notes, collection #2015-075
- \* Historical Society of Haddonfield, Greenfield Hall photograph album, 1942, collection #2002-002
- \* Historical Society of Haddonfield, Historical Society of Haddonfield institutional records, collection #1913-005
- \* Assorted items in the Historical Society of Haddonfield Small Accessions collection

Other internal notes:

This collection was formerly cataloged individually as items 1914-00-0001 to 1914-00-3000. Seven booklets and pamphlets were removed and transferred to the Pamphlets collection. Six account books and ledger books were removed and transferred to the Ledgers file. The marriage certificate of John Estaugh and Elizabeth Haddon is stored separately in a vault. Documents in poor condition or in pieces are noted in the inventory.

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**SUBJECTS / ACCESS POINTS:**

**Geographic names**

Haddonfield (N.J.)

Philadelphia (Pa.)

Camden (N.J.)

**Source?**

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**Names**

Burrough, Isaac

Burrough, Jacob

Burrough, William

Collins, Joseph

Conn, Thomas

Estaugh, Elizabeth Haddon, 1680-1762

Estaugh, John, 1676-1742

**Source?**

local

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local

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Gill, Elizabeth French, 1794-1854	local
Gill, Elizabeth Inskeep Tomlinson, 1833-1926	local
Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson, 1861-1941	local
Gill, John (Of Haddonfield, N.J.)	lsh
Gill, John I, 1686-1749	local
Gill, John II, 1720 or 21-1796	local
Gill, John III, 1758-1838	local
Gill, John IV, 1795-1884	local
Gill, John V, 1829-1896	local
Gill, John VI, 1856-1925	local
Gill, John VII, 1898-1985	local
Gill, Julia Bedford, 1868-1936	local
Gill, Mary Heritage, 1698-1749	local
Gill, Mercy, 1745-1760	local
Gill, William Hopkins, 1832-1873	local
Hopkins, William Estaugh	local
Inskeep, Sarah Tomlinson	local
Prickett, Hannah	local
Thorn, Mary Heritage (Gill), 1698-1749	local
Tomlinson, Benjamin	local
Tomlinson, Edwin	local
Tomlinson, Ephraim	local
Tomlinson, Frances	local
Tomlinson, Joseph	local
Tomlinson, Sarah Inskeep	local
White, Joseph	local

### **BIOGRAPHICAL / HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:**

The Gills and the extended family whose papers are included in this collection were prosperous and well-educated members of the Society of Friends who lived in and around the town of Haddonfield in West Jersey beginning in the early eighteenth century. The family accumulated large tracts of land that were used for agriculture, dairy farming, and timber in and around Haddonfield through the early twentieth century. The Gills were primarily involved in farming, the law, and businesses such as banking. They were active members of the community and the Friends Meeting in Haddonfield. The women of the family were also educated and some participated in running the family farms and businesses.

John Gill I (1686-1749) came to the colony of New Jersey from England around 1709 and was a first cousin and business agent of Elizabeth Haddon Estaugh, who is now celebrated as the founder of Haddonfield. Although his educational background is unknown, he was clearly a man of learning, as a surveyor, accountant, a leading member of the Quaker community, and manager of Elizabeth Estaugh's

business interests in the colonies. He also became a major landowner in Haddonfield and the surrounding area. For many years, beginning in 1723, Gill was one of the “Overseers of the Poor”, a group that had responsibility for all of the funds of the township at that time.

John Gill II (1720-1796) continued as manager of Elizabeth Estaugh’s estate after the death of his father, and was appointed to several positions in local government, such as “Commissioner of Loans” for old Gloucester County. During his tenure as a Commissioner during the Revolutionary War, his house was pillaged by the British.

John Gill III (1758-1838) continued the family business of farming. He was deeply religious, and a more active member of the Society of Friends, serving as an “Elder” for many years. John Gill III is the only member of the family for whom we have evidence of slave ownership, as he freed at least one slave in 1821.

In 1841, John Gill IV (1795-1884), tore down most of the family home and built a mansion, Greenfield Hall, for his second wife, Elizabeth French (1794-1854), on the Kings Highway property originally given to John Gill I by Elizabeth Estaugh. This building is now the headquarters of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. John Gill IV was president of the State Bank of Camden for over 40 years and served in the New Jersey State Legislature in the 1830s. Like his ancestors before him, he was an active farmer throughout his life. Born a Quaker, he was expelled from the Haddonfield Friends Meeting for marrying Elizabeth, who was not a member of the Society of Friends.

