

**The Kelley Family**  
**(As Allied to the Wheeler Family)**  
**by Herbert Merrill Wheeler**

First Generation

Captain John Kelley

Born in Virginia about 1760. Served two enlistments 1777-1783 in troops of Virginia State Militia, Revolutionary War. The following is taken from records of the State Library (and Land Office), Richmond, "I do here certify that John Kelley have served three years from the 13<sup>th</sup> of Jany 1777 until 13 Jany 1780 as a soldier in 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Reg't. Given from under my hand this 21<sup>st</sup> Feby 1783

James Quarles Major  
on State Establishment"

Warrants 280  
" 922

Both periods are recorded in State Land Office -  
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Kelley, John	100 acres	p. 180	Book #1 " "

Council Chamber Feby 25<sup>th</sup> 1783

No. 280 I do certify that John Kelley is entitled to the proportion of Land allowed a Soldier in the Virginia State Line for three years service.

Thos Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

A warrant issued for 100 acres to John Kelly, April 3<sup>rd</sup> '83.

Council Chamber June 20<sup>th</sup> 1783

No. 922 I do certify that John Kelly is entitled to the proportion of land allowed a soldier of the Virginia line in Continental establishment for three years service

Thomas Meriwether

Benjamin Harrison

A warrant for 100 acres issued to John Kelly June 20th, 1783

There is no record that #280 was ever "located". #922 is filed in the U.S. Land Office-Dept. of the Interior - Washington, D.C.

Land Office Military Warrant No. 922.

"To the principal Surveyor of the lands set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia - This shall be your warrant to survey and lay off in one or **SEAL** more Surveys for John Kelly his heirs or assigns, the quantity of one hundred acres of land, due unto the said John Kelley in consideration of his services for three years as a soldier in the Continental line. Agreeable to a certificate from the Governor and Council received into the Land Office. Given under my Hand, and the Seal of the said Office this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year One Thousand Seven Hundred and 83  
John Idaure (?) Re L. Off.

The back of Warrant.#922 is covered with writing, mostly illegible, showing that John x Kelly assigned same to Enoch Berry and he to "others". This warrant was recorded in office Richard C. Anderson, Principal Surveyor for Virginia Military District #1747 at Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 1, 1824 and patented to Jas. Taylor and H. Avery, Feb. 15, 1815. It is recorded in Vol. II p.369, U.S. Land Office.

At the close of the War, John Kelley went north to Freehold, Monmouth County, New Jersey, where he subsequently "eloped" (probably "ran off") with Polly Manning, and settled in Somerset County, near "Washington's Headquarter's". Later he removed to Ovid, Seneca County, New York, where he spent several years. (Presumably he was a farmer.)

The War of 1812 found him in Ohio, where he raised and equipped a Company and won his title. U.S. War Dept. records (Washington, D.C.) record: "It is shown by the records that one John Kelly served as Captain of Captain John Kelly's Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment (Noel's) Ohio Militia, War of 1812. The following is of record in his case: "Commencement of Service, July 28,1813; Expiration of Service August 28, 1813. Term of Service charged one month, one day". From Adjutant General, State of Ohio: "John Kelley was Captain of a Company of Col. Jacob Noel's Regiment of Ohio Militia, War of 1812. The Company was recruited in Scioto County and served from July 28th, 1813 to August 28, 1813. The service was for the protection of the frontier".

About 1817 he settled on a farm near East Genoa, New York, but later went to live with his son, Dr. L.H. Kelley, at Marathon, New York, where he died, 1840-1844. (Note: The present cemetery at Marathon contains the bones of no "John Kelly or Kelley". Cemetery records are not available before the 1880's and 1890's. However, there are several Revolutionary War veterans buried there, with headstones. I was informed that there had been a former cemetery below the present one, and that if any bodies were not removed they are now under six inches of poured concrete of Interstate 81. I was not able to visit Genoa and make a check there. R.S.W.)

John Kelley married: (1) Mary (Polly) Manning in 1780's.  
(2) Margaret Smith (Church records of Lodi Township of Ovid, N.Y. 1810 give John Kelly Sr. and Margaret Smith, his wife.

