

In 1836 Mr. Marston married Miss Mary Ann Davis, of Milton, Vermont, and she died in 1844, leaving four children, one son and three daughters. The son, John J. Marston, M.D., has been assistant-surgeon in the American army since 1864; Sarah, the eldest daughter, married Eden P. Johnson, of L'Orignal and died in 1867; Mary Adelia, is the wife of John Miller, merchant, L'Orignal, and Caroline L., is the wife of Sturgis M. Johnson, of Almonte, Ontario.

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JOHN GILLIES, M.P.,

PAISLEY.

JOHN GILLIES, member of Parliament for the North Riding of Bruce, was the third son of Hugh Gillies, a native of the city of Glasgow, Scotland; his forefathers belonging to the District of Lorne, in Argyleshire, reputed to have been descendents of Somerled, Thane of Argyle, and Lord of the Isles.

The Gillieses were found to have been much persecuted, through jealousy, by that powerful Chief Donald "De Isla," or "Donald of the Isles," from whom the McDonald's derived their name, in the latter part of the thirteenth century. Mention is here frequently made of the name "Gillies" being connected in marriage with the same "McDonald of the Isles." Mr. Gillies, whose mother's maiden name was Mary Blue, was descended from the McDonald family, of Sleat, in Skye, one of whom, in the sixteenth century, was called Donald of the "Blue Eyes" (which distinction attached to the family name ever after), who was principal heir to the Lordship of the Isles, being the eldest son of the Earl of Ross, "Dhonal Gorme Shleabhte," hence the name Blue.

Our subject is a native of the Parish of Kilcalmonell, Scotland—received a parochial school education there, and lived with his father until 1852, at which date, when quite young, he came to Canada with two of his brothers, his father and the rest of the family following three years later. Mr. Gillies settled upon, and cleared a farm in the township of Elderslie, five miles from Paisley, county of Bruce, he being one of the first settlers in that part of the county, and following farming as his occupation. He holds three hundred acres largely under cultivation.

Mr. Gillies was elected reeve of Elderslie, at an early period of its settlement, holding that office for many years, being meantime warden of the county for five years. Few men in the county of Bruce have had so much to do with the shaping of its laws and regulations as Mr. Gillies. He was magistrate for the county of Bruce for many years, and holds the rank of senior Major in the Militia of Canada.

Mr. Gillies was first elected to the House of Commons for the North Riding of the county of Bruce in 1872; was re-elected in 1874 by acclamation, and again re-elected after a warm