

## Family Group Sheet for David Woods KENNEDY

**Husband:** David Woods KENNEDY

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Birth: 1818 in Kilclief, County Down, Ulster Province, Ireland  
 Marriage: 09 Nov 1839 in Newtownards, County Down, Ulster Province, Ireland  
 Death: 07 Oct 1871 in Near Mt. Erie, Wayne County, Illinois United States  
 Burial: Abt 11 Oct 1871 in Clay City Cemetery, Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Father: William KENNEDY  
 Mother: Mary WOODS



**Wife:** Mary CULTRA

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Birth: 1820 in Killyleagh, County Down, Ulster Province, Ireland  
 Death: 19 Nov 1872 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Burial: Abt 21 Nov 1872 in Clay City Cemetery, Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Father: William COULTER  
 Mother: Ann REA



**Children:**

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1 M Name: Henry Leslie KENNEDY  
 Birth: 22 Nov 1840 in Newtownards, County Down, Ulster Province, Ireland  
 Marriage: 11 Sep 1866 in St. Nicholas Parish, Plumstead, County Kent, England  
 Burial: Abt 26 Feb 1924 in Streatham Park Cemetery, London suburb, England  
 Death: 14 Nov 1924 in Balham, London SW17, England  
 Spouse: Adelaide Susannah DANE



2 F Name: Emily Jane KENNEDY  
 Birth: 04 Mar 1843 in Newtownards, County Down, Ulster Province, Ireland  
 Marriage: 15 Mar 1863 in Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Death: 21 Jan 1914 in Noble, Richland County, Illinois, United States  
 Burial: Abt 23 Jan 1914 in Clay City Cemetery, Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States  
 Spouse: Orlando Devere SCHOOLEY Sr.








3 M Name: William Cultra KENNEDY  
 Birth: 21 Oct 1845 in Newtownards, County Down, Ulster Province, Ireland  
 Death: Aft. 17 Feb 1848 in Castledawson, County Londonderry, Ulster Province, Ireland



4 M Name: William James Wallace KENNEDY  
 Birth: 17 Feb 1848 in Castledawson, County Londonderry, Ulster Province, Ireland  
 Marriage: 27 May 1877 in Jefferson County, Illinois, United States  
 Death: 29 Dec 1919 in Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas, United States  
 Burial: Abt 02 Jan 1920 in Graham Cemetery, Winfield, Cowley County, Kansas, United States; Union  
 Spouse: Sarah Jane PORTER



5	Name:	David Cultra KENNEDY	
M	Birth:	27 Apr 1850 in Castledawson, County Londonderry, Ulster Province, Ireland	
	Marriage:	14 Oct 1873 in Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Death:	11 Mar 1881 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Burial:	Abt 13 Mar 1881 in Clay City Cemetery, Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Spouse:	Lodoiska Evalena BOYLES	
6	Name:	Samuel Woods KENNEDY	
M	Birth:	16 Nov 1852 in Cavan Town, County Cavan, Ulster Province, Ireland	
	Marriage:	14 Aug 1882 in Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Death:	31 Mar 1888 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Burial:	Abt 02 Apr 1888 in Clay City Cemetery, Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Spouse:	Sophia W. WEILER	
7	Name:	Edmund Ambrose KENNEDY	
M	Birth:	31 Jan 1855 in Cavan Town, County Cavan, Ulster Province, Ireland	
	Marriage:	27 Mar 1883 in Bride's Home, Nr. Ruby, Sedgwick County, Kansas, United States	
	Death:	24 Dec 1945 in Anthony, Harper County, Kansas, United States	
	Burial:	27 Dec 1945 in Forest Park Cemetery, Nr. Anthony, Harper County, Kansas, United States	
	Spouse:	Matilda Jane "Jennie" WISE	
8	Name:	Walter Howe KENNEDY	
M	Birth:	24 Aug 1857 in Cavan Town, County Cavan, Ulster Province, Ireland	
	Marriage:	12 Oct 1882 in Vienna, Johnson County, Illinois, United States	
	Death:	27 Jun 1936 in Poplar Bluff, Butler County, Missouri, United States	
	Burial:	Abt 30 Jun 1936 in City Cemetery, Poplar Bluff, Butler County, Missouri, United States	
	Spouse:	Clara UTLEY	
9	Name:	Mary Woods KENNEDY	
F	Birth:	29 Dec 1861 in Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Marriage:	18 Aug 1883 in Clay City, Clay County, Illinois, United States	
	Burial:	Apr 1951 in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, United States	
	Death:	16 Apr 1951 in Greeley, Weld County, Colorado, United States	
	Spouse:	William Elvin Bone HARLOW	

#### Notes:

##### David Woods KENNEDY

On David's gravestone at Clay City Cemetery an inscription says: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord".

From the Griffith's Valuation there is a reference to a "KENNEDY, David in Abbeyland, Cavan Town, Parish of Urney, County Cavan"; this is our David W. Kennedy. David is recorded in Griffiths as a tenant of James Parker in Cavan Town, County Cavan. (Note: This tracks with the Emily Schooley historical novel as she indicates the landlord of their home in Cavan was a Mr. Parker). The Presbyterian Church in Cavan was built after 1838 and is known as Scot's Church. The baptismal records for the Church do not survive after they were most likely deposited in the National Archives in Dublin. In 1922 during the civil war in Ireland, the Public Records Office was burned and an enormous amount of records were destroyed.

In the 1860 United States Federal Census, I found:

Name	Home in 1860 (City,County,State)	Age in 1860	Estimated Birth Year	Birthplace	Gender
David W Kenada	Township 2 Range 7, Clay, IL 45	1814	Ireland	Male	
William J W Kenada	Township 2 Range 7, Clay, IL 11	1848	Ireland	Male	
David C Kenada	Township 2 Range 7, Clay, IL 9	1850	Ireland	Male	

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Enumerated 14 July 1860 Census Series M653, Roll 162, page 491.

In the 1865 Illinois State Census it appeared as though David W. Kennedy and a family totaling seven persons was living in Stanford Township, Clay County, Illinois.

Illinois State Census Collection, 1825-1865

about D W Kennedy

Name: D W Kennedy

Census Date: 1865

Residence State: Illinois

Residence County: Clay

Residence Township: Stanford

Roll: ILSC\_2172

Line: 8

Source Information:

Ancestry.com.. Illinois State Census Collection, 1825-1865 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA:

Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2008.

For the 1870 Federal Census, David is shown living with his wife and one son in Ziff Township, Wayne County, Illinois. The entry follows:

Dwelling #42/Family #45

Kannady, David, age 50, Male, white, occupation Farmer, POB Ireland \*\*

" , Mary, age 45, female, white, Occ= keeping house POB Ireland

" , Samuel, age 17, male, white, POB Ireland

Note: On the census form under "Constitutional Relations" there is a "1" recorded on David's entry line. The box says: "Male citizen of U.S. age 21 and older whose right to vote is denied or abridged on grounds other than rebellion or other crime".

On the next page there is a continuation of David's family, but this time the surname is spelled correctly as Kennedy. Here is what it shows:

Kennedy, Walter H. age 12, male, white, POB Ireland Fat/Mot of Foreign Birth

" , Mary W. age 8, female, white, POB Ireland " " " "

" , Perintha age 5, female, white, POB Ireland " " " "

" , James age 3, male, white, POB Ireland " " " "

Walter and Mary are also shown as "Attending School Within the Year".