Children.

There are said to have been 13 children, most of whom died in infancy. Following are the only names known:

1. James Manning Kelley, M.D.
  - b. Somerset County, N.J., August 1787
  - d. Pittsford, N.Y., July 31, 1815 (No recorded burial in a Pittsford cemetery - according to a friend who lives there)
- ? John K Jr.,- Rachael - Sarah - - -
- ? Manning (NMI) Kelley, M.D.
  - b. Ovid, New York, Dec. 29, 1805
  - d. East Genoa, N.Y., June 9, 1844
13. Lewis Halsey Kelley, M.D.
  - b. Ovid, N.Y., Oct. 13, 1808
  - d. Owatonna, Minnesota, Sept. 9, 1872

Note: In 1842 a "J.M.K." (untraced) put in a claim for the 1812 services of John Kelley, and through New York officials, secured a U.S. grant of 160 acres in the Scioto Valley of Ohio.

Ancestry of Mary (Polly) Manning, wife of John Kelley:

Jeffrey Manning, 1670-1 settled in Piscataway, N.J., died 1693; will dated December 30, 1692. married Hepsibah Andrews, Daughter of Jos. A. of Hingham, Mass., Descendant of Sir Thos. A., Lord Mayor of London.

James Manning, died November 1724; will dated October 31, 1724; married January 29, 1699, Christiana Lang. (He was born, 3/25/74).

James Manning, born May 23, 1700, died 1766-7; member of Scotch Plains Baptist Church. Married 1730-1, Grace Fitz Randolph.

John Manning, born 1734, died 1791; married Sarah Van Pelt.

Mary (Polly) Manning, of Freehold, Monmouth Co., N.J. married, in 1780's, John Kelley. (Foregoing on Manning family from Mss. of O.B. Leonard, Plainfield, N.J.)

#### 2nd Generation

James Manning Kelley, son of Capt. John Kelley and Mary (Polly) Manning Kelley.

- b. August 1787 at Blackberry Hedge, Somerset Co., New Jersey
- d. July 31, 1815 at Pittsford, New York.

His Mother had made a runaway marriage and had been disinherited by his Grandfather Manning. When James was a young boy his Grandfather saw him and was greatly attracted by his beauty and sprightliness - not knowing who James was. James was subsequently adopted by his Grandfather, brought up as a gentleman, and given every advantage, being sent to a Philadelphia medical college, where his spruceness in dress gained him the sobriquet of "the ruffle shirt doctor". With his large blue eyes, long lashes, curling locks

and general air of culture he must have presented a very handsome and attractive appearance. Upon coming of age, James stole away to visit his Mother - and was promptly cast off by his Grandfather, who had never forgiven his daughter.

War record:

"It is shown by the official records that James M. Kelley was appointed Surgeon's mate, 42<sup>nd</sup> United States Infantry, August 4, 1813; that he accepted the appointment August 25, 1813, from Warren, Ohio, and that he resigned September 15, 1814" While in the Service he was stationed at Thompkin's Fort, Staten Island, New York, but his health gave out and he died of consumption at Pittsford, New York, July 31, 1815

Married:

Laura Howe at Ovid Township., New York in 1807-8. (Daughter of Samuel and Mabel (Dudley) Howe.

Children:

1. Madison Kelley
  - b. Seneca County, New York April 13, 1809
  - d. Cleveland, Ohio April 11, 1879
  - b. Erie Street Cemetery, Cleveland.

In 1831 Madison became part-owner of a weekly newspaper in Cleveland. He changed the name of "Cleaveland" (named after its founder, Moses Cleaveland) to "Cleveland" because the masthead was not wide enough for the extra letter.

2. Dulcina Laura Kelley Sexton
  - b. Warren County, Somerset New Jersey November 14, 1811
3. Eliza Ariadne Kelley Critenden
  - b. Washington Valley, Somerset County, New Jersey November 23, 1814.
4. James Howe Kelley
  - b. Avon, Livingston County, New York September 7, 1815
  - d. Racine, Wisconsin, September 23, 1905, int. Racine, Wisconsin.

