

GENEALOGICAL SUMMARY OF EARLY FAMILY OF SAMUEL KELSO (KELSEY) SR.

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Samuel Kelso, (Kelsey) Sr., a Presbyterian covenanter and Revolutionary veteran sword maker, b. 1720 either in Ireland or near Ayr, Scotland; d. 16 Aug. 1796 near Fishing Creek Church, Chester District, S.C. In Ireland he m. Susannah Mills before 1750. Susannah was b. 1723 in Ireland and d. 12 Sept. 1804 at Fishing Creek. The Kelsos came to Charleston, S.C. on the "Earl of Denegal" on 22 Dec. 1767, and received bounty grants in Cravens District (eventually to become Chester Cy., S.C.). They brought seven children to America: George, Jannet, Elizabeth, Isabell, Samuel Jr., Margaret and John, all of whom were b. in Ireland. Susannah had a younger bro., Col. John Mills (1732-1815) and Samuel had a sis., Jannet (1710-30 Jul 1776), and a bro. Robert Kelsey (1715/20-1800/02) all who came to Chester. After coming to America the men were said to have changed the spelling to Kelsey because "Kelso" was pronounced "Kelsey" in Scotland.

THE CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND SUSANNAH KELSEY

I. George Kelsey, a Revolutionary soldier, b. 1750, d. 1803 in York or Chester Cy., S.C. He m. Elizabeth Carr, dau. of David and Margaret Carr of Chester County, both who d. after 1804/5. Elizabeth was b. 1765 and d. 19 Jun 1824 at Fishing Creek where she is buried. George and Elizabeth had at least five children:

- (1) John Kelsey m. Elizabeth _____, and d. 21 Feb 1855 at Fishing Creek.
- (2) Samuel Kelsey moved to Panola County, Mississippi (Draper Papers)
- (3) Thomas Kelsey
- (4) Robert Kelsey
- (5) Jimmy Kelsey m. _____ Reid.

II. Janet Kelso was b.c. 1751 in Ireland (County Antrim by family tradition) and d. 1796. About 1770 she m. Capt. Alexander Pagan who was b. 1746 in County Antrim, Ireland. Capt. Pagan d. a soldier in the Battle of Sumter's Surprise (also known as the Battle of Fishing Creek) on 18 Aug 1780 during the Revolution. Janet and Alexander had three children:

- (1) Agnes m. Leonard Jones. She moved west in 1835, after she was left a widow with nine children.
- (2) Susan (-1856) m. Thomas Wherry and moved to West Tennessee. Susan was the progenitor of many descendants.
- (3) Alexander Pagan, Jr., a posthumous son, was b. 1781 in Chester and d. 12 Aug 1862 in Chester. He m. in 1806 Mary Mills (1789-1852), the only dau. of Capt. John Mills (1757-1794) and Mary Gill (1758-1841). Their son, George Pagan, was killed in the Battle of the Alamo, San Antonio de Bexar. A Gill relative traveling from Pa. to see the country stopped by S.C. and invited young George to travel with him. By coincidence they joined the garrison in the Alamo shortly before the end. Both were killed.

III. Elizabeth Kelso was b. 1754, d. c. 1824 in Chester Cy. where her will was filed. She m. c. 1772 Robert Gill, Jr., a Rev. soldier. Robert Gill was b. in Ireland or Pa. and moved with his parents to Chester Cy. c.1770. His sis. Elenor Gill m. Samuel Kelsey, Jr. (q.v.). Robert Jr. d. 1780 in a British prison in Camden, S.C. Robert left his widow pregnant and with at least four children; there were three sons and two daughters listed in the 1790 census.

IV. Isabella Kelso was b. 1755 in County Antrim, Ireland and d. 1825 in Perry Cy., Alabama. She was a Rev. heroine (Ref: Mrs. Ellet: Women of the American Revolution, V3,p276). About 1780 she m. William Wylie. William and Isabella came to American on the same ship when they were children. William, a Rev. soldier with several descendants in the D.A.R. was b. c. ~~1769~~ in County Antrim, Ireland and d. c.1830 in Perry Cy., Alabama. He was the son of Peter Wylie I, who was born in Scotland and was the grandson of Adam Wylie of Scotland. Peter I married Ann Hawthorne in Ireland. Isabella and William had eight children:

- (1) :Peter Kelso Wylie, b. 18 Feb 1787, m. 25 Jan 1810 Annie Evans (20 Apr 1792- 18 Dec 1859)
- (2) Samuel Kelso Wylie m. _____ McNeal.
- (3) John Nixon Wiley m. [1] Jane Nelson, and [2] Mary Bell Peppers.
- (4) Susan Wylie m. Alexander Walker.
- (5) Mary (Polly) Wylie m. David Hamilton.
- (6) Sallie Wylie m. William Morrow.
- (7) Annie Wylie died young.
- (8) Jenny (Jennette) Wylie m. William Walker.

