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A few days after the Kelly Reunion of 1936 your historian went to Rices Landing and learned that the session of the Hewitt Presbyterian Church had consented to let the church be used for the 1937 reunion. He went at once to see Rev. Adam R. Rush and arranged to have the reunion sermon preached by him.

Adam Robert Rush was born September 27, 1859 on his father's farm near Jefferson, Penn'a. Hee is a son of Jacob Strawn Rush and Charlotte (Kelley) Rush. This Charlotte Kelley (I say this Charlotte because there was another Charlotte) was a daughter of William Kelley and Elizabeth (Ewart) Kelley. This William was a son of our ancestor William Kelley, Senior. Adam R. Rush was received in the Pittsburgh Confrence of the Methodist Protestant Church in 1888. His first charge

was in Union Circuit in Greene County, Penn'a; his last at Amity, Penn'a. After thirty-five years of active service he took a super-annuated relation to the Conference in 1924. He is a member of the Odd Fellows. He married Martha Ellen Crago of Rices Landing, Pa. They had two daughters, Mrs. William Daniel Loos of California, Pa. and Gertrude Glenn Rush who died in her fifth year. After the death of his first wife Rev. Rush married Elisabeth Winifred Murphy of the Murphy Homestead near Perryopolis, Pa. They are living on this Murphy Homestead now. They have no children. Their address is R.D.#1, Perryopolis, Penn'a.

Our clan president J. Edward Kelley with his wife called recently on the historian at the Stewart Homestead.

Harry W. Colmery, new National Commander of the American Legion, was for four years a pupil of Miss Elizabeth A. Kelley when she was a teacher in Northy Braddock, Pa. She says there never was a better behaved boy in any school and he tended strictly to business. She is very proud of Harry. His address is Topeka, Kansas.

Mrs. Olive Blanche Diehl, wife of Clifford Diehl, died at Hutchinson in Westmoreland County, Pa. september 27, 1936. Death was sudden after an internal hemorrhage. She is survived by her husband and three small children. The burial was in Monongahela Hill Cemetery at Mapletown, Greene County, Pa. Mrs. Diehl was born June 6, 1906. She was a daughter of the late Samuel W. McKinley and Blanche (Estle) McKinley. Blanche Estle was a daughter of James Neel Estle and Olive Leona (Murphy) Estle. James Neel Estle was a son of Enoch Estle and Harriet (Neel) Estle. Harriet Neel was a daughter of James Neel and Eliza (Kelley) Neel. Eliza Kelley was a daughter of our ancestor William Kelley Sr.

Dr. and Mrs. John O. Stewart are the proud parents of a new girl who arrived in the Brownsville, Pa. hospital Sunday, November the eighth at 9:25 p.m. The young lady, who weighed seven and a half pounds, has been named Dorothy Ann Stewart. Dr. Stewart had a dental office in Republic, Pa. He is a nephew of the historian.

The historian-editor will appreciate it ever so much if you will send to him a postal stating that you received this magazine. That will encourage him and he will keep your name on his mailing list so he can send a copy of the next issue. Until further notice these magazines will be free.

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MISS ELIZABETH ALICE KELLEY

On her sixty-sixth birthday, January 8, 1937, Miss Elizabeth Alice Kelley passed away at the Kelley Homestead near Jefferson, Penn'a. Her death was caused by bronchial trouble. She was a daughter of Freeman Kelley and Mary Ann (Sharpnack) Kelley. This Freeman Kelley was a son of Samuel Force Kelley and Alice (Carter) Kelley.

Samuel Force Kelley was a son of our ancestor William Kelley, Senior. Miss Kelley is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Grant Kelley of Dormont, Pa., Mrs.

Harry Victor Lucas of Uniontown, Pa., Miss Ida Mae Kelley at home and James Edward (our clan president) at home. She had been a member of the Carmichaels Presbyterian Church since the age of fifteen years and she was a lifelong worker in Sunday School and Church wherever she was located. On the afternoon of the Sunday after her death

the funeral services were held in the new Presbyterian Church of Charmichaels in charge

of Rev. I.N. Crooks and Rev. J.O. Miller. She was buried by the side of her parents in

Laurel Point Cemetery at Carmichaels.

Miss Kelly was one of the most widely known teachers in Southwestern Pennsylvania.