Third Generation

James Howe Kelley - 4<sup>th</sup> child of James Manning Kelley and Laura Howe Kelley (supra)

In 1820 he came West with Grandfather Howe to Cleveland, thence to Painesville, Ohio where he stayed with his Uncle Eber D. Howe, Editor of the Painesville Telegraph, until 1824.

1824-25 he spent with his Mother and sister at Cleveland.

1826-28 he spent " " " " " at Canandaigua, New York.

1828-58 he lived in Cleveland and was in the dry goods business.

1858-05 he lived in Racine, Wisconsin, and was in the lumber business.

Married:

- (1) at Cleveland, Ohio September 20, 1837 to Emily Chase Hussey (Daughter of Richard and Lydia Chase Hussey who are buried in the Erie Street Cemetery, Cleveland)
  - b. September 11, 1819 on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts.
  - d. November 27, 1865 at Racine, Wisconsin. Interred, Racine.
- (2) at Racine, Wisconsin, November 19, 1867 to Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Carr, nee Martin
  - b. December 29, 1834 at Columbia, Ohio.
  - d. May 18, 1919 at Racine, Wisconsin.

Children: (First 12 by Emily Chase Hussey Kelley)

- 1. Charlotte Eliza Kelley
  - b. Cleveland, Ohio October 10, 1838
  - d. March 22, 1923
- 2. James Manning Kelley
  - b. Cleveland, Ohio, April 25, 1841
  - d. February 23, 1844
- 3. Mary Cornelia Kelley
  - b. Cleveland, Ohio January 21, 1843
- 4. Francis Richard Kelley
  - b. Cleveland, Ohio June 22, 1845
  - d. February 4, 1923
- 5. Annette Hussey Kelley
  - b. Cleveland, Ohio April 29, 1847
  - d. Racine, Wisconsin December 4, 1865
- 6. Emily Ada Kelley
  - b. Cleveland, Ohio August 10, 1849
  - d. Racine, Wisconsin February 25, 1927. Int. Racine February 28, 1927.
  - m. at Racine, August 25, 1881 to Charles Henry Lee
    - b. August 22, 1847 at Racine.
    - d. September 8, 1914 “ ”

A lawyer, he helped water the stock of North Shore RR. No issue.
- 7. Carrie Belle Kelley
  - b. Cleveland, Ohio April 13, 1852
  - d. Kokomo, Indiana, December 4, 1924. Int. December 6, 1924 Madison, Wisconsin.
  - m. at Racine on August 27, 1896 to Moses Ransom Doyon
    - b. at Franklin, Vermont, December 18, 1845, 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage, former Mayor of Madison, Wisconsin.

No issue?
- 8. Cora Adelaide Kelley

- b. Cleveland, Ohio December 22, 1854
  - d. April 5, 1930 at Racine. Int. in Lee Lot in Racine.
  - m. at Angelica, Wisconsin May 26, 1875 to Merrill Herbert Wheeler
    - b. Rutland Massachusetts, August 18, 1851
    - d. Long Beach, Calif., December 7, 1924 int. Lakewood Cemetery, Minn. Minn. Deember. 13, 1924, Single Grace Section, Public Grave Row 101 lot 16
    - ch. Six - see below.
  - divorced ~ 1910. Returned to Racine.
9. Ella Augusta Kelley
- b. Cleveland, Ohio November 15, 1857
  - d. Racine Wisconsin, February 21, 1924. Int. Mound Cemetery, Racine. Spinster. Lived last years with sister Emily.
10. Arthur Howe Kelley
- b. Cleveland, Ohio November 15, 1857
  - d. Chicago, Illinois, February 21, 1924. Int. Mound Cem., Racine. 2/23/1924
11. William Harry Kelley
- b. Racine, Wisconsin, December 13, 1859
  - d. 1930
12. Ida Anne Kelley
- b. Racine, Wisconsin, March 3, 1862.
  - d. " " , March 4, 1862.

