

**GILBERT HULSE**

Gilbert Hulse was born in Brookhaven Township, Suffolk County, Long Island, New York, October 1, 1735, descendant of Richard Hulse, an Englishman who came to Brookhaven and first appeared of record as a witness to a deed in 1670. Land was granted to him by the town in 1676. He married Charity Overton (?) in Suffolk County, Long Island, before 1770. Their children were: James White, Betsey, Sarah Ann, Thomas, Polly (Mary), and Lucinda.

The General Association of Brookhaven was signed by Gilbert Hulse, August 14, 1775, at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town. With a British garrison, or outpost, well manned and alert in the small Setauket district of Brookhaven, Gilbert Hulse seemingly had but little chance openly to serve his country unless he deserted his family, fled to Connecticut and enlisted in the American army, during the War of the Revolution. His first duty was to his wife and children. His declaration of his belief in, and adherence to, the principles in the articles of association, and his evident aim to serve the American cause so far as his circumstances and environment permitted, were recognized by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution as making his descendant, Mrs. Edward Lee McClain (Lulu Johnson McClain), of Greenfield, Ohio, a member.

Gilbert Hulse and his family attended the Presbyterian Church at Scotchtown, Wallkill Township, Orange County, New York, where he had purchased an improved farm of 152 acres for the purpose of spending the remainder of his life among his children there. He left Brookhaven in the spring of 1805, when aged seventy years, and died in Wallkill Township, Orange County, New York, January 9, 1817.

A further account of Gilbert Hulse may be found in the files of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Summary:

Richard Hulse =

Thomas Hulse = Hannah     Richard Hulse, Jr. = (\_\_\_\_\_) Helme

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Joshua Hulse =

Gilbert Hulse= Charity Overton (?)

\*Note: A complete history of the Hulse Family, ancestors of Mrs. Edward Lee McClain (Lulu Johnson McClain), of Greenfield, Ohio, may be found in Volume III of the genealogy, "The Washington Ancestry and Records of the McClain, Johnson and Forty Other Colonial American Families", in the Library of the Memorial Continental Hall, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Edward Lee McClain.