

# The Kelley Newsletter Part 2

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Clifton Lee Guesman

A collision between two cars at 2 P.M. on Saturday, April 9, near the railroad overhead bridge at Stony Point on the Waynesburg-Jefferson highway caused fatal injuries to Clifton Lee Guesman. He died at 9:30 P.M. in the Greene County Memorial Hospital where he had been taken. The collision was caused by slippery roads and poor vision because of a snow storm. The young man's father was driving the car. Clifton was born June 4, 1920 in Rices Landing. He was a Junior in the Cumberland Township High School and a member of the Hewitt Presbyterian Church in Rices Landing. Besides his parents he leaves the following brothers and sisters, all at home in Rices Landing:- George Raymond Guesman, Beatrice Virginia Guesman, Verna Louise Guesman and Homer Ivan Guesman. Burial was in Hewitt Cemetery. Clifton Lee Guesman was the son of Franklin Homer Guesman and Effie Elizabeth (Crago) Guesman. Mrs. Effie Elizabeth Guesman is the daughter of George Crago and Luvicia (Yoders) Crago. George Crago was a son of James Crago and Eunice (Arrington) Crago. James Crago was a son of Charles Crago and Sarah (Kelley) Crago. Sarah Kelley was a daughter of our ancestor William Kelley Sr.

Mrs. Viola Rush Reagan After a long illness Mrs. Viola Rush Reagan, wife of Edwin Henry Reagan of New Salem, Pa. died at the family home, on October 10 of last year. She was a member of the New Salem Presbyterina Church. She was born at Spraggs,

in Greene County, Pa., July 22, 1873. Burial was in Sylvan Heights Cemetery, Uniontown, Pa. Surviving are the husband and the two children, Lillian Reagan, at

home, and Harold Reagan of Niagra Falls. there are three grandchildren.

In 1921, Mrs. Reagan became totally blind. Physicians were unable to give a reason for the blindness. In spite of her affliction she went about the house as if she could see for she knew the location of every article. She even patched and sewed quilts as well as any woman could do. After she had been told the colors of the different pieces she could distinguish them by touch. Mrs. Reagan was the daughter of Rev. William Alexander Rush and Matilda (McDougal) Rush. Rev. W.A. Rush was a son of Jacob Strawn Rush and Charlotte (Kelley) Rush. This Charlotte Kelley

was a daughter of William Kelley and Elizabeth (Ewart) Kelley. This William was a

son of our ancestor William Kelley, Sr.

Joseph Mack Kelley

Joseph Mack Kelley died July 23 at his home in Wash-ington, Pa. after an illness of about six weeks of heart trouble. He was born in Easton, West Va., April 22, 1882. For the past thirty-five years he was employed by the South West Pipe Lines and affiliated companies. He was a member of the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church of Washington, Pa. Surviving besides his wife, Mrs. Virginia Kelley, are the following brothers and sisters: James Howard Kelley of Martins Ferry, Ohio; Charles A. Kelley of Lockport, Ill.; Zedie Samuel Kelley of Lancaster, Pa.; Mrs. W.E. Shriver of Morgan-town, West Va.; Mrs. O.M. Everly of Star City, West Va.; Mrs. Jane Headlee of Wilmerding, Pa.; and Mrs. C.D. Carnes of Baltimore, Md. Burial was in East Oak Cemetery of Morgantown, West Va. Mr. Kelley was a son of Samuel Franklin Kelley and Ansaonna (Johnson) Kelley. Samuel Franklin Kelley was a son of Samuel Force Kelley and Ailse (Carter) Kelley. Samuel Force Kelley was a son of our ancestor, William Kelley, Sr.

