

James Orville Guild

1828 – 1900

James Guild was born in Hume, Allegany Co., N. Y. on May 25, 1828, to Dorastus and Ann Jane Haskins Guild. Both of his parents were originally from New England – New Hampshire and Massachusetts respectively. James had four brothers and four sisters. In 1838 the family moved to Cherrytree township in Venango Co., Penn., where Dorastus and Ann would spend the rest of their lives. (Venango County is located in northwest Pennsylvania next to Crawford County.)



James married Mary W. Foster in 1851 in Titusville, Crawford Co., Penn. She was the daughter of James Foster and Elizabeth Wilson, and had been born in Huntingdon Co., Penn. on June 17, 1832. In the mid-1850s oil was discovered near Titusville, where James and Mary were still living in 1860 with their first three children. James was engaged in lumbering, and also made money investing in the oil business, as he owned 200 acres on East Oil Creek.

By the 1865 New York State census, however, James and Mary were living in Brockport, Monroe Co., N. Y., along with his brother Rufus and family. Both were listed with the occupation of “lumberman”. It was here that James’ daughter Maudie died in February 1865 at the age of seven months and was buried in the High Street cemetery in Brockport. The next child in the family, Annie Haskins, was born November 8, 1865, in Brockport. [She was the great-grandmother of the writer’s husband.]

A newspaper notice in 1864 stated, “It was rumored that ‘Ostrom place’ was sold to James O. Guild of Titusville, Pa. and leased to Albert Butler, who was planning the opening of a hotel.” According to the history of the Morgan-Manning House in Brockport, (built by John Ostrom), James owned the building from 1864-67, with several other families also living there in the 1865 census. One of them was the Dayton and Susan Morgan family, who eventually bought the house and whose descendants lived there until 1964.



Morgan-Manning House

In May 1867, the Brockport newspaper reported that James sold the “Ostrom Place” for \$10,000 to G. W. Watson of Rochester. However, in October it was reported that the house was sold to Dayton Morgan for \$9000. [Did the first deal fall through?] The same year James bought an old tavern and inn on the eastern edge of the village of Westfield, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., (309 E. Main St., Rt. 20). Shortly thereafter his sixth and last child was born. He was listed as a farmer in subsequent censuses, but was also a liquor dealer, being named in a lawsuit after a customer’s death in 1885.

James died in Westfield after a period of illness on April 17, 1900, and his wife on January 30, 1917. Both are buried in the Westfield Cemetery.