1870- Federal Census, Ziff Township, Wayne County, Illinois, enumerated 13 June 1870 recorded on lines 38, 39 and 40; Census series M593, Roll 288, page 260.

I do not know who Parintha and James might be, but they are not children of David and Mary. Perhaps they lived with the Kennedy's for a brief while but were children of another relative?

The Presbyterian Historical Society in Belfast, IR. may have birth, death, marriage and baptism records if the Church records survive. The Index to Church Records for Ulster indicate that the Presbyterian records for Castledawson are under Magherafelt, County Derry. Baptisms for this parish commence in 1805. Newtonards, County Down Presbyterian records commence in 1832.

In Feb 2001 I learned from Richard Kinkade (grandson of Cornelia Kennedy, David C. Kennedy's daughter) that the birthplace of David W. Kennedy is shown as Kilcliff, Ireland. This needs to be followed up to see what is correct. Later, I found Kilclief, in County Down, but not Kilcliff.

September, 2005. Visited Kilclief (it is pronounced Kill Leaf, the "c" being silent).

I later found at the LDS Family History Center in Colo Sprgs that there is a town listed as Kilclief, but none listed as Kilcliff. It is in County Down and appears to be only 7 or 8 miles from Killyleagh (phonetically sounds like the name Killelea given in O.D. Schooley Jr.'s family history paper of January 1944). It is not too distant from Newtown Ards where David and Mary Cultra were married on 9 November 1839. I believe Killelea (Killyleagh) to be Mary's birthplace.

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Per the Presbyterian Church of the United States there were three separate groups in Scotland: Dissenters, Covenanters, and Seceders. According to the 1944 Family History Paper, David was a staunch "dissenter". I do not know the extent of his "dissenter" activities in Ireland or the United States. It is likely his father/parents may have been "dissenters" in Ireland, as well. In 1782 the Covenanters and the Seceders formed the Associate Presbyterian Church. In 1780 the Dissenters and the Covenanters formed the REFORMED Presbyterian Church. In 1800 the Associate and Reformed Presbyterian Churches formed the United Presbyterian Church of North America. Their seminary library is at Pittsburgh, PA. Theological Seminary (800-451-4194) and may be able to give more info on these groups. Also, [www.arsynod.org](http://www.arsynod.org) for the Associate and Reformed Presbyterian Churches (later United Presbyterian Church of North America) may be able to give some additional information.

Possible Source information:

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Newtownards

Location: T/Newtownards/Price's Lane

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Newtownards

Location: T/Newtownards/East Street

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Magheralin

Location: Edenballycoggill

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Loughinisland

Location: Drumcaw

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Comber

Location: Larch Hill

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Comber

Location: Henryville

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Comber

Location: Cherryvalley

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Clonduff

Location: Ballynagappoge

David Kennedy found in:

International Records: Index to Griffith's Valuation of Ireland, 1848-1864

County: Down Parish: Ardglass

Location: T/Ardglass/Bath Street

David Kennedy found in:

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Tithe Applotment Books of Ireland, 1823-1838 International Land Records  
County: Down  
Parish: Loughinisland  
Townland: Drumcaw  
Year: 1828

A CLUE TO David's grandparents names--this is from a Scots-Irish family history researcher: " Irish naming custom. If I remember it correctly, it starts out like this: the first son is named after the father's father, the second son after the mother's father, the first daughter after the father's mother, the second daughter after the mother's mother ..." With this convention applied David's older brother William would have been named after his grandfather who, like his father, would be William Kennedy. David would have been named after his mother's father who would have been named David Woods; David Woods Kennedy's wife Mary Cultra/Coulter Kennedy would have been named after her father William Coulter's mother, who would have been Mary Coulter.

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**Mary CULTRA**

Mary's surname has been reported with several different spellings; i.e. Cultra, Colter, Culter, Cultragh and Coulter.

I have chosen to use Cultra since that is the recorded spelling of her son David's middle given name.

Lecale (Lower) - Lecale, derived from the Dál Fiatach tribal name of Leth Cathail. The O'Colter (Coulter) sept is noted here in medieval times.

According to the Personal Ancestral File at the LDS Family History Center the marriage of David Kennedy and Mary Coulter was on 9 November 1839 at Newtonards, County Down, Ireland. The "spouse sealing" is recorded by ordinance 26 January 19789 in the Ogden Utah Temple. The microfilm source call number is 1059086, Batch #7710431, sheet 22. There is no printout available. On Mary's gravestone in Clay City, IL. Cemetery it says: "There shall we meet to part no more, where sorrow ne'er shall be".

The reference to Mary's birthplace as Killaleah Parish, Ulster, came from the Schooley Bible (held by Liz Cusumano). I could find no Parish by this name, but later I found Killyleagh which I believe is the correct name for her birthplace.

Killyleagh in Irish was " Cill Ui Laoigh which" means Church of the descendants of heroes.

There is a reference in "Griffith's Valuation" to a KENNEDY, Mary, Drumbarlom town land, Parish of Drumlane, County Cavan? Could this be our Mary Cultra Kennedy??

From Orlando Jr.'s notes of 16 January 1944, David Woods Kennedy and Mary Cultra's parentage were both Scottish. However, this seems to be somewhat inconsistent with the charcoal pictures of Mary and David and the family crest which accompanied them which indicates the family was descended from Irish 11th Century King Brian Boru. These charcoals were in the hands of Delia Lorena (Aunt Lorena) (Schooley) Brissenden. She had copies made for Wilford Ausbrook and others in the family. We borrowed Wilford's and had a photo made of them. Lorena also had a "Kennedy Coat of Arms" on letterhead--LaMoine Ausbrook has a copy of this letterhead in husband Wilford's scrapbook. I do not know the origin of this particular coat-of-arms or its authenticity.

From a writing by Emily (Kennedy) Schooley there were Coulter aunts who lived near Belfast, Ireland; this is where Henry Leslie Kennedy stayed during David Woods Kennedy's trip to America in 1857 when he left Mary and children behind until he could come up with sufficient funds to send for them. There is also a small village North East of Belfast near Holywood which is named "Cultra". Do not know if this is connected with the family or not.

The results of a search at the Castle Gardens, NY Immigrant Site confirms the reason it was so difficult to find Mary and children when they arrived in New York City on the ship SS Isaac Wright. The surname is spelled KENNA rather than Kennedy; also, I believe son Samuel's name is recorded as Sarah. The other

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children and ages seem to fit pretty well. Mary's age is probably in error and she is shown too young, while Emily's age is about 3 years too young.

Castle Garden--Ship: Isaac Wright

First name , Last name, Occupation, Age, Sex, arrived, Place of origin,Ship

Edward Kenna Child, Youngster 3 M 13 Sep 1858 Ireland Isaac Wright

Emily Kenna Child, Youngster 12 F 13 Sep 1858 Ireland Isaac Wright

Mary Kenna Unknown 30 F 13 Sep 1858 Ireland Isaac Wright

Sarah Kenna Child, Youngster 5 M 13 Sep 1858 Ireland Isaac Wright

Walter Kenna Infant U M 13 Sep 1858 Ireland Isaac Wright

William Kenna Child, Youngster 9 M 13 Sep 1858 Ireland Isaac Wright

#### ISAAC WRIGHT (1847)

Oil painting, by an unnamed artist (possibly Samuel Walters). India House, Hanover Square, New York. Source: A Descriptive Catalogue of the Marine Collection to be found at India House (2nd ed.; Middletown, Connecticut: Wesleyan University Press, c1973), plate between pp. 62 and 63. For a larger copy of this scan, click on the picture.

