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The 2004 Kelsey Kindred Annual Reunion

On the bright, sunny weekend of September 10 - 12th, 2004, 64 adults and children, all members of the Kelsey Kindred, met in Gettysburg, PA for our Annual Business Meeting and Reunion. We began gathering on Friday afternoon with registration in the Hospitality Room at The Best Inn. For the attendees' enjoyment, on display around the room were several Civil War items and documents, namely a school project put together by Samuel Hall about his Civil War ancestors. Thank you to all members who provided items for the displays. We also enjoyed 'hardtack and coffee' along with other 'themed' snacks and beverages prepared by Krista Carter Shaffer. Midway through the evening we held our annual meeting followed by our raffle. We adjourned early so members could be well rested for the full-day of activities ahead on Saturday.

Our busses arrived promptly at 8:30 AM and by 9 AM our two guides had been rounded up and we were on our way to listen and learn about the events surrounding the Battle of Gettysburg during the Civil War. As we traveled around the battlefield, one bus listened to Licensed Battlefield Guide (LBG) Sue Boardman who spoke to us about the stories surrounding the town's people, soldiers, animals, and other little-known, interesting facts and events that occurred during the battle days of July 1 - 3, 1863. Our other bus traveled the battlefield listening to LBG Tom Vossler who provided us with the military insights and aspects of the battle. After a short lunch break we traded guides and boarded our busses for the afternoon, meeting back at the motel around 4:30 PM.

By 5:30 PM we were ready to be bussed to the Dobin House, where we posed for our annual photo session and then enjoyed a buffet style dinner and

dessert. After dinner our busses showed up, once more, to return us to the motel. By now we felt we had really gotten to 'know' our bus drivers and were calling them by their first names! The rest of the evening was spent in our hospitality room socializing, reviewing and reminiscing about the day's stories and activities, playing our annual 'Trivia' game (my how smart we were...everyone seemed to have answers!), and our other raffle.

Sunday morning began normally but soon it became evident things were about to take an abrupt turn-a-round -- the 'gas hose' for the gas grilles got left at home, we blew electrical circuits after switching to the electric grilles and fry pans, we even had to put the stovetop into service and began cooking out of one of the rooms. We all pulled together and, just as expected, our members were seated and enjoyed a 'Pancake & Sausage' breakfast hosted by the board members of The Kelsey Kindred. During breakfast we were visited by Rev. Roy Frampton (LBG), dressed in period clothing, who provided us with our Sunday morning service, Civil War style.

The balance of the day on Sunday was left open for each family to enjoy. Some revisited the battlefield, some the cemetery, some visited other local shops, museums and attractions, while others began their trips home. A small handful extended their weekend through Monday before heading back home, ahead of the onslaught of hurricane Ivan.

Thank you to our Civil War Soldiers (Sam & Jay Hall, Kasey Shaffer, and Cameron & Garrett Carter) and our 'Belles' (Johcelyn Shaffer & Mikenna Pozzi), who dressed in period clothing at various times during the weekend to provide a little additional 'spirit'. Thanks to all of you who attended the reunion and to those who didn't, why not join us in 2005? ...

Submitted by Paula Carter

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| Jean Procter, Garden City MI | Line of Stephen |
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Schedule of Fees

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| Annual Dues (10-1 to 9-30) | \$10.00 |
| <i>Effective 8/2/97</i> | |
| Applications for Membership | \$ 5.00 |
| New Membership fee | \$15.00 |
| (Application fee plus annual dues) | |
| Life Membership | \$200.00 |

Kelsey Remembrance Quilt

As a way for our 'Scholarship Fund' to grow, we will offer our '1st Annual Kelsey Remembrance Quilt'. The idea comes from Lori Carter & Krista Carter Shaffer. They will also be the designers and quilters. It is hoped that we will receive quilt donations from members and non-members via information obtained from our web page (bookmark our address <http://www.thekelseykindred.org/>) our annual membership drive, and our reunions. The winner does NOT have to be present when the quilt is awarded. We hope to be able to repeat the quilt using various designs and themes. A donation of \$10.00 gets you a 1-name/1-ticket chance and a donation of \$20.00 gets you a 3-name/3-ticket chance -- you do the math! Stay tuned and watch our web page for the first peek Paula

