

From the Stavrosian Library Archives, Family Register

In 1822 a boy was born on the island of Ikaria. His name was Emanuel Glaroes. His family lived among the Greek Jews of their community. Emanuel's father was one of the original Stavrosians that arrived in 1800. At 15 years old in 1837 he immigrated to Russia. Here, he changed his name to Samuel Glarman. By the age 25 he moved to another area of Russia called Poltava. Once again, he changed his name in 1847. Samuel was now called Samuel Gillman. He lived in Poltava, took a wife, and had several children. Samuel lived by that name until he died in 1889 at 67. The Russians did not treat the Jews very well.

Samuel Gillman's son Joseph, born 1860, made a life as a farmer in the dairy business. In 1870 it's hard for a young Jewish boy to find work. Joseph worked at several jobs trying to care for his family. Joseph had children; one was recorded as Isaac, born 1880 in Poltava. The political environment was changing the view of Jewish villages and neighborhoods were no longer favorable. Joseph sent his son Isaac along with Isaac's wife to America in 1905. His wife's name is believed to be Molly. Joseph died in 1931 age 71, his death was considered suspicious.

Isaac and wife arrived in New York sometime in 1905. Isaac was 25 years old, his wife Molly 20 years old. Isaac had some health problems and died in 1937, age 57. Molly, born 1885, died in 1979 age 94. The last entry in the Stavrosian Registry had Molly living in Rockaway Parkway "Kings" New York. No other address was found in a hand check of records. Most New York Jews in 1905 that came from Russia could not find jobs, so they made their own as street peddlers. They went about the city with homemade carts. They did knife sharpening, sold fish, cloth, even glassware. They went house to house, some had street corner stands. These struggling businessmen set the way for New York peddlers to become the commerce of the city.

From 1880 to 1924 one third of the Jewish population of Eastern Europe had come to America fleeing persecution. Isaac Gillman last registered children with Molly as a son Joseph Hyman Samuel. It's believed Isaac had more children that may have not been registered.

The Gillman name has been in America even before 1905. It is used by other families. Some, not all Gillmans are related.

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Dear C. Smith

Thank you for your dedication to our research. Your work will keep the Family Register going into the future. The following is a report for research and cross-match. Sent to our field office in Ohio requesting a check for Stavrosian family probability match.

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