

OUR ANCESTORS

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O' KELLY

The patriot, JAMES O'KELLY, and the area in which he lived have a special meaning for his descendants. In this Bicentennial year, it is especially appropriate that he should serve as a focal figure to bring us to a closer understanding of his times. James O'Kelly was a man of humble origin, a working minister, who through uncommon talents and writings became known as the founder of the Christian Church of the South. His life spanned the years 1738-1826. He was a prisoner of the British during the years of the Revolution and did his writing during the formative years of the Christian Church, 1791-1826.

James and Elizabeth Meeks O'Kelly arrived in Chatham County in 1798, where their son, William, and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Merritt O'Kelly, lived, having moved there from Mecklenburg County, Virginia, in 1791. To William's home are recorded the visits of Francis Asbury and Richard Whatcoat, itinerant Methodist Bishops.

From William and Mary E. Merritt O'Kelly descended the known descendants of record of Reverend James. While it is generally recognized that there were three other sons of James and Elizabeth, these descendants are not to be found of record. William O'Kelly provided a home for his father and mother, who were tended by their slave, Diana. William represented Chatham County for several terms in the North Carolina House of Commons from 1801-1823.

James O'Kelly wrote several books in defense of the Christian Church in the first quarter of the 19th century. Some of these books included the subjects of hymns for the Christian Church, the break from the Methodist Church, and a refutation of the unitarian accusations by disgruntled Methodists.

There are many accounts of the O'Kelly descendants but none prove the parentage of James O'Kelly. For future generations there remains the task of more factual information. - Ed Lynch, Burlington, N. C. 1976



The Highway marker #K235 and the Monument is on Virginia State Hwy. #10, located about three miles north of Surry, Virginia, on the left hand side of the road, going toward Spring Grove.

The Monument is located on one of four granite stones marking the corners of the old Lebanon Church and reads as follows:

"This monument marks the site of the Lebanon Church, where the founders of the CHRISTIAN CHURCH, who had declared for religion, liberty and accepted the Bible as their only creed, on August 4, 1794, adopted the name CHRISTIAN to the exclusion of all party or sectarian names." Erected by the Southern Christian Convention in 1927.



Miss Jessie Mae Ashford, a fourth great grand daughter of Rev. James O'Kelly is shown copying the inscription.

The back side of the monument reads as follows:

"Principles of the Christian Church:

1. The Lord Jesus Christ its only head;
2. Christian is a sufficient name for the Church;
3. The Holy Bible a sufficient rule of faith and practice;
4. Christian Character a sufficient test of fellowship and membership;
5. The right of private judgment and liberty of conscience a right and privilege of all."

1. JAMES O'KELLY, b. ca 1738, m. ca 1760 to ELIZABETH MEEKS, died 16 Oct 1826. She was born ca 1740, died 1833 in Chatham County, N. C. They are buried in the family cemetery on William O'Kelly's farm.

O'Kelly, James	Males:	1 45/up	Females:	1 26/45
" Franklin	Males:	1 26/45	Females:	4 0/10; 1 26/45
" William	Males:	1 16/26;	1 45/up	
	Females:	1 0/10;	1 10/16; 1 16/26; 1 45/up	

Will of James O'Kelly:

"In the name of God, Amen, I James O'Kelly of Chatham County, State of North Carolina, being in soundness of mind doe constitute this my last will and Testament cordially and solely according to the true and honest intentions of these premises...

"Item I give and bequethe unto my son John O'Kelly five dollars and what he has all redy received to him and his heirs forever.

"Item I give and bequethe unto the heirs of my son William O'Kelly deceased ten dollars and what they have alreedy received to them and there heirs for ever.

"Item I give and bequethe unto my dere and loveing wife Elizabeth O'Kelly after my just debts are paid every cents worth of property of every kind Horses hoggs cattle shepe hosehold and kitchen furniture plantation utencels mones bonds notes of hands to the last cent of property at her own disposial for ever ... I appoint John Moring Sir executor in witness where of I have set my hand and affixed my sele this twenty sixth day of April 1826.

"Test. John Moring Sir (Jurat)
"Willis Moring"

Jas O'Kelly (Seal)

Chatham County, November Term 1826. "The execution of the within will was duly proven in open Court by the oath of John Moring, Sr. and was ordered to be recorded whereupon John Moring, Sr. Test the executor named in said will appeared in open Court and was duly Qualified as such. Recorded in Book B, page 125. *

Tho Ragland, CSC"

November 30, 1826, Sale inventory. There were twenty-eight (28) separate sales of books - two (2) listed as "lots of books," five (5) entries as twelve (12) in each lot. These were sold at the late residence of James O'Kelly. The following purchased books: Sanford Jenkins, William O'Kelly, John Moring, Jr., J. J. Clifton, Aquela Herndon, Henry Moring, Edmund Marsen, Pleaseant Barbee.

Will of Elizabeth O'Kelly (wife of James O'Kelly):

"...I Elizabeth O'Kelly of Chatham County and state of North Carolina beaing in soundness of mind do constitute this my last will and Testament...

"Item I give to Dinah Pilgrim two Hundred dollars or rather leave it in the hands of my Executor to put it out on intrust For her to live on as he sees she stands in need of Also I lend hur a pare of cards and

wheal one big pot pails and pigins and tubs flat irons coffee mill A half dozen little plaits two Dishes A case of knives and forks two basons and red trunk sugar box and coffee port during her natural life and at her death If any be left it is to come back after paying those for the trouble they will be at For keeping her and be divided as I shall now name.

"Item I give to my son John O'Kelly one dollar and what he has already received to him and his heirs forever:

"Item I give and bequeath to Josiah Atkins one dollar and what he has already received to him and his heirs forever:

"After my just debts are paid it is my will and desire that all my property moneys In hand notes and accounts be divided equally betwene Mary E. O'Kelly John McCauley Franklin O'Kelly Leslie O'Kellys heirs one share, Lucinda Anderson William J. O'Kelly Jane D. Barber Thomas J. Fowler Velina B. O'Kelly Mary L. Bilbs and Molsey Massey.

"More over I appoint Franklin O'Kelly executor ... in witness whereof I have here unto set my hand affixed my seal this September the 4th 1832.

