

APPENDICES: HISTORICAL RECORDS and SOURCES

...and bloopers from generating AI images for children's book

This master appendix compiles the primary document references, archival records, and family artifacts that substantiate the historical narrative of Sylvester Kelly, Jane Murphy and their descendants across Ireland and the United States.

For fun, I've included some images generated by Gemini's 'nano banana' AI image tool that went...a *bit*...wrong...

Section I: Irish Homeland & Transatlantic Migration Records

This section catalogs the foundational records tracking the Kelly/Kelley and Murphy families from the civil parish of Graney, County Kildare, Ireland, through their ocean voyages to the United States.

A. Land, Valuation, and Civil Records (County Kildare)

Griffith's Primary Valuation of Ireland (c. 1850s):

- Location: Civil Parish of Graney, Barony of Kilkea & Moone, County Kildare.
 - Kelly Entry: Sylvester Kelly Sr. listed as leasing a House, Office, and Land in the townland of Plunkettstown Lower from landlord Lord William Fitzgerald. Identifies immediate neighbors Garrett Stynes, John Kelly, and James Kelly.
 - Murphy Entry: Patrick Murphy listed as leasing a House, Office, and Land in the townland of Ballyraggan from landlord Edward Hayden. Identifies Catherine Tallon (possibly mother-in-law)
- Lewis's Topographical Dictionary of Ireland (1837): Historical reference documenting the socioeconomic climate, agricultural fertility, and lack of trade/manufacture in the Castledermot and Graney regional landscape.



Poor pig!

B. Parish Baptismal & Marriage Registers (Diocese of Dublin)

- St. James Catholic Parish Records (Castledermot, County Kildare):
 - Baptism Record: Sylvester Kelly Jr. baptized August 8, 1841. Parents: Sylvester Kelly [Sr.] and Anne Nowlan. Sponsors/Godparents: Garrett Stynes and Mary Kelly.
- Irish Domestic & Social History Source Material:
 - The Heritage of the Bog: Traditional operational histories of sleán turf-cutting and footed seasoning practices on the southern edge of the Bog of Allen.



Looks like the cover of Jane and Sylvester's Romance Novel!

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C. Passenger Manifests & Port of Entry Records

- SS Dreadnought Passenger Manifest (April 1861): Port of Departure: Liverpool, England. Port of Arrival: New York City, USA (April 27, 1861).
 - Entries: Sylvester Kelly (age 18, steerage). Neighboring manifests list identical-surname travelers Catherine (30), Julia (1½), Edward (26), Margaret (24), Mary (22), John (20), and Michael (20, Second Cabin).
- Castle Garden Emigrant Landing Depot Archives: Administrative protocols for Lower Manhattan steerage landing, Ward's/Blackwell's Island medical triage clearances, and interior rail ticket registries for upstate New York travel (1861–1863).



It comes as no surprise that Bella (dog) was central to the decision to come to America!

Section II: Matriarch & Patriarch Foundation Records (Auburn, NY)

Documents tracking Sylvester Kelly and Jane Murphy's consolidation of life, citizenship, and property in Cayuga County.

A. Church & Sacramental Registers

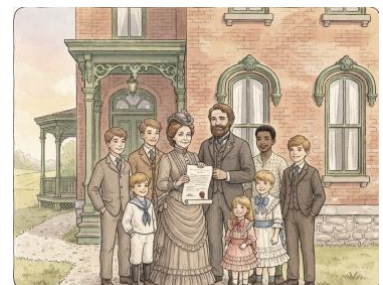
- Church of the Holy Family (North Street, Auburn, NY):
 - Marriage Register: Sylvester J. Kelly and Jane Murphy, united October 9, 1864. Cross-referenced with local parish community records.
 - Early Baptisms: Sacramental registrations for children: Sylvester [Vesty] (c. 1865/1866), Patrick (1867), and James Francis (1869).
- St. Mary of the Assumption Parish (Clark Street, Auburn, NY):
 - Late Baptisms: Sacramental and birth registrations for John Francis (c. 1872), Edward Patrick (c. 1874), Michael William (1876), Bernard J. (1878), and Genevieve Loretta (1882).



Somehow Abe Lincoln photobombed what was supposed to be Sylvester, Jane and their children...

B. Property Deeds & Legal Records

- Cayuga County Clerk's Office (Deed Book Registries): Deed Transfer Date: March 31, 1881. Transaction:
 - Purchase of the family homestead at 112 Van Anden Street, Auburn, NY, from Sylvester H. Griswold to Jane Murphy Kelly for the sum of \$1,319.75.
 - Legal Context: Cross-referenced with statutory history of New York's Married Women's Property Acts of 1848 and 1860.



