

Abbreviated Genealogy of GEORGE SEWELL GUILFORD

Builder of the Graves House, 85 Calhoun St., Bluffton, SC

By John Samuel Graves, III

(For complete genealogy of the Guilfords, visit the
Guilford-Batton Family Tree on Ancestry.com)

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 Drinkwater Prince* (b. 1827, d. 1914 in SC) in 1845. They had 4 children:

GEORGE SEWELL GUILFORD, b. April 6, 1846, d. Jan. 16, 1917, Bluffton, SC

William M. Guilford, b. 1851, d.?

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 Church, Liverpool, England, daughter of Patrick Hore and Frances Clegg. She was born December 24, 1856 in Liverpool, England, and died February 12, 1938 in Bluffton, Beaufort County, South Carolina. They had 8 Children:

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, Hampton County, SC, d. 1940

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

*Cora Jane Guilford*¹, b. Aug 9, 1884, Tillman, Hampton County, SC; d. Oct 7, 1951,
Bluffton, Beaufort County, SC.

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

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

Genealogical notes by John Samuel Graves, III:

1. *Maud Estella Guilford* married *Jesse Peeples* and lived her entire life in Bluffton, SC. They had 9 children. One of their sons, *Luke Peeples*, 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 Peeples*, was a writer. He published a collection of his short stories in 1979 entitled *Bluffton Boy*. *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* have

¹ Grandmother of *John Samuel Graves, III*. See genealogy of *Andrew Ashbury Graves* on this website.

written a book about Luke Peeples and the history of Bluffton. That book, *A Gullah Psalm, The Musical Life and Work of Luke Peeples*, was published in 2014 and can be purchased directly from the publisher, *LP Collections, LLC, 12 East Jones Street, Savannah, GA 31401*. *The Collected Works of Luke Peeples, Volumes I and II* can be purchased at *TheBookPatch.com*. More about Luke Peeples, and the books about him, can be found on *astarfell.com*.

2. *Cora Jane Guilford* married *John Samuel Graves, Sr.* They had 8 children. (See Graves Genealogy on this 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), *Gerald Beekman Graves* and *Stephen Rubert Graves*. *Florence Rubert* was the daughter of *H. G. Rubert*, personal physician to *R. T. Wilson*, owner of the Palmetto Bluff Plantation back in the 1920's. She was an accomplished poet and writer. (See some of her poems on this site under *Articles*.) Her son, *John Samuel Graves, III*, has set many of her poems to music. (*A Star Fell and Other Songs*, Picardy Third Publications, 2006, second edition 2011.)
3. *Charles Fred Guilford*, brother to *Cora Jane Guilford Graves*, married *Dorthory Gladys Hickman*. One of their children, *Jean Guilford Batton*, currently lives in Paragould, AR. She is an active Guilford family genealogist.
4. *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, *Emmett McCracken, Jr.* and his wife, *Teddy*, own and operate *Stock Farm Antiques* in Bluffton, SC. Emmett has also been the mayor of Bluffton.
5. *Naomi McCracken's* mother and *Luke Peeples'* mother and my grandmother, *Cora Jane Guilford Graves*, were sisters.

Note: This genealogy will be updated from time to time. Please notify us if you feel you have discovered an error or if you wish to add something. Latest update: 1.17.2018 The death year of George Guilford was changed from 1916 to 1917 per his death certificate. The information on the books about Luke Peeples was added.