The U.S. ship ISAAC WRIGHT was built at New York by William H. Webb, New York (hull #30), and launched in June 1847. 1,129 tons; 175 ft x 37 ft 9 in x 22 ft 3 in (length x beam x depth of hold); 2 decks.

The ISAAC WRIGHT was the fifth ship, and the last with two decks, built by Webb for C[harles] H. Marshall & Co's Black Ball Line of sailing packets between New York and Liverpool, and was named for one of the founders of the line in 1817. The ISAAC WRIGHT spent her entire 11-year career in the Black Ball Line, her westbound voyages averaging 31 days, her shortest voyage being 21 days, her longest 44 days.

On the morning of Thursday, 23 December 1858, the ISAAC WRIGHT lay at anchor in the Mersey River, between Egremont and New Brighton, downstream for Liverpool, in anticipation of sailing to New York later that day. She carried between 200 and 300 passengers and a cargo of fine goods and 800 tons of iron. At 2 AM a fire was discovered in her forward hold. All the passengers were removed safely (they were later forwarded to New York on board the Black Ball Line ship GREAT WESTERN) and the vessel was towed up to the Sloyne, out of the way of river traffic, and sunk by cannon fire in an attempt to save the cargo and the hull. However, both were considered a total loss.

Sources: Robert Greenhalgh Albion, Square-riggers on Schedule; The New York Sailing Packets to England, France, and the Cotton Ports (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1938), pp. 163, 200, 226, 276-277, 313; Edwin L. Dunbaugh and William duBarry Thomas, William H. Webb: Shipbuilder (Glen Cove, New York: Webb Institute of Naval Architecture, 1989), pp. 168-169.

#### Voyages:

Packet ship ISAAC WRIGHT, [Edward C.] Marshall, master, arrived at New York on 26 September 1849 (passenger manifest dated 27 September 1849), from Liverpool 2 September 1849, with merchandise and 3 cabin and 387 steerage passengers, to C. H. Marshall & Co.

Packet ship ISAAC WRIGHT, [Edward] Abeel, master, arrived at New York on Sunday, 24 September 1854, 30 days from Liverpool, with merchandise and 535 passengers, to C. H. Marshall & Co. "Has had four deaths and three births. Took a pilot from boat DAVID MITCHELL, in lat 40 44, lon 68 30."

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"John E. Bartos" &lt;j.e.bartos@worldnet.att.net> asked about a ship his wife's ancestors sailed on from Ireland to the United States. This was the sailing ship "Isaac Wright" which arrived in September 1858.

Here is the arrival report, New York Times, September 13, 1858

Arrived New York, Saturday, September 11

Ship Isaac Wright, [captain] Marshall, Liverpool, August 4, with mdse and 343 passengers to [agent] C. H. Marshall & Co. 5th inst., Wm. Hogan, cook, of Philadelphia, died suddenly of disease of the

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The Isaac Wright was a Liverpool packet ship, 1161 tons , built in 1847 in New York by W. H. Webb, owned in New York by C. H. Marshall & Co., who acted as their own agent in New York.

From the "Isaac Wright" ship's manifest:

Name	Arrival Date	Age	Gender	Port of Departure	Destination	Place of Origin	Ship Name
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Edward Benna	13 Sep 1858	3	M	Liverpool, England	USA	IRL	Isaac Wright
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Emily Benna	13 Sep 1858	12	F	Liverpool, England	USA	IRL	Isaac Wright
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Mary Benna	13 Sep 1858	30	F	Liverpool, England	USA	IRL	Isaac Wright
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Sarah Benna	13 Sep 1858	5	F	Liverpool, England	USA	IRL	Isaac Wright
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Walter Benna	13 Sep 1858	Infant	M	Liverpool, England	USA	IRL	Isaac Wright
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William Benna	13 Sep 1858	9	M	Liverpool, England	USA	IRL	Isaac Wright
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OUR EDMUND AMBROSE KENNEDY WAS BORN 31 JANUARY 1855 SO EDWARD BENNA SEEMS TO MATCH THE CHRONOLOGICAL AGE FOR HIM.

MY WIFE'S GGM EMILY JANE KENNEDY WAS BORN 4 MARCH 1843, SO THE EMILY BENNA SHOWN HERE AT AGE 12 WOULD BE ABOUT THREE YEARS TOO YOUNG.

MARY BENNA IS SHOWN AS AGE 30, HOWEVER MARY CULTRA KENNEDY IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ABOUT AGE 37/38 IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1858; MIGHT BE OUR MARY, BUT THE AGE HAD TO HAVE BEEN A GUESS TO BE 7 OR 8 YEARS OFF.

SARAH BENNA; I HAVE NO RECORD OF A SARAH IN THE FAMILY OF DAVID AND MARY KENNEDY. HOWEVER, THEY DID HAVE A SON SAMUEL WOODS KENNEDY WHO WAS AGE 5 IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1858. COULD SAMUEL HAVE BEEN ERRONEOUSLY RECORDED OR INCORRECTLY TRANSCRIBED AS SARAH AND ALSO SHOWN AS A FEMALE INSTEAD OF A MALE? THE AGE SEEMS TO FIT, BUT THE GIVEN NAME AND THE GENDER DO NOT.

WALTER BENNA IS SHOWN AS AN "INFANT", WHICH WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE WALTER HOWE KENNEDY INFORMATION WE HAVE; I.E. WE KNOW HE WAS BORN 24 AUGUST 1857.

THE WILLIAM BENNA THAT IS SHOWN IS LISTED AS AGE 9; HOWEVER, WE KNOW HE WAS BORN ON 17 FEBRUARY 1848 WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE HIM AGE 10 IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1858. BUT, IT IS CERTAINLY CLOSE!

ONE CHILD, DAVID CULTRA KENNEDY, AGE 8 IN AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 1858, IS NOT LISTED WITH THIS KENNEDY FAMILY. COULD HE HAVE BEEN LISTED ELSEWHERE? WE KNOW HE DID TRAVEL WITH THE MOTHER AND HIS SIBLINGS.

THE ARRIVAL DATE (13 SEPTEMBER 1858) FOR THE "ISAAC WRIGHT" SEEMS VERY PLAUSIBLE AND MESHES WELL WITH THE FAMILY HISTORICAL NOTATION SAYING THEY ARRIVED IN BETHEL, OHIO ON 18 SEPTEMBER 1858. FOUR OR FIVE DAYS FOR OVERLAND TRAVEL TO OHIO SEEMS LIKELY.

In June 2003 I found Mary, Samuel, Edmund and Walter listed in the 1860 Federal Census for Clermont County, Tate Township, Ohio. Mary, shown as head of household, was listed as age 35, Samuel as age

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8, Edmund age 6 and Walter as age four. Some of the ages do not seem correct, according to my records, but the given names of the family members makes it virtually 100% likely these are our Kennedy members. What is strange is that father David, Emily and William are not listed with the family. Because they were older children did they go on ahead to Illinois??? Or were they living in a nearby county with someone else. See Clermont County, Ohio, Tate Township, enumerated 7 June 1860; Census Series M653 Roll 944 , page 280.

