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FLANAGAN, Alice Belcher #10G51326 Vol. V Pg. 417 passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family on Jan 31, 2009 after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. She was only 59 years old. She was born June 28, 1949, daughter of the late Henry and Shirley Kelsey Belcher and granddaughter of the late Joseph Kelsey, one of the founders of the Kelsey Kindred. She was employed at Chesebrough Ponds in Clinton, CT from 1967-1997 in various positions. Her favorite having been managing the company store. Since then she started a career in real estate, first at Beazley and then at Prudential.

Alice was a proud member of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Advent where she served in many of the ministries. Alice was instrumental in the formation of the Clinton Soup Kitchen and was the driving force behind the refugee resettlement project at Holy Advent. Throughout her life Alice has also served as a member of the Pricilla Club and on the boards of the Clinton Historical Society, the Clinton Child Care Center and the Kelsey Kindred. She was our current Chaplain and in charge of our publicity.

She is survived by her daughter Jamie Flanagan and her fiancée Erich Lynch of Salem, CT, her son Ronald Gibson, grandsons; LCpl Marc Gibson (stationed in North Carolina) and Jacob Gibson, her brother William K. Belcher and wife Anita, sister Trudy Valenti and husband Michael, all of Clinton, CT, and sister Lynn Tandler and husband David of Guilford, CT also eight nieces and nephews, four great-nieces & nephews.

Alice was an amazing woman whose life was about people & giving. If you attended our reunions she was the one that was always helpful and had the big welcoming smile. She was very proud to be a resident of Clinton, a member of this big Kelsey family and of all the friends she had made throughout her life, referring to them as her treasures.

2009 Reunion Plans are Coming Together

Make plans to join us for the 2009 reunion. It will be held September 11-13, 2009 in Clinton, Connecticut area. Our focus this year will be on the city of New Haven. Saturday activities will include a visit to the Peabody Museum. It is a wonderful museum that offers something for everyone. In the afternoon we hope to show you the famous halls of Yale University. Clinton still claims to be the original site of the formative years of Yale even though the first graduation class was in Old Saybrook. The Amistad is docked at the pier in New Haven Harbor and we hope to make a visit to there too. If you live in the area and have any requests please give us a call and maybe we can add your favorite spot to our list.

Our annual banquet will be held on Saturday night at a place to be determined, and of course the great picnic at the Clinton Town Beach on Sunday.

Full details to follow in our July newsletter. I hope that you all will make plans to join us. It should be a lot of fun!

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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, 2009. The award will be announced and/or presented at the following reunion. All submissions should be sent to the Membership Secretary (address listed on the next page). This year's scholarship award will be \$500.00. Thank you so much!!

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New Membership fee	\$15.00
(Application fee plus annual dues)	
Life Membership	\$200.00

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NEW MEMBERS –

There are no new members since the last newsletter but we currently have 673 active members

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Bulletin Editor Notes

I apologize for the delay in the newsletter this issue. As you can see by the front page I lost my sister recently. She was told that her time would be short so, along with the rest of my family, I tried to spend as much of my spare time with Alice as I could. Thank you for your understanding.

As Always.....

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 (address listed with officers) or to my e-mail address: kkindred@stny.rr.com

..... Thanks Lynn

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Thank you!!

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Volumes V, VI, & VII	now \$29.00 each

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KELSEY DOINGS.....

Nancy Bowman sent a birth announcement for her grandchild. Ian Kelsey Brodsky the son of Melanie (Bowman) and her husband Eric Brodsky, grandson of Nancy Bowman and the late Howard Kelsey Bowman was born on January 28, 2009 in Holbrook, NY. Congrats!!!

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OBITUARIES

SCHARF, Patricia Kelsey #10G80441 Vol. III Pg. 654M of Portland Maine -- Died Sept. 15, 2008. She was born in New Haven, CT, on March 23, 1934. She graduated school in Stamford, Conn., and went on to Lassell College, in Boston, MA. She married John Stewart Scharf on March 23, 1957, in New Canaan, CT. They moved to Yarmouth, ME in 1964.

In Maine she served as President of the Yarmouth Village Improvement Society, a member of the Women's Committee of the Portland Symphony and was on the original committee to create the Yarmouth Clam Festival in 1967.

She was an active member of Saint Mary's Episcopal Church in the 1960s to early 1970s and for the past nine years after retiring to Maine. She served as Chairman the St. Mary's Women's Committee, organized parish fundraising events, leader of several youth groups, and a member of the Christian Education Committee and a licensed Eucharistic minister.

During the 1970s she was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church where she was active in many social cause activities of the parish. Also active in the Episcopal Diocese of Maine serving as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention, as a member of the Evangelism Committee.

In 1975 she lead a group of Portland area social service, civic and clergy leaders to found Divorce Perspectives (DP), a program for people facing the separation of divorce, and designed to help people cope with the many adjustments of this difficult transition period. Divorce Perspectives continues to be active in the Portland area to this date.

In 1977 she moved to New York City to attend the National Institute for Lay Training at the General Theological Seminary of The Episcopal Church. In 1979 she earned a certificate from GTS and was graduated from the University of Southern Maine with a bachelor's degree. She then moved to Cuba, N.Y. in the Diocese of Rochester where she served for two years at the Lay Associate of Allegany County Episcopal Ministries. She later explored a vocation with the Convent of St. Helena, Vailsgate, N.Y. Pat then relocated to Washington, D.C. in 1981 where she served in a variety of Episcopal Church and secular positions. She attended three national General Conventions of the Episcopal Church. While in Washington she was also an active member of St. Patrick's Episcopal Church and Church of the Epiphany; where she was instrumental in using her liturgical skills and passion for social justice issues particularly in the areas of Haitian and Native American concerns.