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2005 Reunion Plans are Coming Together

Make plans to join us for the 2005 reunion. It will be held September 9-11, 2005 in Clinton, Connecticut. Saturday activities will include a visit to the Mashuntucket Pequot Indian Museum. This wonderful museum will offer something for everyone. The afternoon will be free for dining, visiting the casino, video games rooms or shopping in the wide variety of shops. Our annual banquet will be held on Saturday night and of course the great picnic at the Clinton Town Beach on Sunday. I hope that you all will make plans to join us. It should be a lot of fun!

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NEW MEMBERS –

Welcome to all!!

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| Descendent - | | |
| Leo Louie Lamb | Line of John | Auburn, CA |
| Mary Arlyn Keesling | Line of Daniel | Marina, CA |

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| Junior Members - | | |
| Jack McAllister Kelsey | Line of Daniel | Atlanta, GA |

Just as a note of interest.....We currently have 671 active members, 128 of these are life members

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Donations

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| David Palmer | Book fund |
| Mary Bedore | Book fund |
| Patricia Green | Book fund |
| Jane Newhouse | Book fund |
| Richard Allen Thomas III | Book fund |
| Dr. Paul Branda | Scholarship fund |

*Thank you for your generosity
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Scholarship Winner



The Robert F. Gaber Scholarship was awarded to Nicole Hooghkirk of Chester Connecticut. Her winning essay was about what genealogy means to her. Nicole graduated in June from Valley Regional High School in Deep River, CT. She

is attending Briarwood College in Southington, CT. We all wish Nicole good luck in her future endeavors.

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Scholarship

The Kelsey Kindred is looking for entrants for the Robert F. Gaber Award. It is open to any child or grandchild of a member who is a high school senior and is planning on entering a program of higher education. They must submit an essay of at least 500 words on the topic of genealogy. Please include a picture of yourself (non returnable) that we might use with the award announcement in the bulletin. The deadline for submissions is June 30, 2005. The award will be announced and/or presented at the following reunion. All submissions should be sent to the Membership Secretary (address listed). Dr. Paul Branda donated \$500.00 towards the scholarship fund. This year's scholarship award will be increased to \$750.00. Thank you so much!!

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ITEMS FOR SALE

If you are interested in purchasing any of the items we have on sale at our reunions please contact our Membership Secretary, Mrs. Suzanne Kelsey Hall by e-mail suekelhall@aol.com or call her at (860) 653-8233 or mail your requests to her at 244 Mountain Rd. North Granby, CT 06060

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OBITUARIES

Alice Barron Donadio #12986 - 1977 supplement Pg 74A died August 4th, 2004 She was the daughter of John Wm. and Florence Kelsey Barron (7452A), was born on the family farm on East Main Street, where the Branford High School now stands, on October 8, 1917. She graduated from the State Teachers College in New Haven in 1939 and received a Master's Degree from New York University in 1951. She taught in the school systems of Branford and New Haven, Connecticut and Mount Vernon, New York. As a member of the faculty of the Southern Connecticut State Teachers College, she was a master teacher at the Scranton and Roger Sherman schools in New Haven. She retired in 1979 after 40 years of teaching. She was a life member of the National Education Association and the Branford Retired Teachers. She was also a member of the Westchester Branch of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society. She was an avid gardener and an associate member of the Branford Garden Club. She also held memberships in the Branford Historical Society, Friends of the Blackstone Library, Friends of the Willoughby Wallace Library, Senior Center Swimming Group and Senior Center Bridge Group. She was a 10th generation member of the Kelsey Kindred Association and was formerly a member of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Hospice. She enjoyed traveling, reading, playing bridge, and gardening. Her journeys brought her to Europe, Africa, South America, Russia, Asia and New Zealand. She even rode a mule to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. She was happiest in her yard mowing her lawn on her John Deere mower or tending her flower gardens. She was the widow of Charles L. Donadio and is survived by a brother, George N. Barron, a sister, Ruth B. McHenry and several nieces and nephews.