Name	Age	Sex	Color	Occupation	Place of Birth
Mary Kennedy	35	F	W	(Blank)	Ireland
Samuel Kennedy		8	M	W	" Ireland
Edmund Kennedy		6	M	W	" Ireland
Walter Kennedy	4	M	W	"	Ireland

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**Henry Leslie KENNEDY**

Henry remained in Ireland/London, England when the rest of the family emigrated to the United States. He enlisted in the military and served in the Queen's Service and never joined the rest of the family in the US. He later received a gunshot wound from a jealous military competitor who had sought the job which Henry won as Chief Administrative Clerk for the Royal Army Quartermaster Department in London. Henry survived the rifle wound but was close to death early on.

In September 2000 we found in Brookie's effects a photograph and a Christmas card from Henry. It was printed "Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Kennedy, 72 Merton Road, Wimbledon". I found that Merton Road is in London, ENG. and has a current post code of SW 19. A scrap from an old newspaper clipping (no date found) indicated Henry was a senior official with the Royal Army Quartermaster Department. The article, undated and newspaper unidentified says: "WAR OFFICE APPOINTMENT--Mr. H.L. Kennedy (not Walker as erroneously reported in our last) has been appointed to be Superintending Clerk in the Army Clothing Department, Pimlico".

From a later letter from Emily to Henry she talks about him having enlisted in the military and upon release rejoined the military as a civilian employee. These are not her exact words but that is how I interpreted them.

Other photos we found gave us he had several children who we have since identified. In later pictures taken by Devere Schooley and wife Florence when they took a trip to England in August 1935, there is a London street scene which shows Henry's daughter Florrie's house on Hillsbury Road. Up the street is a home identified as where Hubert Day and Ada Maud (Kennedy) Day lived. In another photo are shown Florrie, Florence Patton Schooley, and a woman identified as Molly Legg holding the arm of brother Fred C. Kennedy. Also in this photo is a young lady, ca. 19-20 years old who is identified as "Bunty" Legg, the daughter of Molly and her husband John Legg.

In February 2001 I received from Dick Kinkade a typewritten letter which we believe was created by "Devere" Schooley on 16 January 1944 which indicates the following: Henry Leslie having enlisted in the British Army after his father's departure for America, remained behind, and never came to America".

Hello John,

Here are your death references:

Henry L Kennedy, age 83, December quarter of 1924. Registration district Wandsworth. Volume 1d page 577.

Adelaide Kennedy, age 81, March quarter of 1927. Registration district Wandsworth. Volume 1d page 668.

You can order the certs online at [www.gro.gov.uk](http://www.gro.gov.uk) for £7 each.

Regards Lesley.

September 2005-visited the Regents Street Church (Presbyterian) in Newtownards, County Down, Ireland and found his baptism record. He was baptized on 7 December 1840 by the Reverend Thomas Watters.

1871 census Piece 690 Fol.102 Page 21

Address:- 44 Mordant Street Lambeth St.Mary parish

Henry L Kennedy 30?Sergeant Major born Ireland



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Adelaide 25 born Wandsworth Surrey  
L D E D [son] 3 born Newington Surrey  
A E H [dau] 1 born Walworth Surrey

The 1881 census is on line at &lt;www.familysearch.org&gt

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Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Disability
Henry S. KENNEDY	Head	M	Male	40	Ireland	Chief Clerk R. Army Clothing Depot	
Adelaide S. KENNEDY	Wife	M	Female	35	Clapham, Surrey, England		
Annie E.M. KENNEDY	Daur		Female	11	Walworth, Surrey, England	Scolar	
Fred C. KENNEDY	Son		Male	8	Stockwell, Surrey, England	Scolar	
Florrie B. KENNEDY	Daur		Female	5	Walworth, Surrey, England	Scolar	
Ada M. KENNEDY	Daur		Female	4	Walworth, Surrey, England		
Herbert S. KENNEDY	Son		Male	2	Walworth, Surrey, England		Leslie D.E.D. KENNEDY Son
Male	13	Kennington, Surrey, England			Scolar		

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Source Information:

Dwelling 98 Grosvenor Park  
Census Place Newington, Surrey, England  
Family History Library Film 1341123  
Public Records Office Reference RG11  
Piece / Folio 0541 / 62  
Page Number 24

1901 England Census

Name Estimated Birth Year Birthplace Relationship Civil Parish County/Island

Elizabeth Rose Farr abt 1882 Yiewsley, Middlesex, England Servant St George Hanover Square London  
Georgina M Farr abt 1887 Yiewsley, Middlesex, England Servant St George Hanover Square London  
Ada M Kennedy abt 1877 Newington, London, England Daughter St George Hanover Square London  
-retoucher photography  
Adelaide Kennedy abt 1846 Camberwell, London, England Wife St George Hanover Square London  
Annie H E Kennedy abt 1870 Camberwell, London, England Daughter St George Hanover Square London  
Fredrick C Kennedy abt 1873 Stockwell, London, England Son St George Hanover Square London -bank clerk  
Henry S Kennedy abt 1841 Ireland Head St George Hanover Square London -store keeper Civil Srevice War Dept  
Herbert S Kennedy abt 1879 Newington, London, England Son St George Hanover Square London -electrical engineer  
Mary S C Kennedy abt 1882 Camberwell, London, England Daughter St George Hanover Square London  
Oliver H Kennedy abt 1886 Pimlico, London, England Son St George Hanover Square London -architect's apprentice  
Oscar D Kennedy abt 1888 Pimlico, London, England Son St George Hanover Square London  
Civil parish: St George Hanover Square  
Ecclesiastical parish: St Saviour Pimlico  
County/Island: London  
Country: England

Street address:Army Clothing Store (Grosvenor Street)

Source information: RG13/90

Registration district: St George Hanover Square

Sub-registration district: Belgrave

ED, institution, or vessel: 42

Folio: 10

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Household schedule number: 103

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Death Reference for Henry L Kennedy aged 83 years.  
&lt;Wandsworth 1d 577 Dec.Qtr 1924&gt

Henry and wife Adelaide are buried at the "Streatham Park Cemetery", (cemetery founded in 1893) located in the southwest part of London on Rowan Road, London, England, postal code SW16.

Streatham Cemetery  
Garratt Lane  
Tooting  
London  
SW17 0LT  
Tel: 020 7926 4466  
Fax: 020 8682 2368  
Email: [ibeeson@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:ibeeson@lambeth.gov.uk)

(administered by Lambeth Cemetery Office)

**Opening hours**

All three locations allow visitor access to the grounds as follows:

**Cemeteries, crematoria and grounds**

November - March

Weekdays: 8am - 4pm

Weekends and bank holidays: 10am - 4pm

(Christmas Day 10am - 2.30pm)

April - October

Weekdays: 8am - 6pm

Weekends and bank holidays: 10am - 6pm

**Cemetery offices opening hours**

Monday - Thursday: 8:45am - 4:45pm

Friday: 8:00am - 4:00pm

(Closed weekends and bank holidays)

**Burial and cremation records**

We have records of burials and cremations in the borough. Searches can be made for all burials, buried human remains or buried cremated human remains - see burial and cremation records.

I believe Henry enlisted in the British Army sometime in late 1857 and before his mother and siblings left County Cavan, Ireland to emigrate to the United States. He most likely responded to a recruiting advertisement in the Cavan Town newspaper similar to the one which follows:

"Anglo-Celt

Published in Cavan, county Cavan

October 1, 1857

WANTED, A NUMBER OF YOUNG MEN

AND LADS FOR HER

MAJESTY'S REGULAR ARMY !!!

