

## Family of Thomas Jefferson Gill

### **Gill, Thomas Jefferson**

b. October 1834, NC – d. 16 November 1880, DeKalb Co., TN –  
md Melissa M. “Aunt Puss” Exum – b. December 1842, TN – d. ca. 1913, DeKalb Co. TN  
d/o William Exum – b. ca. 1784, NC and Elizabeth Marshal – b. ca. 1806, VA  
...**Houston Stewart Gill** – b. 6 January 1858, Wolf Creek, TN –  
d. 18 September 1910, at home, DeKalb Co., TN nr Silver Point, TN  
md 22 September 1878, DeKalb Co., TN, **Frances Rosentrant Smith** –  
b. 3 October 1862, Wolf Creek, TN –  
d. 1 July 1941, Wolf Creek, TN or d. 29 June 1942, Wolf Creek, TN -  
d/o Felix H. Smith & Sarah A. Terry  
Both Buried: Gill Cemetery – Located in hollow above Mrs. Ida Gill’s house, across the  
Road from Wolf Creek Baptist Church, on Hwy. 141. Copied by Mitch Jones, December 1962.  
...Nola Stocia Gill – b. ca. 1880, TN  
...Stella Lee Gill – b. 12 June 1886, TN – d. 5 December 1912 – Buried: Smellage Cemetery, Boma,  
Putnam Co., TN - md Walter Robinson Shanks – b. 30 November 1893 – d. 8 April 1967 -  
Walter md 2<sup>nd</sup> Euda Warren – b. 30 November 1883 – d. 17 October 1967 –  
d/o Robert Warren & Mattie Tubbs – *Walter & Euda Warren Shanks* – Both Buried:  
Maddux Cemetery, Putnam Co., TN  
...Walter Lee Shanks – b. 25 December 1910 – d. 27 December 1910 –  
Buried: Gill Cemetery, DeKalb Co., TN  
...**Preston Stewart Gill** - b. 14 May 1901, Holems Creek, nr. Caney Fork  
River, TN - d. 6 May 1967, Cookeville, TN – *Heart Attack* –  
md nr. Silver Point, TN, 28 July 1920, **Addie Anderson** -  
b. 27 November 1902, Boma, Putnam Co., TN - d. 23 February 1976, Cookeville, TN  
Both Buried: Smellage Cemetery, Boma, Putnam Co., TN -  
*Sister of Audra Camilla Anderson who is the grandmother of Audrey June Denny Lambert.*  
d/o Lewis Monroe Anderson & Matilda Isabelle Wallace  
\*See Chapter 2, *Preston Stewart Gill for complete family listing* – [www.ajlambert.com](http://www.ajlambert.com)  
*Frances Rosentrant Smith’s parents were: Felix H. Smith – b. 30 March 1838,*  
*Wolf Creek, TN – d. 8 August 1913, DeKalb Co., TN. Felix H. Smith’s parents were: Wiley B. Smith – b.*  
*1810/20, VA – d. 1841/50, TN, he married before 1834, Martha B.- b. 14 December 1810, NC – d. 30*  
*October 1883. Felix H. Smith married Sarah A. Terry – b. 11 March 1840 – d. 10 July 1901. Her parents*  
*were: James G. Terry and Martha Welch – b. 1 May 1811, NC – d. 20 May 1881, DeKalb Co., TN.*  
...Luther Peyton Gill – b. ca. 1860, TN  
...William B. Gill – b. ca. 1862, TN  
...James F. Gill – b. ca. 1864, TN  
...Franklin Gill – b. ca. 1866, TN  
...Jennie Gill – b. ca. 1868, TN  
...Jessie Gill – b. ca. 1870, TN  
...Felix Gill – b. ca. 1872, TN  
...Solon Gill – b. 1876, TN  
...Eliza H. Gill – b. ca. 1878, TN

### 1860 U.S. Census – 16th Civil District DeKalb County, TN – Laurel Hill

Dwl: 1524 Family: 1512 Line: 6 Ancestry.com image: 215  
Smith, Martha B. 49 F Domestic (value of real estate, 800) (value of personal estate, 500) NC  
(*Martha B. Smith wife of Wiley B. Smith*)  
Felix H. 22 M Farmer (value of real estate, 200) TN  
(*Felix H. Smith md Sarah A. Terry – parents of Francis Rosentrant Smith*)  
Sarah A. 19 F TN (*Sarah A. Terry w/o Felix H. Smith*)  
Arena H 18 F TN  
Johnson, Mary F. 79 F Widow VA  
Aldridge, Isaac B. 9 M Bound Boy TN

