

# CONNECTIONS

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## The Kimball Family in New Jersey

By Judith Kimball

Clio and I are rather 'stuck' at this moment on Chapter 14 - (John's descendants through seven and eight generations. It is, unfortunately, easy to get stuck with John. There are more per generation there than in any other of Richard's six sons.) In the process we keep finding items we had forgotten we had. In this instance it was an item titled *ROCKAWAY RECORDS: MORRIS COUNTY, N.J.* compiled by a man named J. Percy Crayon. We are familiar with Mr. Crayon as we had used his work in providing



Rockaway, New Jersey circa 1685

applications for DAR membership. What we had forgotten was this sketch was titled *THE KIMBLE FAMILY*. We are also aware that one of Thomas<sup>21</sup> sons, named John owned land in New Jersey as a member of the Piscataway Settlers. The closeness in the names Piscataway and Piscataqua is striking; it is a fair guess the N.J. name was in memory of at least some of the settlers New England background. M. and S. called it 'Piscataqua.' We were once told that the Piscataway people went on to settle in West Virginia. Unfortunately, we never heard any more.

The KIMBLE FAMILY in New Jersey evidently came from Devonshire, England. We have several file folders on them, and much confusion, as some spelled their name as 'KEMBLE.' There are variations in the name; we also have 'stories' on

both spellings that clash more than provide good proof. Also, as we go south from New Jersey, we overlap with still another group. At about the same time KIMBLE/KEMBLE individuals were settling into New Jersey, we had what has become "the Southern" KIMBELL/KIMBRELL assorted families. We have many files from this group, and just as much controversy to add to what we have from New Jersey.

In fact, we had forgotten how many file folders we had on Kimbles --and their individual problems. We may find at this point in their existence we look more closely at all of them and decide where to begin. Any that are of a Connecticut source we can immediately eliminate. We know they began as 'Kimballs' and simply renamed themselves 'Kimble' as that was the way a town clerk had spelled their name, and obviously he would know the correct spelling. In this instance the mistake not only stayed with the patriarch of the family but also followed him the Pennsylvania and further west.

### Kimbells/Kimbrells in the South

We also have not forgotten the "Southern" Kimbells/Kimbrells, whose forerunner was named Joseph and has left a curious and controversial belief to us in New England, at least, that they are descendants of the Joseph Kimball who was a child when his father was killed by the 'civilized' Indians. Their story begins with this Joseph, who was an Indian agent for the Royal Governor of Virginia, spoke their language, and by his work may have done much to keep neutral a situation that could have gotten out of hand. This is too much of a burden to drop on the shoulders of a young man who only wanted an apprenticeship to help his widowed mother. (This is Thomas' son, of whom I speak.) He was 'bound out' with the consent of his mother at age about 17 to learn carpentry. He was,

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### Special points of interest:

- The Board Meeting was held on Nov. 20, 2010 in Haverhill, MA. See the KFA Web site for meeting minutes.
- Connections has a new column: **Who Do You Know?** Submit a photo. Maybe a KFA member knows who it is.
- Gordon Rainey, KFA member searches for his ancestors in this issue.
- KFA's site has an updated Store.
- 10 Morrison & Sharples CDs can be purchased from KFA for \$10 ea., + \$1.50 postage. Contact info on page 6.

## Winter Musings

By Judith Kimball

First, let us (Clio and your editor) apologize for the disarray of our newsletter schedule. Ordinarily, there should have been a January issue (or, at the latest, a February issue.) It is now the beginning of March; we are in a new year - and still no newsletter.

We have been busy since the KFA Reunion in September. We have a publisher with whom Myra is working on our second and third volumes of the "History." These will match the original volume in size, print and layout, (and probably also in color.) Two more volumes was

not what we originally expected; but, we also did not really want a behemoth such as the original one volume giant, either.

I should also add (as an excuse for our tardiness, of course) that middle child, Monique, who lives in Nevada, flew home for Thanksgiving; the first time in ten years. We enjoyed ourselves, including seeing "Harry Potter" as we are both fans. We shopped, not at L.L. Beans this trip, but our own Kittery Trading Post. Niki was carried away; she had to send her goodies and 'gifts' home through Fed Ex; no room in her luggage.

Of course, that holiday was followed by another one - Christmas. After several stalled flights over the years in Denver Airport she opted out of any repeat. That leaves room, hopefully, for her high school class reunion, which she has never attended. It was too far and too much when she was in grad school.