THE Adjutant and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Permanent Staff of the Cavan Regiment of Militia having been empowered to raise Recruits for Her Majesty's Regular Army ; Recruits for Infantry of the Line may be accepted according to the following revised Schedule : --  
Men and Lads, not below 5 feet 5 inches in height, between the age of 17 and 25.

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FOR RIFLE REGIMENTS.

Recruits may be received at a standard of 5 feet 5 inches, provided they are not less than 34 inches in circumference of chest

INFANTRY IN INDIA, CHINA, NEW SOUTH WALES, AND ST. HELENA.

Recruits of 5 feet 5 inches in height, and not under 18 years of age.

BOUNTY £2, with a complete KIT of Necessaries.

The Secretary of State for War will not demand the Payment of the usual 18s. 6d. for a substitute, from those Militia Volunteers, who, upon Enlistment shall declare themselves to belong to the Militia, provided that these men shall have attended one Training with their Regiment, or shall have been 6 months upon the Roll of their respective Regiments.

(By Order,)

NICHOLAS GOSSELIN,

Captain and Adjutant.

Cavan, September 4, 1857.

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**Emily Jane KENNEDY**

In the 1860 Federal Census, I found David W., William J.W. and David C. Kennedy in Clay County, Illinois. Their last name is listed as Kenada. Mother Mary and sons Edmund, Samuel and Walter are shown living in Tate Township, Clermont County, Ohio. The only child not shown is Emily Jane Kennedy. I looked for her in Clay County, IL. but thought it most likely she would be near the mother and younger children. While I could not find an Emily Jane or Emily in Clermont County, OH. I did locate an Emma Kennedy, age 18, birthplace Ireland who was living with an Asberry Gotych family in Miami Township, Clermont County, Ohio. Dwelling # 313, family #335. 1860 Fed Census sried M653, Roll 944, page 121. While her age is shown as 18, she was 17 going 18 when the census was taken on 13 June 1860. I cannot be certain this Emily, but I feel it is highly likely. What relationship there is to the Gotch family, if any, is unknown. I feel it is unlikely.

In the 1870 United States Federal Census, I found:

Name	Home in 1870 (City, County, State)	Estimated Birth Year	Birthplace	Race	Gender
O D Schooley	Clay City, Clay, IL	abt 1842	Ohio	White	Male
Emily Schooley	Clay City, Clay, IL	abt 1844	Ireland	White	Female
Delia O Schooley	Clay City, Clay, IL	abt 1849	Illinois	White	Female
David Kennedy	Clay City, Clay, IL	abt 1850	Ireland	White	Male

In the 1920 Federal Census, Emily was shown as mother-in-law living with the Clyde Ausbrook family in Sugar Township, Clinton County, Illinois.

September 2005-visited the Regents Street Church (Presbyterian) in Newtownards, County Down, Ireland and found her baptism record. She was baptized on 3 April 1843 by the Reverend Thomas Watters.

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**William Cultra KENNEDY**

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We visited the Regent Street Presbyterian Church in September 2005 and found the baptism record for William Cultra Kennedy. It occurred on 16 November 1845 and was performed by the Presbyterian minister, the Reverend Thomas Watters.

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**William James Wallace KENNEDY**

Union Cemetery is also known as UNION/GRAHAM. A small, but very nicely maintained cemetery on the north side of Winfield (beyond the Public Library, which is on College Avenue). It is west from College Avenue by about three blocks; take first street west from College.

Home: Surnames: Kennedy Family Genealogy Forum  
In the 1870 United States Federal Census, I found:

Name Home in 1870 (City, County, State) Estimated Birth Year Birthplace Race Gender

Andrew Welte Clay City, Clay, IL abt 1828 Switzerland White Male  
Martha Welte Clay City, Clay, IL abt 1820 England White Female  
Wm Kenedy Clay City, Clay, IL abt 1848 Ireland White Male

The Journal of WJWK as typewritten by Marvene Phillips Clark indicates Wm. and Maria Porter were married 22 October 1879. I found their marriage recorded in the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index as 27 July 1879. Which is correct?

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David W Kenada Township 2 Range 7, Clay, IL 45 1814 Ireland Male  
William J W Kenada Township 2 Range 7, Clay, IL 11 1848 Ireland Male  
David C Kenada Township 2 Range 7, Clay, IL 9 1850 Ireland Male

The Illinois Statewide Marriage Index shows references to both of William J.W. Kennedy's marriages. The first, to Sarah J. Porter shows him as J.W. Kennedy; the second to Margaret M. Porter shows him as W.J.W. Kennedy. Ironically, or perhaps because not many marriages occurred in the two years between his marriages, both marriages are shown in the same Jefferson County, IL. Marriage Book (6) and on the same page (61).

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**David Cultra KENNEDY**

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Delia O Schooley Clay City, Clay, IL abt 1849 Illinois White Female  
David Kennedy Clay City, Clay, IL abt 1850 Ireland White Male

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David's grave is in Clay City, Illinois Cemetery along with his Mother and Father. His grave marker says ?? April 1850, Died March 11, 1881, age 30 years, 10 months, 14 days. His death record says he was 30 years old, 10 months, and 15 DAYS. Does not give a birth date. It said his occupation was "Cabinet maker" and that he was born in Devin (could this be Cavan). He died at Clay City, Illinois of "phthisis pulmonalis" (exact copy from death certificate). Attending physician was E.W. Boyles (wife's brother?). Undertaker was G.C. Miller of Clay City, Illinois.

The Clay County Marriage Book, Volume 1, page 89 says David and Lodoska were married on 21 October 1873; the photo copy I have of their license, albeit somewhat poor, indicates what looks to be 1872. So I don't know what is correct. In either case they were married by Erastus Lathrop.

His middle name is Cultra; and in the fashion of the time was most likely given after his Mother's maiden surname. In February 2001 Dick Kinkade (David's great-grandson) of Pacific, Missouri confirmed the middle name as Cultra. Dick also told me David was born in Castledawson, Ireland.

According to information written by Orlando D. Schooley Jr. on 16 January 1944, "David Cultra Kennedy", after graduating from law school at the University of Illinois, he was admitted to the bar with high honors. He practiced for a time in Decatur, Illinois. He died March 11th, 1881 in Clay City, IL. and was buried in Clay City Cemetery.

Also in Feb 2001 Dick sent me an electronic copy of David's business card, It reads: " D.C. Kennedy, Attorney at Law, Office over Busher's Shoe Store, East Main Street, Decatur, Ill." Dick also sent three photos of David in typical photo studio poses; do not know if the photos were taken by brother Walter H. Kennedy or not. If so, they were probably taken very early in his photo career. Dick also sent an electronic copy of David's naturalization paper as well. See his file folder for a printed copy.

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The 1880 Fed Census shows David and family living in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois. Here is the entry:  
Household:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
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David C. KENNEDAY	Self	M	Male	W	30	IRE	Cabinet Maker	IRE	IRE
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Eva M. KENNEDAY	Wife	M	Female	W	26	IN	Keeping House	KY	IN
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Edith E. KENNEDAY	Dau	S	Female	W	5	IL	At Home	IRE	IN
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Lena B. KENNEDAY	Dau	S	Female	W	1	IL	At Home	IRE	IN
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Source Information:

Census Place 1st Ward, Decatur, Macon, Illinois

Family History Library Film 1254229

NA Film Number T9-0229

Page Number 313B

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**Samuel Woods KENNEDY**

According to information contained in Camilla Peavyhouse's letter of April 1985, Samuel moved to Ohio and then to Clay City, IL. when he was about nine years of age (Note: Based upon information in O.D. Schooley Jr.'s one page of Kennedy family birth dates, Samuel is believed to be about 8 years old when the family came from Bethel/New harmony, Ohio to Clay County, IL.) He later married Sopha (Sophia?) Weiler. When Samuel died Sophia married again and lived in Flora, IL. Sophia's family was of German origin. Her second husband was Jay Kenner and after he died she married Dr. James M. Boyles. She

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outlived him too but did not marry for a fourth time.

