DAVID O'KILLIA
the
IMMIGRANT
of
OLD YARMOUTH, MASSACHUSETTS
with
HIS DESCENDANTS AND ALLIED FAMILIES

1652 - 1962
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PREFACE

In so far as I know, no genealogy of the Cape Cod family of Kelleys has ever been written. My great desire has been to perpetuate that record for posterity.

The record found herein remains incomplete. But advancing age, physical handicaps, the uncertainties of life, and the pleas of friends compel me to offer this work in its present state.

No available time, money, or labor has been spared in the preparation of this book and any errors contained herein are unintentional. Where such do exist, the author will be greatly appreciative of any response containing corrections and additions.
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ABBREVIATIONS

b. birth; d. death; m. or mar. marriage; yr. year; m. month; 
da. day; cem. cemetery; Dart. Dartmouth; Har. Harwich; Chat. 
Chatham; Den. Dennis; Barns. Barnstable; Brews. Brewster; Me. 
Maine; Mass. Massachusetts; R. I. Rhode Island; N. H. New Hamp­
shire; Vt. Vermont; Wis. Wisconsin; Penn. Pennsylvania; Va. Vir­
ginia; Fla. Florida; Cal. California; Wash. Washington; Colo. 
Colorado.

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Pioneer Irish in New England 
Many Cape cemeteries 
Living contacts with descendants
INTRODUCTION

A backward glance into the seventeenth century reminds one that there were great migrations of people from the British Isles to other parts of the world. These migrations consisted of various religious groups; Protestants, Catholics, and Non-Conformists. Had it not been so, there might have been no Cape Cod Kelleys. Since there were and are, we'll take a peep into the Past and that will answer the oft repeated 'why.'

Of the details concerning these migrations probably most of my readers are aware, but a generalization may help to give a better understanding of the background of our progenitor. War and aftermath of war, famine, pestilence, confiscation of property, industrial, educational and political interferences, trade restrictions, and religious intolerances all but annihilated the old order of living. The people were desperate and welcomed almost any possible means of escape.

Thousands of soldiers separated from their wives and families were transported to European countries, there to serve in France, Germany, Spain and Venice. Many of the bereft and destitute were also transported to the Barbadoes and probably other islands and condemned to servitude.
There were those classified as gentlemen who had become discouraged and dissatisfied with prevailing conditions, and sold their estates, desirous of trying to better their fortunes in a new country.

A much larger class of emigrants was transported, however, who were known as “servants.” The term applied not only to domestics but also those who earned their livelihood by manual labor. Among them were tradesmen, mariners, mechanics, husbandmen and sometimes teachers and manufacturers.

The methods and means used in acquiring potential passengers were sometimes by despicable enticing, bribing and kidnapping devices. The servants who were unable to advance pay for their passage were indentured for a term of service, varying from three to ten years depending upon the mood of the master. Even the gentlemen sometimes proved to be victims of unscrupulous captains.

Having secured their passage their troubles continued — poor and scanty food, scarcity of water, very close quarters, prolonged voyages and other factors invited sickness, starvation and death. This gave the wicked captains ample opportunity for looting their victims, of which they freely availed themselves.

In “Barnstable Families” there is a true and tragic tale (of which no doubt there are many) of the Delap Family of which only one boy about fourteen years of age survived the passage. Later he married into the Kelley Family.

Some of these piratical captains were brought to justice, tried, convicted and hanged but that did not atone for their cruelty.

Perhaps our David was among one of these groups. There is nothing to my knowledge that is authentic regarding his parentage or residence prior to his entry on the Cape.

Tradition has played an interesting role in this particular history, and there is a tale which has been handed
down in our family for generations. It has been told and retold, and in as much as all tradition is partially based on fact, I am inclined to believe there may be some truth in this tale, at least, until it is proven to the contrary.

Many years ago my grandmother and aunt were visiting on the Cape, and there the tale was told to them, and here it is versified by the aunt.

**OUR SIRE O'KELLY**

They sailed away from Ireland  
A family of three.  
Leaving the old home for a new  
On the other side of the sea.

But the father and mother died on the way  
And the lad was left alone.  
And the wealth they had brought from Ireland  
The captain sought for his own.

So coming on to New England  
He set the lad ashore,  
Where lies the Cape an armlike shape  
Wave beaten ever more.

How long he wandered lonely  
Stung by the keen sea blast,  
I cannot tell — I only know  
The lad found friends at last.

As for the cruel captain  
For awhile in his way went he.  
Going from crime to crime till he came  
At last to the gallows tree.

The lad grew up, he lived his life.  
Then walked no more with men.  
Generation upon generation  
Has passed away since then.

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And many now are his children,
   And many the names they own,
They are scattered abroad as seeds
   Which varying winds have sown.

Through city, and village and farmlands
   A-near and far away,
But some to that early dwelling place
   Cling to this very day.

'Twas there I heard the story told
   By lips now under the sod.
Of how our Sire O'Kelley
   Was landed on Cape Cod.

But we do know that on Oct. 4, 1655 he was recorded in Plymouth County as David O'Gillior (the clerk's best spelling) the “Irishman,” servant to Edward Sturges. We also know that he was here prior to that date as an indentured servant to John Darby of Yarmouth. In the inventory of Darby’s will it is stated that he died indebted to David. The indenture seems to have been transferred to Edward Sturges.

Evidently his period of indentureship expired in or prior to 1657, for he and others then took the oath of fidelity and were admitted as inhabitants of Yarmouth with the right to vote in town affairs. He was then recorded as David O'Kelly, “the Irishman.”