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C. Civil Censuses, Directories, and Vital Statistics

- Federal and New York State Census Records (1870, 1875, 1880, 1900, 1910):
 - 1870 US Census: Chapel Street, Auburn. Documents Sylvester's employment as a general laborer, his completed naturalization/citizenship status, and the presence of father-in-law Patrick Murphy in the household.
 - 1875 NY Census: Documents Jane Murphy Kelly's registered citizenship status. Lists son Patrick Kelly at age seven.
 - 1878–1879 Auburn City Directories: Documents family relocation to Division Street and Sylvester's employment transition to railroad watchman for the South Central Railroad.
 - 1900 US Census: 112 Van Anden Street. Records Jane Murphy Kelly as property owner, confirming 13 total pregnancies with 7 children surviving.
 - St. Joseph's Cemetery Interments (Auburn, NY):
 - Burial Registry: Jane Murphy Kelly (d. March 27, 1909, age 64, cause: pneumonia).
 - Burial Registry: Sylvester J. Kelly (d. August 31, 1910, age 69, cause: dysentery).
 - Burial Registry: Patrick Kelly (c. late 1870s child interment tracker).
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Section III: Branch Narrative Records & Descendant Epistles

The following source citations support the detailed individual branch chapters.

A. Branch 1: Sylvester J. "Vesty" Kelley & Mary Jane Kinsella Line

- Dr. Valerie Burke DeLeon Research Papers: Foundational compiled genealogical dossier on the Vesty Kelley branch lines.
- Auburn Police Court & Court Bond Ledgers: Peace complaint filing (1892, \$200 bond); family non-support open court settlement (1904, \$500 bond).
- Auburn Press Open Correspondence (1890, 1904):
 - 1890 Press Report: Detail of the Owasco Outlet river rescue below the prison dam involving gas works employees.
 - 1904 Editorial Page: Open defense letter published by Vesty Kelley regarding family provision.
- Union County Inquest & Autopsy Files (Rahway, NJ – December 1909):
 - Official state medical testimony by County Physician Westcott detailing Vesty's September 20 workplace skull fracture at the Royal Manufacturing Company, the subsequent medical misdiagnosis, and the final post-mortem discovery of a natural brain tumor. Includes the formal coroner jury censure of the factory management.
- Military & Civic Service Trackers:
 - Paul A. Kelley: Company M, 108th Infantry WWI military muster rolls (April 16, 1917), Battle of the Hindenburg Line chemical weapon casualty sheets, and official military courage citation logs. Employment records for the Auburn Prison corrections department.

B. Branch 2: James Francis Kelly & Mary Frances Graney Line

- Auburn Social Press Registries (April 1892):

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- Holy Family Ceremony Detail: 9:00 AM wedding registry mapping John Kelly as best man and Anna Graney as maid of honor, with breakfast reception transcripts at 89 Perrine Street East.
- Geneva and Corning Municipal Industrial Archives (1892–1915):
 - Waterfront infrastructure blueprints for the Patent Cereals Company, New York Central Iron Works, and Phillips & Clark Stove Works. Boilermaker trade foreman registries for the New York Central Railroad shops.
- The Kelly Family Oral History Transcripts (Recorded 2002):
 - Personal testimony of James Francis Kelly III regarding the traditional dining room wake vigil and silent fraternal storytelling protocols observed at his grandfather James's 1948 Buffalo wake.
- Individual Child Source Sheets:
 - Anna (McFarland): St. Joseph's Hospital Nurses Training School graduation class list (1918); personal camping trip journal entry (1977) regarding her nursing literature mentorship.
 - Frank Jr.: 1910 Corning Glassworks labor census; 1921 Elmira Scarlet Fever health mortalities (loss of child Jackie); Chicago public-address equipment factory executive roster (1950).
 - John "Jack": US Army WWI induction logs (September 26, 1917), Company C, 303rd Engineer Regiment roster, and Fort Dix military medical hospital discharge sheets (football cardiac murmur injury). John Hancock Life Insurance retirement files.
 - Sylvester "Tess": Handwritten Christmas card artifact (December 25, 1904); St. Peter's Catholic Church marriage dispensation logs (Wellsboro, PA – April 27, 1928) regarding Bertha Bellinger's widow validation paperwork.
 - Irene (Johnson): St. Joseph's Nurses Training School registry (Elmira – 1923); 1940 census housing tracking for 33 Indian Church Road, Buffalo.
 - Harry: 1930 Railroad Police New York State commission ledger; personal family correspondence emails (2006) by Beth Kelly Hogue tracking branches.
 - Mary (Murphy/Courtney): Lackawanna Our Lady of Victory Hospital nursing shifts; World War II Pacific Theater combat casualty reports for Capt. Francis Vincent Courtney (174th Infantry – New Guinea/Saipan campaigns, three Purple Hearts, Bronze Star). Family history lineage charts dictated by Mary to Jim Kelly in the 1980s.
 - Howard: US Postal Service 40-year employment track (Northside and Southside Corning offices); 1970 Great Postal Strike regional impact reports; Keuka Lake family cottage deed registries.

C. Branch 3 & 4: Edward P. Kelley & Clara Lily Dennis Line

- Wall Street Methodist Church Parish Records (Auburn, NY):
 - Marriage Registry: Edward Kelley and Clara Lily Dennis, March 27, 1895. Includes historical congregational membership cross-references to Harriet Tubman's family network and Wesleyan social justice reform manifestos.
- Oswego Harbor Industrial & Environmental Archives
 - 217 Bridge Street property records; New York Central West Yard employment logs; Singer Sewing Machine regional sales rosters. Historical meteorological records tracking Lake Ontario lake-effect snow parameters.
- Oswego Naval Militia Muster Trackers (April 1917):
 - Ninth Division, Third Battalion mobilization ledgers tracked to 11:00 PM on April 6, 1917.