Alfred Moring
Henry Moring"

Elizabeth (x) O'Kelly
her mark

Children of James & Elizabeth (Meeks) O'Kelly: (2-1 through 2-2)

2-1. WILLIAM O'KELLY born 29 April 1763.

2-2. John Franklin O'Kelly b. ca 1775, d. 1844 intestate, m. Martha. He is called John in the wills of his parents; listed as Franklin in the 1820 census.

John O'Kelly purchased land 4 December 1792. Witnessed by William O'Kelly, Bk. 6, p. 377, Orange County, N. C.

John O'Kelly purchased land on New Hope Creek for 500 Pounds. Witnessed by Zenas O'Kelly and Charles Trice. Bk. 14, p. 362, Chatham County, N. C.

Children of John O'Kelly (3-1 through 3-⁹~~4~~) as listed in "Some Colonial and Revolutionary Families of N. C." Vol. 2, p. 358 by Marlin Burch Smallwood, pub. 1969, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

3-1. "Nancy Frances O'Kelly, b. Aug. 15, 1813, m. Bartlett Barbee.

3-2. Elizabeth Meeks O'Kelly, b. Feb. 10, 1815, d. Jan. 1, 1874, m. Feb. 18, 1835 Alfred Moring.

3-3. Margaret Embler O'Kelly, b. Jan. 27, 1817, m. Samuel Davis Fowler.

3-4. Delilah Jane O'Kelly b. Nov. 10, 1819, m. Anderson Monroe Carlton.

3-5. William Sanford O'Kelly, b. Jan. 24, 1822, m. _____ Morrow.

- 3-6. Martha Dora O'Kelly, b. Feb 24, 1824, m. Sidney Holleman.
- 3-7. James Franklin O'Kelly, b. May 7, 1825, (d. Jan. 21, 1894)
m. Elizabeth _____, (b. 8 Apr 1830, d. 8 Apr 1880), and had
a son, Dr. Jim O'Kelly.
- 3-8. Joseph L. O'Kelly, b. April 20, 1828, "went west."
- 3-9. Pendleton R. O'Kelly, b. Mar 18, 1831, m. Josephine Massey."

Estate of Franklin O'Kelly, died 1844, intestate: Martha O'Kelly, Administrator, widow of Franklin O'Kelly. Children: Elizabeth, wife of Alfred Mooring; Nancy, wife of Bartlett Barbee; Jane, wife of _____ Carlton; Margaret, wife of Samuel Davis; Sanford, (all of the above of age), Martha, Franklin, Lesley, Everett O'Kelly (all minors). Information from Estate papers, Archives, Raleigh, N. C.

- 2-1. WILLIAM O'KELLY, son of James & Elizabeth (Meeks) O'Kelly was born Apr. 29, 1763, probably in Virginia, and died 24 Dec 1820 in Chatham County, N. C. He married Mary Elizabeth Merritt, b. ca 1767, d. 1853 in Chatham County, daughter of William Merritt, Sr., of New Hope Valley, Chatham Co.

William O'Kelly served in the North Carolina General Assembly from Chatham County: House 1805, 1812, 1814-1816 and Senate in 1818. He and his wife were Methodists. It has been stated that William at an early age felt that he ought to preach, but was dissuaded by his father. He did not become a preacher, but instead became a state representative. He predeceased his father by six years.

William O'Kelly made a will, dated 14 Dec 1820, and probated in Feb term of Court 1821, Chatham County, N. C.

"I give and bequeath to my daughter Nancy McAuley negroes Rose and her child together with all and every description of property which has heretofore been given in her possession.

"I hereby confirm the gift to my son Franklin of the land whereon he lives, and all other property which I have heretofore given and delivered him.

"I hereby confirm the gift to my son Leslie O'Kelly of the land whereon he lives, and all other property which I have heretofore given and delivered him.

"I give and bequeath to my daughter Polly L. Bilbo a negro girl named Katy together with all and every description of property which has heretofore been given in her possession.

"I give and bequeath to my four daughters Lucinda O'Kelly, Jinny O'Kelly, Aurelia D. O'Kelly and Velina B. O'Kelly the sum of two hundred dollars each to be paid them by my executors (hereafter named) when they shall marry.

"It is my further wish in this bequest that if in the opinion of my executors upon consultation with my wife that a larger sum can be spared them, enough should be paid each to buy a negro girl each.

"I lend to my beloved wife Mary E. O'Kelly all the land and plantation whereon I now live during her natural life with the exception that my son WILLIAM JEFFERSON O'KELLY shall have the privilege of working the same either with his mother or to himself as they may agree. I also lend her the following negroes, to wit, Randal, Army, Nelson and Brass with the privilege of selling Randal if she may think proper and appropriating the proceeds thereof to the benefit of my four single daughters or the survivors of them, four head of horses, all my other stock of kinds, crop working tools, wagon and all the household and kitchen furniture (after giving each unmarried child one good bed and furniture) during her natural life.

"After the death of my wife it is my wish that the whole of my property (except that is herein specially bequeathed) should be equally divided between my five unmarried children to wit, Lucinda, William J., Jenny D., Aurelia D., and Velina B. O'Kelly or the survivors of them.

"I also give my wife the dividends and surplus arising from my Bank stock except as hereafter mentioned during her life.

"I give and bequeath to my son William Jefferson O'Kelly after the death of my wife all my lands not heretofore given and one mare.

"I give to my father and mother or the survivor of them the dividends and surplus arising from two of my bank shares during their or either of their lives.

"I hereby nominate and appoint John McAuley, James Bilbo, Franklin O'Kelly and Leslie O'Kelly executors of this my last will and Testament whereunto I have set my hand and Seal this 14th day of December A. D. 1820.

Signed and published in presence of us:
Lack Harman, John Moring Seur"

Wm O'Kelly (Seal)

Chatham County: "The foregoing will was duly proved in open Court at February Term 1821. By Lachanah Harman a subscribing witness thereto and ordered to be recorded, whereupon John McAuley, James Bilbo, Franklin O'Kelly & Leslie O'Kelly the Executors thereon named appeared in Court and were duly qualified and the same was recorded in Book B, p. 34 and 35.