Ephraim Tomlinson Gill (1861-1941), the son of John Gill V (1829-1896), was a nationally known breeder of Guernsey cattle. His herd was known as the “Glenwood Girls” and they were raised on the Gill property known as Haddon Farms in the early twentieth century. He and his wife, Julia Bedford Gill (1868-1936), were two of the founders of the Historical Society of Haddonfield. Julia was a prolific amateur historian and genealogist, and a major source of material in this collection. Their son John Gill VII (1898-1985), an artist and photographer, was the last in the line of John Gills.

**Bibliography for bio/hist background note:**

Monshaw, Harriet Gotchel. Elizabeth French Gill 1794-1854: First Mistress of Greenfield Hall. The Historical Society of Haddonfield, 1998.

This is Haddonfield. The Historical Society of Haddonfield, 1963.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE:**

This artificial collection includes legal, business, personal documents, and photographs, as well as genealogy and historical research on the Gill family of Haddonfield, New Jersey, from John Gill I, born in 1662, through John Gill VII, who died in 1985. The collection includes business and personal papers, genealogical and historical materials from others that married into the Gill family, such as the Tomlinson, Inskeep, Nicholson, Hopkins, Willits, Bedford, and Burrough families. Although the

collection includes materials that were created during both the Revolutionary War and the Civil War, there are no letters or other documents that mention either conflict.

The collection is arranged in three series:

### Series 1: Family papers

The papers in Series 1 are primarily legal and business documents from the late eighteenth through the early twentieth centuries that are associated with businesses, estates, and land holdings in South Jersey. Included are many wills, estate documents, land surveys, contracts for land purchases, accounts, and receipts for merchandise and services. A smaller portion of the collection is comprised of personal correspondence, ephemera, poetry and other writings, much of it from the women of the family.

This series provides snapshots of business activity, farm life, real estate transactions, wills and estates, and personal correspondence and writings spread out over almost 400 years, rather than a continuous narrative for any individual or family. An exception is the large volume of materials from 1901 to 1920 regarding Ephraim Tomlinson Gill's Guernsey cattle, including their history and destruction due to hoof and mouth disease.

Julia Bedford Gill's papers are primarily historical and genealogical research and the writings that were the product of that research. She was an avid gardener and a founder of the Historical Society of Haddonfield and her surviving writings include histories of Haddon Farms, the Indian King Tavern, and early Haddonfield. She also wrote papers to be presented to the Garden Club of Haddonfield.

Other notable items in this series:

- The original 1702 marriage certificate for Elizabeth Haddon and John Estaugh
- In the papers of William Estaugh Hopkins, the 1802 will, probate and 1814 vendue book for Thomas Conn, a free man of color and member of the Society of Friends
- In the papers of John Gill III, the 1821 manumission documents for Franklin Howard, who was enslaved
- An 1857 criss-cross letter from Elizabeth Inskeep Tomlinson Gill (Box 1, Folder 12)
- The extensive collection of correspondence and articles related to the 1915 destruction of Ephraim Tomlinson Gill's entire herd of Guernsey cattle for hoof and mouth disease

### Series 2: Genealogy and history

This series is primarily family history charts, genealogy lists, and abstracts of primary sources, newspaper and magazine articles. These items complement the personal papers in Series 1, and are arranged in folders alphabetically by family name or subject.

This series also includes a selection of World War I ephemera related to food conservation and recipes, likely saved by Julia Bedford Gill.

### Series 3: Photographs

This series includes black and white prints and negatives on assorted topics. The series is arranged into two subseries:

Subseries 1: Buildings & Landscapes - Folders alphabetically by subject or name. Many of these photographs were taken by John Gill VII.

Subseries 2: People - Folders alphabetically by name.