1860 U.S. Census – 16th Civil District DeKalb County, TN – Laurel Hill

Dwl: 1564 Family: 1552 Line: 34 Ancestry.com image: 220

Gill, Thomas J. 27 M Farmer (value of real estate, 1000) (value of personal estate, 500) NC

Malissa 19 F TN

**Houston** 2 M TN

Peyton 10/12 M TN

Exum, Eliza 52 F Widow (value of real estate, 150) TN

(*Eliza Marshal Exum w/o William Exum – parents of Thomas Jefferson Gill*)

Aldridge, Elizabeth 10 F Bound Girl TN

1870 U.S. Census – 16th Civil District DeKalb County, TN – Laurel Hill

Dwl: 129 Family: 131 Line: 4

Gill, Thomas 37 M W Farmer (Value of real estate, 1000) (Value of personal estate, 1000) TN

(*Thomas Jefferson Gill md Melissa M. “Aunt Puss” Exum*)

Melissa M. 28 F W Housekeeping TN

(*Melissa M. “Aunt Puss” Exum d/o William Exum – b. ca. 1784, NC and Elizabeth Marshal – b. ca. 1806, VA*)

**Houston S.** 12 M W TN (*Houston Stewart Gill md Frances Rosentrant Smith – parents of Preston Stewart Gill who md Addie Anderson, d/o Lewis Monroe Anderson & Matildia Isabelle Wallace*)

Luther P. 10 M W TN

William B. 8 M W TN

James G. 6 M W TN

Franklin C. 4 M W TN

Geneva J. 2 F W TN

Jesse 10/12 M W TN

Exum, Eliza 70 F W Retired Lady (Value of real estate, 300) TN (*Elizabeth Marshal – b. ca. 1806, VA, wife of William Exum – b. ca. 1784, NC – parents of Melissa M. “Aunt Puss” Exum*).

Census Place: 1880 - District 16, De Kalb, Tennessee

Source: FHL Film 1255252 National Archives Film T9-1252 Page 241B

	Relation	Sex	Marr	Race	Age	Birthplace
<b>Houston GILL</b>	Self	M	M	W	23	TN

Occ: Farmer Fa: TN Mo: TN

(*Houston S. Gill, s/o Thomas Jefferson Gill & Melissa M. “Aunt Puss” Exum*)

Frances R. GILL	Wife	F	M	W	17	TN
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Occ: Keeps House Fa: TN Mo: TN

(*Frances Rosentrant Smith, d/o Felix H. Smith & Sarah A. Terry*)

Nola Stocia GILL	Dau	F	S	W	5M	TN
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Thomas GILL	Self	M	M	W	46	TN

Occ: Farmer Fa: TN Mo: TN

(*Thomas Jefferson Gill*)

Malissa GILL	Wife	F	M	W	39	TN
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Occ: Keeps House Fa: TN Mo: TN

(*Melissa M. “Aunt Puss” Exum, d/o William Exum & Eliza Marshal*)

William B. GILL	Son	M	S	W	18	TN
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Occ: Works On Farm Fa: TN Mo: TN

James F. GILL	Son	M	S	W	16	TN
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Franklin GILL	Son	M	S	W	14	TN
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Occ: Works On Farm Fa: TN Mo: TN

Jennie GILL	Dau	F	S	W	12	TN ( <i>Geneva Jennie Gill</i> )
Occ:	At School		Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Jessie GILL	Son	M	S	W	10	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Felix GILL	Son	M	S	W	8	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Solon GILL	Son	M	S	W	4	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		
Eliza H. GILL	Dau	F	S	W	2	TN
			Fa: TN	Mo: TN		

1900 Census – 8<sup>th</sup> Civil District, DeKalb Co., TN

Dwl: 90 Family: 103

Gill, M. M. Head W F widow 60 Farming TN TN TN

(*Melissa M. "Aunt Puss" Exum Gill, d/o William Exum & Elizabeth Marshal. She md Thomas Jefferson Gill*)