Test Thomas Ragland CSC"

The following is a list of the property sold upon the 6th day of Feby 1824 belonging to the estate of William O'Kelly decd., by the Exr. Leslie O'Kelly in order to raise the money devised in the will of said Wm. O'Kelly to his daughters as they should marry or upon the following terms - part cash and part credit of six months....

"Negro man Randall to the Widow O'Kelly two hundred dollars cash	300.00
and one hundred 6 months credit.	
William J. O'Kelly 1 silver watch	6.00
" " 1 still	31.50
" " 1 stand	.10
" " 1 shot gun	8.00

Pleasant Barbee	1 musket	2.25
Franklin O'Kelly	1 cross cut saw	2.00
Widow	1 man's saddle	3.00
"	1 side saddle	.05
"	1 pair of stilyards	1.50
"	1 Spinning machine	.25
"	2 Towles	.50
"	2 Barrels	.50
"	1 cask	.30
"	2 stands	.50
"	2 stands	.30
"	2 casks	.25
"	1 stand	.10
"	1 pr. of saddle bags	4.00
"	1 bucket and salt barrell	.30
"	1 stand	.40
Gaston Herndon	2 casks	.95
" "	3 casks	.75
" "	1 old cask	.10
Priestly Rittenburg	1 red cow	10.50
William Anderson	1 no horned cow	9.05
		434.05

The Negro and cow was property willed to the widow but given up to the Exr. to sell to leave the money devised in the will of the Testater." (Inventory 1821 to 1828 Chatham Co., pg. 154.)

Leslie O'Kelly, Exr.

Will of Mary Elizabeth O'Kelly (wife of William O'Kelly, and daughter of William Merritt, Sr.):

"...I, Mary E. O'Kelly of the County of Chatham and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and disposing memory do make and ordain this in following manner and form to be my last will and testament...

"I give to Wm J. O'Kelly one dollar and then my land negroes and all the rest of my estate of every kind to be sold and put into eight shears and Velina B. Herndon to have two shears and Aurella D. Fowler have one shear and a half and the balance to be divided between Nancy M. Cauly, Lucinda Anderson Polly Atkins and the heirs of Leslee O'Kelly, Franklin O'Kelly's widow Patsy O'Kelly and Jincy D. Barbee and

" I appoint Thomas Herndon and Josiah Atkins, Jnr., to be my executors In testamony hereof I have set my hand and seal. This March 8th, 1845."

Signed in presence of Monroe Carlton Mary E. O'Kelly (Seal)

In 1847 Term of Court: Alfred Moring appointed guardian of Mary E. O'Kelly, 8 January 1847.

Estate of Mary E. O'Kelly (Poley) May 1854 valued \$6,537.43. Herndon & Atkins vs Fowler & others. Wm. J. O'Kelly, \$1.00, Thomas Herndon \$1,453.54, Thomas Fowler \$1,075.15, Josiah Atkins, Lucinda Anderson, Patsey O'Kelly, Nancy McCauly, the heirs of Leslie O'Kelly and the issue

of Jincy D. Barbee \$537.58 each. The following statement was given:
"Jincy D. Barbee died before Mary E. O'Kelly leaving several children.
Aurilla D. Fowler, wife of Thomas Fowler, died before Mary E. O'Kelly.
It is believed the Barbees, that is, husband and children moved to Ken-
tucky. W. J. O'Kelly a nonresident, and the heirs of Leslie O'Kelly
resident of Tennessee."

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Children of WILLIAM & MARY E. (MERRITT) O'KELLY: (3-1 through 3-10)

- 3-1. Nancy Fletcher O'Kelly b. 1 May 1788, d. 14 Feb. 1811, m. 1 Sept. 1803 to John McCauley (b. 29 Jan 1783, d. 20 Oct. 1832.)
 - 3-2. Franklin O'Kelly died between 4 Dec. 1820 and 8 Mar. 1845, married Patsey Jenkins.
 - 3-3. Leslie O'Kelly died between 4 Dec. 1820 and 8 Mar. 1845, married Nancy Hutson/Hutton on Nov. 21, 1815 in Wake County, N. C.
 - 3-4. Polly L. O'Kelly died between 4 Sept. 1832 and 8 Mar. 1845, married 1st James Bilbo, 2nd Joshua Atkins, Jr. (Bk. 1, p. 311, Orange County, N. C. Guardian Accounts 1819-1937. Harriet Mary L. Bilbo in account with Josiah Atkins, Jr. (1830). Bk. 2, p. 419. Josiah Atkins, Jr., in account with H. M. D. Bilbo.)
 - 3-5. Lucinda O'Kelly, married ca 1824/26 Wm. Anderson.
 - 3-6. WILLIAM JEFFERSON O'KELLY b. 10 April 1800 in Chatham County, N.C., died 24 March 1877 in Fayette Co., Tenn, m. 1st Nancy Moring, born 25 May 1801, d. 8 Nov. 1850; married 2nd S. Mary Booth.
 - 3-7. Jenny D. O'Kelly married ca 1824/26 Fletcher Barbee b. 26 October 1811, died 8 January 1881.
 - 3-8. Aurelia Dow O'Kelly b. 23 Dec. 1804, d. 27 Nov. 1865, m. ca 1824/26 Rev. Thomas Jefferson Fowler, Christian Minister.
 - 3-9. Velina B. O'Kelly, b. 15 Sept. 1811, d. 8 May 1885, m. ca 1824/26 Thomas Herndon, b. 21 Sept. 1808, d. 27 Aug. 1890. The daughter of Velina & Thomas Herndon married Nelson York, son of the Rev. Brantley York, who Duke University recognizes as its founder. This institution was begun by him in Randolph County in 1839, and was known as Union Institute ...passed through several administrations, evolved into Trinity College and finally, Duke University.
 - 3-10. Penelton O'Kelly, died young.
- 3-1. Nancy Fletcher O'Kelly, first child of William & Mary E. (Merritt) O'Kelly, was b. 1 May 1788 in Orange County, N. C., d. 14 Feb. 1861 in Independence County, Arkansas, and buried in Bagley Cemetery near Pleasant Plains. She m. Sept. 1803 John McCauley (b. 29 Jan. 1783, died 20 Oct. 1832.)

They are included in a book entitled "Descendants of John McCauley." John was the son of Mathew McCauley & Martha Johnston.