Mrs. Freeman Squire Kelley

Mrs. Freeman Squire Kelley died May 11, of last year at her home in Morgantown, West Va. She had suffered from cancer of the stomach with complications for a long time. She was buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Morgantown by her husband who

preceded her in death, January 29, 1935. She was the mother of eleven children two

of whom preceded her in death. She leaves the following children:- Mrs. Ray Dana Mayfield; Mrs. Ernest Jacob Schrenk; George Nathan Kelley; Mrs. Edward James Lewis; Desmond Fay Kelley; Junior Curtis Kelley (all of Morgan-town); Joseph Aden Kelley of Sabraton, West Va.; and Mrs. Harry V. Palmer of Lansing, Mich. There are several grandchildren. Mrs. Kelley's maiden name was Lavina Kerns. She was a

member of our clan through marriage. Her husband was a son of Joseph Kelley and Eliza (Lewis) Kelley. Joseph Kelley was a son of Freeman Kelley and Mary (Ailes) Kelley. This Freeman Kelley was a son of our ancestor William Kelley Sr.

Mrs. Annie Kelley Smith It was on May 31 of last year at eleven A.M. that Mrs.

Annie Kelley Smith passed away at the home of her daughter Mrs. A.J. Dadisman of Morgantown, West Va. She had been in failing health for several years but had endured

her illness with patience and courage. She was born December 1, 1865 near Halleck, West Va. In 1886 she was married to Webster Wellington Smith who died March 29, 1931.

Mrs. Kelley was buried in Oak Grove Cemetery in Morgantown. She was a sister of Evans

Christmas Kelley of Charleroi, Pa. She leaves three children:- Mrs. A.J. Dadisman

of Morgantown with whom she made her home; James Clyde Smith of Washington, D.C.; and Clarence Evans Smith of Gary, Ind. There are four grand-children. Mrs. Smith was a daughter of James Kelley and Mary Jane (Bixler) Kelley. This James Kelley was a son of Freeman Kelley and Mary (Ailes) Kelley. This Freeman Kelley was a son of our ancestor William Kelley Sr.

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Mrs. William Daniel Loos, Ralph Christopher, Francis L. Christopher, Mrs. Leroy Johnson, Mrs. A.J. Dadisman, and Mrs. Edgar C. Hastings have contributed money to help pay the postage on these magazines.

The reunion will be held this year at the Log Cabin in Washington Park, Washington, Pa. on SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER the 4th.

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The 1937 Reunion

The 1937 reunion was held at the Hewitt Presbyterian Church in Rices Landing.

It is not necessary to tell what state this town is in as there is only one Rices Landing in the United States. In spite of the drizzling rain which fell all day one

hundred forty members of the clan came. The first thing each did was to go to the secretary for the get-acquainted tag. These tags proved to be a popular innovation. Each tag shows how the wearer is descended from William Kelley Senior. There are special tags for honorary members and for members by marriage. At eleven o'clock the morning service started. After devotopma; exercises by Rev. Leroy Myers, pastor of the church, the reunion serman was preached by Rev. Adam R. Rush. Then the clan members read in the magazine that the serman would be preached by a minister almost seventy-eight years of age many expected to see a feeble, old man whose voice could not be heard beyond the front pews. He showed us that he is an active person who can preach as well as any of them. His text was this sentence from Isaiah: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and nor faint." During his serman he empasized the idea that the best way to wait upon the Lord is to do our duty well and cheerfully wherever we are. He gave a touch of humor to the discourse by relating reminiscences of his boyhood days among the Kelleys seventy years ago.

Next came a half hour for shaking hands with old friends and making new acquaintances. Then the members of the congregatin politely left and we had the church

to ourselves for the rest of the day. No need to describe the dinner as every one knows the Kelley women can prepare a banquet fit for kings.

After another half hour of chatting the meeting was called to order by President James Edward Kelley. The minutes were read by the secretary, Mrs. George T. Kelley. The historian and the treasurer gave their reports. The address by President Kelley was a masterpiece of oratory. The speaker's delivery fitly matched

the theme. This oration was printed in the Christmas issue of this magazine. Different members were called on for brief talks. During the election of officers someone nominated James O. Stewart for president. I arose and said that I was already

historian and editor and if I undertook to be president at the same time I should have to be incorporated. Nevertheless Mr. Stewart (myself) was elected. It was decided

to hold the 1938 reunion at Washington, Pa.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:-

James O. Stewart, President.