William Swift, a well-to-do Quaker of Sandwich at one time had been served by our David. Another employee of his was a Welsh Quaker maid by the name of Jane Powell. It has been recorded that she met David at the well whither she had gone for water. Maybe this was the trysting place. The meeting budded into a romance, and blossomed into a fruitful union, the stalwart Irishman and the Welsh Quaker maid.
Deliverance³ O'Killey, (Jeremiah,² David,¹) b. — , d. — ;
m. May 14, 1723 Silas³ Baker, a son of Nathaniel and Desire (Gray).

Children:

- **Lemuel** b. Mar. 23, 1724  d. Dec. 30, 1807
- **Sarah** b. July 15, 1726; m. James Gage Sept. 1, 1743
- **Hannah** b. Jan. 12, 1728/29; m. Eleager⁴ O'Killey, Jr., 1748-9.
- **Silas** b. Nov. 10, 1731  d. Sept. 24, 1813
- **Susannah** b. June 4, 1734; m. David Chase 1752
- **Philip** b. Mar. 7, 1737/38
- **Deliverance** b. Aug. —, 1740; m. Joseph Burgess Jan. 10, 1760

Charity³ O'Killey, (David,² David,¹) b. — , d. — ;
m (1) — — Pease
m (2) Jeremiah³ O'Killey (Jeremiah,² David,¹) Oct. 8, 1716. He was born June 6, 1691 and died in 1727. For their issue refer to Jeremiah³ O'Killey.
m (3) Isaac⁴ Chase October 3, 1727.

Children:

- **Barnabas** b. Apr. 29, 1731
- **Temperance** b. Mar. 4, 1732
- **Charity** b. July 15, 1736
- **Mehitable** b. Aug. 9, 1740
- **Desire** b. Mar. 6, 1742

Ann³ O'Killey, (David,² David,¹) b. — , d. — , m. June 9, 1739 Jonathan Chase b. Feb. 1, 1718, a son of Jonathan and Mehitable Chase. This record from History of Martha's Vineyard.

(no further record available by compiler)

Sarah³ O'Killey, (David, Jr.,² David,¹) b. (circa.) 1700, d. in, or after 1768; m. — , 1716 William³ Cahoon b. —, 1690/95, d. — , 1768. He was a son of William² and Elizabeth (Nickerson) of Monomoy, Chatham, Mass. They removed to Harwich abt. 1722 and there resided.
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Children:

Mercy b. May 7, 1717 in Chat.
James b. May 8, 1721 in Chat.
Elizabeth b. — , 1723 in Har.; m. Dec. 26, 1746 Samuel Ellis
William b. June 23, 1724 in Har.
Mary b. 1726 in Har.; m. Dec. 26, 1746 William Broadbrooks, removed to East Windsor, Conn.
John b. — 1731 in Har.
Nathaniel b. — 1736 in Har.
Reuben b. — 1737 in Har.
Downing b. — 1738 in Har.
Deliverance b. — ? in Har.

John3 O'Killey, Jr., (John,2 David,1) b. Oct. 12, 1692, d. Mar. 10, 1776. His son Jonathan served in the French and Indian War, was enrolled in the town’s company which participated in the capture of Louisburg in 1745, and later in a roll of Capt. Elisha Doane’s Co. of the Seventh Mass. Reg.

He m. Feb. 24, 1715/15 Elizabeth Crowell b. Aug. 1692, a dau. of Thomas3 and Elizabeth (Jones).

Children:

David b. Dec. 28, 1715
John b. Apr. 26, 1719
Jonathan b. May 4, 1721
Sylvanus b. — , 1723 d. Feb. 3, 1825
Thomas b. May 13, 1725
Elizabeth b. Mar. 25, 1727; m. Silas Parker 1747
Reuben b. Mar. 10, 1729
Bathsheba b. Oct. 19, 1731
Ebenezer b. Feb. 19, 1733

Reuben3 O’Killey, (Benjamin,2 David,1) b. Jan. 29, 1710, d. prior to Nov. 30, 1744; m. May 28, 1733 Mary Young at Truro. Reuben was a mariner. After his death, Mary was duly appointed administratrix to report to probate before Feb. 8, 1745. On Nov. 14, 1744 she reported insolvency. On Nov. 30, 1744 she married Robert Newcomb b. Mar. 25, 1715 at Truro.

Their child:

Lemuel b. Jan. 29, 1734 d. Aug. 12, 1797

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William4 Cahoon Jr., (Sarah3 O'Killey, David Jr.,2 David,1) b. June 23, 1724, d. — ; m. int. in Chat., Dec. 25, 1745 with Elizabeth Gallup b. July 11, 1727. She was a dau. of Capt. Charles and Desire (Eldredge).

They removed to Liverpool, N. S. before the Revolutionary War. Their descendants are in and about Ontario.

Children b. in Chatham:

- Desire b. Apr. 19, 1747, m. 1st Stephen Mack
  m. 2nd. John McVicat, m. 3rd. Patrick Doran
- Waitstill b. Feb. 10, 1754, m. Joseph Atkins,
  a son of Thomas.
- Elizabeth b. —, 1759, m. Lodovick Smith

Mary4 Cahoon, (Sarah3 O'Killey, David, Jr.,2 David,1) b. 1726, m. Dec. 26, 1746 William Broadbrooks. They removed to East Windsor, Conn.

No further record available by compiler

John4 Cahoon, (Sarah3 O'Killey, David Jr.,2 David,1) b. — , 1731, d. — ; m. Oct. 26, 1752 Patience Small or Smalley, a dau. of Benjamin and Patience (Baker).

In 1758 John Cahoon under command of Col. Doty in Capt. Samuel Knowle's Co., served 8 mos., 20 das., in an expedition to Canada, Apr. 14, 1758 to Nov. 30, 1758.