

# Family Group Record for William Kelsey

<b>Husband</b>		<b>William Kelsey</b>	
Born	Abt 1600	Chelmsford, Essex, England	
Baptized			
Died	Bef 21 Sep 1676	Killingworth, Middlesex, Connecticut, New England	
Buried			
Father	George Kelsey Jr. (1572-1599)	Mother	Elizabeth Hammond (1574-Aft 1604)
Married	1625-1628	England	
<b>Wife</b>		<b>Hester</b>	
Born	Abt 1606	England	
Baptized			
Died	After 1666	Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut, New England	
Buried			
Other Spouse	David Phillips ( - )	Abt 1681 - Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut	
SealS (LDS)			
<b>Children</b>			
<b>1</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Mark Kelsey</b>	
Born	Abt 1634	England	
Baptized			
Died	28 Aug 1683	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Buried			
Spouse	Rebecca Hoskins (1634-1683)	8 Mar 1659 - Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Spouse	Abigail Atwood ( -1713)	26 Dec 1683 - Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Hester Kelsey</b>	
AKA	Hester		
Born	Cir 1636	Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut	
Baptized			
Died	27 Feb 1721	Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts	
Buried			
Spouse	David Philips (Abt 1625- )	3 Sep 1665 - Milford, Worcester, Massachusetts	
<b>3</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Priscilla Kelsey</b>	
Born	Abt 1640		
Baptized			
Died	2 Jun 1711	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Buried			
Spouse	Cornelius Gillett (1632-1711)	16 Jan 1658 - Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut	
<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Mary Kelsey</b>	
Born	Abt 1644	Cambridge, Middlesex, Massachusetts	
Baptized			
Died	18 Apr 1676	Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	
Buried			
Spouse	Jonathan Gillett (1634-1708)	23 Apr 1661 - Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut	

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Children (cont.)		
<b>5</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>John Kelsey</b>
Born	Abt 1638	
Baptized		
Died	22 Jul 1709	Killingworth, Middlesex, Connecticut
Buried		
Spouse	Phebe Disbrow (Abt 1646-1718)	1668 - Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
<b>6</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Abigail Kelsey</b>
Born	19 Apr 1645	Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
Baptized		
Died	12 May 1717	Killingworth, Middlesex, Connecticut
Buried		
Spouse	Lt. John Hull (1644-1728)	3 Dec 1668 - Windsor, Hartford, Connecticut
<b>7</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Stephen Kelsey</b>
Born	1647	Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
Baptized	7 Nov 1647	Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
Died	30 Nov 1710	Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
Buried		
Spouse	Hannah Ingersoll (1652-Aft 1718)	15 Nov 1672 - Westfield, Hampden, Massachusetts
<b>8</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Daniel Kelsey</b>
Born	6 Jul 1650	Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
Baptized		
Died	5 Jun 1727	Killingworth, Middlesex, Connecticut, New England
Buried		
Spouse	Mary Stevens (Abt 1653- )	27 Mar 1672 - Killingworth, Middlesex, Connecticut
Spouse	Jane Chalker (1662-1742)	24 Mar 1689 - Killingworth, Middlesex, Connecticut
<b>9</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>William Kelsey</b>
Born	23 Mar 1654	Killingworth, Middlesex, Connecticut
Baptized		
Died	8 Nov 1698	Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
Buried		
Spouse	Abigail Whitcomb (1674-1752)	Abt 1693 - Hartford, Hartford, Connecticut
General Notes (Husband)		
<p>From "A Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England," Vol. III, by James Savage, p. 7: KELSEY, *WILLIAM, Cambridge 1632, freem. 4 Mar. 1635, rem. to Hartford, thence, a. 1663, to Killingworth, but at H. the only ch. b. were Abigail, in Apr. 1645; Stephen, 7 Nov. 1647; and Daniel, Feb. 1650; but, no doubt, others were omit. in the rec. or were earlier b. at C. was rep. in 1671, when the rec. is Callsey, but oft it is Kelse, Kelso, Kelsea, Kelsa, or Kelsy.</p> <p>From the Kelsey Kindred web page (<a href="http://www.kelseykindred.org/">http://www.kelseykindred.org/</a>):</p> <p>William Kelsey, the first of the Kelsey name in America, was born in 1600, Chelmsford, Essex County, England. He was the son of George Kelsey Jr. and Elizabeth Hammond and had 2 brothers: John and Henry.</p> <p>William Kelsey was one of the original "Braintree Company" followers of the Reverend Thomas Hooker, who came to America and they were the first settlers of "New Towne" (now Cambridge) Massachusetts in 1632. Reverend Hooker joined them the following year.</p> <p>In June, 1636, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Stone, with more than 50 families of the "first church" (Mr. Hooker's) removed to Connecticut where, in the valley of the same name, they established another "New Towne" which was changed to "Hartford" on February 21, 1637. Among these were William Kelsey.</p> <p>Coming to "Hartford" with the Hooker Company, William Kelsey was one of the "original proprietors" and, as such, his name appears on the "Founders Monument" in the "ancient burying ground" of the First Congregational Church of that city, presently known as "Center Church". His name is also found on the "Adventurers Boulder" located at City Hall, Hartford,</p>		

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Connecticut.