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- Edward Jr.: Navy Quartermaster Second Class (QM2) manual deep-sea navigation logs, visual semaphore hoist records, and H.W. Wilson Publishing Company General Manager corporate rosters (Bronx, NY).
- Giles: USS Granite State naval training logs; American Expeditionary Force, Siberia (AEF Siberia) operational field dispatches from Vladivostok, Russia (1918–1920) regarding Trans-Siberian Railway sentry deployments. First Methodist Church marriage registry (Henderson, KY – August 18, 1923) to Mary Lou Brack.
- Madeline (Swan/Olson) Professional & Military Dossier:
 - Oswego County Farm Bureau bovine disease eradication registries (1930s Bovine Tuberculosis and Brucellosis quarantine and ear-tag database managed via Cornell Cooperative Extension).
 - U.S. Coast Guard Women's Reserve (SPARS) volunteer enrollment logs (February 1943), West Palm Beach training camp manifests, and Staten Island Marine Hospital wartime service sheets.

D. Branch 5: John Francis Kelly & Mary C. Cassidy Line

- Bayonne and Brooklyn Waterfront Census Records (1898–1923):
 - 275 Avenue C (Bayonne) property maps; ship boilermaker trade union cards; Brooklyn estate intestate administration files (September 1, 1923) detailing assets valued under \$100 for widow Mary Cassidy Kelly (who survived to age 105 in 1973).
 - Grace (Johnson): Gibbs & Cox Naval Architecture firm engineering rosters highlighting husband John Oscar Johnson's WWI Tank Corps engineering designs.
 - Virgil: New York Retail Operations records for Singer Sewing Machine assistant management; 1930 separation census files tracking child Jean Marie.
 - Cyril: 1940 Federal Census industry trackers capturing his specialized trade as a professional circus concessionaire.

E. Branch 6: Michael William Kelly & Elva Mae Robbins Line

- Cayuga County Public Service Ledgers:
 - Aurelius, NY marriage registry (October 4, 1905); Auburn Police Department municipal payrolls and patrol officer logs.
- Pinellas County Real Estate & Retirement Tracts:
 - Post-WWII barrier island development directories for Madeira Beach, FL, and St. Petersburg seasonal tourism rosters.

F. Branch 7: Bernard J. Kelley & Anne Magill Line

- Seneca Falls Industrial & Municipal Registers (1905–1950):
 - Seneca Falls marriage certificate (October 5, 1905); Bayard Street property rosters; shoe finisher and machinist trade rosters for local textile/mill installations.
- George Francis Kelley Military Exemption & Induction Portals:
 - Seneca Knitting Mills card-stripping and bobbin-stripping engineering maintenance manuals.

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- Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards (October 1940); New York Guard Company K, 3rd Regiment weapon training manifests.
- War Department Memo (Summer 1942) updating dental induction standards ("chew army chow" dentistry deregulation tracking).
- U.S. Navy Ship's Company Security Barracks files for Sampson Naval Training Base; Shore Patrol perimeter Jeep logs; armed woody station wagon Geneva commercial bank payroll transport logs.
- Dorothy (Clary): American Locomotive Company (ALCO) machinist retirement trackers for husband John Patrick Clary; 1950 household widow census charts for matriarch Anna Magill Kelley.

G. Branch 8: Genevieve Loretta "Jennie" Kelly & Robert E. Burke Line

- St. Mary's School Merit Roll Records: Published academic honor lists in the Auburn Bulletins (2nd and 7th-grade rosters).
- Brooklyn Luxury Footwear Manufacturing Blueprints:
 - J. & T. Cousins Shoe Company design portfolio logs (369 DeKalb Avenue, Brooklyn); master shoe designer patent and leather cutting directories.
- Metropolitan Opera House Historic Ephemera:
 - Beniamino Gigli seasonal performance diaries (1920–1932); Woodhaven, Queens (8600 80th Street) oral histories and neighbor testimony regarding the Gigli Sunday dinner parlor performance.
- John Joseph "Joseph" Burke: National Youth Administration (NYA) regional director appointments; Rochester Democrat and Chronicle society page telegram announcement clipping (July 1939 Florida elopement).

Section IV: Appendix Document Map Key

To aid researchers accessing physical components of this archive, the following symbol key denotes specific historical realities across the source database:



Direct Ancestor / Thru-Line: Designates direct line of heritage.



Military Service Veteran: Confirmed state or federal military deployment record attached.



Had Children: Confirmed line of further descent documented in state birth indexes.

Questions still to discover:

Do any birth & baptism records exist for Johanna 'Jane' Murphy?

Are there additional siblings of Jane Murphy?

What ship did Jane travel to America on?

Write Cayuga Co for naturalization records. Do those records give any additional insight into birth dates, parents, birth location?