

# Peoria County Genealogical Society Finding Aid for

## Gilchrist/Cast Collection

### SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Creator of the family genealogy donation: Julia Gilchrist**, 416 W. Forrest Hill in Peoria.

Mailing label on one of the boxes was from John Alison Gilchrist, Attn: Marjorie King, Genealogy Department. A note was found in one of the boxes:

*Ms. King,*

*Several weeks ago, I brought to the library a variety of genealogy research which my sister Julia Alison Gilchrist had compiled. I may have accidentally ruined Julia's organization, since I am not a genealogist. I hope the materials are of use to you and your organization. I found these additional items, also Gilchrist/Cast related, which I thought you should have.*

*For many decades, genealogy was a consuming pursuit of Julia's, so I hope her years of dedicated work will be of use to someone.*

*Sincerely, Jeanette G. White*

Julia Gilchrist died 6 November 1996 at Proctor Hospital, 68 years of age. She was born 18 Sep 1928 to Theodore & Katharine Wurst Gilchrist. Surviving were two sisters Mrs. Charles A. Jeanette White of Barrington and Angela Gilchrist of Chicago. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her body was donated to medical science. Memorials were made to Lakeview Museum of the Arts & Sciences. (Obituary- *Newsbank* online, *Peoria Journal Star*, 8 Nov 1996, Page C11 retrieved 1 March 2021 kmh)

### Acquisition Information:

More than likely PCGS received this donation in 1997 after Julia's death.

In 2019 volunteers found 1 large box, 1 small box and a file drawer filled with this collection. The contents were consolidated all to one file drawer before working on it.

Volunteers went through the contents and put protective sheets over most of the collection and labeled the contents. Keeping it in the order it was in storage, the contents were then put in three ring binders and labeled. The separation by number was done to indicate different folders in the collection.

**Access Restrictions:** none

**Deed of Gift:** none found

**How to Access:** To access this collection, ask the librarian at the Local History/Genealogy Dept at the Peoria Public Library Main Branch. You can also prearrange a visit with a PCGS volunteer by using the Contact Us on the website: [peoriacountygenealogy.org](http://peoriacountygenealogy.org) .

## Abstract:

**Contents:** Correspondence, few photos, histories, family group sheets, research, original sources or copies of wills, military records, etc.

**Subjects:** Gilchrist, Cass, Cast, Marlow, Gilles, Johnson

## CONTENTS LISTING

8 3 ring binders labeled A-H

1 box with books and oversized materials labeled I

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## CONTENTS LISTING

Folder/Box number	Description
3 Ring Binders	
Binder A	1 Gilchrist, Cast, Smith, Townsend, Stout
	2 Letters, family group sheet, Bungun, McCaslin & Ashton family book, McPhail Ancestor chart
	3 Gilchrist. Research, correspondence 70's & 80's, family group sheets, Scotland
	4 Gilchrist & Cast. Notes, correspondence, will. Marlow
	5 Handwritten narrative Kerm, Cast, Marlow, Johnson, Gilchrist & more
	6 Smith, Stout, Higgins, Gilchrist Civil War Record, correspondence, requests of libraries
Binder B	7 Histories counties in New York with bios
	8 Correspondence with Inveraray Castle
	9 Gilchrist ancestors
	10 Stout, Johnson, Smith, Hubbard, Cullen, Schafer & more
	11 Riley, Johnson, Cass-Cast, Clark, Smith, Villars, Longheads, Williams. Diaries & family group sheets
	12 Laughead/Lawhead. Obits, Civil war transcripts. Copies of original records
	13 Gilchrist, Brust, Smith. DAR application, war records
	14 Carter, Brush, Stout
	15 Marlow. Will & bio

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	16 Higgins, Brush, Gilchrist, Laughhead. Will, etc.
Binder C	17 Gilchrist correspondence 1968-70's
Binder D	18 Cast, Scholl correspondence & newspaper inside front of binder
	19 McNeil, Gilchrist, Scottish Emigrate
	20 Ashley
	21 Villars, photos
	22 Cass photos, Kilnaughton
	23 Cast
	24 Gilchrist, Lachlan
	25 1986 letter, Tom Gilles photo, Gilchrist, Grand Prairie, History of Elk County, PA
	26 Cast, Drumm, inside back cover Salem's History & History of Salem
Binder E	27 Cast pedigree, Bullen
	28 Brown-will, Nancy Johnson-will, Redd-will
	29 Simeon Smith will, John Fuller, Dalby, Ephraim Smith will & family tree
	30 Webb, Horace the hare, pencil drawing in front cover
	31 Newspaper articles-Greenwich Journal, McGeoch, Dillon, McDougall, Williamson, Williams
	32 Gilles Correspondence, Somonauk, U Pres Church
	33 Gilchrist & Gillis correspondence, family group sheet
	34 Ezekial Cast, will, Mary Baldwin-will, photo Cast home, Higgins ancestors of Cast
	35 Bee, Marlow, McAusla, Gilchrist, Stout, Spencer, Prince, Riley, Whitebrand, Lockhead
	36 Robinson, Gilchrist
	37 Kirkyard, Gilchrist, Campbell, McLean, McFaayer, Scotland
	38 Old Killnachton Cemetery Scotland, Kildalton, Scotland Burial Group
Binder F	39 Daniel McAllister, Gilchrist, descendants, correspondence
	40 Daniel Gilchrist, Martin Gilchrist, family letters, Gilchrist & Leronard Family tree

Folder/Box number	Description
	41 Gilchrist, Nightingate, Albrecht, Watters, Bewn, Bennett, Marlow, Lawhead, Miner, Budd, Hall, Heistings, Sherman Whelden, Harwood, Fellows, McDermott, Briggs, Land Sales, deed, estate wills, original records
	42 Gilchrist. Photos, Gillis, Childs, handing, McGinn, McLane, Doremus, Cast, Johanson/Johnson, Kibbey, Villers, Knott, Stouder, Harding, Campbell, Crandail, Patten, Colin, Delinder
	43 Smith
	44 Gilchrist photo, letter. Cass. Sommers. Zerbe, Stout, Jervis, Hissis
	45 Correspondence with libraries
Binder G	46 Kilnaughton, Lawrence, Villers, cast, etc family group sheets, correspondence, cemetery, Marriage Bonds of Ohio-Gilchrist
	47 LaPorte County Cemetery (Indiana) Gilchrist tree
	48 Gilchrist History/Bio
	49 Correspondence with Betty Hoyle, family group sheet, Parkmen, Cast, Scottish Record, Villers, Court Records, Gilchrist, Longhead, Robinson, Wurst
	50 Johnston, Aquilaa. Copies of original records. Kilarrow, Alvord, Cast, Gilchrist—civil war record, Kilchoman commissariat of the Isles
Binder H	51 Villars, Original records copies, Cast, Marlow wills, birth certificate, etc, Johnson will, Gilchrist, 1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Cranbury records, Stout, Servis, Family group sheets, Cass, letters & articles, Back pocket Rev. War Cemetery (NY)
Box I	Gilchrist journal-some \$ entries, mostly crochet patterns, Qty 2 of 1923 University of Illinois Faculty & Senior Class Graduation , leather, Surname book (2), Source Notebook, Bag of letters, Gilles/Gilchrist family group sheets, 2 large family portraits (same), Thanksgiving 1913 at Netties, also 19114. Photos are too large for the box

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