Mary, daughter of John & Nancy (O'Kelly) McCauley m. a Holloway, and they gave the land for the Court House at Searcy, Arkansas. The Court House clock was given by James, the son of John & Nancy McCauley.

Family Records from John and Nancy Fletcher (O'Kelly) McCauley's Bible:

BIRTHS:

John McCauley, Jany 29, 1783

Nancy F. McCauley, May 1st, 1788
 Martha E. McCauley, April 19th 1806
 William O. McCauley, March 10th 1808
 James McCauley, April 10th 1810
 Mathew McCauley, July 25th 1812
 Lucinda L. McCauley, Oct. 27th 1814
 Nancy F. McCauley, Oct. 16th 1816
 Mary J. McCauley, Feby. 17th 1819
 Elinor J. C. McCauley, June 5th 1821
 C. John F. McCauley, Jany 15th 1825
 Aurilla D. McCauley, May 27th 1827
 Velina A. McCauley, Aug. 2nd 1828
 Julia A. Sadler, Aug. 30th 1856
 Geor. W. McCauley, Feb. 1st 1833
 Julia B. Cheek, Sept. 18th 1836
 J. Green McCauley, July 22nd 1858
 Nannie McCauley, Oct. 18th 1859
 Robert L. McCauley, Feby. 19th 1865
 George Lemuel McCauley, Feby. 11th 1866
 Sue Aurilla McCauley, March 12th 1868
 Eunice Estelle McCauley, July 30th 1869
 Julian Byron McCauley, Feb. 17th 1885
 Howard Norvell McCauley, Sept. 16th 1885, and measured at 4 in the
 morn this day; 18 inches around the body & 4½ around the foot;
 4½ around the ankle & 4½ around the rist.
 Wallace Dickson McCauley, Dec. 10, 1888

DEATHS:

John McCauley, Oct. 20th, 1832
 Velinia A. Sadler, April 18th 1857
 John F. McCauley, Sept. 20th 1858
 William O. McCauley, Feby. 10th 1858
 Jake G. McCauley, Oct. 2nd, 1858
 Hiram McCauley, Feby. 14th 1860
 Thomas McCauley, Feb. 11th 1861
 Nancy F. McCauley Feby. 14th A. D. 1861
 Martha E. Morrow, July 19th 1869
 Lucinda L. McDade, May 8th 1862
 Elenor J. C. Cheek, Oct. 18, 1872
 Howard Norvell McCauley, died this morn at 7:35 o'clock, Aug. 3rd,
 1889
 Robt. E. L. McCauley, died spring of 1885, May 22nd
 Geo. W. Howard, March 17, 1899
 Geo. W. McCauley, Nov. 19, 1900
 Julia B. Cheek McCauley, Jan 9th, 1879
 Eunice E. McCauley Herring, April 28th 1901
 McCauley Herring, Nov. 18, 1911
 Geo. L. McCauley, died San Antonia, Texas, Jan. 10th 1912/13

MARRIAGES:

John McCauley and Nancy F. O'Kelly were married Sept. 1st 1803
 Geo. W. McCauley & Julia B. Cheek were married Sept. 8th, 1856
 Nannie F. McCauley and Geo W. Howard were married Dec. 13, 1877



Nancy Fletcher O'Kelly, daughter of William and Mary Elizabeth (Merritt) O'Kelly. This picture was made from the original that was developed on glass and carried in a small velvet box. It is now in the possession of Mrs. Keith Jernigan, a descendant, living in Little Rock, Arkansas.

- 3-6. WILLIAM JEFFERSON O'KELLY, the 6th child of William & Mary E. (Merritt) O'Kelly, b. 10 April 1800 in Chatham County, N. C., d. 24 March 1877, intestate, at Gallaway, Fayette County, Tenn. He was married 1st on 15 Feb 1821 to Nancy Moring in Chatham County. She was the daughter of John Christopher and Elizabeth "Betsy" (Smith) Moring of Surry County, Virginia and Chatham County. She died 8 Nov 1850 at Gallaway. He married 2nd S. Mary Booth, b. 9 Dec 1815. William Jefferson & Nancy (Moring) O'Kelly are buried in the family cemetery on his farm at Gallaway.

William Jefferson O'Kelly bought 135 acres of land from his grandfather, Rev. James O'Kelly on 10 Nov 1824 for \$100.00 per Deed Bk. A-B, page 90, Chatham County Registry, N. C. The deed was registered in the November Court Session 1828. The land was situated on North East Creek, a tract whereon James O'Kelly was living.

William Jefferson O'Kelly and family moved from North Carolina to Fayette County, Tennessee, between 1830 and 1840.

1830 Census, Chatham County, N. C., page 414:

O'Kelly, W. Jefferson	Males: 1 0/5; 3 5/10; 1 30/40
	Females: 1 0/5; 1 20/30

1840 Census, Fayette Co., Tenn., Vol. 4, pg. 128, 6th Civil Dist:

O'Kelly, Wm. J. Males: 1 0/5; 2 5/10; 2 10/15; 2 15/20; 1 40/50
 Females: 1 0/5; 2 10/15; 1 30/40

1850 Census, Fayette Co., Tenn., p. 280, 6th Civil Dist:

O'Kelly, William J.	50, NC		
" Mary	49, Tenn	Lewis	15, NC
" Albert	27, NC	Lesley	13, NC
" Willis	22, NC	Laura A.	8, NC

1860 Census, Fayette Co., Tenn., p. 447, 6th Civil Dist:

O'Kelly, W. J.	60, NC		
" S. M.	45, Tenn	L. J. fem.	21, NC
" L. J. m.	24, NC	Laura	19, NC

1870 Census, Fayette Co., Tenn., 6th Civil Dist:

O'Kelly, W. J.	70, NC		
" S. M.	55, Tenn		
" John W.	22, Tenn	(Grandson, son of James P. and Rebecca Jane (Tharp) O'Kelly)	

Children of William Jefferson & Nancy Moring O'Kelly: (4-1 through 4-10)