In March 1663, William Kelsey and 26 others migrated to the "Hammonossit Plantation" and founded the Town of "Kenilworth", later changed to "Killingworth". In 1738, the town was separated into North and South parts. The South part called "Clinton" and the North, "Killingworth".

William Kelsey had 9 children: (his wife or wives have not been verified). Mark, Bethia (recent data questions this daughter's name; and, it is thought that it may be either Hester or Esther), Priscilla, Mary, John, Abigail, Stephen, Daniel, and William Jr.

Mark Kelsey lived in Windsor and Wethersfield. He first married Rebecca Hoskins, second Mrs. Abigail Atwood. Rebecca was the daughter of John Hoskins and his wife, Ann Filer. John Hoskins came to New England on the "Mary & John" in 1630. Mark and Rebecca had 8 or more children.

Priscilla Kelsey lived and died in Windsor, Connecticut. She married Cornelius Gillette. They had 9 children.

Mary Kelsey lived and died in Windsor, Connecticut. She married Jonathan Gillette (brother of Cornelius Gillette). They had 10 children.

John Kelsey removed to Killingworth with his father, William Kelsey, at the age of 27. He married Hannah Disborough two years later in Harford, Connecticut. They had 9 children. John and his father are noted as two of the first settlers of Kenilworth.

Abigail Kelsey also accompanied her father, William Kelsey, to Killingworth at the age of 18. She married Lieutenant John Hull. They had 4 children.

Stephen Kelsey lived and died in Hartford, Connecticut. He married Hannah Ingersoll. They had 10 children.

Daniel Kelsey also removed to Killingworth with his father, William Kelsey, at the age of 13. He later married first Mary Stevens. They had 5 children. He married second, Jane Chalker. They had 5 children.

William Kelsey Jr. was born 3/23/1654. It is supposed that he died young before the family removed to Killingworth, Connecticut.

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In Reply to: Re: Mark Kelsey and Rebecca Hoskins by Leslie Mahler

To Leslie Maher: I see that you specialize in origins of colonists. re William Kelsey.

The Kelsey Genealogy now has it recorded that William's grandfather, George Kelsey Sr lived in Takeley, Essex County and in his will directed that he be buried in the Church Yard there. William's father, George Kelsey Jr. married Elizabeth Hammond, daughter of William Hammond and Margaret Brett of Much Mondden, Herts, England. We, naturally, are also interested in verifying William's place of birth. Could it have been Takeley or perhaps he moved to his wife's home in Herts, England? I do hope that you are pursuing this? Grace Kelsey Benoit, Membership Sect'y. The Kelsey Kindred. I believe that you have my email address?

From "The Original Proprietors, 3rd Ed.," by Mary Kingsbury Talcott, p. 25: William Kelsey, born ab. 1600; Cambridge, 1632; freeman, Mass., March 4, 1635; removed to Hartford, where he was an original proprietor; his home-lot in the distribution of 1639 was on the road from Sentinel Hill to the North Meadow (now Village St.); removed to Killingworth ab. 1633; rep. in 1671 from K.; he was living in June, 1674. Ch.: i. John, Killingworth. ii. Abigail, b. April 19, 1645. iii. Stephen, bapt. Nov. 7, 1647; m. Nov. 15, 1672, Hannah, dau. of John Ingersoll; his father gave him his dwelling-house, and he remained in Hartford; d. Nov. 30, 1710. iv. Daniel, b. July, 1650.

From "A Genealogy of the Descendants of William Kelsey," by Edward A. Claypool and Azelea Clizbee; published: New Haven, Conn.: The Tuttle, Morehouse & Taylor Company, 1928; pages 24-37: Accordingly, with due apologies to Hinman, Savage and other authorities, and awaiting proofs to the contrary, we here assume that William Kelsey was born in England about 1600; that he married in England, Bethia Hopkins, born about 1605-1610; that Mark was the eldest son, born probably in England before 1628; that Bethia (wife of David Phillips) was the eldest daughter, granting the mother's name to have been "Bethia," as it was customary to name the eldest daughter for her mother, and that she, Priscilla and possibly Mary, were all born before the removal to Hartford; that John was born about the time of the removal to Hartford (1636), he and the four younger children whose births are recorded at Hartford, being perhaps by a second wife, although this last can only be left to conjecture.

WILLIAM KELSEY (from The Great Migration Begins Immigrants to New England 1620 - 1633 by Robert Charles Anderson, Boston 1995)

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1633

FIRST RESIDENCE: Cambridge

REMOVES: Hartford 1635, Killingworth by 1668

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FREEMAN: In Killingworth section of 1669 Connecticut list of freemen (as "William Keilsey") [CCCR 2:525].

EDUCATION: Signed deed by mark [CaBOP 42].

OFFICES: On 11 May 1671 "W[illia]m Callsey" was deputy to Connecticut General Court from Killingworth [CCCR 2:147].

On 24 March 1657/8 "William Kelsey is freed from watching, warding & training" [CCCR 1:314].