**Guild House in Westfield, N. Y. about 1875
Annie Guild by open gate, parents behind and to right.**



The Guild house in 2016

Photos



Painting of James Guild



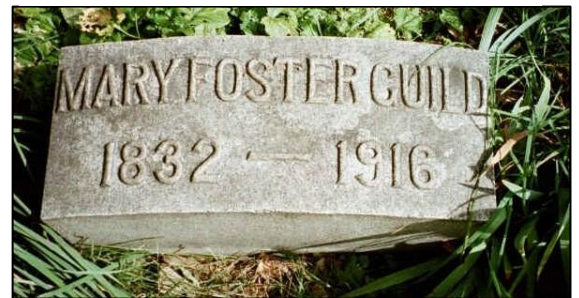
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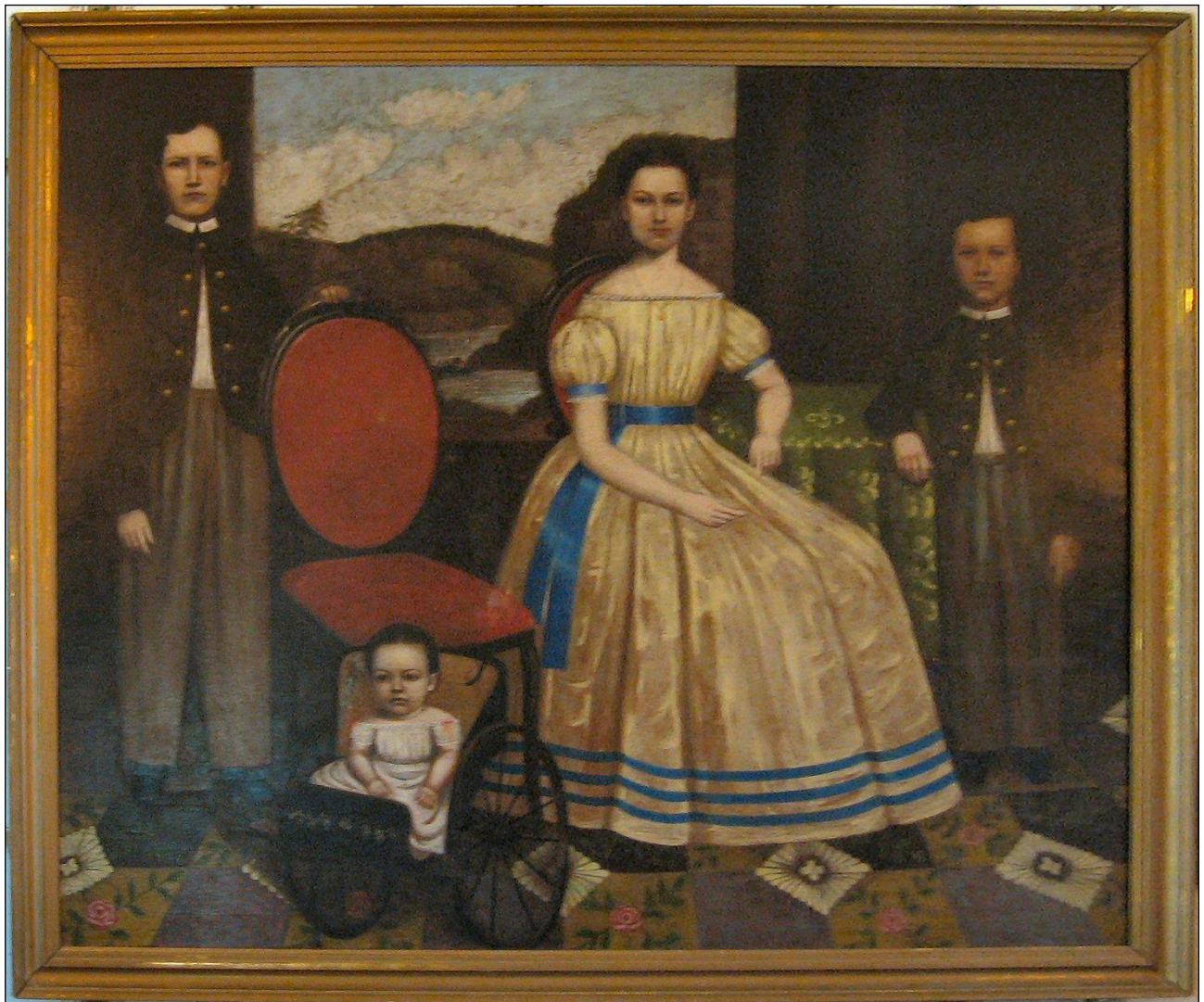
probably Mary Guild



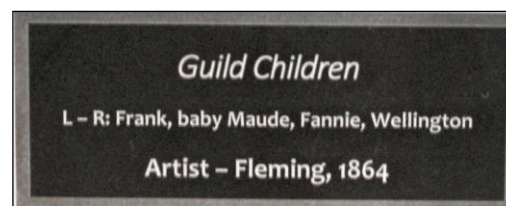
Maudie Guild tombstone, Brockport



Graves in Westfield, N. Y.



Painting of Guild children in McClurg Museum, Westfield, N. Y.



Comments: The label is inaccurate based on the ages of the children in 1864. Wellington is the oldest son on the left; the one on the right is Frank. The girl is the oldest daughter Julia. The empty chair represents Maude, the daughter who died in 1864, who is shown below the chair as a baby. The other two daughters were born in 1865 and 1869. (Wellington had a daughter named Fannie.)

No artist named Fleming was found in Monroe County records of that time period. Since the painting was done when the Guild family was living in Brockport, was the artist actually the J. D. [Jerome] Fielding who did James Guild's portrait above? Was the artist's name misremembered as well as the children's names?

 Husband: **James Orville GUILD**

Born: 25 May 1828 in Hume, Allegany Co. NY
 Died: 17 Apr 1900 in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY
 Buried: 19 Apr 1900 in Westfield Cem., Chautauqua Co. NY
 Father: Dorastus GUILD (1792 - 1887)
 Mother: Anna Jane HASKINS (1793 - 1874)

Wife: **Mary W. FOSTER**
 Married: 1851 in Titusville, Crawford Co. PA

Born: 17 Jun 1832 in Huntingdon Co. PA
 Died: 30 Jan 1917 in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY
 Buried: 2 Feb 1917 in Westfield Cem., Chautauqua Co. NY
 Father: James FOSTER (1792 - 1858)
 Mother: Elizabeth WILSON (1798 - 1889)

F Child 1: **Julia Alice (Allie) GUILD**

Born: Dec 1853 in Titusville, Crawford Co. PA
 Died: 5 Apr 1931 in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY
 Buried: 7 Apr 1931 in Westfield Cem., Chautauqua Co. NY
 Husband: Albert E. PEIRCE b. 21 Sep 1842 d. 30 Apr 1908
 Married: 11 Feb 1873 in Guild home, Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

