

MARTHA GUILD KIMBAL - Real Daughter information

Martha May Guild taught a private school thirty years, beginning before 1840, in the building afterwards used as a vestry by the Congregational Parish of South Dedham, and later occupied by the Norwood Advertiser and Review. She was the daughter of Jacob Guild, baptized Sept. 18, 1802. Late in middle life she married the Rev. Caleb Kimball in Medway. "He was blind and she assisted him in his religious work and in the preparation of his discourses, and was throughout her life a woman of great intellectual gifts, retaining her faculties to the last." She died at her home in Medway, Dec. 9, 1898, at the ripe age of ninety-six years. Eight of her pupils attended the funeral service.

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MRS. MARTHA MAY GUILD KIMBALL.—Lucy Jackson Chapter, of Newton, Massachusetts, has recently lost a valued member by the death of its Real Daughter, Mrs. Martha May Guild Kimball.

Mrs. Kimball became an honorary member of Newton Chapter, October 7, 1897. On October 30 a delegation from that Chapter presented her with the national gold spoon, a full account of the presentation being afterwards printed in the AMERICAN MONTHLY MAGAZINE. When the Newton Chapter united with the Lucy Jackson Chapter last March, Mrs. Kimball's membership was also transferred to the latter Chapter.

Mrs. Kimball was descended from John Guild, who came to America in 1638 and was the progenitor of the numerous Guilds in Massachusetts. Her great-grandfather was Nathaniel Guild, "Esquire," an officer in the old Indian wars, who died at 1774 at the great age of ninety-six, leaving sixty-nine grandchildren, ninety-six great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. Her grandfather, Major Aaron Guild, fought in the French and Indian War, and also in the Revolutionary Army with his son, Corporal Jacob Guild, who was Mrs. Kimball's father. Jacob Guild enlisted when only sixteen, fought at Saratoga, and witnessed Burgoyne's surrender. He received a pension in his old age and died April 6, 1839, at the age of seventy-nine, in South Dedham, Massachusetts, now called Norwood.

Martha May Guild was born in the old place in Norwood, opposite the Congregational Church, September 10, 1893. She became a woman of great culture, and taught school until she was fifty, when she married Rev. Caleb Kimball, whom she survived eighteen years. Her mental powers were clear to the last and her memory really wonderful. She would relate in a most entertaining way tales of her grandfather's and father's campaigns, which she had heard directly from their lips. Mrs. Kimball was intensely patriotic, and was keenly interested in watching the movements of our war with Spain, always keeping herself thoroughly posted on all topics of the day through the newspapers. She was deeply religious and never failed to read her Bible twice every day. She passed away very peacefully, after only two days' illness, at her home in Medway, Massachusetts, December 10, 1898, at the great age of ninety-five years and three months. She was carried to her last resting place by her great-great-nephews, "and two little girls attended the funeral, who were her great-great-great-nieces, so long had she outlived her own generation, but her sweet memory and influence will remain with all who knew her."