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KELSEY DOINGS.....

Mikenna Nicola Pozzi (15G10084 & 12G53635) was born in Johnson City, NY on April 7, 2004 @ 11:13 PM weighing 5 lbs 13 oz and is the daughter of Krista Carter Shaffer (14G10359 & 11G52175) & Mike Pozzi. She joins big brother and sister, Johcelyn (15G10079 & 12G52585) and Kasey (15G10080 & 12G53052) Shaffer.

Jack McAllister Kelsey (13G80759) was born in Atlanta, GA on April 19, 2003 weighing 8 lbs and is the son of Christopher Scott Kelsey (12G80220) and Jennifer Megan (Ballentine) Kelsey. Jack is Scott & Jennifer's first child.

KELSEY DOINGS CONTINUED.....

Bulletin Editors News

On September 6th 2004 your Bulletin Editor Lynn Belcher Gorecki (5997d) had a surprise wedding in her backyard. While family and friends were gathered for a "Labor Day Luau" she surprised them by getting married. Her new husband is David Elliot Tandler and his attendees were his two twin sons, Michael and Eric. Lynn's two daughters, Janelle (20191) and Kristin Gorecki (20300), stood by her side. All dressed in Hawaiian apparel, which made the event colorful and festive.

Thanks to the reunion committee, especially the Carter family and Suzanne & Jon Hall, for a wonderful reunion. A lot a hard work and effort go into a reunion and everyone pulled together to make it this one a great success.

Please send birth, marriage or obituaries, announcements, graduations or any other accomplishment you think news worthy to me. You may send them through the regular mail or to my e-mail address is kknewsletter@yahoo.com.

Thanks Lynn



REUNION ATTENDEES FOR GETTYSBURG, PA SEPT 10-12, 2004

William & Anita BELCHER, CLINTON CT
April BELCHER, CLINTON CT
Howard and Nancy BOWMAN, SOUTHLINGTON, CT
Kathleen & Paul BRANDA, NEW YORK, NY
Kenneth & Paula CARTER, CORNING, NY
Krista CARTER, OWEGO, NY
Johcelyn, Kasey SHAFFER, OWEGO, NY
Mikenna POZZI, OWEGO, NY
David GABER, CENTERVILLE, VA
John GABER, MANASSAS, VA
Scott GABER, FREDERICKSBURG, VA
Deron, Lori, Garrett, & Cameron CARTER,
WHITNEY POINT, NY
James CLARK, PLAINFIELD, NJ
Jennifer and Stephen CUMMING, MAMARONECK, NY
Albert and Virginia DANIELS, MAMARONECK, NY
Alice FLANAGAN, CLINTON, CT
Lynn Gorecki and David TENDLER, GUILFORD, CT
Suzanne and Johnathan, Samuel & Jared HALL,
NORTH GRANBY, CT

Mary Lou HESS (and Tom Van Decar), SALINE, MI
Carl (and Sadie) KELSEY, FARMVILLE, VA
Easton "KELS" and Joanne KELSEY, FAIRPORT, NY
Edwin and Virginia KELSEY, GLEN ALLEN, VA
Ferdinand and Elaine KELSEY, NEW HARTFORD, NY
Joseph and Roberta KELSEY, WINCHESTER, VA
Paula KELSEY, WINCHESTER, VA
Wallace A. KELSEY, MIDDLETOWN, CT
Marianne and Bill LOUGH, WHICHITA, KS
Samantha LOUGH, WHICHITA, KS
Marilyn and Eldon LOWN, MUNROE FALLS, OH
David and Mary PALMER, NEW PROVIDENCE, NJ
Beatrice PEHRSON, BERARDSVILLE, NJ
Theresa Jean PROCTOR, GARDEN CITY, MI
Jay CACCIOPPO, BAYONET POINT, FL
Martha and Thomas SEANEY, CHERRY HILL, NJ
John SCHOEN, CLINTON, CT
Loribeth STEIN, MILFORD, CT
Gertrude VALENTI, CLINTON, CT