Gill, Solon Son M W 23 December 1876 (Married 1900) Farm Laborer TN TN TN

Gill, Dora Daughter-in-Law F W 15 June 1884 (Married 1900) TN TN TN

Gill, Tommie Son M W 18 January 1882 Single TN TN TN

Gill, Ora Granddaughter F W 17 December 1882 Single TN TN TN

Gill, Jess Son M W 21 May 1879 Single TN TN TN

1910 Census – Putnam Co., TN 11th Civil Dist.

Dwl: 98 Family: 98

Walter R. Shanks Head M W 26 Married (2/12 yrs. married) Farmer General Farm TN TN TN  
(*Walter Robinson Shanks, s/o Robert Fain Shanks & Anna "Annie" Anderson*)

Stella L. Shanks Wife F W 23 Married (2/12 yrs. married) TN TN TN  
(*Stella Gill, d/o Houston Stewart Gill & Frances Rosentrant Smith*)

1910 Census – 17<sup>th</sup> Civil District – Boma Village – Putnam Co., TN

Dwl: 161 – Family: 161

Anderson, Lewis M. Head M W 43 M1 (22 years married) Own Income TN TN TN

Matilda Wife F W 38 M1 (22 years married) TN TN TN

William G. Son M W 21 Single Merchant Retail Groceries TN TN TN

Ollie Dau F W 11 Single TN TN TN

Audra Dau F W 11 Single TN TN TN

Addie Dau F W 7 Single TN TN TN

Eldra Dau F W 15/12 Single TN TN TN

1910 Census – 16<sup>th</sup> District – Laurel Hill: Silver Point Road – DeKalb Co., TN

Dwl: 79 Family: 80 Line: 46 Ancestry.com image: 11

**Gill, Houston S.** Head M W 52 Married1 (32 yrs. married) Own Income TN NC TN

**Frances R.** Wife F W 47 Married1 (32 yrs. married) – 12-10 (12 children born – 10 children living)  
TN TN TN

Buchner Son M W 17 Single TN TN TN

Felix J. Son M W 15 Single TN TN TN

Calla E. Dau F W 13 Single TN TN TN

Emma Dau F W 11 Single AR TN TN

Preston S. Son M W 8 Single TN TN TN

Dixie Dau F W 6 TN TN TN

Owen Ward M W 5 Single AR TN OK?

1910 Census – 16<sup>th</sup> District – Laurel Hill: Silver Point Road – DeKalb Co., TN

Dwl: 97 Family: 98 Line: 44 Ancestry.com 13

Burton, William Head M W 40 Married (20 yrs. married) Farming Home Farm TN TN TN  
(*can't make out the name*) Wife F W 41 Married (20 yrs. married) 7-4 (7 children born, 4 children living) TN TN TN

Lucian F. Son M W 16 Single TN TN TN

Ora F. Dau F W 13 Single TN TN TN

Walter W. Son M W 8 Single TN TN TN

Ruthie P. Dau F W 3 Single TN TN TN

**Smith, Felix H.** Boarder M W 72 Widow Speaks English Own Income TN NC TN

(*Felix H. Smith md Sarah A. Terry – parents of Francis Rosentrant Smith*)

1930 Census Wayne, Detroit, MI

Dwl: Gladwin Ave, 4194 – Family: 35-37

**Gill, Preston S.** Head Owns Home (6,500) 28 Married (19 yrs. old 1st marriage) Postal Clerk, Post Office TN TN TN

**Gill, Addie** Wife F W 27 Married (17 yrs. old 1st marriage) TN TN TN

Gill, Lewis H. Son M W 7 Single TN TN TN

Gill, Reba Dau F W 5 Single MI TN TN

Gill, Gloria Dau F W 3 1/12 Single MI TN TN

Love's Valley by Jolee Love

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Will T. Hale has written a history of DeKalb County, Tennessee, which contains the following:

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**Source:** DeKalb County records span 1851-1900. The county is located in central Tennessee and was created in 1837 from Cannon, Warren, and White counties.

Original data: DeKalb County, Tennessee Marriages, 1851-1900. County court records located at Smithville, Tennessee or Family History Library microfilm #0593050-0593054.

Name: **HUSTON S. GILL**  
Spouse: **SMITH, FRANCES R.**  
Marriage Date: 22 September 1878  
County: DeKalb  
State: TN