- 4-1. JAMES PENDLETON O'KELLY, b. 24 Jan 1822, d. 28 May 1898.
- 4-2. Albert K. O'Kelly, b. 25 July 1823, Chatham County, N. C.
- 4-3. William Z. O'Kelly, b. 14 Nov 1827 in N.C., d. 23 June 1841.
- 4-4. Willis Smith O'Kelly, b. 29 Oct 1828 in N.C., d. 19 Jan 1910,
m. 18 Dec 1850 Lucy Winslow Cocke, b. 17 Oct 1831, d. 22 Feb 1876.
- 4-5. Louisa E. O'Kelly, b. 23 Jan 1830 in N.C., m. John W. Robbins.
Children: *b. 22 July 1872*
 - 5-1. Dodie Robbins married Tom Foggie.
 - 5-2. Ella Robbins married Oscar T. Marshall.
 - 5-3. Dorsey Robbins married Mrs. Jane Truisdale.
- 6-1. Jesse Robbins, b. 14 Aug 1881, m. Lady Lois Pinkston,
born 25 March 1887, of Covington, Tennessee.
- 4-6. Henry C. L. O'Kelly, b. 23 July 1832 in N. C., d. 5 July 1833.
- 4-7. Lewis James O'Kelly, b. 30 Mar 1834 in N.C., d. 24 Jan 1911,
m. Nancy Broom Haron, b. 24 Dec 1844, d. 12 July 1905.
- 4-8. Martha E. O'Kelly, b. 9 May 1833 in N.C., d. 1844.
- 4-9. Leslie J. O'Kelly, b. 28 Sept. 1836 in N.C., m. Malvina _____.
Children: Floy, Malva, Tate & Ida O'Kelly.
- 4-10. Laura Ann O'Kelly, b. 22 Oct 1841, d. 31 March 1896, m. Henry
Beasley on 2 May 1865. He was b. 8 May 1840 at Braden, Tenn., d.
30 Nov 1922 at Dancyville, Tennessee.
Children:
 - 5-1. Beulah Beasley, b. 27 Feb 1866, m. 7 Sept 1893 John S. Dixon,
b. 25 April 1848 at Graham, N.C., d. 20 May 1921 at Dancy-
ville, Tenn.
 - 5-2. John Ruffin Beasley, b. 2 Sept 1868, d. March 1877.
 - 5-3. Harriet Moring Beasley, b. 29 June 1871, d. 18 Feb 1877.

- 5-4. James Henry Beasley, b. 8 July 1873, d. March 1877.
- 5-5. Minnie Beasley, b. 9 July 1875, d. 31 July 1876.
- 5-6. Thomas Tarry Beasley, b. 29 Sept 1877, m. 7 Nov 1901.
Maude Dixon, b. 20 March 1882 at Hickory Withe, Tenn.

- 4-1. JAMES PENDLETON O'KELLY, the first child of William Jefferson & Nancy (Moring) O'Kelly, born 24 Jan 1822 in Chatham County, N. C. He was killed by a runaway horse and buggy on 28 May 1898 at Gallaway, Fayette County, Tenn. He m. 1st Rebecca Jane Tharp on 5 Oct 1843 in Fayette County. She was the daughter of Gilliam & Temperance (Baker) Tharp of Franklin County, N. C., & Fayette County, Tenn. She was born 14 Feb 1825 in Franklin County, d. 26 Jan 1859 at Gallaway. (See Tharp line)

James Pendleton O'Kelly married 2nd 21 Aug 1859 Tempy Wall. She was born 7 July 1839, d. 25 Aug 1899 at Gallaway; the dau of Frederick and Ann (Clifton) Wall of Franklin County, N. C., and Fayette County, Tenn., a grand-daughter of Willie and Elizabeth (Alford) Clifton of Wake County, N. C. Frederick Wall was born 1801 in Franklin County, N. C., died 1889 in Braden, Tenn. His wife, Ann (Clifton) Wall was b. 8 Feb 1807. James Pendleton O'Kelly and both wives are buried in his father's cemetery.

J. P. O'Kelly served in the Confederate Army as Pvt., Co. G., 16th Regt., Tennessee Calvary, enrolled 8 Nov 1863 for period of 3 years at Hardeman, Tennessee, by J. H. Stevens.

Will of J. P. O'Kelly: Bk. B, p. 550, Fayette County, Tenn.

"First, I direct that my funeral expenses and all my debts be paid as soon after my death as possible out of any moneys that I may die possessed of or may first come into the hands of my Executor.

"Second, I direct that the remainder of any go to T. J. O'Kelly by his paying to Nannie B. Wall, Jno. W. O'Kelly, JANE ASHFORD, Ann Doyle, Henry O'Kelly, Dora Branch, Ella Williams, Daisy Doyle, Pearlle Douglass, ten dollars each as their share of my estate. This including my real and personal property. I do this to compensate him for his kindness in taking care of me in my old age.

"Lastly, I do hereby nominate T. J. O'Kelly my Executor in witness whereof I do make this my will set my hand this 14th day of April One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven.

"Witness: W. D. Robbins

Jas. P. O'Kelly (Seal)

J. W. Robbins

Probated September 5th, 1898."

Children of James Pendleton & Rebecca Jane (Tharp) O'Kelly: (Six)

- 5-1. Nancy (Nannie) Baker O'Kelly, b. 27 Sept 1844, m. William Thomas Wall, b. 28 May 1834 in Louiston, Franklin County, N. C. (His sister was the second wife of J. P. O'Kelly above.) William Thomas Wall d. 22 Oct 1892 in Memphis, Tenn. They had one son, Murray Sale Wall.

- 5-2. William Henry O'Kelly, b. 10 May 1846, d. 12 Sept 1864.
- 5-3. Dr. John W. O'Kelly, b. 4 April 1848, d. 28 July 1930, married Emily Jane Croom on 23 Oct 1879. She was born 9 Feb 1853 at Pinson, Tennessee.
- 5-4. REBECCA JANE O'KELLY, b. 15 Jan 1850, d. 4 Dec 1923, m. Jackson "John" Ashford, b. 1 Jan 1851 in Alabama, d. 24 Nov 1919. (See Ashford Line)
- 5-5. J. Taylor O'Kelly b. 7 Jan 1852, d. 8 Aug 1876.
- 5-6. Medorah O'Kelly b. 15 Sept 1855, d. 10 March 1856 (female).

