
GILB, Dr. Corinne Lathrop — January 20, 2003. Educator and long time Bay Area resident, passed away at her home in Atherton, CA on January 20, 2003, with her daughters, Lesley and Tyra by her side. Dr. Gilb developed and directed the Regional Cultural Oral History Project at Bancroft Library from 1953-57 while at U.C. Berkeley, and spent several years as a research associate at the Institute of Industrial Relations and the Center for the Study of Law and Society. Between 1957 and 1961 she was part of an interdisciplinary faculty teaching courses on American values at Mills College, and from 1964-1968 she taught in the Humanities Department at San Francisco State University. In 1968, after several months in Paris on a Guggenheim fellowship, she was asked to join the History Department at Wayne State University in Detroit. For the next 25 years she commuted between Detroit and her home in Berkeley. While at Wayne State she taught courses on world cities and became co-director of the Liberal Arts Urban Studies Program. From 1979-1985 she served as Planning Director for the City of Detroit under Detroit's first black mayor, Coleman Young, during which time she supervised the creation of a Master Plan for the City that proposed diversifying Detroit's economy, then dominated by the troubled auto industry, in favor of the coming "computer revolution." Dr. Gilb retired from teaching in 1994. Her interest in the emerging computer industries around Silicon Valley led to a move to Atherton with her husband of 56 years, Tyrell Gilb, Vice President and Director of Research and Development at Simpson Strong-Tie in San Leandro. Dr. Gilb founded Atherton Press for academic publications in 1997, while continuing her own writings, lectures, and ongoing world travels. At the time of her death she was preparing a manuscript comparing the dotcom revolution with the automobile industry.

Born in Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada, on February 19, 1925, Dr. Gilb received her bachelors degree from the University of Washington, her Master's from U.C. Berkeley, three years of special studies at Boalt Law School, and her Ph.D. from Harvard. Always interested in public policy, she served as a special consultant to the California Legislature in 1963 and 1964. Dr. Gilb was active in numerous organizations, including the UN sponsored International Organization for Unification of Terminological Neologisms, the International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations, the Northern California World Affairs Council, the Commonwealth Club, Churchill Club and various academic associations. She is the author of *Hidden Hierarchies* (1966), *Toward Holistic History* (2000), *The World's Earliest Cities*, which will be published posthumously, as well as innumerable articles and reviews.

Dr. Gilb is survived by her daughters, Lesley Gilb Taplin and Tyra Gilb; and her grandchildren Nicholas Gilb Taplin and Blythe Lathrop Taplin. At Dr. Gilb's request, there was no public service. A private family service was held at Sky-lawn Memorial Park in San Mateo, where she is buried near her husband Tyrell, who passed away in 2001. Arrangements were handled by Roller Hapgood & Tinney Funeral Home in Palo Alto, CA.