She was a graduate of Greene Academy in Carmichaels in the class of 1888. It was probably in the winter of 1893-1894 that she taught the Heistersburg district school in Luzerne Township, Fayette County, Pa. She roomed and boarded at the home of

her Uncle Levi and Levi's son Emmor was one of her pupils. On the night of the last

day of school she gave an old fashioned district school exhibition. This consisted of recitations, music, dialogues, and charades. As a grand ending there were three tableaux posed by pupils in costume, while red lights burned at the front

of the platform to give a spectacular effect. People for miles around came in their buggies to see the exhibition. It was during that winter and to a certain extent at

the close of the preceding winter that the state began to furnish free books to the pupils. There was much discussion in the community as to the merits of the new

plan. Levi said he was going to buy Emmor's books even if the rest did get free books, as he thought it taught a boy to be careful of things if he owned his own books

but he would become careless of the books if they were not his own. (Levi was not entirely wrong, I know, I used to be a teacher.) Miss Kelley, however, said she liked the new way for whenever she wanted to put a pupil into a new class she could

do so right then without having to wait for the parents to buy the books. In the year 1895 she graduated from the Southwestern State Normal School at California, Pa. as valedictorian of the class. Then she taught at Shady Park School in North Braddock, Pa., as Principal and teacher for ten years. Harry W. Colmery, National Commander of the American Legion, was one of her pupils there for four years. Then she was principal and teacher at Mansfield School in Carnegie, Pa., for six years. Then she was at Carmichaels for eight years, part of the time as primary teacher and part of the time as principal. Next she taught the primary room at Mather, Pa. for eleven years. She retired three years ago.

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Claude E. Santee is one of this year's graduates of the Iowa Falls, High School.

He was on the football team, the baseball team and the track team. He made the National Honorary Society and the Thespian Society.

Edgar C. Hastings has been elected superintendent of the Asbury M.E. Sunday School of Uniontown, Pa. to succeed the late Alfred E. Jones.

Mrs. Earl Kelley is Secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society of the M.E. church of Carmichaels.

Fred G. Kelley is Jr. Past Councilor of Uniontown Council No. 167 of the Jr. O.U.A.M.

Mr. and Mrs. Cephas Kelley are now living on the Frank Garrett farm near Marianna. Mr. Kelley purchased this farm recently.

Martha Fern Loos of California, Pa. is on the honor roll of the East Pike Run Township High School. She is a granddaughter of Rev. Adam R. Rush.

Arthur and Virginia Christopher were among the talented Fayette County children who helped to broadcast music from Station WJAS of Pittsburgh on February 13th. They are the children of Ralph and Edith Antram Christopher.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Christopher of Rices

Landing, recent newly weds. Mrs. Christopher is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Boger

of Clarksville. Miss Christine Lucas was dramatic counselor at Camp Minnetoska, near

Hutton, Maryland, last summer. She was so successful that the camp directors have appointed her head counselor for the summer of 1937. Miss Lucas teaches English in

the Uniontown High School.

Members of the clan will be interested in the announcement of the marriage of Miss Thelma Grace Cril and James Gordon Reed on Christmas Day 1935. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cril of Washington, Pa. She is a graduate of the Washington High School in Washington, Pa. Mr. Reed is a graduate of Washington and Jefferson College in the class of 1936. Mr. and Mrs. Reed are living in New Kensington, Pa. where Mr. Reed is with the Goodrich Rubber Company.

Miss Mary Stewart Kelley, one of our Brownsville teachers, is attending summer school at West Chester State Teachers College.

Of course you are going to the Reunion which will be held at Hewitt Church in Rices Landing on Sunday before Labor Day.

Mrs. Walter Crile and Mrs. Martha Anderson have contributed money to help pay the postage on these magazines. Many thanks to these patriotic ladies.

Be sure to sent a postal or note stating that you received this magazine. Even if you wrote before, write this time. Keep this magazine in the family bible.

The historian is trying to learn if Oliver Hudson Kelley, who was one of the founders of the Grange, was connected with our clan.

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Number Three August 25, 1937. Free and worth it.

Miss Harriet Emma Kelley

Miss Harriet Emma Kelley died at 5 in the evening of January 19th, 1937 at her home near Halleck, West Va. Death was caused by cancer of the stomach. She was

born August 24, 1865, one of the five children of William Kelley and Martha J. (Smith) Kelley. This William Kelley was one of the twelve children of Freeman Kelley and Mary (Ailes) Kelley. This Freeman Kelley was a son of our ancestor, William

Kelley, Senior. Miss Kelley's only close surviving relative is a niece, Mrs. Mary Clem

Boyd, of Ridgeville, West Va. Niss Kelley's life was one of self sacrifice. At the

same time she waited on her paralyzed father and on her blind aunt Minerva Kelley until their deaths. She took care of two brothers, Marion and John, and one sister, Minnie, in their last days. She als raised a niece and a grandniece. The historian remembers with gratitude how she helped him by giving information for the history. She was buried in the cemetery at Halleck.