There is a question about the exact marriage date for Samuel and Sophia--family records show 14 August 1882, but the Illinois Statewide Marriage Index shows 24 August 1882.

Info from Trish Baker, Clay Country Gen Volunteer on 25 January 2000 shows Clay County Death Book indicates the following: Samuel W. Kennedy d 31 Mar 1888, born at Cavnor Co. Ireland (JEB note: This should be Cavan Co., Ireland) Married-farmer/trader. Died at Clay City of pneumonia (left lung). Buried at Clay City, Illinois.

From Clay County, IL. Death Book #1 (1877-1925) compiled by Ann Hoyt, it says: Samuel W. Kennedy, male, white, 35 years, 4 months, 15 days; date of death March 31, 1888; occupation farmer/trader. Cause of death: pneumonia (left lung). Married, born in Cavnor County, Ireland. Resided in Clay County 24 years. Place of burial Clay City, IL. undertaker H.T. Barre. Sr James Quartermous, attending physician. (JEB note: H.T. Barre was the husband of Julia (Ausbrook) Barre, daughter of Thomas Ausbrook and Alcy Ann (Apperson) Ausbrook.)

I computed Samuel's birth date given his age in the death report. The report states he resided in Clay County for 24 years which leads me to believe he must have lived in some other US location(s) for approximately four years. We know Mary brought the children to the US in 1858 and we believe the whole family came to Clay County, IL. in October, 1860. The Kennedy's lived in Wayne County, IL. for some unknown period of time, so perhaps that is the four difference--just conjecture however.

According to the O.D. Schooley family history memo (dated 16 January 1944) on the Kennedy family, Samuel's middle name was "Woods" and his birth date is given as 16 November 1852.

Later I learned from O.D. Schooley Jr.'s family history fact page that Mary and children arrived at New Harmony, Ohio on 18 September 1858; they stayed there until October 1860. I believe they were accompanied by a John W. Colter (Culter) of the New Harmony area and went to Clay County, IL. and later to Wayne County, IL. where David died at Mount Erie.

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In the 1880 United States Census, I found:

Name	Relation	Marital Status	Gender	Race	Age	Birthplace	Occupation	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
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John W. BOYD	Self	M	Male	W	34	IN	Laborer	KY	KY	
Louisa A. BOYD	Wife	M	Female	W	36	IN	At Home	IN	IN	
Nella M. BOYD	Dau	S	Female	W	14	IN	At School	IN	IN	
Cora A BOYD	Dau	S	Female	W	6	IL		IN	IN	
Jessie B. BOYD	Dau	S	Female	W	3	IL		IN	IN	
Samuel W. KENNEDY	Other	S	Male	W	26	IRE	Clerk	In Post Office	IRE	IRE
Edward BOGART	Other	S	Male	W	24	OH	Laborer	PA	OH	

Source Information:

Census Place Clay City, Clay, Illinois

Family History Library Film 1254182

NA Film Number T9-0182

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September 2005-visited the Scot's Church (Presbyterian) in Cavan Town, County Cavan, Ireland and found his baptism record.

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**Edmund Ambrose KENNEDY**

From an email from great-granddaughter Vickie (Ziegler) Fein in April 2001:

"I was born in Newtonards, County Downs, Ireland on 1-31-1855. I came to America with my parents in 1858. After moving to Ill. 1860, where I grew to young manhood, when I came overland to Sedgwick County, KS in 1878, where I met Miss Jennie M. Wise with who I was united in marriage March 27, 1883, who has shared my joys and sorrows through a long and happy wedded life as God has been good to us in more ways than we can tell." Edmund Ambrose Kennedy

JEB note re: above. I found Edmund's baptism record at the Scot's Church, Cavan Town, County Cavan, Ireland which led me to believe Edmund was born in Cavan and not at Newtownards.

After traveling from Illinois to Illinois Township, Sedgwick County, Kansas with his brother Wm. J.W. Kennedy and his second wife Margaret M. (Porter) Kennedy and their one year old son Wm. Porter Kennedy, Edmund worked for a time as a hired hand on the Barnett Farm. This farm was just a couple of farms from the Wise Farm. This is where Edmund must have met his future wife "Jennie" (Matilda Jane) Wise.

NOTE: A BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ISAAC BARNETT WITH WHOM EDMUND LIVED/WORKED WHEN HE FIRST CAME TO SEDGWICK COUNTY, KS. THE SKETCH IS FROM THE WILLIAM G. CUTLER BOOK "THE HISTORY OF THE STATE OF KANSAS" (PART 28, ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP, SEDGWICK COUNTY): "ISAAC BARNETT, farmer, Section 21, P. O. Ruby, was born in Illinois, in 1825, is a son of John C. and Nancy Barnett. Was married in 1846, to Miss Elizabeth A. Taylor, daughter of Ambrose and Nancy Taylor. Has Five Children - Mary J., Nancy A., Sarah L., R. F. and Rosella B. Came to Kansas, in 1873, located on the farm where he now resides; owns 240 acres of land, and is engaged in general farming. Signed the petition for the organization of Illinois Township. Has been a member of the School Board for three years".

Edmund is pictured in the KENNEDY & KNABB family reunion photo we have. His identity has been confirmed by Dr. Kenneth Knabb of Springfield, MO.

In September, 2000 I found in Brookie's effects several photos of Edmund and his brothers, William and Walter. An election flyer was also found which indicated Edmund ran for Kansas State Treasurer. From this flyer it appeared Edmund lived near Topeka, KS the State Capitol (later I learned he was living in Harper County, KS. ranching/farming near Anthony and Freeport). The flyer also indicates he was a prosperous farmer and rancher in Harper County, KS. Edmund ran on the "Prohibitionist" Party's ticket.

September 2005-visited the Scot's Church (Presbyterian) in Cavan Town, County Cavan, Ireland and found his baptism record.

According to his brother Walter's obituary June 29, 1936) in the Poplar Bluff, MO. "Daily American Republic" newspaper, Edmond (sic Edmund) was living in Anthony, KS. at that time.

Info from Dick Kinkade, grandson of David Cultra Kennedy and Lodoska Evalena Boyles, in February 2001 indicates Edmund was a very quiet man and "always ate his dessert before his meal". Dick gave me Edmund's death date (24 Dec 1945).

From Edmund's obituary I identified his four sons, wife and their 53 years of marriage and it said he was the grandfather of 8 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren and had one surviving sister in Bridgeport, Illinois (I believe this was his youngest sister Mary (Kennedy) Harlow-I believe Mary afterward moved to Greeley, Colorado to live with her daughter and her husband Paul Music(sp?)).

