

**ELLIS, MARY ANN**

Birth

December 24, 1855 in  
Madison Co., Iowa



Death

February 9, 1887 at home in  
DeSoto, Iowa at the age of  
31yr 1mo 6da

Inscription on stone: wife of Abihu  
Ellis, aged 31 years 1 month 16 days.

Cause of Death

Consumption

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 44  
Lot was purchased by Amaziah Gillfillan on June 16, 1880

Maiden Name

Gillfillan

Father

Amaziah Gillfillan

Mother

“Belle” Belinda Jane Bailey

Marriage

Iowa, Select Marriages, Index, 1758-1996

Mary A. Gillfillan to Abihu Ellison January 31, 1879

Age: 23

Marriage place: Warren Co., Iowa

Spouse: Abihu Ellis

Census

1860 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; Page 824; July 13, 1860; Post Office, Norwalk, Iowa  
Dwelling 1126; Family 1081

Gillfillin, Amaziah	44	farmer	OH
Jane	38		PA
Adam	20		IN
Dursilla	18		IN
William	17		IN
Elizabeth	15		IN
Eliza J.	13		IN
Caroline	10		IN
Jason	08		IN
Melissa	06		IN
Mary A.	04		IA
Dayton	02		IA

1870 – Linn Twp., Warren Co., IA; Page 373B; August 12, 1870; Post Office, Norwalk, Iowa  
Dwelling 44; Family 45

Gillfillin, Amaziah	54	farmer	OH
		Real Estate, \$12,000; Personal \$2,000	
Wm.	24	farmer	IN
Eliza J.	21		IN
Caroline	19		IN
Jason	17	farmer	IN
Melissa	15		IN
Mary	14		IA
Rosa	08		IA
Dayton	10		IA
Thomas	05		IA
Alla, James	19		NY

1880 – Lee Twp., Madison Co., IA; ED 109; Page 39B; August 9, 1880  
Dwelling 121; Family 122

Ellis, Abihu	24	farmer	IA	PA	___
Mary A.	24		IA	OH	VA
William L.	7/12		IA	IA	IA

1885 – Adams Twp., Dallas Co., Iowa; Page 28  
Dwelling 154; Family 160

Ellis, Abihu	28		Dallas Co., Iowa
Mary	29		Madison Co., Iowa
Wm. L.	05		Madison Co., Iowa
Edward E.	00		Madison Co., Iowa

Obituary

[Dallas County News, Wednesday, February 16, 1887, Page 3, Column 5]  
Desoto News Items

During the past week two citizens have been taken from our midst of which one was Mrs. Mary Ellis, wife of Abihu Ellis. She was a sufferer nearly two years from that dreaded disease, consumption, and through it all she passed uncomplaining to the last. The days of heroism are not passed, and all around us are poor sufferers that show more bravery and true heroism than the man of war, yet we do not think of it because of its frequency. Mr. Ellis is left with two bright little boys, who years hence will hardly know of a mother's love. Oh how much they will miss it, but "God is merciful" and will in some way repay them is the prayer of this entire community.

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[Indianola Weekly Herald, Thursday, February 17, 1887]  
Pleasant Ridge News Items

Mrs. Mary Ellis a daughter of Mr. Gillfillan died at her home near DeSoto last Wednesday. She has had very poor health for a year, the last six months being bed-fast, her disease was consumption. She leaves two little boys with her father to mourn her loss. She was buried at the RidgeCemetery on Friday. Only a year ago her sister died with the same disease. Mr. Gillfillan's have the sympathy of the community in their trouble.