Isaac W. Kelley Isaac Wolverton Kelley died at his home in Washington, Pa.,

July 13, 1937. He was born October 20, 1870 in Amity. He got his grade education at

Hazel Green school and then went for two summers to summer school in Amity to Mary Miller. He had been a farmer most of his life. He had artictic ability and his hobby was making pictures., He leaves his wife, Mrs. Minnie Viola (Bristor) Kelley. Two of his nine children died in infancy. Surviving are the following:-
Mrs.

Thomas Chadwick, Dunns Station; George Talmadge Kelley, Masontown; Guy Merle Kelley, Washington; Mrs. Lon M. Conklin, R.F.D. No. 2, Sycamore; Mrs. Herbert Clayton

Bridges, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Clarence Fremont Chips, Wash-ington; Mrs. Carl Iams Grimm, Washington. He leaves five brothers: James Cephas Kelley, R.F.D., Marianna; Joseph Y. Kelley, R.F.D. No. 3, Conneaut, Ohio; William Wallace Kelley, R.F.D. No. 2, Conneaut, Ohio; George G.C. Kelley, Washington; and

Charles Freeman Kelley, Grays Landing. There are several grandchildren. On Friday after his death brief services were held at the home with further services in the Amity M.E. Church. He was buried in the Amity cemetery. Mr. Kelley was one of the eight sons of William Kelley and Nancy M. (Sharp) Kelley. This William Kelley was a son of Samuel Force Kelley and Alice (Carter) Kelley. Samuel Force Kelley was a son of our ancestor William Kelley, Senior.

UP IN WEST VA.

Last January the historian-editor took a trip into West Virginia in the country back of Morgantown, to hunt history. Honestly, I did not suppose any civilized

nation could have such roads. My car became stuck in the mud and I had to hire a

farmer to come with a mule to pull out the car. To get back to Morgantown I had to

go a long way around through Kingswood. There I learned that a clan of elley's living around Kingwood and Terra Alta have a reunion each year atr Centerary Church near Brandonville. I went to this reunion Saturday, August 14. They fed me sumptuously

and entertained me royally. Their president is Bruce Kelley, of Kingwood, West Va. In a

long talk with their historian, Zar W. Kelley, of Cleveland, Ohio. I learned that these Kelleys are descended from John Kelley who was born in 1755 and served in the

Revolutionary War. It is almost certain that this Johnwas a brother of ancestro, William Kelley, Senior. Our Reunion

The great day is close at hand. On Sunday, September fifth, our clan will hold the anual reunion. Our usual place is Washington Park at Washington, Pa., but

this year the reunion will be held Hewitt Presbyterian church at Rices Landing, Pa. This

is a matter of sentiment for William Kelley, Senior, and his wife Elizabeth are buried in the cemetery of this church and this reunion is to be a memorial to these ancestors of the clan. We are expecting a big crowds as many will be there for their first reunion. All members of the clan are requested to bring two flowers (or two bouquets), one for William's grave and one for Elizabeth's. (Your flowers can be used for decorating church and table and then put on the graves). There

will be a time at which we will meet at the graves of William and Elizabeth and lay the folwers on their graves. Many will want to decorate other graves of their relatives. Please do this before or after the time of decorating the two graves. This time is to be sacred to that one memorial act. If possible, we are all supposed to be at Sunday School and preaching, (Be sure to study the Sunday School lesson.)

Here is the program for the day:--10 a.m.

Sunday School.11 a.m.

Preaching service. Sermon by Rev. Adam R. Rush.12:30 p.m.

Dinner in basement of church. 1:30 p.m.

Decoration of graves of William and Elizabeth. 2:00 p.m.

Memorial program in the Church. The dinner will be the usual clan dinner. Bring your share. Also bring cups and silverware. Tablecloths, napkins, plates, ice cream, and coffee will be furnished.

The members of the following committees are expected to be there early.

Music Committee: Mr. Bernice Bowser, Carmichaels, R.F.D.1.

Mrs. Sarah Philips. Carmichaels, R.F.D.1.

Mrs. Earl Kelley, Carmichaels.

Grounds Committee: George T. Kelley, Masontown.
Joseph Kelley, Washington.
Orville Christopher, Rices Landing.
Winnett Kelley. Canonsburg.

Ushers:

Mrs. Joseph Kelley, Washington.
Miss Mary Kelley, Brownsville.
Mrs. Steve Fisher, Grays Landing.

Table Committee: Mrs. Louise Kelley, Brownsville, Chairman.
Mrs. J.E. Kelley, Jefferson, R.F.D.
Mrs. Howard Kelley, Martins Ferry, OH
Mrs. Samuel Grimm, Carmichaels.

This will sound impolite but it must be told. The seating capacity of the church basement is limited so be cautious about bring guests who are not members of the clan.

