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Daniel Gill [1734-1793 and father of Polly Gill] was a pioneer of the Gill family, a carpenter and millwright who came from Exeter, Rhode Island about 1770. He was elected a member of the legislature in 1784 and again in 1792, and while attending the session in the latter year he was presented with a petition signed by 195 inhabitants of Springfield and vicinity bearing date of October 19 1792 appointing him and Captain Abner Bisbee agents to select homestead for them in Upper Canada, in response to a proclamation issued by John G Simcoe, Governor of the Province. Returning from that mission he was taken sick and died at Suez, New York, Dec 7 1793. He married Mercy Whitford of New Jersey and from this union her ancestry goes back to royalty. One of her ancestors Frances Latham [1609-1677] was known as the "Mother of Governors" as so many distinguished men have descended from her through her 4<sup>th</sup> husband William Vaughn. [see: [http://pages.prodigy.net/reed\\_wurts/heraldry/latham.htm](http://pages.prodigy.net/reed_wurts/heraldry/latham.htm) ]

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