## CONTAINER LIST / INVENTORY:

### Series 1: Family papers

Chew, Aaron (1811 Survey)	Box 1	Folder 1
Clement, Hannah (1719 Marriage cert Jonathan Axford)	Box 1	Folder 2
Clement, Sarah (1821 Notebook/Diary)	Box 1	Folder 3
Downs, Benjamin (1796-1815 Surveys)	Box 1	Folder 4
Estaugh, Elizabeth (1762 Legal opinion on her will, surveys)	Box 1	Folder 5
Estaugh, John (1686-1732 Surveys)	Box 1	Folder 6
Evans, Samuel R. & Evans, T.T. (1870-1893 Personal papers)	Box 1	Folder 7
Gill, Anna Smith (daughter of J. Gill 4 <sup>th</sup> ) (1878-1890 Receipts)	Box 1	Folder 8
Gill, Anne Lovett Smith (1789-1790 Papers, book pages with signature)	Box 1	Folder 9
Gill, Elizabeth French (1811-1865 Personal papers and estate inventory)	Box 1	Folder 10
Gill, Elizabeth Inskeep Tomlinson (1848-1866 Essays, ephemera, school report card)	Box 1	Folder 11
Gill, Elizabeth Inskeep Tomlinson (1852-1867 Correspondence – includes criss-cross letter)	Box 1	Folder 12
Gill, Elizabeth Inskeep Tomlinson (1853 Marriage proposal from John Gill 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Box 1	Folder 13
Gill, Elizabeth Inskeep Tomlinson (1899-1926 Haddon Farms inventory, receipts)	Box 1	Folder 14
Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson (1875-1886 Notebook of accounts)	Box 1	Folder 15
Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson (1901-1921 Letters to E.T. Gill re Guernsey Cows & Haddon Farms)	Box 1	Folders 16-17
Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson (1915 Hearing transcript prior to destruction of herd)	Box 1	Folder 18

Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson (1915 Letters to E.T. Gill re destruction of herd for hoof & mouth disease)	Box 1	Folders 19-30
Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson (1915 Letters and telegrams re destruction of herd for hoof & mouth disease)	Box 2	Folders 1-6
Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson - Correspondence, ephemera, presentation	Box 2	Folder 7
Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson (1898-1915 Articles and notes - Haddon Farms & Guernsey Cows)	Box 2	Folder 8
Gill, John 1 <sup>st</sup> (1709 Survey from Samuel Clement to John Gill)	Box 2	Folder 9
Gill, John 1 <sup>st</sup> (1725-1858 Lease and survey of lands from John Estaugh to John Gill)	Box 2	Folder 10
Gill, John 1 <sup>st</sup> (1725-1850 3 POA, Mary Thorn will proof (William Franklin))	Box 2	Folder 11
Gill, John 1 <sup>st</sup> (1737-1869 Boundary dispute with John Cox, resurvey)	Box 2	Folder 12
Gill, John 1 <sup>st</sup> (1747-1749 Land purchase for Gill grandchildren, approval of estate)	Box 2	Folder 13
Gill, John 2 <sup>nd</sup> (1746-1757 Real estate and survey)	Box 2	Folder 14
Gill, John 2 <sup>nd</sup> (1761-1789 Contracts, Abel Nicholson will)	Box 2	Folder 15
Gill, John 2 <sup>nd</sup> (1766-1771 Estate of Elizabeth Estaugh)	Box 2	Folder 16
Gill, John 2 <sup>nd</sup> (1796-1819 Estate of John Gill 2 <sup>nd</sup> with fair copy of will)	Box 2	Folders 17-18
Gill, John 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1822-1835 Contracts, surveys)	Box 2	Folder 19
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1789-1839 Account book, estate of Deborah Stewart, correspondence)	Box 2	Folder 20
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1797-1803 Estate of Isaac Burrough, estate of Jacob Burrough)	Box 2	Folder 21
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1802-1806 Estate of William Burrough)	Box 2	Folder 22
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1814-1823 Estate of Sarah Prickett Gill)	Box 2	Folder 23
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1814-1838 Real estate and surveys)	Box 2	Folder 24
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1821 Manumission of Franklin Howard, an enslaved man)	Box 2	Folder 25
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1826 Letters between J.G. and John Whitall re slanderous statements against Whitall)	Box 2	Folder 26
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> (1838 Estate of John Gill 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	Box 2	Folder 27
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> (1822-1833 Receipts, surveys, ephemera)	Box 3	Folder 1
Gill, John 3 <sup>rd</sup> or 4 <sup>th</sup> (1829-1840 Account book and receipts)	Box 3	Folder 2
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> (1818-1886 Documents for various estates, land transactions, personal, marriage cert)	Box 3	Folder 3

Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> (1821-1828 Estate of William Estaugh Hopkins)	Box 3	Folder 4
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> (1825-1836 Estate of Joseph Collins, estate of John Smith)	Box 3	Folder 5
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> (1829-1844 Receipts, surveys, indenture for apprentice)	Box 3	Folder 6
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> (1832-1835 Estate of Jonathan Johnson)	Box 3	Folder 7
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> (1840-1865 Account book)	Box 3	Folder 8
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> (1845-1878 Commercial and legal)	Box 3	Folder 9
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> (1867-1886 Estate of John Gill 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Box 3	Folder 10
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> (1845-1858 Receipts and agreements)	Box 3	Folder 11
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> (1852-1863 Gill land)	Box 3	Folder 12
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> (1863-1875 Receipts and certificates)	Box 3	Folder 13
Gill, John 4 <sup>th</sup> , 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> (1878-1881 Receipts)	Box 3	Folder 14
Gill, John 5 <sup>th</sup> (1857-1879 Correspondence, receipts, ephemera)	Box 3	Folder 15
Gill, John 5 <sup>th</sup> (1896 Estate of John Gill 5 <sup>th</sup> )	Box 3	Folder 16
Gill, John 5 <sup>th</sup> or 6 <sup>th</sup> (1886-1890 Tax bills, share of Library Co. of Haddonfield)	Box 3	Folder 17
Gill, John 6 <sup>th</sup> (1895 Letter from cousin W.H. Nicholson)	Box 3	Folder 18
Gill, John 7 <sup>th</sup> (1941-1990 Correspondence, ephemera)	Box 3	Folder 19
Gill, Julia Bedford (1899-1935 Correspondence)	Box 3	Folder 20
Gill, Julia Bedford (1909-1934 Correspondence – Bedford family)	Box 3	Folder 21
Gill, Julia Bedford (1917-1933 Correspondence re: Gill family history)	Box 3	Folder 22
Gill, Julia Bedford - Historical Essays	Box 3	Folder 23
Gill, Julia Bedford - Historical Society of Haddonfield	Box 4	Folder 1
Gill, Julia Bedford - History of Early Gill Family	Box 4	Folder 2
Gill, Julia Bedford - Research – Autograph sources	Box 4	Folder 3
Gill, Julia Bedford - Research – Estaugh/Haddon families	Box 4	Folder 4
Gill, Julia Bedford - Research – Ephraim Tomlinson Gill	Box 4	Folder 5
Gill, Julia Bedford - Research – John Gill 1st	Box 4	Folder 6
Gill, Julia Bedford - Research – misc.	Box 4	Folder 7
Gill, Julia Bedford - Research – Phila Library Company / Friends Library	Box 4	Folder 8
Gill, Julia Bedford - Research – State Archives Trenton	Box 4	Folder 9
Gill, Julia Bedford - Talks on Gardening	Box 4	Folder 10
Gill, Julia Bedford - Talks on Haddonfield History	Box 4	Folder 11



Gill, Mary Heritage (Thorn) (1775-1790 Estate of Mary Gill Thorn)	Box 4	Folder 12
Gill, Mercy (1760 Memorials on death of Mercy Gill)	Box 4	Folder 13
Gill, William Hopkins (1872 Timber sale with survey)	Box 4	Folder 14
Gill, Miscellaneous (18 <sup>th</sup> to 20 <sup>th</sup> century)	Box 4	Folder 15
Hopkins, William Estaugh (1802-1825 Estate of Thomas Conn)	Box 4	Folder 16
Inskeep, Sarah Tomlinson (1819-1831 Poetry and prose, copies of poems, drawing)	Box 4	Folder 17
Johnson, Jonathan (1829-1833 Estate of Marmaduke Reeves)	Box 5	Folder 1
Non-Gill, Miscellaneous	Box 5	Folder 2
Oversized: documents re real estate transactions - John Gill, Edward Butcher & John Cox 1737-1751		FF1
Oversized: documents re real estate 1762-1834		FF2
Oversized: documents, contracts, deeds, all originals 1530-1749, some in Latin		FF3
Oversized: surveys and maps of land transactions, mostly originals, 1747-1870		FF4
Oversized: original marriage certificates, 1718-1777		FF5
Oversized: original marriage certificates, 1788-1818		FF6
Oversized: original marriage certificates, 1867-1897		FF7
Oversized: Large photocopies of 8 marriage certificates in flat file folders 4, 5 and 7		FF8
Oversized: Miscellaneous documents		FF9
Prickett, Hannah (1795 Fair copy of will and probate)	Box 5	Folder 3
Tomlinson, Benjamin (1841-1844, primarily estate)	Box 5	Folder 4
Tomlinson, Ephraim (1810-1893 Correspondence, receipts, wills for two E. Tomlinsons)	Box 5	Folder 5
Tomlinson, Frances & Tomlinson, Edwin (1847-1893 Correspondence and ephemera)	Box 5	Folder 6
Tomlinson, Joseph (1758 Will and release)	Box 5	Folder 7
Tomlinson, Miscellaneous (19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> century)	Box 5	Folder 8
Tomlinson, Sarah Inskeep (1847, 3 letters to daughter)	Box 5	Folder 9
Wendover, Peter (Julia B. Gill Ancestor) (1806-1818 Publication and account book)	Box 5	Folder 10
White, Joseph (1827-1839 Estate of Joseph White)	Box 5	Folder 11
Willits Family (1865-1927 Correspondence, marriage license)	Box 5	Folder 12