Children of James Howe Kelley & Mary Elizabeth Martin (Carr) Kelley

13. James Howe Kelley Jr.
- b. Racine, Wisconsin, July 29, 1870
  - m. Racine, Wisconsin, November 9, 1899 to Tillie May Buchan
    - b. Racine, Wisconsin, June 27, 1878
14. Bertha Cornelia Kelley
- b. Racine, Wisconsin, October 21, 1873.
15. Helen Laura Kelley
- b. Racine, Wisconsin, May 6, 1876. BA Wells 1900.
16. Hazel Buckingham Kelley
- b. Racine, Wisconsin, March 15, 1878. BA Wells
  - m. Racine, July 30, 1910 to Charles Prescott Tolman,
    - b. October 1, 1879 Boston, Massachusetts (Lived on Long Island in 1931)
    - ch. Lee Prescott
      - b. June 7, 1914

- ch. Hazel Buckingham
- b. November 5, 1917.

Fourth Generation

Cora Adelaide Kelley  
m. Merrill Herbert Wheeler

Their children were:

1. Herbert Merrill Wheeler
2. Rae Emma Wheeler
3. William Douglas Wheeler
4. Harry Kelley Wheeler
5. Warren Everett Wheeler (living in 1971)
6. Laura Elizabeth Wheeler

Fifth Generation

Herbert Merrill Wheeler

1. Richard Smith Wheeler
2. Edmund Goodrich Wheeler

Rae Emma Wheeler Allman

1. Helen Louise Allman  
m. Roland John Schacht, M.D.
2. Kathryn Wheeler Allman (deceased)

William Douglas Wheeler

1. Elizabeth(NMI) Wheeler  
m. Clark Henry Abbott

Harry Kelley Wheeler

1. Marjorie Jane Wheeler  
m. Peter Benjamin Kersker, M.D.
2. Harry Kelley Wheeler, Jr.  
m. Anna Marie MacGeever
3. Howard Franklin Wheeler (bachelor)

Warren Everett Wheeler

No issue

Laura Elizabeth Wheeler Nelson

1. Virginia (deceased)
2. Shirley Rae (deceased)
3. Hope Marilyn Nelson  
m. Robert P. Nelson
4. Marion Elizabeth Nelson  
m. Roy David Stewart

Sixth Generation

Richard Smith Wheeler

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1. Male, stillborn
2. Douglas Hughes Wheeler
3. Richard Merrill Wheeler
4. David Lyndon Wheeler

Edmund Goodrich Wheeler

1. Dorothy Anne Wheeler (Doyle)
2. Edmund Charles Wheeler
3. Weldon Horst Wheeler

Helen Louise Allman Schacht

1. Marilyn Rae Schacht (McGriff)
2. Kathryn Margaret Schacht (McCausland)
3. Roland John Schacht, Jr.

Elizabeth Wheeler Abbott

1. Joellen Abbott (Hagge)
2. Bruce Wheeler Abbott
3. Priscilla Ann Abbott (Bangs)
4. Deborah Lee Abbott (Kisor)

Marjorie Jane Wheeler Kersker

1. Peter Wheeler Kersker
2. Polly Lansdowne Kersker (Layton)
3. Michael Miller Kersker
4. Stephen MacGeever Kersker
5. Susan Kelley Kersker

Harry Kelley Wheeler, Jr.

1. Thomas Craig Wheeler
  2. William Allen Wheeler
  3. Robert Mark Wheeler
- } twins

Hope Marilyn Nelson Nelson

1. Karen Lee Nelson
2. Robert Peter Nelson, Jr.

Marion Elizabeth Nelson Stewart

1. Sandra Elizabeth Stewart
  2. Scott Herbert Stewart
- } twins

History of Laura Howe Kelley, wife of James Manning Kelley and daughter of Samuel and Mabel Dudley Howe. (She is buried in the Crittenden lot in the Erie Street Cemetery, Cleveland, Ohio.)

Dr. Samuel William Howe was a native of Longmeadow, Connecticut, born in 1760. Died



in Painesville, Ohio in 1838. He was of English descent and was brought up by his step-father and treated very kindly. After receiving a common school education he entered the college of Dartmouth at the age of 19 and during the ensuing year made some proficiency in the study of medicine. The next year (1779-80), being in Boston one day, he shipped as surgeon on board an American Privateer, then fitting out for a cruise along the coast. Contrary to the understanding of the crew the craft was steered direct for the English channel. The ship, proving a miserable thing, leaking badly, two men were kept constantly at the pumps for forty days, the Captain being in a state of intoxication nearly the entire time. One dark night they found themselves alongside a British 74 on the coast of Ireland. The Privateer fired one gun and surrendered. Soon after the crew were removed to the 74 the old hulk went down, to their great joy, it not being worth towing into port.