Enclosed herewith are the get-acquainted tags which you are to wear. You furnish the string or ribbon. If you cannot come to the reunion, wear the tag at your noon meal that day and think to yourself that we are wishing you could be with us.

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OUR HERITAGE

by James Edward Kelley.

Memorials and reunions are as old as history. We have introduced no new idea. We are following the instincts of humanity. So it is fitting that we should call to memory the lives of our fore-fathers---those who have gone before and blazed the trail for us to follow--in order that we may evaluate life and find courage to continue the struggle.

The Jewish people point with pride and admiration to Father Abraham as the father of their race. Why should we not point with pride and admiration to Father

William Kelley as the founder of our clan. History records the fact that the Jewish people continued life's struggle until they became the most wealthy, the most cultured, the most envied people in the world. They lost their possessions and their freedom. They were scattered to the ends of the earth. In spite of this calamity they gave to humanity our law, our music and our culture. They gave to the world the greatest library that has ever been written. So we see that,

although the Jews lost their wealth and their freedom, they gained a greater heritage--the gratitude of humanity.

About forty five years ago, when I was a boy of some sixteen years, I made my first visit to Father William's tomb. Accompanied my father, Freeman Kelley, and his brother, John Kelley, of Cumberland. It was their last visit to their grandfather's tomb. They were in a reminiscent mood and talked over their boyhood days and the early life of the Kelley family as they had learned it. I learned some things about Father William. He was much opposed to the use of alcoholic beverages and would not sell grain to any one who manufactured liquor. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Later investigation reveals that he served in the Virginia Militia. It may seem strange to you but at that time this part of Pennsylvania was believed to be a part of Virginia. Later it was found to be a part of Pennsylvania.

His sons were too young to serve in the War of 1812 and they were too old to serve in the Civil War. However, one of his younger sons, at the age of fifty two, responded to Lincoln's first call for volunteers, served in the war for more than four years, and was honorably discharged after the war was over. Father William had at least nine grandsons in the Civil War.

I also learned that Father William turned over most of his wealth to the Colonial Government in exchange for Continental currency which afterwards became so inflated that it was worthless. The government redeemed it at five cents on the dollar. Father William would not take that for his, believing that it would be redeemed some day at its original value he turned it over to his children. My father and Uncle John did not know how much of this currency their grandfather had. All they knew was that they had played with about two barrels of it which was their father's share. They talked about their father and his brothers and sisters (sons and daughters of once wealthy parents) being cast upon the world without the things to which they had been accustomed. They spoke of the courage of their own father, of how he had learned a trade and reared a family and lived an honorable, upright life.

You can see what inflation and devaluation of the currency did for the Kelleys. Had the children of Father William received a just valuation of his estate, they would have been a family of wealth. I remember that when I was studying Political Economy in the University I made this statement:--"Inflation and devaluation are nothing more nor less than legalized robbery." There are places in the United States where one could hardly dare to make such a statement today. He would be considered a fit subject for investigation. However, I can say frankly that since my graduation, more than thirty years ago, I have not learned anything that has changed my opinion one iota.

Yes, we lost our heritage of wealth but we gained nobler heritage. Our heritage is the gratitude of every American citizen. I would not exchange my American freedom (for which Father William fought and gave his all) for the wealth of a Rockefeller.

We sometimes learn much of the history of our departed from their monuments.

When we turn to the tomb of Father William we see these words carved there:--"He lived in credit and died lamented by all who knew him. He believed in the Divinity of Jesus Christ and was an honest man. If he lived in credit and died lamented by all who knew him they must have recognized his virtue, his fortitude and his wisdom. We see his virtue manifested by his refusal to sell grain to those who manufactured alcohol. We see his fortitude manifested by his refusal to accept five cents on the dollar, for his Continental currency. He might have been better off by far, but he would not have been condoning an injustice to his own household. We see his wisdom manifested by his services and sacrifices to restore to Americans their God given liberty. If he believed in

the Divinity of Christ, he must have accepted the promise made to the Philippoan jailer. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and they house."

These flowere which we lay on the tombs of William and Elizabeth will soon fade. May the high ideals of our ancestors be for us a heritage which will never fade. May our prayers be that when time ceases and eternity begins we may meet William and Elizabeth, greet them, and rally with them around the great white throne.

THE ABOVE ORATION WAS DELIVERED BY MR. KELLEY DURING THE AFTER NOON SESSION OF THE 1937, KELLEY REUNION HELD ON THE SUNDAY BEFOR LABOR DAY IN THE HEWITT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF RICES LANDING.

MORE NEWS ABOUT THE REUNION IN OUR NEXT NUMBER KEEP THIS MAGAZINE IN THE FAMILY BIBLE

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