Edmund's funeral was handled by the Parsons Funeral Home in Anthony, KS (in Feb 2001 the funeral home was known as the Parsons-Williams Funeral Home). His obituary says he came to Kansas in 1879, later in 1880 he moved to Harper County, KS and homesteaded there. He married Jennie Wise in Sedgwick County, KS. in 1883. He and the family (except sons George and Walter Earle) are buried in the Forest Park Cemetery in Harper County, KS. Son George is buried at the Freeport Cemetery near Freeport, KS (also Harper County) while son Walter Earle is buried in Inglewood, California. Note: Edmund's gravestone shows "1946" as the year of his death, but on 27 Feb 2001 I verified with a Mr. Bob Williams of the Williams Funeral Home in Anthony, KS. that 24 December 1945 was indeed the correct

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date of death. On the same day, Laura Wilson, a Harper County Genealogy Researcher called the Harper County Clerk & Recorder and received the same death date from his will/probate.

On 31 March 2009 I spoke with Autumn at the Parson-Williams Funeral Home to confirm EAK's wife Jennie's date of death (22 March 1936) and while doing that I again verified EAK's death date as 24 Dec 1945 (his grave marker has 1946 carved into it).

In March 2001 I found Edmund listed in the 1880 Federal Census for Illinois Township, Sedgwick County, KS. He was listed with the Barnett Family (page 427D, dwelling/family #33). He is shown as KENEDY, E.A. age 27, white male, no relationship to Isac Barnett (family head), and E.A.'s occupation was listed as "farmer". Isac Barnett's birthplace is listed as Illinois, so perhaps they knew each other in Wayne or Clay Counties.

Edmund and family are listed in the 1895 Kansas State Census as living in Silver Creek Township, Harper County, KS. (page 10, line 4, family/dwelling #67). His occupation is listed as "Farmer". His wife's initials are listed as "M.J." which supports the idea that she had a name other than Jennie. (Later I learned her name was Matilda Jane although for sometime I speculated she may have had her mother's name of "Mariah". According to information I found I learned she greatly disliked her given name so she went by "Jennie". While living in Anthony, KS. the Kennedy home was at 324 Anthony Street.

From the January 1914 obituary of his sister Emily Jane (Kennedy) Schooley, Edmund and William J.W. are identified as living in Fayetteville, (sic Fayetteville) Arkansas.

On 29 June 2000 I found the record of EAK's "Declaration of Intention to become a U.S. Citizen". This is in the on-line naturalization files for Sedgwick County, KS. at the " Midwest Historical and Genealogical Society", Wichita, Kansas. EAK filed his "intent" on 8 February 1881 in Sedgwick County, KS. The "intent" gave his age as 26 and his place of birth "Ireland".

Here is the arrival report, New York Times, September 13, 1858

Arrived New York, Saturday, September 11

Ship Isaac Wright, [captain] Marshall, Liverpool, August 4, with mdse and 343 passengers to [agent] C. H. Marshall & Co. 5th inst.,

Wm. Hogan, cook, of Philadelphia, died suddenly of disease of the heart.

The Isaac Wright was a Liverpool packet ship, 1161 tons, built in 1847 in New York by W. H. Webb, owned in New York by C. H. Marshall & Co., who acted as their own agent in New York.

Info from Eldon Younce in April, 2001 was that EAK also ran for the "Prohibitionist Party's" ticket for Kansas State Auditor; year not specified, but it probably was around 1906-1908.

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**Walter Howe KENNEDY**

After leaving Illinois, he and Clara and her son George E. Thomson, settled in Poplar Bluff, MO. He was a photographer in that City and operated a studio (Kennedy Photographer) on "Main Street". He was responsible for many of the Kennedy family photos as well as those of the O.D. Schooley Sr. Family.

In December 2000, I heard from Shirley Pearman (spearman@cnet.com) and learned death dates for Walter and Clara. She later sent microfilm photo copies of their obituaries and Butler County biographical sketches of them. Walter's obituary says he was born the same year as his father's arrival in the United States.

In 1927 a terrible tornado struck Poplar Bluff, MO. killing about 100 people and devastating the town. Walter took many, many photos of the devastation and recorded them for history. Some of them are in the Missouri State Archives and some others are posted in various places in Poplar Bluff; e.g. the Public



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Library, restaurant, bank.

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Here is a link to historic homes of Butler County, MO. included one that was once the home of the Walter Howe Kennedy family:

<http://www.butlercountyhistory.org/cities-and-towns/poplar-bluff/homes-of-the-19th-century>

629 Lindsay St Built in 1896 by A.L. Sutton, occupation unknown. The design is Queen Anne with Stick style influences. 312 Euclid St. ---- Walter Howe Kennedy built the house in 1898. He was a local photographer who is responsible for most of the historical pictures available of the city, its homes and business places. Mrs. Kennedy was a school teacher who shared with Mrs. Hattie Williamson (McDonald) in the honor of having the Williamson-Kennedy Elementary School (1922-97) named for them. Mrs. Williamson McDonald also was a teacher and later principal of the school. The house is Dutch Colonial style 906 Fairmount----The original house was one story and built in 1893. The second floor was added c. 1910. The house style is a Victorian Plan Craftsman style with Tudor influences.

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Walter's obituary from the Poplar Bluff, Missouri "Daily American Republican" newspaper:  
Daily American Republican Poplar Bluff, Butler Co., MO -Mon. Evening June 29, 1936 Front Page

**W. H. KENNEDY DIES AT AGE OF 78 YEARS**  
Veteran Photographer Fell And Suffered Injuries At His Home Recently,

**FUNERAL RITES WILL BE TUESDAY**

His Wife Died Last October  
One of Best Known Couples In The City

Walter H. Kennedy, 78-year-old resident of Poplar Bluff and one of the pioneer business men in this city, died Saturday night at 10 o'clock after suffering injuries in a fall at his home several days before.

Mr. Kennedy received a fractured hip in the fall, and this, according to doctors, contributed to complications which resulted in his death.

Funeral services will be held at the First Christian church at 3 p.m. Tuesday, where a little less than a year ago last rites were held for Mrs. Kennedy, one of the first school teachers in Poplar Bluff. Mrs. Kennedy died October 27, 1935.

For nearly half a century the name of Kennedy was synonymous with photography in Poplar Bluff. He was the first photographer to locate here, having first established his business in a tent. He had one of the most valuable collections of photographs, which in themselves told a picture story of the history of Poplar Bluff and its citizens, until a fire a few years ago destroyed the studio which he had previously owned.

Mr. Kennedy retired from active business life some eight years ago to spend his autumn years with his wife and other relatives. He had always been associated with activities to improve the city and this district and was active during most of his life in lodge and church work.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were married at Vienna, Ill, in 1882. A few months later, on November 5, 1882, they came to Poplar Bluff to make their home. In October 1932, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Walter Howe Kennedy, the eighth of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. David Woods Kennedy, was born in Cavan, Ireland, August 24, 1857. The same year the Poplar Bluffian was born, his father came to America for one year before bringing his family.

During his residence in Poplar Bluff, Mr. Kennedy served on the city council, was instrumental in forming the first Republican organization in Butler county and had been a Republican party worker all his life.

Relatives. Surviving are three children, T. O. Kennedy of Cleveland, Mrs. B. K. Flanery of Poplar Bluff, and George Thomson of Poplar Bluff. A brother, Edmond Kennedy, lives at Anthony, Kan., and a sister, Mrs. Mary Harlow, lives at Springfield, Mo. Several nieces and nephews live in London.