They were carried into Dublin as prisoners of war, where Dr. Howe was detailed to the Medical Department of Dublin prison, then filled with sick and maimed prisoners. After nearly three years Howe and two other doctors bribed an Irishman named Craft, who was Keeper of the Prison, and escaped to France. Here he walked 300 miles to the port of Le Havre and shipped as a hand before the mast for Boston. Years later Craft came to Painesville, and Dr. Howe and he met and recognized each other.

After his return, Howe completed his medical studies and about 1785 married Mabel Dudley of Middletown, Connecticut. They lived for a time in Clifton Park, New York, and later in Ovid, New York. In 1811 Dr. Howe settled in Canada, near Queenstown, 8 miles from Niagara Falls. Dr. Howe had accumulated large possessions, having 200 head of cattle, horses, 500 acres of the finest land, a beautiful English mansion and an iron box filled with gold coin and good securities worth \$60,000.

At the breaking out of the War of 1812, he was summoned to declare for the King, or to leave the Province within an hour and have his property confiscated. Breakfast was on the table, Indians were everywhere - but he damned the King and declared for the States. His wife and daughter Harriet, packed the best bedding, silver and box of gold and the Doctor put them on a scow and started them across the river to the States. When a few feet from shore the scow sank, the Indians having been hired to bore holes in the bottom and the women barely escaped. A British officer, Harriet's fiancé, saved them from the Indians. He was later killed at Lundy's Lane.

In the meantime, Dr. Howe went back to the house purposing to throw his strong box into the river, rather than aid the British. He found the house in flames; but secured a feather bed, tied it upon his mare, Kate, and rode for the upper ferry, amid a shower of bullets which riddled the bed and put out one of Kate's eyes. His sons met him at the ferry, and in crossing, a ball pierced the top of William's high bell crowned hat.

The family found a new home near Lewistown, New York, and when the British took that place, December 18, 1813, the Howes again escaped on a sled drawn by oxen, to Batavia, New York. Here was organized Swift and Dobbins' Regiment of New York Volunteers with Dr. Howe as Surgeon's Mate. He was accompanied by his sons, Dudley and Asahel; took part in General Scott's campaign, including the Battle of Lundy's Lane, and served May 1, 1814 - Nov.

8, 1814.

In 1817 he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and about 1820 to Painesville, Ohio, where he practiced his profession until his death in 1838.

His children were William, Eunice, Laura, Harriet, Eber, Dudley and Asahel.

Sources: Account of Granddaughter Eliza Kelley Crittenden; and "Autobiography and Recollections of a Pioneer Printer", by Eber D. Howe (Of Painesville, Ohio).

A copy of Eber's book is on file in the library on High Street adjacent to Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio.). The correct title is: "Autobiography and Recollections of a Pioneer Printer". Together with "Sketches of the War of 1812 on the Niagara Frontier" by Eber D. Howe, Painesville, Ohio, Telegraph Steam Printing House 1878." 56 pages and appendix pages 57-59.

He was born June 9, 1798 at Clifton Park, Saratoga County, New York. His Mother died in 1852, age 87. His Father died in 1838, age 78. The small volume also has a History of Mormonism/ or Faithful Account of that Singular Imposition and Delusion with Sketches of the Character of its Propagators, to which are added inquiries into the Probability that the Historical Part of The Golden Bible was written by one Solomon Spalding and by him intended to be published as a Romance. Printed and Published by the Author - 1840.

Eber was a lad of 14-15 when he served as cook's helper in a company which saw service also at Lundy's Lane.

His diatribe against the Mormon's is merely indicative of the sometimes violent antagonism felt by many, especially against the Mormon missionaries who worked out of Kirtland, Ohio, and earlier, in New York State.