That "good time" fell apart in December. Clio moved to her own warm spot on a radiator (vintage 1900) carefully padded with a cushion and a folded 'blankee' where she watches our longish driveway get plowed and Shealagh arriving with truck and shovels to mitigate the snow pile up before it becomes too much for her to handle. The car is out of the way, and in the midst of a snow storm covering most of the country, already nearly out of sight. The piled up snow at the end of the driveway is now covering at least two mid-sized



Clio's "twin" enjoying the winter weather.

trees and the sloping lawn between the house and the school up the hill is unbroken white. The wind blows the snow in two directions, up that hill and against the back of the house. The deck there is buried, and I can only hope I manage to climb through it when I absolutely need to empty the

garbage! Clio refuses to go out the back door, the snow is too deep for her and there is no visible access where she usually crawls under the deck.

While we are having 'weather' Clio and I also tackled the KFA files. (Oh, yes, she insists on 'helping'. A cat can never be certain what is hiding in the file cabinet drawers. I take care not to

close the bottom ones; five

cabinets in all, mostly holding Kimball and related materials). That bottom drawer needs checking, of course; and, although Clio is always well-groomed, she is also rotund enough for her curiosity to get her into trouble.

During these winter days, the dining room table is piled high with various chapters of "The History" like the snow at the end of the driveway. Myra and sister, Inez, are proofreading these chapters at their homes. When they have checked everything, it is left here by Myra's husband on his way home from work. This has worked well among the three of us, saving us time. Except when all these chapters needed to be cleared from the table so we could use both tables to seat twelve for Christmas dinner.

I reproof these chapters, particularly if Myra calls with questions. With the help of Clio, we go to the files for copies. (Oh, yes, she insists on 'helping'. A cat can never be certain what is hiding in the file cabinet drawers. I take care not to close the bottom ones; five cabinets in all, mostly holding Kimball and related materials. That bottom drawer especially needs checking, of course; and, although Clio is always well-groomed, she is also rotund enough for her curiosity to get her into trouble.) All the files are divided two ways; by child's birth number and by generation. The numbers on the files match the numbers of the individuals in the books so Clio can find whatever she needs.

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## KFA Store Update



By Barbara K. Lewis

Progress on the KFA Web site is slower than I would like it to be, but I am making progress. Around Thanksgiving I got a chance to update the KFA store — just in time for the Christmas holiday shopping.

The old store was not working properly. Putting an item in your basket might add another, unrelated item to the basket. I experimented with PayPal's shopping cart, but it requires setting up a new account and neither Myra (our treasurer) nor I had time to devote to it. So we will have to make due for a time with using a PDF order form to mail or fax to Myra.

The previous version of the store were images only — including the text. I pulled all the text into HTML so at least the viewer can read the description of the item before purchasing.

I've also been working on revamping the entire site, so that is the next item on the agenda. Any improvements you want incorporated will be welcome. Email me at [bklewis@yowzah.com](mailto:bklewis@yowzah.com)

## Who Do You Know?

By Barbara Kimball Lewis

Anyone interested in the study of genealogy has come across this predicament, and I'm no exception. As I was rummaging through my father's trunk, I discovered some daguerreotypes and old photos. What a wonderful find! However, as is frequently the case, there were no names listed leaving me to guess who this serious couple and the others might be.



**BEST GUESS:** Mary Spolden Orem, b. 1801, d. 1868 and her husband, David Kimball, b. 1797, d. 1874.

I have traced my father's family as far back as David Kimball, born 1797 in St. John's, New Brunswick, Canada — as was his wife and her father, David Orem, and all of their children. Sometime before 1850, he moved to Mt. Vernon, OH, and by 1870 to Bethalto, Madison County, IL.

Levi Kimball was their oldest child and my great-grandfather. I do have a picture of him that was identified by someone in the family. I'm reasonably sure that his identity is correct because when he was elderly, he lived with my grandfather, Robert O. Kimball, in San Luis Obispo when my father and his siblings were old enough to remember him.

I have examined the picture of the five men

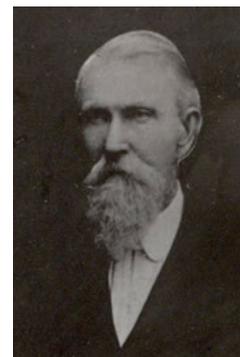
## I've Got Mail

By Judith Kimball

We (editorially, that is) have neglected to pass along our present bit of misery that preceded our unexpected winter. If you have written to my email address, it has not changed. You are, probably by now wondering if I really exist. To explain... I received a new computer late last summer from KFA; my previous one (of many, over the years) was showing signs of terminal age. At times I am able to read your letters; other than that, I have long since run way over what the screen shows me. It needs help

(below) trying to deduce which of them could be Levi, but can't come to any concrete conclusions.