Winnett Kelley, Vice President.

Mrs. George T. Kelley, Secr.

Mrs. Joseph Mack Kelley.

The historian is not elected from year to year. Like Tennyson's brook he goes on forever.

All who were present deserve credit for coming through the rain and we thank the ladies for the splendid dinner.

Without mentioning names we feel grateful to the committee members for their efficient work.

The 1938 Reunion

A few days after the 1937 reunion I went to Washington and learned that we

could not make arrangements for the park until after the reorganization of the city council in January. there was snow early in January so I had to wait for a few

days. When I went to Washington again I learned that people living in or near Washington had engaged the two pavilions. We could get the log cabin. This is a new

building which holds about a hundred people. I optioned the log cabin with the understanding that we could give it up in the case I could find a more suitable place.

Then I looked at several places but no place suited so well as the park. I decided on the log cabin. If it rains that day, there will not be over a hundred there. If

the weather is fine and we have a crowd, some can eat on the tables outside near the cabin. I must admit that the smallness of the log cabin prevents me from carrying out one or two big ideas that I had in mind concerning dinner arrangements and entertainment.

As soon as you come to the log cabin see the secretary to get your tag. Last year it was announced that the same tags would be worn in 1938. However, we have slightly changed the plan. It will not be necessary to wear the tag you got last year unless you wish to do so as a matter of sentiment. All who were at the 1937 reunion will receive new tags. All who were not at the 1937 reunion will receive the old tags with the date changed. You must see the secretary in person to get your tag. No tag will be given to a person to carry to another person. The issuing of tags does away with your having to register. Make no alteration on the tag unless you see the historian about it.

To find the place:- As you enter Washington going westward along the National Pike you will see on the right hand side a large billboard which says WASHINGTON PARK AND SWIMMING POOL. Turn to the right there. If you are

following

the National Pike eastward, you will see this billboard on the left as you leave Washington. Turn to the left. The park is about a half mile from the Pike. After you

enter the park follow the directing arrows and go on past the first pavilion for about six hundred feet to the log cabin. There will be no grounds committee as persons coming to a reunion may park their car any place in the park.

This reunion is to be just a homelike get-together with no intertainment, not even a speech from the president. I do not want any effort of mine to be compared with last year's address.

The dinner will be the usual clan dinner. Bring your shar. Also bring cups and silverware. Also bring your own coffee pot. Coffee will be maid for all by

the committee. Table cloths, napkins, plates, ice cream and coffee will be furnished. The chairman of the table committee is Mrs. William Lynn Kelley, with Mrs. Emmor Kelley as her assistant. Mr. William Lynn Kelley will be the whole ice cream committee all by himself.

The seating capacity of the log cabin is limited so be careful about bringing guests who are not members of the clan.

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#### GEMS FROM MY MOTHER'S SCRAP BOOK

My mother's maiden name was Elizabeth Margaret Kelley. She was one of eight children of James Kelley and Elizabeth (Hewitt) Kelley. This James Kelley was a son of our ancestor William Kelley, Senior. On March 24, 1868 Elizabeth Margaret Kelley married John O. Stewart. As the result of this happy reunion, my brother, Charles J. Stewart and I arrived in this vale of tears. Mother was born April 11, 1839. Now one hundred years later, in 1939, your historian culls for you these gems from her scrap book which she made many years ago. A TEMPERANCE FABLE.

The rats once assembled in a large cellar, to devise some method of safety in getting the bait from a small trap which lay near, as they had seen numbers of their friends and relatives snatched from them by its merciless jaws. After many speeches,

and the proposal of many elaborate but fruitless plans, a happy wit, standing erect, said:- "It is my opinion that, if we can keep down the spring with one paw, we can safely take the food from the trap with the other paw." All the rats present loudly squealed assent, and slapped their tails in applause. The meeting adjourned, and the rats retired to their homes, but the devastations of the trap being by no

means diminished, the rats were forced to call another convention. The elders, just assembled, had commenced their deliberations, when all were startled by

a faint voice and a poor rat with only three legs, limping into the ring, stood up to speak. All were instantly silent. Stretching out the bleeding remains of his leg, he said:- "My friends, I have tried the method and you see the results. Now let me suggest a plan to escape the trap. Do not touch it."

