

trail Elizabeth Asabill.⁹⁸ They were divorced in 1846; m. (2) 15 December 1850, Sarah Catherine Howell. His name is in the Oregon Donation Claim records, although he does not appear to have made an early claim himself. He gave power of attorney from Washington County, Oregon Territory, in 1853.⁹⁹ He was head of household in 1860 in Willamette Precinct, Multnomah County, Oregon, p. 523.

- vi. Thomas Summers Gillihan b. 28 October 1827; d. 30 July 1901, Vancouver, Washington; m. 18 September 1845, Polk County, Jane Akins Rountree, widow of Joseph Rountree.¹⁰⁰ He served with Company G, 26th Tennessee Infantry, during the Civil War. By 1880, they were living in Clark County, Washington.
- vii. Hiram Brown Gillihan b. ca. 1834 as he was a minor in 1852, his brother-in-law William Webb was his guardian; d. 21 June 1853 in Washington County, Oregon Territory. That year, his brother gave power of attorney to William Webb of Polk County, Missouri, as the administrator of Hiram's estate. Hiram's heirs were listed on 21 June 1853 as Isaac Routh of Dade County, Gideon Gillihan of Grundy County, Missouri, Martin Gillihan of Oregon Territory, Thos. Gillihan of Cedar County, William Webb of Polk County, and the heirs of William, deceased, of Oregon.¹⁰¹

STROTHER LAWRENCE GILLILAND was born about 1810, based on the ages of his children; died 1843; married about 1832, probably in Lincoln County, Tennessee, **MARY ANN GRIFFIS** born about 1814 in Tennessee; she married (2) 9 May 1844, Greene County, Missouri, T.J.M. Hawkins.

LAND: E½ of SE¼ section 11 township 30 range 23 containing 80 acres and W½ of SW¼ section 12 township 30 range 23 containing 80 acres [Greene County]. He received certificates (patents) #858 and #859.

ORIGIN: Lincoln County, Tennessee

⁹⁸ E.E. Parish, "Crossing the Plains in 1844," *Transactions of the Oregon Pioneer Association (1888)*: 82-122, entry for 21 May 1844.

⁹⁹ Polk County, Missouri, Deed Book E:408.

¹⁰⁰ Family information says she was daughter of James and Elizabeth (Garner) Akins.

¹⁰¹ Hiram Gillihan, Polk County, Missouri, probate box 28.

Strother and Mary Ann came from Lincoln County, Tennessee, with her parents, John and Sarah Griffis [see his entry].¹⁰² Mary Ann was still living with her parents in 1830 and was the 15–20 year old female in her father's Lincoln County household listed on p. 252. One Samuel Gilliland was also listed in Lincoln County in 1830, p. 281, with 2 males 20–30 in the household, one of whom was probably Strother. The only other male with this surname who was head of household in the county was Humphrey Gilliland, enumerated on p. 279 as a free person of color with 1 male 36–55 and 1 female 25–36 years of age.

Strother does not appear as head of household in Greene County in 1840, but was taxed there in 1843. He probably became ill with an infectious disease, for he was just a young man when he wrote his will on 12 October 1843. The will was recopied later and the probate date omitted. He gave servants Harry, Esther and Joseph to his wife, Mary Ann.¹⁰³ If enough money remained, one-third of it was to go to Thomas R. Griffis for "his dower" in his father's land and to "Nathan Abernathy's dower in the same land." He mentioned his children, but did not name them. He did, however, specifically name his horses Snip, Bald Eagle and Lucetta. The executors were Mary Ann and Joseph A. Renshaw. The witnesses were John W. Wadlow and J.T. Williams.¹⁰⁴

In 1850 Mary Ann and her second husband were living in Robinson Township, Greene County, Missouri, dwelling #593. Those in the home were Thomas J.M[atthew] Hawkins, age 38, born Tennessee, Mary Ann, age 34, born Tennessee, Sarah L. Gilliland, age 16, born Tennessee, Mary L.C., age 8, born Missouri, Alphina Orvl, age 3, born Missouri, and Bedford Sullivan, age 6, born Missouri.

Children of Strother Lawrence and Mary Ann (Griffis) Gilliland:

- i. Sarah Susan Gilliland b. ca 1834 in Tennessee; m. 29 June 1854, Greene County, Robert N. Sims.
- ii. Mary L.C. Gilliland b. 1842 in Missouri.

¹⁰² "The Griffis Family," *Ozar'kin* 2 (Summer 1980): 45.

¹⁰³ Strother had inherited these slaves from his father-in-law, John Griffis. Greene County, Missouri, Probate Book A:293.

¹⁰⁴ Greene County, Missouri, Will Book C, No. 2: 23–25.