This is where this column gets its purpose. There are five sons and two daughters so there is a possibility that one of their descendants has taken more care in keeping a name to a picture. That is the question I'm asking of our membership and followers. Do you have a copy of these pictures that identifies the



Levi Kimball



**BEST GUESS:** Mary and David had 5 sons. Is this them? If so, which one is Levi, David, Isaacha, Robinson, or Joseph?

people in these photographs? Can you add any salient facts?

If you would like help identifying your ancestors, please email [myKimball@kimballfamilyassociation.com](mailto:myKimball@kimballfamilyassociation.com). Write a 250 to 350 word article and attach your photograph(s) and we will publish it in the next newsletter and post it to the KFA site.

beyond my understanding. Our weather has been absolutely miserable, mostly because the snow has not been satisfied with just one day of misery at a time when two or three would be better. As the installer of the computer does not live that close to me, I have patiently waited for better weather. If we are lucky enough to have a good weekend SOON!!!, I can hope Chris makes it to my driveway. Please hold back on queries until I can tell you all is well. I will certainly let you know.

## The Rawcliffe Kimballs

By Gordon Rainey

After researching the Rainey, Loughren, Hewson and Pilon branches on my family tree, I finally got around to the Kimballs. My link to my Kimball ancestry is through my great-grandmother Elizabeth (Kimball) Loughren (1865-1941), my father Russell Rainey's maternal grandmother.



**Sam Rainey - Kate Loughren Marriage**

**Back L to Right – Loughrens: Florence, Alice, Maude, Edmond, Nettie  
Front L to R – Bill Loughren, Sydney Loughren, Elisabeth (Kimball)  
Loughren, Sam Rainey, Kate (Loughren) Rainey**

A David Kimball family was evident in the 1851 and 1861 Grenville censuses, occupying Range 8-Lot 5, two miles north-west of Rawcliffe, in Grenville Township. I had also noticed, in browsing the Scotch Road Cemetery Association website, that Kimballs were interred there. When I visited the Scotch Road Cemetery on Sept 28, 2008, I found the headstone of William Kimball (1836-1881) and Nancy Loughren, the parents of my great-grandmother Elisabeth Kimball. It turns out that David Kimball (1806-1875) was William Kimball's father, so three generations of my Kimball ancestry were accounted for.



**Kimball headstones, Scotch Road Cemetery, Grenville Twsp, QC**

Elisabeth Kimball and her husband Sydney Loughren are buried in the St Matthews Anglican Cemetery in Grenville, QC. But there was no sign of my great-great-grandparents, David Kimball and his wife Mary Anderson, in any of the local cemeteries. Also, the Kimball surname has effectively disappeared from Grenville Township and the area. So where did the Kimballs go and also, where did they come from?

To enlist support, on Aug 1, 2008, I posted on the Kimball "RootsWeb" site that I wanted to share genealogy research on the David Kimball family, who had homesteaded in the Rawcliffe, QC area in the 1830-1860 timeframe. As time went by, I felt I had hit the

proverbial brick wall in tracing my Kimball line any further.

About a year and a half later, a response to my posting appeared, on Feb 25, 2010. Karen Boik of Michigan informed me that she was also a descendant of David Kimball of Argenteuil, QC who had settled near Carsonville, Michigan in 1864. Wow, was this a breakthrough? I eagerly answered the posting, giving my e-mail address to encourage further correspondence, but got no immediate response. So I resorted to 411.com, fishing for any and all Boiks in Michigan. Fortunately there were only three listed, so I started dialing. On the third attempt I was talking to Karen Boik, my 4th cousin-once removed, in Saline, Michigan. We had, in David Kimball (1806-1875), a common ancestor, as she was descendant of his second youngest son Joseph Kimball.

But why did David Kimball and his neighbor James Loughren (another one of my great-great-grandfathers) and many members of their families emigrated from Rawcliffe, QC to the Carsonville, Michigan area in 1864? It seems that there were jobs available as timber-jacks and in the saw mills. Land was being cleared for farming. Also, the Civil War was raging in the south and there was a shortage of manpower. Sanilac Co, Michigan history also indicates that there was an influx of Canadians due to political unrest in Canada, in the period just prior to Confederation.

My great-great-grandparents David Kimball and Mary Anderson are buried in the Washington Twsp Cemetery, 2 miles south of Carsonville, Michigan.

However, David Kimball's second oldest son, William Kimball, decided to stay in Rawcliffe. He had married Nancy Loughren, (the girl next door and James Loughren's daughter), in 1860. They were already settled and raising their own family in 1864. They would become my great-great-grandparents, four generations later.

But where did the Kimballs come from originally? Further research indicated that David Kimball's parents were David Kimball (~1778-1832) and Elizabeth Hartwick, who apparently immigrated from the US to the Hawkesbury/Grenville area around 1805.