V. Samuel Kelsey, Jr., a Rev. soldier with descendants in the D.A.R. and S.A.R. was b. 1757 in Ireland and d. 1819 in Wayne or Hickman County, Tenn. About 1784 he m. Elenor Gill, (b.c. 1759 in Lancaster Co., Pa., and d. 2 May 1817) the dau. of Robert Gill, b. in Ireland 1720 and d. 1804 at Fishing Creek. Elenor Gill Kelsey's brother, Robert Gill, Jr. m. Samuel Kelsey's sister, Elizabeth (q.v.). Samuel, Jr. and Elenor Kelsey had seven children:

- (1) John Kelsey b. c. 1785 and d. 21 Feb 1855. He m. Margaret Pagan.
- (2) Robert G. (Gill?) Kelsey b. c. 1789 m. [1] Elizabeth Jones and [2] Elizabeth Kelley who d. 17 June 1820.
- (3) Thomas G. (Gill?) Kelsey b. 17 Aug 1790, d. 29 Feb 1782 at Henryville, Lawrence Cy., Tenn. He m. [1] 9 Mar 1808 Jannet Jones (15 Jul 1785-6 Oct 1821) the daughter of Peter Jones, Rev. soldier of Chester Cy., S.C. [2] 15 Jul 1828, Hester Jagers Sealy (1808-1840), and [3] Dec 1842, Sarah Butler (1808-1875) the dau. of Zachariah Butler, Rev. soldier from Va. Thomas G. Kelsey and Jannet Jones are great-great-grandparents of Mavis P. Kelsey, author of this summary.
- (4) George R. Kelsey b. c. 1793, m. Cecelia Colwell, dau. of John and Jannett Gill Colwell.
- (5) Janet Kelsey b. c. 1795-d c. 1820 m. either Robert or John Gill.
- (6) Samuel Alexander Pagan Kelsey b. 27 Apr 1805 d. 21 Mar 1894 at Smithfield, Utah, m 23 Dec 1824 Jannet Averett, b. 20 Feb 1809 in Maury County, Tenn. and d. 11 Apr 1887 in Smithfield, Utah, the dau of John and Jennett Gill Averett. S.A.P. Kelsey was a Saint of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. He has hundreds of Mormon descendants in the Western United States.
- (7) Susannah Elenor Kelsey b. 27 Apr 1805 and m. George Gill, a cousin.

VI. Margaret Kelsey b. 1759 and probably d. 1830/39 in Dallas Cy, Ala. About 1783 she m. David Morrow, a Rev. soldier who later had several descendants in the D.A.R. As a child David moved from Maryland to Chester Cy., S.C. with his parents. David Morrow was b. 1762 and d. 17 Oct 1843 near Oxford, Lafayette Cy., Miss. Margaret and David had eight children all born in Chester Cy.:

- (1) John Morrow b. 2 Oct 1784, m 1810/12 Margaret Boyd, dau of David Boyd.
- (2) Samuel Morrow b. 18 Dec 1786 and d. after 1860 in Marion Cy., Ala. He m. Hannah (Milling?) who was b. 1788 in S.C. and d. in Marion, Ala.
- (3) Alexander Morrow b. 18 Jun 1788 and d. 1830/40 in Dallas Cy, Ala. He m. Mary (Woods?) c. 1818. She d. c. 1860.
- (4) Joseph Morrow b. 24 Mar 1790 d. 7 Jul 1868 in Dallas Cy., Ala. He m. 3 Aug 1818 Sarah Elizabeth Waugh (b. 2 Jan 1790-d. 31 Mar 1852).
- (5) Elizabeth Morrow.
- (6) Adam Morrow b. 10 Apr 1796 and d. c. 1853 in Lafayette Cy., Miss. He m. Mary B. Wiley, of Dallas Cy., Ala.
- (7) David Morrow b. 22 Jun 1798, m. [1] Jane Morrison (?) [2] Margaret Waugh on 4 Aug 1825, [3] Isabella Reed in 1830.
- (8) George (Porg) Morrow b. 30 Jul 1801, d. 10 Sept 1880, Lafayette Cy., Miss. He m. 1 Mar 1826 Francis Saline Wiley who d. 1870/80 in Lafayette Cy., Miss.

VII. John Kelso b. 1761 d. 15 Sept 1776 and is buried with his parents at Fishing Creek Church, sharing a common tombstone with his mother.