The body was taken to the Frank Chapel, prepared for burial, and will be returned to the Flanery home on Main street at Fifth at 8 p.m. today where it will remain until time for the funeral tomorrow. The Rev. J. L. Wilkinson, pastor of the Christian church, will be assisted by the Rev. Geo. O. Nichols of the Presbyterian church in conducting the services.

The pallbearers will be C. E. O'Neal, K. C. Johnson, H. I. Ruth, Edgar Hammons, Dr. C. B. Coleman and G. W. Berryman.

From Deems History of Butler County, Missouri:  
by David Bruce Deem, Probate Judge, Butler County, MO

**Biographies****MR. AND MRS. W. H. KENNEDY -- Obituary**

TWO of the most beloved citizens ever to reside in Poplar Bluff were the late Mr. and Mrs. Walter Howe Kennedy, pioneers who contributed much to the development and progress of the city, both educationally, socially and historically. Mr. Kennedy was named after Lord Howe and was a descendant of one of the royal families of Ireland. He was born in Cavan, Ireland, August 24, 1857 and came to America with his parents in 1858. The family migrated west to Ohio when Walter Howe Kennedy was three years old. Two years later they moved to Olney, Illinois. Mr. Kennedy received his school training at Olney where he met Dwight Burnett, the only photographer between St. Louis and Cairo, Ill., at that time.

Desiring to learn photography, Mr. Kenney worked with Burnett for a year paying him \$50 for the knowledge learned in that particular field. Mr. Kennedy was anxious to "make his fortune" behind the camera. He had long heard of Poplar Bluff where he decided to locate. Upon his arrival in the village of Poplar Bluff, he could not find a building for his business. He was not to be disappointed by this condition but immediately purchased a tent and opened his photograph business in one crude room. Mr. Kennedy was the first photographer in Poplar Bluff and his business grew from his early days in the one room in the tent to a two story building where he often made 1000 pictures each week. In the early days, he made his own photograph plates and the paper upon which the pictures were printed. After Mr. Kennedy had erected his building, he moved away from Poplar Bluff and went to Piedmont, Iron Mountain, Bismark, DeSoto, Charleston and then Vienna, Ill., where he met Mrs. Clara Thomason who he married in 1883. Mrs. and Mrs. Kennedy returned to Poplar Bluff where he continued in the photograph business for over 40 years.

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That Mr. Kennedy was an unusually good judge of human nature was shown by his ability to size up prospective customer. Nine time out of ten he could tell exactly how the customer desired to have his picture made, whether full view, sitting, smiling or sober. Mr. Kennedy died on July 27, 1936.

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(The following account of her life was written in 1931 by Mrs. Kennedy at request of Judge D. B. Deem, for his history of Butler county. Mrs. Kennedy died Sunday, October 28, 1935.)

By Mrs. W. H. Kennedy

It affords me great pleasure to be classed among the pioneers of Butler county, and I cheerfully contribute this article to your most interesting "History of Butler County."

I shall proceed to divulge my secret by saying I was born in Macomb, Ill., December 25, 1860, reared in Mt. Vernon, Indiana, Posey county.

My teaching career began very early in life. While a girl in high school I was asked to substitute for a day, then another, and another until I had taught for thirty days and the fifty dollars given me for this work was to me a great fortune.

I proceeded through my years in high school much as the girl of today, feeling that at the close of my junior year I had sufficient education. I was married and a widow with a son in my arms at the age of sixteen. Thanks to the God-given Mother - - bless them, I was urged and permitted to re-enter school where I was continuously engaged as a student and teacher until 1883. Mr. Kennedy and I were married in Vienna, Illinois, where I was teaching.

Finally, deciding upon a "Little Grey Home in the West," we chose Poplar Bluff, and on November 5th, 1883, crossed "The Father of Waters" for my first time. We threaded our way through a wild, water-covered swampy county from Cairo to Poplar Bluff, much of the time over water-covered tracks, which, not knowing the engineer then as well as I do now, Mr. A. J. Hill, gave me much anxiety. We finally reached Poplar Bluff and were ushered into a gloomy, dimly lighted little depot, and as I peered about the dark corners and into the strange faces of the class of loungers of that day my first thought was, "hands on your pocket book/" I grasped the chubby hand of my little six-year-old son, George Thomason, and followed the leader up what seemed to be an endless flight of rickety steps and picking our way across a muddy, dimly lighted street, reached the office of the Morris House, now the Ducker Hotel.

We were soon "at home" in two rooms in the building on the corner of Main and Pine streets.

The thought came to me - - here is a town to be built and we must help to build it. Teaching, of course, being my only asset I soon found myself busily engaged with music and reading. Poplar Bluff was then, as it is now, composed of wide-awake interesting people and there was never a moment to lag.

The Public School System consisted of one frame building with three excellent up-to-date teachers; Mr. George Register of Indiana, principal; Miss Alice Metz of Illinois, better known to us today as Mrs. A. H. Greason, and Miss Ida V. Bedford of Bloomfield, Mo.

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**Notes: (cont.)**

The old school building was replaced by a beautiful new brick of four rooms called the "Third Ward School," later the "Benton."

Thus as time flew by I found my interesting little family all in school and I, too, in 1897, returned to the school room after an absence of fourteen years. I served as music supervisor for two years in the system, then entered fourth grade work which I continued until my resignation in 1923, just on the eve of moving into the new Williamson-Kennedy building which so charmingly replaced the old Benton.

In my reminiscence I realize those 25 years were the best spent years of my life. After all, were they not spent in helping to build the town, the responsibility to which I had pledged my efforts so many years ago?

During a recent illness when unable to see my friends, one morning about nine o'clock I heard the tramp of many small feet, the halt, and one braver than the rest came into my room with a beautiful blooming plant for me, bearing the card, "From six boys." Later, upon investigation, I found that I remembered all but one of the little fellows. I said to one of the boys, "Jack was never my pupil, was he?" The answer came, "No, but her loves you."

I thought what could be sweeter or more worth while than the love of a child, for Love is the Golden Key that unlocks the world.

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**Mary Woods KENNEDY**

At the time of the death of her sister Emily Jane Kennedy Schooley, Mary Kennedy Harlow was living in Springfield, Illinois with her husband, the Reverend William E. Harlow (1914). Per page 23, "Gleanings from Old Newspapers of Clay and Richland Counties, Illinois" by Lola B. Taylor.

In a Dec 26, 1999 telecon with Wm. Montgomery Harlow (Florida), he told me that Mary Kennedy Harlow had died in Greeley, Colorado while she was living there with daughter Bess. Mary is buried in Springfield, (Greene County), Missouri.

This was the first marriage for Mary and William. They were married by R.B. Henry, Minister of the Gospel. Mary's mother's maiden name was listed as "COLTER". The Illinois Statewide Marriage Index gives Mary's middle initial as "A". William's last name is spelled "Hurlow" in the Index. Typos I suspect! The marriage is listed as being recorded in Clay County, Illinois Marriage Book One, page 80, license #1027.

In her nephew H. Claude Kennedy's obituary (12 January 1950), Mary is identified as "an aged aunt Mrs Mary Harlow of Greeley, Colo., the only surviving relative in her generation".

In a sworn statement indicating Mary Edith (Mamie) Kennedy Phillips' birthplace of Moline, Kansas, Mary's address is given as 931 13th Street, Greeley, Colorado. The notary public who witnessed her signature witnessed the signature in Jackson County, Indiana on 18 February 1947.

In the 1900 Federal Census, Mary and family were living in Parsons, KS She stated she had had six children but only three were living then (12 June 1900).