Children of James Pendleton & Tempey (Wall) O'Kelly: (5-7 through 5-14)

- 5-7. Ann J. O'Kelly, b. 10 June 1860, m. John Mann Doyle, the son of Cynthia (Wall) Doyle and grandson of Frederick & Ann (Clifton) Wall.
 - 5-8. Lewis Henry O'Kelly, b. 18 May 1864, d. 15 July 1938, m. Olivia B. Truisdale, b. 16 Oct 1866, d. 20 Jan 1944. *Oras 12 April 1940*
 - 5-9. Dora Lee O'Kelly, b. 7 April 1866, m. Needham Branch.
 - 5-10. Thomas J. O'Kelly, b. 26 May 1868, d. 20 May 1917, married Emma. She was born 21 Dec 1871, died 29 January 1891.
 - 5-11. Ella O'Kelly, b. 11 March 1870, d. ca 1967 in Memphis, Tennessee, married *nick* Williams, *Richard Henry*
 - 5-12. Viola Daisy O'Kelly, b. 20 Oct 1872, d. 11 Dec 1948 married Taylor Jones Ashford. (See Ashford Line)
 - 5-13. Perla O'Kelly, b. 14 April 1875, d. ca June 1972, Somerville, Tenn. She m. 1st Willie A. Douglas, 2nd Skidmore Henson. Names of children unknown.
 - 5-14. _____ O'Kelly, infant son, born and died 4 April 1884.
- 4-4. Willis Smith O'Kelly, 4th child of William Jefferson & Nancy (Moring) O'Kelly, b. 29 Oct 1828 at Chapel Hill, N. C., d. 19 Jan 1910, married Lucy Winslow Cocke, b. 17 Oct 1831, d. 22 Feb 1876. They were married 18 December 1850 at Gallaway, Fayette County, Tennessee.

Children of Willis Smith & Lucy Winslow (Cocke) O'Kelly:

- 5-1. Alexander S. O'Kelly, b. 3 Dec 1851, d. 9 Nov 1909 at Palmetto, Fla., married Frances Rebecca Shaw on 3 March 1876. She was born 10 Feb 1856 at Sardis, Miss., d. 5 Dec 1930, Bradenton, Fla. One known child: Cannon O'Kelly (son) b. 17 Sept 1878, d. 1 July 1879.
- 5-2. Thomas J. O'Kelly, b. 2 Oct 1853, d. 4 Nov 1853.
- 5-3. Sarah Emeline O'Kelly, b. 2 Oct 1854, m. 18 Jan 1876 Gold G. Her-ring.
- 5-4. Susie Harriet O'Kelly, b. 1 Jan 1858, m. 5 Dec 1877 Charles C. Cecil. He died 6 Nov 1923 at Tampa, Florida.
- 5-5. George David O'Kelly, b. 23 Aug 1860, d. 30 August 1860.
- 5-6. Mary Jane O'Kelly, b. 2 Sept 1861, m. 12 Dec 1883 George A. Burk-hart, b. 7 Nov 1855, d. 5 Nov 1932, Arlington, Tennessee.
- 5-7. Nancy Moring O'Kelly, b. 5 Aug 1865, m. 26 Dec 1892 Willis H. Hol-lingsworth, b. 14 Feb 1863, Louisberg, N. C.
- 5-8. Martha O'Kelly, b. 18 Aug 1867, m. 24 May 1887 William H. Gross. They moved to Mineral Wells, Texas.
- 5-9. Lucy O'Kelly, b. 3 Jan 1871, d. 5 July 1920 at Paris, Texas married 5 June 1910 William P. Frier.

- 5-10. Tippy O'Kelly, b. 31 Oct 1874, m. 17 June 1896 J. Wesley Gross in Paris, Texas. He died at Bonham, Texas.
- 4-7. Lewis James O'Kelly, 7th child of William Jefferson & Nancy (Moring) O'Kelly, b. 30 March 1834, d. 24 Jan 1911 at Mason, Tenn., married 9 Sept 1866 Nancy Broom Haron, b. 24 Dec 1844, d. 12 July 1905. Children:
- 5-1. William K. O'Kelly, b. 24 July 1867, never married.
 - 5-2. Thomas Broom O'Kelly, m. 8 April 1901 Charlotte Rutherford.
 - 5-3. Robert Lee O'Kelly, b. 20 Dec 1870, m. 11 Oct 1899 Jannie Turnage, b. 7 Dec 1877, d. 17 April 1930.
 - 5-4. Emma O'Kelly, b. 15 Nov 1872, m. 7 Feb 1893 Samuel A. Gerring, b. 6 June 1873, d. 29 March 1929.
 - 5-5. Seth Herron O'Kelly, b. 20 Jan 1875, m. 4 Dec 1907 Lavern Turnage, b. 19 July 1886.
 - 5-6. Ernest Moring O'Kelly, b. 11 July 1876, m. 25 Dec 1900 Willie Etta Smith. Children:
 - 6-1. Rev. Walter Vernon O'Kelly, Methodist Minister, b. February 11, 1902, m. Bernice Farr of Clyde, Texas.
 - 6-2. James Hurtell O'Kelly, b. 19 Feb 1904, m. Lola Lee Hamner in Abilene, Texas. Children: Othele & Ernest W. O'Kelly.
 - 6-3. Sarah Frances O'Kelly, b. 7 August 1909, Abilene, Texas.
 - 5-7. Nancy O'Kelly, b. 28 April 1878, m. 15 March 1905 Ernest McLennan.
 - 5-8. Lina O'Kelly, b. 14 Dec 1879, m. 26 Mar 1911 Oscar Poindexter.
 - 5-9. Etta O'Kelly, b. 21 August 1881, d. 19 November 1881.
 - 5-10. James Lewis O'Kelly, b. 26 Dec 1882, m. 18 Dec 1930 Ruth Bailey.
 - 5-11. Vernon D. O'Kelly, b. 21 Jan 1885, m. 15 Apr 1913 Blossom Jackson. She died 1927.
 - 5-12. Vera O'Kelly, b. 5 Aug 1887, d. 16 Dec 1888.
- 5-3. Dr. John W. O'Kelly, third child of James P. & Rebecca Jane (Tharp) O'Kelly, b. 4 Apr 1848, Gallaway, Fayette County, Tennessee, d. 28 July 1930 at Fort Smith, Arkansas, married 23 Oct 1879 to Emily Jane Croom, b. 9 Feb 1853 at Pinson, Tenn. He was a dentist in Dardnelle and Fort Smith, Arkansas, practicing continuously for 47 years.