M Child 2: **Wellington Preston GUILD**

Born: 20 Jun 1855 in Titusville, Crawford Co. PA
 Died: 3 Nov 1918 in Columbus, Franklin Co. OH
 Buried: 6 Nov 1918 in Westfield Cem., Chautauqua Co. NY
 Wife: Clara A. PRENDERGAST b. 29 Nov 1854 d. 23 Sep 1900
 Married: 27 Sep 1876 in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY
 Wife: Mary BLAKISTON b. 16 Jun 1870 d. 25 Dec 1929
 Married: 15 Jun 1903 in Franklin Co. OH

M Child 3: **Frank I. GUILD**

Born: 8 Aug 1857 in Titusville, Crawford Co. PA
 Died: 30 Nov 1919 in Bradford, McKean Co. PA
 Buried: 2 Dec 1919 in Westfield Cem., Chautauqua Co. NY

F Child 4: **Maude GUILD**

Born: 20 Jun 1864 in Brockport, Monroe Co. NY
 Died: 1 Feb 1865 in Brockport, Monroe Co. NY
 Buried: in High St. Cem., Brockport, Monroe Co. NY

F Child 5: **Annie (Kit) Haskins GUILD**

Born: 8 Nov 1865 in Brockport, Monroe Co. NY
 Died: 26 Sep 1938 in Jamestown hospital, Chautauqua Co. NY
 Buried: 29 Sep 1938 in Westfield Cem., Chautauqua Co. NY
 Husband: Joseph Melancthon MATEER b. 17 Oct 1857 d. 25 May 1953
 Married: 18 Jun 1890 in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

F Child 6: **Isabella (Belle) GUILD**

Born: 2 Jun 1869 in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY
 Died: 5 Aug 1952 in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY
 Buried: 7 Aug 1952 in Westfield Cem., Chautauqua Co. NY
 Husband: Carlton Joy SEYMOUR b. 24 Jul 1867 d. 29 Jun 1947
 Married: 27 May 1896 in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

James Guild and Family in the Census

1830 US with father in Hume, Allegany Co. NY

1840 US with father in Cherrytree, Venango Co. PA

1850 US with father in Cherrytree, Venango Co. PA

1860 US with wife & 3 children, Oilcreek, Crawford Co. PA

1864 tax assessment, in Oil Creek, Crawford Co. PA

1865 NYS with wife & 3 children in Brockport, Monroe Co. NY

1866 tax assessment, in Brockport, Monroe Co. NY

1870 US with wife & 5 children in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1870 US agricultural census, in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1875 NYS with wife & 4 children in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1880 US with wife & 3 children in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1880 US agricultural census, in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1892 NYS with wife & 1 child in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1900 US wife with daughter Annie's family in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1905 NYS wife with daughter Annie's family in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1910 US wife with daughter Belle's family in Buffalo, Erie Co. NY

1915 NYS wife with daughter Annie's family in Westfield, Chautauqua Co. NY

1865 New York State Census, Brockport, N.Y.

James Guild				
New York State Census, 1865				
Name:	James Guild			
Event Type:	Census			
Event Year:	1865			
Event Place:	Brockport, District 02, Sweden, Monroe, New York, United States			
Relationship to Head of Household:	Boarder			
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Birth Year (Estimated):	1828			
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Household	Role	Sex	Age	Birthplace
Albert Butter		Male	60	
Hariett Butter	Wife	Female	36	
Adaline Nobles	Mother-in-law	Female	59	
Wm H Bowman	Boarder	Male	35	
Laura Bowman	Boarder	Female	32	
John Bowman	Boarder	Male	4	
D S Morgan	Boarder	Male	44	
Susan Morgan	Boarder	Female	25	
George L Morgan	Boarder	Male	0	
Henry H Cary	Boarder	Male	38	
Cecilia Cary	Boarder	Female	33	
James Guild	Boarder	Male	37	
Mary Guild	Boarder	Female	34	
Juliet Guild	Boarder	Female	12	
Willington P Guild	Boarder	Male	10	
Frank Guild	Boarder	Male	8	

[Note: as per clipping below, the first name should be Albert Butler. He was already a hotel keeper in Brockport as of 1855.]

Newspaper Clippings

The Republic-Democrat, Brockport, November 2, 1939

History – 75 Years Ago [1864]

It was rumored that “Ostrom place” was sold to James O. Guild of Titusville, Pa. and leased to Albert Butler, who was planning the opening of a hotel.