The e-book, "The History of the Kimball Family in America", published in 1897, points to Rattlesden, Suffolk Co, England as the root of this American family of Puritan stock. A Richard Kimball, his wife Margaret Dow and their young family, sailed from the port of Ipswich, England, aboard the "Elizabeth" in the spring of 1634. They were following the path of the "Pilgrim Fathers" aboard the "Mayflower" which landed at Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, fourteen years prior. This was during an era of religious turmoil. Puritans were the fundamentalist faction of the Church of England, as often in conflict with their own church as with other religions.

Richard Kimball and family landed in Boston harbor and settled in

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### Connections

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unfortunately " pressed into His Majesties Service when in Boxford, May 24, 1690 and not released till Nov. 17, (and the yr before was pressed a fortnight." (Judicial Records, 52, 68.) Whatever his future may have been, he was dead before 1699. Rather than argue Joseph's short life, we have chosen to stay in New Jersey with our searches.

### Peter Kemble

Our first introduction is to Peter Kemble; on his file he is listed as 'Peter, the Tory.' Peter Kemble arrived in New Jersey sometime in 1684. He had no relationship to our Richard and his six sons; their backgrounds were quite different. His father was in the Foreign Service, representing England. He married a Greek woman, and Peter was born in Smyrna, Turkey. His father, Richard, died in Salonica, June 1720. Peter married twice; his first wife was Gertrude Bayard, the daughter of Samuel and Margaret Van Cortland Bayard; a good marriage that gave him a position in New Jersey. His second wife was Elizabeth Tuite, of an Irish family settled in Maryland. (No dates, sorry.)

It is difficult to tell which wife was the mother of his children; I would guess the first for the majority of them, and perhaps the Irish wife for the younger children, particularly the last two daughters. He died in New Jersey 23 Feb. 1789. Peter had a family to live with him in his Manor (obtained in 1767).

And, perhaps, impress his children.

His eldest son, Samuel Kemble, joined the British Navy in 1783, went to London, and married a Jane Finch. The second son, Richard, was born Aug. 1733. He was followed by Peter 2, born 1739. His third son, Stephen, was born 1740. He also had William and two daughters; Margaret, who married General Thomas Gage, and Judith, who married Archibald McCall and had 18 children. His youngest son, Robert, was born 5 Apr. 1755; the wife from his first marriage is unknown, the second was Cadwalder. Elizabeth, born 18 Dec. 1753, died 16 June 1836. Ann, born 9 June 1757, died 2 Sep. 1820.

Peter's Manor was built near Morristown that was used by Washington's army during winter quarters of 1779-80 and 1780-81. During this time the old Tory was treated with the utmost respect by Washington, who had known him before the war.

His son, Stephen (1730-1822) was a British officer and a Loyalist. In May 1757 he was commissioned Ensign in the Regiment being raised by Thomas Gage, and in Dec. '58 he became that officer's brother-in-law. He went to Montreal as A.D.C. to Gage and was promoted to Capt. In 1765. In 1772, through the influence of his brother-in-law he became deputy A.G. and a Major. [Boatman's History of the Revolutionary War]

## The Rawcliffe Kimballs (cont.)

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Watertown, MA. Richard Kimball was a sturdy wheelwright, a trade in high demand in the colony, and he was soon offered a house and privileges to settle in Ipswich, Massachusetts, to ply his trade there. There he and his wife would spend the rest of their days, raising a large family including five boys. From there, the Kimball surname spread through New England, into New York State, south, west and also north, into Canada.

So it would appear that my Kimball ancestors were originally English, then American, then Canadian. However, there are five or so generations of Kimballs unaccounted for, between the Richard Kimball (1604-1675) and Margaret Dow who landed in Boston, Massachusetts in 1634 and the David Kimball (~1780-1832) and Elizabeth Hartwick who arrived in the Hawkesbury/Grenville area about 1805. So the search goes on.

### My Kimball Lineage

Richard Kimball ( - ) & Ursula Scott  
Richard Kimball (1595-1675) & Margaret Dow( -

#### Five Additional Generations

David Kimball (1778-1832) & Elisabeth Hartwick (~1780-1812)  
David Kimball (1806-1875) & Mary Anderson (1813-1898)  
William Kimball (1836-1881) & Nancy Loughren (1838-1926)  
Sydney Loughren (1857-1929) & Elisabeth Kimball (1865-1941)  
Samuel Rainey (1880-1955) & Kate Loughren (1889-1945)  
Russell Rainey (1911-1990) & Gertrude Pilon (1919-1997)  
Gordon Rainey (1942- )



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