Dr. John W. O'Kelly was reared and educated in western Tennessee and thence removed to Arkansas, settling in Dardnelle in 1871. He became a student under Dr. T. M. Wyatt, who was the first, and for many years, the only dentist in that part of the state and after thorough preliminary study Dr. O'Kelly was actively associated in practice with his former preceptor for a few months. Dr. Wyatt moved away from Dardnelle and Dr. O'Kelly remained an active member of the profession at Dardnelle for twenty years and in 1892 moved to Fort Smith where he opened an office and followed his profession in that city.
Children: (6-1 through 6-5)

- 6-1. James G. O'Kelly, b. 15 Dec 1880 at Dardnelle, died at Fort Smith 29 August 1899.
- 6-2. William H. O'Kelly, b. 1 July 1882, m. at Seattle, Washington on 14 Dec 1910, Maude Mary Rice, b. 14 Apr 1881, Decatur, Indiana. She was the widow of _____ Murdock by whom she had twins, adopted by O'Kelly.
- 7-1. Helen Rice Murdock O'Kelly, b. 30 July 1906, Spokane, Wash.

- 7-2. Hortense Elizabeth Murdock O'Kelly, b. 30 July 1906, in Spokane, married in Portland, Oregon, 7 Oct 1931 William R. Davis who was born in Canada.
- 6-3. Rebecca Jane O'Kelly, b. 4 June 1884, m. 9 April 1907 Benjamin M. McCurry, b. 26 Aug 1882. They lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
 - 7-1. John Daniel McCurry, b. 1 Jan 1908, Mt. View, Arkansas.
 - 7-2. William Edgar McCurry, born and died 1919.
- 6-4. Edgar Nebo O'Kelly, b. 8 July 1889, married 1st 8 April 1919 to Mrs. Virginia Neal, divorced; married 2nd 9 July 1928 Mary Lincoln Moore, b. 26 July 1895, Springfield, Missouri.
- 6-5. Guy P. O'Kelly, b. 7 Jan 1887, m. 2 June 1909 Bessie Muait, b. 22nd August 1887 at Roseville, Arkansas. They lived at Paris, Arkansas. Children: (7-1 through 7-4)
 - 7-1. Guy Lewis (Jack) O'Kelly, b. 1 Jan 1908, m. 11 Sept 1932 to Crystal Jacobs, b. 6 April 1914.
 - 7-2. Frances Elizabeth O'Kelly, b. 11 April 1914.
 - 7-3. Patricia Ann O'Kelly, b. 4 April 1920.
 - 7-4. William Miner O'Kelly, b. 11 January 1927.
- 5-8. Lewis Henry O'Kelly, 8th child of James Pendleton O'Kelly and second wife, Tempy (Wall) O'Kelly, b. 18 May 1864 at Gallaway, Tennessee, died 15 July 1938, buried in the O'Kelly Cemetery at Gallaway. He married Olivia B. Truisdale, b. 18 Oct 1866, d. 20 Jan 1944, buried in O'Kelly Cemetery. She was the daughter of David Mason and Jane (Henson) Truisdale. Children: (6-1 through 6-6)
 - 6-1. Joseph Taylor O'Kelly, b. 30 Mar 1886, Fayette County, Tenn., m. 2nd Mary Edna Jones. Children: (7-1 through 7-10)
 - 7-1. Frances Olivia O'Kelly, b. 6 Sept 1913, d. March 1915.
 - 7-2. Albert L. O'Kelly, b. 30 November 1915.
 - 7-3. Lottie Mae O'Kelly, b. 24 September 1917.
 - 7-4. Allie Ruth O'Kelly, b. 25 Nov 1919, d. August 1921.
 - 7-5. James T. O'Kelly, b. 10 Jan 1922, d. 30 Jan 1922.
 - 7-6. Virginia Lee O'Kelly, b. 10 May 1923.
 - 7-7. Joseph T. O'Kelly, b. 10 September 1925.
 - 7-8. Nannie Jane O'Kelly, b. 1 August 1927.
 - 7-9. Robert Ray O'Kelly, b. 7 October 1930.
 - 7-10. Barbara Ann O'Kelly, b. 25 March 1933.
 - 6-2. Henry Benjamin O'Kelly, b. 6 Aug 1888, Fayette County, Tennessee, married 2nd Effie Mae Morris. Children:
 - 7-1. Josephine Loretta O'Kelly, b. 6 May 1916.
 - 7-2. Benjamin Forrest O'Kelly, b. 21 April 1919.
 - 7-3. Louis Warren O'Kelly, b. March 1921.
 - 7-4. Evelyn Dorris O'Kelly, b. 28 February 1923.
 - 6-3. James Roy O'Kelly, b. 20 June 1891, Fayette County, Tennessee, m. Margie Naill on 10 May 1930. Names of children unknown.
 - 6-4. Ruby Estelle O'Kelly, b. 2 March 1894, Fayette County, Tennessee, m. 15 Feb 1914 Paul K. Huffman. Children:
 - 7-1. Mary Elizabeth Huffman, b. 5 August 1915.
 - 7-2. Aubrey Douglass Huffman, b. 6 August 1916.
 - 6-5. Aubrey Lee O'Kelly, b. 11 March 1897, Fayette County, Tennessee, d. 13 Oct 1966 in Memphis, Tenn. He married first Agnes Clinton, m. second Cynthia Hendon, (d. 29 Jan 1949), married third Helene Sudbury 10 Nov 1949. Daughter, Murray Louise, b. 30 Aug 1918.

- 6-6. Robert Earl O'Kelly, b. 21 Jan 1900, Fayette County, Tennessee,
m. 24 December 1922 Lillian Watson. No children.

O'KELLY CEMETERY

The oldest known family cemetery is located on William O'Kelly's farm about 1/8 mile back of the O'Kelly Chapel off State Highway 54, about 8 miles out of Chapel Hill, N. C., toward Raleigh. It has a rock fence surrounding it and many of the stones are illegible.

James O'Kelly, A shaft "Erected by his Christian Friends, To the memory of James O'Kelly of N. C., The Southern Champion of Christian Freedom, 1738 - 1826."

