

Abbreviated Genealogy of George Sewell Guilford¹

Builder of the Graves House, 85 Calhoun St., Bluffton, SC
(For complete genealogy of the Guilfords,
visit *Guilford-Batton Family Tree* on *Ancestry.com*)

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Elijah Guilford, *George Sewell Guilford*'s grandfather, was born about 1796 in Maine, d. 1868. He married *Abigail Foss Bell* Aug. 31, 1817. She was born 1791 in Maine, d. 1863 in NY. One of their many children, *Joseph Guilford*, was GEORGE SEWELL GUILFORD's father. *Joseph Guilford*, b. 1825, Maine, d.?, m. *Mary Elizabeth Sewell Drinkwater Prince*,³ b. 1827, d. 1914 in Bluffton (?), SC. They had 4 children:

George Sewell Guilford, b. April 6, 1846, d. Jan. 16, 1917,
Bluffton, SC

William M. Guilford, b. 1851, d.?⁴

Mary Josephine Guilford, b. 1853, d.?

Charles Frederick Guilford, b. 1860, d.?

GEORGE SEWELL GUILFORD married JANE HORE, February 23, 1872 in St. Peter's (Anglican) Church, Liverpool, England. She was the daughter of Patrick Hore and Frances Clegg. Jane was born December 24, 1856 in Liverpool, England, and died February 12, 1938 in Bluffton, SC. They had 8 Children:

- 1 My great grandfather.
- 2 I am indebted to Michele Guilford for much of this genealogy.
- 3 *Mary Elizabeth Graves*, my father's sister, was almost certainly named after her grandfather *George Guilford*'s mother.
- 4 The young man that almost froze to death in *Hazel Guilford Gentry's More Childhood Memories*. See Contents.

Frances Ellen Guilford, b. July 06, 1873, Terry Village, Maine, d.?

George William Guilford, b. May 12, 1875, Liverpool, England; d. April 2, 1955, Walterboro, Colleton County, SC

Mildred Prince Guilford, b. September 14, 1877, Terry Village, Maine; d. Before 1900.

Marcus Lee Childs Guilford, b. May 04, 1880, Tillman, SC, d. 1940

Maud Estella Guilford, b. June 11, 1882, Tillman, County, SC; d. October 25, 1953, Bluffton, SC.

Cora Jane Guilford,⁵ b. Aug 9, 1884, Tillman, SC; d. Oct 7, 1951, Bluffton, SC.

Charles Fred Guilford, b. Feb 25, 1886, Tillman, SC; d. June 2, 1945, Bluffton, SC; m. Leslie Moore.

Gertrude Snowden Guilford, b. Dec 30, 1891, Philadelphia, PA; d. Oct 22, 1922, Bluffton, SC.

Genealogical notes by John Samuel Graves III:

1. *George William Guilford* was the father of *Hazel Guilford Gentry*, one of our contributing authors. Her brother, *Harry William Guilford*, was the father of *Celeste Guilford Cobb*, another of our contributors.
2. *Maud Estella Guilford* married *Jesse Peebles* and lived her entire life in Bluffton, SC. They had 9 children that lived to adulthood. One of their sons, *Luke Peebles*, was a classically trained pianist and composer. He spent many years collecting and transcribing Negro Spirituals. He was also a poet. He lived his entire life in Bluffton (except for his last few years when he was in a nursing home on Hilton Head Island, SC.) Another son, *Andrew Peebles*, was a writer. He published a collection of his short stories in 1979 enti-

5 My grandmother Graves.

- tled **Bluffton Boy**.⁶ Maud and Jesse's daughter, *Maud Estella Peeples*, married *William Hunter Saussy*. Two of the Saussy children, *Maud Estella Saussy Nussbaum* and *Jeanne Radcliffe Saussy* wrote a book, ***A Gullah Psalm, The Musical Life and Work of Luke Peeples***. See graveshouse.org for more information.
3. *Cora Jane Guilford* married *John Samuel Graves, Sr.* They had 8 children. (See Graves Genealogy on graveshouse.org website.) Their oldest son, *John Samuel Graves, Jr.*, owned and operated the Bluffton Seafood Co. (now called the Bluffton Oyster Co.) for over thirty years. He married *Florence Lillian Rubert*. They had three children: *John Samuel Graves III* (editor of this genealogy and this book), *Gerald Beekman Graves* and *Stephen Rubert Graves*. *Florence Rubert* was the daughter of *H. G. Rubert*, personal secretary and physician to *R. T. Wilson*, owner of the Palmetto Bluff Plantation back in the 1920's. She was an accomplished poet and writer. Many of her poems are now available on amazon.com in the new book **Lowcountry Tides, Selected Poems of Florence Rubert Graves**. Her son, *John Samuel Graves III*, has set many of her poems to music. (See jsgraves.musicaneo.com and astarfell.com for more information.)
 4. *Charles Fred Guilford*, brother to *Cora Jane Guilford Graves*, married *Dorthory Gladys Hickman*. One of their children, *Jean Guilford Batton*, lived many years in Paragould, AR. She was an active Guilford family genealogist. See *Guilford-Batton Family Tree* on Ancestry.com
 5. *Gertrude Snowden Guilford* married *John McCreary*. They had 3 children, one of which was *Naomi McCreary* who married *Henry Emmett McCracken*, superintendent of the Bluffton Schools for many years. Their son, *Henry Emmett*

6 Andrew Peeples' **Bluffton Boy** stories and other works were reprinted in 2022 in the book ***Tales of Old Town Bluffton, The Complete Writings of Andrew Peeples***, now available on amazon.com.

McCracken, Jr. and his wife, *Teddy*, live in Bluffton, SC. Emmett has also been the mayor of Bluffton.

6. *Naomi McCracken's* mother and *Luke Peeples'* mother and my grandmother, *Cora Jane Guilford Graves*, were sisters, all children of George and Jane Guilford.

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