The Brockport Republic, May 16, 1867

Mr. James Guild has sold the Ostrom Place to G. W. Watson, of Rochester, for \$10,000.

The Brockport Republic, October 10, 1867

Mr. Guild has sold the "Ostrom place," in this village, to Mr. D. S. Morgan for \$9,000. This is the finest place in the village, and has fallen into good hands.

Westfield Republican, May 6 & 13, 1885

Business Directory.

J. O. Guild

Sole Agent in Westfield, N. Y., for Ross & Co.'s Celebrated Pure Rye and Bourbon Whiskies, Brandies, Gins, etc. Liquors for medicinal purposes a specialty.

Chautauqua News, Sherman, September 28, 1887

Court Proceedings

Rebecca Jackson by A. B. Ottaway, Atty. vs. James O. Guild and Mrs. Amelia Spencer. The suit was brought under the civil damage act, for selling liquor to her husband [Josiah Jackson, died Nov. 1885] in Westfield, whereby he became intoxicated and was drowned. Mr. Guild was the liquor dealer, but Mrs. Spencer was the owner of the building, and the law makes the real estate liable for such damages. Verdict for plaintiff for \$1,100.

Westfield Republican, April 11, 1888

The excise commissioners revoked the licenses of J. O. Guild and H. W. Brooks last week for violation thereof.

Jamestown Evening Journal, October 15, 1889

County Court

James O. Guild of Westfield, charged with illegal liquor selling, plead guilty to three indictments. Fined \$35 on one, sentence suspended on the others.

Westfield Republican, September 30, 1891

The case of Rebecca Jackson vs. James O. Guild was brought to a close last week by a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,000. It had been tried once before when a previous jury awarded the same verdict. A. B. Ottaway and S. W. Mason were attorneys for the plaintiff and H.C. Kingsbury and William Russell, were for the defendant.

Westfield Republican, April 18, 1900, p. 8

DIED.

GUILD. – In Westfield, N. Y., April 17, 1900, after an illness of a year and a half James O. Guild, aged 72 years. He leaves a widow and five children; Mrs. A. E. Peirce, Mrs. Joseph Mateer of this place, Mrs. Carl Seymour, of Buffalo, William and Frank of Columbus, Ohio. The funeral will be held Thursday at his late residence on East Main street at 8 o'clock. His family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.

Jamestown Evening Journal, April 19, 1900

James O. Guild of Westfield died this week aged over 70 years. He was formerly a wellknown resident of Titusville and at one time was rich from investments in the petroleum industry.

The Buffalo Commercial, April 19, 1900

WESTFIELD ITEMS.

Death of James O. Guild – He Was Interested in the Oil Industry.

Special to The Commercial:

Westfield, April 19. – James O. Guild of this place died at his home on East main street Tuesday. He was 72 years old and had lived here about 3 [sic - 30] years. He moved here from Brockport, N. Y., where he lived a few years. Mr. Guild was for years engaged in the production of oil in northwestern Pennsylvania, and was associated with Jonathan Watson, one of the pioneers in the business. He bought a large farm one mile east of the village and moved his family here about the time stated, but he continued in active business in Pennsylvania going to and from the oil country every week. Mr. Guild leaves a widow and five children. The youngest daughter is the wife of C. J. Seymour, a lawyer of Buffalo. The oldest son is an extensive producer and wholesaler of coal in Cleveland. The funeral will be held here to day.

Westfield Republican, May 9, 1900, p. 4.

OBITUARY.

James Orville Guild, who died at Westfield, N. Y., April 17, was born at Hume, Alleghany Co., this state, February 25, 1828. About the year 1867 he moved to Westfield, and purchased the Wright and Patterson farms at the east end of the village. He first engaged in lumbering, making his home in Titusville, and in the early days of the Oil excitement was very successful as an Oil producer, having seen the days when he got twelve dollars per barrel for oil. At the age of 23 he married Mary Foster, of Titusville, whom he leaves a widow, besides three brothers, Romanzo, Preston and Lionel Guild, also five children, William [sic - Wellington] P. Guild, of Columbus, Mrs. A. E. Peirce and Mrs. Joseph M. Mateer, both of Westfield, Mrs. Carl J. Seymour, of Buffalo, and Frank Guild, of Bradford, also several grand children and great grand children.

Westfield Republican, February 7, 1917

Death of Mrs. Guild

Mrs. Mary Guild, widow of the late J. O. Guild, entered into to rest, January 30th, 1917, aged 85 years, seven months and 13 days. She is survived by two sons and three daughters, all of whom were present at the funeral, which was held from her late home on Friday afternoon. Rev. Alexander Thompson officiating. The interment was in Westfield cemetery.

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