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A young gentleman at Prairie Grove, Texas, proposed to his lady love, but was gently refused. He went a second and a third time with the same result. At length he rode over one evening and told her he would neither eat, sleep, nor speak until she consented to become his bride. She invited him to dinner. He shook his head. She talked on, He merely looked dejected. Then she requested him to take supper. A negative shake of the head was the only reply. She played, sang and talked until bedtime. A servant wished to show him a room. Again there was a negative shake of the head. She tripped away to her room. He sat determine still. About midnight she came back and said, "I do not wish to cause the death of a good officer, so I will marry you." The released one rose and, with much earnestness, said, "My dear, have you and cold victuals on hand?"

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The difference between a pig making a glutton of it-self and a man making a pig of himself is, that the pig at some future day will be cured.

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Use what talent you possess. The woods would be very silent, if no bird sang there but those which can sing best.

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Side issues--Whiskers.

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A man deaf in one ear should no be allowed to sit on a jury. He can not hear both sides.

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"What is the difference," asked the teacher in Arithmetic, "between one yard and two yards?" "A fence," said Tommy Beales.

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A Virginia pastor says that he hired a buggy and drove about eighteen miles to visit two of his members who had not been to church for nine months. When, after a good many inquiries and a long search, he found their residence, he was edified by the announcement that they had gone to town to attend a circus.

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Miss Julia was induced to give a taste of her musical powers. And this is

how she did it. She flirted up her panniers, coquet-tishly wiggled-waggled up to the piano, and sang:-

When the moo-hoon is mi-hid-ly be-heam-ing  
O'er the ca-halm and si-hi-lent se-e-e-e-e  
Its ra-dy-unse so-hoft-ly stre-heaming  
Then, O the-hen, then, O the-e-e-e-e-e-n.

I thee-hink  
Of thee-hee,  
I thee-hink,  
T thee-hink

I thee-he-he-he-he-hink, of thee-e-e-e.

"Beautiful, Miss Julia, Beautiful" and we all clapped our hands. "Do please sing another verse. It is perfectly divine, Miss Julia" said Eugene Augustus. Then Jilia raised her golden (dyed) head, touched the white ivory with her jeweled fingers, and warbled:-

When the suh-hun is bri-hight-ly glow-ho-ing  
O'er the sce-hene so de-hear to me-e-e-e-e  
And swee-heet the wee-hind is blow-ho-ing,  
Then, O the-hen, then O the-e-e-e-e-e-n,

I thee-hink  
Of thee-hee,  
I thee-hink,  
I thee-hink

I thee-he-he-he-he-hink, of thee-e-e-e-e.

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An Irishman, visiting a churchyard with a friend pointed to a shady nook and

said, This is the spot where I intend to be laid, it I am only spared.

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It is related of a wealthy millionaire who has been dead these many years, that a young man came to him one day and asked him for help to start him in business. "Do you drink?" asked the millionaire.

"Occasion-aly."

"Stop it for a year and then come and see me."

The young man broke off the habit at once, and at the end of a year again presented himself.

"Do you smoke?" asked the great man.

"Yes sir, now and then."

"Stop it for a year and then come and see me."

The young man went away and cut loose from the habit, and after worrying through another twelve months, once more faced the philan-thropist.

"Do you chew?"

"Yes, sir."

"Stop it for a year and then come and see me."

But the young man never called again. When some one asked why he did not make one more effort he replied

"Didn't I know what he was driving at? He would have told me that as I had stopped drinking and smoking and chewing, I must have saved enough money to start

myself.

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A Court House--The home of marriageable daughters.

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The sect of the entomologists--insect.

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Dear Reader,

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Now our task is nearly done,  
We trust your kind consideration we have won,  
Within this little book is many a wholesome truth,  
Of equal value both to riper years and youth.