She retired in 1999 and returned to Portland where she has been active at S. Mary's and worked as a librarian at the Falmouth Memorial Library. At St. Mary's she was a member of the Parish Outreach Committee. She also served as Treasurer of St. Mary's, delegate to the Diocesan Convention and a member of the Diocesan Committee on Liturgy.

She was in charge of the Kelsey Kindred's auditing committee.

She was survived by her four sons, Eric Scharf of Washington, D.C. and Palm Springs, Calif., Edward Scharf of

Pittston, Scott and Susan Scharf of Portland, Steven Scharf of Portland, and former husband John Scharf of Lake Wales, Fla.

KELSEY, William, "Bill", - 11G80100 - Volume VII pg 475. of Mays Landing, NJ, passed away peacefully at his home. Born in the Bronx he enlisted in the US Navy during WWII and served in the North Pacific from 1944-1945 as a Radioman, third class, aboard LSM-449. After the Navy, Bill worked his way through various positions with the US Postal Service in Manhattan, NY, eventually rising to the position of Special Investigator by the time he retired from the Newark Division in 1985.

Always upbeat and in good humor, Bill saw the funny side of any situation and was always the life of any party with a quick wit and an endless supply of stories and jokes to make everyone laugh. His good nature and positive attitude is what carried him through the Great Depression, WWII and a long series of illnesses that never seemed to get him down all through his 82 years. As he used to say to everyone else, now it's time for us to say to Bill, "Ya done good".

Bill was the loving husband of Ethel (deceased), beloved father of Sean (deceased) and is survived by his son, Mark, his daughter-in-law, Susan, grandchildren Madeline, Caroline, Owen and Emma, his brother Donald, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws

KELSEY, Elaine E., #11G50618 Vol IV, Pg. 941 of New Hartford, NY, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 6, 2008, while camping with her husband at the Lake Chalet Camp Ground in Bridgewater.

She was born on December 1, 1935 in Stamford, NY a daughter of the late Johnson and Naomi (Effner) Sheldmandine. She graduated from Stamford Central Schools and Syracuse University with a degree in English. On March 28, 1959 in Stamford, NY she married Ferdinand Kelsey a blessed union of over 49 years.

She was employed with the New Hartford Central School System for over 30 Years retiring in 2005. Elaine was a member of the First Baptist Church of New Hartford, where she was very active in many Church activities. She was a Certified Lay Minister for the American Baptist Association. She also was a member of the New Hartford Historical Society. Elaine also enjoyed spending time with her family and camping with her husband.

She is survived by her husband Ferdinand Kelsey of New Hartford, NY, her son David Kelsey and his wife Julie of Clinton, NY, her grandchildren, Patrick and Sarah McGovern, and Jennifer Hollis, and Amber Kelsey, a son-in-law Joseph McGovern, a sister-in-law Estella Ashton, and also many cousins, and many very special friends. She was predeceased by a daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) McGovern.

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2008 Kelsey Kindred Annual Reunion

Bird in Hand Pennsylvania was the site of our annual Kelsey reunion held on September 12 – 15th. The Amish View Inn was our home base for the weekend. A total of 55 attended the festivities.

On Friday night we held our registration and hospitality night. Jarman Kelsey our new president, called our annual business meeting to order. We discussed membership, reunion plans for the following year as well as possible honorees for the remembrance book.

Saturday morning was a beautiful day for a tour of the area and a lesson in Amish life. We enjoyed viewing a movie, “The Amish Experience”, visited the farmers market, toured the Amish Homestead and had a guided tour of the countryside with stops for Amish

products and crafts. After a long day of looking, learning and shopping some members made a stop at the Mount Hope winery. We gathered for dinner at the Stolfus Farm restaurant in Intercourse, PA. This family style restaurant offered all the traditional Amish faire including shoe fly pie!

After dinner we returned to our hospitality room for some Trivia fun! Lori Stein and Sue Hall were feverishly taking notes throughout the day in order to test the member’s knowledge of Amish culture. Everyone was involved and it was amazing how much we learned! Prizes were awarded for the highest scores.

Sandi Noel and Nancy Bowman were our hostesses for the fun and fact filled weekend. We would like to say thank you for all their planning and hard work. It was a wonderful success!



2008 REUNION ATTENDEES at BIRD IN HAND, PENNSYLVANIA

Nancy Bowman
Melanie Brodsky
Deron, Lori, Garret and Cameron Carter
Paula and Ken Carter
Krista Carter Shaffer,
Joselyn and Kasey Shaffer, and Mikenna Pozzi
Cindy Collins
Alice Flanagan
Suzanne, Samuel and Jared Hall
Carl and Sadie Kelsey
Donald and Faith Kelsey
Easton and Joanne Kelsey
Jarman, Jarman Jr, and Joshua Kelsey
Joseph and Roberta Kelsey

Paula Kelsey
Gary and Barbara Lee
Marilyn and Eldon Lown
Jonathan Noel and Phuong Nguyen
Sandra Noel
David and Mary Palmer
Evelyn Reininger and Patricia Molennar
Robert and Mary Richie
Michael and Kathy Richie
Lori, Kevin, Tyler and Alexandra Stein
Lynn and David Tandler
Sam Wheeler and Yuriko Erwin
Diane and Larry White

Thanks for being there and helping make it such a wonderful time