ESTATE: Granted one rood for a cowyard in Cambridge, 5 August 1633 [CaTR 5]. Granted three acres in Westend Field, 4 August 1634 [CaTR 9]. Granted a proportional share of one in the meadow ground, 21 April 1635 [CaTR 13].

In the Cambridge land inventory on 5 October 1635 "William Kellsie" held five parcels: half a rood in town with one house, garden and backside; three acres on Small Lot Hill; three acres in the Great Marsh; half an acre in the West End; and three acres in Westend Field [CaBOP 24]. On 19 April 1636 "William Kelsey of the New Towne [Cambridge]" sold to Thomas Fisher his right in "any parcel of meadow ground lying & being in the New Towne aforesaid" [CaBOP 42].

In the Hartford land inventory of February 1639 "Will[ia]m Kelsy" was credited with twenty-one parcels: one acre with dwelling house, outhouses, yards & gardens; three acres "lying partly in the neck of land"; one rood in the Little Meadow; two roods eighteen perches in the North Meadow; five acres, three roods and thirty-eight perches of meadow and swamp in the North Meadow; one acre eight perches on the east side of the Great River; five acres in the Cowpasture; nine acres three roods in the Middle Oxpasture (annotated "sold Wm. Spencer"); five acres of meadow on the east side of the Great River "which he received in exchange of William Spencer"; one acre, two roods and fourteen perches in the neck of land; three roods thirty-seven perches in the neck of land; seven acres, twenty-four perches in the Cowpasture; two acres, one rood and thirty-one perches in the neck of land "part whereof he received of Edward Ellmer"; threescore perches in the neck of land; three acres, three roods and twenty perches in the neck of land; one acre, thirty-three perches in the neck of land "which he bought of John Maynord"; three acres in the neck of land "which he bought of Richard Goodman"; one acre in the neck of land "which he bought of John Tayllcott"; five acres on the east side of the Great River "part of which he bought of William Edwordes"; thirty perches of swamp on the east side of the Great River "which he bought of William Edwordes"; and two roods "that he bought of William Williams and did sometime belong to John Beddell" (annotated "sold G. Granis 1664") [HaBOP 141-44]. (Five of these parcels were marked as given to "Steven Callsey" in 1670/1.)

On 21 September 1676 the will and inventory of William Kelsey were presented at New London County Court; these documents do not, unfortunately, survive [TAG 69:28, citing New London County Court Records, Trials, 3:83].

BIRTH: By about 1609 based on estimated date of marriage.

DEATH: Killingworth between June 1675 and 21 September 1676 [TAG 69:218].

MARRIAGE: By 1634 \_\_\_\_\_, who was "born about 1613 and living at Hartford in December 1666" [TAG 68:213-14]. (Several false leads regarding the identity of the wife of William Kelsey have been carefully examined and discarded by George E. McCracken and Gale Ion Harris [TAG 37:38-42, 68:211-14]. Based on onomastic evidence Harris suggests that her given name was Hester.)

## CHILDREN:

1. MARK, b. say 1634; m. (1) Windsor 8 March 1658/9 Rebecca Hoskins [WiLR 1:58]; m. (2) Windsor 26 December 1683 Abigail (\_\_\_\_\_) Atwood, widow of Captain Thomas Atwood [WiLR 1:58; CTVR 52 (giving only the year of the event)].
2. HESTER, b. say 1636; m. (1) by 1656 James Eggleston, son of BIGOD EGGLESTON; m. (2) Windsor 29 April 1680 James Eno; m. (3) Windsor 10 June 1686 John Williams. (See TAG 68:208-10 for a detailed discussion of Hester's marital career, which includes full documentation.)
3. JOHN, b. say 1638; m. by 1668 Hannah Desborough [TAG 38:210-11, 68:214].
4. PRISCILLA, b. about 1640 (aged 17 on 22 December 1657 [TAG 68:214, citing WMJ 74]); m. by January 1659[/60?] Cornelius Gillett, son of JONATHAN GILLETT [TAG 68:214].
5. MARY, b. about 1644 (aged 14 in May 1658 [TAG 68:215, citing WMJ 109]); m. Windsor 23 April 1661 Jonathan Gillett [Grant 39], son of JONATHAN GILLETT.
6. ABIGAIL, b. Hartford 19 April 1645 [HaBOP 575]; m. Killingworth 3 December 1668 John Hull [TAG 68:215].

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7. STEPHEN, bp. Hartford 7 November 1647 [HaBOP 578]; living 1670/1 [HaBOP 141-44].

8. DANIEL, b. Hartford [blank] July 1650 [HaBOP 581]; m. (1) Killingworth 27 March 1672 Mary Stevens [TAG 68:215]; m. (2) by 1693 Jane Chalker [TAG 68:231].

COMMENTS: William Kelsey appears in a list dated 7 January 1632/3 of those who were to make fence [CaTR 5], but this list was actually compiled at a later date.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: In 1993 Gale Ion Harris published a definitive study of the family of William Kelsey [TAG 68:208-15]. We rely on his conclusions here, except for a few minor adjustments in approximated dates to conform with the guidelines used in these volumes.