## Series 2: Genealogy & History

Bedford Family (Julia B. Gill Ancestors)	Box 5	Folder 13
Bergen Family	Box 5	Folder 14
Bradway Family	Box 5	Folder 15
Burrough Family	Box 5	Folder 16
Clement Family	Box 5	Folder 17
de Sille Family (Julia B. Gill Ancestors)	Box 5	Folder 18
Gill Family	Box 5	Folders 19-20
Gill Family – copies of documents related to land-John Cox	Box 5	Folder 21
Gill Family – Gill “Family Reminiscences”	Box 5	Folder 22
Gill, John 1st History	Box 5	Folder 23
Gill, John 4th Bank President History, circa 1896	Box 5	Folder 24
Haddonfield History	Box 5	Folder 25
Haines Family	Box 5	Folder 26
Hopkins Family	Box 6	Folder 1
Inskeep Family	Box 6	Folder 2
Mickle Family	Box 6	Folder 3
Miscellaneous	Box 6	Folder 4
Nicholson Family	Box 6	Folder 5
Olden Family	Box 6	Folder 6
Smith Family	Box 6	Folder 7
Stevenson Family	Box 6	Folder 8
Tomlinson Family	Box 6	Folder 9
Van Norden Family (Julia B. Gill Ancestors)	Box 6	Folder 10
Van Voorhees, Wendover, Jegou (Julia B. Gill Ancestors)	Box 6	Folder 11
Wood Family	Box 6	Folder 12
WWI 1914-1918 - Conservation of Food & Recipes	Box 6	Folder 13

## Series 3: Photographs

### Subseries 1: Buildings and Landscapes

Chaukley-Glover House	Box 6	Folder 14
Ebenezer Hopkins House Corner Cupboard	Box 6	Folder 15
Ephraim Glover House, Mt. Ephraim	Box 6	Folder 16
Gill Farm at Tavistock	Box 6	Folder 17
Glover Houses (2), Haddon Hts.	Box 6	Folder 18
Glover Silk Mill, Mt. Ephraim	Box 6	Folder 19
Greenfield Hall, by John Gill 7 <sup>th</sup>	Box 6	Folder 20

Haddon Farms	Box 6	Folder 21
Haddon Farms and Guernseys	Box 6	Folder 22
Inskeep Burial Plot and Gravestone	Box 6	Folder 23
Interiors and Furnishings - Gill-Related	Box 7	Folder 1
Interiors and Furnishings - some Haddon Farms	Box 7	Folder 2
John D. Glover House, Mt. Ephraim	Box 7	Folder 3
Landscapes and Nature	Box 7	Folder 4
Middleton House	Box 7	Folder 5
Miscellaneous Buildings	Box 7	Folder 6
Tomlinson House, Laurel Mills	Box 7	Folder 7

### **Series 3: Photographs**

#### **Subseries 2: People**

Gill, Ephraim Tomlinson	Box 7	Folder 8
Gill Family	Box 7	Folder 9
Gill Friends and Relatives	Box 7	Folder 10
Gill, John 4th, 5th, 6th and 7 <sup>th</sup>	Box 7	Folder 11
Gill, Julia Bedford	Box 7	Folder 12
Gill, Julia Bedford Ancestors	Box 7	Folder 13
Gill, Julia Bedford / Children	Box 7	Folder 14
Hopkins Family	Box 7	Folder 15
Van Brunt / Van Norden Families (Julia B. Gill Ancestors)	Box 7	Folder 16

*[A detailed Gill family tree is available at the Historical Society.]*