Mary J. Herndon, wife of Joseph B. Cole, b. Jan 29, 1838, d. July 18, 1884

Eugenia T. Herndon, b. July 17, 1851, d. Jan 10, 1868

Thomas J. Herndon, b. Sept 21, 1808, d. Aug 27, 1890

Velina B. Herndon, b. Sept 15, 1811, d. May 8, 1885

Aurilia D. Fowler, wife of Thomas J. Fowler, b. Dec 23, 1804,
d. Nov 27, 1865

O'KELLY CEMETERY

This cemetery adjoins the O'Kelly Chapel, Chatham County, N.C.

Meroe, wife of J. M. O'Kelly, b. July 16, 1861, d. Feb 26, 1900

James, son of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. Feb 24, 1900, d. Feb 25, 1900

James M. O'Kelly, b. Dec 23, 1852, d. Feb 17, 1910

Blanche, daughter of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. July 23, 1898, d. August 1890

Jessie, daughter of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. July 15, 1892, d. April 26, 1898

James, son of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. Dec 2, 1895, d. May 12, 1896

Ida O'Kelly McMahon, b. March 24, 1880, d. Nov 14, 1955

J. F. O'Kelly, b. May 10, 1825, d. Jan 21, 1894

Elizabeth, wife of J. F. O'Kelly, b. April 8, 1830, d. April 8, 1880

Carle, son of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. April 20, 1892, d. July 25, 1892

Bula, daughter of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. May 5, 1890, d. Aug 10, 1890

John, son of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. Mar 8, 1881, d. Aug 4, 1881

Addie, dau of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. May 2, 1882, d. Aug 25, 1883

Freddie, son of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. Jan 21, 1883, d. June 10, 1884

William, son of J.M. & Meroe O'Kelly, b. Dec 15, 1888, d. Mar 10, 1889

L. D. O'Kelly, b. Oct 28, 1857, d. July 4, 1909

M. E. Fowler, b. Jan 1812, d. May 1889

Margaret A. O'Kelly, b. Apr 1, 1856, d. Dec 8, 1884

L. A. Barbee, b. May 2, 1856, d. June 22, 1920 (concrete slab)

Etna J. O'Kelly, wife of A. B. Council, b. May 15, 1851, d. Sept 1882

Children of John D. and Lena O'Kelly Hall:

Annie Pearl Hall, b. Feb 1890, d. June 1890

Robert T. Lucius Hall, b. Jan 1893, d. March 18__

George S. O'Kelly, b. Mar 29, 1854, d. June 4, 1883

George F. O'Kelly, b. Sept 7, 1879, d. Aug 17, 1939

Bertha Fetna O'Kelly, b. Mar 21, 1878, d. Oct 27, 1883

Augustine S. Davis, b. Sept 25, 1800, d. Dec 25, 1865

Fletcher Barbee, b. Oct 26, 1811, d. Jan 8, 1881

O'KELLY CEMETERY

This cemetery is located on William Jefferson O'Kelly's farm, Fayette County, Tennessee. (The portion of name in parenthesis has been added by the author.)

Wm. J.(efferson) O'Kelly, b. 10 Apr 1800, d. March 24, 1877
 Nancy J.(ane Moring) O'Kelly, b. May 23, 1801, d. Nov 8, 1850
 William Z. O'Kelly, son of W(illiam) J(efferson) O'Kelly, b. Nov 14, 1827
 d. June 23, 1841
 Martha E. O'Kelly, daughter of W(illiam) J(efferson) O'Kelly, b. May
 9, 1833, d. 1844
 Martha F. O'Kelly, wife of J. W. O'Kelly, b. in N.C. April 23, 1823,
 d. Dec 27, 1875
 Elma O'Kelly, dau of L(ewis) J(ames) & N(ancy) B(room) O'Kelly, b. 19
 Nov 1886, d. Nov 1, 1891
 Vera, daughter of L(ewis) J(ames) & N(ancy) B(room) O'Kelly, b. August
 5, 1881, d. December 19, 1911
 Nancy B(room), wife of L(ewis) J(ames) O'Kelly, b. Dec 25, 1844, d. 12
 July 1905
 L(ewis) J(ames) O'Kelly, b. March 30, 1834, d. Jan 24, 1911
 Mary, wife of L. J. O'Kelly, b. March 25, 1842, d. Dec 19, 1905
 T(homas) J. O'Kelly, b. 26 May 1868, d. May 30, 1917
 Emma, wife of T(homas) J. O'Kelly, b. Dec 21, 1871, d. Jan 29, 1891
 J(ames) P(endleton) O'Kelly, b. Jan 24, 1822, d. May 28, 1898
 Tempy O'Kelly, wife of J(ames) P(endleton) O'Kelly, d. Aug 25, 1899,
 60 yrs of age
 T(aylor) J. O'Kelly, son of J(ames) P(endleton) & R(ebecca) J(ane)
 O'Kelly, b. Jan 7, 1852, d. Jan 27, 1876
 Rebecca (Jane wife of J(ames) P(endleton) O'Kelly, b. Feb 14, 1825,
 d. Dec 18, 1858
 Medorah, daughter of J(ames) P(endleton) & R(ebecca) J(ane) O'Kelly,
 b. Sept 15, 1855, d. Jan 29, 1859
 Thomas J. O'Kelly, son of W(illis) S(mith) & L(ucy) W(inslow) O'Kelly
 b. Oct 2, 1853, d. Nov 4, 1853
 Lewis H(enry) O'Kelly, b. May 18, 1864, d. July 15, 1938
 Olivia Truisdale O'Kelly, wife of Lewis H(enry) O'Kelly, b. Oct 16
 1866, d. Jan 20, 1944
 Lucy W(inslow Cocke), wife of W(illis) S(mith) O'Kelly, b. Oct 17, 1831,
 d. Feb 22, 1876
 Cannon, son of A(lendander) S. & F(rances) R(ebecca Shaw) O'Kelly, b.
 Sept 17, 1878, d. July 1, 1879
 John W. Robbin, born in N.C. March 7, 1815, d. March 8, 1877
 Henrietta, wife of John Andrews, b. in N.C. April 22, 1827, d. October
 27, 1875

(There are graves of Trotters, Reames, Robbins and Andrews not copied.)